

object the formation of a political party, to act under the distinctive name of Reformers?

Answer. I know of no organization that had for its object the formation of a political party; I know there was an organization which had for its object the protection of citizens in the exercise of their rights regardless of party.

Question. Are you to be understood as declaring that there was no political organization in the eighteenth ward, whose avowed object was, if possible, the defeat of the American or Know-Nothing ticket, at the November election?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Was there a party or a political movement, having for its object, or one of its objects, the defeat of the American ticket, in whole or in part, at the November election; if so, what was the distinctive name under which such political movement was carried on?

Answer. There was a party that had for its object the defeat of ruffianism, for the time being, calling themselves Reformers.

Question. Did such party have an organization in the eighteenth ward, and if so, were you a member of it?

Answer. They had, and I acted with them.

Question. Please to state how many such meetings, which too place in the eighteenth ward, between the 1st of October and the 2d of November, 1859, you attended?

Answer. I suppose four or five.

Question. How many persons were in attendance at such meetings?

Answer. I attended some business meetings where there were from forty to seventy persons present; I attended one other where there were five hundred present, such is my impression.

Question. Where was this meeting held of which you speak, where, as you suppose, there were five hundred Reformers present?

Answer. It was held at China Hall.

Question. Please give the time at which it was held?

Answer. It was before the Municipal election.

Question. After the Municipal election what was the largest number of Reformers that you saw gathered together at any one meeting in the eighteenth ward?

Answer. I attended no meetings but business meetings—the numbers there I have stated before.

Question. At some of these meetings which you attended, was not the number as small as eighteen or twenty; at any of them did the number exceed sixty or seventy; that is to say, after the Municipal election?

Answer. I have heretofore stated it.

Question. Why not, in response to a direct question asking the number of persons, give a distinct answer, enumerating the numbers present; please do it now?