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3 CANDIDATES

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7 CANDIDATES

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C. E. Spurgeon, non-partisan	1025

Commissioner Salter Has Made Good on Everett's City Council

DESERVES SUPPORT OF WORKERS

Citizens Have Made No Complaint — Platform Pledges Have Been Carried Out

ARTICLE III.

Laboring under false conceptions of what Socialists were like, many were agreeably surprised to find that in their dealings with Commissioner Salter, in an official way, he proved to be more "fair and reasonable" than any one who had occupied that position in recent years.

This led others to ask: "Can a man be a good commissioner of public works and a good Socialist at the same time?"

The editor of this paper has previously answered the question in the following words:

"Yes, as long as Socialism's opponents do not attempt to put something over that is detrimental to the interests of the working class.

"Much of the work of a city council consists in passing ordinances and resolutions and settling questions relating to property rights.

"On all such questions Commissioner Salter has acted with fairness and sound judgment.

"But on questions involving the rights of labor he has ably voiced and defended the interests of the workers."

Space will not permit our giving a complete account of Salter's acts as a member of the city council. One of the first things he did was to substitute an eight-hour day for a twelve-hour day in the case of the city bridge. **This was done at no extra expense to the taxpayer, as the street superintendent, whose salary was $1,800 per year, was dropped from the pay roll, and the duties of that office assumed by Commissioner Salter.**

A few weeks later Commissioners Clay and Kelly **showed their hand** by putting the care of the bridge **on a contract plan, over Salter's protest.** And yet Clay, at least, pretends to favor a union scale of hours and wages!

Knowing that labor had a real representative on the city council, the bartender's union asked that the special license imposed upon bartenders be repealed. Salter's activity in their behalf resulted in the ordinance being repealed, an ordinance which provided that bartenders pay to the city a license of $10 before being allowed to engage in their line of work.

Salter believes in the utmost freedom of speech, and proposed to remove all restrictions to street speaking. **Mr. Kelly was for the greatest restriction;** finally, Salter supported a compromise ordinance proposed by Mr. Clay, that removed **some of the restrictions.**

When a local censor board for moving picture shows was proposed, Salter came out squarely against it at once. Clay and Kelly wavered awhile but finally decided not to push the idea against Salter's opposition.

The success of the day-labor plan of city improvements was demonstrated under Mr. Salter's charge.

SHINGLE WEAVERS' STRIKE

During the shingle weavers' strike the advantage of working-class political action was driven home to the strikers.

Salter stood with the men from start to finish. He advocated the use of the police power to drive from the city gun-men and thugs, who made all the trouble during the strike, and opposed the hiring of special policemen, at city expense, to protect the imported violators of the law.

Last fall when suffering among the unemployed threatened to become a menace to the city, **it was Salter who first urged the council to take notice of the evil and provide measures of relief.**

The measures he advocated did not provide for a $1.50 per day starvation wage, neither.

This concludes a series of three articles which, if carefully read, must have convinced the most prejudiced and skeptical that, from any angle, the department of public works may be viewed, the present incumbent, J. M. Salter, has handled that department, and acted on the council, in such a highly commendable manner that any one who has the interest of Everett's working-class at heart, or who is solicitous for the future welfare of Everett as a growing manufacturing city, must vote to retain Salter in the position he now holds, Commissioner of Public Works.

REGISTER !

Books close at 9 P. M Friday.

Hustle up your friends.

Phone headquarters for automobile.

GRAND RALLY NOV. 14

There will be a grand rally Sunday evening, Nov. 14, either at the Peoples' Theatre or at The Forum, 1612 California street. Commissioner Salter will give an address, and editor Shipley will show 40 to 50 stereopticon views illustrating problems raised by the Manly Report of the Industrial Relations Committee. Admission will be free.

LATER

It is generally conceded that Canandidate Merril's strength was about shown in the primary, and that Salter's vote will be considerably increased on Nov. 16. Even anti-Socialists admit that Salter's re-election is now a certainty.

The masters deny the existence of the class struggle in order to prevent the workers from abolishing classes.

STARTLING EFFECTS TO BE PRODUCED AT BIG DANCE

Stage Employees and Electrical Workers to Give Wonder Dance Thanksgiving

Having united their talents and equipment for the purpose of showing Everett people what they can do in the way of producing a novel and startlingly beautiful electrical display, these organizations have set the date for the big dance, during which the exhibit will be on. Thanksgiving eve, Nov. 24, is the date announced. and Fraternal Hall the place chosen for this the bi gevent of the year.

