

JACKSON WARD CASE DECIDED Judge Witt Says He Has No Jurisdiction. CITES MANY AUTHORITIES. Mr. Royall Will Ask Supreme Court for Mandamus at Once to Compel Hustings Court to Try the Case. The Opinion an Able One.

Judge Witt decided the Jackson Ward election contest cases yesterday morning. In a lengthy written opinion, in which he overruled the motion to reject the testimony of the witnesses, he held that the Hustings Court has no jurisdiction of the cases, and dismissed the petition of the relators and placed the costs upon them.

The opinion, which is a very able and exhaustive one, is based upon the fact that the relators on behalf of the contestants, and then deals at length with the question at issue, citing many decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, and also of the Supreme Court of Virginia, to sustain the opinion that the case is one which properly belongs to the Council of the city.

The opinion says that counsel for the petitioners had great stress upon the fact that the members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council are officers within the meaning of Section 169 of the Code, under which they proceeded, and that if the section stood alone it would subject undoubtedly the contention would be correct.

CONFLICT OF STATUTES. "But such," says the court, "is not the case. When the Legislature came to legislate generally upon the government of cities and towns, it said by Section 169 of the Code, that the council shall judge of the election, qualification and returns of its members, etc."

IN OTHER STATES. The opinion then cites a California case, in which it is held that the Corporation Courts of cities had no jurisdiction in contests arising out of elections for councilmen.

A Michigan case is also cited, which says that "all proper cases are open to judicial inquiry, but in cities where the office is elective, it is a local rather than a general interest, it has been common from a very early period in creating their municipal legislatures, to give them the same power and determination in local affairs as the State Legislature in State affairs."

IN THIS CASE, too, it was decided, confirming a long line of decisions, that the council alone had jurisdiction to pass upon the qualification and election of its members.

Cases decided along the same lines are cited from Louisiana, Maryland and Massachusetts. "These decisions," says the court, "are directly in point, and are in accordance with the common sense of the law." The opinion concludes by saying:

"It would, indeed, be a most remarkable position for the court to hold that it had the power to interfere in the election, there has been wholesale robbery of ballots in Jackson Ward, the grand jury has power to investigate and present for prosecution those who have committed an outrage against suffrage."

"The motion to reject is overruled, the pleas sustained and the petition will be dismissed."

MR. W. L. ROYALL, counsel for the petitioners, was seen yesterday afternoon, and said he was at work on the papers necessary to apply to the Supreme Court for a mandamus to compel the Hustings Court to try the case.

Many able lawyers who heard the opinion of the court pronounced it a model of judicial clearness and ability.

There were many prominent local political leaders in the court-room, and much interest was manifested in the decision.

THE INDIAN FUND.

List of Those Who Have Contributed Through Dr. Stiff and Mr. Wiley. Rev. Dr. George H. Wiley and Dr. F. W. Stiff, of this city, who have been collecting a fund for the famine sufferers, have issued the following:

As may be seen, the \$500 we asked for has been nearly raised, so we will no longer urge the matter. And yet, we would not have you think that the famine is over—that there is no further need of help. Bread is needed as never before, that is, by more people, and the dreaded deadly cholera has added its horrors to the awful situation, and armies of men, women and children are marching into the presence of God from this dark land. Any further contributions will be promptly acknowledged and forwarded at once if sent to us.

Subscriptions to India Famine Fund to date, June 11, 1900:

F. W. Stiff, \$5.00; R. H. Hardesty, \$1.00; R. D. Arrowood, \$1.00; John H. Gordon, \$1.00; George H. Wiley, \$1.00; Mrs. Taylor, \$1.00; W. B. Sutton, \$1.00; Alice Walford, \$1.00; Ella Harrison, \$1.00; Rev. Dr. Green, \$1.00; Georgia Stubblefield, \$1.00; Mrs. C. A. Mulre, \$1.00; George W. Walford, \$1.00; H. E. Lipscomb, \$1.00; Mrs. Reynolds, \$1.00; Lily Hancock, \$1.00; Rose Cowley, \$1.00; C. M. Andrews, \$1.00; Lee Todd, \$1.00; Joseph Mayo, \$1.00; C. R. Wrenn, \$1.00; Mrs. Wall, \$1.00; S. W. Waymank, \$1.00; Jesse Robinson, \$1.00; Irene Cliney, \$1.00; Peter Bosman, \$1.00; Taylor Hawkins, \$1.00; Ruby Gresham, \$1.00; John E. Walford, \$1.00; Sallie Eldridge, \$1.00; Mrs. H. A. Hawkins, \$1.00; Ade Walford, \$1.00.

