THE WEAPON OF A COWARD

An Anonymous Circular Attacking Mr. Ellert.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

Despicable and Malicious Attempt to Injure an Honorable Man at the Twelfth Hour.

A most despicable and cowardly attempt to injure L. R. Ellert, the popular Non-Partisan candidate for Mayor, has been made at the twelfth hour in the shape of a circular, charging him with having "as chairman of the Industrial School Committee of the Board of Supervisors, systematically persecuted the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Magdalen Asylum."

The circular is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. The miserable poltroon who dared to make up such a false and malicious charge against an honorable man on the eve of an election had not the manliness to attach his name to the circular. He knew full well that if he had done so he would have been forever afterward held up to public scorn and execration.

This fact of itself is sufficient proof to all intelligent men of the one object of circulating calumnious lies against a man who will undoubtedly be the next Mayor of this fair city. It is also an evidence of the source from which it has emanated.

It is needless to say that such a dastardly trick will utterly fail in accomplishing the object aimed at, which, it is easy to see, is to inflame the minds of the members of the Roman Catholic church against Mr. Ellert.

The Sisters of Mercy deny in the most emphatic terms that they have the remotest cause for complaint against Mr. Ellert and utterly repudiate any connection with the lying circular.

Is it not preposterous to imagine for a moment that any man holding an office in the gift of the citizens and who looked forward to seeking further favors from the electors, would stultify himself by persecuting any class? Such an assumption is entirely opposed to reason and common-sense.

The circular is the work of a knave. He is careful to make a general charge and it is so cunningly worded that almost everything is left to the imagination, the only definite charge being that Mr. Ellert has systematically persecuted the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Magdalen Asylum, which the sisters declare is absolutely untrue.

It shows to what depths the villanous vampires, who have been for years looting the city treasury, have sunk in their desperation at seeing sure and certain defeat staring them in the face at the polls to-day.

A "roorback" in some shape or form was expected, but it was never expected that religious prejudices would be brought into play based upon utterly unfounded and ridiculous charges.

Would Archbishop Riordan, Father Montgomery and others of the clergy come out unequivocally for Mr. Ellert and other Non-Partisan nominees if there was a particle of truth in the trumped-up charge? Reason and common-sense emphatically say No!

The circular will have precisely the opposite effect intended. It will make Mr. Ellert's friends among the Roman Catholics—and their name is legion—rally round his standard to-day, and when the songs of triumph over his victory at the polls ring forth to-night none will join with greater might than they.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. Marcus Pollasky of Fresno is at the Palace.

H. H. Pitcher, a banker of Livermore, is at the Palace.

Professor David S. Jordan of Palo Alto is at the Palace.

W. H. Calvert, a prominent manufacturer of Chicago, is at the Baldwin.

J. H. McIlwaine, a wealthy merchant of Chicago, is registered at the Baldwin.

F. Woodard, a well-known railroad man of Sacramento, is at the Baldwin.

J. W. Dobbins of the United States Geological Survey is at the Occidental.

J. B. Chinn, a prominent fruitgrower of Vacaville, is staying at the Grand.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Crocker have returned to the Palace from a year's tour abroad.

C. J. Nickerson, a well-known miner of Angel's Camp, is registered at the Lick.

W. H. Van Voast, a well-known lumberman of Guerneville, is staying at the Grand.

P. Weter, a prominent stock owner of New York, is staying at the Baldwin with his son.

E. D. Goodrich, a well-known business man of San Francisco, returned to the city from Portland last night.

William J. Dingee, a capitalist of Oakland, has taken up permanent winter quarters at the Palace with his wife.

Viscount Pierre de Barthelemy and Manuel Suberveille, two wealthy young Frenchmen, are at the Palace Hotel, after an extended visit to the United States and Mexico.

Nelson C. Hawks and wife celebrated their silver wedding at the California Hotel last night. The occasion was seized for a banquet by a few intimate friends of the pair, followed by a theater party. Many handsome presents were received by the pair to commemorate the occasion. Mr. Hawks has long been a partner in the printing firm of Hawks & Shattuck of this city.

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Vote Early.

LET no stuffer vote your name. Be first at the polls, even if you have to delay your breakfast. Help the good work of cleaning out the foul bosses.

WERE GROSSLY INSULTED.

That Is What the Ministers Say of De Young's Article.

