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The scenes and doings incident to elections and caucuses in the local area this year have been disgraceful in the extreme. No doubt we are no worse off than many other places but that fact is no excuse for our tolerating the evil. At every election there circulates an army of blood-sucking human leeches who hang around the candidates extorting money and beer. It is getting so that an election is a mercenary transaction with a few locals, who for a certain price, agree to deliver a certain number of votes. This man gets a wad that man gets a wad and pretty soon they are all getting wads from both sides and none knows where they are at. We need more stringent election laws which will be enforced especially for districts that have a floating population. Also the office seekers should wake up to the fact that they are a lot of suckers who are being worked by a few knaves.