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WAKE'S COLORED VOTERS CAUSING MUCH TROUBLE

Voted Against Sears and Harris — Lay Quits St. Mary's

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, June 11.—Western Wake's highway election, putting \$130,000 into bonds for roads, went into the superior court yesterday, after months of litigation before Referee James W. Wellens, who found nothing in the contest to overthrow the result of the election.

The big row grew out of this poll. Nearly all the lawyers in town are lined up and Judge Stacy is due about half of his remaining ride over the Wake district to sit on this case. There is much feeling over it. Cary's complainants who were against the poll have protested the election because it is alleged that all sorts of disfranchised or unfranchised elements voted, particularly the black brother, who somehow gets into Wake politics when he enters nowhere else.

For the once it is not Jones and Bailey. It is Jones, Bailey and company, all hands supporting the promoters of the poll. The plaintiffs allege that black voters controlled largely by wealthy Berry O'Kelly, colored, piled in and outvoted the legally qualified voters. Judge J. S. Manning, who is conducting the case for the plaintiffs, found that one of the blacks has been voting before, voted the last "time" Mr. Kitchin, the cross-questioning him for crooked answers.

Nowhere else in North Carolina does the black man seem to be having such a good time as here in Wake. He votes in all the primaries and gets unlimited cracks at every man he dislikes. The friends of Sheriff Sears, lately declared winner over Bryant Harrison by seven votes, do not hesitate to confess their disappointment that Mr. Harrison with-draws from a possible contest and makes the Sears people rather than fight longer in the courts.

For the black folk were against Sears. They talked against him and voted against him when J. W. Bailey's box was turned. They were challenged in dress and came back in singletons to vote. More than 100 of them stood to change the tide. They almost did it, for Sheriff Sears had but one or two black voters who always are with him. The colored people were not democrats; they were interested in beating Sheriff Sears and in voting against Judge W. C. Harris.

Had Mr. Harrison contested, the most illuminating racial conditions would have been disclosed, so the leaders say. It is the kind that brought out pokeberry in the days of Josephus Daniels, editor. The 13 deserters of Mitchell county, for whom the state and federal officers have been working, have surrendered, according to dispatches received from Mitchell by Major John D. Langston.

Representative J. C. McFee, an exceedingly patriotic and broad-minded republican from Mitchell, was in charge of this reclamation and as an old American soldier, though still in his forties or younger, he knew how to go after them. The men have been turned over to the authorities in Spartanburg. Just what sort of deser-tion is alleged is not told in the dis-patches, but most of them had failed to report after the draft and threats against the crops, the household and the life of Mr. McFee were reported here. Major Langston thinks this will do much to bring the deserters into camp everywhere.

Dr. George W. Lay, 11 years rector of St. Mary's, and head of the institu-tion, has resigned and will enter pa-rochial work again.

Dr. Lay took charge of St. Mary's when Dr. Bratton went to the Mis-sissippi bishopric, and the school, now famous over the country, has had wholesome growth in numbers and ex-pansion in the work done during his 11 years. The nature of his work in the ministry and the place for doing it have not been announced. He will re-main in the college until August 15, when Bishop Darst, of the eastern dioc-ese, Bishop Cheshire, of the North Carolina, and Judge W. A. Hoie, of the supreme court, have found his suc-cessor.

Bulletins today from the state coun-cil of defense ask every citizen who has any photographs, drawings, de-scriptions of bridges, towns, buildings and localities now occupied by Ger-man troops in France, Belgium and Luxenburg, to mail such material to Col. A. B. Cox, 1156 G street, Wash-ington, D. C.

The war department desires these and it asks more things. It requests that all waste in threshing wheat this year may be avoided, and the food ad-ministration, the county councils of defense and others are consulting with all of the threshing outfits. The pur-pose is to save to the smallest waste. Thousands of pounds of flour can be conserved in this way.

The state council likewise calls on all people to buy their coal supply for next winter right now. The gov-ernment is demanding that as much

freight as possible be moved at this time. It wishes that domestic coal be laid in, thereby leaving the railroads and coal mines free to send coal to the industries as these expand. The increasing number of American soldiers in France demands the use of a greater number of cars and the government makes the test of patriotism popular willingness to help in this way.

