

Answer. I do business as a merchant on Howard Street, and was on that day a legal voter of the twelfth ward.

Question. Were you at the polls of that ward on that day; if so, at what time did you go, and how long did you remain?

Answer. I went to the polls at about nine o'clock, A. M., before the polls opened, and remained there until a short time before they closed, with intervals of a few minutes' absence during the day?

Question. Did you see any obstruction or interference with legal voters, in their exercise of the right of suffrage; if so, state the character and extent of such interference or obstruction?

Answer. The polls were obstructed nearly the whole day, by persons in the interest of the "American" party; almost immediately after the opening of the polls, a man named Boyle, a nominee by the American party for the City Council, and some others, took virtual possession of the polls, and behaved in a violent and outrageous manner, threatening the judges, &c.; I supposed there would be no voting that day in consequence of their action, but a police officer by the name of George H. E. Bailey, declared his intention to see fair voting; he succeeded in quelling the tumult, to some extent, with a great deal of difficulty; he was much resisted by Boyle and his associates; Bailey remained at the polls for about two hours; he was constantly opposed whilst there, by persons in the interest of the American party, and was compelled to use strong means to enable legal voters, whom the other party did not like, to get in their votes; I am satisfied, that without his instrumentality, there would have been no possibility of any considerable number of persons desiring to vote the Reform ticket, getting in their votes; I saw challengers of the American party leave the window repeatedly, and go down into the crowd and strike persons who were coming up to vote; after Bailey was withdrawn, I am satisfied that no person at all voted, except by the sufferance of rowdies professing to belong to the American party, except during short intervals, particularly about dinner time; foreigners were excluded before they came near the polls; men whom I know to be blackguards kept both sides of what should have been a gangway, and closed up immediately on the approach of any voter whom they did not like; sometimes they would back up against the window, and in other ways, too numerous to mention, they kept legal voters back; early in the day, when I saw a man struck and kicked, I crossed over the street to a number of policemen standing there, and requested their interference; they said they had orders to arrest no one without particular orders from their sergeant; I asked where he was; he was pointed out to me at a distant corner; I, with several other gentlemen, went to him, and made a statement of the difficulties at the polls, and asked for his interference; he said his instructions were, not to be at the polls, to keep away from the polls; I and the others offered to make