

charged by the party rallying under the cry of "Regulators," and they were thrown and discharged at and into the midst of the members of the Reform party, who were standing north of the window and on the sidewalk, and in the street near it; as I have said there was no display of weapons until after about twenty minutes or a half hour from the opening of the polls; about five minutes before the volley of bricks and discharge of firearms, to which I have referred, a man standing nearest the window, on the south side, who was one of those who had come from Levy's house, commenced being very violent, crying out and swearing, and pushing violently into the crowd; he had scarcely begun to do this, when Erasmus Levy came running out of his house, and cried out very anxiously, "Not yet, not yet John, wait a little, wait a little, we will be ready presently;" the man whom he addressed ceased his demonstrations, and a gentleman standing by my side called my attention to the fact, that a large portion of the bricks had been removed altogether from the sidewalk in front of the house, between Levy's and the polls; Levy, after the exclamation which I have mentioned, ran back to his house, and in some four or five minutes came rushing out, at the head of a crowd, among whom I noticed John English and a man who made himself subsequently conspicuous by his brutal treatment of voters at the polls, and whom they called Sprohl; they rushed towards the Reformers, principally directing themselves against those who were on the sidewalk, crying out, "Wade in, Regulators, wade in, we will take the polls, God damn you," and phrases of similar character; for the moment the Reformers stood their ground, and then the party who had thus rushed out, with others who came out behind them, from Levy's also, rushing on, discharged a volley of bricks, and fired a considerable number of revolvers into the Reform party; I was myself standing in the middle of the street at the time, and I saw the revolvers in the hands of the parties pointed directly into the crowd of Reformers on the sidewalk; the bricks fell into the middle of the whole party of Reformers, both in the street and on the sidewalk; a gentleman of the Reform committee, whom I do not remember, I think it was Mr. Weaver, the sexton of Christ Church, was struck by my side; the attack was so violent and so sustained; no interference made by the judges, and no policeman visible on the ground; that there was no alternative for the Reformers but to leave the ground or sacrifice their lives uselessly; I myself retreated with the crowd, in which I was as far as the southwest corner of Fayette and Holliday Streets, and as soon as I got there I observed, upon the corner opposite, a young man named James Jeffers, who had been pretty turbulent in the crowd before with the party of "Regulators," and who had rushed as far as the corner, by Dr. White's old house, where he had grappled and was holding down a young man, a member of the Reform committee, I immediately