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## Rocked the Preacher

"Rev." W. M. Stone, pastor of the colored Methodist churches at Weston and Platte City, has failed in a marked degree to get along smoothly with his congregation, at either place. It is reported that this belligerent servant of the Lord has even found it necessary to carry a shot gun on his preaching dates and at times to break open the church doors to reach his pulpit.

So strong did the dislike of some of the colored folks of Weston for the reverend grow, that they proceeded to run him out of town, first bombarding his residence with rocks and breaking all the windows in said domicile. It was then that the sheriff entered the wild west drama and five of the preacher's antagonists were placed under arrest. At their trial before a justice in Weston Harry Vaugn, Richard Fields, Lloyd Kelley and Pete Brown each received a fine of $200 and six months in the county jail, while Ira Kelley received only a $200 fine, which he is endeavoring to pay to keep him out of jail.

At the trial some little excitement was caused by an objection on the part of some colored person, when the attorneys referred to the defendants as "Niggers," and for a time a small race riot seemed probable. But the negroes took a second and wiser thought and things quieted down.

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