

PRESENT ELECTION MEN

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Those in First Precinct of the Third District.

NEGLIGENCE IS CHARGED.

Understood That the Jury Found no
Evidence of Fraud on Part of the
Men it Presented.

True bills against six election officials of Anne Arundel county have been returned by the grand jury of the county, which is in session here and which will complete its labors tomorrow and be discharged by Judge James R. Brashears, of the Circuit Court.

The men presented by the grand jury are the three Republicans and the three Democratic officials who served in the polling house of the first precinct of the Third district of the county during the general election on November 7.

The men presented are Enoch P. Johnson, Democrat; and George Dorman, Republican, chief judges; James Jubb, Democrat; and William S. Ellison, Republican, associate judges; Harry C. Linstead, Democrat, and George H. Robinson, Republican, clerks.

The presentments against them have been returned to the Court, but the indictments have not been drawn. However, it is understood that there is no actual charge of fraud or crookedness against any of them, the presentment against them being based on their negligence in leaving their polling house before their duties had been completed.

When the voting was completed on election day last November, the officials, following what is understood to be a long-established custom in this and in some other precincts, closed up the polling house and went out to supper. When they returned they found that the polling room had been entered, the ballot box broken open, and the ballots voted during the day scattered all over the place.

A long wrangle lasting well into the next afternoon resulted, but the vote was finally counted and the returns made on them. The October grand jury for the county was in session at the time, but adjourned shortly after.

Later, Albert Tyler, of Eastport, broke out in a murderous rage that resulted in his killing his wife and son-in-law and seriously wounding his daughter, and the Court recalled the grand jury to present him.

While the jury was working on this case, the lynching of King Johnson occurred at Brooklyn, and delayed its adjournment. In the meantime, Arthur C. Whitmore, the Republican leader in the Third district, with other Republicans, went before the jury and called that body's attention to the irregularities in his precinct on the day of election.

This was followed by the calling of a number of the officials from the precinct before the jury and their presentment for trial on what might be called charges of negligence by that body.

The jury will adjourn tomorrow, according to present indications, after having presented two murderers during its special session, and failed to find any tangible evidence on which to present any one in connection with the lynching of the negro Johnson at Brooklyn.