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## Clean Elections.

The election laws in this state do not seem to be prohibitive of fraud. They are like many other laws on our statute books—dead letters practically.

Elections in this state, from the highest to the lowest offices to be filled—state, county or municipal—are, in many respects, controlled by the dollars. The fellow who has the money to dish out usually wins. Brains and character and fitness for office do not always count; in fact, is rarely considered, on election day.

Frequently the men who are best qualified for rendering the best service are entered at the ballot-box.

The statement comes from a Pickens man that the election and campaign expenses of Col. E. C. [who was recently elected mayor there] were \$8,500, and the office pays \$3,500 a year. The items of these expenses were stated to be for "advertising, challengers, watchmen and refreshments."

The real weakness of our election laws. The laws should be made so that it would not be necessary to employ "challengers and watchmen." They should be made so that when a man procures a registration certificate he could walk into the polling precinct alone, unaccompanied, no one allowed to speak to him except the managers, and they only to give instructions as to the proper way for him to cast his ballot.

The voter, if unable to read and write and to prepare his own ballot, should be aided in this by a sworn officer at the ballot-box in the presence of the managers, and any violation of his rights and privileges by the managers or the officer preparing the ballot should be severely punished.

The ballot is and should be regarded as one of the most sacred rights and privileges free Americans have, but in these days it has become an article of barter and trade.

A statement of expenses in Col. E. C. [who was recently elected mayor there] we wish to call attention to is that of "refreshments." We would not intimate, nor do we wish to be understood, as casting any reflections on him, but a multitude of things could be covered by this item of expense. Although it is contrary to law for candidates to furnish money for the purpose of influencing votes or treat for a like purpose, yet the law is ineffective, and is disregarded and evaded many, many times.

It is an open secret among politicians that his friends foot the bills before and during the campaign and election, which is returned afterward. In some places there are the "heelers" and "suckers" who follow the candidates from place to place during the campaign, and when a few dollars are needed to do a little work it is forthcoming. There is also in some places a class known as "suckers" who pull the candidates for all they can. Sometimes every fellow for the same office is hit by the same "sucker," who goes away chuckling how he "fixed 'em."

The laws should be so stringent that no candidate should be allowed to furnish money to any man or pay for "refreshments" except for his own use. The candidates should not be allowed to spend money for any purpose except his actual personal expenses. The laws should be made so strict that the "heelers" and "suckers" would be put out of business, and every man allowed to go to the polls to cast his ballot for the man of his choice, uninfluenced by any other man.

The laws should be made so to encourage honest, clean and fair elections, that the voters may come to regard the sacredness of the ballot.

Plant wheat, and when you have sown all you think you should sow, plant more.

Poor old Charleston! She has tossed a double summersault, politically, going headlong to Grace, yet falling from grace as she went.—Keowee Courier.

And yet when we think of the fact that one member of his official family will be Vincent Chico, we are inclined to believe the thanksgiving service held in Hibernian Hall the night after the election was improperly rendered. However, they can sing "Amazing Grace."

A Double Tragedy.

An account of the killing of Alex Graham by Thomas Elrod below Easley on Tuesday 14th, was published in these columns last week. At that time the particulars could not be obtained, but since we learn the difficulty started between Gar Elrod, a son of Thomas Elrod and Graham about some tales concerning women, the dispute led to hard words, the lie passed, and the boy was cursed, so it is claimed, by Graham. Thomas took the boy's side and about that time Elrod claims Graham drew a rock and he shot him.

Soon after the shooting Elrod and his son Gar departed on foot to make their escape. They left their home on the same afternoon and went across fields and bottoms and came into the public road near Mr. William's store. They stopped at the store and had a \$20. bill changed and went on their way one had a shot gun and the other an umbrella.

Sheriff Roark was not notified until Wednesday morning, and by this time the two had at least twelve hours the start of him. He went by Easley and Mr. J. McKinney and they headed for the place of the killing. After reaching it and making inquiries they got track of the men and pushed on after them. They tracked them by their tracks in the road and by inquiring of people who had seen them from the Williams' Store across the Farr bridge, into the Whitehorse road in Greenville county, thence to Marietta and on into North Carolina. When the Sheriff reached Cedar Mountain in North Carolina he found the men were about four or five hours ahead of him and finding telephone connection there with Brevard called up Sheriff Shuford and gave him a description of Thomas Elrod and asked him to be on the lookout for him. Sheriff Roark did not know at this time that Gar Elrod was with his father as he had been told at Marietta that a boy filling the description had boarded the train there going toward Greenville, and the surmise was that the boy had gone with his father to the foot of the mountains and was returning to settle up and wind up the home affairs and would meet his father later. But in this the officers were mistaken.

