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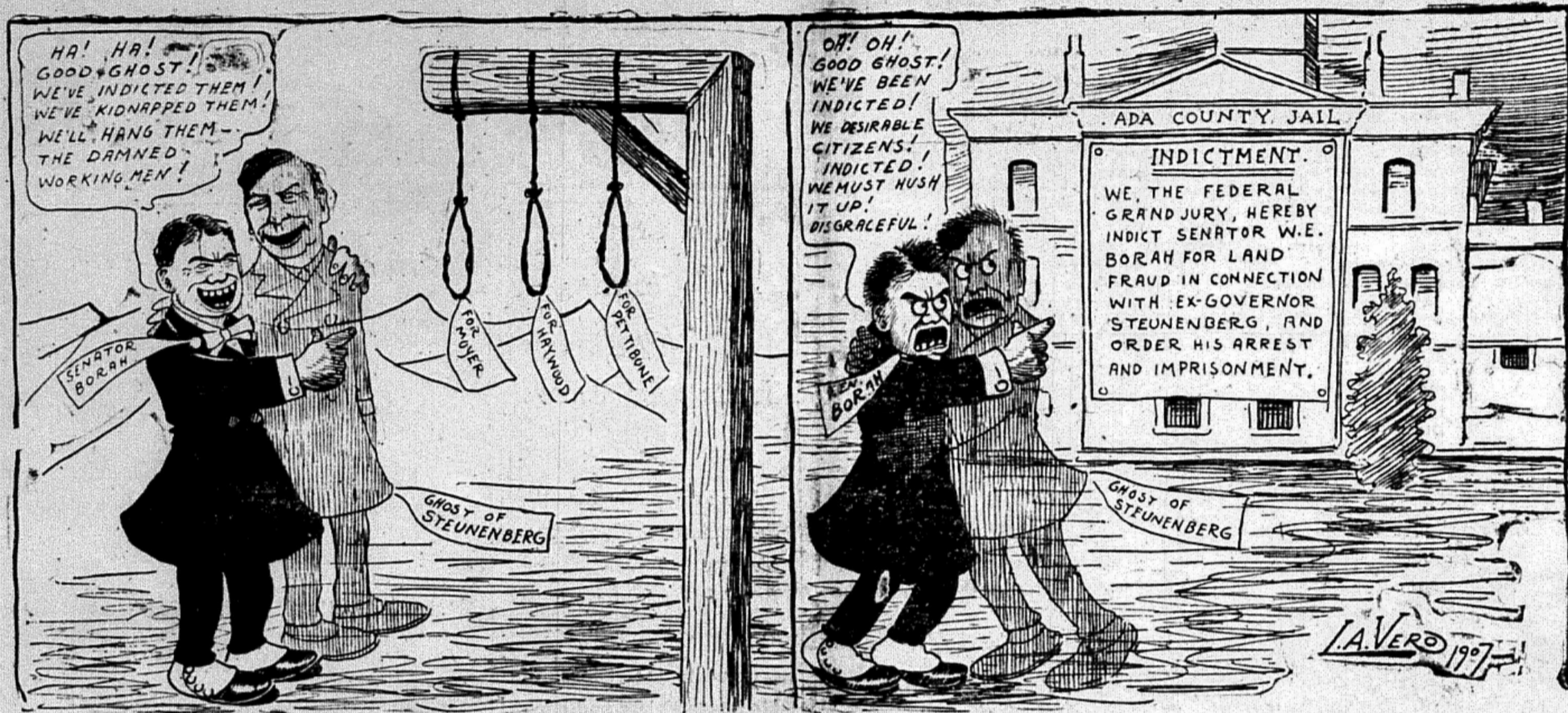


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THE GHOST OF STEUNENBERG

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HOW THEY TREAT INDICTED WORKINGMEN

We have two stories to tell on this page—the stories of two indictments. For people who imagine an indictment is an indictment, and law is law, whoever is hit, these two stories and these two pictures will prove rather startling.

William E. Borah is now a United States Senator. One year ago he was a candidate for U. S. Senator. He did not think it would injure his candidacy to be Special Prosecutor of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. When Steunenberg was assassinated, Borah was called in at once to give advice. When Orchard was arrested and McParland secured his confession, it was Borah who helped plan the arrest and kidnaping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Borah assisted in selecting the Canyon County Grand Jury which indicted the officials of the Western Federation of Miners.

Borah heard the evidence before the Grand Jury and lent his great influence to secure the indictment from that jury.

