Kent News

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ELECTION DECISIONS.

Sharp Contrast Between Senate and House Committees.

REPORTS OF TWO CONTESTS.

Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 14.—"Whatever charges have been made that their was fraud in the Kent county election, and whatever initimations we have made that the ballots were tampered with after the election, we are now ready and glad to withdraw," said Senator Westcott this morning.

"I am glad to believe," he added, "that the election was fair and the count was honest and accurate."

"The Kent county contest," said Senator Randall, "illustrates the non-partisan character of this Senate. The committee went to work upon the Pearce-Westcott case in a spirit of judicial fairness, and they maintained it all the way through. The members of the committee were absolutely fair. There were many questions to be decided in passing upon disputed ballots, and found myself voting with the democratic members as often as against them."

"The proof of the absolute fairness of the Kent county election furnished by the ballots," said Senator Crothers, "is ample compensation for the trouble of the recount."

James Alfred Pearce, Esq.,the contestant, had given notice that he would under no circumstances take the seat in the Senate unless he could read his title clear.

The temptation for partisan action in this case is of no ordinary character. Upon an adverse majority of half dozen votes in a county where the election officers were democratic, and in a Senate where the Democrats have a majority so meagre that it needs a reinforcing, the Democrats have rendered a decision against themselves which will almost certainly make the next Senate Republican. The spirit of partisanship in making appointments which has been checked by this Senate will have no such check in 1898, and thougthful citizens look forward to that time with grave apprehension.

The case of Mr. Bond, of Calvert, whose seat in the Senate is contested by Mr. Dowell, may be taken up at once or may not be considered until about the end of the session. Mr. Bond is now confined to his room in Annapolis by sickness, and no one is pushing the contest. The same spirit of fairness will control the Senate in this case as in the Kent case, notwithstanding the fact that to unseat Mr. Bond will destroy the Democratic majority.

A House Committee's Report.

Samuel R Bird and Arthur A. Harkness, Republicans, were sworn in today as members of the House of Delegates from Calvert county, taking the places of John F. Ireland and Joseph S. Sherbert, Democrats, who were unseated. The action was in accordance with the majority report of the committee on elections, which was adopted by a strict party vote.

The decision of the elections committee in this case is in strong contrast to the judicial course of the Senate committee in the Pearce-Westcott contest. In this case the committe was engaged more than a week in hearing argument and examining into the testimony and merits of the contest. The House committee in the Calvert case gave the part of one day to argument and then limited the time of counsel, and denied the earnest solicitation of ex-Judge Daniel R. Magruder, one of the counsel for the contestees, to be heard and present some points which had not been brought out by counsel associated with him and who had consumed the time allotted to that side. The committee was engaged until after 6 o'clock on Thursday evening hearing the argument in the case. It then adjourned until 8'clock, two hours later, and when it met at that hour the minority member of the committe says he was surprised to find that the chairman had ready for consideration the carefully drawn and voluminous report which was adopted. It was not thought possible that so careful a report could have been prepared within so short a time.

The haste in which the contest was considered was commented on by Delegate Lewis in explaining his vote and he pointed out its unfairness in being based on segregated portions of the testimony and not on the testimony as a whole.

Another point made by Mr. Lewis on Chairman Markell, of the committee, was considered apt and was applauded by Democrats and Republicans alike. In the course of his remarks Mr. Lewis was asked by Mr. Markell if he had not made up his mind how he intended to vote on the report before he commenced to speak. To this Mr. Lewis quickly and readily responded: "I will answer that by asking you one. Did you not make up your mind how you were going to vote before the report was written?" Mr. Markell made no reply and Mr. Lewis was not again interrupted.

Charges Made by Republicans.

The report of Mr. Markell submitted today charged that the election officers appointed in several of the precincts in Calvert county were totally unfit for the office and were chosen with a view to fraud; that gross and extensive frauds were committed during the election and the count of the ballot, and that the returns made by the judges were incorrect and fraudulent.

The charges relate chiefly to the voting places at St. Leonard's and Lower Marboro', the Republican officers at which, it is stated, were persons not trusted by the Republican party, while the Democrats were active party workers one being captain of an oyster police boat at the time.

At Lower Marlboro', the report states, assistance was given many voters not entitled to it by law, and that this assistance was always given by one ballot clerk instead of by two as required by law. It is also stated that during a portion of the day the place of the Republican judge was taken by the Democratic candidate for county surveyor. At this same precinct out of 669 ballots cast 90 had, the report states, no indorsement of ballot clerks on them, which the committee took as clear evidence of fraud or gross carelessness on the part of the Democratic return judge.

As to the St. Leonard's precinct, the committee charges that the commander of the oyster police-boat, who was return judge, ran the election and acted in a grossly partisan manner, and that he compelled the Republican ballot clerk to take such a position in the room that he could not see how the ballots were marked. The Republican majority at St. Leonard's, the committee says, was below normal and the frauds committed were in favor of Messrs. Sherbert and Ireland.

The report concludes with a recommendation that the resolutions be adopted:

"*Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland*, That John F. Ireland and Joseph M. Sherbert are not entitled to seats in this House as Delegates from Calvert county.

