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RUN BY THE RING.

The Thomas Faction Organizes the City Delegation.

FRUITLESS EFFORT TO STEM TIDE.

Get Goes Down Kicking to the Last—Foss Tells What Would Have Happened Had Some Things Been Known—The Test of Strength—Saturday Night's Caucus.

The Thomas ring completed its victory in Rock Island Saturday night by organizing the republican city delegation to tomorrow's county convention to suit itself. There was a protest against the action, but it was unavailing. Ex-Congressman W. H. Gest, who hates the drug store as deeply as mortal man can detest anything, kicked with all the energy and vehemence he possesses against the inevitable. Ald. Foss told what would have happened had it been known a few days before what was going on. There were cries of "treachery," "snap politics," etc., but the crowd merely grinned and went on with the slaughter. It was Thomas' time to win, and as "Big Bill" Edwards said, as he stood up and rolled his eyes and looked wise, "every man has his time; now, you who do not believe this keep still, and we'll show you a trick or two."

The caucus was held in the supervisors' room at the court house, and there were no absentees among the delegates who had the credentials of admittance to the significant assemblage.

Beginning of the Fun. When the several delegations got seated in the little room, Chairman R. A. Donaldson mounted the rostrum and told them to be easy. Someone proposed Henry Carse for chairman and he was unanimously elected. So was C. F. Lynde for secretary. Then the chairman announced that the first business the meeting would have to transact was to select a delegate at large.

William Edwards proposed the name of Dr. C. Bernhardt, and F. C. Hemenway, J. L. Haas, and F. C. Hemenway, J. L. Haas, it was suggested by Hon. W. H. Gest that in order to expedite matters the ballot idea be dispensed with and the vote be taken by roll call, the delegates being expected to vote for none other than those placed in nomination. That was a pretty good scheme and the meeting agreed to give it a trial. The ballot was a formal one and elected Dr. Bernhardt by a vote of 51 to 16 for Haas.

During the voting C. W. Foss was caught in one of his wholesale steering acts, very much to the gratification of the Thomas faction, which by this time had shown that the other side was very much in the minority. The Fifth and Sixth wards voted solid for Bernhardt. When it came to the Seventh Foss, the self-asserted head and front of the delegation, announced that it would cast a dozen votes straight for Haas. J. K. Scott, who was a member of the delegation, protested against one man casting the entire vote without first ascertaining whether all of the delegates were agreeable. So the chairman was asked to call each name separately. The consequence was that Mr. Scott and four others supported Dr. Bernhardt. That he should fall so early in the game angered Foss very much. He was noticeably confused. But he didn't let up.

Battle for Committeemen. Then came the battle for township committeemen. William Edwards nominated T. H. Thomas and William Baker and W. H. Gest named S. J. Collins and C. W. Foss.

The roll call scheme was again followed in voting and the formal ballot resulted in the election of the Thomas candidates by this vote: Thomas, 48; Baker, 51; Foss, 18; Collins, 15.

The Collins faction had become pretty warm under the collar by this time and when the nomination of delegates to serve on the various committees in the county convention came, the boiling sentiment which had been smothered about as long as possible in the bosoms of the Collins faction leaders burst forth and there was a wrangle which only had an equal in some of the caucus meetings which the republicans have been holding of late. Ald. Fred Gall moved that the delegates be named by the chairman. W. H. Gest was opposed to this. He was interrupted during his talk by other delegates with ideas of their own. The ex-congressman was about ready to explode anyhow, and so he started:

"I shall so long as I live insist on the rights of the minority. We have a right to express our views here and I demand that we be heard. I understand there is an agreement among the men on the other side to vote down everything we propose. I know that to be a fact. I have been long enough in politics to understand these little games. But gentlemen, it is not fair; it is not republican."

Mr. Gest's amendment to Mr. Gall's motion that the convention delegates be chosen by roll call was then voted down. Then Maj. J. M. Beardsley begged leave to be heard, and walking out into the middle of the floor said in reply to Mr. Gest:

MAJ. BEARDSLEY'S ANSWER. "I never consider myself in the minority, but whenever my feelings lean in that direction I have sense enough to fall in with the majority. I have also heard of other meetings and of schemes that were being concocted. Yes, indeed, and when the squeeze comes, don't squeal."

C. W. Foss was on his feet in an instant, but simply said: "If it was known yesterday what was really

going to be carried out here this caucus would have a different complexion."

Then the original motion was called for and carried and Chairman Carse made these appointments:

J. K. Scott and James McGarvey, to choose state delegates; C. F. Lynde and William Jackson, to choose legislative delegates; Walter Johnson and Maj. J. M. Beardsley, on resolutions.

Mr. Gest was named as one of the latter committeemen, but declined, and Maj. J. M. Beardsley was substituted.

Mr. Carse was then elected to act as chairman of the Rock Island delegation in the convention and the caucus adjourned.

The Moline delegation will this evening elect a delegate at large and may decide to come down as a unit for W. F. Eastman for chairman of the county committee, and this will add new perplexities to the situation, as it may aid the Collins crowd, which is still vindictively exerting itself to sidetrack the push in accomplishing its desire. Indeed, inasmuch as it has been the custom of the Collins influence this spring to force upon the party nominees repudiated by their own localities, as shown in the two candidates for assistant supervisors, the same course may be followed in this instance when the county districts are to be heard from.

