

a few minutes the convention was called to order. Scott, as prearranged, was made chairman. Christy was nominated by one of the anti-ring delegates, and instantly the carpet-baggers Dockray, Jenkins, and Cheney presented the name of Scott as Christy's opponent, as agreed upon before. The anti-ring delegates were astonished, and rushed to Scott to have him withdraw his name, but he did not seem to understand what they meant. Balloting commenced, and resulted in the nomination of Christy by a large majority, but Scott ruled that the resolution was unintelligible, and ordered a new ballot, which was had, and again Christy received a large majority. Some informalities, which Scott contended compelled him to rule that the first ballot was unintelligible, happened this time all right, but he ruled just the opposite to what he did before, so that a third ballot was ordered, which again resulted in the nomination of Christy. The ring now gave up the ghost and abandoned their proposition. Scott and Dan McInnis (both colored) were nominated for the Assembly.

The ring, expecting that they would have Scott to deal with, when it turned out that they had Christy, hesitated for a while to attempt to defraud him at the ballot box, and invented another plan, and that was to get Jenkins to the lower house, which would give him influence to be returned to the Legislature two years hence, and also to lead in the impeachment of Harrison Reed. A few days after the convention one of Osborn's friends said to Dan McInnis, 'McInnis, I am authorized by Colonel Osborn to say to you that if you will simply withdraw from your place on the Legislative ticket and let Jenkins go in your place, he will give you five thousand dollars, and give you also the regular pay; we do not ask you to take an active part in his favor.' McInnis replied, 'Tell Osborn to go to h—l with his money; I have my trade to make my living from'. Having failed to defeat the will of the majority in these two efforts, they resorted to the Democrats for success. They entered into an arrangement with H. H. Hoeg and Miles Price, who were ambitious for Legislative honors, and members of the Democratic party, Hoeg and Price being backed by a very small minority of the Democrats of the county in the arrangement, to the effect that a ticket with Horatio Jenkins, Jr., for Senator, and H. H. Hoeg and Miles Price for the Assembly, should be run in opposition to the regular Republican ticket, Hoeg and Price to furnish the money to run the campaign, except \$1000, which Jenkins was to contribute, which, according to the statement afterwards of Hoeg's accountant, they did to over \$4000. The Democrats, on the day of the election, pretty much all voted for Christy, as did the (conservative) Republicans; and according to the count, Christy, Scott and McInnis were elected by more than two-thirds vote of the county. The county board of canvassers (judge of probate, clerk, and a justice), after throwing out irregularities, etc., certified to the Secretary of State that the Christy ticket was elected by 825 majority. The day of the election, the ring, with what following they could muster, went down to Yellow