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ALL LABORING MEN are urged to stay away from Ely, Nevada, as the members of Local Union No. 251, W. F. M., are involved in a strike to wrest better conditions from the management of the Veteran Mining Company, which is controlled by the Guggenheim interests.

AUGUST BELMONT, the banker and traction magnate of New York, has started a campaign to raise \$50,000 to stamp out Socialism!

The mental condition of August should be investigated immediately. The wheels are wrong in his "nut" foundry.

DANIEL J. KEEFFE, who once presided at the official helm of the Longshoremen's Union, was denied a seat at the recent convention of that organization held at Galveston, Texas. Daniel sold himself for the office of commissioner of immigration and in order to receive the federal plum that was in the gift of his master, he became a traitor to the principles of unionism.

OWING TO THE FACT that the last issue of the Miners' Magazine was exhausted and that a number of people are anxious to have a report of the dedication of the monuments to Murphy and Pettibone, we are again reproducing the addresses delivered by A. H. Hawley and the editor of the Miners' Magazine, together with cuts of Murphy and Pettibone and their monuments.

GRAND FORKS MINERS' UNION No. 180, W. F. M., of Grand Forks, B. C., through its secretary, has forwarded a funeral notice to headquarters, giving notice of the death of Findlay Matheson on July 18th. Matheson was seriously injured by a slag engine on June 11th and immediately conveyed to the Cottage Hospital, where he died after lingering for more than a month. Matheson was buried under the auspices of Grand Forks Miners' Union No. 180, W. F. M., on July 19th, and was followed to the grave by the members of Local No. 180.

### NOTICE.

All members of organized labor leaving the jurisdiction of Silver City Miners' Union No. 66, W. F. M., without a paid-up membership card to date, will be considered unfair to organized labor and advertised as such in the Miners' Magazine.

Any members of organized labor working in the jurisdiction of No. 66 after August 25th, who cannot present a membership card in good standing in No. 66, will be advertised as unfair to organized labor in the Miners' Magazine.

All men employed in the jurisdiction of No. 66 are requested to become members in No. 66 before August 25, 1909. Those failing to comply with this request will be advertised as unfair to organized labor in the Miners' Magazine.

BY ORDER OF SILVER CITY MINERS' UNION NO. 66, W. F. M.  
Dated at Silver City, Idaho, July 19, 1909.

E. L. WEGMAN, Secretary of Mojave Miners' Union No. 51, W. F. M., of Mojave, California, has forwarded to headquarters the card of Brother Martin Jordan, who was a member of Tiger Miners' Union and was afterwards transferred to Swansea Local Union No. 156. The card is supposed to have been lost by Brother Jordan, and his present address is wanted in order that his card may be restored to him.

WILL BE DECLARED UNFAIR.

Mercur, Utah, July 24, 1909.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

Please publish the following:

Any Secretary receiving members of Mercur Union without a paid-up card will be declared unfair by this union.

BY ORDER OF MERCUR MINERS' UNION.

July 18, 1909.

PHILIP OATES, Financial Secretary No. 199.

FINED AND DECLARED UNFAIR.

Rawhide, Nevada, July 25, 1909.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

At a regular meeting of Rawhide Miners' Union No. 244 held Friday, July 23, 1909, the name of Tom Potts was ordered advertised in the Miners' Magazine and a fine of \$10 placed against him for showing himself unfair to organized labor. I remain,

Yours fraternally,

NEIL McGEE, Secretary-Treasurer No. 244.

Box 44, Rawhide, Nev.

FINED AND DECLARED UNFAIR.

Ketchikan, Alaska, July 20, 1909.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

At a regular meeting of Ketchikan Miners' Union No. 152, W. F. M., George Woods was fined \$25 for non-payment of dues and assessments to Ketchikan Miners' Union.

I am instructed to advertise same in the Miners' Magazine as unfair to organized labor until such time as said fine is paid.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN P. BRISBOIS,

Secretary-Treasurer Ketchikan Union No. 152.

AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Western Federation of Miners, now in session at Denver, Colorado, Secretary-Treasurer Ernest Mills, in his annual report, shows a gain of thirty local unions during the past twelve months, with an increase of membership of 7,000. He also reported an indebtedness on account of the famous trials of \$80,000 paid off and the finances of the organization in splendid condition. Here is a splendid report, which the general officers may be proud of, and which the opponents of the Federation, who have spent much time and money recently to disrupt the organization, may well feel envious of. The past year has been particularly hard on the miners for the reason that during the industrial slump from thirty to fifty per cent. of the mining industry has been idle. From this standpoint the showing made by the Western Federation of Miners is remarkable indeed, and the best testimonial that the organization is accomplishing great good for its membership. The mine owners for a number of years attempted to make the public believe that the Federation was made up of a band of anarchists and murderers, but as the organization goes on in its work of protecting the workers from the greed of the employers, who have heretofore plucked their men by the company store, boarding house and other nefarious methods, it is winning the confidence of the miners and the good will and esteem of the general public. Spokane Labor World.



THE PRICE of liver is rising and the poor man is congratulating himself on the return of "prosperity."

AT FORT DODGE, IOWA, the miners working for the Plymouth Gypsum Company walked out of the mines because the company refused to concede an advance in wages of 5 cents per hour. The strike involved about one hundred men. The stenographers working in the office of the Plymouth Gypsum Company held a consultation and concluded to become strike-breakers. The females who worked the typewriters donned jumpers and overalls and went into the mines. When effeminate degenerates become strike-breakers, and capitalism in its greed accepts such degeneracy on the part of the gentler sex, it is becoming apparent that exploitation is traveling rapidly towards its Waterloo.

#### FINED.

Mercur, Utah, July 24, 1909.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

The following have been fined \$25 each and their names ordered published in the Miners' Magazine for non-payment of dues:

Jamies Bellessa,	Morris Harrington,
Joe Brocket,	Adolph Johnson,
Wm. Andrews,	Anton Pulli,
Wm. A. Cox,	Joe Pulli,
Jos. A. Smith,	Pete Petrocco,
Frank Hill,	Sam Harwood,
Henry Dykman,	Fred Rogers,
Silvester Coatto,	Jos. Spendlove,
Jos. Dupont,	Annasa West,
Rd. Daniels,	John Whimpey,
John P. Harrington,	

HARRY ORCHARD, the "confessor," was baptized a few days ago in the Idaho state penitentiary where he is now a permanent guest. The news dispatches do not describe the method of baptism employed, but it is a good guess that if he was cleansed of his self-confessed sins via the water route, Boise and vicinity is in imminent danger of a water famine.—Ely Daily Mining Expositor.

The reformed sinner in Idaho's palace for criminals in being cleansed by the waters of regeneration has shown that he is hungering for the limelight. Two years ago the unrivaled Harry was in the public eye and no daily paper could afford to remain silent concerning the infamous degenerate who seemed to glory in his infamy. In a few months it is probable that the public will be informed that the hired perjurer of corporate combinations is taking a course in moral philosophy and theology to fit himself as an evangelist.

Harry, though behind the walls of a penitentiary, does not propose to be buried in obscurity.

THE STRIKE among the steel workers has demonstrated that the foreigners are more class-conscious and loyal to their interests than the "native son" who was born and reared beneath the canopy of an American sky. It seems that the independent American citizen is still deluded over the fact that because he was born on American soil that this is *his country* and that the capitalist looks with tender solicitude upon the slave who can lay claim to birth beneath the folds of the starry banner. But the "native son" seems to have lost sight of the fact that his master, through his agents, brought the foreigners to the shores of America in order that competition might become fiercer in the labor market and through such competition reduce the standard of living in this country. The cunning exploiter pits the foreigner against the American, and, during a strike uses the daily press to appeal to race prejudice. Some day the American slave will look upon the foreign slave as his brother and when that day comes, capitalism will be nearing its death in America.

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Western Federation of Miners adopted the following resolutions in support of Editor Warren and The Appeal To Reason:

Denver, Colorado, July 28, 1909.

"To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

"Whereas, Editor Warren of The Appeal To Reason has become the victim of a conspiracy hatched by the supposed 'servants of the people' who have used the machinery of the courts to brand him as a felon, and

"Whereas, Editor Warren is now confronted with a sentence of imprisonment and a heavy fine as a penalty for daring to stand unflinchingly for human rights, and

"Whereas, The power and influence of men in federal positions have been utilized to convict him, with the object in view of strangling to death the journal of which he is editor, and

"Whereas, Editor Warren and The Appeal to Reason have never faltered in loyalty and devotion to the working class in the battle for industrial liberty, and

"Whereas, The Appeal to Reason and its editor rendered heroic service in stripping naked the hellish conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners, now therefore be it

"Resolved, By the delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners, that we pledge our support to the publication and the editor, to the end that a free press shall not be muzzled and that an editor who dares to speak for struggling humanity, shall be fortified in his battle against the wrongs of official despotism, and be it further

"Resolved, That we urge the labor movement of America to rally to the support of the man whose pen has punctured the infamy of capitalism and laid bare the barbarism of a civilization that builds a prison and a palace, that breeds a pauper and a Croesus, a master and a slave, and shrouds the world in the darkness of a starless night."

(COMMITTEE.)

