

Answer. They stood some distance from the polls at the corner, about half a square off, talking to crowds there; there were one or two who were near the polls.

Question. How many officers equally desirous to do their duty with yourself could have kept the poll open for all voters on that day?

Answer. I believe six men could have kept that poll open on that day.

Question. Was the poll taken forcible possession of by persons acting with one party, and if so, with what party?

Answer. They did try to take possession of the window and almost had it, while I was there, and as I left they rushed up and took entire possession; they were acting with the American party.

Question. Was your presence and conduct the only obstacle while you were there, to their complete and entire possession of the access to the polls?

Answer. I believe it was; I am satisfied they would otherwise have had entire possession twenty minutes after the window was up.

Question. Was there, while you were there, a constant effort on the part of this crowd to prevent the approach of Reform voters to the window?

Answer. Yes, sir, there was; in many instances men's hats were mashed over their faces, and they were intimidated in all sorts of ways; some of them were struck.

Question. How long have you been familiar with the population of that ward?

Answer. About fifteen years.

Question. Were the persons whom you have spoken of as obstructing voters and endeavoring to take possession of the polls, men whom you recognized as residents and voters of the ward?

Answer. I saw men there that were obstructing the polls; some were residents of the ward, some were not, and some of them I do not believe were residents of the city at all.

#### *Cross-examination.*

Question. Please to state your occupation or business since November 2d, 1859?

Answer. I have been and am now a police officer.

Question. So far as you observed, did the judges of election do their duty?

Answer. Two of them did, but one I did not think tried to do his.

Question. If the judge was derelict in any way, please say how?