

session of a parcel of rowdies, who called themselves of the "American" party; I found it impossible for to vote while they were there in possession of the window; there was a rush made from the window after some one, and just at that time I slipped in my vote; during the time I was there I considered it impossible for any one of the Reform party to have voted, unless he fought for it; our candidate, that of the Reform party, I mean, named Hays, as soon as he appeared there, upon the ground, the police officers got after him and chased him away, calling him an eighth warder; they were not after him to arrest him; at the same time a man struck my son, standing quietly in the street; I seized the man who struck him, and then I got most tremendously beat, and the police officers hammered away at me too; I was carried down to the watch-house by the collar, and remained there about a quarter of an hour, and then I was let out on \$500 bail; the next morning the acting Mayor refused to hear any of my testimony, and dismissed the case on the evidence of the police; my son was also arrested at the same time and carried off, and he was discharged in the same way; I saw the assault upon young Mr. Ray, who was there at the same time, and my son assisted him in getting his vote in.

Question. Did you see any other persons molested or hindered from voting, than those you have mentioned?

Answer. I saw several persons attempt to vote, who were driven away; the judges were trying all they could to quiet the crowd and to get them to make way for the voters; I did not know the persons who were trying to vote.

Question. Was there any effort on the part of the police to quiet the crowd, keep open the polls, or protect the citizens?

Answer. To the contrary, the police appeared to head the rowdies openly.

Question. State if you know whether any persons were deterred from voting by the riotous and disorderly appearance of things at the polls, or from approaching the polls to attempt to vote?

Answer. I don't know of any, except from hearsay.

#### *Cross-examination.*

Question. How long were you in fact on the pavement immediately before the judges' window, attempting to vote, before you got your vote in?

Answer. I was there some fifteen minutes or twenty, trying to get my vote in, and was constantly pushed and shoved backwards and forwards; there was one man in particular who stood before me, turn which way I would; he seemed to have a particular spite against me, not to let me get my vote in; I appealed to him to let me get by him, but he steadily opposed; I don't be-