## Monument to Murphy and Pettibone Dedicated July 24th.

ON last Saturday afternoon the monuments erected to the memory of John H. Murphy and George A. Pettibone, were unveiled in the presence of more than 500 people who had gathered in Fairmount cemetery. The convention of the Western Federation of Miners adjourned at noon Saturday in order that the delegates might attend the dedication services in a body. At 2:15 p. m. the delegates left Denver in two special cars for the cemetery, followed by a special car containing members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and another special car with members of the Granite Cutters' Union. When the special cars reached the cemetery, the monuments were already surrounded by many of the friends of the departed and at 4 o'clock, Judge W. F. Hynes, who was master of ceremonies, addressed the gathering and paid eloquent tributes to the men who had proven their loyalty to the principles of organized labor. Judge Hynes then introduced A. H. Hawley, general secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, who spoke as follows:

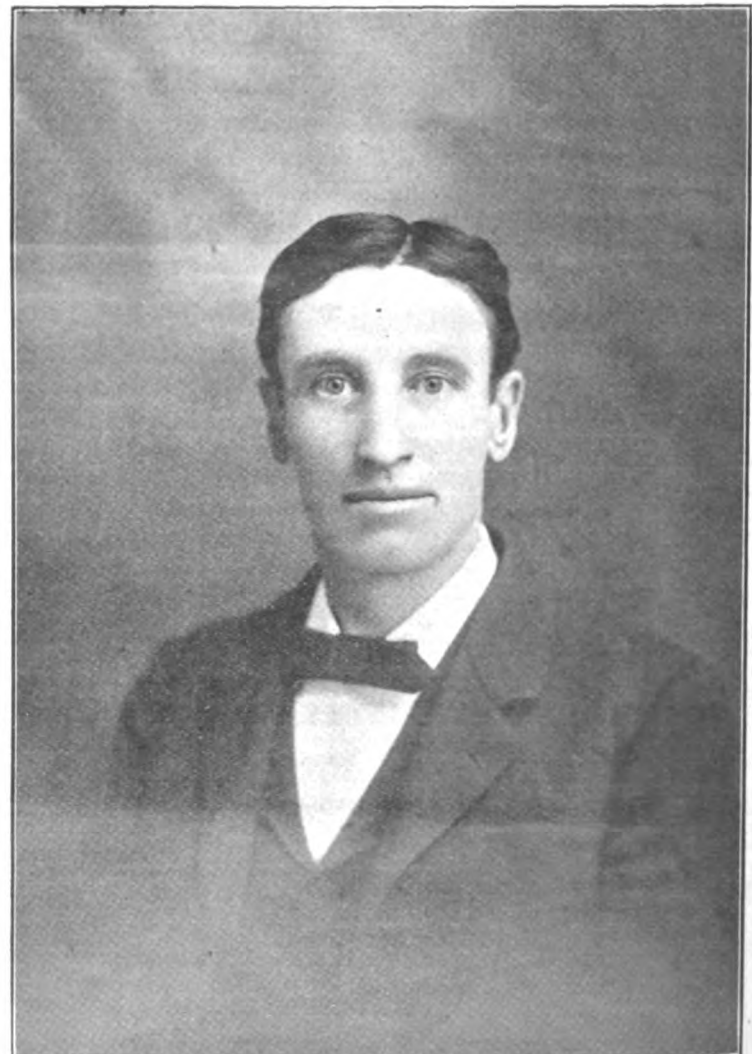
Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have assembled here to pay a tribute; to honor and to show our appreciation of the work done by two men whom it can be easily and truthfully said, that they died in the harness working for the cause of labor and humanity, and trying to make the homes of working men all that they should be.

Even though this be a sad hour to some, yet it affords me deep gratification as a representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen to be permitted at this time to pay a tribute of respect to one who had been associated with our organization for over twenty years and who had been its chief legal adviser for over ten years.

If the sixty-five thousand members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen could at this time be conscious of what is transpiring at this moment at the last resting place of John Murphy, they would stand or sit with bowed heads as a mark of respect for the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, or knew of him, and which he so richly merited.

Never before so far as I have been able to learn has two strong labor organizations joined hands to erect a monument that will stand for years to mark the resting place of one who passed through the trials that did John Murphy in trying to secure for them justice, and



John H. Murphy.



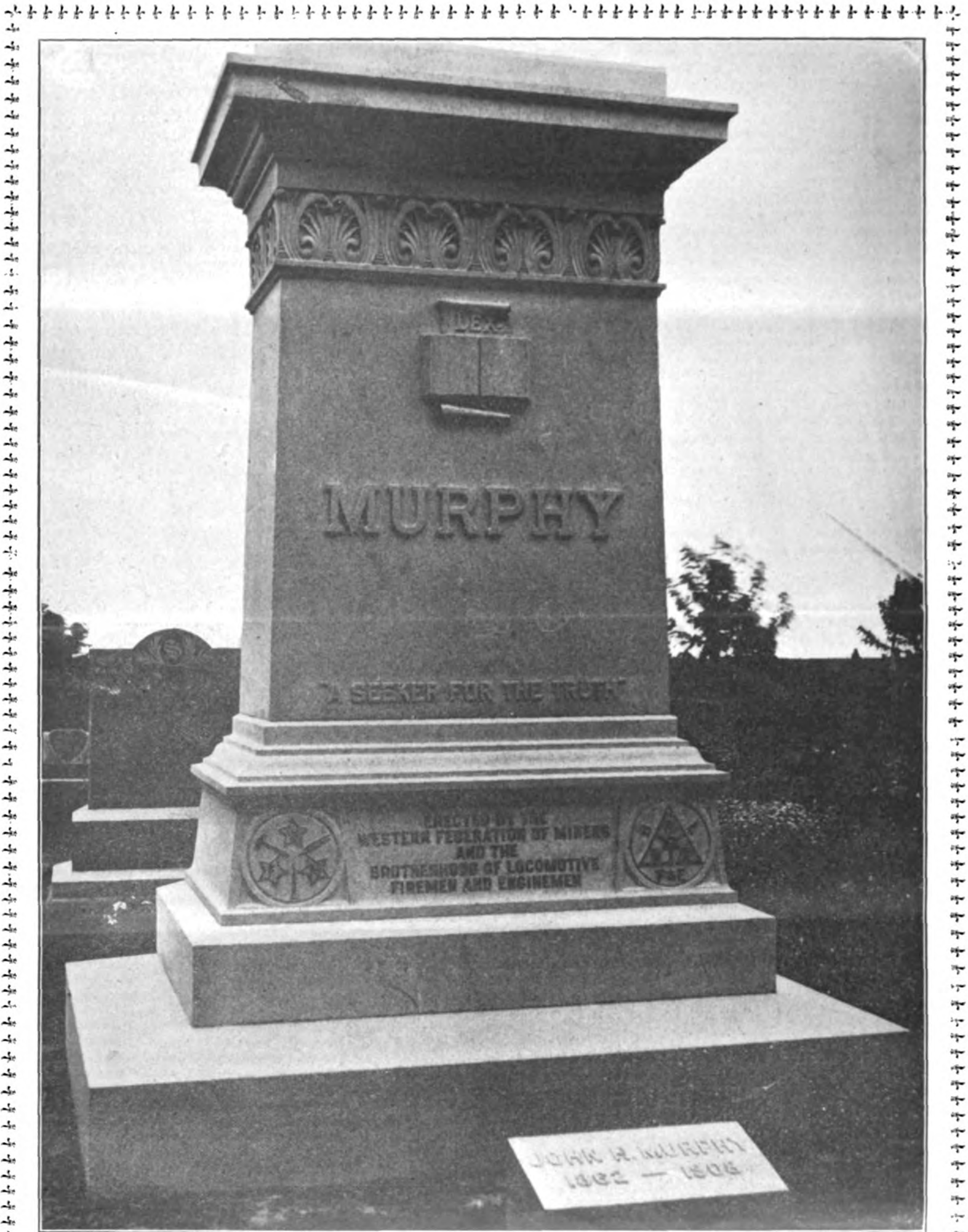
to guide them in the path of safety and right. In fact, I believe this is the first time in history that two labor organizations have joined hands to honor in this manner one of their members.

As years roll on and the cause of labor progresses people will read the few lines engraved on this stone and say, labor does honor its departed friends.

No one knows what John Murphy suffered for the cause of labor.

they learn of their having been said. I believe if the one who now lies still and cold beneath this green grass could speak he would say as do the following lines:

When I've passed this world of sorrow,  
Do not seek to sooth my brow,  
Do not heap my grave with blossoms.



Monument to John H. Murphy.

It has always been the opinion of myself, and many I represent who were personally acquainted with him for years, that his early death was partly if not entirely caused by his too close attention to the interests of those he represented.

It is said by many that the time to show gratitude, the time to bring flowers and the time to say kind words is when a person is alive and can see the flowers. If they do not hear the kind words spoken

Bring your sweetest roses now,  
Bring them now while I am living,  
Toiling on, in youths gay prime;  
While I'm climbing life's steep ladder,  
'Neath the heavy hand of time.

Yet at the same time he was not one who wanted to be told of his



good deeds. He sought not adulation,—he shunned flattery. But nature does the same for all of us. We like to have our efforts appreciated.

One thing that he always was the truth. How many of his friends have heard the oft used expression: "I was only a seeker for the truth?"

As we stand here today we recall his many acts and know when he expressed himself in this way it came from his heart.

No better illustration of his little desire for notoriety and his little desire for display can be shown than by his words to the men after the jury had declared them innocent of the crime of which they were accused. Lying in a hospital, on a bed of sickness when all expected that his time was drawing near and that soon the grim reaper would gather him in, John Murphy looked into the face of the large man at his bedside and said: "Bill, in this your hour of triumph, be humble."

Great indeed would be the length of time necessary to tell of the many good deeds performed by John Murphy. I will not attempt at this time to relate those of them that come to my mind. Many of them the press of the country have made public. Others are known only to his friends. Still others are known to his close associates who will tell of them later.

Did he have any faults, this is no time to speak of them. The faults of our friends we write upon the sand. Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory. The virtues of he whom we loved to call friend and brother are emphasized by the erection of this beautiful monument.

He lived his short life of two score and six years and followed the teachings of the Golden Rule. He accepted the summons delivered by the messenger of death and passed beyond the summit of human apprehension. Let us hope that it is a wilderness of kindness, tenderness, love and affection; an unbounded forest of goodness, trimmed in purity, draped in virtue and sheltered in justice. He accepted censure and applause with indifference. He sympathized with the poor and weak. His life was such that if we cared to imitate him we could improve on our own.

