
The Decatur Election.

A day or two since Decatur had a sensation in the shape of a municipal election, which created considerable excitement in that town, owing to the fact that there were two negroes who had put themselves before the people as candidates for election to the council of Decatur.

There was one full ticket before the people and a number of independent candidates, who were willing to serve the town as members of council. The polls opened in the morning at 7 o'clock and closed at the usual hour in the afternoon. During the day there was a great deal of excitement, and nothing but politics was talked of. The negroes gathered their forces together, and threw their entire weight and influence in favor of the colored candidates.

When the votes had been counted it was found that the total number of persons who had voted was two hundred. Of this number, the negroes had received fifty votes each, and the full board who were elected had received nearly one hundred each.

This was the first time that the colored people of Decatur had put forth negroes as candidates for election to any office, and it is thought that the defeat which they met with in this instance has settled the matter for all time to come.

One thing was plainly visible to them--the white people showed by their action that negroes are not wanted as members of the town council of Decatur.