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84 TO 52

J. E. Tanch Defeats J. H. Black for School Clerk.

Although last Monday night was one of the nastiest under foot and overhead 150 men and women braved the elements to attend the meeting at the school house to elect a school clerk for the remainder of the unexpired term.

There were two candidates: J. E. Tanch, recently removed from the office by the circuit court, and J. H. Black, who was petitioned to become a candidate by some 50 or more citizens.

A spirited election was looked for as an active canvass had been made by both candidates. It resulted in a walk-away for Mr. Tanch by a vote of 84 to 52.

Prior to balloting those present witnessed a most disgraceful exhibition. It smacked more of a ward heelers' caucus at a corner grocery than a school meeting at which many ladies were present. Instead of dignity and courtesy rank disorder and ranting reigned supreme.

After Chairman Williams called the meeting to order the call was read. W. H. King nominated J. E. Tanch and some one in the rear of the hall presented the name of J. H. Black.

Several asked questions as to the manner of voting, and as to who would be entitled to vote and were answered by the chair.

Then, without asking or receiving recognition from the chair J. B. Snow took the floor and began talking in favor of the election of Mr. Tanch. After a few remarks along this line he began a tirade of abuse on Pascal Hill that was interspersed with a few alleged attempts at wit.

"I am sober, and I'm not hired," said Snow, "and there is not a man in town that I would rather take a drink with than Pascal Hill, providing Hill pays for it."

It was one of the most disgusting exhibitions, and one seldom, if ever seen at a school meeting. The most ardent advocates of Mr. Tanch's election deprecated the speaker's efforts and hung their heads in shame. Mr. Hill at last stepped forward to the speaker and said "Mr. Snow." Snow turned toward him. J. H. Downey, who occupied a front seat, stepped between the men, and placing his hand on Hill's shoulder, said "Pascal, don't have any trouble here!" Mr. Hill then turned and walked away. Snow thundering after him "Let him come on, I'm no coward!"

Matters threatened to go from bad to worse and the cooler heads saw that something had to be done.

The secretary cautioned Snow by giving his coat a friendly pull, but this only served to increase his inflammatory talk. Finally H. W. Brice, one of the members of the school board, stepped forward and whispered to Chairman Williams, who in turn spoke to Snow, and the oratory ceased.

Candidate Black then stepped forward and called Snow to account. Snow promptly retracted amid the cries of "crawlfish" by several of the audience.

Matters of minor importance in regard to the election were explained and the balloting began. G. W. Overstreet, W. H. King and W. H. Moxon were appointed tellers. The result of the ballot showed Mr. Tanch received 84 votes and Mr. Black 52.

As the crowd filed out of the hall there was no exaltation over the result of the election. The sole topic of conversation was the disgraceful exhibition of Snow. The warmest supporters of Mr. Tanch condemned it in the strongest terms as uncalled for and out of place. The Black men were beaten fairly in open meeting and took their defeat gracefully. It is to be hoped that it will be a long time before St. Johns will witness a like affair.

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DEATH

L. W. Wright Dies of His Injuries Saturday.

The death of L. W. Wright took place in our city Saturday last under peculiarly sad circumstances.

Mr. Wright had charge of the mechanical department of a new laundry that had just been installed on the river front, and was in the act of adjusting the gasoline generator, Friday evening about 5:30, when it exploded. He then hurried down to the gasoline tank under the building, and was endeavoring to loosen it from the building, when it also exploded. The tank had a capacity of about seventeen gallons, and there was about four gallons contained therein when the explosion took place. The blazing liquid was thrown over the unfortunate man, igniting his clothing, and burning him in such a horrible manner that death came to his relief about 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mr. Wright was a gentlemanly man, ever courteous and sociable with all. He was an earnest christian, and at all times endeavored to lead such a life that he would not be a stumbling block to others, and at the time of his death was a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Wright was a native of the state of New York and came to St. Johns about two years ago. He was a practical laundryman and well skilled in his avocation. He ceased to be aged 39 years and leaves a widow, with whom he was united in marriage a year ago, to mourn his untimely end.

Funeral services were conducted in the Congregational church Sunday at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Rev. Fred J. Warren delivering an eloquent and appropriate discourse over the remains. Interment took place in Lone Fir cemetery.

RECOMMENDS

The Consolidation of School Districts Nos. 1 and 2.

Editor Review: At the school election last June, five school districts of this county were consolidated with District No. 1, viz: Mt. Tabor, South Mt. Tabor, Arleta, Woodstock and Montavilla.

I am surprised that this district was not with them at that time, and I believe that if the people understood the advantages, the question would carry by a heavy vote. Now what are these advantages?

First. The special tax for school purposes in this district is six mills, in district No. 1, two and one-half mills.

Second. Instruction is given under competent supervision in drawing, manual training, sewing, music and calisthenics, which is impossible for us to maintain even with our present rate of tax; and we become a part of the strongest school system in this state.

Third. It would remove the necessity of maintaining a local high school. District No. 1 built a large high school on the east side last year and has just purchased three acres near the Piedmont barn for another.

Fourth. It would remove the cause of these local bickerings over nothing which were witnessed at our school house last Monday evening.

Section 227 of the state law provides that upon petition of 100 legal voters of District No. 1 and 50 of District No. 2 to the district boundary board requesting that the question of consolidation be submitted to the voters of each district at the annual June meeting, that the question of consolidation be submitted to the voters of each district at the annual June meeting, that the boundary board shall notify the school board of each district to cause the clerk of each district to publish as a part of the notice for the next annual meeting the question of consolidation.

If, at the annual meeting a majority vote in favor of consolidation in each district, the boundary board shall order the consolidation of these districts, the limits and boundaries to be as before.

Let it be distinctly understood that this has nothing to do with consolidation in municipal affairs but pertains to education only.

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