

## Bellefonte, Pa., October 30, 1903.

### THE VOICE.

There is ever a voice that calls, my dear, Even to you and to me. There's the voice of the moon and the voice of

the star, There's the voice from near and the voice from afar ;

But the voice that seems to us sweetest, m dear,

Is the voice of love, you see.

There is ever a voice that calls to us, dear, Even from the sea,

There's a human heart and a lonely life. There's a void to be filled in the glamor strife ;

But the voice that detains us is conscience, m dear.

And God's love to you and to me.

There is ever a song in the soul, my dear, Even for you and for me, There's a life to be lived, a part of God's plan, There's a work to be done as well as we can :

## For the voice that calls us, that calls you and Is the voice of the Father, you see.

-S. Mabel Cohen.

THE MEANNESS OF PA JONES.

Pa Jones rubbed his stubby chin anxious

ly. "So you reely think, Wilson, that the critter's pretty bad off ?" "Waal, I ain't sayin' 't it'd be impossi-

ble to cure him, but-"' His eyes twinkled under their heavy brows and he winked slyly at Bob. This effort to establish an understanding, however, was lost upon the lad as he bent over the 'critter' in question.

I'm afraid nothin' won't do no good." said Pa in a discouraged tone. "I been shore I'd lose that calf ever sence Johnson made me sech a good offer for him."

"How much ?" queried Wilson. "Hundred an' fifty, cash, soon's he's old enough to be took from his ma."" "Whew !"

"He's wuth it, every cent, too," indignantly, for his neighbor's astonishment savored somewhat strongly of contempt. 'Why, he's got a pedigree as long as your arm. Pure blood. Registered; yes, sirree !'

"Too bad you got to lose him," sympa-thized the hypocritical Wilson, enjoyingly. "Tell you what I'll do, Bobbie," turn-

ing to his son, "I'll give you thet calf, an if you cun bring him through you cun have him." Wilson's sympathy had done away with his last remnant of hope. "I'm plum beat. You cun have him. He's yourn." Bob's boyish face changed, but he said

nothing. "You cun have him, I'say," reiterated

Pa. His son's silence seemed to indicate a lack of appreciation of the greatness of the gift.

'Yes: I can have him to look after till he dies, or tend till he gets well. If he dies he's my calf; if he lives he's your's. I've had critters give to me before." The boy's

past experience rankled. "Ain't I givin' him to you ?" asked Pa. "Yes; so did you give me the sorrel colt." Pa winced. "I took care of him for three weeks straight, all of my spare time, an' when he got well an' you sold him, you gave me a quarter for my share."

'Well, now, Bob, that was diffrunt. You misunderstood me then. But if you can't take your old Pa's word for it." with an effort to be pathetic, which, all things considered, proved rather a failure. " "Here's Wilson as witness. You cun have him, I say." "They ain't any earthly chanct of

him gettin' well, so I'm safe in givin' him well; but I guess he does fergit how awful

"Savin'?" Pa pricked up his penny sharp ears. "Savin' what?' "Now, Pa," in an exasperated tone, "you know you said 'at I cud have all I cud raise

Tuesday, an' I've never spent one ceut 'a

I'm goin' to spend it as I please.

cud get hold of ever sence the thing com-

airnt him these last four years."

an importunate child, continued :

knew enough about "women's gear"

'Well, of all the blame-"

thru on that by being economical."

or calico."

tue.

there !

penses.

up.'

"So you shall; an' we'll go right, too," and Bo over and above three hundred chickens each year, an' I've saved five dollars an' a ed, and the lines of his hoyish lips straight and firm. quarter---'' "Too much," began the head of the fam-ily, but his wife checked him as though at

Tuesday, the first day of the "reduced rates," came at last, and Pa Jones departed in a high state of satisfaction, much reliev-ed at the obserfulness with which Ma staylast patience had indeed ceased to be a vir-"Now, see here ! I've scrimped an" saved, an' wore calico dresses an' turned

couldn't bear not to.'

