

that time who succeeded in voting; I pushed away, however, with as much strength as I possessed, for a while, but finding that I was very much pressed and squeezed, I came out of the crowd; there was evidently a concerted effort on the part of persons around the window to prevent us from voting; some one of the Reformers, whose name I did not know, expostulated with them mildly, and asked them to let us have one side of the window; a red-headed man, who was very active on the American side, cried out, "Take it, if you can get it," or something to that effect; pushing continued, and, after a little while, a large man rushed out of the crowd towards the place where I and several of the Reformers were standing, and brandished a large horse-pistol, about a foot long, and presented it as if about to fire; this caused considerable commotion among the Reformers; I did not see any pistols drawn on the part of the Reformers, but some one in their body cried out, "Don't fire unless he fires—let them have the first fire;" the man then put up his pistol and went back into the crowd without injuring anybody; this circumstance seemed to dampen the ardor of the Reformers very considerably; I think it was shortly after this, perhaps a few minutes, it may have been longer, however, that I saw Mr. Baughman come out of the crowd which had gathered around the window, with his face bleeding badly; after a little while longer a number of the Reformers went off, stating that they intended to go down to the Mayor's office and make an appeal to him, and to protest against the election, as they said; I remained in the vicinity of the window, being at times from ten to fifty yards distant, until they returned; when they returned they advised us to go home, stating that it was useless to remain any longer, as they could get no help from the acting Mayor; I remonstrated against this course, and endeavored to persuade them to remain and vote; they appeared, however, to be generally intimidated and dispirited, and most of them left the polls; this was, I suppose, about half-past eleven; I remained, and also a few others; after a while I again approached the window and made another effort to vote, and this time succeeded in voting without much difficulty; after this time I do not think, as far as I could judge from observation at the time, that there were more than a dozen Reform votes polled, if so many; I would observe a crowd around the window close up and shout and yell, as persons would attempt to vote whom they wished to exclude, although I saw three or four persons vote without obstruction, whom I took to be Reformers; while I was at the polls I saw several omnibusses full of persons drive up; the passengers would get out and vote and then they would get into the omnibusses again and drive off; these persons were, many of them, from the Almshouse, as was said at the time, although I had no personal knowledge of that fact; before I left, the polls became very quiet, there was very few persons voting or approaching; being satisfied that I could accomplish nothing