Borah never lifted his voice to prevent the Boise "Statesman" and the Portland "Oregonian" and the whole pack of capitalist newspapers from pronouncing the prisoners guilty before they were heard in their own defense.

When these defenseless workingmen were indicted, the whole world under Borah's leadership hurled its condemnation and fury upon them as the worst foes of society. Gov. Steunenberg was regarded as a saint and martyr. These men were regarded as his assassins.

All this was on the strength of an indictment, made by Steunenberg's friends and neighbors assembled as a Grand Jury, directed by Steunenberg's friend and attorney, W. E. Borah, on evidence taken in secret session, unheard and unknown by the prisoners to this day, and never seen or reviewed by any court or tribunal.

On the strength of this Secret Indictment, made under the influence of Steunenberg's memory and in conjunction with Steunenberg's lawyer, Borah, these accused men have now been held in prison since February, 1906, over 14 months, unheard and untried.

Verily, the ghost of Steunenberg, with his attorney, Borah, has followed and tortured Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

One of the latest issues of the Boise "Statesman," special organ of the Prosecution, has an editorial on "Grand Jury Practice." It concludes thus: "Circumstances may be used to build up a wall of suspicion about a citizen and perhaps bring about his indictment if the prosecutor be recklessly determined to accomplish such a result."

"The Statesman" never thought of such a consideration 14 months ago, when Mr. Borah was "recklessly determined" to indict the officers of the W. F. of M. Now it is different. For consider who is now under indictment as seen in our second picture.

HOW THEY TREAT AN INDICTED CAPITALIST

The ghost of Steunenberg will not down. Now it haunts and terrifies U. S. Senator Borah himself. A press dispatch, dated Boise, Idaho, Friday, April 12, 1907, announces that "The Federal Grand Jury today reported a number of indictments to Judge Beatty, which were placed on secret file. All the indictments returned today ARE IN CONNECTION WITH TIMBER LAND FRAUDS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE LATE GOV. STEUNENBERG IN THE INTERESTS OF THE BARBER LUMBER COMPANY AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM OFFICE. SENATOR BORAH WAS ATTORNEY FOR STEUNENBERG AND THE BARBER COMPANY."

There is a ghost indeed. Senator Borah wishes now he could divest himself of Steunenberg's memory. Only one short year ago Borah was Steunenberg's eulogist. He was the man selected to deliver the funeral oration of "Idaho's First Martyr." Now, for his association with that martyr, Borah is indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in his friend Judge Beatty's court.

The shadow of the jail already casts its chill over the distinguished young Senator, that jail into which he mercilessly cast our working class brothers and where he has pitilessly held them these weary months.

The criminal chill of Steunenberg's ghost already holds Senator Borah in its awful embrace. He now knows what it is to be "indicted."

But no! What has happened to the Indicted Tool of Capital? Is his criminal relation to Steunenberg heralded through the world? Is the Senator condemned and disgraced, like Mitchell of Oregon and Burton of Kansas?

No! The indictment is suppressed! Judge Beatty, when asked if the indictment of Borah was among those returned to him by the Grand Jury, replied "he did not know, he had not read the indictments."

The Attorney General at Washington says "he has no official information of any indictment of Senator Borah."

The Boise "Statesman" of April 14 declares: "The indictments have been buried in the archives of the court." The nearest to news it can give is this: "The supposition is the indictment of Senator Borah was filed with the rest."

The latest news claims Senator Borah will get Attorney General Bonaparte at Washington to review the Grand Jury's evidence and quash the indictment, if he finds said evidence unsatisfactory. U. S. Attorney Ruick has been called suddenly to Washington to consult on the case.

Borah's indictment by the ghost of Steunenberg is not so lovely as the indictment of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Moyer and Haywood are called "undesirable citizens" by Roosevelt. And Borah is a desirable citizen, one of Roosevelt's own kind.

But the ghost of Steunenberg seems to know no difference between desirable and undesirable citizens. Unkind Ghost! Unhappy Borah!

Get Titus' Reports of Haywood's Trial, exclusively in "The Socialist"-- Trial May 9 -- 25c for 3 mos.

Local Seattle Stands for "No Compromise"

Mills Slate for State Convention All Defeated—Largest Session of Local Seattle Ever Held—Bold Attempt To Shut Out Finns—Mills Takes the Lead in Person—Avoids All Reference to Charges Against Himself—Hutchison's Letters to Capture the State Convention—Reproduction of One of Them.