"I'd love to go. Seems as though I

marched off with shoulders squar-

ed at home. wool ones, fer twenty three years next "I'll soon be back," he remarked to his wife as she put the finishing touches to his I didn't have to, 'cept thet Fourth-a-July six years ago, when I bought two glasses o' lem'nade fer Bobbie an' one fer myself. homely lunch, "an' next year, if the crops s good, an' the stock does well, an' we don't have no bad luck no ways-you'll I've never said a word about you buyin' reapers an' mowers, an' rakes, an' goodness knows what all machin'ry, fer I guessed see !" This somewhat hazy promise was followed by a genial and expressive wink, which was supposed to convey the idea he "una ha "frained from putting into words. bue sigoaq" safer not to be too explicit in the money was yours, an' you had a right to spend it. But this money's mine, Buida promises.

wednesday morning dawned bright and fair, and Bob and his mother started on Ma was surprised at her own temerity, but there was, too, a kind of exhilaration their journey in gay spirits. Only now and in having given voice to the feelings so then a slight twinge of conscience remind-ed Mrs. Jones that she was doing somelong repressed. Pa stood silent in open-mouthed amazement. Never before had he thing that her husband would consider unknown his wife to give way to such an outnecessary and wasteful, but with a reck-lessness she, herself, scarcely dared think burst. "But wimmin folks is queer," so he discreetly returned to the subject of exapon, they went on their way, buying their meals at the eating stations instead of eat-"Now be reasonable. Marthy. 'Tain't ing dry lunches from a basket; buying fruit and confections in really moderate quanti-ties, but with what to them, seemed wild-"A room fer two won't cost much more'n est extravagance.

a room fer one," said Ma in a pathetic The long trip by rail, so wearisome to tone, her indignation giving place to enmost people, was a dream of delight to this country bred woman. treaty, "an they's lunch counters an' sech where you can feed fer almost nuthin'. I

Bob proved an excellent companion, for ain't a hearty eater," pleaded the little woman desperately. "I know 'most every-thing that's there. I've read every word I like most boys within easy reach of the western ranges, he had several times made trips as assistant caretaker on stock trains, and being observing, knew more of the places through which they passed than many more experienced travelers. menced, so I'd know just what to go an' see. Seem as though I just can't give it

After a good night's rest they started "Reely, now, Marthy," adopting a sprightly tone, "thet's actually better'n seein' it. You know all about it.an' don't early for the Exposition grounds, stopping a short time on the way for a little modest hopping. The remainder, and particularget so fagged out. They do say it's dredful ly the precious china, was to be left until the last day before they went home, so aftirin'. You see I was lottin' on takin' you with the money 'at I was to get fer the Hereford calf, but he ain't feelin' very well, ter figuring up the amount of their ex-penses and deducting it from the amount on hand, Bob divided the remainder with an' I turned him over to Bob. He's sure his mother. Over Bob's boyish face came a look of

"Here, Ma; here's half of what will be anger, followed by one of determination. left when we're all paid up. It's yours. The only condition I'll make is that you spend every cent." Plainly his resolve was taken, and whatever he may have intended to do about re-turning the gift to his father he no longer thought of doing so.

"Oh, Bob, thet's too much !" she protested. "Take it !" he said, with loving firmness. Mrs. Jones cast an apologetic glance at her son. She understood perfectly the con-dition of the calf. But the look hardened

The fingers in the shabby cotton glove closed over the money with a convulsive moveslightly as it returned to her husband, who ment.

in a wheedlesome tone, as though soothing "I never had so much money to spend all by myself at one time sence I was mar-ried," she said. "Now I can get some towels, an' a white tablecloth, an' a dress, "Now, mother, you be good, an' let me go, an' I'll bring you the prettiest red dress I cun find in Omahaw. Gingham, mebbe, an' mebby with the chicken money I'll "It'll be calico," put in Bob grimly, who have enough to get my chiny. Though, to be sure, I had to spend some of that fer a to hat. Reel chiny, I mean. Thet thet came know that it was the cheaper of the two. Pa's face changed. He had been unhat. *Keel* chiny, I mean. Thet thet came with the bakin' powder is all crazed. I've wanted reel chiny ever sence you was a tiny baby," and she smiled happily. "Be sure to get it then, mother. Now's aware of Bob's presence, and confusedly muttering something about "seein' to the pigs" he hurried out.

