

side of the barricade, who attempted to pull it down; during that attack, a man named Thomas Carman, who was one of the Know-Nothing challengers, came down out of the barricade, struck me with a "billy" or slung-shot, a little above the right temple; the blow came from behind; I was stunned senseless for a few moments; and but for a friend having struck the man's arm up, and that the blow struck the rim of my hat, it would probably have killed me; this man, after striking me backed off into the crowd, and put his hand into his side-pocket, as if to draw a pistol, though I did not see him actually draw one out; another man near me was struck on the top of the head, during the same attack.

Question. How many policemen did you see present, during the time you were there, and what was their conduct?

Answer. There were no police there, until a short time after the polls opened; the first thing they did, after arriving on the ground, was to arrest Mr. Thomas H. Morris, who had been standing for some time near me, and who had not, so far as I saw, done anything to anybody; at no time of the day, were there more than four or five police officers at or near the polls, so far as I could see, and only on two occasions while I was at the polls did the police make any efforts to keep the polls open or to arrest persons making disturbance; several times they were ordered off from the polls and retired to where their sergeant was, half a square from the polls; I mean, they were ordered off by their friends, the Know-Nothing rowdies, who were around the window, and on those orders they retired, and several times the sergeant and his officers refused to make any effort to keep the polls open or to arrest rioters, although they were solicited so to do, and although they saw the acts of riot and disorder themselves, or had at least a fair opportunity to see them.

Question. Did these rowdies get entire possession of both sides of the window while you were there?

Answer. When I first went to the poll in the morning I entered the barricade and approached the window with a view of acting as challenger, when I reached the window I was received by the Know-Nothing rowdies, who occupied the whole space in front of the window at that time, with hoots, hisses and threats; they told me that they had me outside this time, and intended to fix me, that I couldn't act as clerk of election at the eleventh ward any more. I had occupied the place of clerk at the Municipal election and had from my knowledge of the voters stopped some ten or twelve illegal votes from going into the box; one of these men at the window had an axe in his hand, which he flourished around saying at the same time that they intended to knock that barricade down; I then left the window thinking it better that some older man should act as challenger, and I took my place outside on the west side of the barricade; several times during the day, while I was there, these rowdies took complete