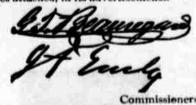
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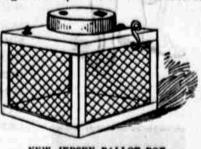
H. L. CASE, Lincoln, Nebraska. SOME NEW BALLOT BOXES.

WALTER WELLMAN LEARNS ABOUT THEM IN THE PATENT OFFICE.

The Subject Is Rendered Especially Appropriate by Reason of the Present General Interest in the Subject of Ballot Reform - The Cherokee Ballet.

Special Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Three or four states have recently passed ballot reform laws, and in other states proposed laws are still pending in the legislatures. It is a singular fact that one of the most perfect election laws in this country, or at least one which brings best results in absence of frauds and corruption where used, was enacted by Indians for the control of Indian elections. In some of its features the election law of the Cherokee nation, that little republic within our greater republic, resembles the fa-

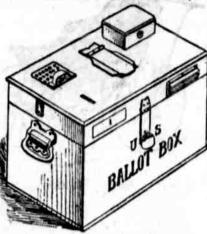


NEW JERSEY BALLOT BOX. mous Australian law now being used as a model by the ballot reformers of Amer-

John W. Bushyhead, formerly chief of the Cherokee nation, has spent the winter in Washington watching the interests of his people in the Oklahoma question, and many people on meeting Mr. Bushyhead here were amazed to discover that, though an Indian, he wears neither blanket nor head feathers, and is, withal, a modest, intelligent gentleman, speaking English perfectly, and wearing such clothing as other gentle-men wear. In this he is not in advance of his countrymen, almost all of whom speak and read and write English, take English newspapers and magazines, teach English exclusively in their schools, play pianos and organs in their pretty homes, which are neatly car-peted and decorated, and altogether maintain a civilization in nowise differing from that of their neighbors in Kansas, Missouri or Texas. Referring to the election laws of his nation, ex-Chief Bu hyhead said:

"We have never had any election frauds or troubles in our nation. Our election law is perfect for our use, though I suppose it is too simple for the requirements of more complex political com-munities. Our elections for principal chief, assistant principal chief, members of the national council and other officers are held on the first Monday in August. Every male citizen, 18 years old or up-wards, a resident of the district six months, of sound mind and not convicted of a felony, is allowed to vote. You will notice that a young man of 18 or 19 can vote with us, because we believe a youth of that age as competent to cast an intelligent ballot as the average citizen of more mature years. Our young men are naturally better educated than our older men, and are quick, bright and

"Ten days prior to the election the clerk of the district appoints two clerks and two superintendents of election, and furnishes them with blank rolls and envelopes. He must also post in some conspicuous place in every precinct in his district the names of all persons put in nomination for office. The rolls used in elections state the offices to be filled, the



PATENT SAFETY REGISTERING BALLOT BOX. names of candidates, with blank spaces for recording the votes cast for each. After taking their oaths the clerks and superintendents appoint and swear in three supervisors, the duties of these su-

pervisors being to keep peace at the polls.

"The first duty of the supervisors is to measure, mark and rope off in the open air a space of fifty feet encircling the polls, and within this circle no person not an officer of the election is permitted to come, except for the purpose of voting, and then only one voter at a time. Each voter, after casting his vote, is required to retire beyond the prescribed limit. We use no ballots or boxes, and hence, of course, do not have secret voting. The voter steps up, names the can-didates for whom he wishes to vote, and

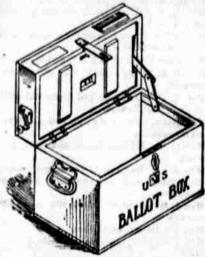
the clerks, after reading his name, tally one to the credit of each candidate must read off aloud the names of all the candidates for the various offices. The election officers are forbidden under penalty to seek to influence or bias voters. If any person present himself as a voter whom the officers suspect to be not qualified they must challenge his right, and he has then and there an opportunity to be sworn and give testimony, and also to offer other evidence. After both sides have been heard the superintendent must decide the question, and a list must be kept of all persons whose votes are challenged and finally accepted, and also of all who are challenged and not permitted to vote, with a statement showing the names of the candidates whom such voter would have voted for had he been given a chance.