your best chance, an' you'll have plenty of After he was quite gone Bob turned slowmoney for a few pieces." y about, rage and contempt blended on his "Your Pa needs some new shirts, though,

dreadful bad." She looked hesitatingly at Bob. His mother lifted a hand in silent pro-"There's things he needs worse,"

wered Bob shortly. "I won't say it as you're set agin it, but "You wouldn't reely mind, though, Bob,

'cussedness' is the only word that fits if 'tis swearin'. I know fer certain that he would you ?" A lump rose uncomfortably in the boy's has fifty dollars besides the money he inthroat.

tends to spend for the reaper. I heard him tell Wilson that he hadn't 'only fifty dol-"The money's yours, Ma" was all he

said. lars to go on,' but 'he guessed one cud pull The little woman tucked the precious

bills away in her glove, her face radiant. "Where I cun feel it all the time an' be sure I ain't lost it

# A SAMPLE BALLOT AND HOW TO VOTE IT.

To vote a straight party ticket, mark a cross (X) in the square opposite the name of the party of your choice in the first column.

A cross mark in the square opposite the name of any candidate indicates a vote for that candidate.

The voter may insert in the blank space at the bottom of each group, the name of any person where name is not printed on the ballot for whom he desires to vote.

SUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ASSOCIATE JUDGE REPUBLICAN. DEMOCRATIC. itizess. enry D. Patton, ..... Prohibitie ocrati ba A. Smith, ... Socialist. PROHIBITION. rid E. Gilchrist, .... Labor. SOCIALIST. AUDITOR GENERAL. tthew H. Steve ufett D. Nichols..... Prohibit fred Leach ... Citizens, CITIZENS. Wm. H. Thomas..... Labor. obe Burachell. ..... Labor. INDEPENDENCE. isha Kent Kane Dechibi Wm. W. Atkinson ...... Socialist. LABOR.

## To vote the Democratic Ticket Place Cross (X) in Square in Block marked Democratic, as shown in above.

Above is a fac-simile of the official ballot, as certified from the State Department. County Commissioners will add the names of county candidates, grouped under the title of the office for which they have been nominated, similar to the block shown under the head of Associate Judge.

General election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1903. To be opened at 7 o'clock A. M., and closed at 7 o'clock

### Election Board.

1-The election boards shall consist of a-A judge, and b-Two inspectors, to be eleced annually. c-Overseers appointed by the courts.

d-Watchers appointed by the parties. 2-Each inspector shall appoint his own elerk, who must be a qualified voter of

the district. 3-Vacancies shall be filled as follows: Section 16, act July 2, 1839, P. L. 521.

"In case the person who shall have re-ceived the second highest number of votes for inspector shall not attend on of the day of any election, then the person who shall have received the second highest number of votes for judge at the next preceding election shall act as an in-spector in his place; and in case the person who shall have received the highest number of votes for inspector shall not attend, the person elected judge shall appoint an inspector in his place; and in case the person elected a judge shall not attend, then the inspector who received the highest number of votes shall ap-point a judge in his place; and if any vacancy shall continue in the board for the space of one hour after the time fixed by law for the opening of the election, the qualified voters of the township, ward or district, for which such officer shall have been elected, present at the place of election, shall elect one of their

number to fill such vacancy." Section 1, act May 19, 1897, P. L. 78. "From and after the passage of this act, in all township elections of this commonwealth for judges of the general and said election for judges, the inspector who shall have the highest number of votes in said election shall appoint a judge for that purpose. And where uses shall exist in said election for two in-spectors, the two candidates who received the same number of votes for inspector the same number of votes for inspector shall be the majority inspector, and the other candidate shall be the minority inspector, and the person so determined to be the majority inspector shall appoint a judge of elections in case of a tie vote for judges.

enclosed by the guard rail unless his right to vote be challenged. e-If his name is not upon the said list or if he is challenged by a qualified vot-er in his district, he shall remain outside the guard rail until his right to vote is determined, but he may be challenged any time before the vote is cast. (It is recom-mended, however, that challenges be made before the voter enters the guard rail, or before he receives his ballot. His right to vote shall be established in the

manner heretofore provided by law.) f-If his right to vote be established his name will be entered upon the voting and check list.

