

window opened; I do not think that I recollect aiding or assisting in front of the window or around there, more than five or six police officers, at any one time; there were some there, I do not recollect how many, when the polls were first opened.

Question. Did you order the arrest of any individual; if so, please state the circumstances connected therewith?

Answer. A party undertook to break down the barricade, which caused much confusion, and I selected one among them, who was making the most confusion and disorder, named Wm. Kernan; I had had some commitments made out for various offences, blanks, requiring only my own signature, and the name of the offender; I filled up one of them, and called a police officer, and gave him the commitment for Kernan, for riotous and disorderly conduct; in about twenty to thirty minutes, Kernan was back at the polls; he then asked me at the window, good humoredly, rather, "Doctor, are there any commitments out?" "Yes," said I, "Kernan, I gave one out for you; but it doesn't make any difference, Kernan, for it won't be executed;" I saw that I was powerless and could do nothing.

Question. Did you see much disorder about the polls; please state any assaults upon challengers or other persons that you witnessed?

Answer. There was a great deal of disorder about the polls; immediately after the polls opened, both sides of the window were held by members of the American party; some of the Reformers immediately appealed to the judges to give them one side of the window, to which Eschbach, one of the judges, replied, that the judges had nothing to do with matters outside the window; I said it was nothing but fair and usual to give one side to each party; and after awhile, Mr. Wm. H. Norris, a Reformer, with Mr. Armistead, at his back, after a good deal of perseverance and firmness, succeeded in getting one side of the window; after one side of the barricade was broken down, Dan. Hinton got upon the American side of the window, and was very noisy and riotous; the window and platform at this time was very much crowded, and Hinton said to Mr. Armistead, "I have marked you to-day about here, and I should like to give it to you, and I'll do it too," or something of that sort; a short time afterwards he made a dash at Armistead, and the latter, to avoid the blow, slid down the platform, being unassisted.

Question. Did this party of whom you have spoken succeed in taking possession of the window?

Answer. Yes, at one time they had entire possession of both sides of the window.

Question. How was the one side of the barricade broken down?

Answer. By an attack of the Black Snakes and Washingtonians, or persons who, I have always understood, belonged to those clubs, with Kernan at the head of them, all of them swaying and pushing against it by a concerted action.