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Citizens of Everett! You have demanded a municipally owned water and power system, abolition of graft and elimination of waste. You have asked for economy, efficiency and a square deal all around. Very well. Commissioner Salter has given you all these things, and more! He has protected and aided the workers to the full extent of his powers. All things considered, he should be re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN EVERETT

PROBLEMS FOR VOTERS

Who represents the Stone-Webster interests in this city election? We know who represent the "drys" and who stand for the "wets," on both commissions.

But in the office of Public Works, would either J. M. Salter or D. D. Merrill represent the interests of the Stone-Webster company?

Which of these two contestants for this office would be most likely to succumb to corporation influence, in the event of his election?

The Stone-Webster hand is very likely pulling the strings for one of these aspirants—or will be later, if not now. Many believe their "influence" has already been felt.

Does any voter think for an instant that the Socialist candidate would be the choice of any corporation looking for sympathy?

No one would be that foolish.

But see here: there is a little matter of \$250,000 at stake. Get that?

The people of Everett voted to allow the present city council, or commission, to issue \$1,700,000 worth of bonds, so that they might purchase the Stone-Webster system and build a new pipe line to a better water supply.

The interests fought hard to defeat this bond issue, but were defeated.

No one above the age of fourteen believes that the Stone-Webster people are taking no further steps to block, or retard, the development of the new municipal water and power supply.

The question to be answered is: are they backing Salter, or Merrill?

Which of these two candidates would you back, Everett voter, were you a member of the Stone-Webster corporation?

You wouldn't back a Socialist, "controlled by Local Everett No. 1," would you?

You would want "some man in the office who had no strings on him," and who had "a mind of his own." Eh, what?

You'd supply the "strings," wouldn't you?

And they wouldn't be pulled in "open meeting," neither, as with the Socialist organization.

Of course not.

Now get this—

The present commissioners offered the Stone-Webster people \$850,000 for their water system.

But they were empowered to pay, if necessary, \$1,093,000 for the old outfit.

Now, it's up to the interests to get hold of that extra \$250,000.

And you, voter,—no matter what your ideas about Socialism may happen to be,—you don't believe, yourself, that the Stone-Webster people will be able to "glom" that extra "velvet" with Salter's aid and consent, do you?

Well, how do you think they will expect to get it?

Maybe the interests don't want that extra money.

Maybe they haven't been willing to make any promises or pay out any coin in order to get the "right man" in as Commissioner of Public Works.

Maybe they haven't.

But they say Jake Furth used to be pretty "liberal" with his friends, as head of the Stone-Webster interests in Seattle.

And it is common knowledge in Everett that D. D. Merrill and Jake Furth, President of the Seattle Traction company, were business associates.

So it is not very likely that they would go to Socialist Salter for sympathy in case they wished to retard

SOME MERRILL BACKERS

That "Flag" Incident

NO FLAG IN IT

The Man at the Cigar Store "knows all and sees all," just like the Pictorial news service.

After lighting his union-made Everett cigar, the Man at the Cigar Store feels communicative. He hears so much it hurts his head to hold it all. So he puffed the following off to The Northwest Worker, in substance.

"You see, it's like this: Merrill is a Progressive, and Sam Walker is also a Bull Moose. So he is lining up all the anti-Socialist votes he can influence in favor of Merrill. In order to get his man into office he has stirred up as much prejudice against J. M. Salter as he possibly could. Salter's record is clean, and this makes anti-Salter sentiment hard to stir up. As a last resort, and because there was no real basis for a fight on Salter as Commissioner of Public Works, an effort was made to line up the Knights of Columbus and the Foresters against Salter."

"But," we interjected, "a number of good Catholics have declared they were going to vote for Salter—Catholics have nothing on Salter."

"I know they haven't," retorted the Man at the Cigar Store. "But the Knights of Columbus always fight Socialism, and Socialists, whether they have anything on them or not."

"But not every Knight is against Salter," we protested.

"I know it, but a number of them are being led by interested parties," said the Man, as he quietly puffed at his "clear Havana."

"ANOTHER THING"

After a pause and a few more puffs the Man continued:

"I'll tell you another thing: Walker's got the Bolo Club, the political wing of the Spanish War Veterans, lined up against Salter. They're pulling off that old 'bull' about Salter not respecting the flag."