When the ministers of the Methodist churches of San Francisco came together in the regular weekly meeting yesterday morning they were an angry lot of men, and although it is not the custom of ministers of the gospel to let their passions get the best of them, they considered it just cause after reading the article in yesterday morning's Chronicle about the meeting held Sunday afternoon at Odd Fellows' Hall by the Anti-Dive Association.

Although no regular proceedings were taken to denounce the infamous act of the Chronicle, it was not done only because those present considered it beneath their contempt to take any notice of that paper's outrageous report of Sunday's meeting.

Rev. Thomas Filben, who gave his version of the affair, also asked the meeting not to take any action as it would be against the dignity of the church to notice such a mass of lies.

Two of the most prominent ministers in the city, however, stated to a CALL reporter yesterday afternoon that it was the grossest insult ever offered to the pastors of San Francisco, and that had been the opinion of all those present.

ELLERT HIGHLY PLEASED

Confident That the Ticket Will Win.

HE TALKS QUITE FREELY.

The First Opportunity, He Says, the People Have Had for Years to Down the Bosses.

L. R. Ellert, the Non-Partisan candidate for Mayor, who has been in Santa Cruz for several days caring for his wife, who is very ill, returned to the city yesterday and for several hours was closeted with his friends.

During his enforced absence he lost track of his fight to a great extent, but it took him but a little while to see how the land lay, and it was evident that he was pleased with the outlook.

He smiled pleasantly when spoken to about the election, and expressed the greatest confidence in the result.

"My wife," said he, "has been very ill, and I was compelled to go to Santa Cruz, where she now is. Owing to that fact I was forced to neglect my canvass, but I learn that my friends have done much better than I could have hoped had I been here.

"They tell me that everything is in first-class shape, and if all I hear is true I do not see how we can lose.

"The feeling against the bosses, I find, has grown wonderfully within the last week, until now all the good people in town are up in arms.

"They realize that the only escape from the terrible condition of affairs which has prevailed for years is by an uprising of the better class of citizens.

"There is now no doubt that the respectable voters will, as a rule, give us their support, and with it we will win easily.

"Knowing the situation as I did, I have

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never doubted my own election, and the ticket, I believe, will go through without a single exception.

"What do I think our average plurality will be? From 3000 to 5000 at the lowest, I should say, and it would not surprise me if it reached as high as 8000 or 10,000.

"I tell you, I think this is going to be a landslide. It is the first chance the citizens of this city have had for many years to break away from the bosses, and they are not going to neglect it.

"Then, too, the young men are with us, and they are a tower of strength. When you get the young men as they are now, it is pretty hard to withstand their onslaughts. They are tireless, and never know when to quit. To them, I think, I owe much of my success in the past, and in the present fight they have stood by me manfully.

"I will say right now that I cannot see how we can be beaten by any possible combination of circumstances. The people are with us and will stand by us to the last.

"The best result of it will be the defeat of Kelly and Crimmins, and no one knows better than I the load that San Francisco has had to carry in those two men. Their influence has been the worst that could be imagined, and when they are relegated to private life it will be a great thing for the people, particularly for the taxpayers."

In conclusion, Mr. Ellert reiterated his feeling of confidence in the outcome.

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KILLED ON THE STREET.

A Pedestrian Struck by a Cable-Road Dummy.

John Hayes, who lives at 220 Eleventh street, was run over and fatally injured at the corner of Eleventh and Howard streets at 7:30 o'clock last night.

He attempted to cross the street and the gripman let go the rope and ran him down before he could get out of the way.

The injured man was carried to his home and medical aid summoned. He lingered until 1 o'clock this morning, when he died.

The gripman surrendered himself at the Southern station.

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Jumped Into the Bay.

Mrs. Jennie Devin, an elderly woman living at 228 Jackson street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the bay from the Jackson-street wharf shortly after 5 o'clock last night.

Policeman Haggerty noticed the woman walking down the wharf and followed her. When she reached the edge she flung herself from the stringer into the water.

She was quickly pulled out with the aid of some bystanders none the worse for her ducking, and was taken to the Receiving Hospital in the patrol wagon, where she was treated by Dr. Coffman.

She refused to give any explanation in regard to her rash act, except that her husband is a mail-carrier and that they had quarreled.

He Is a Native Son.

Native Sons, stand by the California-born candidate for Mayor—L. R. Ellert!

To be without a rival

IS rare. But Sir WALTER FOSTER, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, has written of Apollinaris that "It has no rival among mineral waters," and its annual sale of 18 million bottles shows that the whole world endorses that verdict.

FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR

Latest Official Tidings of Its Progress.

CALIFORNIA AT CHICAGO.

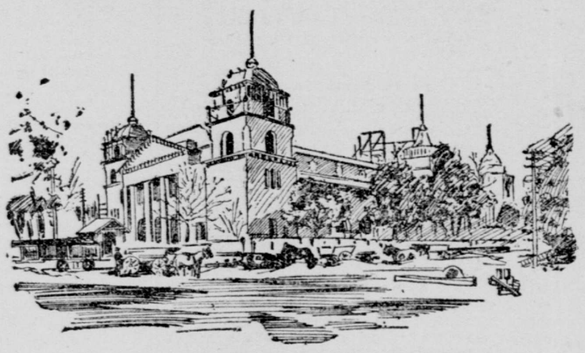
Secretary Thomas H. Thompson Says Our Building Is Nearly Ready—No Extortionate Hotel Rates Expected.

Secretary Thomas H. Thompson of the World's Fair Commission returned from Chicago by way of St. Louis on Sunday.

Mr. Thompson left for Chicago October 13, and was there during the inauguration exercises on Columbus day. He had a seat on the platform during the exercises, and Director-General Davis informed him that from careful estimates there were at least 175,000 people in the main Manufacturers' building to witness the opening.

He says the main buildings are now rapidly approaching completion, and he acknowledges that words are inadequate to give a good idea of the immense aggregation simply of the exhibition buildings, to say nothing of the elaborate plan of beautifying the grounds. The exhibition in its completed condition must be seen to form the remotest idea of its grandeur.

The California building is second only as



CALIFORNIA BUILDING AT PRESENT.

a State building, that of Illinois of course surpassing it. Its location is one of the most advantageous, being sightly and easily accessible. In artistic effect it is unsurpassed on the ground. The size is 435x144 feet. There is ample room for separate county exhibits, but the classified State exhibit will of course be given the most advantageous space. Hearing that bunting would be at a premium at Chicago during the Columbus day opening, Mr. Thompson went prepared with the Californian product, and had eight fine flags flying, one from each tower, on that day. The building is just receiving its finishing touches and will be completed in about six weeks.

California ought to put forth her greatest effort for a horticultural exhibit. To this State and Florida was given the court of the main Horticultural building, 288x77 feet, for citrus exhibits. Florida declines to use this space and California may have it all, and the design is to place a miniature orange-grove on this space.

The buildings will be lightod both by gas and incandescent globes, Mr. Thompson having contracted for 710 incandescents for the California building, to which will probably be added eight arc-lights.

Mr. Thompson assures us that Chicago is on her good reputation, and the best hotel and restaurant men have leagued together to hold to the usual rates for rooms and table fare. Chicago was compelled to entertain probably 50,000 strangers on Columbus day, and he heard no complaints of exorbitant rates. Of course people will be crowded, and must expect to pay current rates even if they are crowded. He says that he stopped while there at the Palmer House, and though he was compelled to make room for two or three extra beds in his room on Columbus day, still the usual rates were adhered to.

Only one thing seems to perplex Chicago at present, and that is the water supply. The city is renovating and enlarging its lake supply, and for the time filtering will have to be resorted to to secure good clear water. A limited supply of good water will be furnished from Waukesha, Wis., and the company in charge will enlarge their supply probably before the opening of the fair in May.

THIS WAY LIES DANGER.

The Stuffers Will Use the "Machine" Judges.

Any Attempt to Tamper With the Judiciary or the Elective Franchise Is Fraught With Peril.

Extraordinary care is to be taken of stuffers to-day by the Third-street bosses.

Kelly and Crimmins found their army of stuffers had weakened from fear; but as legal proceedings and not a hempen rope were chiefly talked of as means of preventing stuffing, the firm proceeded to deal out comfort.

The Third-street bosses reminded the trembling henchmen that all they had to fear was the law and that the judiciary of this city was a part of "the machine."

In consequence of this convenient fact stuffers were informed that a certain Superior Court Judge and a certain Police Court Judge had received orders to hold themselves in readiness all election day.

These lights of the judiciary and cogwheels of "the machine" will remain all to-day at an appointed place, and near them will be bonds all ready made out, so that as the stuffers are brought in under arrest they may be promptly bailed out.

Special counsel have been engaged to look after all "lambs" who, through stuffing, repeating, shoulder-hitting, obstructing or any other outrageous prosecution of the business of a "lamb" shall fall into "trouble."

