

what I had heard them say before, I knew there would not be anything like a full vote, and I started out a little after sunrise of the day of the election to give notice of the Governor's Proclamation, to counteract the influence that prevailed on account of the military. I then went to the polls; when I rode up I found the military in charge of the polls. There were eleven or twelve on the ground, but not more than three at the window where the tickets were put in, under charge of a Captain or Lieutenant. I did not advance nearer than twenty feet of the window, when I inquired for the Governor's Proclamation. A gentleman handed it to me; I commenced reading it. I got nearly through when my attention was attracted by an excitement around the window where the polls were. The citizens advanced to the window in large numbers. I saw the officer give way; the citizens advanced upon him and he gave way; there was no violence used. I heard some gentleman who was helping to shove the officer off say, be quiet and you won't be hurt. Dr. Dennis waved his hat and called the attention of the people to the fact that the polls were now clear of the soldiers. The polls remained open until 6 o'clock. The soldiers were cleared away about half an hour after I arrived, that is about 10½ o'clock. There was no voting going on when I got there, the Judges refused to comply with Gen. Schenck's order, and the soldiers would not let the voting proceed without complying with this order. The Judges were acting under the Governor's Proclamation; they told me so during the day, and the officer told me he was acting under Gen. Schenck's order. There were two white tickets and one yellow ticket in the field. The yellow ticket is also called the "Creswell ticket" and the Baltimore League ticket. The vote was not full—it was about twenty short. The full vote is about 260. I think the Democrats made a larger poll than usual. The Union vote was considerably smaller than usual. I have a son in the Purnell Legion, named Edward Lankford. He would have voted the white Union ticket. He received information that he would be arrested if he went to the polls. When I arrived there persons asked me why he did not come, and said if he would come the soldiers should not arrest him. John Lankford, one of the Purnell Legion, said to me the day before the election. "I would promise to vote for anybody for the sake of getting home." He said transportation was refused him by his officer, unless he would promise to vote the Creswell or "yellow ticket." I think William Lankford voted very soon after the soldiers were shoved away from the polls. There was no hindrance after the soldiers were shoved away.

Committee adjourned at 10 P. M.