We stop and reflect. We think of this and that. We wonder at results. When all is said and done we say time works wonders.

What a beautiful book is that of time. What a massive volume. No blank leaves are found. No preface contained within its covers. How we love to dwell on the first page. More silently than the zephyr's breath as it fans our brow does time turn his pages, and on all we find man pursuing the phantom happiness. But full oft he wanders over burning deserts; and over craggy rocks he toils, looking ever forward to some sunny spot where he sees the much sought for tree. He ever beholds the ripe clusters hanging low, waiting only for the grasping hand. He toils ever on to find its fruits like Sodom's apples turning to ashes on his lips. Another page is noiselessly turned and we read of the joys of time, for joys they are, and well deserve the name. Mirrored there are the sunny days of childhood. Foundations of perennial spring are opened and full draughts of happiness quaffed. Yet we find no page telling all of joy, but here and there are seen fruits of the forbidden tree. No cup drawn from the well of earthly happiness is unmixed with gall. Yet none so mixed but that it might contain a little more. Still turning time's pages we find them stamped with a thousand heart histories. Some telling of today rejoicing in the sunshine of prosperity; tomorrow struggling in the wars of adversity. Thus we find commingling hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, pleasure and pain. When all the pages have been perused, the book is rolled together and the angel of God will proclaim, Time is, but shall be no more.

Let us feel and know that he did his work as he saw it; always keeping in mind his duty to his fellow man. And let his dear ones feel, as is told in the words of the poet:

Once in our life the tide goes out  
Leaving a desert of sand,  
Sweeping our hopes and dreams away,  
All that was joyful, grand.

Tangle of sea-weed strewn about,  
Far from the rocks where it grew;  
Lifeless and drear, like the hope that died,  
Moments of rapture we knew.

Once in our life are priceless gems,  
That vanish like pebbles and shells,  
Leaving us bowed in grief and tears,  
Tears we endeavored to quell.

Leaving us alone with empty hands,  
Seeking the treasures we missed,  
Longing for friends gone long before:  
Yearning for lips we have kissed.

Once in our lives the tide goes out,  
Yet, while we weep by the shore,  
Foaming and singing the waves roll in,  
Healing the heart that was sore.

Filling our souls with pure joys,  
Round us its treasures it hurls,  
Till we behold through tearful eyes,  
Millions of shimmering pearls.

Let the words that are spoken here today be impressed upon the minds of the listeners. Let the facts that we have met to honor our friends be told to the world. Let it be carried to the business interests of the country that labor does appreciate what is done for them and that labor is always ready and willing to pay honor where honor is due. The little inscription on this monument will be read by many. As time

rolls on and those who stand here today have passed to the great beyond others will come to take their places, but this stone will still remain to tell the newcomers of how two labor organizations paid tribute to their departed members.

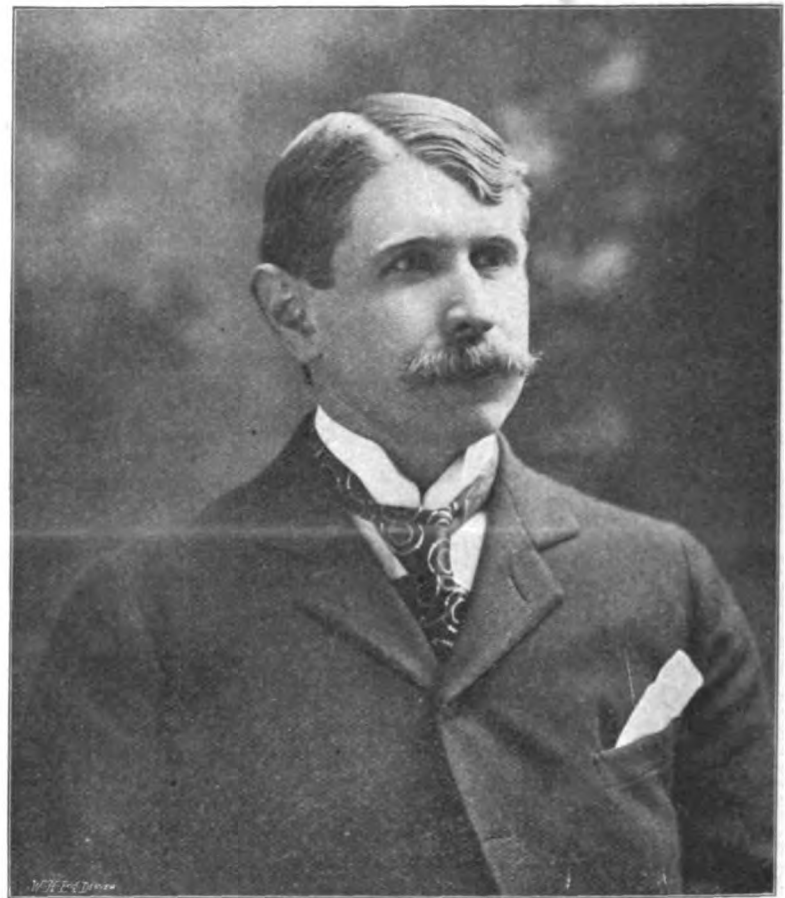
Death makes all men equal. We bring nothing into this world, we take nothing away with us. Let us all remember the true words of the late Senator Ingals:

"When the fitful fever is over and the cruel wrangle of the market and forum have ceased, grass heals over the wound which our decent into this earth has made and the carpet of the infant becomes the blanket of the dead."

Judge Hynes in a neat address then introduced John M. O'Neill, editor of the Miners' Magazine, who delivered the following address:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of Organized Labor and Delegates to the Western Federation of Miners:

We have gathered here today to dedicate monuments to the memory of two men, who in life entwined themselves in the hearts of men and women who are scanning with yearning eyes the distant horizon and watching for the faint gleams of that glad morning that shall usher in a civilization that bequeathes to humanity the priceless heritage of industrial liberty. These monuments are the generous gifts of men who mourned the cruel summons of the grim messengers of death that snatched from life's arena men whose deathless devotion and loyalty to the eternal principles of justice, made their names immortal in the labor movement of Western America. They did not come from the gory field of battle bearing victories that were baptized in human blood. They were not crowned with achievements won amid the fire and smoke



George A. Pettibone.

of shot and shell, but they were soldiers in that great army of the world's struggling millions that is slowly but surely marching onward toward the goal of economic freedom.

Neither of these men, whose memory we honor today, came into the world the petted heirs of palatial homes. Their ancestry boasted of no bank accounts and no broad acres, but their parentage was of that noble mould of citizenship that makes this old earth richer and leaves behind a posterity whose noble traits of character challenged the admiration of their fellowmen.

In the year 1908, the last chapter in the lives of these two men was written, and now in the year 1909, we are gathered at their graves to pay our tribute of respect and to testify to the worth and merit of men who dared to brave the sneering lip and the frowning brow in defense of a class whose wails of misery are heard in every nation on earth.

John H. Murphy for years, was the general attorney of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Western Federation of Miners. As a lawyer, he was brilliant and the legal profession recognized in him a giant mind that was equipped for battle in the highest courts of the land. John H. Murphy, as a boy, tasted but little of the luxuries of life. He had not the means to enter the classic halls of famed institutions of learning, but he had an indomitable will and an intellect that flashed with the sparkle of a diamond, and with these inherited gifts he faced the world to fight the battle of life. In his early life we see him on the locomotive clad in jumper and overalls feeding the horse of iron and steel, but on his features, bathed in sweat and grime, could be discerned an aspiration "to climb to loftier heights," where he could render more valuable service in the great struggle for human rights.

When his associates and companions in the railway service were wrapped in sleep endeavoring to recuperate their exhausted energies for the toil of another day, John H. Murphy, the fireman, was "burning the midnight oil" and storing away in the mental chambers of his brain a knowledge of the law that made him in after years a David of the Common people before the courts of this country. Blacklisted during the great strike of the American Railway Union of 1894, and hav-



ing felt the relentless despotism of an avenging corporation, he realized more than ever that labor stood in need of advocates in judicial tribunals who would speak with tongues of fire, and with this realization, he redoubled his energies to become a Spartacus to give battle for labor in the temples of justice.

More than a decade ago the legislature of Utah passed an eight-hour law and immediately the mine owners and the corporate interests

nobler incentive than a sordid appetite for fees, and with a courage that knew no surrender or defeat, he fought that battle in the courts of Utah until the highest tribunal of the State handed down a decision proclaiming the constitutionality of the eight-hour law. But the enemies of labor did not accept the decision of the Supreme Court of the State of Utah, but appealed the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and before the robed judiciary at the nation's capitol, the



Monument to George A. Pettibone.

decreed that the law must be assassinated by the judicial dagger on the grounds that the law was in conflict with the constitution of the State. Murphy, the fireman, was now the lawyer, and he stripped for the fray to give the best that was in him for the man who toiled long hours in the poisoned dungeons of the earth. At that time organized labor had no corpulent treasury, but Murphy was actuated by a higher and

dauntless, young attorney faced an array of legal talent that must have blanched his cheek as he felt the magnitude of the battle in which he was engaged. But Murphy was undismayed. He knew that he was pleading for the bone and brawn of a nation and he knew that the cause in which he had consecrated the efforts of his life, was grounded on the bed-rock of eternal justice. His heart and soul became aflame and



the irresistible logic that streamed from his lips swept before it like an avalanche, the winged flights of oratory that soared from the silvery tongues of corporation-paid attorneys. The firemen lawyer dazzled the high-priced attorneys with the brilliancy of his genius and when the smoke of battle had cleared away, the eight-hour law of the State of Utah wore the constitutional crown of the Supreme Court of the United States. Murphy had measured steel with the giants of the legal profession and his prowess as an adversary in the judicial arena could no longer be questioned by the brainiest disciples of Blackstone. He had won a battle that stamped him as a lawyer and the miners of the West looked upon this rising, young attorney as a man who was destined to leave "footprints on the sands of time."