But these same "lambs" had better beware.

Although ropes are not known to have been specially prepared for election day, there is a certain limit of ruffianism beyond which patience becomes exhausted.

The mass of citizens are thoroughly aroused to the evils of the "machine" system of politics and one of its most detested features is this stuffing.

Would-be stuffers had better yet reflect before running the gauntlet of public opinion, even although they may believe they have "machine Judges" on the bench.

Moreover let these "machine Judges" once be recognized as such by the bulk of the awakened people and conjecture fails as to the probable result.

It should be enough to point out the danger lying in the path of any who contemplate thwarting the sovereign will of the people.

FEDERAL OFFICERS AT THE POLLS.

Their Rights and Duties Plainly Defined From Washington.

Chief Supervisor Holland and United States Marshal Long yesterday received from Attorney-General Miller important instructions in regard to the rights and duties of supervisors of elections and special deputy marshals at the election to-day.

The circular recites the Attorney-General's authority and also the instructions issued by C. M. Dennison, chief supervisor of elections for the northern district of New York, under date of October 18 of this year.

The latter, which are indorsed by the Attorney-General, decide that special deputy marshals have a right to be inside the polling-place on election day outside of the guard-rail.

To this the Attorney-General adds instructions to the supervisors to be present and remain on election day near the ballot-boxes in order to perform their duties properly.

Supervisors are also reminded that they and deputy marshals are authorized to arrest, "with or without process, any person who attempts or offers to commit any of the acts or offenses prohibited in section 2022, or who commits any offense against the laws of the United States."

Any attempt to interfere with the supervisors or deputy marshals in the proper discharge of their duties is a violation of the law, and subjects the wrongdoer to a severe penalty.

Officers of election are then generally instructed to "go forward quietly, but resolutely, in the discharge of their duties, without fear or favor, but with the firm determination, so far as in them lies under the law, to see that there is an honest, free and fair election, and a fair return and canvass of the votes.

"So discharging their duties, it is certain that they will not be resisted by any good citizen; and it is not believed that, without the support of good citizens, such resistance will be made by any one."

Ready for Stuffers and Repeaters.

All the Federal offices will close to-morrow except those of the District Attorney, the United States Marshal and Commissioner Sawyer. These officials will be on hand to give their individual attention to persons arrested for illegal voting.

The Wrong Place.

By a typographical error the Howard-Dwyer-Christiansen fight, which occurred on Sunday, was reported to have taken place at 518 Pacific street, instead of at 512 Pacific street.

Six Stuffers Arrested.

Six of the men accused of having registered falsely were arrested yesterday afternoon, on warrants sworn out before Judge Coffey. They are charged with perjury. Their names are J. Keefe, Patrick Kenny, Thomas Roberts, Nelson H. Tower, H. Cahil and George L. Lynde. The prisoners all say that they are Republicans, and that they are innocent of the crime charged. They declare that they were arrested on Democratic warrants the day before election in order to keep them from voting. Bonds for their release, in the sum of $3000 or $1500 cash, were not forthcoming very promptly, and the chances are the accused will not vote.

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NICHOLSON WRITES LETTERS.

He Violates His Fraternal Obligation to the Foresters.

Members of the Ancient Order of Foresters are indignant at the manner in which W. A. S. Nicholson, the Kelly and Crimmins candidate for Police Judge, used his fraternal connection with the order to make his political canvass.

Nicholson is a member of Court Excelsior and during the past week he has addressed personal letters to all the Foresters in the city, asking for their support on the strength of being fraternal brothers.

It is one of the first and most binding obligations every man takes upon himself in joining the Foresters not to use his membership for political purposes.

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COX WILL BE CORONER.

A Gentleman Who Will Fill the Office With Credit.

The somber but all-important office of Coroner offers considerable opportunity for the exercise of conscientiousness and tact.

The Coroner is the great detective stationed by the people to watch the gates of death, that no criminal may cover up his or her murderous act in the grave unpunished. Care in granting certificates, care in conducting autopsies, tenderness in dealing with the unfortunate poor—these are some of the qualities sought in a Coroner.

L. C. Cox, the nominee of the Citizens' Non-Partisan ticket, possesses these qualifications of a high degree. Moreover, he is unpledged to divide the revenue of his office with any unscrupulous Bosses. Other candidates for Coroner cannot say as much.

If Mr. Cox is elected Coroner on Tuesday, as he will be, the people will have an able, energetic officer, and the bosses will be disappointed.

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