

told him that I would vote ; that I would take the oath if necessary, and vote. He went to the polls and did so. Just after he voted a squad of the First Connecticut cavalry took a position at the polls with drawn swords, which cavalry were in command of the Provost Marshal. They challenged every man who came with the white ticket. They stated this to be their orders. They told me this themselves when they were relieved one by the other, at eleven o'clock.

My brothers were not permitted to vote without taking the oath. They offered the conservative Union ticket. Dr. Wm. H. Ryder endeavored to vote. He was told that he could not vote without taking the oath. He declined, under the circumstances, to vote. Mr. S. H. Tarr endeavored to vote. He was told that he could not vote without taking the oath by Provost Marshal J. Collier. He refused to vote under the circumstances. Matthew J. Toadvine appeared to vote and was prevented from voting. They would neither let him take the oath nor vote. All these circumstances which I am stating, occurred in my presence. Capt. J. H. Bush attempted to vote. He was denied both the oath and the privilege of voting.

In the meantime, there were persons present who voted the yellow ticket without opposition. The soldiers on guard were relieved about twelve o'clock. Four men were appointed by the Provost Marshal as challengers in the place of the soldiers who were the first challengers. Ebenezer Disharoon attempted to vote the white ticket. His vote was challenged, and he did not vote. Calvin Disharoon appeared to vote the white ticket. His vote was challenged. He was not allowed to vote the white ticket. He left the polls and obtained a yellow ticket, upon which he said that he had the same names, when he offered it to the judges, as he had upon the white one. He was permitted to vote *that* without any opposition. He remarked to the challenger that he thought it bad treatment in him to challenge his vote. The challenger replied that he was placed there by order of the Provost Marshal, and whatever he said should be done, and the rest of the men who were along with him (the other three) said that no man should vote the white ticket there that day ; that these were the Provost Marshal's orders.

Mr. Long was the candidate for Register, and Dr. Dashiell for Clerk on the white ticket. The oath referred to, was the one prescribed by General Schenck in Order No. 53. Mr. Tarr attempted a second time to vote, He was again prevented by the Provost Marshal, who said that he had been allowed the privilege to vote once that day, and that now he should not vote at all, and that no other damned Copperhead should vote there