

gave the Reformers a place on the right hand of the judges, assigning the left, to the other side ; as soon, however, as the polls were opened, the arrangement was disregarded by members of the American party ; some of them filled the gangway, so as to render the approach to the polls inconvenient, and were rude and turbulent ; and one or two of them came over to our side of the window, and occupied the position which had been assigned to us, the Reformers ; at this time, and in fact, before the polls were opened, the third judge, Mr. Hinesly, had taken his position inside of the window, and he received the votes.

When I found that the arrangement I have spoken of, was disregarded, and that confusion had commenced, and violence appeared to me to be imminent, I appealed several times to the judges, requesting them earnestly to maintain the arrangement which had been agreed on ; not the slightest notice was taken of my appeals, and no effort was made by the judges to restore order ; the crowding continued and increased : in about half an hour, there was a violent jostling, and I think some blows were struck ; immediately after this, a volley of bricks came from the American party, and also shots from firearms ; the gentleman standing next to me was Mr. Robert D. Fisher ; we were both on the pavement, on our side of the window and near it ; he was struck with a brick in his stomach ; he gave no provocation whatever ; the Reformers retreated to Fayette Street ; I went round the corner of Fayette Street, and took my stand inside of a door on the south side of Fayette Street, east of Holliday Street ; I saw opposite the door of Dr. White's old residence, a struggle between several persons, whom I did not distinctly recognize, but I believe that James Jeffers was one of them ; I saw Robert Fisher stand at the point where Holliday Street meets Fayette, about the middle of the street, and fire his pistol in the direction of Baltimore Street ; I am not sure whether he fired twice or only once ; a police officer, who approached from the direction of the Mayor's office, arrested Mr. Fisher, and took him down to the station house ; I accompanied them for the purpose of bailing him. On reaching the station house, Fisher was put in the lock-up, and there was no justice there to take bail ; a justice was sent for, more than once, but none could be procured ; I went with Mr. John Morris to the acting Mayor, Mr. Spicer, but he declined to go down to take the bail, on the ground that he had not time ; I returned to the station house, and a longer delay occurred, and at last Mr. Spicer, the acting Mayor, came to the station, and I gave bail for Mr. Fisher and for Mr. Thomas H. Morris ; no person was arrested at the tenth ward for the occurrences of which I have spoken, except Mr. Fisher ; while I was at the station house, no persons were arrested or brought there under arrest, except one or two who were members, as I ascertained, of the Reform party ; after bailing Mr. Fisher, he went, with my approbation, towards his home ; I returned to the