

the contest would lead to riot and bloodshed, and the sacrifice of valuable lives, without accomplishing any good; Dr. Robinson, or some of my friends around the window, told me that they had reason to believe that the clubs from the other wards would all centre against the eleventh, and inevitably bring about riot and bloodshed.

Question. Please state at what hour this request was communicated to you, and whether you complied with it?

Answer. I suppose it was about half-past one o'clock, Mr. Gill came about that time, and I spoke to him and some others who were with him, and I said to them that I must have their approval of my retiring, that I was willing to remain there at the risk of my life, if they stayed; they told me it was their advice to me to retire, and therefore after some reflection I determined to retire, and did so, in consequence of the unanimous request above mentioned; the approval of the persons I have mentioned; having heard that some of our friends had been shot, and some killed, in the other wards, and that it would be of no use any longer to prolong the contest in our ward.

Question. Please state how many persons were reported as shot or killed before you retired?

Answer. I heard that one had been killed and another shot.

Question. The return of the judges shows 569 votes cast for Mr. McKim for Senator, as against 652 cast for Mr. Yellott, for the same office, please state whether you believe such Reform vote for Mr. McKim to have been cast before you retired from the polls?

Answer. I believe that a very large proportion of those had been cast for Mr. McKim; there were about 680 to 690 votes cast when I left, a very large proportion of which were for the Reform ticket; my belief is that there were over 500 Reform votes cast before I left the polls; the tickets were easily distinguishable by their size, the American ticket being much narrower.

Question. Had any one approaching the poll and attempting to vote been seriously hurt; if so, please state the circumstances?

Answer. No, sir, I don't think any one was seriously hurt; the Reformers were in a very large majority; the difficulty was that the Reformers could not clear a way to the windows, not being willing to begin an attack.

Question. Can you state of your own knowledge that any illegal votes were cast on the election of November 2d, 1859, at the eleventh ward polls, other than the vote of Magee?

Answer. I cannot; I did not see any votes taken that I believed or suspected to be illegal; but when I saw votes coming in so fast, which I did not know, I commenced swearing the parties, and then they backed down without swearing.

Question. Have you a personal knowledge that any of the legal voters of the eleventh ward were, by violence or intimidation, prevented from offering to vote on November 2d, 1859; if so, how many such persons?