

White," fall mortally wounded; the firing was very rapid, and the crowd scattered; I saw Gregory Barrett draw his pistol and fire five times, but being intently engaged watching him, I did not see at whom his pistol was pointed; after he had discharged all the barrels of his pistol, he called for rifles; he and some of his party raved like madmen, swearing that they would kill the Reformers, and I heard McGonnigan, one of the Rip Raps, swear that no Reformer should vote, except over his dead body; this he said with horrid oaths and imprecations, which I do not care to repeat in giving testimony; immediately after, I saw a voter endeavor to vote; whilst he was, showing his papers, McGonnigan struck him, several of his party also struck and kicked him, when Capt. Brown, of the police, arrested McGonnigan and took him to the station house, but in five minutes he had returned to the polls, and behaved with as great violence as ever; when Barrett commenced his threatening behavior, before the firing, I seized him and called on Sergeant Hough to arrest him; I demanded his arrest because he was interfering with voters and disturbing the peace; Sergeant Hough refused to arrest him; from that time until I left, the polls were in possession of the parties I have mentioned, and it was scarcely, if at all, possible for any man to vote who did not vote the American ticket.

Question. From what you witnessed at the polls, is it and was it your judgment, that any attempt on the part of the Reform Association to keep the poll open and protect voters would have brought on riot and bloodshed?

Answer. It would; if there had been a sufficient number of Reformers on the ground, we might have kept the polls open, but the number on the ground was not strong enough to oppose them successfully.

Question. Had there been a sufficient number of Reformers on the ground, what would, in your opinion, have been necessary to have an open poll?

Answer. We should have been obliged to take violent possession; they were prepared for violence, and it would have been necessary to meet them on their own terms.

Cross-examination.

Question. How long have you been a voter of the fourteenth ward?

Answer. I have been voting in the same ward, which was formerly the twelfth ward, about twenty-one years.

Question. What is the number of voters in that ward?

Answer. I think about eight hundred.

Question. Were you a member of the Reform organization of that ward?

Answer. There was no regular organization in the ward; we