



SLATE-WRITING POSSIBLE?

Is slate-writing by spirits possible? Spiritistic circles are considerably agitated over the announcement that Edward J. Earle has vanished, and that some of those he had dealings with have charged him with having gathered in several thousand dollars while in this city by means of trickery.

It has been asserted by some, who once pinned their faith in Earle, that he had a number of confederates, all of whom were sleight-of-hand experts, and that instead of spirits writing the communications he delivered to his auditors, duplicated slates were surreptitiously prepared and cleverly substituted for the blank ones.

Earle formed the acquaintance of all the leading mediums while he was here, and created a most favorable impression among them. Some profess to believe that he is still in the city or the immediate neighborhood, and that he will disprove the charges in person within a few days.

The question, "Is slate-writing by spirits possible?" was propounded to a large number of mediums and believers in spiritualism by the reporter yesterday, and brought out the curious fact that there is a difference among mediums as to the means the departed employ to communicate with the living. A few of the higher mediums give scores for the practice of slate-writing, while some of the supporters of the latter frown upon the claims of the others, that communication can only be held through the medium.

Some great and psychic healers, however, are believers in the slate-writing manifestations. Here are the statements of some of the best known spiritualists:

Professor H. O. Fossell, astrologist, palmist and psychic healer: "Although I am not a medium and do not possess the gift I firmly believe that slate-writing by spirits is entirely possible. My belief is the result of actual demonstrations I have witnessed. I am not one of the kind who can accept any theory until I have made a careful personal investigation, and it was only after a long and careful examination into the matter that I placed my faith in it. For instance, I visited a medium in Chicago once who knew absolutely nothing of me or my family, yet I received a long message from my mother, who had been dead for several months. The message was made up of several family matters that I am positive nobody in Chicago knew anything about. Not only that, but the message was in my mother's handwriting, and I have always regretted that it was written on a piece of paper, so I could have preserved it.

"After I had read the message I reasoned to myself that I must be laboring under some sort of hypnotic spell; but I forced myself to read it, and I became convinced that the dead could communicate with the living by means of slate-writing. I have found that all the higher mediums give scores for the practice of fraud, but I have also found that everything genuine is counterfeited, so, while there may be fraud practiced in slate-writing, I believe it is no proof that none are genuine.

"Mrs. Dr. F. Clark, trance medium—I do not believe it is possible for spirits to communicate with the living by means of slate-writing. I am a trance medium and I believe that only through such mediums can messages pass between the spirit world and this. I have met Mr. Earle frequently, and while I regard him as the highest in his line, that of slate-writing, I have no faith in it.

"Mrs. Griffith, medium—Of course I believe in the possibility of slate-writing by spirits. Not only do I know it is possible, but I know it is one of the most frequently used means of communication between the spirit world and this. I have seen many manifestations that would convince the most skeptical. I know Mr. Earle well, and I know the real character of him; but I do not think he is a fraud.

"Mrs. Mayo-Stiers, medium—"I certainly do believe it is possible for spirits to communicate with the living by means of slate-writing. I am all a trance medium, and I have seen many manifestations in all three of the methods of spirit communication. There is no argument from a scientific standpoint, that can be advanced to prove that spirit slate-writing is impossible. I have seen a medium in this city for twenty five years and have seen many manifestations that would convince the most skeptical. I know Mr. Earle well, and I know the real character of him; but I do not think he is a fraud.

"Bishop L. Garrison, slate-writer—"Were I not a believer in spirit slate-writing I would not advocate it. Of course, such manifestations can only occur through the medium, but there is no deception or fraud about it.

"Dr. Nellie Beigh, magnetic healer—I most certainly believe in slate-writing, for I have had proofs of it. Regarding the master Mr. Earle, I do not think he is a fraud. I believe he is an honest man.

"Mrs. J. J. Whitney, spiritual medium—I not only believe that slate-writing is not a fake, but I know that it is not. I have seen during my experience as a medium test after test given in this way, and have had proofs that there was no trickery. Of course, though, I do not mean to say that there are not men who are swindlers and those who try to dupe the people; there are many of them. Mr. Earle, I think, is not guilty of the charges brought against him.

"Mrs. E. K. Young, spiritual medium—I condemn the use of slate-writing by mediums, not that such a thing is impossible, but its use is to a great extent. Mr. Earle, I believe, as a spiritualist was genuine, but as a medium he was not. I think he had great mediumistic power, but he mixed fraud with his gift.

"Mrs. Eggett Alken, test medium—There is not a genuine slate-writer in San Francisco. Even the much-talked-of Evans had simply mythical power. I have no use for slate-writers whatever. I have known for three years that Earle was a sham. He is the kind to disgust one with spiritualism. I even offered to put up \$500 that I could prove his work was done by confederates.

