

overpowered, thereupon abandoned and retired from the contest, in consequence of the superior physical strength of the American party then and there present?

Answer. At the time of this affray, there were not many persons present, say about a hundred, perhaps equal numbers of both parties; after the affray, the Reformers being driven away who had engaged in the affray, others coming up singly, or in small numbers, were intimidated by the reports of the affray, and the exhibition at the window, some by the language used toward them personally, or the cries and noise, and they were afraid as a general thing, to make the effort to vote.

Question. So far as you had opportunity of judging, from your observation at the fourteenth ward polls, did the Reformers make a persistent effort and a continuous struggle to get to the judges window, with a view to deposit their ballots?

Answer. Generally they did not, some did.

Question. Those who made such efforts, were they or not, successful?

Answer. I am unable to say whether they voted or not; I was not near enough to see; I saw one man beat at the window.

Question. So far as your own observation extended, did you or not, attribute the defeat of the Reform ticket in the fourteenth ward, to the indisposition on the part of the Reformers to encounter the risk of ill-treatment whilst attempting to vote, and that in consequence of such threatening aspect of affairs, they would not go near the polls?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Did you vote; if so, how long did it take you so to do?

Answer. I did vote; was in the crowd about five minutes; I voted early.

Question. If any of your personal acquaintances, legal voters of the fourteenth ward, did not vote, please state the causes, so far as you are aware of them, and give the names of such persons?

Answer. Several persons have spoken to me of not having voted, who were intimidated; amongst them my brother, Samuel Hinks, and others whose names I do not now recollect; I should not think that more than a half a dozen have spoken to me personally.

Re-examination.

Question. From your observation of the condition of the polls, after the "Rip Raps" took possession of them, is it your opinion that any Reform voter seeking to approach the window, run a great risk of being beaten or otherwise maltreated?

Answer. That is my opinion.