ORPHAN ASYLUM OFFICERS. Fifty-Sixth Anniversary Observed Sunday With Enjoyable Exercises. The fifty-sixth anniversary of the Richmond Male Orphan Society was observed at the asylum Sunday. The exercises were opened with singing by the boys' chorus, and Rev. Dr. George Cooper offered prayer.

The address of the occasion was made by Rev. Carey E. Morgan, his remarks being based on the injunction of our Lord to Peter, "Feed my lambs." It was an affectionate plea for the boys who are committed to the care of the institution, and was concluded with some practical advice to the boys about the forming of

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Our Stock is large, new and desirable, marked before the recent advance in manufacturers prices. The original price is marked in plain figures, from which you get the liberal discount of 20 per cent. Come while the stock is on hand—it will not be duplicated, and is moving fast.

Must be Closed Out by July 1st. JAS. W. MARTIN, 103 E. Broad St. 20 Per Cent OFF.

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Table listing names and amounts: Louise Talbot, 10; Mrs. Robinson, 25; J. W. Hancock, 25; L. C. Eates, 19; H. O. Rowe, 1.00; Martha Walton, 1.00; Laura Post, 1.00; Betta Riddick, 1.00; Mattie Post, 1.00; Lottie Benedict, 1.00; Fanny Wood, 1.00; Mrs. G. Hobson, 1.00; S. P. Dillard, 1.00; Fielding Pollard, 1.00; Mrs. Longworth, 1.00; C. J. Matlock, 1.00; Mr. Longworth, 1.00; A. S. Montgomery, 1.00; Mrs. W. P. Constable, 1.00; Mrs. J. Kestner, 1.00; Dr. R. D. Garcia, 1.00; Dr. George F. Keese, 1.00; Farmville lady, 1.00; C. J. Matlock, 1.00; Mrs. G. W. Walford, 1.00; Merton Hamilton, 1.00; Athena Eggleston, 1.00; M. J. Meredith, 1.00; Della Riddick, 1.00; Jamie Riddick, 1.00; James Riddick, 1.00; Beryl Brackett, 1.00; G. Stubblefield's class, 1.00; J. W. Fisher, 1.00; A. L. Jennings, 1.00; Henry B. Brown, 1.00; A. Grant, 1.00; Dr. Edward Eggleston, 1.00; T. A. Harrellson, 1.00; W. W. Stiff, 1.00; E. D. Quimby, 1.00; C. J. Matlock, 1.00; James Cannon, Sr., 1.00; R. F. Keeling, 1.00; R. J. Sales, 1.00; T. Lewis Campbell, 1.00; C. P. Spend, 1.00; Palmer Constable, 1.00; H. W. Cottrell, 1.00; Prof. Watson and wife, 10.00; Mrs. John O. Moss, 5.00; B. C. Peters and wife, 5.00; Mrs. Charles G. Boshier, 1.00; Sewing Circle Pine-St. Bap. Ch., 1.00; Mrs. N. B. Foushee, 1.00; Mrs. W. B. Carter, 1.00; Rev. R. T. Wilson, 5.00; Dr. John P. Stiff, 