

FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS AS POLITICIANS

Senator Money's Letter to Chairman Simmons.

EXTRACTS FROM AN ORDER ISSUED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Raleigh, N. C., July 25.—The following was received today: "United States Senate, Washington, D. C., July 25, 1900.

"Hon. Mr. Simmons, chairman Democratic state executive committee, Raleigh, N. C.:

"My Dear Mr. Simmons:—I received your letter enclosing copy of the statement made to the president concerning the activity of federal employees in the state canvass. I spent some time this morning with the civil service commissioners, trying to ascertain to what extent they had authority to interfere in the matter. We went over the different statutes and regulations. I enclose you the executive order issued in '98, although I presume you have a copy of it. Some of the departments, I understand, have issued similar orders to their employees.

"The case you mention of the United States attorney's is a very gross one and should have immediate attention. The civil service commissioners had received, but had not read, your letter to them when I called to see them. They will ask for affidavits to support the statements made therein. I do not recollect what date the election comes off, but I fear they will have little time to do anything. If there can be proven such flagrant violations of the civil service rules as appear in your statement, then the commission will demand the removal of the offender from office.

"The commission promised me to write you very fully upon the subject, and I hope they will do so today.

"The president is not in the city or I would call upon him. He is not expected here for some time. I shall be here this week. If you have any further communication, you had better send it here and it will be forwarded, as I expect to go to Cape May about the first of next week, but may have to return immediately to see about the Cuban investigation. Very truly yours, (Signed) H. D. MONEY."

The following are extracts from a circular letter signed John R. Procter, president, issued by the Civil Service Commission, from Washington, D. C., October 15, 1899, to federal officeholders. The circular is entitled "Political activity of federal officers and employees. United States Civil Service Commission."

"Your attention is invited to the following extracts from the executive instructions of July 14, 1886, which are still in force, and which are republished for the information and guidance of all officers and employees in the executive civil service. These instructions were issued as orders by each of the departments at the time, in accordance with the direction of the president. They were also included in the postal laws and regulations of 1893 (see section 435). On May 23, 1894, they were re-published by the postmaster-general:

"Officeholders are the agents of the people, not their masters. Not only is their time and labor due to the government, but they should scrupulously avoid, in their political action as well as in the discharge of their official duty, offending by display of obtrusive partisanship, their neighbors who have relations with them as public officials. They should also constantly remember that their party friends, from whom they have received preferment, have not invested them with the power of arbitrarily managing their political affairs. They have no right as officeholders to dictate the political action of their party associates, or to throttle freedom of action within party lines by methods and practices which pervert every useful and justifiable purpose of party organization.

"The influence of federal officeholders should not be felt in the manipulation of political primary meetings and nominating conventions. The use of these officials of their positions to compass their selection as delegates to political conventions is indecent and unfair; and proper regard for the proprieties and requirements of official place will also prevent their assuming the active conduct of political campaigns. Individual interest and activity in political affairs are by no means condemned. Officeholders are neither disfranchised nor forbidden the exercise of political privileges, but their privileges are not enlarged nor is their duty to party increased to pernicious activity by officeholding.

"A just discrimination in the regard between the things a citizen may properly do and the purposes for which a public office should not be used is easy in the light of a correct appreciation of the relation between the people and those entrusted with official place and a consideration of the necessities under our form of government, of political action free from official coercion."

"The postmaster-general in a letter dated August 8, 1898, stated that the order of the president above quoted had been neither revoked nor modified. Section 2 of the civil service act of January 16, 1895, provides that no person in the public service has any right to use his official authority or influence to coerce the political action of any person or body."

This circular giving instructions to federal officeholders was given to Mr. Money by the civil service commission and forwarded by him to Mr. Simmons.

MEN DON'T WANT TO DANCE.

