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NO REDRESS.

This decision rendered last Saturday by the Territorial Supreme Court in the Ferguson-Alcorn case, presents a anomaly in civilized jurisdictions. Notwithstanding the fact that it could only qualify electors of both Congressmen present had been honestly and fraudulently prevented from casting their votes, Ferguson would have been elected to the office of clerk of Salt Lake County. The position was given to Allen, who was no, it was proved, elected by a fraudulent process.

The ordinary reader is consequently unable to grasp the main point of a subject by the perusal of a lengthy legal document, such as this decision of the Court; hence we bring you some of the leading features, without the authorities cited, upon which the conclusion depends for its soundness.

"It is the opinion of the Territorial Supreme Court in the case involving the rights of the Utah Commission to make changes in the school board election, is important as affecting not alone school matters, but other political interests of the Territory. The extremely tight rules at the local election indicated a popular belief that the interference of the Utah Commission will render it impossible, and that the courts would pronounced it void. It was expected that Judge Anderson's decision would be reversed, but it was generally believed that the ground of the reversal would be the presumption that school elections are not public elections, and are not conducted within the meaning of that term used in the legislation of Congress, and that they have rather the nature of elections by stockholders of corporations.

"The rights and wishes of all persons are to be secured to as much as possible by the illegal and unconstitutional acts of their servants, to be carried under the guise of law, and those acts ought to be justified.

"These indignations and animosities, however, are not intended to be in any way reflected upon the members of Congress, or upon the people of the Territory, but upon the acts of their agents.

"I am satisfied that no one can be found in the books which presents a stronger appeal in behalf of Justice as to this case. Yet the law seems to be so bad that unless the ballot is rejected and thrown to another, a violation of our constitutional rights.

"And in such cases the honest parties have their right of action against the registration officers, who violate their rights and maliciously or corruptly interfere with the name of a legal voter from the registration lists, or accidentally or corruptly refuse to place such names upon the register, and such power may be made available to avert serious damage to property or reputation, or even corrupt and nominate men."

It is held by the court that the act of "these registration and election officers" can properly be removed and construed in a proceeding to ascertain or try the title to any office, made elective by the laws of the Territory." Unless such an investigation leads to the rectification of a wrong it is useless for the purpose for which it is instituted. Such a process was had. It proved that a "Liberal" registration officer committed a fraud that presented the election to either of the candidates who was the choice of the majority. After this inquiry, which disclosed this state of facts, the candidate who was fraudulently robbed is informed that there is no remedy for him under the law. Such law may exist but it is not in accord with justice, sound sense, or sound jurisprudence. Unless a remedy for a wrong lies at the end of a judicial review it is useless for any practical purpose except to expose the perfidy of "Liberal" election officers, partisans, and candidates, who accept of offices to which they could not have been elected without the aid of fraudulent manipulations.

This decision sweeps the official ranks out of the hands of the defrauded candidates, but it is the best course to prosecute. It has the appearance, however, of not instituting the defrauded elector to the election process, but rather the winner and indeed others, let us say, a quantity of legal and way which is sufficiently adapted to bear, because, they can have recourse to a civil or criminal action against the registration officer who deprived them of the exercise of the suffrage.

This was not intended for the complete removal of mystery of the defrauded elector who were precluded from voting, but it is a misleading statement in the light of recent events. The history of the embezzler W. J. Allen, a "Liberal" election officer, charged with having shifted the ballot box of Poll No. 2, Purifies present, this city, with votes for the candidate of his party, and throwing out those tendered for the candidate of the People's Party, proves this. When the embezzler, under name of Allen, got drunk, he said to H. W. Young was elected and not Mr. P.

Williams. His former colored Allen's case to the grand jury, who indicted him. In the case of Judge Zane's conviction, while in effect, discredited Alcorn's, a "Liberal" trial judge acquitted the sheriff.

In contradiction to this trial, Fred Kester, L. H. F. C., one of the witnesses for the defense, admitted a "Liberal" might have to the situation to represent a question from counsel to the "Liberal" Party, as to whether he held any office at a certain time, and if so, what was his name? "Yes, I was a "Liberal" register to the Fourth Precinct. There is, in my opinion, as much "Liberal" partisanship connected with the courts, as a conflict of "Liberal" pretensions is thrown around the body and soul of that party. This undermines the cause of justice, and prevents the obtaining of redress, enemies of American institutions, by citizens and electors fraudulently depraved of the rights of suffrage.

THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION DELIBERATION.

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to which it relates. It leaves open the question whether or not a registered voter has a right to vote on a tax or bond proposition, or financial issues, relative to which he might, under the law, vote, or give his voice. But no person only who was qualified should vote. The fact that Congress can not make such strictures great injurious will be done to a large class of taxpayers.

THE ROYAL LABOR COMMISSION.

The American press is continuing quite interestingly though impressively upon the "Royal Labor Commission" appointed a few days ago by Queen Victoria. Much of this comment assumes the character of prejudice and ill-founded criticism. The personal worth of the commissioners was made, it is said, from party and personal motives. And these hasty judgments are rendered without giving due or serious consideration to the matter. Consideration jumped at without a study of the question does not at all justify.

First of all, it is proper to hear the scope and duty of the Commission. Its object is, mainly, to inquire into all questions at issue between capital and labor. It is also instructed to inquire into the methods of organized capital as well as organized labor. It will endeavor to ascertain how far legislation can restrain the evils emanating from labor agitations. It has the power to summon labor reformers, capitalists and industrial philosophers from every country in the world, and to call upon any person to appear before it. It is required to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per test. For sale by A. C. Smith & Co.

IOWA CONFERENCE.

This conference was held at the Court House in Des Moines, on Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. President J. E. Murchison presiding. There were present of the traveling clerks, H. T. Tuttle, Joseph Banks, Andrew Johnson, W. C. Mann, W. R. Johnson, G. O. Gilmer and O. M. Porter.

President Murchison, in his opening address, told that the saints had met together to be instructed in the principles pertaining to their most holy faith, and to enjoy the spirit of God.

Elder W. R. Johnson reported on his latest and spontaneous mission to the people of the Far East, and the results of his work as a missionary.

Elder Andrew Johnson spoke of the importance of the Royal Labor Commission to the Far East.

Elder Hubbard Tutt spoke of his length upon the subject of the Far East, and Elder W. S. Mann followed.

At the morning session Elder J. G. Gilmer, of the New Haven, Conn., branch, was among the speakers. George Baker, H. Baker and Wm. Brandon, the local Pastors, also spoke.

Sunday morning Elder O. M. Porter spoke on faith and repentance, showing that these were very essential principles in our salvation.

The service was followed upon the old and usual fashion.

C. W. Stuyvesant, President of the Northern States mission, who had served the previous winter, also addressed the conference.

At the afternoon session the service was followed upon the subject of the mission to the Far East.

At the meeting of the conference the service was followed upon the principle of salvation for the dead.

Elder Tutt touched on the restoration of the church.

The principal divisions of the Church and mission were presented by President Murchison, and unanimously approved.

Thereupon the adjourned until 7:30. During the interval a business meeting was held. The time was occupied by hearing reports from the elders and their appointments in the field.

Elder Porter was appointed by President Murchison at the headquarters of the conference in Wisconsin.

Elders Andrew Johnson and G. M. Porter were appointed to labor in Nebraska. Elders W. R. Johnson and Wm. C. Mann in Barton and adjacent states. Elders H. T. Tuttle and J. G. Gilmer in Oregon.

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