The following resolution was recently adopted by the national council of defense and sent to all state councils to be set before their people:

The council of national defense and the advisory commission of the council believe that a concerted effort for economy by the people of the nation will not only go far toward paying America's expense in the war, but will also reduce consumption of raw and manufactured materials essential to the conduct of the war.

The council urges all to refrain from unnecessary expenditures of every kind, and to be constantly in mind that only one thing is now of real importance, and that is the winning of the war.

The nation's resources in man-power, money, transportation, food-stuffs, raw materials and fuel, have al-ready been subjected to heavy strain, and it is the clear duty of every citizen to guard against increasing this strain by a single wasteful act.

It is most creditable for everyone—man and woman, boy and girl—to be economical in dress, food and manner of living. Every evidence of helpful self-denial, on the part of all in a time like this is most commendable.

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FLOCK OF LAWYERS IS HIRED BY ABERNETHY

Fight of Person For Calvert's Ermine May Continue Some Time

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, June 11.—Former Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy has been in Raleigh several days preparing his contest against Marshal W. T. Dortch, who defeated Mr. Abernethy in the June 1 primary for congressman from the third district.

Mr. Abernethy has retained quite a few lawyers, among them ex-Congressman Charles R. Thomas, who supported Mr. Abernethy heartily and did much to save the adopted county from the wreck. Judge J. C. Riggs, of Raleigh, is also one of Mr. Abernethy's lawyers. Marshal Dortch has not indicated when he will bring up his reserves. The case will be heard this week.

D. Bryant Harrison, candidate for sheriff in Wake county, gives up the fight, rebukes the successful opposition and announces that he will not make a fight in the courts.

Mr. Harrison does not think that is the place for democrats to fight. The primary is the battleground. Mr. Harrison insists that he and Sheriff Sears received the same number of votes and that it was a tie that should have been settled in popular way again. Sheriff Sears gets the office again by seven votes.

This was one of the typical Jones and Bailey fights which Bailey won. For many years Sears was a great Jones man and Bailey has seen half a dozen Bailey men go down before him. More recently the Jones men deter-mined to elect another sheriff. They picked a rich farmer who could put up all that was necessary. Mr. Har-ri-son ran amazingly well against an old Jones man, who relied this time on Bailey people largely, but he was himself the biggest asset the Bailey

men could get their hands on. The awful attrition of the Sears vote was astonishing to him and those who fought with him.

But Wake and Franklin may have a contest yet. Senator Wiley M. Person does not recall the campaign story that he was to retire if Judge Calvert received more votes than the senator.

And the senator threatens to continue running. He has plenty of money and a campaign doesn't hurt him even if he does lose. He gets more fun out of the race than the average man would in winning.

The only thing that will keep Senator Person from running again is the home pressure that will be brought against him. He does not care for the place, does not wish it and never did. He does not even mean to serve long.

That much is gathered from men who know all about it. Senator Person is an awfully funny man and has more laughs at life than anybody. He sought the judgeship by appointment and Governor Bickett looked over him toward Calvert. Senator Person would have delighted to get back at the governor and did come near it. But at that he let Calvert get half as many votes in Franklin as Senator Person did, so that Governor Bickett does not get the showing up expected.

It has been observable in recent campaigns that gubernatorial judges do not stand up well in primaries. Governor Kitchin appointed Judge D. L. Ward and along came Harry Whed-bee ousting Ward. There was the first show of strength between Kitchin and Simmons. Then Kitchin appointed Judge J. S. Manning over Judge W. H. Allen and in a few weeks the second test had been made, Kitchin's man losing again. Both Glenn and Aycock were rebuked by the people when they made appointments and soon it became a dangerous thing for a judicial aspirant to have an appoint-

ment first.

Kitchin looked over the tall shoulders of Charley O. McMichael and named another man. It didn't hurt this time. Craig named Frank Winston and Solicitor John H. Kerr beat him. Bickett picked Calvert, the unrunning-est man that ever buttoned on an er-mine. Everybody said: "Calvert can't win." A universal propaganda went over the district. Senator Snow thought so and ran against him. Col-lector Bailey thought so and did his best to get a man who could beat Snow. Justice W. C. Harris thought the same way and came out for the same reason. Senator Person saw a

glorious opportunity to get even with Governor Bickett for forgetting the rotund statesman of Franklin. Yet Calvert, the judge who would not re-member that running for judge is se-rious political business, sat on the bench and left to his friends the duty of telling the people about him. And against the field of four, all popular men, he led all by majorities ranging from 500 up.