From the Aitchison Globe. If there is any hugging in dancing it is the women who enjoy it, and not the men. It grows harder every year to induce men to attend a dancing party. For an approaching dance in Aitchison it is said there will be in attendance three women to every man, although several men have been imported from surrounding towns. At a recent return party given in Aitchison, where the girls asked the boys to dance, there were several instances in which the boys scratched or over half the dances and told the girls the dances were engaged. The men simply do not want to dance. The churches have tried for years to institute reform in dancing, but it looks as though the reform will come through the men, who do not like to dance and will not be made to dance.

IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

Items of Interest Gathered From the Tar Heel Press.

—Murphy Scout: We learn that Mr. George Taylor of New York, who purchased the Hillyer tale property, four miles south of Murphy, is busily engaged in renovating the plant and will put in new machinery to grind the tale for the market. Captain Brandreth is assisting in getting the property in shape. Considerable money will be spent in opening up and developing this property, which is said to be one of the best in the county. Within a few miles of each other there are three industries working marble and tale and giving employment to a number of hands. What we want to see now is similar industries scattered all over our country and adjacent territory.

—Charlotte News: Mr. Clarence Keuster, who got in last night from a trip down the Air Line, was telling this morning of a safe blowing and postoffice robbery which occurred Sunday night at Grover. The postoffice is in the store of Mr. C. F. Hambright. A Mr. Hambright, but not the owner of the store, is postmaster. The postoffice money and stamps were kept in the safe in Mr. C. F. Hambright's store. The store was opened and the safe blown open about 2 a. m. The robbers cleared out the safe, getting about \$200, \$50 of which was in stamps. The safe was blown literally to pieces. There is no clue to the robbery.

—Salisbury Sun: Curious messages often find their way through the mails. Below is given one which could not get through on account of having no address. Postmaster Ramsay found a small key wrapped up in a money order blank on the margin of the blank was the following—only this and nothing more: "Dear Father: I got your key by mistake so will return it to you. I hope you and Miss Lulah will not have any words on my account. That is the reason I left." "Father" can get the key by applying at the Sun office.

—Hendersonville Hustler: A telephonic message from Fairview informs us that the crowd which greeted Col. T. B. Long and his Henderson county associate at that place last Monday, consisted of two negroes, eight Republicans and two Democrats. No speaking was attempted. These same speakers had only 21 to hear them at Fruitland, in this county, on Tuesday, the Republican county candidates included. Nine were Democrats who had been told there would be a joint discussion.

—Shelby Star: Mr. L. A. Gettys, the leading monazite dealer, shipped a carload of monazite to his house yesterday. The carload consisted of 30 tons, or about 60,000 pounds. Mr. Gettys makes a shipment like this every month. He gets monazite in great quantities from Ellenboro, Mooreboro, Gaffney City and from the inexhaustible mines in No. 10 township.

—Concord special to Charlotte Observer: The most important case tried today was that of Ernest Glover, colored, for attempting rape near Mt. Pleasant. He was sentenced to the state prison for 15 years.

—Murphy Scout: The drought will cut the corn crop short one-half in Cherokee county. Garden truck and fruit also suffered to some extent.

ADJOURNMENT OF COURT TILL SIXTH OF AUGUST

MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE IN MADISON

Marshall, N. C., July 26.—Superior court adjourned today until Monday, August 6. Much work has been done on the large criminal docket now numbering 181 cases, counting the cases disposed of during the first four days of the term. Judge Allen, who is presiding, has impressed himself most favorably on the bar, court officials and citizens, who have attended court or met him socially. J. W. Ferguson, esq., the solicitor, has tackled the large docket with indomitable energy and by hard work has disposed of nearly 100 cases of the smaller offenses. Mr. Ferguson has shown himself to be a most admirable official, using judgment and care in vigorously prosecuting where the case warranted it, and on the other hand disposing of many minor matters in rapid and satisfactory manner when the good of the county and the welfare of the public would justify such a course. Few solicitors have ever shown themselves at once more vigorous in the discharge of duty and at the same time more considerate of the humble, inoffensive citizen who has unwares been caught in the meshes of the law net.

