

LAMENTABLE IGNORANCE SHOWN.

Election Officers Who Did Not Comprehend Their Duties.

Errors of Omission and Commission That Occurred at the Recent City Election.

So numerous and grievous were the errors of commission and omission on the part of election boards in this city at the late election, that it would have been a matter of comparative ease to have changed the result of the election in several instances, had any one been so inclined who had access to the election documents, blanks and ballots, in say but half of the precincts. The facts suggest that the remedy for inefficiency and carelessness on the part of election boards is two-fold and distinctive, namely the adoption of voting machines, or official instructions to presiding officers by one of the Superior Court Judges, the District Attorney or some other official appointed to that duty.

As illustrative of these expressions let the reader consider the following facts, and they will be found not uninteresting, and to make very clear the dangers to which the elective franchise is exposed. First, what are the requirements of the law, from and after the closing of the polls and concerning voting methods and care of the returns.

All unused ballots must first be defaced by the ballot clerks in the presence of the bystanders, immediately after closing the polls, by drawing two pens and ink lines across the face of each unused ballot, the lines to cross one another. These unused ballots must then be sealed up in an envelope provided, across the seal of which the election officers must write their names.

When the voters are counted the tally clerks must make tallies by groups of five marks. When the counting is completed and after the ballots are sealed in the totals on a tally sheet, an office must be written out in full, not in figures, and a list thus prepared must be attached to each tally sheet, or it may be indorsed on a tally sheet and certified to in ink writing by the members of the board, and attested as correct by the signatures of the clerks.

The tally lines not filled by tallies must be blanked out to the end of the sheet with two heavy parallel ink lines, and at the end of the sheet the tally clerk making the last tally must write his initials, each on his own sheet. This, there may be no more tallies possibly marked in the lines. The spoiled ballots must be marked, listed and sealed up with the unused ballots. When the ballots are called off, and fully tallied and struck they must be sealed up in an envelope provided and the package indorsed by the signatures of the members of the board written across the sealed side.

One member of the board must take charge of the package and immediately deliver it to the City Clerk in person, and take a receipt for it. It is to be expressed to the clerk. The other documents of the board must also be made up in packages of like character and delivered in the same manner. On receipt of them the Clerk is to file the ballot package unopened, and so keep it for one year and then burn it still unopened.

The register used by the clerks, all certificates of registration used in the course of the voting, a copy of challenges interposed, one of the poll lists kept at electors voted, and one of the certified tally lists shall be sealed up in an envelope provided. This package, as in the case of the other, must be delivered to the City Clerk at once by some member of the board selected by lot or otherwise. The other tally list, poll list and official register used are to be retained unsealed by the Inspector for six months.

If all these requirements are complied with, and it will be seen that they are not at all complicated, there will be scarcely a possibility of fraud. There will be no ballots to be substituted for abstracted ones, no tally lists that can be falsified, no blank lines in which to put new tallies, no access to the ballots to abstract some, no access to their faces, no poll lists that can be tampered with. But if they are not complied with, it is easy to understand how changes in the returns and the results of an election reversed.

blanked out, and no signatures could be found. The same error appeared in the Second of the Eighth, as also in the Third Precinct. The First and Third Precinct returns of the Ninth Ward were open to the same objection, but in the Third less so.

In most of the precincts the clerks failed to deface the unused ballots as the law requires, and in some of the precincts the method of counting the ballots was wrong, and not as required by law, though the method of counting stated all the election officers in the face in bold type on specially prepared instructions, on the first page of the tally sheets.

In several cases the documents were placed in the wrong envelopes, causing confusion in canvassing, and the opening of envelopes that should remain sealed. In at least one case the official tally sheet was not returned to the Clerk, and the canvassing board had to send out and hunt it up from the pocket of one of the election board. In some cases where two persons were voted for the same office, election boards threw out the whole ballot, though the law specially provides that only the vote for that office shall be rejected.

In the cases where the stamped "X" did not appear exactly in the square provided by the printer, the vote was cast out though the intention of the elector was easily ascertainable. In many cases the returns were in the ballot boxes, though the law does not so provide, and sometimes boxes were committed to the care of express wagon drivers to deliver to the Clerk, though the law expressly provides for delivery by one of the board of election. In one case an expressman took two boxes to the city printer and had them locked up in a cell. In many cases ballot clerks did not inform the elector of the law directs to use the official stamp or else their ballots would be thrown out. They contented themselves by muttering to voters "use the stamp." In many cases they neglected to obey the law even to that extent.