The sensation of the entertainment will be some wonderful electrical effects to be produced during the "Storm Dance," which will be a surprise for both dancers and onlookers. Nothing like the features to be presented Thanksgiving eve have ever been seen west of Chicago. Secure your tickets early, as the floor space is quite limited compared with the number of persons to be provided for.

"WHEN THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY HAS FLED AND TRUTH AND JUSTICE ARE DISREGARDED, PRIVATE RIGHTS MAY EASILY BE SACRIFICED UNDER THE FORMS OF LAW."

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Salter Leads Race for Public Works

Clay Elected By Majority of 1065; Inclement Weather and Apathy Keep 2506 at Home

The three present city commissioners of Everett were renominated and Commissioner of Finance W. H. Clay was re-elected by a majority of 1065 in the primaries Tuesday.

In the finals, two weeks from Tuesday, November 16, C. E. Spurgeon will contest T. J. Kelly's office of commissioner of public safety, and Dennis D. Merrill will run against present Commissioner J. M. Salter.

The vote was 22 greater than the total cast at the water bond issue election on August 24. Though the registration was 1,709 greater.

Inclement weather and lack of interest kept 2506 voters at home.

The total vote was 5441, for commissioner of finance, out of 7,947 registered votes.

Geo. Lunn, Socialist Wins in Schenectady

Comrade George Lunn, formerly mayor of Schenectady, was returned to that office by a good plurality last Tuesday. Two years ago the old party forces combined in order to defeat the Socialist mayor for re-election, and succeeded. But the past two years have been devoted to strenuous educational work on the part of the Reds of that big city, and the vote Tuesday is the "proof of the pudding." Back of the **educational work** of the Schenectady comrades was a **well-disciplined organization,** and this it was which made the educational work possible. Organization! In this magic word lies the key to lasting progress for the working class, industrially and politically.

In 1880 only 14.7 per cent. of the females ten years of age and over were engaged in gainful occupations; whereas in 1910, 23.4 per cent. were so occupied. The increase of males ten years of age and over engaged in gainful occupations during this period was only 2.6 per cent.

"War, What For?" is for sale by **The Northwest Worker** at 25c, postpaid, or 5 copies for $1.

HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY AT SOCIALIST RALLY MONDAY EVENING

Everett Theatre Filled to Overflowing By 8:10

ORATOR MILLS ABLY EXPOUNDS PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM

Hundreds of disappointed men and women were turned away from the Everett Theatre last Monday evening because every foot of available space was filled with people eager to see and hear the three Socialist nominees for commissionerships.

About 1,200 people were seated in the theatre—**its full capacity.**

And Walter Thomas Mills was there —**with the goods!**

No one can surpass Mills as a campaign orator—at least no one that we have heard. He knows just what to say and how to say it. He's just the right man for "beginners." We can teach them the class struggle afterwards.

It was a rousing meeting! Everybody wanted to get in. But not everybody that wanted to could. But for the rain we would have held an outdoor overflow meeting.

None of the other organizations or individual candidates have been able to get out a hundred people, at one time, during the whole campaign. But the Socialists! Well, let's wait 'till the votes are counted in the final election.

But come what may, the splendid educational work that has been carried on here in Everett, especially during the past five weeks, can never be **undone,** any more than one can unscramble eggs. And, after all, it is **education,** more than **mere votes,** that counts. We'll be very happy, though, when we can have **both** at once.

TO BE REGRETED

It is much to be regreted that so many of the wage earners of Everett saw fit to vote against their own vital interests last Tuesday, while many hundreds did not even have intelligence enough to vote at all. As against the latter, we prefer even those who voted **against** the Socialist candidates. But, as the ancient Greeks used to lament, "Against stupidity the gods themselves contend in vain." After all, the workers are not to blame: it's the hellish system that keeps them cowed and ignorant that we Socialists are after. And we're getting it, little by little. Truly "The mills of the gods grind slowly." But they **grind,** inexorably! The workers must soon learn, or perish.

A Mother's Plea

By Bert Ullad

Is it for this beneath my heart
I felt his quickened being start;
Is it for this my woman's breast
Knew all the raptures of unrest;
Is it for this with bated breath
I challenge agony and death?—
For this: that on a battle plain
His blood should leave its crimson stain;
That tattered flesh and staring eye
In hideous carnage there should lie;
That bones should bleach and vultures feast—
For this: that like a slaughtered beast
He should lie there unmurmuring,
A sightless, crushed and mangled thing?

