

Answer. In my opinion, I would not suppose it was; I objected when I knew that place had been selected, because it was the head-quarters of the rowdy crowd, and was generally looked upon as a hard neighborhood.

Question. How was the rest of the building, in which the polls were held, occupied during the day?

Answer. I heard that there were arms in the house, and went up-stairs to see; I saw some twenty or thirty muskets there, in the room over that occupied by the judges of election.

Question. Was there a free and open poll during the day?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. What prevented it?

Answer. There was a crowd generally around the window of faces I did not know; they crowded around the window, permitting just such persons to vote as they pleased; there was no actual violence before my face, except in one instance I saw a young man knocked down; I could not see out of the window, as it was raised only about a foot or fifteen inches, and a board nailed over it, making the aperture small.

Question. Was this crowd, of whom you have spoken as having possession of the window, quiet and orderly, or otherwise?

Answer. They were not quiet; I cannot say that there was much disorder; they were running about hurraing; showing pistols and awls.

Question. Had they access to the room above you, in which the arms were stowed?

Answer. Yes, sir; through a passage.

Question. While you were in the judges' room, was there any discharge of firearms from the room above or in the vicinity?

Answer. There were discharges of firearms outside; I could not tell whether it was from above or not; there was no discharge after the polls were opened, that I recollect; there were some forty or fifty discharges of firearms before the polls were opened; it was at the time Mr. Kyle was killed; I also saw a boy taken away wounded.

Question. Were the persons composing this crowd outside the window legal voters of the ward?

Answer. The majority of them were not.

Cross-examination.

Question. Did you sign the return of election without protest or qualification?

Answer. I signed the return; as far as I knew, all that occurred inside the window was honest.

Question. State the names of any Reformers that you may know, who, in attempting to vote, were prevented from doing so?

Answer. I do not know any.