

Gov. *Pratt*. We have his opinion.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Did you or not pay money to different persons to go around and bring up persons to that meeting?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. To persons to attend them?

Answer. No, sir not for that purpose I did not.

Question. You did not employ any one to get the people to go there?

Answer. I did ask a number of my friends to interest themselves to have as large a force as possible there to vote down the resolutions.

Question. Did you not pay them?

Answer. No, sir; not for that purpose.

Question. Did you not pay or give money to persons for their services in procuring the attendance of persons there?

Answer. I did not, except in one instance. I told a party to hire a horse and wagon and go around to parties, and if he could get persons to go I would compensate him.

Question. Who was that person?

Answer. Mr. ——— in my office.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. To whom was he to go?

Answer. To any persons he could get.

By the *Chairman*. Question. Did you mention any club, or the leaders of any club?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Or men identified with any club?

Answer. No sir; unless you call members of the American party identified with the clubs.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Were there not a number of members of clubs there?

Answer. Yes, sir; I believe so; on the part of those who originally called the meeting. And I was informed that the meeting was broken up by persons who were called there, sympathising with the three cent party. I was not there.

Question. The meeting was broken up by men who called it?

Answer. I say I was informed.

Mr. *Turner*. That is not testimony, as you do not know it.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. Did you or not give Mr. *Wardell* \$10 for his services upon that occasion?

Answer. Not for that purpose.

Question. For what purpose?

Answer. It was not at that time or for that purpose; I do not recollect what the purpose was.

Question. Did you not give it to him on that night?

Answer. No, sir; I recollect having loaned him money at different times. He has very frequently come to me to borrow money, and that was in the light of a loan.

Question. Do you know by whom the book containing the subscriptions of stock was abstracted from the office on the day the subscriptions were made?

Answer. I have no knowledge other than that Mr. *Travers* has