

Q. You have been familiar with elections?

A. I have always been so, and pretty generally voted. In the old times, about five, six, eight, or ten years ago, I have gone up as much as three times before I could get my vote in. On this occasion, I experienced no difficulty in voting.

*Joseph Vallec*, recalled by *Mr. Hagner*.

Q. You stated I believe, that you belonged to a club?

A. I did.

Q. Are there any political clubs in the city of Baltimore besides American clubs? Did you ever hear of a Democratic club?

A. I have.

Q. Did you ever belong to one of them?

A. I have belonged to a Democratic political club in 1844, but I cannot recollect the name of it.

Q. What was the object of that club?

A. Well, it was at that time to advance the interest of the Democratic party.

Q. There being clubs in the city of Baltimore is not a new thing, is it?

A. The first club that I recollect of was a club that came on a visit here from Philadelphia, in 1837 or 1838, and after that day clubs began to form, although they were ultimately turned into political clubs. When I was a boy I belonged to several clubs, and from my earliest recollection (up almost from my infancy) clubs have been in existence in the city.

Q. Do you recollect the election of 1844 in Baltimore?

A. I do; I witnessed that election.

Q. So far as you saw that election, how would it compare with the last election held in Baltimore?

A. The election in 1844 was conducted somewhat better than the election in the seventh ward was last time.

Q. Was there any violence on that occasion?

A. There was a good deal of violence on that occasion. If my memory serves me right, Shutt was the high constable, and I have an indistinct recollection of his drawing his revolver to keep the peace, which I have never seen since.

*Mr. Freaner*—They never draw them now?

Witness—They have no occasion for it.

*Mr. Hagner*—Compare the election with 1844—does not this compare favorably?

A. In 1844, the polls were barricaded in the seventh ward; I was a Democrat then myself; a line was formed at the polls, into which the Whigs would fall, and the first thing that I would know the Democrats would make a rush to the polls and then retire out of the line.