2.50; Mrs. M. U. Clarke, 1.00; A. Methodist, 1.00; Dr. McCall, 1.00; J. B. Hutchinson, 5.00; Mrs. M. F. Gee, 1.00; A. Methodist, Petersburg, 1.00; Mrs. R. N. Wilkinson, 3.50; Mrs. I. V. Briggs, 1.00; Adona Colonna, 5.00; Mrs. W. C. Walker, 1.00; Mrs. M. C. W., 1.00; C. H. Hyde, 2.00; Bethany Sunday-School, 15.50; Rev. J. W. Bosman, 1.00; Rev. W. B. Jett, 5.00; A sympathizing friend, 10.00; C. J. Matthews, 1.00; W. C. Nowlin, 1.00; Mrs. L. P. Bailey, 2.00; Mrs. B. B. Baggerly, 3.00; Mrs. John E. Walford, 2.50; Mrs. R. P. Nuckols, 1.00; Smithfield Business College, 23.40; Broad Street Sunday-School, 9.25; Charles Wood, 1.00; Mary Bailey, 1.00; A Lynchburg lady, 1.00; Mr. Pleasant Sunday-School, 4.00; W. F. McCall, 1.00; Mrs. E. A. Yarrington, 1.00; Citizens Kinship, 21.00; Union-Station Sunday-school, 20.00; Mrs. John C. Freeman, 5.00; John Norton, 1.00; Spurr, 1.00; A. D. Croshaw, 1.00; S. D. Turner, Sr., 1.00; Walter Jones, 1.00; Olive and Willie Eldridge, 4.00; A lady, 1.00; Mrs. Boswell, 1.00; E. Schingel, 1.00; Rev. James Cannon, Jr., 5.00; Rev. A. L. Carson, 4.00; Rev. L. J. Phaup, 7.00; S. C. S., 2.00; Help, Care King's Daug., Trinity, 1.75; R. D. Williams, 1.00; Mrs. W. P. Egner, 1.00; W. S. Adcock, 1.00; Dr. L. P. Bailey, 3.00; R. B. Hartley, 5.00; Ware & Duke, 5.00; King's Daughters' Circle, 5.00; Miss Ruthford, 1.00; Ada Beaudry, 1.00; Dr. J. Hall Moore, 5.00; Citizens of Clover, Va., 1.75; Clover M. E. Church, 1.50; Mt. Laurel M. E. Church, 2.75; Citizens of Mt. Laurel, 1.00; Mrs. Chatterton, 1.00; Mrs. M. B. Lee, 5.00; Trinity Sunday-School, 25.70; Boys' Union Missionary Society of Leigh-Street church, 2.75; A friend, 1.00; Rev. J. T. Gresham, 1.00; A friend, 5.00; Sunbeam Society Leigh-St. church, 1.00; Fifth-Street church and congregation (Manchester), 52.04; Cash, 22.38; Total, \$487.29.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. Westley & Co.'s Safe Broken But Nothing Taken. During Saturday night some time, entrance was effected into No. 305 North Eighteenth Street, by prizing open the front door.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY announces the following Sleeping Car accommodations: W. C. Nowlin, leaving at 2:35 P. M., and 31. leaving at 10:40 P. M., carry Pullman Buffet Drawing-Room Sleepers to Columbia, Savannah, Jacksonville and Tampa. Train 31, leaving at 7:40 P. M., carries Pullman Buffet Drawing-Room Sleepers from Richmond to Atlanta.

