

stated. I have understood that Mr. Dougherty, clerk of the Penitentiary, was the party who obtained the book from Mr. Travers.

By Gov. Pratt. Question. Were you there?

Answer. No, sir.

By Mr. Blakistone. Question. Did you or not occupy a seat in the same carriage with the party who abstracted that book and carried it to the Penitentiary?

Answer. I did, with Mr. Evans; he told me Mr. Dougherty had handed him the book, and he intended to take it to the Penitentiary for safe keeping.

By Mr. Gordon. Question. Was the Penitentiary a good place to keep books?

Answer. It was a secure place; there was a great deal of excitement there.

By Mr. Blakistone. Question. Did you go with Mr. Evans to the Penitentiary on that occasion?

Answer. I did not; he drove me about two squares, and then put me out and left me, and went to the Penitentiary.

By the Chairman. Question. Do you know the politics of Mr. Brock and this company?

Mr. Maxwell. O! no; don't ask that.

The Chairman. I will show, if this question is properly answered, a complicity that will not satisfy the American party or the Democratic party.

The Witness. I do know the politics of Mr. Brock, and I believe I know the politics of the majority of the company.

By the Chairman. Question. Did you ever state to any person that it was important, in a political point of view, that Mr. Brock and his associates should get the railway grant, inasmuch as their influence with the Republican members from Pennsylvania would secure the election of Henry Winter Davis as Speaker of the House of Representatives?

Answer. I could not have made such a declaration, because I did not favor the renomination of Mr. Davis. I was favorable to the nomination of Coleman Yellott, and consequently could have made no such declaration. Henry Winter Davis was nominated subsequently to his transfer.

By Mr. Alexander. Question. Have you any recollection of having made such a declaration at any time?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. When was Mr. Davis nominated?

Answer. About two weeks before the election, some time in October, while this arrangement was made in April.

Question. You sent around a request to a number of your friends to attend this meeting in Monument Square to vote down the resolutions?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. It was not to organize an opposition meeting, then?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. But to enter into the deliberations of the meeting called by the other side and vote down the resolutions?