As soon as Sheriff Shuford received the telephone message he notified the police of Brevard and in Company with his deputy Mr. Branch Paxon, began to watch and search for the men. About 4 o'clock that afternoon (Wednesday) the train came in from Hendersonville and the Sheriff inquired of the Conductor if he had seen any man filling the description of Thomas Elrod. The conductor told him he had about 3 miles up the track. At this time another train was leaving for Hendersonville and the Sheriff went out on it and told Mr. Paxon to follow on foot, that he would get off 3 miles above and walk back to meet him. The Sheriff passed the men and before he could get back Deputy Paxon had met them. He ordered the old man to hold up his hands, which he did, and the officer began to search him for a weapon. While searching him the older Elrod knocked him across the face, got the deputy's pistol and engaged him in a terrific fight. In the melee he called to the boy to get the gun and shoot Paxon.

The two men were still fighting and the boy grabbed his father's gun and shot at the officer but missed him. About this time the officer slung the old man loose and recovered his pistol shot the boy as he was loading his gun to shoot again. The boy dropped the gun and ran back to the officer and

and his father began again to pummel the officer. In a minute or two the boy retired from the fight stepped off a few paces and fell and in a few minutes died.

By this time the officer had succeeded, by beating the old man over the head and in the face with his pistol, in bringing him into subjection and started with him to jail leaving the dead boy in the care of someone until help could be had. Soon after the fighting and killing Sheriff Shuford reached the scene but too late to be of any assistance. Sheriff Roark reached them about an hour after and from all he could gather said it was a desperate struggle between the two men and the officer for life, but the officer escaped serious injury and succeeded in landing one man in jail and another in eternity.

An inquest was held over the body of the boy and the jury exonerated the officer of all blame. Sheriff Roark and Mr. McKinney secured conveyances and brought the body of the boy and his father back to Pickens. The body was carried last Saturday and buried at George's Creek church and the father committed to jail.

The father, Thomas Elrod, is about 62 years old, has a wife and one other son. They came to this county a year or so ago from Pickens County, Georgia.

We will be tried at the next term of court, which meets here the fourth Monday in February for murder.

## The Corn Club Boys.

The Boys' Corn Club Contest came off Saturday, 18th inst., in the court-house. Prof. C. B. Haddon was the judge.

J. Walter Lesley received first prize. The premium was a Cule guano spreader and cultivator combined, donated by Heath-Bruce-Morrow Co. His yield was 97.7 bushels.

The other boys receiving premiums were as follows: Sergeant Griffin, a grain drill, donated by Moore & Mauldin. Durwald O'Dell, a 2-horse plow, donated by Folger, Thornley & Co.

C. B. Parsons, \$2.50 hat, donated by Craig Bros. Osborne Williams, one year's subscription to the Sentinel, donated by Sentinel Co., and in addition, \$1 in cash.

W. A. Aiken, one year's subscription to the Easley Progress, donated by the Easley Progress Co., and in addition, \$1 in cash.

W. R. Lenhardt, one year's subscription to Progressive Farmer, and \$1 in cash.

Prof. Haddon complimented all the boys very highly on their work.

The father of one of the contestants stated that his two boys this year made as much corn on their two acres as he made last year on his 2-horse crop.

There is no doubt but this is a fine county to grow grain. In a few years the county should be shipping corn and meat. There is more profit in a diversified crop than in a cotton crop at 9 cents.

## Mock Trial at School Auditorium

The case that has turned the county topsy-turvy will be tried at the school auditorium Friday evening, Dec. 1st, at 8 o'clock. There is not a dull moment during the entire trial. Every actor is a star. It will more than repay you to hear the "Case of Smith vs. Smith." The proceeds to buy books for the library. Do not miss it.

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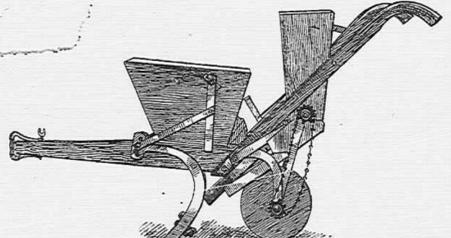
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**Dress Goods and Trimmings.**—This Department is complete in every detail.

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Carlisle Newton, E. J. Hest, Jr.

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