"But Salter has shown that he did not really do anything to offend people who are sensitive on this point," we objected. "There was no flag exhibited on the occasion mentioned, merely an orchestra playing The Star Spangled Banner. Salter and the man next to him did not rise, as the rest did, and for the very good reason that they were holding up from their laps a crippled bench which was in front of them, and gave the matter no serious thought, one way or the other."

"Well, answered the Man, "when a man has been Commissioner a year and they can't rake up something stronger than a little thing like that to attack him on, it looks a good deal as though he would be re-elected. And I say he ought to be, though I am not a Socialist."

The Man at the Cigar Store has the situation well sized up.

Salter deserves to be re-elected, and he will be.

THE FLAG

The Stars and Stripes symbolize for the people of the United States religious and political liberty and equality before the law. As Socialists are fighting for all of these things, with the addition of industrial

the progress of the proposed Sultan River supply for Everett.

Nor would they expect Commissioner Salter to help them out on that little matter of \$250,000 "clear velvet." Hardly.

Think these well-known facts over, voters. Then vote in whatever way that seems to you would afford the greatest protection to the common people of Everett, and the earliest possible completion of the new water system and power plant.

MERRILL DOES NOT DENY IT

D. D. Merrill does not deny that he opposed the minimum wage at the Riverside Taxpayers' League meeting Oct. 5. If ever a man showed his true colors he did on that occasion. What can the workers expect from a man who opposes a wage that is lower than that paid by the City of New York? There is absolutely no excuse for the opposition to this minimum wage except that it eats into the profits of contractors and Merrill, being an employer of labor at different times, must naturally oppose it. He claims to have always paid the highest price for labor, but this was only in cases where he was forced to do so by the union scale. Unorganized workers would get the bad end of the deal and as there are always more unskilled workers than skilled employed on contract work it only goes to prove that the more unskilled workers employed on the job and the lower the wage the bigger is the profits of the contractors. Merrill is a boss's man and as long as the workers persist in voting in the interests of their masters so long will they get the bad end of the deal in every instance.

Liberty, it cannot be truly said by anyone that "Socialists are against the flag." Socialists are against hypocrisy, fraud, ignorance, corruption, violence for profits, oppression and all forms of exploitation of the weak by the strong. Is this "against the flag"?

TAUGHT PATRIOTISM

If you want to know Salter's record on the question of real patriotism, ask his pupils.

Salter has taught school in this county for years, and it is a well-known fact that not a single boy or girl who has once been under his instruction, for even one school term, has ever been sent to the reform school.

A teacher is often known by his pupils.

A CLEAN SLATE

No one is against Salter's re-election on the ground that he owns and lets buildings for houses of prostitution and saloons.

Is Merrill's slate clean on these points?

You good people who are so much afraid that Socialism will "break up the home," are you going to cast your ballot for Merrill?

DEFAMERS!

The rumor comes to us that certain cheap defamers are spreading the ridiculous report around town that an applicant has to pay Salter \$7.00 in order to get a job in the street department. It goes without saying that if there were a scintilla of truth in this charge, the men concerned would have gone before the proper authorities and exposed Salter before the primary election took place, or at least would have done so since then.

ANOTHER "OBJECTION"

Some complaint has been made that Salter gave no man a job unless he carried a Red Card. As there are a number of men working for him who do not have a Red Card, this "objection" vanishes into thin air. Salter hired the best men he could get for the jobs that were open. Every man who wanted work and couldn't get it—and there were always 20 to 30 men for each job open—went away "sore" on Salter. Those who vote for a sys-

WHY SALTER WILL BE RE-ELECTED

There are many and cogent reasons why J. M. Salter will be re-elected Commissioner of Public Works. Here are a few:

First—Because he has fully carried out the platform on which he was elected a year ago.

Second—Because he has "made good" on all points not specifically anticipated by platform pledges.

Third—Because he stands for a clean city government.

Fourth—Because he is personally acquainted with every detail of the water and power system project, and has no personal friendship with corporation officials, and is not backed nor approved by the Stone-Webster interests.

Fifth—Because Everett is a workingman's town, and Salter has always fought for all the interests of labor.

Sixth—Because he has proved to be not only honest in all his business relations, but "square" even with political opponents.

Seventh—His administration has been economical in the best sense, entirely efficient, with the promise of still greater results in the future as the result of a year's close study, at first hand, of every detail of the various departments under his supervision.

