

under appropriate designation of the officers for which they are candidates.

The further change is proposed that the voter shall be required to mark his ballot with the cross-mark in the square on the ballot opposite the name of each candidate for whom he desired to vote. One of the objects of this change is to put an end to the practice of blind voting of the "whole ticket" by one cross mark opposite the party emblem on the ballot, and to compel each voter to indicate his choice as to each candidate by a cross mark opposite the name of each candidate whom he wishes to vote for.

The obvious result of this proposed amendment will be that hereafter there will, of necessity, be an intelligent exercise by every voter of the right of suffrage, founded upon a knowledge of the name of every candidate and the political party or principle which he represents.

That this knowledge may be readily acquired *in advance* of the day of election and also *on that day* and even *at the polls* voters will be informed *officially* by thorough advertisement in all the leading newspapers of the names of all candidates whose nomination has been certified in the mode prescribed by law; also by the secure posting in conspicuous places in each precinct some days before election, of sample ballots of such a magnified size as to be capable of being easily seen and understood.

Additional assistance will be given by means of cards of instructions extensively circulated, and by sample or specimen ballots posted in and about the polls on the day of election.

By these means there is no voter who cannot ascertain, if he chooses, *before* election day the names of all candidates, the offices for which they are candidates and their relative position on the official ballot.

It is proposed to abolish altogether the present mischievous practice of authorizing the election clerks upon the call of voters who cannot read or write to mark their ballots for them.

This practice necessarily leads to a disclosure of their votes by all such real or pretended illiterates and frus-