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Three Conclusive Reasons Why Katherine H. Hodgins Should Be Elected to the School Board, on Saturday, December 4th:

First, Because she stands for the interests of the majority, viz., the wage earners; Secondly, Because she would demand union labor contracts on all school buildings; Thirdly, Because she is the best qualified person in Everett for this particular office, by intelligence, education and experience as an educator. Vote for Katherine H. Hodgins, Socialist.

Big Crowd Hears Debate At North Yakima, Wash.

Carl Ulonska and Dow R. Cope Cross Swords on Socialism

In spite of numerous outside attractions a large crowd heard the Ulonska-Cope debate at North Yakima Friday evening, November 26. The subject for debate was: "Resolved that Socialism is the most desirable economic order for the people of the United States." Carl Ulonska of Everett spoke for the affirmative and Dow R. Cope of North Yakima spoke for the negative. Dr. Granville Lowther of that city presided at the debate, which was held in the Congregational church.

Of the debate the Yakima Daily Republic, a local capitalist organ, said in part:

"It isn't the survival of the fittest any more, it is the survival of the slickest," declared Carl Ulonska, the 19-year-old Everett Socialist leader, who debated on Socialism, with Dow R. Cope, former high school debater, at the Congregational church yesterday evening. . . . Not even Dr. Granville Lowther who presided at the debate, could still the involuntary laughter, or quiet the spontaneous applause when the Socialist defender, with all his powers of keen invective, made a telling point. In large measure it was a Socialist audience, but even with that in mind the Everett lad was the keener and more subtle debater of the two, as well as having the advantage of a fully rounded voice which he uses to the best advantage.

Ulonska's introductory greeting differed radically from that ordinarily offered by debaters. "Friends and enemies," he declaimed, "I am most happy to be with you. I am always glad to be with my friends and I take a keen delight in meeting my enemies. . . . We Socialists do not blame individuals; we do not believe that the trouble is that bad men corrupt a good system, but that a bad system corrupts good men. Men are not as bad as they can be, but as good as they are given a chance to be; they are the products of their economic environment."

CONFISCATION OR PURCHASE

Dow Cope, after the brief definition of Socialism by his opponent, took the next twenty minutes in outlining his position. His arguments, that the vague plans suggested by the Socialists would amount to confiscation or must involve the purchase of our present utilities, are the good old standbys, but suffered in their delivery. Cope's voice is not as pleasing as that of his opponent, nor does he speak with the easy friendliness and intense fervor of the lad who has toured the state in the interests of his favorite propaganda. In answer the youthful Socialist traced the beginnings of the present order, pointing out how jobs became scarcer with the development of the machines, while labor became less valuable. He pointed out that the small business man did not have free competition with the larger manufacturer, as the former could not purchase the latest and most improved machinery.

90 PER CENT. OF THE BUSINESS MEN FAIL

"Over 90 per cent. of the business men fail at the end of ten years," he cried, "and then the small business man fears Socialism! The laborer of today fears old age with haunting eyes because we must sell labor upon a competitive basis while the products of labor are sold on a monopolistic market." . . . Several times in the course of his argument the Everett lad had to ask that applause be stopped, "because it takes time and may be confusing." Cope's more didatic style of debate, which did not lend itself to any impassioned flights of oratory, kept him from being interupted in this manner, though the audience was liberal with its applause each time he spoke. No decision as to the victor of the debate was made. At the close of the debate Lr. Lowther praised both speakers highly, both for their delivery and carefully prepared arguments, adding that he had learned much from the discussion.

ED. MAURER.
North Yakima, Wn.

Scott Bennett To Speak in Everett, Sunday, 2:30 P.M.

Comrade Scott Bennett of New Zealand, who is to speak in Everett, Sunday afternoon, December 12, has been filling the largest halls in California since his arrival in this country a few weeks ago. Reports show that his lecture dealing with "Australiasia, Its People and the War," is delivered in a most masterful way, showing him to be a man of wonderful ability, filled with sincerity and enthusiasm for his work. In his lecture he sees but one remedy for WAR and that is SOCIALISM.

He is not overconfident of the workers being against militarism in reality. Patriotism still commands and they shout themselves hoarse in New Zealand when a victory is announced as they pour forth from the factories. Johnny is sent forth by his parents with all the old-time enthusiasm. A few tears are shed, but the people still imagine that they are doing a great and necessary duty to their country. None of them really know what they are going for. Patriotism narrows peoples to countries and makes brothers hate brothers when there is no reason on earth why all should not as brothers be.

He points out that the rulers are only servants of the capitalists of all countries and that tariffs and free trade have nothing to do with it. It is the clash of the capitalists in their attempt to get markets for the goods they exploit out of labor's toil.

Comrade Bennett pictures the horrors of war in vivid terms. He appealed to his audience to head off if possible this preparedness propaganda in America.

THE EVIL AND THE REMEDY

Never again will a bunch of slimy lickspittles be able to go about the city doing the dirty work of some office-seeking politician by slandering and vilifying the reputations of Socialist candidates. The people of Everett will never fall a second time for the sneaking pussy-foot tactics of a set of pie-counter aspirants.