The Thomas push declares, however, that its original purpose was merely to assert its strength in Rock Island and that it has done this—but that if it wants anything else it will go after it. The Collins crowd says that it will see that nothing more comes the Thomas way.

Tomorrow the battle royal will occur, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning at Harper's theatre.

THE VOTES ARE COUNTED.

Town Board Canvasers Returns of the Late Election. Votes cast at the recent election were officially counted by the town board Saturday afternoon at City Clerk Huesing's office. Members of the board present beside the clerk were Supervisor William Rinck, Assessor J. L. Freeman and Collector William Baker. The vote as canvassed shows:

SUPERVISOR.	
Kuehmann, d.	1412
Rinck, F.	1413
Chapman, P.	107
ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS.	
Kinner, d.	1508
Rosenfield, d.	1243
Gahagen, T.	1173
Quayle, R.	1508
Davis, P.	118
Kerr, P.	119
ASSESSOR.	
Schlemmer, d.	1492
Freeman, F.	1421
Kerr, P.	121
COLLECTOR.	
Detiens, d.	1274
Kroeger, F.	1308

The official count places Rinck's plurality at 271, while Kinner runs ahead of both the republican candidates for assistant supervisors, beating Gahagen by 183 and Quayle by 60, while Rosenfield, democrat, defeated Gahagen by 18 votes. Freeman's plurality is 129 and Kroeger's 134.

River Riplets. The boats up and down were the Prescott and Verne Swain.

The E. E. Rutledge came down with the first raft of the season yesterday.

The George M. Waters will be withdrawn as a packet in the short trade between this city and Clinton.

The stage of water at the Rock Island bridge at noon was 1.30 and rising; the temperature 72.

The new ferry, the J. F. Gage, is captained by the old-time Skipper Henderson with Sheldon Ruby as pilot and Rob Solomon as engineer. Of the Augusta, B. F. Robinson is captain, A. LeClaire pilot, and George Haikes engineer.

None of the Diamond Jo packets have ventured further than Burlington this season owing to the low stage of the water. The Pittsburgh comes to that point once a week and connects with the W. J. Young for St. Louis business.

Capt. John McCaffrey, of Davenport, has purchased the Mary Morton, formerly owned by the Diamond Jo company. The old packet is now at Cairo in the lower part of the state, and Capt. McCaffrey has gone thither to bring her north. The Morton is a large boat and will be put in the excursion business this season.

The new steamer, R. D. Kendall, was launched Saturday at Whitney's boat yards with fitting ceremony. About one hundred citizens of Rock Island and Davenport, chaperoned by Parser E. W. Baker, went down to witness the launching, the steamer Belcher and barge Venezuela, Capt. W. B. Gillette and Pilot George Rebenner being at the disposal of the citizens. The excursion proved a pleasant one and the trip was enlivened by mandolin and vocal music.

Home-seekers' Excursions. April 21 and May 5 the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company will sell tickets at very low rates to points in Missouri, Kansas and Texas. For particulars address H. A. CHERRIES, 316 Marquette Bldg., Chicago.

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BRIEF MENTION.

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Paul Kirsch returned today from a trip to St. Louis.

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The Y. M. C. A. will have its annual election Tuesday evening.

For a pure, sweet cigarette, try the latest—Sweet Moments. None better.

Gilpin Moore and wife have returned from their California wedding trip.

The Marie Wellesley company concluded an 8-night engagement at Harper's theatre last evening.

Young & McCombs' fancy dress gingham, worth 9 cents and 10 cents, while they last 5 cents and 6 cents.

Davenport is to hold a mass meeting to adopt measures looking to the relief of the religiously persecuted Armenians.

The delightful musical comedy, "A Turkish Bath," will be presented at Harper's theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

Rev. Jesse Woods, of Peoria, state president of the Afro-American Protective league, lectures at the Masonic temple Wednesday evening.

Owing to the large demand for tickets the entertainment and dance to be given by May Flower camp, R. N. A., will be held in Armory ball Tuesday evening, instead of Workmen hall.

Fifteen dollars cash given away. That's what you do when you put \$100 into any wheel with the Majestic at \$85. Sold by Charles Wolff, Eighteenth street. Repairing and bicycle sundries.

C. E. Biddison arrived yesterday to attend the funeral of his little daughter, Grace, which occurred this afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schaab on Third avenue. Rev. Ira W. Allen, of the Central Presbyterian church, officiated. The remains were laid to rest in Riverside cemetery, in Moline, beside those of the child's mother.

In 1870, says the Bushnell Record, Bushnell township bonded itself for \$50,000 to aid in securing the R. R. I. & St. Louis division of the C. B. & Q. Since that time there has been paid in interest alone the sum of \$96,800 and \$41,000 of the original debt is still unpaid. Five thousand dollars of the bonds have been paid, and the money is ready to pay \$4,000 more. In principal and interest the township is likely to pay something like \$175,000 for the rare privilege of being bisected by a railroad which was eventually swallowed up by its greatest rival.

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