The special venire has been ordered in the case of state vs. Banta Rector, charged with the killing of Mark W. Lance, and made returnable on Monday, August 6. On that date the docket will be taken up for trial and now, with all the brush out of the way, the solicitor will have the opportunity of cleaning up the large and hitherto congested docket.

Hon. Lon Wells a speaker not unknown to fame in Buncombe and Madison counties, addressed a large and fully interested audience in the court room, just after the noon hour. The well known wit of the speaker, coupled with his novel way of logically and forcibly putting things hold his crowd for an hour and a half. It was a presentation of the amendment question and at times the speaker showed the patriotic orator as well as the strong Democrat. It won votes by its candor.

PRICES AND CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL MARKET

PEACHES AND APPLES ARE NOW PLENTIFUL

The following prices are current in central market today: Peck goods: Sweet potatoes (new) 60 cents; Irish potatoes, 20 and 25; beans, 20; onions, 25; apples, 15 to 20. Bunch goods: Beets, 5; carrots, 5; celery, 5 to 10; onions, 5; parsley, 5; lettuce, 5. Pound goods: Tomatoes, 5 to 7; cantaloupes, 5; cabbage, 1; butter, 20 to 25; watermelon, 1. Dozens: Eggs, 10 to 12 1/2; peppers, 7 1/2 to 10; bananas, 25; lemons, 30; corn, 10 to 12 1/2; peaches, 15; pears, 15. Peaches and apples are rather plentiful with fair demand. Country watermelons have appeared. Cantaloupes of good quality are scarce. Huckleberries and new sweet potatoes have appeared. The fish and poultry markets are unchanged.

FUSIONISTS SECURE MONEY SOMEWHERE

Orders Given Federal Officials To Hustle.

BENDING ALL THEIR ENERGIES TO CARRY THE LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

Raleigh, N. C., July 25.—The fusionists have secured money. They have not had much until the past day or two. The Republicans have met most of the Populist campaign expenses, of course. But now money is rolling in. Orders are given for the revenue officers and other federal officials to keep on the hustle. Orders have also gone out to work in the smaller counties and to let that work be to carry the legislative ticket. There will be only one member perhaps in such a county, but that member will count.

The Republicans are now claiming that they will carry the eighth and ninth districts by large majorities. They do not appear to be making any claims as to the east.

Mention was made a day or two ago of the arrest of an election registrar, Mr. Stedman, in Chatham county; an uncle of Editor Poe of the Progressive Farmer. It was said he was arrested by a United States deputy marshal on the usual warrant charging that he had not allowed some negro to register. It is learned today that the arrest was not made.

A Republican named Meekins spoke at High Point last night. A brass band of eight pieces led the "procession" to the speaking place. Two Democrats, who counted the procession, say there were five negroes in it, none of them 21 years of age.

This morning the freight depot of the Seaboard Air Line at Henderson was burned.

A letter from a Republican tells how completely the June session of the legislature knocked out the fusion plans. The writer says the plan was to have mandamus issued for all the election registrars, and if the latter kept at their work to imprison them for contempt—as the writer put it, "to fill the jails with them." He says that the June session "flabbergasted" the fusionists.

It is the Democratic belief that a good many of the negroes who have registered will not vote.

The state charters the Greensboro Telephone exchange. The capital stock is \$50,000, almost all of which is owned by T. J. McAdoo.

Notice is received that August 1 House Brothers will open a private bank at Kinston, with \$10,000 capital stock. Some asked the question today: How many Populists are there? and a well informed Democrat replied that after some investigation of the matter he was prepared to say there were not over 8000 of them. Senator Butler, this Democrat went on to say, had an idea last spring that he could rally about him the say 50,000 Populists that were in 1891 under his command, but they declined to muster. In 1896 they fell away to 20,000, or thereabouts, and in 1898 to something like 15,000.

In the days of the decadence of the Roman empire each of the young Romans who figured in the world had an umbra, a shadow—a follower, an imitator. Chairman Holton is now playing the quite undignified part of "umbra" of Senator Butler. If he only knew what the Republicans say about him he would stop.