After his victory in the Supreme Court of the United States, he gave almost his undivided attention to the wrongs of labor and became the framer of almost every eight-hour measure that graces the statute books of the Western States. The eight-hour laws of Utah, Montana, Nevada, Arizona and Missouri were due to his tireless energies and before he closed his eyes in death he had earned the enviable title: "Eight-hour Murphy."

But while we admired his clear, analytical brain and valued his counsel in the stormy days of labor's battles, yet, there was something grander in the noble nature of the dead lawyer that appealed to us more forcibly than all the genius of his ability, and it was his matchless courage, his fealty to truth and his unfaltering devotion to the cause of right.

On the 17th of February, 1906, there was consummated one of the foulest plots that was ever hatched to blacken the escutcheon of the labor movement of this country. In the dark hours of the night when honest men and women were in their homes, there stole from the conspiring den of a detective agency a coterie of professional body-snatchers, and these human blood-hounds, backed by the governors of two states, kidnapped three men from their homes and spirited them away on a special train to be tried for the murder of a man who had been assassinated by the hireling of conspirators who yearned to place the brand of Cain on the brow of innocent men and commit murder under forms of law.

John H. Murphy was then an invalid. His wasted frame and emaciated face told his dearest friends that he was traveling rapidly "towards that bourne whence no traveler returns." But with the ashen hue of death upon his brow and with the knowledge that he was courting death in wending his way to Boise, Idaho, to attend the great conspiracy trial, yet he flinched not from what he believed to be his duty and when the press of a nation heralded the opening of the great criminal farce in the Capitol City of the "Gem of the Rockies," Murphy stood among the brilliant array of lawyers, giving the efforts of his waning life in a battle to snatch innocent men from an ignominious death upon a scaffold. The history of that great trial need not be repeated here, but when the verdict of twelve men proclaimed the innocence of one of the men whom conspirators had decreed should dangle at the end of a rope, the dying lawyer wept for joy because he realized that the organization, for which he had struggled, had risen above the clouds of calumny and stood vindicated in the minds of the honest men and women of a continent. He lived to see the foul conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners shattered into fragments and when he breathed his last on the 3rd of March, 1908, we mourned the loss of a man whose brilliancy, courage and loyalty are treasured in the hearts of men who honored and revered him as a "prince among men," worthy of being recognized as one of "the noblest works of God."

But let us now turn our thoughts to the other man whose life went out, crushed through the persecution of combinations whose hate was only appeased when the brave and noble soul took its flight from the wasted tenement of clay. I had the esteemed honor of being numbered among his friends and stood beside the open grave on the afternoon of the 5th of last August to speak a few words in memory of my friend, the man who looked upon life and death with a smile upon his lips. On that occasion when I gazed into the grave and looked upon the casket that held the mortal remains of George A. Pettibone, and when I beheld the coffin lowered into the bosom of the earth, there rushed through my mind chapters of human history that were written in tears, and those chapters in the life of my friend and brother in the great cause of humanity, almost stilled the heart and palsied the tongue, for words would not come to crown his memory with that tribute, which I longed to pay to a man whose peerless honor and unswerving fidelity to the class to which he belonged, made him a Hercules in the battle for man's emancipation.

George A. Pettibone came to the West with the blush of young manhood upon his cheek. He had felt the weight of the iron yoke of corporate tyranny in his Eastern home and his heart yearned for a broader freedom, and feeling that organized greed had not yet shackled liberty on the summits of the Western mountains, he turned his face to the setting sun and wended his way towards the Pacific.

In the early days of the Coeur d'Alenes we see him allied with his fellowmen in a struggle to wrest better conditions for the man who wielded the pick and hammer in the mines. In that struggle he wounded the dignity of a federal court and because he refused to become a slave to an injunction, the Caesar upon the bench decreed that Pettibone should feel the sting of the judicial lash wielded by an ermined czar in a "temple of justice."

But Pettibone accepted the sentence of a court without a tremor and when the days, weeks and months had passed away and the prison doors swung outward that gave to him his freedom, he was again found in the ranks of his fellowmen giving battle to the wrongs that blacken and curse a civilization that is crimsoned with blood and wet with human tears.

The dead man was one of the selected victims of the conspiracy of 1906, and though the conspirators failed to tarnish his memory or place upon his brow the brand of Cain, yet they held him behind the walls

of a bastille until death marked him for the grave. But when death was dimming the lustre in his eye and had chased the hue of health from his cheek he demanded to hear the testimony of the hired, professional perjurers because he knew that if the last vestige of justice had not yet fled from a judicial tribunal, a jury of his peers would bring in a verdict that would strangle the plot of the money-bought blood-hounds who had conspired with their paymasters to send him to the scaffold. The verdict was rendered, the honor of Pettibone was vindicated in the courts and this monument that has been unveiled today and which has been built by the dimes and dollars of those who knew him best, is a vindication that will plead his innocence to the unborn generations that are yet to come.

The character and traits of Pettibone can be well delineated when we remember that the following was his favorite poem:

"Did you tackle that trouble that came your way  
With a resolute heart and cheerful?  
Or hide your face from the light of day  
With a craven soul and fearful?  
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce  
Or trouble is what you make it,  
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,  
But only how did you take it?"

"You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?  
Come up with a smiling face:  
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,  
But to lie there—that's disgrace.  
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce;  
Be proud of your blackened eye!  
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,  
It's how did you fight—and why?"

"And though you be done to the death, what then?  
If you battled the best you could,  
If you played your part in the world of men,  
Why, the Critic will call it good.  
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,  
And whether he's slow or spry,  
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,  
But only, how did you die?"

Pettibone died like a Trojan of old. He did not shrink as he felt the icy clasp of the skeleton hand of death, but he went out into the "Great Unknown" fortified by the consciousness that he had been true to himself and loyal to the cause that demands the reign of justice throughout the nations of the earth.

Standing here today and meditating upon the lives of Murphy and Pettibone,—the brave and courageous men who sleep beneath the base of these monuments,—there comes to my mind the beautiful words of that great, Southern poet, who said:

"Give me a land of the wreck and the tomb,  
There's a grandeur in graves, there's a glory in gloom,  
For out of the gloom future brightness is born,  
As after the night looms the sunrise of morn,  
And each single wreck in the war-path of might  
Shall yet be a rock in the Temple of Right."

#### THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS AT DENVER, COLORADO, OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

##### THIRTEENTH DAY. Morning Session.

July 26, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 9 a. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present except Delegates D. W. MacKenzie, No. 8, and M. F. Gallagher, No. 86.

Minutes of last session read and approved as corrected.

No. 144. Resolution by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, re representation of Auxiliaries in Western Federation of Miners' conventions, read and referred to the committee on constitution.

No. 145. Resolution by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, re reducing per capita tax, read and referred to the committee on constitution.

No. 146. Resolution re amendments to constitution, by Delegates Fluent, No. 74, Booher, No. 1, and Blackburn, No. 83, read and referred to the committee on constitution.

No. 147. Report on illness of P. G. Keaveney, who is confined at St. Anthony's hospital, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 23, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers—According to instructions of this convention, we visited Brother P. G. Keaveney, of Butte Miners' Union, at St. Anthony's hospital, and find him in the last stages of miners' consumption, and very weak from the ravages of this dread disease.

OWEN McCABE,  
HARRY STARK,  
GEORGE CURRY,  
T. J. BOOHER.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Dahl, No. 14, that the matter be referred to the executive board. Motion carried.

The following telegram from Greenwood Miners' Union was read:

No. 148. Greenwood, B. C., July 26, 1909.

Chas. Moyer, President, W. F. M., Denver, Colorado:  
Strike of union won all they went on strike for.

J. A. McKINNON.

No. 149. Grievance by Secretary Nylund, No. 63, against Secretary Ferguson, No. 15, re accepting of dues by the latter from members who are working in the jurisdiction of No. 63, read and referred to the committee on grievances.

The following communication was read:

No. 150. Denver, Colo., July 24, 1909.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Secretary, Western Federation of Miners, 605 Railroad Building, City:

Gentlemen—The management of Lakeside, "the White City," is making every effort possible to place this park foremost as the most popular in Colorado or elsewhere, particularly as a picnic resort, and a place to hold dances, receptions and banquets.



No other park in the west has the facilities, comforts and amusements, pleasures to offer fraternal or other organizations as a select and convenient place to hold their outings, etc.

With this end in view we cordially invite your committee to call upon us at any time daily between the hours of noon and 11 p. m. and hear the inducement we have to offer you to make Lakeside your home for a day's pleasure.

Yours very truly,  
THE LAKESIDE REALTY & AMUSEMENT CO.,  
By FRANK BURK, General Manager

No. 151. Resolution re amendment to the constitution, by Delegate Walquist, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 152. Resolution re amendments to constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 153. Resolution re amendments to the constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 154. Resolution re amendments to the constitution, read and referred to the committee on constitution.

No. 155. Resolution re amendments to constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 156. Resolution re amendments to constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 157. Resolution re amendments to constitution, read and referred to the committee on constitution.

Moved by Delegate Curran, No. 1, seconded by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, that Phil Greenan be not allowed to continue his membership in the Western Federation of Miners while he is acting as adjutant general of the state of Montana.

Moved and seconded as an amendment, that the entire matter be left in the hands of Local No. 117, Western Federation of Miners.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, and seconded by Delegate Bunny, No. 2, as a substitute, that Phil Greenan be allowed to retain his membership in the Western Federation of Miners.