Eighth—Salter has the full backing of the organized Socialists, of Socialist sympathizers, of organized labor (as individuals), of the church element, of the "drys," and of hundreds who feel that the same commissioners should be re-elected in order to complete the work so well begun on the water project.

For the benefit of our out-of-town readers, it should be explained that traitor Brown hired the biggest theatre in Everett last Wednesday evening in order to attack J. M. Salter, seeking to prevent his re-election, thus playing into the hands of the enemies of Socialism.

E. J. Brown has no standing in the Socialist Party, neither with the "Reds" nor the "Yellows." Most of the "Yellows" have repudiated him and his vindictive tactics.

It is not expected by those who know Brown's record in the party that he would accept the unanimous vote of the State Executive Committee in the Barth case. He never has submitted to majority rule; at least not in any case where he could get cheap advertising and notoriety by disruptive tactics.

Brown is a rich profit-monger. He has no material interests in the success of Socialism. His tactics have always been disruptive in their nature, and inimical to the progress of the movement in this state. Do his inordinate vanity and love of the lime-light and talent for using the Socialist Party to get free advertising wholly account for his being always busy trying to injure the Socialist organization, and ever maligning its most faithful, active and able members? Or is Brown the hired agent of some secret organization interested in impeding the rapid progress of Socialist sentiment in this state?

OUT FOR MERRILL

They say that the men who had easy work and easy money under Salter's predecessors, and were replaced by competent men under the present regime, or their sinicures abolished, are "out for Merrill."

Question: Is it true, or not true, that if Merrill wins these gentlemen are to be restored to their soft berths? Who is to be fooled, these pork-choppers, or the Merrill voters?

NEPOTISM

No one that we know of has charged Salter with nepotism in office: the giving of jobs to relatives, fit or unfit, worthy or unworthy. But some of Salter's relatives, it is said, are sore about something. Did they expect to land a soft job when their kin was successful at the polls? Some how or other, Salter stuck to his platform pledge, and appointed men to positions according to their qualifications for the jobs. This is enough to make almost any relative sore—if he couldn't qualify.

A man who would seek to injure the cause to which he professes allegiance, for the sake of cheap advertising and notoriety, is not likely to be honest in his professional life.

A traitor carries his dishonesty into every walk of life and can be trusted in no capacity.

Socialists do not "create class antagonisms"; they merely recognize them, that they may eventually abolish classes.

SOME ADVERTISER

Seattle Dentist Gets Free Lime Light

E. J. Brown, the P. T. Barnum of the dental profession, has been getting himself and his business into the lime-light again. And the capitalist press fall for his stuff because they believe it hurts the Socialist party. Wrong again. Nearly everybody knows "Barnum" Brown and his peculiar methods of advertising. No one takes him seriously but his office boy. He has to.

Some years ago the Seattle egoist was in good standing with the majority of Socialists in this state. Later he exposed his hand and then seceded from the party. E. J. has been sore ever since, naturally. J. M. Salter and some other members of the present State Executive Committee were among those who opposed and exposed Brown's scheme. So

"Barnum" Brown, seeing Salter up for re-election as Commissioner of Public Works in Everett, thought this an opportune moment to expose his vindictive nature. It is. Even an opponent of Socialism understands that the Seattle egoist would not seek to hurt the Cause of Socialism by attacking candidate J. M. Salter at this time were he a real Socialist. Such malicious notoriety seeking and petty vindictiveness comes only from the heart of a shameless self-seeker and traitor.

The public of Everett can take their choice between the irresponsible ranting of Egoist Brown, and the impartial judgment of seven honored members of the Socialist Party of Washington, elected to the position of state executive committeemen by the whole membership, on a referendum ballot.

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"By their fruits ye shall know them."

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What About Your Girl?

By Katherine H. Hodgins

If a girl is out of employment, after having exhausted every resource to obtain work, or if her wages are inadequate to purchase the bare necessities of life, what will she do?

She may commit suicide, forthwith. The papers contain so many accounts of such incidents that they cause almost no comment.

But the instinct of self-preservation is a strong one. The report of the famous Chicago Vice Commission shows conclusively that tens of thousands of girls choose a slower but just as certain death—prostitution.

The work of this commission revealed some startling facts. Thousands of girls were interviewed, and the substance of their life history recorded. And it was found that, with few exceptions, they had been compelled to take up the profession of prostitution through sheer want.