The bold attempt of Walter Thomas Mills to capture the delegation of Local Seattle to the S. P. State Convention proved a signal failure. One slate of 20 delegates and another of 20 alternates were presented by the Mills contingent, but both were defeated. There were several names of the Mills' tickets not authorized by the comrades named. In fact, some of these comrades were present at the mass meeting and voted against the ticket containing their own names.

The Mills printed slate was met by a "No Compromise Ticket," selected by 20 or more comrades hastily called together in the middle of the week for the purpose. It was felt there was no use in mincing matters. A slate must be met by a slate. It would not do to scatter the straight votes while the Opportunist votes were concentrated. That would be to invite defeat.

Five of the elected delegates were nominated by the Finnish Branch on Sunday evening, April 7, at their regular business meeting. The Finns have at least one-quarter of the mem-

ber of Local Seattle and will have six delegates out of a total of some thirty.

The two most striking things about the Mass Meeting were, (1) the persistent attempt to shut out the Finnish comrades, and (2) the absence of all denial by the opportunists of the compromise tactics charged against them and their leader.

The Finns had not been able to obtain due-stamps to paste in their membership cards. There were several other comrades in English-speaking branches in the same predicament. They had paid-up their dues and were therefore entitled to seats in the Convention, but they had no stamps to show for it. A motion was made instructing the Credentials Committee to accept the testimony of the Branch Secretaries that dues had been paid, even if the stamps were missing.

For delegates to the State Convention:

HUTCHISON'S LETTER

*C. B. Johnson
Puyallup Wash*
Dear Comrade— what success are you having in organizing or reorganizing local in Kitsap Co. don't let anything stand in the way of you at least getting three delegates to the Convention. We are making an open hot fight against the Ring from present indications we are going to get all but two of the delegates in Seattle that will give us 30 and then A. Johnson get busy and don't believe anything you hear but get busy we must put the gang on the Burn—wink—me what you are doing
P. Hutchison
By 25-9

his case to make such a sweeping declaration of innocence. No explanations are necessary. Just one outspoken, flat-footed denial is the manly way which will appeal to all Socialists.

Did he or did he not at any time in Victoria advocate the election of candidates of a party opposed to and by the Socialist Party? That is what the Socialist Party of Canada charges. Is it true or not true? Let Walter Thomas Mills reply. These columns are open to him for that reply.

Seattle Delegates

Here is a copy of the successful ticket voted for at the Seattle Socialist Party Mass Meeting last Sunday:

"NO-COMPROMISE" TICKET.

We here present to you a list of delegates for the 1907 Socialist Party Convention, who are positively opposed to fusion.

Vote this ticket if you are against fusion.

The mass meeting to be held by Local Seattle in the Labor Temple Sunday, April 14, at 10 in the morning will decide how many candidates are to be voted for. The first four candidates were nominated by the Finnish Branch.

Vote this ticket from the top down until you have voted the required number.

Make a cross opposite the names you wish to vote for.

Seattle did not materialize last Sunday.

The motto of the letter seems to be, "Don't believe anything you hear."

That's a pretty good motto for sheep but hardly for men.

This letter is given to our readers line for line, letter for letter, as reproduced by photo-engraving process.

It proves, what nobody seems disposed to deny, and what "The Socialist" outlined last week, a plot on the part of the old expelled Propaganda Club of Seattle, under the lead of Hutchison and Mills, to capture the city and state organizations of the Socialist Party for the policy of Opportunism and Compromise. They want a "broader" party, a more "liberal" administration.

W. T. Mills does not believe in a dues-paying membership and he does believe in a Socialist Party composed of all who vote the ticket, like the Republican and Democratic Parties. This is what he advocates in his book and promises to advocate in his paper.

We do not believe in these policies and we propose to do all in our power to keep the party along straight Socialist lines. Every straight Revolutionary Socialist in the state of Washington needs to "get busy," as Hutchison urges Johnson to do in this letter.

So far in its history, the Socialist Party of this state has stood for Working Class and uncompromising

principles and tactics. We do not believe Walter Thomas Mills can succeed in changing either.

The Mills Charges

Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 6, 1907.

D. Burgess, State Secretary, Socialist Party of Washington:

This Committee charges Walter Thomas Mills with conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Socialist movement and utterly opposed to the platform and policy of the Socialist Party of Canada, in whose territory he was speaking, in that he, at a meeting held in Victoria, B. C., prior to the recent Provincial elections, did advocate fusion and compromise and spoke in the interests of candidates put up by a political party (Canadian Labor Party) opposed to and by the Socialist Party of Canada.

