

of a fight; I have often seen men standing around the polls in their shirt sleeves and voting in their shirt sleeves.

Q. Did they take possession of the polls?

A. Not to my knowledge.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Q. What is the general occupation of a great number of the people who reside in that ward?

A. They are generally mechanics and working people; they frequently vote while passing to their dinner in their shirt sleeves.

By *Mr. Wallace*—Q. Is the house next to the polls occupied?

A. I think it is a barber's shop.

Q. How was it occupied on election day?

A. I do not know.

Q. Did you see any people coming out of the house adjoining the Lafayette engine house?

A. I do not know, because I was not out of the room; I have no personal knowledge regarding that.

*Wm. H. Pearce*, sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Witness. I am aged 45, and I voted in the seventh ward at the election of November last, and have voted there ever since I was entitled to a vote; I reached the polls about ten minutes after nine o'clock, and was there off and on all day.

Q. Did you see any unusual amount of pushing or crowding?

A. No, sir; when I got there, there was a large crowd at the window attempting to get their votes in; it appeared to me as if each man was trying to get his vote in for the purpose of getting away; that is what I saw in the commencement, and it continued till about half-past ten; the crowd then dispersed, and from half-past ten till half-past eleven there was none but myself and one or two others around the window, and no voting at all going on; men that afterwards reported that they could not vote, were standing opposite the polls, and would not come near to the window to vote, although they could easily have done so; that's what occurred under my observation.

*Mr. Freaner*—What came under your observation? Is that all?

A. I was acting there as challenger, and I objected to two men's votes, one of the parties was named Sullivan. The Democratic judge called me to know my opinion in reference to the men being entitled to vote and I told him that he could not vote, and the next objected to was an individual on account of his not having his naturalization papers, but there