The question was called and roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 291; no, 53. Substitute motion declared carried.

The report of Howard Tresidder, executive board member for District No. 6, with report of committee, was read.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners.

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, have considered the report of Brother Howard Tresidder, and we recommend that all of the report be accepted and placed on file except paragraphs 6 and 7, on page 2, which paragraphs we recommend be referred to the grievance committee.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
A. B. CRARY,  
MALCOM McDONALD,  
LEM HUBBLE,  
CHAS. BRAND,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Jensen, No. 48, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Report of Executive Board Member J. F. Hutchinson, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, have carefully considered the report of Brother J. F. Hutchinson, and recommended that all of the report down to paragraph 19, on page 19, be accepted and placed on file.

We recommend that all of such report suggesting changes be made in ritual and constitution and by-laws, be referred to the committee on good and welfare for their consideration.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
A. B. CRARY,  
LEM HUBBLE,  
MALCOM McDONALD,  
CHAS. BRAND,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the report of the committee be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Report of William Davidson, executive board member for District No. 6, with report of committee on same, was read:

Denver, Colorado, July 26, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, recommend that the report of Brother William Davidson be accepted and placed on file, except that portion commencing with paragraph 12, page 4, pertaining to the strike at Greenwood, to be referred to the committee on strikes and lockouts.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
LEM HUBBLE,  
A. B. CRARY,  
CHAS. BRAND,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Bunny, No. 2, that report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

The report of Vice President Mahoney, with report of committee on same, was read:

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, have carefully considered the report of Vice President Mahoney. We wish to report that we concur in his many recommendations. We do not deem it necessary to refer any part of said report to another committee, as in our judgment, the entire report can be acted upon by the executive board.

We wish to commend Brother Mahoney for the able manner in which he has conducted his work, and would recommend that the report be accepted and placed on file.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
A. B. CRARY,  
CHAS. BRAND,  
MALCOM McDONALD,  
LEM HUBBLE,

Special Committee.

Moved by Delegate Monty, No. 10, seconded by Delegate Connors, No. 189, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Report of the executive board, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 16, 1909.

We, your special committee, recommend that the first section of the report of executive board be referred to auditing committee.

We recommend that the second section be adopted as read; and that the third section be referred to the strikes and lockouts committee, that the fourth section be referred to education and literature committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
MALCOM McDONALD,  
A. B. CRARY,  
LEM HUBBLE,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Clark, No. 1, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

The report of William Tracey, executive board member, with report of committee on same, was read.

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners.

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, recommend that the report of Brother Wm. E. Tracey be accepted and placed on file as per his expressed wish.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
LEM HUBBLE,  
A. B. CRARY,  
MALCOM McDONALD,  
CHAS. BRAND,

Special Committee.

Moved by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, seconded by Delegate Valimaki, No. 200, that the report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Report of J. C. Lowney, with report of committee on same, read:

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners.

Gentlemen—We, your special committee, finding much in the report of Brother Lowney, which will be fully discussed in convention, we recommend said report be accepted and placed on file.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
A. B. CRARY,  
LEM HUBBLE,  
CHAS. BRAND,  
MALCOM McDONALD,

Special Committee.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Maki, No. 128, that the report of the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

No. 158. Resolution re election of officers by referendum, read and referred to constitution committee.

No. 159. Resolution re amendment to the constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 160. Resolution re amendment to constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 161. Resolution re amendments to constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

No. 162. Resolution re amendments to constitution, read and referred to committee on constitution.

After reading announcements, the convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

July 26, 1909.

The convention was called to order by Vice President Mahoney at 2 p. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present except delegates D. W. McKenzie, No. 8, Frank L. Grandy, No. 31, and Chas. N. Larsen, No. 71.

No. 163. Resolution re printing of constitutions, read and referred to committee on education and literature.

The following resolution was read:

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners, Greeting:

Whereas, The monuments erected to John H. Murphy and Brother George A. Pettibone are masterpieces of art and perfection, and

Whereas, The officers of the Western Federation of Miners displayed wise judgment, tact and taste in the selection and inscriptions on the same, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates to the seventeenth annual convention, extend a vote of thanks to our officers and compliment them upon the dedication and unveiling.

W. E. C. LITTLE,  
F. I. GRANDY,  
OWEN BARNES,  
JOHN HARPER,  
PHILLIP A. LEE

Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to have printed 30,000 copies of John M. O'Neill's address at the unveiling of the Pettibone and Murphy monuments with cuts of same, to be distributed among the local unions of the Western Federation of Miners.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment, that the addresses of J. M. O'Neill and Secretary Hawley, of the Firemen's Union, delivered at the unveiling along with the cuts of the Pettibone and Murphy monuments, be printed in an issue of the Miners' Magazine. Motion carried.

No. 165. Communication from Helper Miners' Union re James Peretto, organizer, and reinstatement of members who have been out of work, read and referred to committee on organization.

Moved and seconded that as Organizer Peretto is to leave the city to night, that he be given the privilege of addressing the convention on the conditions existing in the coal fields of Colorado and Utah.

Moved by Delegate Guelti, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138 that Organizer Peretto be returned herewith copies of the paper referred to in his address to be presented to this convention, and further request him to state his side of the case to the committee in charge of protest in company with those who accuse him of conduct unbecoming an organizer of the Western Federation of Miners. Motion carried.

Communication protesting against the reelection of J. C. Lowney as member of the executive board, from Butte Miners' Union No. 1, read as follows:

Butte, Mont., July 29, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

At a regular meeting of the Butte Miners' Union No. 1, Western Federation of Miners, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered forwarded to the convention for their consideration:

Whereas, It has developed within the last year that the executive board member, J. C. Lowney, has worked together with others against the best interests of Butte Miners' Union No. 1, Western Federation of Miners, and the working class in general.

First, by refusing to assist in the prosecution of a defaulting secretary who was found guilty so conclusively that a Standard Oil bank saw fit to pay a part of his delinquencies.

Second, that when the Butte Miners' Union No. 1 elected in 1908, a contract and has it in full force and effect, prohibiting contracting of piece work in the mines of Butte, the said John C. Lowney worked in conjunction with a crowd of ex-contractors who packed the hall at a regular meeting and unconstitutionally resented the action of Butte Miners' Union No. 1. John C. Lowney, on that occasion, when called upon for his views stated that while contracting was a bad thing in general, it was all right in Butte.

Third, that the said John C. Lowney has taken part in factional fights in this organization, allowing himself through personal animosity to forge the spirit of true unionism, thereby injuring the cause of the Western Federation of Miners and of organized labor as a whole.

Fourth, that believing that the present delegates to your convention from Butte Miners' Union No. 1 would be opposed to him owing to his treachery, he endeavored through the medium of a supposed technicality to reduce the rightful vote of Butte Miners' Union No. 1 in your convention, therefore be it



Resolved, That Butte Miners' Union No. 1 do hereby condemn John C. Lowney's attitude in the aforesaid actions and do hereby request that he be not elected as executive board member for this district, and be it further

Resolved, That Owen McCabe be elected executive board member for this district, owing to the fact that he has taken part in no factional fight, but has at all times considered the cause of organized labor above that of personal interests or animosity.

ROBERT CRANE, Acting President.  
AL. McCLELLAN, Rec. Secretary.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Barss, No. 16, that the communication be kept by the Western Federation of Miners as a memorial of the intellectual standard of Butte Miners' Union No. 1.

Moved by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, as a substitute, that the communication be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

Communication from Butte Engineers' Union, read as follows, protesting against the re-election of J. C. Lowney to the executive board:  
No. 167. Butte, Mont., July 22, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the Engineers' Union No. 83, of Butte, at its regular meeting, July 21, 1909, to draft resolutions of protest against the re-election of John C. Lowney as a member of the executive board of this district, Western Federation of Miners, do hereby submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Engineers' Union No. 83, the said John C. Lowney has outlived his usefulness as a representative of this district, and do hereby request that he be retired forthwith, and that our delegates act in according with the above resolutions.

THOMAS J. GANTER,  
ABE WINWOOD,  
JOE CRUNIEAN.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by McGuire, No. 140, that the communication be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

Communication from Butte M. & S. Union No. 74, protesting against the re-election of J. C. Lowney on the executive board, read as follows:  
No. 168. Butte, Mont., July 22, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—We, the M. & S. Union No. 74, Western Federation of Miners, at its last regular meeting held on July 22nd, appointed a committee to draft resolutions protesting against the re-election of J. C. Lowney as executive board member for this district, as we consider him incompetent to fill the position.

W. E. EDWARDS,  
L. J. DUBRULE.

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Whately, No. 74, that the communication be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

Report of auditing committee read as follows, with report on receipts for the Mexican defense fund:  
No. 169. Denver, Colo., July 24, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your auditing committee, to which was referred the financial report of the secretary-treasurer, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of your secretary-treasurer, have carefully checked all entries and receipts and disbursements and find that his report as submitted is a true and correct statement.

We have counted the money in the safety deposit vaults and, file herewith signed statements from the bankers verifying to the correctness of the amounts reported in their care.

While the fiscal year ended on March 31st, following the precedent set by the auditing committee of the sixteenth annual convention, we have checked and audited the books and accounts to July 1, 1909, and recommend that the fiscal year be changed to end on June 30th. We further recommend that the secretary-treasurer be required to furnish to each annual convention a statement showing the assets and liabilities of the Federation, including bills receivable and bills payable, the value of property owned in whole or in part by the organization, and moneys to be paid on unfinished contracts for services or supplies and that such statement be read and considered in executive session at each annual convention.

We also recommend that the secretary-treasurer be required to prepare a statement to be submitted on the first day of each annual convention, showing the amounts due the Federation for per capita and assessments on April 1st and July 1st from each local and that this statement be placed in the hands of the credential committee to aid them in making their report.