Yours in the cause,
J. G. MORGAN,
Secretary Dominion Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Canada.

Notes by Burgess

In my recent trip across the state, I found almost all avowed Socialists to be hopeful. Most of them are becoming aggressive. As a result the interest in Socialism is growing. It is now very easy in most localities to get a larger audience out to listen to a Socialist talk.

Prosperity has left many people with empty pocketbooks; and all the misery, worry, care and anxiety that this implies; and, as a result, these people are no longer frightened by the sneers of the masters.

With honest Socialists, fusion has no standing; it is a mangy dog. Fusion and graft use the same door. Washington Socialists have always fought shy of these foul birds.

I find Socialists generally are beginning to appreciate the necessity of organization. The recent elections have demonstrated the absence of organization, even in those places where we supposed that we had at least the semblance of organization.

We are learning that organization has a definite meaning and purpose. We now know that we are not organized until we can function as a political agency.

To most this has been a revelation, but it is a revelation that we welcome, for efficiency depends upon clearness of conception.

The National Executive of the French Socialist party has designated "L'Humanite," the Socialist daily, as the official paper of the party in Paris. As remarked last week, the foreign Socialist papers pay a great deal more attention to the party work than do these of this country.

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 5. McCorkle, J. A.
 6. Wagenknecht, A.
 7. Curtis, J. D.
 8. Brown, E. J.
 9. Ault, E. B.
 10. Maurer, Miss E.
 11. Herman, Emil
 12. Long, Thos.
 13. Martin, J.
 14. Hawkins, Dr. G. M.
 15. Steele, J. H.
 16. Behrens, H. J.
 17. Holz, Leo.
 18. Lund, Jas.
 19. O. V. Stapp.
 20. M. McCracken.
- The five alternates elected were: J. C. Carlson, H. F. Titus, Sam Williamson, A. G. Dehly, R. Kreuger.

"Don't Believe Anything You Hear"

Comrade A. Hutchison is now Walter Thomas Mills' chief lieutenant in Seattle and in Washington. In an envelope of "The Saturday Tribune," the following letter was received by Comrade Johnson, of Puyallup. It must have been intended for some other Johnson, living in some other town, but it was addressed to him all right.

Comrade Johnson is a member of the State Committee and as such one of "The Ring" and "The Gang" referred to in the Hutchison letter.

This letter reveals the plot of Mills and Hutchison to capture the State organization for Compromise and Fusion tactics.

The writer was a poor prophet, as the 20 delegates he was sure of in

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Again and again the compromisers lost by votes usually averaging 66 to 77.

Finally, Mills moved an amendment that the Branch Secretaries must show their books to prove that comrades had paid their dues. This was lost, as it became more and more evident, as the hours went by, that it was outrageously unjust to shut out comrades who had paid their dues and could prove it.

The real trouble was, the Compromisers knew if the Finnish comrades were allowed to vote, there would be no chance for Mills and his tactics, as the Finns are clear Socialists, every one of them.

Mills even opposed the chairman's ruling that one of the Finns should translate the motions to the rest of his countrymen, so that they could know exactly what they were voting on.

In spite of all these obstructive and exasperating tactics, the comrades

could be met face to face by his critics? He had organized an attack on the State Committee and the State Constitution. He had selected a slate of delegates for the express purpose of doing both. He was met by a "No Compromise Ticket" and by an open accusation in "The Socialist" and in a circular letter sent out to members of Local Seattle in company with that ticket, an accusation that his slate meant compromise and fusion and vindication from the Victoria charges.

Why did he completely ignore this issue? Why did he not boldly challenge his accusers face to face and have the whole thing debated on the floor?

If the time had not been consumed with the obstructive tactics described above, the No Compromise comrades would have demanded that the candidates on the two tickets stand up and say what they stood for. But there was no time for any such proper discussion because the Mills followers had used the whole day in fighting the Finns.

The charges against Walter Thomas Mills are exceedingly simple and direct. We reprint them on this page, as found in the letter of the Dominion Executive Committee to the Washington State Executive Committee.

Comrade Mills has only to say something like this:

"SINCE I JOINED THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NEVER IN VICTORIA OR ELSEWHERE HAVE I SUPPORTED CANDIDATES OF ANY PARTY OPPOSED TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND OPPOSED BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY."

