same should be made shall not be sufficient cause to reject any ballot. Any ballot which shall have upon it any mark other than a cross (X) mark or a check (√) mark which in the opinion of the Judges shall appear to have been placed thereon for the purpose of distinguishing said ballot from others, shall be rejected by them and not counted. But no ballot shall be wholly rejected if the voter shall properly vote for Councilman or Mayor but improperly vote for the other, but shall be counted for the candidate for whom the same may be properly marked.

After the Election Officials shall have counted the ballots, and shall have compared the poll books with the number of ballots, and found them to be correct, they shall make duplicate statements or returns of the result of the canvass of said votes, each of which statements or returns shall contain a caption showing the date on which said election was held and the hours thereof, and showing the number of votes given to each candidate designating the office for which they were given. In case any proposition other than the election of officials shall be submitted to the voters at any such election under the provisions of this or any other Act of Assembly, such results shall show in like manner the number of votes for and against such proposition. At the end of such statements or returns there shall be a certificate that the same are correct in all respects, and said certificate shall be signed by all the Judges and Clerks of such election for said precinct.

In case any Judge or Clerk shall decline to sign any such returns, he shall make a statement of his reasons for such refusal in duplicate, sign each of said duplicate copies of his reasons, and such statements shall be inclosed with the returns. Each of the above mentioned returns or statements, together with one of the statements of declination, if any there be, shall be inclosed in an envelope which shall be then securely sealed and each of the Judges and Clerks for said precinct shall write his name across the fold thereof. One of said envelopes shall be directed to the Mayor of Mount Rainier, and the other to the Town Clerk and Treasurer, and the Supervisors of Election for said precinct shall take charge of these envelopes and deliver them to the respective parties to whom they are addressed at the time hereinafter mentioned.

The Judges and Clerks of Election for said precinct shall put back in the ballot boxes used at said election the ballots taken therefrom, and shall seal said ballot boxes by pasting a strip of paper over the slit, upon which slip the Judges and Clerks of Election shall sign their names so that the boxes may not be opened without destroying said seal. The