Your secretary-treasurer, by the able and efficient manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his office is deserving of the highest commendation. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HARPER,  
JOHN CONDON,  
JAS. T. SULLIVAN,  
GEORGE HEATHERTON,  
J. E. DAHL,  
OWEN McCABE,  
CHAS. A. BLACKBURN,  
Auditing Committee.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, that the report be received and the recommendations adopted. Motion carried.

Grievance No. 92, of John McMullen, with report of committee on same, read.

We, the grievance committee, in the case of John McMullen, presenting a bill for services rendered in Great Falls, Montana wish to report as follows: That as the evidence of both parties concerned in this case is so conflicting and that as the fact is undeniable that Brother McMullen expended his time and transportation and other expenses in this case, and is entitled to payment for same, we your committee, recommend that the matter be referred to the convention to determine who is the party responsible for payment of said bill.

ED. REGAN,  
WM. McCARTNEY,  
C. N. LARSON,  
M. J. O'CONNOR,  
FRANK DUNN,  
JOHN TEMBY,  
JOHN YOUNG.

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Barth, No. 16, that the report of the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, seconded by Delegate McLeod, No. 1, that the bill be allowed. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that a telegram be sent to Greenwood Miners' Union No. 22, congratulating them on the successful settlement of their strike. Motion carried.

The convention then referred back to the committee's report on the report of Board Member J. C. Lowney, the motion before the convention at adjournment being to accept the report of the committee. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 119, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on education and literature, after carefully considering paragraph 8 of Executive Board Member Clough's report, recommend that the same be adopted, and that the incoming executive board be instructed to secure the proper literature in the foreign languages in lieu of the \$1.00 received from foreign members, as we deem this to be the most effective way to educate the newly initiated members.

J. J. BARTH,  
JOE GUELFU,  
AUGUST WALQUIST,  
MALCOM McNEILL,  
CHAS. GRUE,  
JOHN MITCHELL.

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, that the report of the committee be not adopted.

Roll call demanded.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the sense of the motion, President Moyer suggested that as the hour for adjournment had arrived the counting of the vote be postponed till 9 a. m.

The chair declared the convention adjourned till 9 a. m.

#### FOURTEENTH DAY.

##### Morning Session.

July 27, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 9 a. m.

Roll call was read and found all delegates present except Delegate Bruce, No. 263.

Minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved as read.

The following protest and petition from members of Butte Miners' Union No. 1 was read and ordered filed:  
No. 170. Butte, Mont., July 24, 1909.

To the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that at a regular meeting of the Butte Miners' Union, held Tuesday, July 20th, a resolution condemning J. C. Lowney as a man unfit to hold the position as executive board member of the Western Federation of Miners, and asking the seventeenth annual convention to place one Owen McCabe in that office, was introduced and carried, at a very late hour of the night, when only a few members were left in the hall, and

Whereas, J. C. Lowney, in all things and at all times, has shown himself to be a true and loyal worker in the cause of unionism in general, and the Western Federation of Miners in particular—a man of unimpeachable honor and integrity, be it

Known, That we, the undersigned members of the Butte Miners' Union and the Western Federation of Miners, bitterly resent the underhanded manner in which Brother Lowney's enemies have sought to attack him and to assassinate his reputation, and be it further

Known, That nothing which the seventeenth annual convention could do would please us more than the show of confidence in Brother Lowney's honor and ability, that his re-election as a member of the executive board would mean.

Signed by 173 signatures.

Moved by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the action of the convention on the committee's report on resolution No. 119 be reconsidered. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, as a substitute, that the report of the committee be accepted and the recommendations referred to referendum when amendments to the constitution and by-laws are submitted.

The question was called for and roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 166; no, 187. Substitute motion declared lost.

The question then occurred on the original motion which was declared carried.

Moved and seconded that the report be placed on file. Motion carried.

The report of committee on report of J. M. O'Neill was read as follows:  
Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the education and literature committee, after carefully reviewing the report of the editor of the magazine, find that there is a deficit of \$6,371.40 in the circulation of the magazine, and would recommend the following:

1. That the paper used at the present time of lighter weight be adopted, as the compiled figures show it to be a saving of \$900 per year to the Federation.

2. We would further recommend that the incoming executive board be empowered to receive bids from the printing firms of Denver and ascertain the lowest terms on which the magazine can be printed, keeping in view the fact that said firm must be a union firm.

3. We would further recommend that a competent solicitor be placed in the field to solicit subscriptions for the magazine, as this has once been tried and we find that in four days' working the circulation of the magazine increased over 400 copies; said solicitor to be under power of the executive board and said executive board to have power to discontinue services of said solicitor when they deem it proper.

4. We would further recommend that the executive board have power to have literature printed on industrial unionism and the policies of our organization in different languages.

5. We would recommend that all communications coming from local unions and bearing the seal of said local be given space in the magazine, providing, however, that said communication is not a slander upon the principles of the organization or its members or officers and is for the discussion of the policies laid down by our organization.

6. We would again recommend that the editor's report be filed.

J. J. BARTH,  
JOE GUELFU,  
AUGUST WALQUIST,  
M. McNEILL,  
CHAS. GRUE,  
JOHN MITCHELL.

Education and Literature Committee.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the report of the committee on J. M. O'Neill's report be taken up serially. Motion carried.

Section one read.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section two read.

Moved and seconded that section 2 of committee's report be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section three read.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be concurred in.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment, that the recommendation of the committee be not concurred in. Amendment lost.

Original motion was then put and declared carried.

Section four read.

Moved and seconded that section 4 of the committee's report be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section five read.  
 Moved and seconded that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.  
 Section six read.  
 Moved and seconded that section 6 of committee's report be concurred in. Motion carried.  
 Moved and seconded that the report of the committee be concurred in as a whole. Motion carried.

Committee's report on paragraph 15 of president's report read as follows:  
 Paragraph 15, president's report:  
 We, the education and literature committee, would recommend that paragraph 15 of the president's report be filed, as we dealt with the same in conjunction with the editor's report and executive board members reports.  
 J. J. BARTH,  
 JOE GUELFEL,  
 M. McNEILL,  
 AUGUST WALQUIST,  
 CHAS. GRUE,  
 JOHN MITCHELL,  
 Education and Literature Committee

Moved and seconded that committee's report on paragraph 15 of president's report be concurred in. Motion carried.  
 Resolution No. 149, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 149. Telluride, Colo., July 22, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

I have been instructed by Telluride Miners' Union No. 63, Western Federation of Miners, to submit to you the following case for decision:

Brother Ferguson, secretary of Ouray Miners' Union No. 5, has been accepting dues from the members working in this jurisdiction for six months and who pay their dues to Ouray. The reason for this is that we must have support from the outside locals for to organize this camp, for as soon as the mine owners find out that anyone belongs to the union they are discharged and non-union men in their places, this is the condition of the camp. Wishing you well, I remain, fraternally yours,

A. NYLUND, Secretary.

We, your committee on the communication from Telluride Miners' Union No. 63, wish to report the following: We recommend that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to notify the secretaries concerned in this case to abide by section 1 of article II, of the by-laws, and we further recommend that said section 1 of Article II, be rigidly enforced.

ED. REGAN, Chairman  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,

Grievance Committee.

Moved by Delegate Grue, No. 246, seconded by Delegate Monty, No. 10, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Committee's report on paragraph 2 of Clough's report read as follows:  
 Paragraph 2, Clough's report:

We, your committee on grievance, on the second paragraph of Executive Board Member Clough's report, beg to report that we heartily endorse paragraph 2 of said report, and recommend that the incoming officers of the Western Federation of Miners be instructed to do everything in their power for these men.

ED. REGAN,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,

Grievance Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Committee's report on paragraph 4 of Executive Board Member Clough's report read as follows:

On paragraph No. 4 of Brother Clough's report, we wish to report that as this committee is not acquainted with the geographical lines of district No. 1, and also that we are not in a position to know as to whether the Federation can furnish the executive board member with an automobile or not, we recommend that this matter be taken up by the convention.

ED. REGAN,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 JOHN YOUNG,

Grievance Committee.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 114, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

In connection with furnishing an automobile, it was moved and seconded that the matter be left in the hands of the executive board with power to act.

Moved by Delegate Sullivan, No. 248, seconded by Delegate De Berry, No. 98, as an amendment, this matter be referred to the delegates of district No. 1, to report on to the convention and if necessary that they recommend the rescinding of the motion closing the time for amendments to constitution. Motion carried.

Paragraph 5, with report of committee, read:

On paragraph No. 5, of Brother Clough's report, we wish to report that we recommend that the per diem of executive board be not raised at this time.

ED. REGAN,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,

Grievance Committee.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Paragraph 7, with report of committee on same, read:

On paragraph No. 7, of Brother Clough's report, we wish to report that we recommend that the suggestion of Brother Clough be concurred in, and the incoming officers instructed to that effect.

ED. REGAN,  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,

Grievance Committee.

Moved by Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 36, with report of committee on same, read:

Denver, Colorado, July 16, 1909.  
 To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners

We, the educational and literature committee, do not deem it feasible to advertise in the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union No. 309 souvenir publication.

J. J. BARTH,  
 CHAS. GRUE,  
 MALCOLM McNEILL,  
 JOE GUELFEL,  
 JOHN MITCHELL,  
 AUGUST WALQUIST,

Committee

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, that the report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 54, with report of committee on same, read:

We, your committee on organization, recommend that the Western Federation of Miners send an organizer into Atlanta as soon as possible.

ARTHUR TODD,  
 JAMES McGUIRE,  
 GEORGE CURRY,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whitely, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Harper, No. 60, that the report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Grievance No. 133, with report of committee on same, read:

We, your committee on the case of Brother E. F. Boyle vs. Park City Miners' Union No. 144, report as follows: We recommend that as Park City Miners' Union have not seen fit to press the charges, nor furnish the proof to prove their assertions, and also that the executive board member for that district did not investigate the case as instructed, at the sixteenth annual convention, that Brother Boyle be exonerated from all pending charges in this matter.

