

“No;” from that I went to my own ward, and remained there until the close; I was at the tenth ward about 3 o'clock; I went from there over to the Mayor's office, which was about 3½; I was at the third ward about three hours in all during the day, after the crowd had subsided, I did not see the slightest imaginary obstruction thrown in the way of any man voting; between 9 and 10 everybody appeared anxious to vote; I saw men put in both kinds of tickets; I saw a man at half past three do so, that I knew to be a Democrat, one man in particular did so about half-past five, who held office under Major Watkins.

Q. Comparing the occurrences to which you have testified with those of other elections, what is your testimony?

A. My opinion is this, that it was the fairest and most impartial election, so far as my judgment is concerned, that I have seen in the city of Baltimore for a long time, and I have seen a great deal more crowding when I voted the Democratic ticket myself; I was crowded considerably in the 20th ward before I got my vote in when I lived there.

*John L. Blades*, sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Witness. I live in the first ward, and have lived there for 34 years; I was at the election on 2d November last; I was there when the polls opened, and remained until about 11 o'clock; after that I left and went home and had dinner, and went down to the second and third wards, and then up to the first ward, and then I went home; I was at the first ward polls about five o'clock.

Q. Did you see any unusual amount of pushing, hauling, or any violence or intimidation at the election?

A. When I went up to vote, they were crowding very much, and crowded me out; I made another effort, and succeeded in voting; there was a German man came up to me and asked me for a ticket; I told him I had none, but would get him one; I asked him what ticket he wanted to vote, and he said American, and after going for the ticket, and returning to him with it again, I found that some one had beat him; I asked him who it was that struck him, and he said he did not know, and I was also unable to find out the party.

Q. Do you know his name?

A. I know him by sight, I always call him Shon; somebody hit him in the face, I think with the fist, and he would not vote.

Q. Did you see any other violence?

A. That was the only thing I saw during that day. Compared with previous elections, I think this was the quietest election I was ever at; the second ward was all quietness, whilst I was there; I was at the third ward about two