

## INTERESTING READING

### The Report How Fusion Board Did Business

Patronage For Its Members. Itemized Statements Ignored. To Exhibit at Paris Exposition.

Raleigh, June 5.—The event at the meeting of the board of agriculture was when the finance committee made a full report, in which it says it found that the fusion board had been guilty of distributing its patronage among its own members, in other words, employing its own members to perform the delicate and accurate work required, the protection of the farmer against fraud in the purchase of commercial fertilizers.

By employing themselves as clerks and inspectors, they hamper and hinder the officers in the discharge of public duty and render it impossible to make effective the machinery which would otherwise obtain in a perfectly regulated and disciplined working force, as it presents the anomaly of members of the board passing judgment upon their own work. This applies with equal force to the employment of an attorney, who also performs his legal duties while receiving his per diem and expenses as a member of the board, the tendency in such cases being to unnecessarily multiply fees or find a pretext for doing so.

Since he made the report of the board of agriculture to the Legislature, considerable sums have been drawn from the Treasury on this account and \$250 has been used in paying Mr. Harris for preparing the report of the board to the Legislature, heretofore performed by the secretary of the board without extra compensation. Two items of \$12 each have been paid J. C. L. Harris and Hill E. King, each containing \$4 for allowance for board, which is unwarranted and in violation of the resolution adopted on March 9th. Attention is also called by the committee to the extraordinary charges of the committees on electric lights, carpets and insurance. The work of these committees was of the slightest significance, and such as is usually done by the commissioner, secretary and curator. Several residents are on these committees and they charged \$4 per day and \$2 allowance as board. Here is a sample:

"Agricultural Department to J. M. Allen: On special committee, 1898, June 30, second selection of carpets, per diem \$4, expenses \$2, July 5, selecting material for toilet room and spittoons, per diem \$4, expenses \$2, July 18, receiving and approving carpets after laid \$4, expenses \$2. Total \$18."

J. C. L. Harris and Hill E. King were paid the same amounts for the same work.

Another interesting exhibit is made of J. C. L. Harris' account as chairman, member of the board, attorney, etc., in all 23 payments in two years, aggregating \$3,485.58. Two fees are for \$1,000. The following is a list of the members of the board who were also employees: J. M. Allen, mailing clerk; Hill E. King, analytical clerk; Geo. E. Flow, John Brady, J. C. Ray, Howard B. Browning, inspectors of fertilizers; J. C. L. Harris, attorney.

During the trouble between the Democratic and fusion boards last April, two members of the board whose terms had expired were called in and paid unlawfully, these being John Brady, \$47.87; H. B. Lineberry, \$27, and the fusion members also paid themselves at their April meeting at the old rate of \$4 per day and \$2 per day expenses, this also being unlawful and unwarranted.

It was found that \$10,993.74 had been drawn, but with no itemized statements accompanying the items. It is ostensibly for inspection and farmers' instruction, the largest item being \$1,000 to J. M. Mewborne. The committee reports that the accounts presented by Secretary Ramsey, for payment are not at all satisfactory because of the failure to insert itemized receipts for money drawn. One inspector, a son of Hill E. King, drew \$75 for each of two months as inspector and \$9 one month and \$10 another for expenses.

J. C. L. Harris made an address to the board, in which he said he had no explanations or apologies to make; that he had received money legally by the direction of the board. The committee rebukes Commissioner John R. Smith, the fertilizer inspectors and Secretary Ramsey for their unbusiness-like carelessness in their accounts in not having itemized receipts. Ramsey says he has itemized receipts for most of the warrants.

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NEW YORK, June 5.

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Sugar	144	145 1/2	139	142 1/2
Reading	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
C. R. & Q.	129	130	128 1/2	129 1/2
B. R. T.	110 1/2	112 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
M. O. P.	41 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Manhattan	108 1/2	109 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2

COTTON.

Open.	High.	Low.	Close	
August	5.38	5.93	5.92	5.93
January	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.08

CHICAGO MARKETS.

WHEAT—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
July	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
September	79 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2

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