A lot of money is bet on the baseball games. They take the place of cotton futures during the dull months. Raleigh is the best place, far and away, for patronage of the games. Prof. M. F. Dinwoody of Forsyth, Ga., becomes a member of the faculty of the Baptist Female university here. He will be in the music department.

The state election board was in session today, considering some matters relative to Pamlico county.

The Republican judicial ticket was seen last night. J. A. Hendricks and J. W. Bowman were on it as judges of the Superior court.

HOSTETTER'S Headache, Biliousness, Constipation, Indigestion and Dyspepsia. Celebrated. Stomach Bitters. Notice: Under and by virtue of the power of sale in a deed of trust executed to the undersigned as trustee by G. W. Radford and L. S. Radford, his wife, dated the 22d day of January, 1900, and recorded on the 24th day of January, 1900, in the office of the register of deeds of Madison county, North Carolina, in book of mortgages and deeds of trust No. 7, at pages 333 et seq. and by virtue of said deed of trust, default having been made in the payment of the moneys secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned will sell for cash at public auction, at the court house door, in the town of Marshall, county of Madison and state of North Carolina, to the highest bidder, on Monday, the 25th day of August, 1900, the property conveyed in the said deed of trust, being a certain piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the county of Madison, adjoining the lands of John Ammons, H. B. Phillips and others, and more particularly described as follows:—Beginning on a post oak, L. P. Radford's corner, and runs a southerly course with Allen's line to John Ammons' line, the same course to H. B. Phillips' line, then with Phillips' line northeast to L. M. Radford's line, then with his line north to a stake in said L. M. Radford's line, then with his line east to Sam Buckner's line, at a pine; then with Buckner's line to L. P. Radford's corner, a Red oak; then with his line west to the beginning, containing about one hundred and thirty acres, more or less. Being the land owned by John Radford at the time of his death.

NOTICE

This 26th day of July, 1900. THOMAS A. JONES, Trustee. 7-27-d5t Fri

THE BOSTON SHOE STORE Semi-Annual Clearance Cost Sale Commencing SATURDAY MORNING, July 28, we will offer our entire stock of Shoes, Trunks, Valises, Suit Cases, Handbags, Umbrellas, Gloves, Belts, etc., at ACTUAL COST for Fifteen Days, to make room for our large Fall and Winter Stock

Banister's and Dorsch's \$5.00 and \$6.00 Shoes Clearance Cost Sale \$4.00

Torry, Curtis & Tirrell \$3.75 and \$4.00 Shoes Clearance Cost Sale \$3.00

W.L. Douglas \$3.50 Shoes Clearance Cost Sale \$2.75

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ZIEGLER BROS. \$5.00 Shoes and Oxfords---Clearance Cost Sale \$3.50

ZIEGLER BROS. 3.00 and 3.50 Shoes and Oxfords---Clearance Cost Sale \$2.35

ZIEGLER BROS. 2.25 and 2.50 Shoes and Oxfords---Clearance Cost Sale \$1.75

Krippendorf, Dittman—Krohn, Fehheimer \$4.00--\$5.00 SHOES, Clearance Cost Sale \$3.50 \$3.00--\$3.50 SHOES and OXFORDS Clearance Cost Sale \$2.50 \$2.25--\$2.50 SHOES and OXFORDS Clearance Cost Sale \$1.75

WILLIAMS, HOYT & CO. Children's and Misses' Shoes and Slippers, Strap Sandals, Black, Chocolate, Red, Tan---the finest line on the market---all go in Clearance Cost Sale

ROLLER TRAY AND BUREAU TRUNKS We have a large line to select from---sizes 28 to 40 inches. Valises, Suit Cases, Handbags, Telescopes, Umbrellas, Gloves and Belts, all go at Clearance Cost Sale

THE BOSTON SHOE STORE During this Sale no goods sent out on approval