

A. Yes.

*Joseph Vallec*, sworn.

By *Mr. Freaner*—Please state what you know about the election held in the seventh ward on the second of November last?

Witness—I live in the seventh ward and went to the polls at nine o'clock, the time of opening; when I got there, there was a considerable crowd, and it appeared to me that each man wanted to get his vote in, until about half-past ten, when there was considerable difficulty in voting; all were anxious to vote, and whilst I was attempting to do so, I got the buttons torn off my coat; after that, there was no difficulty in the least that I saw; I saw a couple of young men who had some fighting-whiskey in them, but they both belonged to the same party; that was the only fighting I saw; I remained at the polls until nearly five o'clock, but I did not see any disturbance.

*Mr. Morgan*—Was it a quiet election?

A. It was a great deal more quiet than the election in 1844 at the same ward.

*Mr. Freaner*—Are there any political clubs in the ward to which you belong?

A. There are two, the one called the "Jefferson" and the other the "Wells & McComas."

Q. To what party do they belong?

A. They belong to the American.

Q. Did you see any of the members of these clubs at the polls?

A. I did.

Q. Did you see any men who were said to hail from the Northern Liberties?

A. I did not.

Q. How long were you there?

A. From the opening until eleven; took dinner at two, returned, and remained until about five.

Q. Do you know a man by the name of Ned Lee?

A. I do.

Q. Did you see him at the polls?

A. I did.

Q. Did you hear him make any remarks?

A. I did.

Q. What did he say?

A. He went out to the middle of the street and asked of men who professed to be Reformers if they were wanting to vote; there were a great many men standing out on the street; the democrat portion of the party did not appear to care about voting. Mr. Lee went out and visited some of those gentlemen to come up and vote; he asked them if they were wanting to vote, and they told him "no."