

The Semi-Weekly Miner

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alleged election frauds. But when the cases came to trial (at this present term of court) it was found that the witnesses (who professed to know so much when before the Grand Jury) in reality knew nothing at all of a character damaging to the defendants. All of these cases were dismissed without going to the jury, as there was not a shadow of cause for action—those against Judge Tattan and Ed. Smith going by the board last week, and those against Messrs. Pippen and Rodgers being thrown out yesterday.

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HOW DO YOU TAKE YOUR BITTERS?

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The Iron Trade.

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