

Coulterville, Cal.

Mr Tourgee.

Dear Sir -

Am young, never took any interest in politics till I commenced reading your articles in the "Enter Ocean" I now have arguments every day almost.

Have met several men who claim that any election bill if enforced would cost too much.

They are awful afraid of their pockets. I have argued it as well as I can, however I am not in possession of facts to enable me to say whether or not the "bill" if enforced would cost more or less than the present system.

Was in the state of Ark.
Three years ago, engaged in the
construction of rail road, where
gangs of whites and blacks
were at work. It witnessed sev-
eral broils and fights between
the two races, one pitched battle,
five men killed in one week
Found whisky to be the start
of every one of these disturbances
There was a spite and grudge
before but the whisky started
the "racket" and carried it
through always. Several
reliable intelligent observers
who have been in the south
tell me the same thing.

I have not been a prohibition
ist. Yet I cannot but think
whisky to be the devil's most
effective tool in this abominable
business.

I wonder what the "Bystander"
thinks on this and I wonder if
I might hear a few words from
him in the "Dante Decan" on
these points (if they are points.)

Very Resp^{ly}

Alex Hunter,