

POLITICIANS IN A FIGHT.

Democrats and Republicans Shed Blood in a Camden Magistrate's Office.

There was almost a riot in the office of 'Squire Davis, on Kaighn avenue, yesterday afternoon. A man named Elijah Banes was arrested on the charge of being a repeater, at the instance of Howard Gillmore, a Democrat, who claimed that he voted a Republican ticket in the Fifth ward. Constable Louis Scheimer, of the Sixth ward, the only Democratic constable in the town, made the arrest. A dozen Democrats, among whom were "Whitey" Whitzell, "Curley" Barnes and "Engine" Suders, followed the prisoner to the 'Squire's office, and finally made themselves the most conspicuous figures in the case. There being no Republicans in the 'Squire's office when the hearing took place, the Democrats began to heap abuse on the prisoner.

While they were engaged in this William Duno and John Brouters, two Republicans, entered the office and commanded the crowd of Democrats to stand back, at the same time assuring Banes that no one would harm him. A tongue fight followed, but no blows were struck until Policeman Williams, who came in, made an attempt to get into the 'Squire's private office, when "Dick" Guthridge, of the Sixth ward, grabbed him by the coat-collar and wanted to know why he was going in there. The plucky officer made no answer, but continued to make for his destination. He was frustrated, however, by Constable Scheimer, who caught him by the coat. Then a free fight was indulged in.

'Squire Davis, after he had lost a chair, had his stove pipe knocked down and the fine glass door of his private office burst in, succeeded in clearing out the office. This rumpus was followed by another in the 'Squire's dining room. 'Squire Davis's office is on Kaighn avenue, below Broadway, and owing to the large number of pedestrians that pass a large crowd was attracted, and the greatest excitement prevailed for fully twenty minutes.