

Answer. Members of the "Pioneer and Ashland Clubs," or so reputed to be, for I do not personally know them,—and they were acting for and with the "American" party.

Question. Was the taking possession of the polls by them for the purpose of securing their own votes, or merely for the purpose of obstructing others?

Answer. Clearly for the purpose of obstructing others.

Question. Why did you leave the polls?

Answer. After repeated remonstrances with the active members of the American party, and not being able to secure the vote of any one whom they chose to refuse, and that we might avoid any actual collision with them, after consultation, we, the Reformers, concluded to retire, and most of us did so about half-past eleven o'clock, A. M.

Question. Did the police make any effort to open the gangway, and protect those whom you saw struck, and secure a fair ballot?

Answer. So soon as the polls were opened, the police deposited their ballots successively in a body, and immediately retired from the polls; I saw none nearer the polls than Aisquith Street, some sixty or eighty yards off, during the day while I was there; I saw no arrests made, except of a young gentleman on crutches.

Question. Under what circumstances was this arrest made?

Answer. I am not fully prepared to say; there was a melee in which this young man, and one named Hyde were engaged; Mr. Hyde drew a pistol and flourished it in the street, which was the only weapon I saw displayed that day,—and the young man on crutches was arrested, and Hyde was not; I had seen Hyde before that vote the American ticket.

#### *Cross-examination.*

Question. Did you vote?

Answer. I did not.

Question. As you have stated in answer to the examination in chief that for the first half hour after the opening of the polls there was free access to them, please state why you did not vote?

Answer. I did not vote during the first half hour from the fact that the window was greatly crowded, and I preferred waiting for a quieter opportunity, when there would be less crowding; I did not vote afterwards from the fact that demonstrations at the window were such that I did not consider myself justified in encountering the risk necessary to get in my vote.

Question. Did you make any persistent effort to vote, and if so what and how long did you continue such efforts?

Answer. I did not.

Question. Whilst you were at the polls some two and a half hours, did the gentlemen who were with you and who were Reformers make any persistent effort to vote?