That is all. Mills says the charges are not definite enough. The date is not named, etc., etc. But why higgie in such legal ways? Just come out flat-footed and deny the whole charge, date or no date. We hereby invite Comrade Mills to make such denial in the next issue of "The Socialist," the last which will appear before his trial by the Local on April 28, at 10 a. m., in the Labor Temple. If he is guiltless, it certainly cannot harm

Correspondence

"COME THEY MUST."

Editor Socialist:
Received late copy of "The Socialist," and see that Comrade Price, of Outlook, is still fighting our "proletarian hobby horse." Well, he acknowledged through the columns of "Prosper Record" there were only 20 per cent of the people in the United States that own their homes. Then there are 80 per cent that do not own homes. Since it only takes 51 per cent to win in this political revolution, we have plenty of our own and to spare, as soon as educated and organized, as I should think any school boy or girl of ten could solve such an easy problem.

Our proletarian Hobby Horse being 80 per cent of the whole is now a thoroughbred asking no favors from the braying animals on the other side of the fence, for there are enough striped beauties (or those that should be wearing stripes) kicking the balance out of the herd over the fence to enlarge our hobby horse tail, as it is only the tail that is coming now. We have nothing to compromise. Come they must, with or without their consent, and the sooner they get "next" the better for all concerned.

Three years an organizer and not mathematician enough to solve anything so simple.

Yours for the working class.
ADA GATCHELL,
North Yakima, Wash.

HOT STUFF FOR THE DEMOCRAT.

Tacoma, Wash., March 6th, 1907.
Carl D. Eshelman,
Chairman Democratic Committee.
My Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter urging me to go out among the boys and stir up all the enthusiasm possible for the ancient and honorable Democratic party.

As our relations have always been pleasant, I feel that I ought to tell you frankly that I am out among the boys, and that I am stirring up some enthusiasm, but the work I am doing, and the enthusiasm that I am stirring up, is not in the interest of the Democratic party, but will redound to the interest of the Socialist party, the party that represents the interests of the workers.

That the Democratic party has had a mission, I do not doubt. I am still proud of the glorious work of the Democratic party, but I realize that the mighty sweep of revolution has relegated this party to the rear of the procession.

With all due respect for the splendid achievements of the Democratic party, I suggest that you now bury the corpse with decency, placing a marble slab at its head on which you inscribe, "Sacred to the Memory of the Democratic Party, which died, as do all organisms in this universe, because of a failure to perform any vital function."

For decades this party has been a miserable survival of the halcyon days of small industry.

The revolution that has taken place in industry, demands a new agency, and this demand is met and fulfilled by the Socialist Party, and it affords me real pleasure to be able to inform you that I am now a member of the only truly democratic political party that has ever existed. This party is international in scope and purpose; it stands for the emancipation of the working class and the redemption of the world.

I invite you to make an honest study of the principles and program of the Socialist party. It is on its triumphant march in the conquest of this world. Better get on the band wagon.

Yours for the earth and all that therein is,
GEO. D. DAVIS.

KEEP AWAY.

Denver, Colo., March 25, 1907.
The Socialist,
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:—I am in receipt of a telegram from the secretary of the Miners' Union at Ellamar, Alaska, requesting me to notify the laboring men of Seattle that a strike was on at the present time, and that, no doubt, the mining companies would attempt to secure men to take their places in Seattle. Would you kindly assist us in advertising the fact that a strike is on at Ellamar, and that men are requested to stay away from that district until the trouble is satisfactorily settled?

With best wishes, I am,
Yours fraternally,
JAMES KIRWAN,
Assting Sec'y-Treas. W. F. M.

WORDS AND DEEDS.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 14, 1907.
Dear Comrades, Titus and Ault, and All the Rest:—I hope the \$8.25 I sent you will help to cheer you up a little. I hope every comrade subscriber will get just real good and mad and we'll get all the \$1 subscriptions he can, 50c. or even 25c. But the last does not bring much financial help, but it counts one, and will make a longer term subscriber to "The Socialist."

That first issue is a hummer, a cracker jack, a whole team and a lot more. Harper is just grand, and that editorial, "Factions," is what every Socialist needs to know more about and to wisely understand, and how to use factions or to know the right faction.

I hope you can keep up the excellence of first issue. No friend of the paper must despair, even though he gets only one name for the paper. If every one does that much, it means double circulation; but many of us can do more.

I need three or four more copies to get more subscribers with. The first issue, unless your second is better. But hurry them along now, and send three or four of the next issue later. Please write me a personal letter, telling me if you feel all right now.

