

possession of the whole poll, there being only two of the Reform party near the window and those two acting as challengers; when the Reformers gathered around the poll with a view of protecting the barricade individuals were sent off by the rowdies, and after a short absence they came back from the direction of the twentieth ward with large reinforcements and then attacked or made a rush upon the barricade, the west side of which they succeeded in breaking down almost entirely by the middle of the day. At one time Mr. Eschbach, one of the judges, put his head out of the window and told them they might come up to the window by either side of the barricades or any way they could, and then there was a rush made by the rowdies and they took complete possession of the window and the approach to it; at about quarter past twelve o'clock a gang of rowdies headed by Dan Hinton rushed up the gangway, which at that time was filled with voters who were going up quietly to the window; this man Hinton caught hold of the cloak of Gen. John Spear Smith, who had nearly reached the window, pushed him against the side of the gangway, prevented him at that time from voting, and got complete possession of the whole space around the window, declaring that none except "Americans" should vote; in this cry he was joined by his companions.

Question. Did you see any illegal votes received; and if so, how many?

Answer. I saw a number of persons vote on that day whom I had never known to be residents of the eleventh ward before, and who evidently had come from other wards; I specially remember Dan Hinton as having voted, who is not entitled to vote, having served out a term in the penitentiary, having been convicted in the Criminal Court of Baltimore city in the spring of 1853 or 1854; another one was John Sticher, who was, and perhaps now is, a police officer in the twentieth ward; I challenged his vote, but it was taken, at least he told me he had voted.

Question. Do you know anything of the circumstances connected with the arrest and discharge of Mr. Wilson M. Cary?

Answer. I did not see him arrested, but a quarter before one o'clock, P. M., I heard that he had been arrested and carried to the station house; I immediately hastened to the middle district station house, and found Mr. Cary and a number of other gentlemen in the lock-up; I asked for the police magistrate of that station, and was told that he had not been there that day, and they did not know where he was, that he would not be there before six o'clock that evening; I then went to the Mayor's office, and informed acting Mayor Spicer that my uncle, Mr. Cary, had been arrested at the eleventh ward and was then confined in the station house, and that I could not find the police magistrate, and therefore demanded of him to take bail for Mr. Cary; his reply was, "I am not acting in the capacity of a magistrate to-day;" I told him that he must act, and that I had abundantly sufficient