Is it for this through weary years
Of unrelentless toil and tears,
Of labor's grind, privation's ban
I saw him grow from child to man—
For this: to be the sport of money kings,
The pawn of all their barterings;
For this: that he should groan and bleed
To satiate the monster's greed,
To give another port or town
To one who wears a puppet crown,
To add another empty brag
Unto the fetich of a flag—
For this: my treasure turned to chaff,
That men might rule or that kings might laugh?

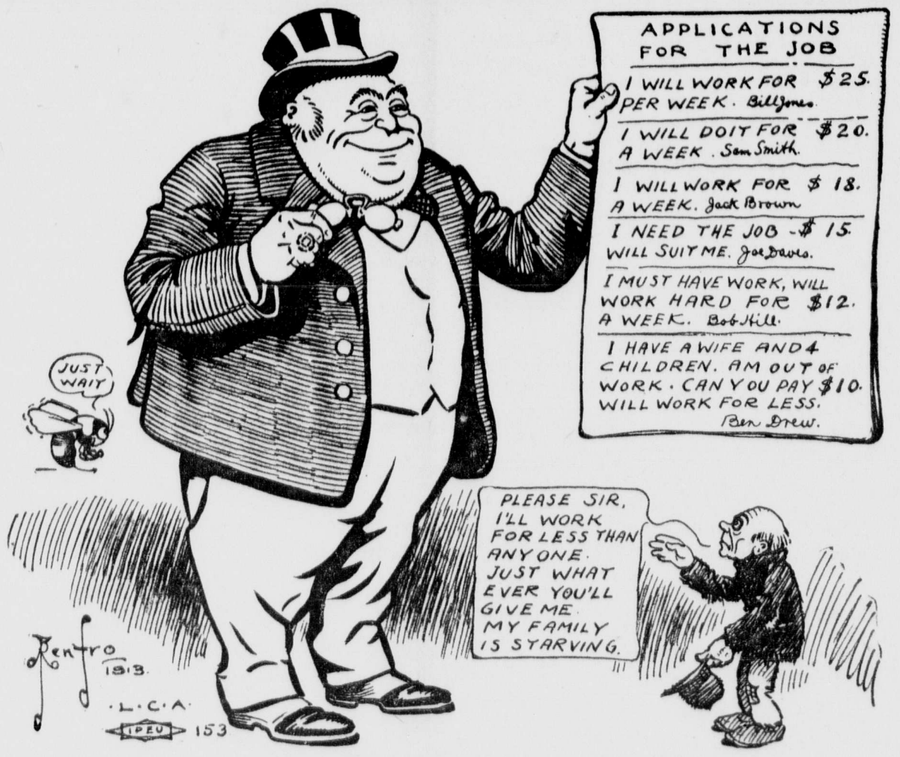
COMPARATIVE VOTE ON SOCIALISTS

The vote for the Socialist candidates was as follows: J. M. Salter, 1449; Katherine H. Hodgins, 1030; G. W. Carr, 980. Salter's vote increased 480 over last year's primary election. Katherine H. Hodgins polled 11 votes more than were cast for Bostrom **last year.**

The small vote cast, 2506 less than those registered, can be accounted for very easily, **ignorance.** It remains for the organized Socialists of Everett to work with renewed enthusiasm for the victory which is certain to be theirs in the long run—sooner, perhaps, than most of us expect it.

CAUSES FOR EASTERN STRKE

WORCESTER, Mass.—Long hours, small pay, and a reduction in wages during slack periods were given as causes for the strike at the Whitcomb Blaisdell plant by some of the employes at a public hearing conducted by the state board of conciliation and arbitration.



The Worker Sells His Labor Power in a Competitive Market, and Buys His Supplies from Monopolists. Socialists Approve of Monopolies If Owned and Controlled by the Common People.

What About Your Boy?

KATHERINE H. HODGINS

In case the United States should become involved in war, how would it affect your boy?

This is a question that should be seriously considered by every mother in the land with relation to her vote, whether municipal, state or national.

Generally speaking, mothers are divided into two classes: those who think that in case of war it will be the other mothers' boys, and not theirs, who will do the bleeding and suffering; and those who think there will be no war.

I would call to the attention of mothers of the first class the Dick Military Law, printed elsewhere in this issue. This will convince you that your boy will go to war IF WALL STREET WANTS HIM, no matter how much you would like to have it otherwise.

To those who think there will be no war, I may reply by inquiring briefly into the CAUSE OF WAR.

Wars are caused by an unmarketable surplus of commodities—**never for the reasons officially given.**

One might well ask why these accumulated wares are not purchased by the workers themselves who need them so badly.