A very frequent error was the placing of the sealed returns in the ballot box, and then sealing the box, returning it to the Clerk, whereas the law requires, and the instructions plainly direct, that the ballots and returns packages be carried by one of the board to the City Clerk, who must indorse upon the envelope the name of the person from whom it is received. Where the packages were locked up in the ballot box this indorsement of receipt could not be made, and was committed by several election boards, namely, placing the certificate of tally tallies in the ballot envelope. This envelope and never opened except by order of a court hearing a contested election case. The sealed packages to be kept a year and then burned without being opened. But when the tally certificate is sealed up with the ballots the canvassing board has to break the seals to get them out, or else omit to canvass the precinct returns.

Not all the errors of the election boards have been here listed, but enough to show that the law in many cases was not complied with, and in many others it was stupidly or willfully violated. The returns of the voters thus seriously endangered.

THE STREET FUND. It has to be replenished by a Transfer of Money. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees last night Leonard H. Heston, clerk for more than \$250 on the street fund had been allowed in excess of the money in the fund. It would be necessary, therefore, to transfer enough money to that fund to pay all outstanding bills, and care should be taken hereafter to contract no bills in excess of the fund.

YESTERDAY'S FIRE. A. M. Smith's Residence at 1114 G Street last night destroyed. A fire broke out at 5 o'clock last evening a fire destroyed the one-story and basement cottage of A. M. Smith, at 1114 G street. The family were all absent at the time, except Mr. Smith's young daughter, and she was unable to say whether a lamp fell from a table or the fire was started by the explosion of a gas pipe.

Real Estate Transfers. The following real estate transactions have been recorded since our last report: James Wedick et ux. to Mrs. Nellie Tucker, as separate property—West half of lot 8, N. and O, Fifth and Sixth streets, and Twenty-fifth streets.

Women Who Say Nothing. Again last night at the tent a large crowd gathered to witness the laughable variety performance of the Vivian De Monto Company, concluded by the ladies' wood sawing contest. To-morrow evening the five victors of the week will compete in a grand final effort for three valuable prizes. Next week the show will be transferred to the old Pavilion.

EASTERN COLONISTS ARE COMING.

They Left Chicago Yesterday for Sacramento.

To-day the Chamber of Commerce Will Meet and Prepare to Welcome Them.

Mayor Steinman, F. H. Krebs, J. M. Morrison, S. Lavenson, Edwin K. Alsip and W. H. V. Raymond, members of the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to receive the Eastern Colonists from the East, to arrive next Monday, met last evening at the office of Secretary Pelter. The committee, instead of deciding on a definite plan of reception and entertainment of the new-comers, made a report to the Executive Committee of the chamber in which they recommended that a full meeting of the directors be held this afternoon to consider the matter and formulate a plan.

The committee were of the opinion that the matter was one of such vast importance to the city and county that it was deserving of direct action by the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in accordance with their recommendation, a full meeting of the directors has been called for 4 o'clock this afternoon to consider what steps should be taken. At last evening's meeting the plan that received the most favor was for a committee to receive the visitors on their arrival and escort them to the Western Hotel, where an excellent supper shall await their train. In many cases they neglected to obey the law even to that extent.

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MILITARY HIGH JINKS. Company E Celebrates Its Recent Shooting Victories. Company E, Second Infantry, N. G. C., last evening celebrated at Army Hall the victories it attained in the shooting contests for the trophies offered by the regimental staff and the Buffalo Ice and Brewing Company. The celebration was a sort of ladies' night, and the fair sex were present in large numbers. During a banquet in the company's quarters Adjutant-General H. H. Heston, who was a few remarks. He responded cheerfully, and congratulated the members of the company for the good showing they have made in target shooting, and advised them to continue to do so, as what was needed in the National Guard are good marksmen as well as good tacticians.

Wants a New Trial. Flora Davis has given notice to James Davis and E. D. Ryan that she will move for a new trial in the case of the estate of David Davis.

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