

115 Turk St.,  
San Francisco,  
Nov. 22, 1896.

Mr. Henry Kubur,

Dear Comrade:-

Your favor of the  
12<sup>th</sup> inst. came duly to hand also box  
with golden buttons.

Elections in this State have asked for  
report blanks, I haven't any, if you can  
send me any please do so.

What our State vote is can not yet be  
ascertained as the old parties in their un-  
official canvass have entirely ignored us.

Yes you are right, the California Ballot  
does give the names of all candidates <sup>alphabetically</sup> in-  
dependently of all Party affiliations which are  
printed in small type after the candidates names.  
Los Angeles polled enough votes to make the I. P. O.  
an official municipal Party there. San  
Diego polled 76 votes making it the third Party  
in the number of votes cast which vote is doing  
well for a town of 16,000 inhabitants.

Now I will have to mention something which  
may rile you, in regard to The People, but  
consider it my duty in view of the  
general complaint against it becoming daily  
more formidable. I have always been the one  
who with some others has most vigorously defended

defended the course of The People, against those  
forces were stopp'd, without fight in them.

What has pallid the opposition on this occasion is the  
publication of letters from a San Quentin convict.  
Especially in the last issue of The People is a letter  
in which he refers to Morrison Swift, as a whitewash  
Buckley lamb. Morrison Swift has no friends  
in the Socialist movement in this city, and we are  
entirely able to cope with him without ridiculous mis-  
representations. The man Swift, the man has in mind  
<sup>most named Morrison and</sup> is an entirely different individual, and Mr.  
Morrison J. Swift was in Boston when Boss Buckley  
figured in S. F. politics. This shows that the friend  
in San Quentin is hasty to talk about things, about  
which he knows nothing.

Besides to publish letters from convicts does us no good.  
Certainly they are the products of their conditions as is  
everything from rattlesnakes to prostitutes. An explanation  
is not always a justification. This is merely a particular  
instance. In general fault is found with The People that it  
is a paper not suitable for propaganda work among those  
who are not Socialists, yet, and could easily be made so  
as to ~~conform~~ fulfill these requirements. More news of the  
International movement is demanded and The People is in  
a better position to furnish it than any other paper by  
merely copying it from The Volkzeitung. Complaint  
is made that too much valuable space is given to



uninteresting financial reports of State committees  
and meetings of a few unions. It is conceded by  
all that the editor of The People has the  
scientific knowledge to make the paper the  
most successful reform paper in America  
if his time were entirely devoted to careful  
editorial work. His ability seems to be taxed in  
delivering addresses and it is a wonder that the  
paper makes the showing it does.

To have such expressions appear as "There are  
no flies on our Michigan comrades," is somewhat  
undignified to appear in the official organ of  
the A. L. F. of America, it may conform to  
conception of wit amongst clothing dealers and  
garment workers but there are not the kind of  
people who will ever put a desirable stamp on  
the labor movement of America.

Yours fraternally,  
Eddel Hecht.

P.S. - Please find the financial blanks without fail.