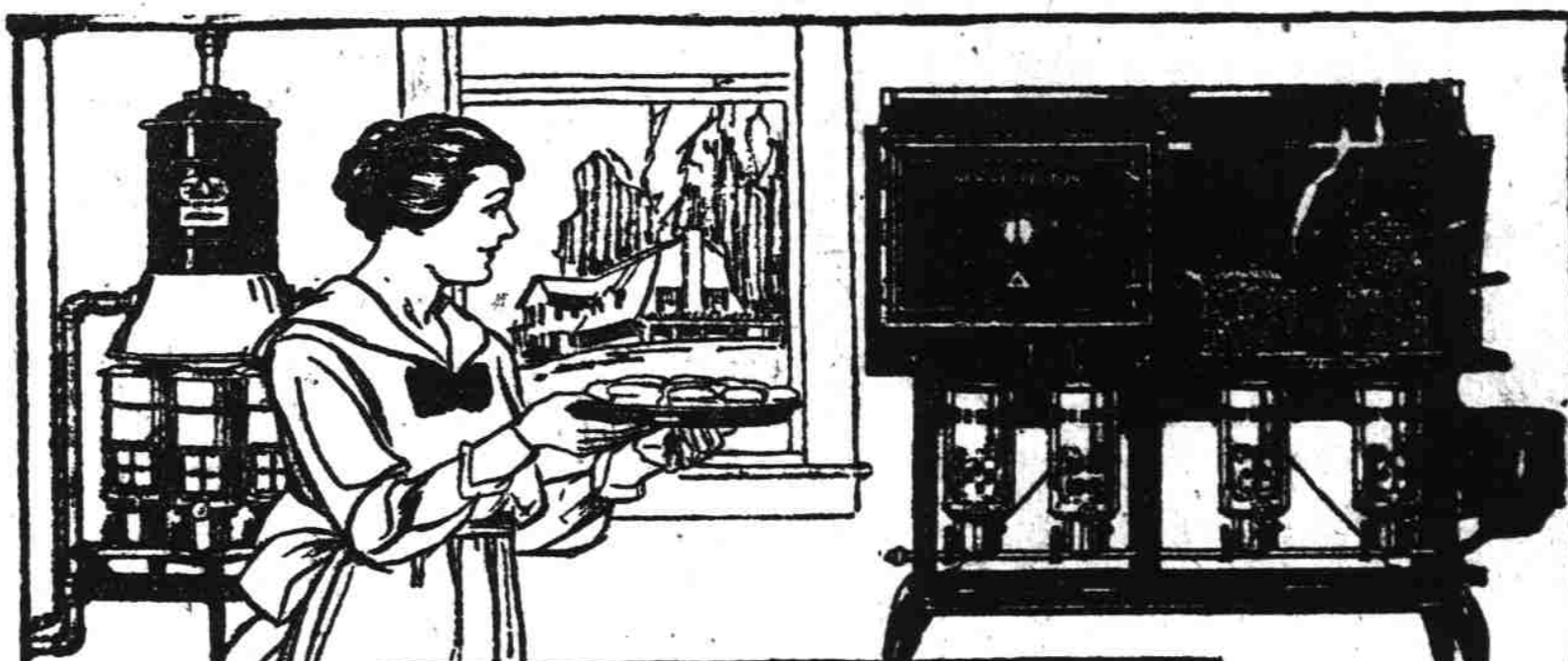
This political phenomenon is laid to the purifying war. People are thinking seriously, the aged are say-ing. It is more likely that other el-ements are entering into it. Calvert belonged to no faction and had the

British bull-dogness and bullheaded-ness to say 'so. It was the only thing that he said for himself during the whole campaign. And he gets his re-ward.

Senator Person will give notice of purposes soon. It is believed that he will decline to run.

The funeral of Mrs. L. L. Nash, of Hamlet, who died Saturday, was held this afternoon from the Methodist church.

She was the widow of Dr. L. L. Nash, prominent Methodist minister and former presiding elder. Dr. Nash died last year. Several relatives, the Penny family, live in Raleigh.



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