

attempt, and was treated in the same manner; the third time I called on the judges to disperse the crowd there, to let me vote; as a tax payer and American citizen I claimed the right to vote; I was then repulsed again by the crowd; I then called upon the judges to close the window, that it was no fair election, and with that I received two blows on the side of my head, when the cry "Wade in, natives," was made; I then made six other ineffectual efforts to vote, being nine attempts in all; afterwards I saw a man knocked down at the polls; I called an officer's attention to it, and he told me he had nothing to do with it; I looked for his number, but he had it covered with a strap; all the officers that I saw at those polls had their numbers covered with their straps; two men of the crowd standing near me said within hearing of the officer, "You'd better look out, or you'll get knocked down too;" while I was standing there I saw six men vote twice; they first voted, and then went off a little way, exchanged caps and hats, and went up and voted again; I did not know, nor could I ascertain who they were; I intended to vote the Reform ticket.

Question. Had the party that prevented your voting complete possession of the polls while you were there?

Answer. They had complete possession during the whole time I was there, about an hour.

Question. Did you see any person vote the American ticket while there?

Answer. I did not know positively what ticket any person voted.

Question. Did those six men, of whom you have spoken, experience any difficulty in voting?

Answer. They did not; the crowd opened for them, calling out, "Here come good voters;" and they walked up without any obstruction.

Cross-examination.

Question. Did you return to the polls in the afternoon?

Answer. I did not.

Question. Please state how many persons were on the pavement in front of the window, while you were there?

Answer. About two dozen.

Question. During the hour that you were there, how many persons voted?

Answer. I could not tell; I saw Judge Krebs and Mr. Ohler vote; they are the only two that I knew; I remember now another named Adam Vance, who voted; he is a common beggar on the street, and they let him vote, saying, "He's a good voter," and they kept me out.

Question. When you spoke to the judges, asking them to disperse the crowd, how far were you from the window?