

as the corner of Exeter Street. When he commenced the assault, he would cry, "hey! hey!" which seemed to be the signal for a general attack upon the person thus driven away from the polls; these acts were frequent, and followed each other in close succession; there were several police officers present on the occasion, who certainly must have witnessed these scenes; I called upon one of them, who bore the figures 200 on his cap, and observed to him, "don't you see that man beating that citizen" (he was looking towards him at the time), "why don't you arrest him;" he raised his head and strutted off; the crowd about the polls were exceedingly turbulent; on one occasion, I noticed about five or six very rough looking men, who looked like those who are termed "loafers," march up towards the polls in single file, preceded by one or two of the men who were noisy about the polls; they found no difficulty in reaching the window, an opening having been made for them; the first or second one, I can't say positively which, from some cause or other, his vote was refused; the crowd then made a great noise, and I heard them swear loudly, "that he was a good voter, and that no other vote should be taken until his was deposited;" they seized the solid window shutters, and either lifted or tore them from the hinges, and seizing one of the shutters, put it into the judges window with much force, as though it were to be used as a battering ram; other parties laid hold of the shutters, and prevented what the more imprudent seemed desirous of consummating; the shutters were subsequently taken across the street; during this time several of the police officers were present, and no arrests were made of the turbulent parties so far as I witnessed; I heard Judge Mowbray, on more than one occasion, call upon police officers and at one time, designated one of them by the number on his cap, to arrest a man whom he pointed at, and whose name is said to be "*Block Kenney*;" I saw none of these parties arrested, and heard this officer whose number was so called, say, "I'll be damned if I'll take him, my place is here;" his position there was about six feet from the northern curbstone.

Question. With what political party, if any, were those persons connected, and what class of tickets did they exclude?

Answer. They were of what they call the "American" party; they excluded men whom I recognized as Democrats, who desired to vote the Reform ticket.

Question. Why did you leave the polls?

Answer. I believed that any efforts to obtain a fair expression of the sentiments of the voters would be fruitless, and for that reason I left the polls and advised others, who were politically associated with me, to do the same thing, believing that all votes received were received at the discretion of those who had possession of the polls, and not at the discretion of the judges.