

ballot, by the voters of the ward, and if not, state the reasons why it was not?

Answer. I think it was not; it was on the very uppermost part of the ward, next to the engine house, which has been frequented by some of the worst men, I think, in the ward; they used it pretty much all day as a rendezvous, and for going in there through the day, while I was there, changing their coats, and coming out again; I mean the "American" party, so used it.

Question. Why did you leave the polls?

Answer. I remained there until about eleven o'clock, when a riot occurred; they beat a man, and just at that time, a large crowd came running down from Charles Street, yelling and whooping, with pistols in their hands; they sung out, "hurrah Northern Liberties;" they were men whom I had never seen before; after they got down, they acted more violently than any body else; when I saw that, I made up my mind that it was no use for me to remain any longer, that there was no chance of having a fair election, and that it was dangerous to remain longer, and I then left.

Question. Did the police make any attempts to quell the disorder at the polls, or to protect the voters?

Answer. No, sir, my impression is, that they rather favored it; there was only one that came tolerably near the crowd, and he did nothing.

Question. Did the disorder and riot at the polls, as observed by you, appear to be a sudden outbreak, or upon a pre-determined plan and system?

Answer. It appeared to be pre-determined, I think.

Cross-examination.

Question. Which of your personal acquaintances, who made persistent efforts to vote, failed to get in their votes at the ninth ward polls?

Answer. I have very few personal acquaintances in that ward; I do not know that I saw any of them vote, or attempt to vote.

Question. Have you a knowledge that any of your personal acquaintances, in the ninth ward, failed to get their votes in?

Answer. I have no personal knowledge to that effect.

Question. Was there a discharge of firearms, whilst you were there?

Answer. I do not remember any.

Question. Did you hold Reform tickets, at the ninth ward polls?

Answer. Yes, I did.

Question. Were there many holders of such tickets on the ground; if so, how many?