And remember that the members of this commission were not Socialists. Far from it.

They were perfectly respectable citizens, in sympathy with the industrial system that compels frail women, girls and little children to sell their labor power in a competitive market. One of the members is noted for his antagonism to Socialism. Yet they were compelled by the evidence presented to support the Socialist contention that women sell themselves, not because they are deprived, but because they cannot live off the meager wage paid in store, shop or factory.

And, in many instances, she is not expected to live on it. The manager sometimes frankly tells her so.

For, unfortunately, a woman's sex service is as much a commodity on the market as is her labor-power, and there is often less competition in the sex market. So she is expected to find a man who will supplement her pitiable wages to insure necessities,—which is a very economical arrangement,—for the boss.

But I am not one of those who has vials of wrath to waste upon him and his kind. They are neither better nor worse than the procurer and other agents of the underworld. Each acts in conformity to his environment and

needs. If one is making his living by exploitation, he must exploit to the limit. These people are but the natural products of the system, a system that all but Socialists vote for. The ability to exploit in order to compete successfully with other exploiters, is the standard of fitness to survive in any business under capitalism. Failure to use this power to exploit to the extreme limit, can have but one result—failure in the "business world." Therefore I do not place the blame upon any individual or group of individuals.

I use my energy in dealing with CAUSES. The brutal exploiter, of whatever kind, is not a cause, he is an EFFECT. I keep my attention fixed upon the economic system that permits the natural resources and the vast machinery of production and distribution to be held by individuals and small groups of individuals FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

It is estimated that nearly a million women in the United States are compelled, through this competitive system, to live wholly or partially from barter of their sex.

This method of earning a living precludes the possibility of a normal length of life, to say nothing of the degradation.

The greater part of this vast army of women fall victims to alcoholism and venereal disease; so that they must be replaced about every eight years with a new army of the disinherited.

Where will these new recruits come from? Who will they be?

They will come, as always, from among the weaker or the most tempted girls who work in office, shop, factory or kitchen, or who are not permitted to even try to eke out an existence anywhere. And your girl may be among them. I do not know.

I take it for granted that millions of mothers who have raised beautiful girls for the brothels of "our country" thought, as perhaps you do, that a special provision would be made for their particular girls. But the system shows no favoritism to a girl just because she is some mother's pride.

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Socialist Victories

The Socialist vote of Everett increased 40 per cent. over that of 15 months ago.

The Socialist vote of New York City increased 25 per cent.

Hamilton, Ohio, gained 10 per cent. Abraham I. Shiplacoff has been elected to the state assembly from Brownsville, N. Y.

Chas. H. Merrill has been re-elected to the Massachusetts state legislature. Dr. George R. Lunn carried Schenectady for mayor, receiving 6,069 votes, and Dr. P. Steinmetz was elected president of the common council, with a plurality of 792. Five other Socialists were elected to the council.

The Socialist vote of the City of New York totaled 44,290, a gain of 8,643 over that of a year ago. The Socialist candidates lost out in many districts by very small margins.

The Democrats and republicans of Hamilton fused to beat the Socialists of Hamilton, Ohio, who had control of the city. The Socialist mayor lost out by 1,200 votes, but enough Socialists were elected to retain control of the administration.

Willard Barringer, Socialist, has been elected city commissioner of Dayton, Ohio. Barringer received 10,872 votes, an increase of 3,600 of four years ago.

George K. Harris, Socialist, has been elected city commissioner of Williamsport, Pa.

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Anything that will not hurt the capitalist class much will not help you much. Between you and the capitalist class there can be no peace. So long as either of you exists, there can be only war. You will continue to fight for the right to live. The capitalist class will continue to refuse you the right to live except at the price of a profit.—Benson.

It is estimated that John D. Rockefeller is realizing about \$2,000 every hour from his stocks, real estate and mines. Carnegie reaps an annual income of \$15,000,000 from his investments in the steel industry.

New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still and onward, Who would keep abreast of Truth. —Lowell.

"Providence takes no notice of which side is right or wrong in any war. Providence is always on the side of the heaviest artillery.—Napoleon Bonaparte.

Labor's solidarity means the union of many peoples now weakened and divided.—Peter E. Burrows.

Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free.—Scripture.

International solidarity means the world for the world's workers.

Ignore Eleventh Hour Campaign Lies---- Good, Honest Criticism Is Made Earlier, Always