

Senator Going Found Guilty of Contempt.

Complete exoneration for L. B. Poindexter and stinging rebukes for Senator L. C. Going, J. W. Moseley and J. B. Freer were contained in an opinion handed down by the Supreme Court yesterday, finding the three latter appellees guilty of contempt of court and affirming the fines of \$50 imposed on each, but revoking the jail sentence of five days each.

Senator Going went to Walnut Ridge March 13, 1913, to act as attorney, for Wolf Benningfield, who was accused of first degree murder in the Lawrence Circuit Court. All the rooms in the only hotel were occupied, and Senator Going shared a room with L. B. Poindexter, another attorney for the defense.

Before he had become acquainted with the personnel of the jury, Senator Going invited J. W. Moseley, a juror, and J. B. Freer, the court bailiff, to take a drink of whiskey in his room. Later in the trial, Moseley and Freer voluntarily went to Senator Going's room and had another drink.

Mr. Poindexter, who swore he did not use liquor in any form and was opposed to its use by others, remonstrated when the juror and bailiff appeared at his room for a drink of Senator Going's whiskey. He was freed from blame by the Supreme Court and was not censured for failing to report the incident to the trial court.

Not so the others. The Supreme Court rebuked Senator Going, a state lawmaker, first in taking liquor into dry territory; and second, for permitting Moseley and Freer to drink from his bottle after he had become aware of their identity.

Moseley was rebuked for his conduct in drinking while a member of a trial jury and for his alleged declaration that he wasn't used to being penned up like cattle, and "was going to get another drink of whiskey."

Freer was reprimanded for permitting Moseley to go to Senator Going's room for a drink while the juror was in his custody.—Little Rock Gazette.

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