

3. Watch closely suspicious persons, who leave the booth. If possible have them followed.

4. Caution our voters to use only a **BLACK PENCIL** to mark their ballots.

5. See that you have at least half a dozen supporters from among the best citizens around the poll—not necessarily the same ones all the time—all day—they may influence the waverers; will get in the dilatory and will give moral support (and more if required) by their presence to the inside scrutineers to stand up for their rights.

Scrutinizing Ballots

A ballot with more marks on it than an "X" may be good if the marks are accidental; and cannot be fairly claimed to show an intention, on the part of the voter, to let someone, watching the ballots being counted, know how he voted. Thus two lines crossing each other, in the form of an "X", in one compartment, whether they are above, below, in front, or behind the name; whether they are crooked or straight, one ' ' and one short, or the ends reach into the next compartment, would be a good ballot. Also, one line in one compartment and an "X" in the other is a good ballot; and an "X" in one compartment, scrubbed out, and a plain "X" in the other, is good. He changed his mind. More than one "X," but all in one compartment, is good.

Good Ballots

A ballot with more marks than any "X," by which it can be fairly claimed the voter intended to let someone know how he voted, is bad. Thus, any number, any letter, any name on the face, any mark made by the voter on the back, a peculiarity in the "X" like a ring around it, a "V" instead of an "X," makes a bad ballot.

Bad Ballots

The whole thing is, do the extra or unusual marks show "accident" or "intention"? You will constantly be meeting new marks, and you must decide on the spot whether they show an "accident" or an "understanding." Finally, remember voters sometimes intentionally spoil their ballots.

Examine the chart of good and bad ballots. They are the actual decisions of the Courts. See insert.