"Mrs. Le Normande, medium—"I know that there is such a thing as slate-writing by spirits. I have had many manifestations of myself, I cannot believe that Mr. Earle was a fraud. Why, I have had slate-writings with him and I am

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EACH TO MAKE HIS OWN FIGHT

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A Possibility That the Plum May Slip Away From the County's Grasp.

OAKLAND, CAL., Oct. 14.—The announcement that all hope of adjusting the differences between Dr. Pardee and W. R. Davis in such a manner that one should retire and the other go before the county for the nomination for Governor had passed away gave politics a decidedly breezy flavor to-day.

Both men are now out to win the nomination independent of the other. Mr. Davis has not yet replied publicly to the people who addressed him through petitions, but will probably do so within a few days. He stated to-day that in one matter he had been misrepresented in some of the papers. It has been commonly reported that Mr. Davis had said that he did not intend to be a candidate for Governor, but that he would accept the nomination of the Republicans of the county. Mr. Davis says that this does not exactly express his position, for it has all along been his contention that he must be assured of the substantial support of the county before becoming a candidate, but that he should not believe that no man ever had it or ever will have it.

Dr. Pardee said this morning that he is fairly in the fight to win, and will do everything in his power to succeed. He deplored the fact that there was going to be a pretty big fuss before the business was settled, but says that it is not his fault. He has assured from all parts of the State that he will not leave the county unless the campaign will be kept up from this time till next July. I deeply deplore the prospect of a hard fight in the primaries of this county, and I do not believe that I can tell now whether the campaign will be kept up from this time till next July. I deeply deplore the prospect of a hard fight in the primaries of this county, and I do not believe that I can tell now whether the campaign will be kept up from this time till next July.

The present situation is what the professional politicians are longing for. It means any amount of activity and "good times" on the curb. Both of the two gentlemen are known fighters and organizers, and each has in his camp some of the best experienced politicians in the county. Although the two gentlemen are very particular that the contest throughout shall not savor of unkindness, it is safe to assume that many of their supporters will do their utmost to bring about a night of the Enquirer, which Frank A. Leach, superintendent of the Mint, is proprietor, says:

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TO CHOOSE FREEHOLDERS.

The Committee of One Hundred Will Select a Board of Fifteen.

At the meeting of the charter convention last evening the committee of ten appointed to arrange for the selection of a Board of Freeholders made the following report:

Your committee of ten respectfully recommends that candidates for a Board of Freeholders be selected by the convention of 1900, and that the committee of one hundred is hereby recommended that candidates for a board of fifteen freeholders be selected as follows: Populists, five; Democrats, six; Republicans and three Populists.

Your committee further recommends that the president of the convention be requested to appoint a committee of five, to prepare a list of eligible names for freeholders to be presented at the meeting of the convention to be held hereafter, and that the selections of this committee be voted upon by the board of freeholders.

With an amendment by P. J. Healy providing that instead of three Populists on the board there should be three members not belonging to the Democratic or Republican parties. The report was adopted.

A communication from members of the Populist party to the effect that they would oppose a charter which did not provide for the control of the public utility affairs by direct legislation, initiative and referendum, was placed on file.

The committee on revenue and taxation asked for information in regard to the time and place for holding the election for the Mayor and subject to be named by him. This was referred to the law committee, and then the convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole and took up the report of the committee on public utility affairs.

After considerable discussion the first section of the report was adopted. This provides that the Board of Public Works shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor and subject to removal by him. The board is to have the control of streets, sewers, bridges and viaducts, public utilities, parks, wharves and docks and the construction and repair of public buildings.

OLD CALIFORNIAN DYING. James Dickinson Is Seriously Ill at Madera.

Yosemite Valley Commissioner Miles Wallace received a telegram from Madera Wednesday announcing the serious illness of his father-in-law, James Dickinson, of that place. The telegram stated that he was feared Mr. Dickinson would not live through the night. Mr. Wallace left on Wednesday night's train for the bedside of his father-in-law.

James Dickinson is one of the oldest residents of Fresno County, having settled there many years ago. He was interested in some of the early enterprises and was one of the founders of the California Flume and Trading Company, which built a flume from what is now Madera forty miles to tap the timber belt in the eastern part of the county. In the early part of his life he was engaged in a party of San Jose capitalists, who still conduct the business under the firm name of the Malera Flume and Trading Company. For several years Mr. Dickinson has been suffering from paralysis. Of late his ailment has confined him to the house. The family consists of a wife, a son and two daughters. He is a brother of Dr. Dickinson of this city.

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Stocks and Bonds

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