Mr. Wallis—Crowding around and controlling the access to them.

Witness—There was a good deal of crowding. I believe that most people were allowed to vote that attempted it. I believe there were a great many gentlemen attempted it.

Q. I want to know whether any clubs or riotous persons took possession of the polls and controlled them?

A. As regards clubs, I cannot say who belonged to them.

Q. Any riotous persons?

A. Yes, there were riotous persons about, sir.

Q. Did they take possession of the polls?

A. There were very few there.

Q. Did they control the access to the polls?

A. I don't know—sometimes they might.

Mr. Schley—Do you know this of your own knowledge?

A. It might.

James E. Thumbert, sworn.

By *Mr. Schley*—Q. Be good enough to state, if you please, whether you were at the election on the 2d of November last, and state what took place?

A. I acted as clerk in the seventeenth ward on that day ; the character of the election was very much of that order of peace and quiet ; so much so, that there was no objection at all from the very opening until the returns were made at the close of the day ; the polls were opened at nine and closed at six ; the remark of Mr. Swindell to us (our opponent judge on the day of election) was, that he expressed himself as decidedly pleased with the uprightness, straight-forwardness and purity of the management of the occurrences around him.

Mr. Freaner—You mean in the room?

Mr. Schley—What came under his observation.

Witness—He stated that he was infinitely better pleased with the manner, management and doings of those that voted and of those that were about the polls ; that he had been at the municipal election which preceded it a short time before —about a month.

Mr. Freaner—Are you stating the exact language of Mr. Swindell?

Witness—Yes, as near as I can. At the close of the day, he, Mr. Addison and I, retired and walked home together—.

Mr. Freaner—State anything that came under your own observation during the day.

Witness—So far as came under my own knowledge, and so

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