

Election fraud topic of concern

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during the casting of the ballots."

The next provision got right down to the bottom line — that of buying votes. It said, "We agree that no money, intoxicating liquors or other reward of any kind or character shall be used, paid or promised either directly or indirectly at any time during the campaign or on the day of the election or afterwards to any person, firm or corporation, to, in any manner or form corrupt or influence a voter or voters, either in casting their vote or to remain away from the polls . . ."

Other rules included in the agreement were that expenditures of candidates were limited to money used for poll-takers, printing, postage, poll book holders and challengers at the polls and that transportation to the precinct would be limited to persons with a "known physical disability."

When the Republicans were "dragging their feet" about signing the agreement, the *Courier* ran what amounted to an editorial on the front page on Oct. 20. "The (Republican) ring with its boodle will not succeed in overturning the will of the people. There can be no excuse offered that will be accepted by the honest voters of Bloomington for the failure to sign the agreement for a clean election. Why don't the Republican candidates sign?"

Next week: The political bickering continues.