"*Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland*, That Arthur A. Harkness and Samuel R. Bird are entitled to seats in this House as Delegates from Calvert county.

Democrats Unseated.

Mr. Hanway, the only Democratic member of the committee, submitted a minority report, in which he admitted that many irregularities had occurred in the election in Calvert county, but claimed that there were none of such character as to render the election null and void. The only element of fraud in the case, he said was in the fact that ninety ballots had been deposited in the ballot box at one of the polling-places of the county on which the initial of the ballot clerk had not been written. These ballots had not been produced by the contestants, with whom lay the burden of showing that the result would have been changed had these ballots been counted. He offered a resolution declaring John F. Ireland and Joseph M. Sherbert as members of the House of Delegates.

Mr. Seneca moved that the reports be made the order of the day for Thursday next at 1.30 P. M., which was defeated—yeas 13, nays 57.

In voting on this motion Mr. Lewis said that the question was graver than any other that would come before the House. It would not do to act hastily when it was proposed to unseat gentlemen who had been returned as members of the House, and who in his opinion, had not been given a decent and respectful hearing. He charged that the report had not been made up from the whole testimony, but from certain segregated parts of the testimony.

Mr. Abercrombe, secretary of the committee on elections, said that both sides to the contest had been given respectful hearing and that before submitting the report the committee had considered it in detail, and that Mr. Hanway had concurred in every particular objecting only to the resolutions.

A motion by Mr. Lewis to substitute the minority for the majority report was defeated—ayes 8, noes 57. The resolutions submitted by the committee were then adopted—ayes 55, noes 9.

Social Life in Kent.

Masquerade Party at Still Pond and Surprise at Galena.



THE residence of Mr. J. N. Vansant was the scene of life and pleasure on Monday evening of last week. The young people of Galena and surrounding country gathered there, pursuant to invitation and spent the evening playing games and other sources of amusement, to pass the time. The music furnished by Mr. Romie McCauley was hard to beat, until the wee small hours of morning when the dining room of the old mansion was thrown open and the eyes and hearts of all the guests turned that way to view the two large tables laden with fruits, candies, cakes of many description and all the delicacies of the season were devoured and then the beautiful sweet melodies of 'Home Sweet Home' were played and the guests left the happy home of Mr. Vansant midst a hearty welcome and we all wish and look forward to meet there again as we always have a royal time. The guests were received by Miss Walters and Mr. Andrew Vansant. The guests numbered about sixty. The following ladies were present:

Galena — Misses Dora Todd, Anna Hayes, Maggie Hayes, Mattie Meyer, Daisy Lane, Bessie Walters, Mary Walters, Addie Hicks, Jennie Boyce, Lillian Boyce, Rhode Mulford, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Jacoby, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Walters.

Sassafras — Misses Jennie Brice, Annie Thomley, Alice Thomley, Emma Stradley, Essie Stradley.

Church Hill—Miss Mary Jarvis.

Baltimore — Mr. and Mrs. Lemnuel Marks.

Gentlemen: Galena—Messrs. James Whitaker, James Walls, James Mulford, Biard Vansant, John Walls, Samuel Caldwell, Samuel, Edward and Nicholas Walters, O. B. Crisfield, Wm. Meredith, Chas. Elliott, Rob't Dempsey, Irving Dempsey, Henry Vansant Andrew Vansant, Romie McCauley, Howard Woodall, Robert Cochran, Frank Cohee, Thomas Bramble, Edward Bramble.

Sassafras—Messrs. Scott Rasin, Thos. Stradley, Ray Thomley, W. Cochran.

Millington — Messrs. James and Gus Vansant, Carl Spear.

The young men of Still Pond gave a most delightful masquerade party at the beautiful residence of Mrs. W. G. Rasin, on Tuesday night Jan 28th. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rasin, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Crowding, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Stavely, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jones. Misses Pauline Nelson, Nellie and Vermie Krusen, Lizzie and Carrie Harding, Emma Meeks, Grace Severson, Ida Crowding, Dea. Crossley, Joe Jones, Sallie Jones, Ruth Wood, Mattie Davis, Florence and Lena Rasin, Ada Hepbron, Cora Jewell, Laura Webb, Messrs Pearce Starkey, Jack Jones, Frank Hill. Hunter Davis, George and Howard Parrott, Albert Jervis, James Robinson, Joe Howard, Spencer Boulden, Wm. H. Krusen, Ray Bonwill, George Rash, Chas. Severson, Edward and Chas. Crowding, Ed. Schofield, Doctor Urie, Willie Pennington, Robert Hill, John Schofield, Walter Davis, Ernest Schofield. Those from a distance, Mr. Severson and sister, Miss LaSelle, Mr. Jones. TIDDLEWINK.

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6.50	CHESTERTOWN	12.05
		A. M.
7.05	WORTON	11.50
7.10	LYNCH'S	11.45
7.15	HEPBRON	11.40
7.28	KENNEDYVILLE	11.27
7.41	BLACK'S	11.14
7.54	LAMBSON'S	11.01
8.08	MASSEYS	10.47
8.22	DELANEY'S	10.32
8.30	BINGHAM'S	10.25
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