I take my answer to this logical question from government reports, which show that the worker receives, on an average, wages which represent but 17 per cent. of the value of his product. It follows that no matter how much the producer suffers from a lack of these stored up goods, he cannot purchase more than 17 per cent. of them. The consuming or **purchasing power,** of those who are paid for producing the raw material is also proportionately limited. So there remain hundreds of dollars of wealth produced each year by each wage worker which he can not buy.

The non-producing class, being small in numbers, cannot waste or use the surplus product. Only a certain portion can be sold in foreign markets.

And so it is up to the owners of these goods to secure some outside market.

But what if the markets thus coveted, and that are necessary to the well-being of this country, are already within the control of some other nation which also has a surplus of commodities to dispose of?

In such a case the country in question will do one of two things: either it will for a time suffer commercial stagnation, resulting in wide-spread suffering and bankruptcy, or it will go to war for markets. In any case, war is the only ultimate means for commercial expansion.

This is why the United States has become, at last, an advocate of imperialism, or "benevolent assimilation."

This is perfectly logical.

For as long as things are produced FOR PROFIT ONLY, there will be an unmarketable surplus. And as long as there is this surplus, there will be war. **It is inevitable.**

Now, this is where your boy will be useful.

The owners of this piled-up surplus product will need him. They will send hired agents to say sweet, seductive things to him—honeyed untruths about our country's honor, "war of defense only," etc. They will not resort to the Dick Military Law as long as they can snare him with delusive phrases.

In either case you are terrified at the thought of your boy being exposed to the horrors of war. You have loved and cared for him so carefully, often depriving yourself of things sorely needed, that he might be provided for. So much the better. Had you not done that he might not now be sufficiently strong to stand up under the strain of murdering other boys, boys who never did him any harm.

And he is handsome and tall.

That is well, for, being tall, he might stop a bullet that would otherwise be wasted.

Was it not the great (?) Napoleon who said that a boy could stop a bullet as well as a man?

You say all this is highly improbable.

So thought millions of mothers in twelve countries of Europe less than two years ago.

But ask these mothers of helpless, useless, hideously mutilated cripples if they have any illusions about the matter NOW!

This country has been for years in a state of constant industrial depression.

We call it "hard times."

Millions of men and women are out of employment.

The rapid evolution of the machine, together with the lack of purchasing power of the poorly paid workers and the unemployed, is rapidly creating a mighty surplus of unsalable products.

So it was in Europe.

The majority there did not want war.

But the big business interests HAD TO HAVE WAR or go out of business.

It mattered not that there were millions of willing but jobless workers who needed this surplus, being hungry, cold and houseless.

These necessities must be sold AT A PROFIT.

Can you imagine anything more insane than the private ownership of the things necessary to human welfare, produced and held that a few only may reap the profits?

The same conditions face us here.

For again I say, that under the present system of industry, war is inevitable.

Mothers of Everett, will you willingly vote for the battlefield, made hideous with the groans and shrieks of YOUR boys as well as of other mothers' boys? Will you vote for a condition so horrible that a military band must play all night long, in order to drown those shrieks? For the killing must go on uninterrupted. Will you vote to continue a system that will necessitate your boy's going into a bayonet charge, plunging, murdering, stabbing, made purposely drunk, no doubt, for the occasion, by order of a superior?

I promise you that no boy will lie all night on a bloody battlefield calling for water, because of my vote, OR MY INDIFFERENCE.

None of the blood and agony and tears, the inevitable result of a system based upon the exploitation of the helpless, is upon my hands.

This is a good thought with which to go to sleep each night.

This municipal election is an important one. You have a chance to choose between those in favor of the present unjust system, or for the Socialists, who would make a step toward substituting a JUST system.

If, sometime in the future, as a result of your vote this year, and the next year and the next, your boy is brought home to you, mutilated, with scarcely a semblance of the boy of whom you were once so proud, you will have only YOURSELF TO BLAME.

Until the Socialists hold at least the balance of power, there will be nothing to stand between you and the result of your own actions or indifference.

The Socialists will vote to save your boy.

WILL YOU VOTE WITH THEM, OR AGAINST THEM?

Tell us not of banks and tariffs—
cease your paltry cries—
Shall the good state sink her honor
that your gambling stock may
rise?
Would ye barter man for cotton?—
that your gains may sum up
higher,
Must we kiss the feet of Moloch, pass
our children through the fire?
Is the dollar only real?—God and
truth and right a dream?
Weighed against your lying ledgers
must our manhood kick the beam?

—John G. Whittier.