ED. REGAN, Chairman  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 JOHN YOUNG,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN TEMBY,

Grievance Committee

Moved by Delegate Condon, No. 15, seconded by Delegate MacKenzie, No. 8, that the report of the committee be adopted.

Moved by Vice-President Mahoney, seconded by Delegate MacKenzie, No. 8, as a substitute for committee's report, that the incoming member of the board and Brother Boyle proceed to Park City immediately after the convention adjourns and make the necessary audit to determine this question and report their findings to the general office of the Western Federation of Miners and that the same be published in the Miners' Magazine. Substitute motion carried.

Resolution No. 116, with report of committee on same, read:

Denver, Colorado, July 27, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen: We, your special committee, have considered communication from Buckskin Miners' Union No. 260, Western Federation of Miners, and report we are unable to find any suggestions that are not fully covered by motions or resolutions already placed before this convention and therefore we recommend that the communication be placed on file.

M. L. TOMPKINS,  
 A. B. CRARY,  
 C. BRAND,  
 LEM HUBBLE,

Committee

Moved by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, seconded by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

After announcements, the convention adjourned till 2:00 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

July 27, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Mayer at 2:00 p. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present.

Moved and seconded that the appeal cases be taken up as special order of business tomorrow morning at 9:00 a. m.

Resolution No. 140, with report of committee on same, read:

Denver, Colorado, July 26, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the undersigned, your committee on resolutions, heartily endorse the position of Brother Frank Monty, concerning the extending to Brother Edward Boyce, former president of the Western Federation of Miners, of an honorary membership in our organization, and same be at once complied with.

JACOB BOILER,  
 W. K. BURNS,  
 H. C. KENNEDY,  
 HARRY STARK,  
 GEO. MILLS,  
 ALBERT NAP GAUTHIER,

Committee on Resolutions

Moved by Delegate McCabe, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Monty, No. 10, seconded by Delegate Whitesides, No. 167, that the executive board be empowered to frame appropriately a certificate of membership in the Western Federation of Miners for ex-President Boyce. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 27, with report of committee on same, read:

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers: We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 27 and recommend that it be referred to the committee on good and welfare.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,  
 T. J. CONNORS,  
 NICK DRISCOLL,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 F. L. GRANDY,

Committee

Moved by Delegate Curran, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Vion, No. 29, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Communication No. 28, with report of committee on same, read:

July 15, 1909

We, the committee on good and welfare, in the communication of Frank Reinbolt, of Verdi, Nevada, recommend that communication No. 28 regarding poll tax and hospital be referred to the incoming executive board.

JAS. DEVLIN,  
 JOHN GEIER,  
 G. B. SLUSHER,  
 C. K. JOHNSON,  
 P. J. LANGDON,

Committee.

Moved by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, seconded by Delegate Harper, No. 60, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.



Report of resolution committee read as follows:  
 No. 174. Denver, Colorado, July 19, 1909.  
 To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:  
 We, your resolution committee, have drafted the following resolutions in the case of the shooting of two of our brothers, of Lane, Nevada:  
 Whereas, The hired agents of the Mine Owners' Association have again shown their persecution against the members of the Western Federation of Miners by shooting, on the eleventh inst., two of our brothers, of Lane, Nevada, and

Whereas, Prompt action should take effect in the relief and assistance of our brothers, therefore be it  
 Resolved, That the Federation spare no efforts in providing for the welfare of our afflicted brothers and that moral and financial support be tendered them in prosecuting the sleuths of corporate greed who deliberately and without provocation fired at them.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB BOILER,  
 JOHN D. GABBERT,  
 GEO. MILLS,  
 HARRY STARK,  
 H. C. KENNEDY,  
 W. K. BURNS,  
 ALBERT NAP. GAUTHIER,  
 Committee.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Curran, No. 1, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 113, with report of committee on same, read

We, your committee on the communication of Thos. W. Walsh, beg leave to report that we recommend that this case be referred to the executive board for their consideration.

ED. REGAN, Chairman.  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 Committee.

Moved by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, seconded by Delegate De Berry, No. 98, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 86, with report of committee on same read.

We, your committee on grievance No. 86, beg leave to report the following: We recommend that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to notify the financial secretary of No. 83 in no uncertain terms to comply with section I of article II. of the by-laws.

ED. REGAN,  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 Grievance Committee.

Moved by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, seconded by Delegate Connors, No. 191, that the report of the committee be adopted.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, as a substitute, that Delegate Mitchell, secretary No. 83, be fined \$2.00 for accepting dues from members working in the jurisdiction of Basin Miners' Union No. 23, Western Federation of Miners. Substitute motion lost.

The question then occurred on the original motion and was declared carried.

The following report of resolution committee read:  
 No. 175. Denver, Colorado, July 17, 1909.

The undersigned, your committee on resolution, report as follows on the case of Fred D. Warren, editor of the Appeal to Reason, an appeal to this convention by E. V. Debs through resolutions forwarded to Mrs. Emma F. Langdon, and read before this convention requesting her to make a speech concerning the case, to the delegates and asking them to send resolutions of protest to Congress against the fining and imprisonment of said Fred D. Warren by the United States Supreme Court, we therefore recommend that if Mrs. Langdon is desirous of addressing this convention that the request be granted, and that the matter of drafting the resolution of protest be left in the hands of President Moyer, Secretary Mills and the editor of the magazine, John M. O'Neill.

We also suggest that the Western Federation of Miners furnish all the possible financial aid in the matter and that an appeal from headquarters be sent to all locals of the Federation to that effect.

JACOB BOILER,  
 H. C. KENNEDY,  
 W. K. BURNS,  
 GEO. MILLS,  
 HARRY STARK,  
 J. D. GABBERT,  
 ALBERT NAP. GAUTHIER,  
 Committee.

Moved by Delegate Monty, No. 10, seconded by Delegate Kilburn, No. 17, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Emma Langdon, who was appropriately introduced by President Moyer, addressed the convention, discussing at length the merits of Mr. Warren's case. At the conclusion of her address, Mrs. Langdon was loudly cheered by the delegates.

Resolution No. 101, with report of committee on same, read.

We, your committee on the charges preferred by Albert N. Gauthier against John Cronin, financial secretary of Butte No. 1, for accepting dues from a member working under the jurisdiction of another local, beg to report as follows: We recommend that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to notify the financial secretary of No. 1 to remit the three dollars in question to Cobalt No. 146.

ED. REGAN,  
 FRANK DUNN,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 JOHN YOUNG,  
 JOHN TEMBY,  
 WM. McCARTNEY,  
 Committee.

Moved by Delegate Hamill, No. 234, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 72, with report of committee on same, read.

We, your committee on the bill presented by Andrew J. Heggland of Butte No. 1, for services rendered as a witness in the tunnel case, beg leave to report that we recommend that Brother Heggland be referred to the Montana State Union for payment, and we further recommend that the State Union be instructed to take the matter up with Brother Heggland for payment.

ED. REGAN,  
 M. J. O'CONNOR,  
 C. N. LARSON,  
 JOHN YOUNG,  
 JOHN TEMBY,

WM. McCARTNEY,  
 FRANK DUNN,

Grievance Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whitesides, No. 157, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that the report of the committee be concurred in.  
 Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be accorded Mrs. Langdon.  
 Moved by Delegate Mitchell, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Barret, No. 199, that the convention adjourn. Motion carried.  
 The chair declared the convention adjourned till 9:00 a. m.

#### FIFTEENTH DAY. Morning Session.

July 28, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 9:00 a. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present.

Minutes of the last two sessions were read and adopted as read.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, that the hours of convention hereafter shall be from 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 and from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Motion lost.

The following resolution was read:

No. 176.

Whereas, The years in their flight mark memories of hundreds of men and women who have sacrificed their limbs, their health and even life itself in their efforts to save the lives of others, and frequently these are the only marks of their heroic conduct to inspire the coming generations, and

Whereas, In many instances, such as mining explosions, floods, inundations and such like disasters have called forth and have been characterized by many noble acts of men who did not hesitate to jeopardize their lives and everything that makes life dear to save their fellows—these illustrations having been particularly emphasized by many members of this organization whose graves have too often been neglected if not forgotten, and

Whereas, Many a modest man and woman who do not parade their efforts or seek to advertise the sacrifices they have made in the advancement and uplifting of humanity, leave us only a name and a tomb, both of brief memory, and

Whereas, The nation has seen fit, and properly so, to dedicate one day in the year to the decoration of the graves of the defenders of the nation in the hour of its peril, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, here, in convention assembled, will, wherever our subordinate unions are located and in every union of organized labor, urge upon our members and upon the citizens of that locality to remember the heroes of peace while decorating the last resting place of the heroes of war, and be it further

Resolved, That this organization shall communicate to the several organizations of labor to make Decoration Day a day of sweet, sad memory of those whom we love to honor, and particularly for the great hearts of those men and women whose memory is so deserving of commemoration, by appropriate memorial services on Decoration Day.

JAMES KIRWAN.

Moved by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Boiler, No. 5, that the resolution be adopted as read. Motion carried.

No. 177. Grievance of Delegate Booher against Delegate Valimaki, read and referred to grievance committee.

Discussion was resumed on the report of committee on the bill of A. J. Heggland and on being put to a vote the report of the committee was adopted.

The appeal cases were then taken up as a special order of business.

Moved by Delegate Whiteley, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the appeal of John R. Sullivan vs. P. W. Flynn be taken up first. Motion carried.