To be able to prevent the repetition of such a disgraceful reversion to disreputable methods of municipal campaigns as were recently pulled off in this city, the Socialists have determined to extend organization work into every precinct.

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KATHERINE H. HODGINS
Socialist Candidate For School Director

No man or woman in Everett is better qualified by intelligence, education, experience as a teacher, or by administrative ability, to act as representative of the wage-earning class on the school board of this city. Her election on Sat., Dec. 4th, would be a distinct gain to the City of Everett.

WILL SERVE INTERESTS OF WORKERS' CHILDREN AND OF ORGANIZED LABOR

STANDING FOR UNIONISM

BUT IS THAT ALL?

If elected to the school board, Saturday, Katherine H. Hodgins, as a Socialist, will fight for every principle of the most advanced unionism. There will never be a scab job let with her consent.

BUT IS THIS ALONE SUFFICIENT?

By no means!

A working-class representative on the school board must not by any means rest content merely with protecting the interests of card men, important as this part of the work undoubtedly is.

Any honest union man or woman could do this much.

Any Socialist director **would** do this much.

There is no case on record where a Socialist school director has failed to support the principles of unionism.

But there are, sad to say, cases on record wherein "card" men have failed in their duty, either through incompetency, or through "selling out" to the highest bidder. At all events, **they did not prevent the giving out of scab contracts.**

It is the business of a Socialist official to get results!

And we expect more of a Socialist school director than merely to protect organized labor's interests.

We expect of a Socialist school director that he or she shall protect **all** the interests of the working-class, as such, **whether organized or disorganized, or unorganized.**

We Socialists of Everett have placed Katherine H. Hodgins in nomination because she stands for the interests of the whole working-class, and **because she understands what those interests are!**

Katherine H. Hodgins is qualified for the office to which she has been nominated, by the class-conscious workers of Everett, **by a thorough knowledge of the history of education, both in this country and in Europe.** She is past-master of a thoroughly scientific philosophy of education, **based upon present-day needs,** present-day economic and social conditions, not upon the antiquated formulas of dead men, nor upon an aristocratic conception of pedagogy.

With Mrs. Hodgins a member of the school board, nothing could be "put over" just for the benefit of a favored few, nor for "economy" at the expence of the workers' children, or at the price of non-union conditions on school buildings.

You mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters who are **alive** and forward-looking, go to the polls and vote for the one candidate in the field who is really qualified to serve the workers faithfully and efficiently as school director.

Vote for Katherine H. Hodgins, not merely because at least one woman **should** be on the school board, **but because she is the candidate who is in every respect qualified for the position.**

Don't scab on the Socialist movement. Our advertisers keep the paper in the field.

WORKERS, WAKE UP!

"Asleep At the Switch"

LET'S GET BUSY

Every time a school board election has been held in Everett, for several years now, the wage-earners, the working class, have failed to secure representation on the board. Not because they tried to elect a director to represent labor's interests and failed in the effort. Not at all. They didn't even **try** to elect a member of their own class, a class-conscious representative of labor, to the board. Lawyers, doctors, traders, any one would do so long as he represented the business element in Everett, rather than the workers and their children.

The workers have been asleep at the switch.

The few who have worked, who were not in a comatose condition, have worked at cross-purposes.

The workers have not pulled together.

They have not agreed upon a candidate.

Or, worse yet, the majority of the workers have taken no interest in these elections and have not taken the trouble to go to the school house and vote for a candidate representing their interests.

The taxpayers, **as such, have had** everything their own way.

They, the business element, selected a "good man," like Earl W. Husted, for instance, recently disbarred for dishonesty, and the few wage earners who went to the polls piled up their ballots against the Socialist candidates,—representing labor's interests,—and voted for the "taxpayers'" candidates **and scabbery in Everett!**

THEY VOTED A SCAB BALLOT AND GOT THE OPEN SHOP!

Everett is fast becoming the scabbiest town in Washington.

You sensible people of Everett, you who realize that union principles and union conditions are necessary to the health and progress of a community, go to the polls Saturday and cast a ballot for Katherine H. Hodgins, for school director, to succeed Earl W. Husted, the taxpayers' "good man."

LECTURES HELD NEXT WEEK

H. Scott Bennet

Sun. Dec. 5, Portland, Ore.; Mon. 6, Kelso; Tue. 7, Centralia; Wed. 8 Arlington; Thur. 9, Sumas; Fri. 10, Lynden; Sat. 11, Silvana; Sun. 12 (2 p.m.) Everett; Sun. 12 (8 p.m.) Seattle.

Emil Herman

Sat. Dec. 4, Jone School; Sun. 5 (2 p.m.) Elk; Mon. 6, open; Tues. 7, Colbert; Wed. 8, Denison; Thur. 9, Deer Park; Fri. 10, Couer D'Alene; Sat. 11, Opportunity; Sun. 12 (2 p.m.) Medical Lake.