Yours fraternally,
WM. H. BROWN.
Thanks, Comrade Brown. A thousand like you would make us always cheerful.—Editor.

A PROTEST.

Centralia, Feb. 20, 1907.
A. K. Brundage,
Sec'y. Twelfth Ward Branch,
Local Seattle, S. P.
Dear Comrade:—While it is undoubtedly too late for this protest to have any weight or influence in the matter of selecting speakers for the Moyer-Haywood meeting, I, nevertheless, wish to register it.

As a member of Local Seattle, I feel it my duty, as well as privilege, to say a word in regard to this matter. Can it be possible that Local Seattle has again fallen under the control of those who condone party treason? Did we fight the fight for clear-cut, revolutionary, working-class Socialism in vain? Surely there are enough of us revolutionaries in Seattle to keep the element who are forever putting the man ahead of the principle in the minority. As a member of this branch, I wish to urge upon every member of the branch to carefully weigh and consider this matter without regard to the persons involved. When we allow six members of our party to decide a matter for us, especially one involving a fundamental principle, democracy has ceased to exist. The doings of Local Seattle have been a disgrace to the Socialist movement, and the local that should have been the inspiration of the smaller locals throughout the state, has, in fact, been the stumbling block. It seemed that when the local was re-organized last spring that we had gotten on the right road at last. Now the work of the past few months is to be ruthlessly torn down by a few who insist upon finding a bone of contention, or in producing one, instead of fighting hand in hand with us against the common enemy.

I trust that Local Seattle will be able to settle this matter without having to bring it before the membership of the state. If she cannot, she deserves to be harshly dealt with; and until she can conduct her affairs with dignity that becomes the political organization of the working-class in the largest city in the Northwest, she deserves no recognition from the membership of the S. P. of Washington.

Fraternally,
ELEONORA MAURER.

REJECTED RESOLUTIONS.

Comrades:—Following resolutions refused our local press, the editor saying that he like to write the politics for his paper. He seems to be afraid his readers might get something in their "think-box" that would not sell well with his G. O. P.

He professes to be a sympathizer and supporter of organized labor, but "Consistency thout art a jewel."

Yours,
THOS. J. COONROD.

Resolutions of Respect Adopted by Local Emmett, Socialist Party, Idaho, to the Memory of Comrade Jacob Seltz:

Whereas, The working-class of Emmett has suffered the loss of a friend and valiant defender; the cause of Socialism a strong advocate, and the Socialist Party an active member in the death of Comrade Jacob Seltz, and

Whereas, Comrade Seltz, always a deep student of social and industrial conditions, clearly perceived that the working people, who by their labor created the wealth of the world, suffered intolerable wrongs and the grossest injustice.

He saw on the one hand wealth piling up the most colossal the world has ever seen, on the other hand poverty wider, deeper, and ever on the increase.

He saw on one side a class living in utter idleness and enjoying the fruits of labor in untold abundance, and on the other side another class working long hours for the barest necessities. One class living without toiling, another class toiling without living.

After years of residence in Germany and America, Comrade Seltz came to the conclusion that the toiling class could expect no relief from its burdens nor amelioration in its condition as long as the capitalist system of industry, with its class divisions of society, prevailed. Therefore, he was always found working with the only revolutionary force in the present society, the class-conscious proletariat, for the abolition of the capitalist system of industry and the inauguration of a system of industry more in harmony with working class interests, doing away with all classes, being in accord with industrial progress and economic evolution, and promoting a higher form of civilization.

There be it Resolved, That Local Emmett, of the Socialist Party, realizing the great loss to the Working Class and the Socialist Party in the death of Comrade Seltz, extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives, and take this means of conveying to them its high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by Comrade Seltz during his life to the cause of Working Class solidarity and emancipation from wage-slavery; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved wife, a copy be furnished the press, and they be spread in the minutes of this meeting.

Attest:
THOS. J. COONROD,
Sec'y-Treas. Local Emmett,
Dated January 20th, 1907.

GOING AT IT RIGHT.

Carlton, Oregon, March 24, 1907.
H. F. Titus,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Comrade:—Please find enclosed P. O. money order for six months' subscription for the "Socialist." You are going at it right. I will try and help out some here.

Yours for the revolution,
CHAS. D. LASH.

COULD NOT SHUT HIM OUT.

Seattle, Wash., April 16, 1907.

