

Question. You surrounded the house so nobody could get out, did not you?

Answer. No one escaped from the house—not a soul.

*The examination of this witness was here concluded.*

WM. R. PENNIMAN, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

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

Answer. My name is William R. Penniman, I am nearly 44 years old, I live at 263 Madison street, and am a hardware merchant.

Question. Are you a relative of Mr. John White?

Answer. None.

Question. Were you present at a gathering at Mr. White's house the night spoken of by Mr. Van Nostrand?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Was your wife with you?

Answer. My wife was stopping at Mr. White's at the time with two or three of the children.

Question. When did you go out?

Answer. I went out in the afternoon before this arrest took place.

Question. Were you invited there?

Answer. No: I went out by accident; my wife and children being there, I went out two or three times a week to pay a visit there; I did not know there was to be a party there when I went there.

Question. What was the character of that gathering, who were there?

Answer. Near Mr. White's there is three or four families living very nearly in sight, the Worthingtons, John Merryman, the Alberts, and the family of the Matthews. They had some fruit and one of Mr. White's servants played on the violin, and there was some dancing. It was a sort of surprise party and fruit supper for the little children. I believe there was one or two other persons, Mr. Grason and some others from Towsontown, I was not acquainted with, the balance of the people were collected from those four or five houses in sight. We laughed, talked and danced until about 12 o'clock, when the police officers, armed with pistols rushed in and alarmed the women and children considerably, they looked around and everybody was very much confused. I knew Mr. Van Nostrand, we (the gentlemen) had a talk about the matter and I went to Mr. Van Nostrand and remarked that he could see what the thing was, that somebody had been playing humbug upon the Government and proposed that he should go home and let the thing go. Mr. Van Nostrand said his orders were peremptory to bring every one he found