

his sworn duty, then the citizen should perform his ethical, civic, and political duty at the ballot box. It is wholly unethical and unwarranted to hold in contempt the office merely because of distrust for the man who happens to occupy that office."

### Flotsam and Jetsam.

**THE GROWTH OF PERJURY.**—The frequently remarked increase of perjury in the large cities of America appears to be paralleled in England. In a recent interview Judge Edge, of the County Court, is reported to have said: "False swearing in the witness box is rampant. It has always been bad, but I am inclined to think it is on the increase. Certainly it is far worse in London than in the country, for in the provincial towns the communities are smaller than in London; witnesses are well known and are in consequence more careful of what they say. Something should undoubtedly be done to stop this wholesale abuse." This condition is chargeable in large measure to the spread of education and the breaking down of old superstitions, particularly the fear of hell fire. Until education has proceeded far enough to build up a general appreciation of "right for right's sake," it is difficult to see where any efficient remedy is to come from unless the psychologists bring their lie-detecting machines to perfection.—*Et.*

From the following card one would judge that one Oklahoma lawyer at least is not suffering from business depression:

F. W. Temple, Attorney at Law, over Post Office, terribly busy, but come in anyway. I will be glad to see you. Idabel, Oklahoma.

**HAD A SUFFICIENT MOTIVE.**—According to the *Boston Transcript* a line of jurymen appeared in a Missouri court and every man explained that it would mean disaster to him to serve at that term of court—all but a little fellow at the tail end of the line. This man was a hunter and he had lived in a cabin on the creek all his life.

"You have no excuse to offer?" asked the surprised judge.

"No, sir."