

The next thing from all were, "what will you pay?" I answered, "I have a fool proof plan and will see you each get five dollars."

So I gave them the ballots with always the same instructions. As the Democrats were all mad I could talk with the Republicans without interruption so I told him to leave the premises, and to go beyond a thicket to a large tree, stay there and pay the amount marked on a piece of paper which I would sign.

It was not very long until he came to me saying he was out of money. I said to him, "I know what you have, and he replied "I was to keep twenty dollars and I want to have the same." And I told him I had never accepted pay at an election. I ordered him back to his post.

I was keeping count and knew I had sent him one too many and this time he really lost no time in seeing me.

I told him if you want to keep any get for home at once and he was soon gone. As it happened there was but one more to see me and he was a relative of mine who I was afraid to trust and I had never knew of him selling his vote. But I took a chance telling him to go to the store and get him a coverall suit and charge it to me and he did accept the offer and followed all instructions.

I know for telling this story I can be sued, indicted, convicted and sentenced to Moundsville for life but I now have nothing to live for as my son passed away seven years ago and my wife just recently. And my only consolation is the sentence cannot be too long.

As I once said to a Judge, if the truth were known we would all be in the pen.

This was a man I had never seen until elected Judge. An attorney, a friend of mine, asked me if I had met him, and I said I had not. He took me to his room at the hotel. When we entered my first thought was, I had never seen anyone with as red a nose. After the introduction the Judge said to the attorney, "I have taken the flu, if I can find no attorney to take over I will have to lay court over to a later date."

The attorney replied, "now if we could get a strong ginger stew you would be O.K. by morning." The Judge said, "yes but we cannot get that now days."