NOTICE. NEW ROAD FOR GRAYSON. The County to Vote on a Bill: Subscription Next Month. INDEPENDENCE, VA., June 18.—Special.—The people of Grayson are again on the eve of a railroad election. On motion of the Grayson and Independence Railroad Company the County Court at this term decided an election to be held July 23rd to take the sense of the voters of the county on the question, shall the county subscribe one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the capital stock of said company?

PIANOS AT \$25 AND \$50. That are actually worth \$100. Our second floor is crowded with Square Pianos recently taken in exchange. This stock embraces nearly every make, and in good order and must be sold. If you do not wish to purchase a high price piano at this time do not fail to call and secure one of these instruments that we are almost giving away. The Cable Piano Company, No. 213 East Broad Street.

NOTE CHANGE. Attention is called to the change of schedule on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, in effect June 17th, as shown in the schedule columns of this paper.

A CONVENIENT AFTERNOON TRAIN FOR NORFOLK AND NEW YORK VIA C. & O. Under the new schedule of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in effect June 17th, the 4:20 P. M. train connects at Norfolk, except Sunday, with the Old Dominion ships for New York, and with the Baltimore and Washington boats at Old Point.

UNPRECEDENTED RAINFALL. Mill Dams Swept Away—A Local Option Election in Westmoreland. HAGUE, VA., June 16.—Special.—The result of the recent vote upon the convention question was a pleasant surprise to many of us here. Many Democrats throughout the State seemed very lukewarm in the support of it, if not altogether opposed to it, and especially was that the case in the Northern Neck, while the Republicans were solid against it, though some of them had informed the Democrats that they would support the measure. The opinion of the Governor, that the Legislature should be called as soon after the November election as practicable, and the convention met as soon after, towards as possible, so that the question of the acceptance of the new Constitution shall be voted on next May, meets with the heartiest endorsement here.

EMPLOYEES' HALF HOLIDAY. The Meyer Store closes every Thursday at 1 o'clock until further notice.

JUSTICE JOHN NOT FOR FOOLIN' C. F. Weaver in Trouble With Another Barrel. THE RAGLANDS IN A ROW. James a Kind of Man That Carries His Fusses Into the Street—Carrie Lee Silvey Worked on Ed Saunders With Her Shoe.

The rainy day Sunday kept people crowded indoors and got 'em out of sorts; they rushed the growler and then rushed at each other and came to see Justice John in the morning.

The Police Court was a seething mass of humanity yesterday, and the crowd and the docket being the largest in many months, and the revenue was in proportion. The pen was full of prisoners, and witnesses springing up out of the crowd as thick as daisies in China.

NO TIME FOR FOOLIN'. The Great Dispenser quickly sized up the situation. He declared "this is no time for foolin'," and stood by his motto like a man.

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James Ragland (colored) got to fighting with his wife, and his mother-in-law came to her daughter's assistance, and he knocked her down. Scolded, that the old lady weighs 250 pounds, it was something of a feat, too.

Lucy Ragland, Mary Mosby, Henry Lawrence and Josephine Woody were witnesses, and it transpired that they had a rotten time up in the row.

Patrick Scott, colored, for cursing and creating a disturbance, was fined \$2.50 and went down.

C. F. Weaver, colored, charged with stealing a barrel of whisky from the Southern depot and cleared before the Police Court on Saturday principally on establishing a good character, was back again, charged this time with stealing a barrel of flour from the Chesapeake and Potomac Flouring Mills.

Lucinda Green, colored, was charged with stealing \$7 from "Judge" Hayes and the case was continued to the 21st.

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Harvey McCabe, charged with threatening to strike Etta Williams with a rock, paid \$5.

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Fourquaren, Temple & Co. THESE REAL IRISH LINENS Genuine Flax, Unadulterated, For the table and for general household service, are pleasant and profitable studies for those who love Linens and practice economy.

The gathering is unusually great, and the inducement to purchase is very strong, because Linens are on the boom; the price is up—way up—on raw Flax. It was only by judicious manipulation and a buyer abroad that we succeeded in accumulating the big stock we have at old prices, but we've reached our limit, and our latest advice from the other side tells of a general advance averaging about 35 per cent. Were we less the merchant and more the speculator, we could realize good money by simply holding these goods for thirty days or so. As it is, we buy to sell; a fair profit pleases us, and we are glad to share our good fortune with you. We have all sorts of Linens, and it will be our pleasure to show you anything you may want. Particularly worthy are the few kinds here detailed:

Table listing linen products and prices: Table Damask, silver bleached, all linen, 60 inches wide, great value, per yard, 50c; Table Damask, full bleached, all linen, 72 inches wide, unusual value, per yard, 75c; Table Damask, full bleached, all linen, 72 inches wide, exquisite patterns, extra heavy, per yard, \$1.00; Napkins, all linen, fast selvedge, 1/2 size, per dozen, \$1.25; Napkins, all linen, very good, 3/4 size, per dozen, \$1.50; Napkins, extra fine and heavy, 3/4 size, all linen, per dozen, \$3.50; Damask Tray Cloths, all linen, extra value, each, 25c; Damask Tray Cloths, all linen, hemstitched, very fine, each, 50c; Huck Towels, size 18x26 inches, all linen, nicely hemmed, very desirable, per dozen, \$1.50; Huck Towels, all linen, white, size 20x40 inches, per dozen, \$2.50; Huck Towels, extra fine, fully bleached, damask borders, size 24x42 inches, per dozen, \$3.00; Pillow Cases, hemstitched, all linen, size 45x36 inches, nicely made, per pair, \$1.00; Bolster Cases, hemstitched, all linen, size 45x72 inches, fine round thread linen, each, \$1.50; Union Linens, cotton mixed, pillow casings and sheetings, all widths, 30c per yard to, 60c.

