

THE TERRE HAUTE WEEKLY GAZETTE.

H. APMAN.

He is Triumphant Acquitted.

Dick Curley Sways That Needham Worked for Him Several Months in 1877.

Mr. Wilkes Testifies That Needham had Lived in Terre Haute About Eight Months Last May.

[From Thursday's Daily.]
CONTINUATION.

After the GAZETTE report closed yesterday afternoon, Mr. Jno. E. Lamb took the stand.

He was present at the polls when the disturbance took place between Mr. Apman and Gibson, respecting the vote of Needham. When Gibson said he would prosecute any body who would swear in Apman, the witness remarked to Gibson, that he wouldn't prosecute anything or anybody.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Buff.

Gibson had been talking in that way all day; he was drunk in the afternoon, but may have been sober in the first of the morning.

Dick Curley told witness that Needham was a lawful voter because he had worked for him last spring and fall. The witness remembers saying upon hearing this, that "if Dick Curley says he is a voter, you may depend on it."

Mr. Tucker also assured these present that Needham was all right as a voter and the witness then assured Mr. Apman that Needham would do to swear in.

The witness told Needham that Gibson had no authority to arrest him without a warrant.

E. O. WHITEMAN.
OFFICER VANDEVER
was examined.

On cross examination he said he had known Gibson for seven or eight years. Gibson often said at the polls: "If you vote I will arrest you."

The prosecution at this point rested her case, and witnesses for the defense were examined.

MR. APMAN
took the stand. He acknowledged frankly having sworn in Needham. He was asked on what information he signed the affidavit. His response was remarkably clear and explicit, and forever clears him from any blame. He quite disgruntled the persecutors.

He said: Needham came to vote early in the morning. His vote was promptly challenged. He stepped down and said, "I am a legal voter. It's a wonder a man can't vote." I was assured by Mr. Lamb that Needham was all right, and asked me if I didn't know him. I replied that he had been in my place of business, and that I had seen him a number of times for several months previous, and thought him to be a legal voter.

Mr. Wilkes told me it would be right to sign the affidavit. I then asked Mr. Curley, in order to be sure, how long he had known Needham. He said he had been acquainted with him for three or four years. Needham had worked for him in a brick yard for a long time and claimed Terre Haute as his home.

There was no row; it was early in the morning and there were few there. No gentleman warned me not to swear him in. Mr. Tucker said he had assessed this man in March or April. I thoroughly believed him to be a lawful and rightful voter.

On cross-examination Mr. Apman said he thinks Needham lived here for eight months before the election.

The prosecution tried hard to entangle Mr. Apman because he declined to state positively just when Needham came into his store, a thing impossible for any store-keeper, who has much custom, to do. Mr. Apman refuted the evidence of Gibson to the effect that Needham had voted after one o'clock. The tally sheets would prove that he voted about nine o'clock. The witness stated that he had been a resident of Terre Haute for twenty-four years.

RICH'D CURLEY

stated that he lived in Sugar Creek township and had known Needham for many years. Needham had once worked on his farm. He also worked in April, May and June, 1877, and afterward in this city in a brickyard. When the witness heard that Needham was challenged, he wanted to swear him in himself, but had no property in the ward.

On cross-examination the witness stated that Needham had, since 1875, claimed Terre Haute as his home, though he had been to Mattoon once or twice.

JOHN TUCKER
stated that he had assessed Needham. He had seen him before the April election. Needham claimed Terre Haute as his residence.

MR. WILKES
stated, on oath, that he had seen Needham from five to eight months previous to the election.

THIS MORNING
Court was called to order a little before nine o'clock, and

ANDY WATSON
a leading National took the stand:

He was present when William Needham attempted to vote. It was nine or ten o'clock when he first presented himself to vote. He returned about noon or a little after. Some others and I left the polls.

TO GO AROUND THE CORNER
and we met Needham in company with Apman. Apman had an affidavit in his hand. Says I, "Are you going to sign that affidavit?" he said he was. I said, "You had better be careful;

Messrs. Harper and Felsenthal for the defense.

Mr. Buff closed for the state. At the conclusion of the argument Col. Cookerly delivered his opinion, acquitting the accused. He said he was glad that these prosecutions had been commenced, for he believed that if there had been an illegal voting in this city the guilty ought to be punished well, but that the proof did not sustain the charge against the defendant, in his opinion.

It is the general opinion of unbiased citizens that Apman was rightfully discharged, and that this prosecution was investigated for political purposes. Notwithstanding the great hue and cry about illegal voting, it seems that this charge cannot be sustained.

M. C. HUNTER.

HE IS NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS, AT BRAZIL.

(GAZETTE Special Telegram.)
Brazil, Ind., July 11.—The Republican Congressional Convention met at Brazil this morning.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M., by Col. W. K. Edwards, who stated the object of the convention in a neat speech, complimentary to Gen. M. C. Hunter.

The counties being called, and all re-

sponding, the chairman stated that it was in order to select a permanent chairman.

On motion of A. Munson, of Lawrence County, Hon. James T. Johnson was elected chairman, and J. O. Hardesty secretary. On motion, all editors of the district were selected assistant secretaries.

Major W. W. Carter, of Clay county, moved that a committee on resolutions consisting of five be appointed, which was adopted. The chair appointed W. W. Carter, of Clay; T. H. Nelson, of Vigo; John Whitecomb, of Vermillion; Henry Davis, of Lawrence; — Deem, of Owen.

Col. Thomas H. Nelson nominated General Morton C. Hunter for congress.

No further nomination being made, it was moved and seconded that Genl. Hunter be nominated by acclamation, which was carried with a great deal of enthusiasm. A committee was appointed to notify him of his nomination.

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