

my way nearly up to the window, when they, the crowd, observed me, and then with a general cry of "clear the way for voters," they ruthlessly and barbarously, with one push, drove me right out; I had observed that this cry of theirs was a signal for them to push the voters, the Reform voters, out, so that the man who cried loudest, "clear the way for voters," was the man who pushed strongest against me; I then went round again to the other side of the window, and again worked my way up to the man holding the window button; he had just got an axe from some one and driven the button more firmly in, for he had worked it loose; I jocosely observed to him, "I've come again to see if you won't let me vote; I have done all you told me to do on the other side, and they had wickedly pushed me out, now wouldn't he do me the favor to let me reach under his arm or over his shoulder and put my vote in the window?" he sternly but good-naturedly said no he could not, and would not, that if I did not vote that day I couldn't do it in that way; I then retreated and gave it up, when I met the American candidate for constable in that ward, who knew me very well, and who was one of the crowd that I have spoken of; and stating my case to him, and my very great anxiety to vote, he raised his hand, the crowd separated, and I walked in and voted; before his raising his hand, however, he went to the crowd and talked to them, then he came out and raised his hand and I went in.

Question. Did the occurrences which you have related take place within view of the judges of election?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Were the persons who with you made an effort to vote and were pushed out, or many of them, known to the judges of elections as residents in the seventh ward?

Answer. I cannot speak of what the judges knew, but they were well known to the citizens of the ward generally, as old residents and voters.

Question. Were you personally acquainted with the judges of election, or any of them?

Answer. Only by sight, and I think they know me by sight.

Question. Did you see any persons beaten by the crowd or any of them, while you were there?

Answer. I saw a good deal of pushing, hauling, striking, and kicking; but I can mention but three instances of excessive and wanton cruelty and mischief; there was one little man about nineteen or twenty years of age apparently, acting with the crowd or American party, who was rather stout, but short, would go up behind one of the persons there assembled and strike over his shoulder at another and knock him down. There was one man standing close to me, in front of me or little to my right, when a fist went by my ear over my shoulder, striking him in the face, knocking him half way across the street before he fell. This little man seemed to be striking thus from mere sport, as