

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Is not Mr. Clark a native of Maryland?

Answer. I think not.

By Mr. *Hambleton*. You said you believed all these bills were to be sold to foreign corporations?

Answer. Yes, sir, I was told so by the parties; they said they were not able themselves to build the road.

Question. Did they say from where the money was to come?

Answer. They did not; they said they were responsible, reliable men.

Question. There was a bill pending for three cents?

Answer. No, sir, I did not say so. It was attempted to be offered, but could not be received after the bill got on its final passage. Three propositions had been entertained, and, according to the rules of order, we could go no farther.

Question. Did you or not have reason to believe that if the bill proposing five or four cents was voted down, the three cent bill would be offered?

Answer. No, sir, I never heard of it till that moment. Montague came several times in the first stage of the proceedings, and put his hand on my shoulder and said, "Uncle Bill, I want to see if you can't give us your support on the Barnum project."

Question. Did that bill come back to the City Council with the veto of the Mayor?

Answer. Yes, sir, the Mayor said he would not consent to it under five cents fare—four cents to the parties and one cent to the city for public improvements.

Question. Then while you were convinced it was not possible to run cars at four cents, you were convinced they could be run at five cents?

Answer. I did not say so.

Question. Give us your opinion.

Answer. I was satisfied to give the grant to any party whatever, if they thought they could afford to run the cars at four cents; they said they could.

Question. When the bill came back with the veto, did you not know Barnum held in his hand a bill offering to run them at three cents?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did not you know it was before the City Council?

Answer. Not till Montague offered it.

Question. Could not you vote down the five cent bill and substitute the three cent bill?

Answer. We could.

Question. Why did'nt you?

Answer. Because, as I have already told you, I believed they could not carry it out.

Question. Didn't you tell us that the Travers party were going to assign their bill?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. And that you would give it to any body who would run for the less price?

Answer. I told you no such thing.

Question. At the time Carter approached you on this matter, did you refer him to any of your friends for aid?

Answer. Carter asked me if I would give him my support; I told him anything I could do honorably and consistently as a friend, I would do for him. Then, says he, "Can you tell me who I can go to?" I suppose he must have asked me a dozen times about that same bill. I said to him, "I do not know; you can go, for instance, to Thompson; he has a great deal of acquaintance around the Council, and is Secretary to the Mayor." My feeling was to serve him as a personal friend, because we had served the summer before as assessors.