New Separate Wash Skirts. Reductions on Ribbed Underwear for Women and Children.

Others that are plain, less elaborate, probably more serviceable. They come in kalik, duck, crash and plique. Here's a list of some kinds and some prices: Linen Crash Skirts, braid trimmed, new backs, each, \$1.00; Linen Crash Skirts, extra fine, new cut, each, \$1.75; Linen Crash Skirts, plain or flounced, some braid trimmed, excellent value, each, \$2.50; Linen Crash Skirts, fine, plain or trimmed each, \$3.00; Duck Skirts, perfectly made, each \$2.50, \$2.00 and...; Pique Skirts, variety of good styles, each \$2.00, \$2.50 and...; Pique Skirts, newest cuts, elaborately trimmed in embroidery; each \$10, \$7.50 and...; Colored Duck and Denim Skirts, very serviceable; prices \$1.50 each to...; Linen Skirts for Bicycle and Golf, full showing of lengths and sizes, each, \$1.75.

Great Sale of Muslin Underwear. (At Figures Much Under Value.) The heavy selling of last week makes possible another offering of odd lots of underwear, equal in every respect and surpassing in freshness those of the first sale.

Table listing muslin underwear items and prices: 7 Muslin Drawers, tucks and embroidery trimmings, were 80c, now, 65c; 5 Cambric Skirts, lace and embroidery trimmings, were \$1.15, now, 83c; 9 Cambric Gowns, square necks, embroidery yokes and trimmings, were \$1.65, now, \$1.35; 7 Cambric Skirts, deep embroidered flounces, were \$2.50, now, \$1.75; 4 soft Cambric Gowns, low neck, fine embroidery trimmings, were \$2.50 each, now, \$1.08; 7 soft Cambric Gowns, embroidered yokes, fine embroidery trimmings, were \$3.50 ea., now, \$2.49.

This of Marked-Down Mattings. The best Japanese and Chinese makes—plain, neat checks and carpet designs; some five good lots to choose from, and the reduction price on most of them include the laying.

Table listing matting items and prices: One lot of China Mattings, good quality, but not so good in patterns, were 25c, now per yard, 12c; China Mattings, all the 15c. quality, now per yard, 12c.

Fourquaren, Temple & Co. USE ROB ROY BAKING POWDER 18 oz. Can Retail for 10c. 8 oz. Can Retail for 5c. GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY PURE. MANUFACTURED BY J. D. & R. S. CHRISTIAN CO. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

here two or three times before, and, with the negroes voting solidly against it, there is little probability of success this time. A severe storm passed over this section Thursday, more rain falling, many say, than they ever saw in so short a time before. A water bucket empty before the rain, where it was not exposed to the dripping from the eaves of a house or anything of the kind, was broken—Beale's dams of two mills were broken—Beale's near Hague, and Batsy's near Knaale, and most probably there were others that have not been heard from. The lightning was terrific, but beyond shattering several large trees in the neighborhood, it did no damage.

Fortunately, there was little wind, else the wheat would have been much injured. The prospect for what is very good, unless it is injured now by the damp weather of the past three days. A few have already cut. Corn is looking well, though somewhat later than usual. Clover hay is short, as the result of a very dry spring. Miss Lillie Barnes and Mr. W. C. Godman were married in the Methodist Church at Coles Point Thursday night by Rev. W. P. Davis. They left Friday for the home of the groom in Crisfield, Md.

The National Educational Association will meet at Charleston, S. C., July 7th to 13th. Never before has a better programme been arranged nor such an opportunity presented itself to the educators in Virginia to attend a meeting of the association. The railroad fare is exceedingly low, and a card to Twin Shepard, secretary National Educational Association, Winona, Minn., or to W. K. Tate, secretary Local Executive Committee, Charleston, S. C., will secure a ticket.

A salaried secretary will be stationed here to look after the union's interests. The Hanes factory is the largest with which the tobacco workers have yet established relations.