

voters. Still there are 137 more votes returned at the State election than at the Municipal, and while Carroll gains 213, Harris loses 66. Thus the Reform majority of 97 at the Municipal election is wiped out at the State election, and a Democratic majority of 172 rolled up.

There was a change of election officials between the two elections. Evidently Deputy Marshal Frey's inquiries, were satisfactorily answered, for the new hand at the bellows knew how to make the fire burn.

In the third precinct of the same ward we find an increase of votes at the State election of 46, Harris gaining 8 and Carroll 38. Now, if we add Harris's gain of 8 to the total vote at the Municipal election, (586,) we have 594, which is precisely the number of names of voters recorded upon the poll books, but if we add Carroll's gain also, we have an excess of votes over voters, according to the poll books, of 38, which is precisely Carroll's gain. Both Democratic and Reform clerks' books agree as to the number of votes cast, which is the same as at the Municipal election plus Mr. Harris's gain of 8.

In the 1st precinct of the 14th ward we find the total vote at the Municipal election 468, and at the State election 955—showing an increase of votes at the State election, as returned, of 487. But we have also an excess of ballots over votes recorded of 498, proving that really there was a loss of 11 votes at the State election, instead of the returned gain of 487; the books of the Democratic and Reform clerks both agreeing. The testimony of Stembler, the Democratic Return Judge, and of Weatherby, the Reform Judge, and Hopkins, the Reform Clerk, and others, show intimidation of colored men sufficient to account for the loss of many more than 11 votes missing. Now, it is remarkable that these Judges and Clerks all swear that the count of the ballots showed only 48 in excess of names. How then did the other 450 ballots required to make up the 498, as shown by the returns, get there? Evidently by the same hand that forged the signatures of the Judges and Clerks to the returns. For it must be remembered that the evidence here is emphatic and uncontradicted that nobody signed the returns, and yet they are signed and so appear upon the certified copies on file in this case. Having shown how these 450 ballots got into the returns, the next inquiry is, what was the object in putting them there? Evidently to break the force of the testimony as to intimidation, &c., by showing a heavy increase of votes over the Municipal election, confessedly a quiet one at this precinct. It is to be noted also that these fraudulent ballots are so judiciously added, as to give Mr. Carroll an increase of