

PLAN RIPPED IN BUD

STANDPAT SCHEME TO BUY VOTES OF COLORED MINERS FOR HULL FAILED.

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After Negro Club Was Organized Whole Scheme Is Exposed and Meeting Breaks Up in a Row and a Rough House—Old Machine's Methods of Campaigning Revealed.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 8.—Now that the primary election is over and the telling of the story will not raise a suspicion that it was for the purpose of influencing votes it is worth while to tell somewhat in detail of an amusing incident that will illustrate very well how difficult it is to adapt old caucus methods to the primary system. It contains the materials also for a negro dialect novel of high grade and would be better for being told as told by the colored men involved.

About ten days ago word came to Prouty headquarters that a scheme had been laid to get a number of colored votes away from him. At Hawkeye, in Marion county, the colored miners are nearly all progressives. A colored man from Oskaloosa had come over and had invited the Hawkeye miners over to Evans for a barbecue Monday night. Evans was outside of the Seventh district. It was evident something was doing.

One day last week, as a part of the same scheme, a colored minister from Oskaloosa or some other town, appeared in Knoxville. He wanted to see the postmaster and he opened out the scheme. "Now we've got it all fixed," he said. "We'll have a big meeting in Hawkeye Friday night and we're going to organize to vote the whole camp for the standpatters. I'm to get \$300 for the stunt and we are going to pay \$3 each for about a dozen others."

Then he indiscreetly permitted his friend whom he supposed was the postmaster to copy the names of all of those who were to get \$3 each for helping in the "stunt."

Friday afternoon, Attorney J. B. Rush, colored, of Des Moines, appeared on the street at Hawkeye. Presently a big red auto drove in sight, with pompous soldiers in the rear seat. He circled round a few times and halted in front of the lawyer.

"Now, look here," said the auto visitor, "you're a professional man, and I'm a professional man, and about all we get out of it is what we pick up at election time. I've just been talking over the phone with the main guy up at Des Moines. I'm to get \$300 for this stunt, and I've fixed it so that if you'll just leave my meeting alone, I'll give \$100 waiting for you at Des Moines when you get there tomorrow. The stunt was properly pulled off and by the order of the 79 colored men present were enrolled in a club to vote for Hull and the whole standpat ticket. A secretary had been elected and everything was lovely. Attorney Kush, who had been present and said nothing, asked for a few words. He talked of issues for a time and then exposed the whole plot. He read the names of the fellows who were to get \$3 each and made them admit it was no. He told of the \$300 the "organizer" was to get and of the offer of \$100 for him if he would keep still. In part he obtained confirmation of his story thru the presence of the pastor of the local church in whom he had confided. He convinced the men he knew what he was talking about.

Then the secretary got up and tore up the list of members and vowed he was not a party to it. Then the usual "rough house" followed, and everybody got mad at everybody else. It was a great time in the mining camp, and the Oskaloosa man who rode in the big automobile was almost run out of town.

The exposure of the scheme also spoiled the barbecue plan for taking the miners out of the district. And that is one way which the old organization has of attempting to maintain control of affairs in Iowa. It is one of the ways which the primary was intended to drive out of existence.

It seems probable that as the result of the report upon the Great Mountain rail wreck by the railroad commission there will be legislation in Iowa looking to securing greater safety of travel in this state. The suggestion of the commission that the attention of those interested has been given too much to rights rather than to safety is one which is not especially new but it has not had any such an illustration before as this one. All the roads in Iowa are inspected officially by the railroad commission but power of compelling improvements is limited. There are few regulations as to making up trains or other details which have ever been suggested in Iowa. Beyond question the legislature will be asked to do something along this line.

Des Moines is preparing for a very elaborate event at the laying of the corner stone of the new city hall. There will be a number of speakers who will tell how they helped to establish a new system of city government. The hall itself is going to be an unusually fine building. It will be located on the east bank of the river in about as inconvenient place as well could have been selected for a city building, but it will be conspicuous in its solitude. The construction work is being done under direction of John MacVicar, which is a guaranty of its being well done.

A PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION. Cummins and Dooliver's Friends Will Dictate Party Platform. Des Moines, June 8.—Progressive republicans came out of the primary elections in Iowa certain that they have won substantial victories. They undoubtedly have gained control of the state convention which meets Aug. 3, and will be able to pass resolutions condemning the senators and other insurgents of the Iowa delegation in congress. While it is not yet certain that they have nominated Warren Garst for governor over B. F. Carroll, the incumbent, whose plea of

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Webster City, June 8.—W. J. Zitner, John G. Sullivan and Fred Cash, appointed as a committee to solicit funds to assist L. S. Bunker to rebuild the kitchen cabinet factory recently destroyed by fire, met with early success yesterday. They started out to raise \$1,000 and had the money all subscribed before stopping last night. They found the people ready to respond and were really surprised with the readiness with which money was subscribed.

Mr. Bunker's woodwork factory was totally destroyed by fire a few weeks ago and as he had but \$700 insurance was unable to rebuild without financial assistance. He stated to friends that he would erect a cement block factory and put in ample machinery to handle the work of the factory if the people would furnish \$1,000 temporarily. Mr. Bunker agreeing to pay back every cent subscribed, and there is scarcely a doubt but that he will do it.

Interurban Election. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, June 8.—The Iowa City & Ottumwa Interurban Railway Company held its annual election of directors here today. The board selected embrace the following prominent Iowans: Mal T. P. Spillman, Ottumwa; F. W. Simmons, Ottumwa; W. T. Hamilton, Wellman; L. G. Shaver, Kalona; Frank Tanner, D. T. Davis, M. O'Reilly, Dr. S. J. Smith and Roscoe Wilson, all of Iowa City; D. C. Peterson, Pierre, S. D.; and J. W. Stewart, Keota, Iowa.

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SURPRISE FOR THE BARBER

Wielder of Razor Had No Idea How Many Strokes of Implement Were Necessary.

The barber was just about to lean over and ask the customer in a low whisper if he didn't want a facial "massage." But the customer forestalled him by looking up suddenly and asking a question himself. "How many strokes of the razor are required in shaving the average man—or, rather, how many strokes do you make in shaving me, for instance?" "O, I dunno," replied the barber. "Never thought of it." "But you must have some rough idea. You've been in the business a good many years, I take it." "Yes, about nine years." "Well, how many strokes do you think it takes?" "O, mebbe 150—or 175; not more'n that." "You're wrong," laughed the customer. "Some time ago I fell into the habit of counting the razor strokes when I'm being shaved, just as a means of resting my mind; you can't think about your business when you're counting the short, quick strokes of a razor. So I've got to be something of an authority on the subject. Counting it as a stroke every time the razor is moved forward and drawn back again, it takes between 600 and 700 strokes as a rule—that is on my face it does—my beard's pretty tough. Of course, when I shave myself with a safety razor it doesn't take anything like as many because you can cover more facial territory at a single stroke. I have been shaved in a barber chair with as few as 500 strokes, but as a rule it is nearer 700. Kind of surprises you, doesn't it?" "It sure does," says the barber.

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they were entitled to live for ever after in the country, he sent them to his stock farm, but to his surprise they lost flesh and gave other indications of sadly missing the old routine, so that he had them brought back to easy routine work on aqueduct and subway. It is estimated that the humane and intelligent treatment gives these animals up to the beginning of this year has netted their owner in service the equivalent of \$13,500, and this is certainly a telling economic argument for kindness.—Vogue.

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A story about Robert Louis Stevenson not generally known is told by Mrs. Stevenson's grandson, Austin Strong. When Mr. Strong was a little chap Mr. Stevenson liked to sit propped up in bed to watch him at play in the next room. And often it happened that the bigger boy of the two would make suggestions for the make-believe games and insist that they be carried on, too. One day Austin had arranged some chairs in a row, playing that they were ships, and he, standing on the front was the captain. For a long time he proudly walked the deck of his vessel, encountered pirates and weathered all kinds of storms until he felt the floor positively heave under his feet. Mr. Stevenson looked on in perfect silence, but completely absorbed, no doubt playing the whole thing much harder of the two. Finally Austin got tired of his vessel, climbed off his chair and began walking across the room to some object which had attracted his interest. This was too much for his uncle.