

Answer. I heard him express himself in that way. Some one of our men asked him to interfere and he said, to the best of my recollection, that he would have nothing to do with it.

Question. Were you present upon the 29th of April, when the American flag was put up on the pole?

Answer. Yes; I was at the pole at the time.

Question. Did you see Mr. Grason there at the time?

Answer. I don't recollect whether he was there or not.

Question. Do you recollect seeing him there?

Answer. We see each other every day.

Question. You have no distinct recollection of seeing him at the time the flag was raised?

Answer. No.

Question. Did you hear him at that that time give any cheers for the Southern Confederacy?

Answer. No; I can't say that.

Question. Were you a member of the Towson Guards?

Answer. Yes; I think my back was turned towards Ady's Hotel when the flag was going up.

Question. Did the members of the Towson Guards go in and out of the hotel during that time?

Answer. Some of them were in and out, more or less every day.

Question. Was the parlor of Mr. Ady's Hotel a public parlor for the reception of visitors generally?

Ridgely was in that apartment at the time this man was

Answer. Generally open; the understanding was that Mr. brought down. I don't know whether any particular men were in there or not.

*The examination of this witness was here concluded.*

WM. J. THOMPSON, called as a witness for the contestant, being duly sworn, testified as follow:

Question. State your name, age, residence and business?

Answer. My name is Wm. J. Thompson, I am 34 years old, a carpenter by trade, and live at Towsontown.

Question. How long have you known Mr. Grason?

Answer. Ever since he has been in Towsontown; seven (7) years.

Question. Were you at Towsontown during the last half of April, and during the month of May, 1861?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Do you know whether Mr. Grason was there at that time, or any part of it, in armed hostility to the United States, or the lawful authorities thereof, or any manner in the service of the so-called Confederate States of America?

Answer. I don't know whether it was for the Confederate States,—he was in arms at that time.