

good deal of difficulty. I was informed that the party opposite (the Reformers) had armed themselves for the purpose of taking charge of the polls, and I did calculate that we were going to have a good deal of bloodshed, and I armed myself for the purpose of meeting it when it came.

Q. How many officers had you at the polls, in expectation of this bloody conflict?

A. There were ten men ordered to the polls, with some thirty or forty around the mayor's office as a reserve.

Q. Come back to my question, if you please. I ask you if you knew, or whether you had not received information, that there were hostile preparations making at Levy's house?

A. No more than at other places.

Q. With a view to violence at the next election?

A. I did not.

Q. No reason to believe it?

A. I knew the character of the people going about his house.

Q. Had you any reason to believe, or did you receive information that led you to believe, that there was going to be violence, and that Levy's house was the rendezvous and centre for these people that were to be the actors?

A. Not in that ward. I had information of this fact, that if the demonstration that would be made by the opposite party should take place, then there would be trouble. As regards information for preparations for anything, I had none; none came to my ears, for it seems to me that I am rather unfortunate in that respect.

Q. I understand you to say that you had no knowledge that there was a preparation of arms for the purpose of meeting the trouble?

A. I knew the character of the parties about Levy's house; I knew they were a party of people that, when attacked, would defend themselves unto the bitter end.

*Mr. Wallis*—You never heard that they were a class of people who would attack others?

Witness—When you speak of Levy's house, I hardly know how I will answer that question; it is a house that is called the "Tenth-Ward House;" I cannot tell you much as to the order of that house.

*Mr. Wallis*—I understand you to say that you know the character of the people who frequent that house?

A. I do.

Q. Are they not people reputed to be violent and disorderly?

A. Some of them are; I have seen parties going about that