

fifth ward; now it is desired to know the number of those who actively participated in that organization, and hence the tenth question.

Answer. I have no knowledge of any written registration of the Reform voters of that ward, and having attended but two, or at the outside three, meetings held in that ward, I am not able to testify as to the numbers embraced in the organization, save from the numbers present at the meetings which I attended, the largest of which did not exceed fifty persons.

Question. At this meeting in the fifth ward, at which, as you think, not more than fifty persons were present, have you personal knowledge that they were all legal voters of the fifth ward, and all positively determined to vote the Reform ticket at the election on November 2d, 1859, if it were possible for them to get to the window on that occasion?

Answer. I recognized many of them as voters of the ward, but could not say that I knew every man in the room, and hence I could not say whether he was or not a legal voter; I had no means of ascertaining *the real determination* of the parties present, except the fact of their voting upon questions before the body, and their having come to the meeting under the public call; I cannot judge of the real determination of a man other than by his acts, the ostensible one I might; I cannot penetrate the human mind to ascertain its real determination.

Question. In your answer to the third question in chief, you have stated that you "saw several, whom you recognized as Democrats, forced out violently, without having been able to deposit their ballots," please state how many in all whom you recognized as Democrats, and legal voters of the fifth ward, were so unable to deposit their ballots?

Answer. I suppose some eight or nine, whom I personally knew.

The witness desires to add in explanation to his answer to the first and second cross-questions in connection with that portion of his statement; in answer to the fifth question in chief, that "all votes received, were received at the discretion of those who had possession of the polls and not at the discretion of the judges," I meant to say, "that my son and I approached the polls together, I watched for an opportunity when there were no parties offering to vote, and forced my way with little difficulty through the side of the crowd, near the window, Judge Abbess observing me, reached his hands over the heads of some of them, and received my vote; there was an effort, however, to exclude my son Joseph from the window, who was immediately in my rear, by violence, but, John Hudgins, a man well known as a leader of the American party in that ward, and as being familiarly known to the members of that party, exclaimed, "Let Mr. Vansant's son vote," and the crowd gave way, and he deposited his vote.