Editor "The Socialist":
Last Thursday night my card was submitted to the Sixth Ward Branch of Local Seattle for transfer from Lyman. I did not think there would be any question as to my right to membership in said branch as my place of residence for the past year has been The Franklin. I registered from this place and voted at the last school election. The only reason, therefore, that I was rejected is because the Mills faction were in the majority at that meeting, and wished to bar me from the mass convention to be held the next Sunday.

I was determined, if possible, to participate in said convention, and on being informed that the Third Ward Branch would meet Saturday evening, April 13th, I changed my place of residence to 526 Thirtieth avenue south, applied for and was admitted to membership in the Third Ward Branch.

EMIL HERMAN.

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From Vincent St. John

Goldfield, Nev., April 12, 1907. H. F. Titus, Seattle, Wash.

Comrade:—I return the slip you enclosed from the Oregon "Journal," saying I. W. W. ordered "Chronicle" printers to leave town.

I believe that it is but a question of a little time till we win the fight. Wish you would run a note that when the trouble is settled, official notice will be sent to all labor papers and to pay no attention to any other.

Yours in haste, for Industrial Freedom, VINCENT ST. JOHN.

Financial Reports

WASHINGTON. Financial Report for February, Beginning February 11.

Table with columns: Renton, Walla Walla, Tiger, Centralla, Lopez, Sunnyside, Pacific Co., Everitt, Granite Falls, Pullman, Riverside, Tacoma, Marble Mound, Seattle, Spokane, Ferndale, Natchez, M. A. L., J. A. McCorkel, E. C. Johnson, T. F. Burns, D. Burgess. Includes sub-totals and a total of \$106.75.

Expenses. J. Mahlon Barnes—Stamps, Postage, Coal, Office, T. F. Burns—Trip to Bellingham, Richard Krueger—Salary, Delegate expense fund. Total: \$117.58.

Remarks. \$12 Local Spokane is credited with for dues of a former period. Actual expense of trip to Bellingham is \$13.50—\$1.50 was returned by Comrade Burns.

Fraternally submitted, RICHARD KRUEGER, State Secretary.

IDAHO. February Financial Report, 1907.

Receipts. Local Bellgrove, Local Carlin Bay, Local Council, Local Emmett, Local Elo, Local Fairview, Local Mullan (N. F. T.), Local Ruldrum, Local Russell, Local Wallace, Donator to state funds—Thos. J. Coonrod.

Expended. Postage, Money order, Supplies (office), Telephone, Due stamps (national office), Salary secretary-treasurer.

Summary of Receipts. Dues, Extra dues, Special organizing fund, Supplies, State fund (donation).

Liabilities. Expenses—Executive Com., Printing, National Delegate, State Organizer.

What is the matter, Comrades? Dues received during Feb., '07, Dues received during Feb., '06, Dues received during Feb., '05, Dues received during Feb., '04.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF OREGON. Monthly Report of State Secretary.

Balance in treasury, March 1, \$33.04. March receipts: Flora, Sodaville, Ashland, Medford, Walton, Albany, Salem, Baker City, Lakeview, Marx, Heppner, Prineville, Pendleton, Bourne, Nehalem, Sweet Home, Astoria Finnish, Portland No. 5, Myrtle Point, Cottage Grove, Clakamas, Ontario.

Expenses: National dues, Salary, Mimeograph supplies, stencils, Ink, Carbon and ex-light paper, Stamped envelopes, stamps and incidentals.

Total expense for month, \$59.94. Total in treasury, April 1, \$40.50.

Socialism and the Farmers

Price a Socialist

As stated by Comrade Walter Price in a late issue of "The Socialist," he and I agreed to discuss some points of difference between us.

Finally, Judge Greene interposed, saying to Jones: "Mr. Jones, Brownie justly complains at your pronunciation of his name. His name is spelled Brownie, but is pronounced as if spelled Brown."

However, this will probably not be satisfactory to Comrade Price, and I will say frankly that I believe him to be entirely honest and sincere.

In an important sense, a man who holds such ideas must be considered a Socialist. In this sense and to this extent I believe Comrade Price to be a Socialist.

To say that he is muddled when he attempts to do things outside his regular avocation, is no reflection upon him.

So it is with farmers. Most of them have been trained, drilled and disciplined in the private ownership of the primitive tools with which they work.

He may be mentally, morally and socially superior to the wage-worker without having the comprehension of the economic conditions of the wage-worker that the wage-worker himself has.

Neither deserves either praise or blame for this; it is a natural and inevitable result of environment.

While I feel that I have a much better comprehension of Socialism by reason of my experience as a wage-worker, I am ready to admit that Comrade Walter Price, without such experience, may have a better grasp of Socialism than I do.