Inside of Guard Rail. The voters having the right to vote will

enter within the guard rail. a-The election officer having charge of the ballots shall detach one from the

b—The said officer shall first fold it so that the words printed upon the back and outside of the ballot shall be the only words visible, and it cannot be voted unless so folded. c-Only one ballot shall be given to a

voter, unless ha indvertently spoils it, when he may obtain another upon re-turning the spoiled one. d—Upon his receiving the ballot, the check list shall be marked with the let-ter " $\theta$ " against his normalized with the let-

"B" against his name on the marginof the list by election officers, but no record of the number of the ballot shall be made on said list, and the voter shall forthwith, and without leaving the space enclosed by guard rail, retire to one of the voting shelves or compartments.

c-Only official ballots can be voted, and any ballot other than a sample ballot, appearing to have been obtained otherwise than provided by the act, shall be sent by the judge of elections to the district attorney for his official action.

Inside the Voting Shelf or Compart-

Serve Politicians. Conditions Are Disgraceful. Funds That Ought to Be Retained In Local Treasuries For Road Improvements Put Into the State Treasury and Returned, In Order to Make Profits For Public Officials.

The platform adopted by the Democratic state convention which nominated the admirable ticket now before the people for their suffrage reprobates the present system of taxation as "burdensome and cumbersome, and because it "necessarily breeds extravagance." Continuing, it declares that "as at present administered it collects from the people unneeded revenues, passes them through the state treasury and then returns depleted portions to the localities in which they were collected. "It results." continues the document, "in the accumulation of a large and unnecessary surplus in the state treasury for distribution among political or favored banks, and presents a constant temptation to extravagant appropriations and expenditures."

Among the items thus employed for political uses are the license fees. During the last fiscal year the mercantile. eating-house, billiard and other license taxes, including the licenses for the sale of liquors, amounted to \$2,729,-055.53. This vast sum was taken from the county treasuries and placed in the treasury of the state, a percentage being retained by the county treasurer as a fee for the services. After it has served the purpose of helping to swell and maintain the enormous surplus kept on hand for the benefit of favored bankers as a "time deposit" for a period, a portion of this surplus is returned to the county treasury, a percentage being again charged by the county treasurer for handling the money. The double handling of the funds and the double charge of the fees amounts in the aggregate to a considerable sum, not less than \$27,290.55. The amount drawn from each county by this process follows: County and Amount. Adams ...... \$7,746.26 Allegheny ..... 435,377.45 17,928.07 Armstrong ..... Beaver .....Bedford ..... 12.074.44 Berks ..... 55,408,92 Blair Bradford ..... 20.508.59 9,028.64 13,716.97 Bucks Butler Cambria 9.329.80 34,910.5 Cambria ..... 2,206.86 Carbon ..... Centre ..... Chester .... 13,145,09 10,327.62 Clarion ..... Clearfield 5.152.86 17,443.16 Clinton ..... 8,953.51 Columbia ..... 8.216.74 Crawford ..... Cumberland ..... 16,128.38 7,326.11 Dauphin ..... Delaware .... 27.472.15 20,466.34 9,534.18 Elk Erie ..... 38.019.51 Fayette ..... 25,545.60 Forest ..... Franklin ..... 1,214.58 9.153.05 Fulton Greene Huntingdon 1,041.7 3,792.51 3.714.24 Indiana ..... 4,128.65 9.566.83 Jefferson ..... 1,312.85 Juniata ..... Lackawanna ..... 148,034.22 35,810.53 16,665.93 Lancaster ..... 18,243.13 Lebanon ..... Lehigh ..... 52 978 84 09,615.14 Luzerne ..... Lycoming ...... McKean 18.478.21 17,070.04 9,487.31 Mercer ..... Miffin Monroe 3.066.41 1 881 20 30,712.69 4,594.09 Montgomery ..... Northampton Northumberland 37 124.83 30,063.01 Perry ..... Philadelphia ..... 3,276.65 977,727.91 95,663.16 2,224.70 Somerset ..... 10,249.73 Sullivan ..... Susquehanna ..... 2 231.35 8,163.69 4,246.33 2,094.11 Tioga Union Venango 10,730.23 Warren ...... Washington ..... 6,077.61 21,798.32 6,612.94 Wayne ..... Westmoreland ..... 39,489.21 2,197.73 Wyoming ..... York .....