"We have perfected order at our elecsummon to their assistance as many per-

sons as they may require to prevent any threatened breach of the peace. They must see that no intoxicating liquors are sold or drunk in the election district, though this part of the law gives little trouble, for intoxicating liquors are not trafficked in anywhere in our nation. Our laws severely punish all who attempt fraudulent voting, or bribery, or interference with the voters, or the conduct of the election, or tampering with the re-turns, or making of false entries on the rolls. If three or more persons conspire to disturb or break up an election, and attempt to do so with deadly weapons, they are deemed guilty of treason, and, on conviction, are sentenced to death by hanging.

"We have not a secret ballot," con-cluded the ex-chief, "and I am glad we have not. I cannot understand why a man should be ashamed to cast an open vote. It is the secret ballot that gives opportunities for corruption and bribery, and there is no bribery among the Chero-

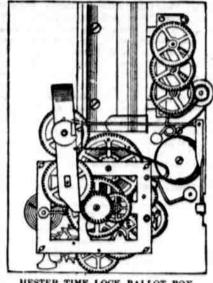
Nearly two hundred ballot boxes have been patented in the United States patent office. Only three or four of these patented devices were ever brought into actual use. Some of these ballot boxes are intricate and delicate mechanisms, while others are very simple. Some are as big as printing presses, while others look like rat traps. Among the latter is the box known as the New Jersey box, from the fact that the New Jersey legislature some time ago authorized the pur-chase of several thousand of its type. It is also used in Cincinnati and some other towns. The boxes cost \$25 each, but are warranted sure death to ballot box stuffing. They are about a foot and a half square, with sides of plate glass protected by heavy wire in such manner that even if the glass is shattered the wires hold the broken pieces in place. There are three locks on the box, two of them combination and one a plain lock. The combinations and key are divided among judges and clerks of opposing political parties, the mayor, county judge or other officials holding both combinations and a duplicate key. In use the voter hands his ballot to one of the judges, who inserts it in the



REGISTERING BALLOT BOX. opening while another judge turns the crank. As the ballot disappears a bell rings, and a printing mechanism marks the ballot with its number or other device in red ink, and the slip of paper then falls into the bottom of the box, where, with its predecessors, it is plainly visible. If on the count two ballots are found folded together, or a ballot thrown out as fraudulent, because the mechanism will mark but one ticket at a time, and that, of course, the outside one. As originally designed, this machine was intended to number the ballots consecutively, but that would not do for the reason that it destroys the secrecy of the ballot, inasmuch as comparison of the number of a ticket with the poll sheet would reveal the candidates for whom any given voter had cast his prefer-

Nearly all of the patented ballot boxes, or voting machines, as the patent office calls them, aim at similar results. The turning of a crank, marking or numbering of the ballot, ringing of a gong and detection of double voting are features common to the vast majority of them. Some novel mechanical methods are employed, and in a few the mechanism greatly resembles that of a town clock. Clocks are actually introduced in several machines, as in the invention of T. R. Hester, of Napa, Cal., whose device calls for an "auto-register signal time lock" on the compartment containing the ballots, and another similar time lock on the compartment containing the dial plates which record and exhibit the number of votes cast for each candidate.

W. P. Furnell, of Silver Hill, W. Va., patents a machine in which the names of all the candidates are placed on a con-



HESTER TIME LOCK BALLOT BOX. tinuous roll of paper. As each ballot is deposited the clerk "tallies" for each candidate voted for through an aperture, and as soon as this is done the tally sheet moves along out of sight and reach, so that no tallies can be erased or additional marks surreptitiously added.

A novel device is that patented by A. C. Carey, of Hoston. The ballots are automatically sewn together, end to end, and rolled upon a spool from which they are unwound to be counted. The beginning of the string is an election authoritions, the supervisors having power to zation document; then come the ballots, and finally, at the closing of the polls,

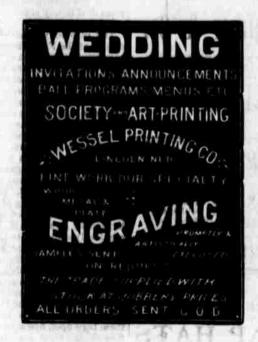


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