I do not enter upon this discussion to win renown, nor to gain a personal victory; my hope is that we may be able to gain in knowledge and in power.

D. BURGESS.

Economic Status of the Farmer

The farmer is a peculiar social factor. His problems, his history and his future evolution present complications and relations unknown to any other social factor.

He occupies the paradoxical position of being at once and the same time a communist, a slave holder, a serf, a landlord, a capitalist and a wage-worker.

He reflects the chattel-slave economy to the extent that he is compelled—by economic necessity—to make slaves of his wife and children with no other remuneration than food, clothing and shelter.

He reflects the feudal system: first in that, when he is a tenant he must pay tribute to the landlord either by sharing the crop or giving him an equivalent in the form of money.

Now is it possible to save the workers from paying this surplus value and yet not hurt the industries in the least? Emphatically yes.

We have no surplus value to pay in our public school system, especially the country schools.

privilege of using the land. See Special Rept. of U. S. Dept. Agriculture; No. 47, page 41.

He is a capitalist by virtue of the fact that he possesses capital and as a result of such possession extracts surplus value from the labor which he hires.

This diversity of interests among the farmers makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for them to organize for any definite purpose.

However, with the introduction of scientific methods and ever more and more improved machinery in agriculture it is only a question of time till the land will have concentrated into the hands of a few.

The landlords owning the land will do nothing and accumulate much, while the tenants or wage-workers, owning nothing, will work long hours and accumulate nothing.

Socialist Public Ownership

In our last article we considered the capitalist brand of public ownership. We found that farmers would not get transportation cheaper because they would be paying interest on government bonds.

However, this capitalist public ownership would be of great help to the Socialists when they came into power.

Karl Kautsky, one of the most scientific Socialists of Europe, thinks that the most feasible mode of obtaining possession would be by purchasing with interest bearing bonds.

Let us in this examine the Socialist brand of public ownership. Socialist public ownership is peculiar in this, that it eliminates all surplus value.

Now what does that mean? To get a complete idea it would be necessary to quote the first volume of Capital by Karl Marx, some 800 pages.

Does that really make so much difference? Take railroads for instance. The actual cost of one ton ten miles is \$0.049 or about half a cent.

Now we are ready to see how much surplus value we (all consumers) pay to get our lumber, hardware, groceries, etc., shipped to us.

Coal is an interesting subject just now. According to the Interstate Commerce Commission investigation held at Salt Lake, the mine owners stole the coal lands after the most approved fashion of highway robbers.

How much surplus value do we have to dig up on each ton of coal that we use, provided, of course, we didn't steal it.

Would not a public ownership that would eliminate all surplus value be worth something to the farmers?

Neither the Republican nor the Democrat politician dare to tell the farmers and other workers anything about surplus value.

Now is it possible to save the workers from paying this surplus value and yet not hurt the industries in the least? Emphatically yes.

I miss the paper a whole lot. Drop me a line and let me know when to expect it.

the city. That is not a fair comparison; they should be compared, not with city schools, but with common country schools under private ownership.

If these schools were privately owned, we would have to pay the labor cost we now pay, and in addition, surplus value to the capitalist owners.

For "The Socialist," E. L. RIGG.

Business

Notices that stock payments are due are sent all stockholders monthly. If you receive such a notice, but have already made payment or have paid up in full, then the notice does not apply to you.

What They Say

Am out of the race at present, may be forever. The doctors have passed the sentence and tomorrow I will be split open.

I want your paper till after Moyer-Haywood trial, and if I like it as well then as I do now, I will renew and take it forever if I should live so long.

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I can't afford to be without "The Socialist." I stake my all on Socialism.

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I cheerfully put in some of my time getting subscribers. MRS. ACKIE CREWS, Sec'y., Gold Hill, Ore.

"The Socialist" is the best paper out. F. CLEMENT, Puyallup, Wash.

What are your new rates for bundles? I will do all in my power to help you along.

The enclosed ten dollars' worth of subscriptions were raised by Jordan Johanson. It might not be too much to send him a note of thanks.

I think local Socialists will gradually see the necessity of a home paper and will, after a while, drop others and take "The Socialist."

The "new Socialist" received. I am pleased to say "it is great." If you can keep up your "lick" you will get there sure.

I miss the paper a whole lot. Drop me a line and let me know when to expect it.

Received the first Seattle copy and I must say that it was a fine issue and I read every word of it Sunday afternoon. It was a treat.