Misappropriation of Public Revenues. License Monies Taken Needlessly From People to

Instructions to Voters. Elections-When to Be Held.

he should get well-well Bob always was a reasonable boy." Then noting the boy's silence : "Take him or leave him. It's feedin' time," and Pa Jones walked off, followed slowly by his son. Wilson looked sheepish.

"I say, Bob," he called.

The boy turned. "They's reely no danger of thet calf dyin'. I was jes' guyin' the old man a little. I've had half a dozen like that, an' never lost but one." He gave a few directions as to the calf's treatment. "I never thought your Pa'd give up so quick." Bob's face fell

"At that rate I'll have to give him back,"

he said. "Um, well, no, I wouldn't. Your Pa

intimated that 'twasn't because he's dyin' he gave him to you. "I'd hang on." Bob shook his head.

"Waal, I wouldn't," and the man threw himself across his horse. "You'v airnt him these last four years. You've been doin' a man's work and gettin' nothin' but your board an' close, an' darn few of them,' ' and he touched the wiry pinto with the spur and dashed away, leaving a sinuous trail of dust in his wake.

With sober face and bent head, Bob turned toward the house. As he stepped slowly onto the porch :

"It's reduced rates," Pa Jones was say ing. "Only eight dollar for the round trip. Tickets good for ten days. At thet rate I cun better afford to buy thet reaper in cost mighty little extry to see the Fair at the same time."

'Oh, Pa !'' exclaimed Ma Jones in awed delight. In the excitement of the moment Bob's entrance went unnoticed

"Might as well see somethin' of the world now they's such a chance."

"An' you reely think we can afford it?" This was such an unusual frame of mind for Pa that his wife found difficulty in helieving.

"Afford it? Course we can !"

"But sixteen dollars-" as though feeling it to be her duty to expostulate, though it meant the fulfillment of one of her dearest dreams of her colorless life.

'Eight, I said.'

"Well, thet makes sixteen, don't it? Twice eight's sixteen. Eight fer you an' eight fer me.' "Eight fer you !"

"Pa, do you mean I ain't goin'?" "Waal, I didn't exactly reckon-"Pa, you promised." 22.

"I know I did," testily, "but times is close, you see, an' eight dollars saved is eight dollars airnt."

'Pa Jones, you promised I should go ever since you lost thet forty five dollars you got fer the Jersey cow pa gave me, on Bryan's 'lection. You promised, you know you did."

"Yes, yes, Marthy, ef we cud afford-" "No," interrupted Ma. "You never said anything about affordin' it. We couldn't afford to lose thet forty five dollars on a bet, but von did."

"Waal, eight dollars saved is eight dol- you shall."

it is to go diggin' awa wat the same thing year in an' year out, 'thout ever goin' any-where 'cept to church or a fun'ral now an' then. "'Not," she hastened to add, "not but what theyr'e wholesome, but they're not exactly what cud be called enlivenin'.'

The poor little woman's tears were flowing by this time, try as she would to pre-vent them. Just at this moment Pa ap-peared at the kitchen door, but seeing Bob still there and his wife in tears he sneaked

away muttering : away muttering: "Tain't no manner o' use, anyway. Wimmin folks is a drag at such a time. They'd get took in 'fore they'd a-been there two days. No use in talkin' they're a drag, an' I'm goin't to have a good time this once, no matter what it costs or how mean

it looks. Anyway, I can't afford it now thet calf's a-dyin'. Tain't reely mean, either. Next year, if the crops is good an' the stock comes out all right, an' they ain't no had luck, I'll send Marthy down to Sister Susan's. Tain't fur an' twon't cost to much fer Susan, but she'll enjoy the trip, you." an' she won't have to stay long."

"But, Bobbie," remonstrated Ma Jones. 'would it be right? Do you dast use the

money? What'll your pa say?'' ''Let him say what he likes,'' answered Bob, recklessly. ''Didn't he say just now that I'd earned it? He didn't know I heard him, or I guess he wouldn't a-said it fer fear I'd ask him fer a quarter, mebby, fer Christmas. An' he thought thought the art of the art heard nim, of I guess he wouldn't a said it fer fear I'd ask him fer a quarter, mebby, fer Christmas. An' he thought the calf was dyin', or he wouldn't a remembered what dyin', or he wouldn't a remembered what Omahaw than in Rockville, an' then it'd fer Christmas. An' he thought the calf was

"I know," said his mother, flushing hot-ly over the evidence of her husband's mean-

"Wilson says tain't in no danger if I just 'tend to it, an' if you don't see that show I'll know the reason why."

