

with him, and by doing so, he feared some of them might be hurt, and that he would leave on their account; we told him that his leaving would cast a slur upon us; he said, "gentlemen, I have to say before I leave, that I have not seen you do a single wrong or improper act to-day." He then left the room, and about four-fifths of the crowd outside left at the same time. I noticed that the respectable portion of the American party voted and retired, whereas the Reformers staid there in force up to this time; after that, there was no disturbance; I did not hear a single complaint that any man could not get his vote in.

Q. How long did you keep the polls open?

A. Until six o'clock.

Q. Were any improper votes received to your knowledge?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Were any persons who offered to vote prevented from voting, to your knowledge?

A. There were some in the afternoon, whose votes I refused, believing that they had voted before.

Q. I mean, did you see anybody prevented by violence or disturbance?

A. No, sir, I did not hear a single complaint that day, nor did I hear Dr. Thomas complain of a single individual.

Q. Did you yourself see anything that required correction or interposition, as a judge?

A. Well, there was a struggle going on during the morning by the one party to take down the barricade, and by the other party to keep it there. The evening before the election, Mr. Durham and myself met Dr. Thomas at his house, and we agreed that in all cases a majority of the judges should decide any point of dispute. Dr. Thomas then proposed the question whether a barricade should be erected; I stated to him that I did not consider the judges had any right to erect a barricade; Mr. Durham agreed with me in that; Dr. Thomas then asked what our views were as to the expediency of putting up a barricade, and we told him that we had no answer to give one way nor another, and we distinctly stated that we had no right to order the erection of a barricade. The next morning when we came upon the ground we found the barricade there, and in possession of a large body of men. I arrived about an hour before the opening of the polls, but as soon as the polls were opened, the parties on one side endeavored to remove the barricade. They asked the judges whether they had ordered it up, and Mr. Durham and myself stated the conversation about that matter just as it had taken place.