

# TAMMANY WON OUT!

## The School Election to Decide on the Selection of a Schoolhouse Site Was a Warm Number And No Mistake.

The board of education called an election to be held last Friday afternoon from 1 to 4 for the purpose of voting upon the question of a site for the new schoolhouse. There were two propositions before the people—one to locate on the old site, the other to locate on the old Syverson block. The election started out to be a friendly contest but before the finish it developed into a question of personal spite, selfishness and politics, and the good of the people was lost sight of. The old site advocates won out by a majority of five, which caused Bro. Rearick to look something like this picture when he heard the result. The picture don't do



him justice however. We don't care so much about the result, but at the way that result was obtained. The election board was composed of men whose sympathies were enlisted on the old site proposition and the other side was not given a decent or fair deal.

Clerk of Court Oscar D. Purinton was clerk and it kept him busy with both hands recording and seeing that all his voters and adherents were sent for and in this line he was ably assisted by County Auditor P. A. Melgard—this was all right so far, they had a right to get their voters out, but when four o'clock came these men, contrary to all common decency and the rights of others, deliberately refused to

close the polls as advertised because they were too scared and thought they were beaten. They succeeded in running in a few more votes and closed twenty-five minutes after four and only then when they saw that the people did not approve of such Tammany methods of conducting an election. County Judge Carleton was on hand as chief challenger for the old site boomers and voters were turned down who had a right to vote while others who had no vote at all were unmolested and allowed to vote if he was sure they had the right ticket. The side picture illustrates rather poorly how the voter was held up. We don't care a picayune about getting

downed on the proposition but we do resent the unfair and indecent methods used by the majority. It seems strange that men who have been boosted into office by their neighbors and friends



year after year should so flagrantly turn their friends down and treat them in such an abominable manner. It may seem good to these political barnacles, but we can assure them that it doesn't sit very well on the stomachs of their friends. We are not blaming those on the other side who won out. They are great workers and deserve credit for being assisted so ably by these friends of ours and we doff our hat to the court

house "gang." In conclusion if the board of education is satisfied with that kind of a deal we shall have to be. Let us build the school ever keeping in mind these three words. "Remember the Maine"