"But, Bobbie, a hundred and fifty dollars is an awful lot to spend on pleasure. I reely don't feel's though I cud consent to

"All right, mother, we won't spend all of it. We'll pay our fares an' take fifty what's left after we pay expenses. One thing's sure-you're goin' to have your chiny

A delight that was half fear filled th heart of Ma Jones as she trotted briskly about her work. She felt the need of self justification concerning the contemplated pleasure, though she and Bob worked hard and long without reward, even a "thank you" being regarded by their task master as superfluous. He considered they were merely doing their duty.

cuses that he knows are not true, I just you, you are goin' to see it, or somethin's goin' to bust. Pa promised you should, an'

"Waal, eight dollars saved is eight dor-lars airnt," reiterated Pa. doggedly. "I been savin' ever since you promised me, so 't I cud get some real chiny." Just a few pieces, an' I been thinkin" Td get em when I went." "We find the did promise me," and there was a disconsolate quiver in her voice which be-trayed bitter heart ache. "Yes; an' he didn't make no conditions, either." (Continued on page 6.)

In the meantime Pa was strolling up The Midway, trying to decide where next to go when a gloved hand came down lightly upon his dusty sleeve, and a pleased voice exolaimed :

"Well, I declare, if it isn't Jones !" "I believe you have the advantage of me. Can't say as I know your face."

"Why, my name's Brown-James Brown

Don't you recollect I spent a week at Rockville, and while I was there I went out to look over that ranch of yours. I'll tell you that's the finest place I have seen in the West.'

"I'm right glad you liked it," brightening. "but I someway don't rec'lect yer

"Good time? Grand thing this show. Big though; too big for any one not knowing it well to see it to any advantage. I've been here every day but six since the thing started, and I haven't seen all I want to of it yet. Now, if there's anything here that 'mount to anythin'. Marthy never cared you'd like to see I'd be glad to show it to

"There's the cattle," suggested Pa rath-er dubiously. "I've been through the Gover'ment buildin', an' all the State buildin's, an' all through Midway, an' I ain't seen a steer, hide ner hair."

"You just didn't happen to strike the right place. I can take you there in three minutes. This way. They have some

you. We'll make a day of it sure." At six o'clock that same evening, Bob and his mother emerged from the cavern containing the Fisheries exhibit, and the boy stopped to smooth the fur of a handsome seal near him. His mother's fingers clutched his arm.

"There's Pa," she whispered.

"Where ?" His eyes searched the build-

ing. "Not in here. Out there on the back

There was no mistake. There he sat dollars, same as Pa has, an' we'll make thet do fer both, an' buy all we can with They could not see his face. Followed by Bob, Mrs. Jones slipped up quietly and laid a gentle hand on Pa's shoulder. He seemed too miserable to be even properly surprised at their unexpected appearance, After a few half-hearted questions he sank back into his former attitude. Clearly something was wrong. Ma did not succeed in getting satisfactory answers to her timid questions, so Bob began a more rig-orous examination. In time the main facts of the case were drawn from Pa's re-"I came in to give the call back again when Wilson told me it was all right, but when I heard him talkin' an' makin' ex-cuses that he knows and at length Pa burst ont."

"The fact is, Marthy, I've been a blamed made up my mind that you'd earned a right to see that show. an' I'd go along to make sure, you did it right. An' I'll tell ain't sayin' tain't hard to swallo'." "Got any money to eat on ?" queried

Bob, feeling sorry for his father in spite of

4-All judges, inspectors, clerks and overseers of any election shall, before or affirmed in the presence of each other; the jujdge shall be sworn by the minority the jujdge shall be sworn by the minority inspector, if there be such; and in case there be no such minority inspector, then by a justice of the peace or alderman, and the inspectors, overseers and clerks shall be sworn by the judge; and the clerks will make out two copies of the forms of each of said oaths, duly certi-ford are now required by lar fied, as now required by law.

