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A clipping from an historic newspaper, "Daily Alta California, August 14, 1870 issue, San Francisco.

On the front page is an interesting article entitled: "How Negroes Voted in Kentucky." The article reads, in part: *"...The city election was a mere farce and fraud. The colored voters were obstructed in every possible way from voting, and after remaining at the polls nearly all day, with few admitted to suffrage, about two hundred of them left the polls in a body and went satisfied that no free election was to be held. Out of over six hundred registered Republican voters in the city only one hundred and sixty-six were allowed to vote..."*

pass without rebuke or comment?

### How Negroes Voted in Kentucky.

The following telegraphic despatches to Chicago newspapers show how the negroes were treated at the late election in Kentucky:

FRANKFORT, August 2d.—The city election was a mere farce and fraud. The colored voters were obstructed in every possible way from voting, and after remaining at the polls nearly all day, with few admitted to suffrage, about two hundred of them left the polls in a body and went home, satisfied that no free election was to be held. Out of over six hundred registered Republican voters in the city only one hundred and sixty-six were allowed to vote. Many of the white Republicans refused to go to the polls when they found that no equal privileges were offered them. Every colored voter was closely questioned, and, when possible, excluded. No such election was ever held in the city before, and it is to be hoped it never will be again. Even some of the Democrats express disgust at the manner in which the city election was conducted.

LEXINGTON, August 2d.—The definite result in this city and county we cannot give positively. The latest Democratic report is a claim of 18 aggregate majority for their ticket. In the city the Radical majority is 305, the county precincts having given an aggregate Democratic majority of 325 (as reported.) It is certainly very close, and upon an accurate count we may have elected a portion, if not all of our ticket.

The Democrats had charge of the precincts in this city, and they exercised all their ingenuity to keep the Republican voters from the polls. We have no doubt that not less than 1,000 Republican voters failed to get in their votes yesterday. They were annoyed and delayed in every way possible.

From the very beginning of the election the negroes had every impediment thrown in the way of casting their full strength, by a system of challenging, swearing, questioning, etc. For instance: "What is your name?" "Adam Johnson, sir." "What is your name?" "Adam Johnson, sir." "Did you say Adam Johnson?" "Yes, sir—same question being put three times. Again: "How old are you?" "Twenty-three, sir." "Where do you live?" "Greentown." "How long have you lived there?" "Six months." "Not so," said a voice; "he lived with me a year." Re-questioned, sworn, a clear statement given as to where and how long he lived, and with whom he lived; then he is allowed to vote. Again: "How old are you?" "How do you know?" Vote challenged; sworn; swears to his age. "How do you know?" "Can prove it by my mother." "Well, you must bring your mother to prove it. Stand aside." Another case: Voter presents himself, who owes the Judge a small debt; time occupied in congratulations from the Judge, and questions about the debt, and about paying it, etc. Again: "Your name?" "Samuel Jackson, sir." "Any kin to Andrew Jackson? Are you married?" "No, sir." "You want to be, don't you?" "No, sir." "Have you voted anywhere else?" "No, sir; that is the reason I am here." Again: "Are you married?" "No, sir." "How many children have you?" And I heard of one instance where the Judge asked the voter how many children his wife had before she was married. These are samples which might be added to numerous; they only serve to show the spirit which governed the Judges all day long. Many of them occurred under my own observation; others are just as well authenticated. All this and more, while voters were pressing to the polls, clamoring for the privilege, and kept from voting by the hundreds, while time was being uselessly consumed by the Judges. At last the fatal hour of seven arrived; promptly the polls were closed, cutting off some five or six hundred voters who were anxious to vote. For an instant they were disposed to complain, but at the suggestion of their true friends a meeting was immediately called of those who were waiting in the Court House yard, the Court House being one of the voting places, and who had failed to get a chance to vote. Immediately they fell into line, and had their names enrolled to the number of one hundred and seventy-five.

The same thing was done elsewhere, and this will be one of the grounds on which a petition will be presented to the proper court to set the election aside, or else give the offices to those who claim and are justly entitled to them.

### THE EUROPEAN WAR.

"There onst was two cats in Kilkenny  
And sich thought there was one cat too many:  
So they quareled and fr.  
And they gonged, and they bit,  
Till, excepting their tails and the tips of their nails,  
Instead of two cats there warn't any."

—A young lady at Long Branch said the other day: "I think I have had as much as I can do with husbands by putting on a bathing dress, and I'll