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A VALUABLE NICKEL.

How Uncle Mose Made a Few Dollars with a Nickel.

One of the most remarkable peculiarities of the African race, developed since emancipation, is the facility with which they dropped into politics. The emancipated African takes to politics as naturally as a duck does to water. Not only do such representatives of the race as Fred Douglass, Pinchback and others understand how to press their claims, but the most ignorant darkey can develop a keenness at a political bargain that disgusts the average white candidate, who is trying to obtain their votes without giving any adequate equivalent.

Uncle Moses, of Austin, Texas, who is president of the "Rising Sons of Liberty," and who also whitewashes fences, chops wood and preaches during the season of po-litical inactivity, is taking a lively interest in the coming municipal contest. At all events he does not

propose to work for any candidate unless he is properly paid in advance. He dropped into the office of a prominent candidate and was cor-dially welcomed. The "Rising Sons of Liberty" poll fifty votes, are well disciplined and well organized. They vote solid when they do vote, and they vote as often as any other organization in Austin, or as often as they can with safety, hence there was a great deal of firmness and cordiality in the candidate's grip of the old man's "pickers and stealers," when the latter said :-

"I has come to you for some advice, kurnel, as I don't know nothin' about pollytics. We cullud people ain't fit, nohow, to mix up in politics. We gets led astray so much by dese pelitical demigods and tricksters." "Why, Uncle Mose, I look upon

you as one of the most intelligent and shrewdest statesmen of your race. I can learn from you," re-plied the candidate blandly. The old man shook his head deprecatingly and, producing a nickel

"Kurnel, how much am a nickel wuff?

"Ha! ha! ha! very good. I have always said there is more genuine humor in the African race than in any other," replied the colonel with counterfeited hilarity. "But, Boss, how much is it wuff? I'se not jokin'."

"Five cents, I suppose."

"Jess 'zamine dat ar coin, boss, an' lemme know hits cash value." The candidate took the coin, ex-amined and returned it with the remark that it was not worth anything,

as it was a bad nickel.
"But s'posin' I controls fifty votes
ob de 'Risin' Sons ob Liberty?'" "A most worthy organization, but what has that to do with the nickel?" "But s'pozin' I was ter tell dem

cullured voters dat a prominent can-didate had cheated dis old niggah wid dat nickel?" "Who was it?" asked the candi-

date. "Was it my opponent?"
"Nebber mind, boss; I'se huntin'
for informashun now. S'posin' I
was to tell em one ob the candidates
had gub me dat lead nickel, instead ob a legal nickel? Does yer s'pos de cullered voters would vote for dat ar tricky canderdate?"
The candidate looked worried and again asked the name of the fiendish

candidate who had thus deceived so prominent and worthy a representative of the colored race.

"As Noah said unto David, 'thou art de man,'" said Mose. "You gub me dat ar nickel in de change fur whitewashin' yore fence. I'se done work fur all de odder candidates Capitol Flour,

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Salem (Oc.) Capitol Flour Mills Co. am gwine ter be?"

The Caucasian statesman rested The Caucasian statesman rested his massive brow on his hand and thought and thought. He was wondering to what extent did un-cle Mose propose to blackmail him. "Hit's gettin' late and dar am a buzness meetin' ob de 'Risin' Sons

"Hit's gettin' late and dar am a buzness meetin' ob de 'Risin' Sons ob Liberty' dis ebenin'," said uncle Mose, picking up his hat.

The white statesman wrote in a bold, round hand \$50 on a blotting pad and pushed it across the table. The old man took the pencil and changed the \$50 to \$100, remarking \$100 was the lowest figure for which he would condone the treachery.

"They will not support any other candidate" inquired the candidate, "if I pay you this money?"

"Does I look like a deceptive, on-reliable niggah? Does I look like a fictitious culled man? No, sah. I'll stand by yer, and de 'Risin' Sons' will rally round yer like a brudder. Jess shell out de money and you is jess as good as elected already."

The money was paid over, the candidate saying with a sigh and wink:—

"This is my contribution to establish a school in your ward. I want to see the colored men more intelligent. You are liable to be deceived by designing white men, uncle Mose."

"I hope so, too."

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"We needs schools powerful bad, bekase we is ignorant and liable to be tuck in by designing bad men," said uncle Mose as he tied up the money in his handkerchief.

"But now give me that nickel; I want to keep it as a kind of souvenir."

"Heah it am, kurnel. I hain't

got no more use for hit. You is de las' candidate I has been ter see about dat ar nickel. I has done cleared more den \$300 wid dat lead nickel. All de udder three candidates has done paid up dar assessments. Heah! Heah!" And the old scoundrel went off into one of his indescribable guffaws.

When he got outside, however, he said to himself:—
"I knows dat all de candidates is in de habit ob palmin' off lead nick-els on neah-sighted ole niggahs, and ef I don't look out dey will fool me. I tells yer de candidate, black or white, won't do to tie to, but all de

green dey find in dis niggah's eye ain't gwine ter pay em ter harvest. What a blessin' dis heah right of suffrage am to de culled race."-

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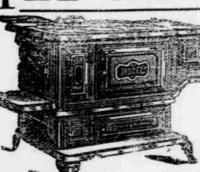
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