

to immediately; I told him that I wished he would, as some of the most respectable men in the ward were talking of arming themselves for the purpose of securing their rights at the polls; a man sitting on the left of the Mayor said, we would look well at that, for they had three hundred well armed men there, (meaning at the sixteenth ward poll,) to meet us if we came; the Mayor was writing at the time, and did not pay any attention to the remark; I then went away from the Mayor's office; about two o'clock I went to the polls, that is, to the curb in front of the window, and while I was standing there, I saw a youngster that I should judge to be about fifteen or sixteen years old, approach the window and hand the judge three tickets, one after the other, giving each time a different name; the judge took those three tickets, but whether he put them in the box or not I did not see; the youngster handed the judge a fourth ticket with another name, when the judge remarked, "That will do, you have voted often enough now." I did not vote nor make any effort to vote after being forced away from the window in the rush which I have spoken of.

*Cross-examination.*

Question. Please to state why you did not offer to vote when you were near the window?

Answer. Because there were others ahead of me, and intending to stay all day, I did not make any effort to vote at that time.

Question. How many Reformers were with you when you went to the polls?

Answer. About twenty in all.

Question. How many persons belong to the Reform Association of the sixteenth ward?

Answer. I do not know.

Question. How many Reformers had signed an agreement to be at the polls on election day?

Answer. I do not know; there were about thirty names when I signed.

Question. When you saw the boy hand three ballots to the judge, as you have described, could you not have voted then, if you had seen fit?

Answer. I might or I might not; I could have voted through the day, I suppose, for about that time one of the rowdies came to me and offered to take me up, but I told him I wouldn't, that if I could not go up like a man, I would not go like a sheep; I do not deny that I could have voted, but I would not do it under the circumstances.

Question. How many persons did you see struck at those polls?

Answer. I saw five struck.