

*Edward L. Thomas*, sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Witness. I live in the fifteenth ward, and was at the election, there twice during the day, the first time about half-past one, and the second time about half-past four. At each time I was there everything was quiet about and around the polls.

Q. Did you see any disturbance?

A. None; There was very few parties in any direction around the polls.

Q. Were you at any of the other polls?

A. I was at every other ward, with the exception of three, and at the time I visited them, everything was quiet. I visited these wards in the afternoon between three and six o'clock, with the exception of the tenth ward which I visited about twelve. The three wards which I did not visit were the 17th, 19th, and 20th.

Q. From what you saw during that election, how would it compare for quiet or the reverse with previous elections?

A. There is no doubt but the quiet that prevailed on that day exceeded that of any election I have ever seen. You could not see better order in churches than I saw at the polls on that day.

By *Mr. Stockbridge*—Q. Were the polls as accessible to the members of one party as the other?

A. So far as I knew they were.

Q. And as safe?

A. So far as I know, all the parties were around the polls.

Q. Did you see the tickets of both the parties at all the wards you visited?

A. Not at all of them. In some places I could not find a Reform ticket at all.

*Mr. Freaner*—Were you at the eight ward?

A. I was not at the polls, I passed through the ward.

*Mr. Hagner*—Did you see any Reformers there?

A. I judge they were all Reformers from the result of the election.

By *Mr. Stockbridge*—Q. Do you know anything of arms being used or exhibited at any of the polls?

A. I saw some arms exhibited in the afternoon in the hands of parties from the 17th ward, but I did not see them used.

Q. Were the polls of that ward held at a place which you consider a proper place for a fair election?

A. Yes; they have been held there for thirty years, with the exception of the last three or four.

Q. Do you speak of thirty years from your own knowledge?