

Question. Why did you not put Gardiner's name in the bill?

Answer. I did not put his name in; he could put it in himself if he wanted it there.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. Was he a good man?

Answer. I believe so. He is a connection of mine.

By Mr. *Blakistone*. Question. He said that there were Philadelphians in Baltimore?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You said that there were Philadelphians here?

Answer. If I did, I did not mean that. He said there were Philadelphia capitalists desirous to invest their capital in any good bill. You asked me why I invited these gentlemen to have their names in this bill. I happened into Mr. Browning's office. This was the first time I ever said a word to him about a railroad. The fact is, I never thought much about it before. I said—"Travers, would you like to be a corporator in a railroad bill? everybody is applying for one in the Council." He says—"I don't know; is there any responsibility connected with it? I don't propose to build railroads." Says I—"I don't know; I want to get more of my friends in the bill, for it would be of some advantage to them in the way of contracts, or controlling the offices, or something of that kind." It was not matured in my mind then, for these things took a different phase after they passed the Council. Mr. Travers said he had no objection, and I asked Browning if he would let his name go in, and he said he would. Then things began to look serious, as if there might be something in it. I went up to my brother-in-law's, Mr. Sumwalt, and asked him, and he said—"yes." I told Gardiner that here were three good men, who would do what was right. I would not make any bargain or sale. And that was the way the matter came up.

Question. It was a family arrangement.

Answer. Yes, sir, so far as I was concerned, if you choose to call it so.

By Mr. *Gordon*. Question. You say your object was to get the best bill you could for the city?

Answer. Most certainly.

Question. What were those parties authorized under this bill to charge for passengers?

Answer. The bill of Mr. Gardiner?

Question. I mean the bill you offered and which passed?

Answer. Four cents.

Question. Do they not charge five cents?

Answer. They are authorized to charge five cents, but the bill I offered, and which passed the Council, was for four cents.

Question. Is not that the bill that passed finally?

Answer. The bill that passed finally was a bill for five cents—one-fifth to go in a fund for a Park.

Question. You voted for that?

Answer. Yes, sir, I introduced it. I introduced two bills.

Question. Was not there a bill for three cents that was passed?

Answer. Not passed; it was offered.