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I know you
will excuse so long
an interval before
answering your last
letter, but election
and private matters
together have quite
closed all, except
absolutely necessary
correspondence for
some months past
We havnt been able
to get state (Cal) returns
here as yet, but
what we in are

Below expectations in cities
and developing unthought
of strength in remote
quarters; on the whole, state
rate much below antici-
pations.

Our city rate was
estimated by me almost
exactly, and I believe it
to be a satisfactory show-
ing - average city rate 1894,
927; 1896, 1957. Kingsley
got nearly 1000 rates (in 7th
dist ~~English~~ ^{against} Maguire.)
which is quite remarkable,
we think.

O.E. (S.F. Sec.) are as
usual in a state of
discord, and whatever
may be the outcome we
are really not doing half
what we could do if

on a proper basis of work,
 although from reports of
 election our work seems
 to be about a effective,
 (perhaps more so) than
 elsewhere. There is in
 this city a comparatively
 large number of men &
 women, in some branch
~~the work~~, fitted for pressing
 our work, but a great
 many of them apparently
 think their time should be
 put in converting their
 comrades to their way of
 thinking on details, instead
 of converting the public to
 our principles in general

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If I'm not asking too
much I wish you would
speak to Ed. People about
his San Quentin correspondent.
We are "out" Morrison &
Swift, but he is not a "Buckley
& Lamb", has never been con-
nected, with old line politics
in this state. The Chicago Cor-
respondent (in Nov. 29 issue) refers
to him as the "notorious, etc." I
think less of Swift (M.I.) from
any standpoint than almost
anyone on this Coast, but fair
play is a jewel and we can
gain nothing by publishing lies
about people. If S. Q. corres-
pondence must be published,
(the value of it has never been apparent
to me) I would suggest that
truth, even about our enemies,
would be in order.

Enclose list of
speakers for next 3 mos.
I wish it could be published
in "The People".

The S. Y. T. A. of S. F. is
 very, very dead; I am
 afraid hopelessly so;
 Nothing but a "bust up" in
 the old line trades organiza-
 tions, ~~seemingly~~ could
 breathe life into it. It
 is further handicapped
 by being in the hands
 of those ignorant of, or
 opposed to trades organi-
 zations; there is really
 nothing to it except the Bakers.

De Leans reply to Bryan
 and Corbman was much
 enjoyed. I read it to several
 audiences ~~with much success~~ who
 took very kindly to it.

If the experience of
Sec. N.Y. has given you
any knowledge which
will be of assistance in
straightening us out
here, please let us
have the benefit of
it. With best wishes

I am
Fraternally

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