

minutes past 9 o'clock; that is the only pistol I saw fired about the polls.

Q. In the "Patriot" of next morning, I suppose you gave such an account as you have given here. Were you at the fifteenth-ward polls when Mr. Kyle was killed?

A. I was not, sir.

Q. Could there have been any illegal voting without your seeing it?

A. I conceive that there might.

Q. What is the political cast of the "Patriot"?

A. It is American.

Q. Strictly so?

A. I don't know that it is.

*Mr. Goldsborough*—It is a little of the Black Republican order.

Witness—No, sir; it stands upon conservative grounds.

By *Mr. Gordon*—Q. Were you at the eighth ward?

Witness—In reference to the eighth ward, I was not; I was advised by some of my friends not to go there; there might have been ten thousand illegal votes there for all I know.

*Mr. Freaner*—Then you were afraid of the Limerick boys?

A. Yes, I was a little afraid of Limerick.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Q. Are you editor of the "Patriot"?

A. I am not; I am reporter.

By *Mr. Morgan*—Q. Do you ever have anything to do with the editorials?

A. I sometimes touch them up a little.

By *Mr. Freaner*—Q. Is it not generally expected by the proprietors of a political paper that its reporter's will give the most favorable account they can of the party whose interests they advocate?

A. In reference to answering that, I will give you, as near as I can recollect, the orders?

*Mr. Freaner*—I ask you a general question. Is it not expected generally of reporters of political newspapers, that the reporter will give an account of elections and other things, to suit the interests of the party it advocates?

Witness—I cannot say that it is.

*Mr. Freaner*—Well, I can testify to that fact myself, for I too have been connected with the press, and I know that it is expected of them that they will do so.

Witness—In reference to my general answer, it is this—

*Mr. Freaner*—I don't ask your instructions.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Q. I ask whether or not it is customary?

*Mr. Freaner*—It is expected.

*Mr. Hagner*—Does that apply to cases where reporters are on oath?