#### Qualifications of Voter.

Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifica-tions, shall be entitled to vote at all elections: a-He shall have been a citizen of the

United States at least one month. b-He shall have resided in the state one year (or, if having been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the state, he shall have removed therefrom returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election. c-He shall have resided in the election

district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election. A minor becomes of age on the day prior to the twenty-first an-niversary of his birth.

niversary of his birth. d-If twenty-two years of age, or up-wards, he shall have paid, within two years, a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election election.

e-If the name of the voter is not upon e-if the name of the voter is not upon the registry list he cannot vote unless he makes proof of his right to vote as here-tofore required by law. The affidavits for this purpose must be furnished by the election officers and all officients given election officers and all affidavits signed and sworn to must be preserved. f-Challenges should be made before the

person offering to vote receives his bal-lot, but may be made at any time before g-Naturalization certificates must be

produced to the board and are conclusive

## Manner of Voting.

Besides the election officers and supervisors authorized by the laws of the United States, or overseers appointed by the courts of this commonwealth not more than FOUR voters in excess of the number of voting shelves or compart-ments shall be allowed inside of the enclosed space at one time and not more than TEN outside that space. Specimen ballots and cards of instruc-

tion must be furnished by the election

officers upon request. The person desiring to vote will a- Enter the room and remain outside the chain or guard rail. The voter shall give his name and residence to the elecbotton officers in charge of the ballots. b-The officer will thereupon announce the same in a distinct tone of voice. c-If the voter's name is upon the ballot check list the inspector or clerk in charge of the said list will repeat the name.

d-The voter will then enter the snace.

ment. The voter upon entering the voting

shelf or compartment must a-Draw the curtain or shut the screen

door, and shall prepare his ballot. b-To assist him in preparing his offi-cial ballot he may mark a sample ballot before going to vote and take it with him into the voting compartment to copy from in preparing his official ballot. He must vote the official ballot only.

c-Cards of instruction will be posted in each voting compartment or shelf, d-No voter will be allowed to occupy a voting shelf or compartment already the help allowed in the preparation of his ticket; nor to remain in such compartment more than three minutes. e-If any voter declares to the judge of election that he desires assistance in the preparation of his ballot, by reason of any disability, he shall be permitted by the judge of election to select a quali fied voter of the election district to aid him, such preparation being made in the voting compartment.

voting compariment. f-A voter who shall, except as above stated, allow his ballot to be seen with an apparent intention of letting it be known how he is about to vote, or shall cast or attempt to cast any other ballot than the official ballot, or shall falsely declare to a judge of election that by reason of any disability he desires as-sistance in the preparation of his ballot, or shall wilfully violate any provision of the act shall be purished by the or of the act, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment.

-No person within the election room shall electioneer or solicit votes, or shall interfere with any voter when inside said enclosed space, or when marking his ballot, or endeavor to induce any voter be-fore depositing the ballot to show how he marks his ballot. h—Any person who shall disclose the contents of any ballot that has been marked by his help, or who, except when lawfully commanded by a roturn index.

lawfully commanded by a return judge or a competent court, shall loosen, cut or unfasten the corner pasted down over the number on the ballot, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Preparation of Ballot.

Upon entering the voting shelf or com-partment and drawing the curtain, or shutting the screen or door, he shall proceed to prepare his ballot. \_a\_If he desires to vote the STRAIGHT

PARTY TICKET, or, in other words, for every candidate of a political party, he can do so by placing a cross (X thus) in the square opposite the name of his party on the left hand side of the ticket. This single mark or cross will be equivalent to a cross mark against every name in the column and will be counted as one vote for each candidate named in that

column. b-If a voter desires otherwise he shall mark in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) mark opposite the name of each candidate of his choice for the office to be filled, according to the number of persons to be voted for by him for each

c-If the voter adopts the plan of marking a cross to the right of the name of each candidate he should be careful not to miss a name, as a name not crossed would not be counted.

-Andrew Beard, a negro, who has worked in the machine shops of the Louisville and Nashville railroad company in Birmingham, Ala., for twenty years, has just sold a patent for a car coupler of his own invention for \$100,000. In addition he is to get a royalty on every coupler made on his model for seventeen years.

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