Carl Ulonska

Carl Ulonska is to speak on Sat. Dec. 11 at Silverdale and on Sat. Dec. 18 at Trafton. He is available for lectures on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the winter within a practicable radius from Everett. Terms $3.50 and expenses, Everett and return. Address the State Office.

"Patriot" Pewters Will Have To Make Good on Letter

At the meeting of Local Everett No. 1 a week ago, the organization went on record unanimously for prosecution of one J. T. Pewters for the letter he wrote and caused to be published during the recent municipal campaign against Salter, then a candidate for re-election. As a member of the Bolo club, a branch of the Spanish-American war veterans' organization, Pewters framed a letter attacking Salter.

Action will be brought against this "patriot" by Comrade Salter, but the Local is officially behind him, morally and financially.

Heretofore, when some "patriot" slandered Socialist candidates, or lied about Socialist principles, the matter was allowed to drop of its own obvious mendacity. But from now on, we Socialists intend to give each "defender of the flag" who lies about Socialists, whether candidates or not, an opportunity to show cause why he should not be placed behind iron bars, along with other anti-Socialists. (Prisons and lunatic asylums are notoriously free of Socialists, as numerous straw votes have proved. Ninety-eight per cent. of convicts are Republicans and Democrats, and 99 per cent. of lunatics are Republicans or Democrats. Keep this in mind when you read news of straw votes taken in public institutions next fall, and see for yourself.)

Misrepresentations of the grossest nature were made by Merrill supporters in their house-to-house canvas during the recent election. But these liars cannot be readily reached at this time. Pewters was stupid enough to put his false charges in print, over his own signature, so he is open to successful legal prosecution, his accusations being flagrantly libelous and easily disproved in any court of justice.

The policy, heretofore followed by Socialists, of allowing any kind of scurrilous and defamatory matter to appear in print against us is now recognized as a mistaken one. We assumed that the general public was by now too well posted on what the Socialist Party is striving for, and too well informed on the question of Socialist tactics and principles to need denial from us of cheap and stupid accusations. In this we flattered the general public; or at least a considerable portion thereof. For, alas! many apparently intelligent people are still ready to believe the Pewter type of "patriot" when he tells them that we members of the Socialist Party are hand in glove with assassins of the Czolgoz type, and that Emma Goldman has joined our ranks, so that hereafter the seeds of murder and arson (!) will be sown broadcast by the allied (?) anarchists (of violent propensions) and the Socialist Party.

It is depressing to think that such ridiculous slander could be put over, even among the most ignorant adherents of the old parties. But the sad fact remains that many Republicans and Democrats are still so benighted that rot of this virulent nature is swallowed whole, thus making it even more difficult for them to absorb a new idea if it comes to them from a Socialist source.

So from now on it's the court house and prison for all malicious calumniators of Socialist Party members, if "even-handed justice" is not a mere fiction where Socialists are concerned.

The student is to read history actively and not passively; to esteem his own life the text, and books the commentary. * * * I have no expectation that any man will read history aright who thinks that what was done in a remote age, by men whose names have resounded far, has any deeper sense than what HE is doing today.—Emerson's Essay on "History."

THE FLAG OF BUNKER HILL

Come sit here on my knee, my child,
And listen, if you will,
To the story of the tattered flag—
The flag of Bunker Hill.
You wonder why I love it so,
This dingy, faded rag;
My child, in days of long ago,
It was our only flag.

Chorus—
Before the stars and stripes were born
This flag by shot and shell was torn
In Freedom's fight.
That is why I prize it dearly
And why I always will
Look with reverence on this **old red flag,**
The flag of Bunker Hill.

Once a little band of patriots
Most solemnly did swear
That they no more the heavy yoke
Of British kings would wear.
They defied the haughty Briton.
And death's mighty hand did chill
The heart of many a hero
On the field of Bunker Hill.

Although 'tis dim and faded now,
It once was brightest red—
The color of the patriot's blood
Which was so freely shed—
This banner floated o'er them,
Once caused their hearts to thrill
When our fathers fought for freedom
'Neath the flag of Bunker Hill.

—Free Press.

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STORY-TELLING CONTEST

DEC. 12, 8 P. M.

To perfect plans of organization, the committee in charge of the Socialist Extension work are arranging for a "Get-together" meeting and entertainment Sunday evening, Dec. 12, at Local Headquarters, 1612 California St.

The main feature of the entertainment will be a story-telling contest. The audience is to decide who is the winner. Suitable prizes will be given. Plenty of music and a lunch are other features of the entertainment. Socialists, and all those interested in the Socialist movement, are invited to attend. **Everything free!**

A GOOD REASON

A certain element here in Everett will be very active and zealous in getting out votes AGAINST the Socialist candidate for the School Board (much more than FOR their own candidate). Is this not a good and sufficient reason why all others should work just as zealously FOR Mrs. Hodgins' election?

CAPITALISM DOOMED

At a certain stage of development it brings forth the material agencies for its own dissolution. From that moment new forces and new passions spring up in the bosom of society; but the old social organization fetters them and keeps them down. It must be annihilated; it is annihilated.—"Capital," Karl Marx.,

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