Secretary Mills then proceeded to read the evidence in the case of J. R. Sullivan vs. P. W. Flynn.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate De Berry, No. 103, that the charges pending against J. R. Sullivan be laid on the table indefinitely.

Delegate Monty, No. 10, who was in the chair, declared the motion undebatable and on appeal of Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, from the decision of the chair, the appeal was sustained.

Moved by Delegate Flynn, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, as an amendment, that the findings in the second trial of J. R. Sullivan be sustained.

Moved by Delegate Collins of No. 117, seconded by Board Member Terzich, that Brother Dan Holland of Butte, Mont., be permitted to speak to the convention and give whatever information he may have on the case of J. R. Sullivan.

The motion was ruled out of order by Chairman Monty and Delegate Boyle, No. 190, on appealing from the decision of the chair, was sustained by the convention.

The motion was then put and declared carried after which Brother Holland addressed the convention.

Discussion was resumed on motion to sustain findings of second trial of J. R. Sullivan.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Murphy, No. 117, that the whole matter be tabled. Motion lost.

Moved by Vice President Mahoney, seconded by Delegate Dahl, of No. 14, as a substitute, that in the case of P. W. Flynn vs. John R. Sullivan, in which P. W. Flynn appeals from the decision of the executive board, wherein they set aside the second trial of John R. Sullivan on the grounds of its being unconstitutional, Sullivan having been formerly tried and exonerated of all charges by the Butte Miners' Union, therefore be it

Resolved, By the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, that we sustain the decision of the executive board on the appeal of John R. Sullivan, and instruct P. W. Flynn that he may proceed further in this case by complying with Section 2, of Article VIII., by appealing from the decision of the Butte Miners' Union in the first case of Flynn vs. Sullivan to the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, and from that body to this convention.

Delegate Cannon, No. 106, appealed from the decision of the chair, who ruled that in the absence of proper evidence, the first trial of J. R. Sullivan was not valid. The appeal was sustained.

The convention adjourned till 2:00 p. m.

#### Afternoon Session.

July 28, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 2:00 p. m. Roll call was read and all delegates recorded present.

The following resolution was read and unanimously concurred in:  
 No. 178.

Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Whereas, Brothers Jos. W. Smith and M. R. Preston, members of Goldfield Miners' Union No. 220, Western Federation of Miners, are still confined in the Nevada penitentiary, and

Whereas, We who are thoroughly familiar with the charges on which they were convicted, and realizing that their conviction was brought about by the Mine Owners' Association of Goldfield, Nevada, in order to discredit the Goldfield Miners' Union and the Western Federation of Miners and put them down and out, as at the time the members of Goldfield Miners' Union were locked out by the Mine Owners' Association and the Citizens' Alliance, and

Whereas, We believe that Brothers Smith and Preston are victims of corporation greed and tyranny, and



Whereas, The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada has twice refused to review their case on account of a technicality in the appeal, thereby denying them their legal right as guaranteed under the United States constitution, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Western Federation of Miners, representing local unions in the state of Nevada, recommend to the seven-teenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners that the in-coming officers of the Western Federation of Miners be instructed to use all means in their power to secure the release of Brothers Smith and Preston either by pardon or other process of law, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the Miners Magazine  
 OWEN BARNES, Goldfield Union No. 229,  
 PHILIP A. LEE, Tonopah Union No. 121  
 ARTHUR TODD, Empire Union No. 261,  
 J. D. GARRBERT, Round Mountain No. 247,  
 JAMES R. SULLIVAN, Lucky Boy Union No. 248,  
 H. T. BENNETT, Lane City Union No. 251  
 JOHN YOUNG, Virginia City No. 46,  
 CHAS. GRIE, Bullion Union No. 248  
 E. L. GRANDY, Tuscarora Union No. 31  
 W. E. C. LITTLE, Vernon Union No. 259,  
 M. L. BRUCE, Pioche Union No. 263,  
 F. G. CLOUGH, Goldfield Union No. 229

The following resolution was read and unanimously adopted  
 No. 179.  
 To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

Whereas, Editor Warren of the Appeal to Reason has become the victim of a conspiracy hatched by the supposed "servants of the people" who have used the machinery of the courts to brand him as a felon, and

Whereas, Editor Warren is now confronted with a sentence of imprisonment and a heavy fine as a penalty for daring to stand unflinchingly for human rights, and

Whereas, The power and influence of men in federal positions have been utilized to convict him, with the object in view of strangling to death the journal of which he is editor, and

Whereas, Editor Warren and the Appeal to Reason have never faltered in loyalty and devotion to the working class in the battle for industrial liberty, and

Whereas, The Appeal to Reason and its editor rendered heroic service in stripping naked the hellish conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners, now therefore, be it

Resolved, By the delegates of the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, that we pledge our support to the publication and the editor, to the end that a free press shall not be muzzled and that an editor who dares to speak for struggling humanity shall be fortified in his battle against the wrongs of official despotism, and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the labor movement of America to rally to the support of the man whose pen has punctured the infamy of capitalism and laid bare the barbarism of a civilization that builds a prison and a palace, that breeds a pauper and a Croesus, a master and a slave and shrouds the world in the darkness of a starless night.

JOHN M. O'NEILL,  
 CHAS. H. MOYER,  
 ERNEST MILLS,  
 Committee.

Discussion was then resumed on substitute motion re Flynn vs. Sullivan, that was under discussion at adjournment, with Delegate Monty, No. 19, in the chair.

Moved and seconded that the substitute motion be tabled. Motion lost.  
 Moved by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, seconded by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, that the whole matter be referred to two unbiased expert accountants who, after being duly sworn, shall audit the books of ex-Secretary Sullivan, for the period he was acting in such capacity in Butte No. 1, and that the incoming executive board render verdict in this case, according with said accountants' report.

On appeal from the decision of the chair, the above motion to refer was declared out of order.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the substitute motion be divided and taken up seriatim. Motion carried.

Section 1 read.

Moved and seconded that section be adopted.

Roll call demanded, with the following result: Yes, 171; no, 142. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Section 2 be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the appeal of Delegate Mitchell, No. 69, be the next order of business. Motion carried.

The appeal and evidence in the case was then read.

Moved and seconded that the charges be thrown in the waste basket and Brother Mitchell exonerated. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the appeal of Delegate Booher, No. 1, be taken up next. Motion carried.

The appeal and evidence in the Booher case was read.

Moved by Delegate Whitely, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Bunny, No. 2, that the entire matter pertaining to the Booher vs. Lowney case be laid on the table.

On the appeal of Delegate Boyle from the decision of the chair that the motion could not be withdrawn, the chair was sustained.

Roll call on the motion to table was demanded with the following result: Yes, 274; no, 58. Motion declared carried.

The case of Lowney vs. Flynn was then taken up and appeal charges and evidence in the case read.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the convention adjourned till 9:00 a. m.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

Morning Session.

July 29, 1909.

The convention was called to order at 9 a. m. with President Moyer in the chair.

Roll call was read and found all delegates present excepting A. L. Neilson.

Minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved as corrected.

In the debate which took place on Board Member Lowney's report, Delegate Flynn, president of Butte Miners' Union No. 1, stated several times on the floor of the convention that the \$15,000.00 loan made by Butte No. 1 to the Western Federation of Miners was drawn from the First National Bank of Butte. This money, he claimed, was drawing four per cent. interest but was loaned to the Western Federation of Miners at three per cent. Board Member Lowney denied these statements to be the case and in support of his contention submitted the following telegrams:

Butte, Mont., July 26, 1909

Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colo.:

Cannot identify this particular money. Butte Miners' Union had money in First National Bank, Great Falls, for some years at three per cent. If you give us date will try and help you.

C. C. SWINBORNE, Cashier,  
 Butte, Mont., July 27, 1909

Western Federation of Miners, 605 Railroad Building, Denver, Colo.

Ten thousand from First National Bank Great Falls five thousand from Butte Bank and Trust Company Butte, on December 31, 1907.

C. C. SWINBORNE, Cashier

Discussion was resumed on Lowney vs. Flynn case, Delegate Buimer in the chair.

Moved by Delegate De Berry, No. 98, seconded by Delegate Curran, No. 1 that the charges against P. W. Flynn be thrown in the waste basket and Delegate Flynn exonerated.

Moved by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, seconded by Board Member Davidson, that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 142; no, 190. Motion declared lost.

Vice President Mahoney rose to a point of order and continued to occupy the floor, which was objected to by Delegate McGuire, No. 149. On appeal from the decision of the chair, Delegate McGuire was sustained by the convention.

The previous question was moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 81. Motion carried.

The question then occurred on the original motion to exonerate.

Roll call was demanded with the following result: Yes, 144; no, 189. Motion declared lost.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, seconded by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, that Delegate Flynn be found guilty and expelled from the Western Federation of Miners.

The chair ruled the motion out of order, which was appealed from by Delegate McGuire. On being put to a vote, the chair was sustained.

Moved by Delegate Cannon, No. 106, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that the decision of the executive board in the Lowney vs. Flynn case be sustained.

Moved by Delegate De Berry, No. 98, seconded by Delegate Whitely, No. 74, as a substitute, that the decision of the executive board be set aside and the action of Butte Miners' Union sustained.

Moved and seconded that previous question be now put and on a standing vote, was declared lost by a vote of: Yes, 21; no, 41.

Convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

July 29, 1909

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 2 p. m.

Roll call read and found all delegates present.

The following request from Frank Curran read and granted.

No. 181

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers: As I am unavoidably called home this afternoon, I wish to leave my votes with Brothers Angus McLeod, Owen McCabe, Harry Stark and George Curry. I remain

Most fraternally yours,

FRANK CURRAN, No. 1.

Communication from Secretary Cox of Lane City Miners' Union re strike relief read as follows:

No. 182.

Lane, Nev., July 24, 1909

To the President and Executive Board, Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sirs and Brothers: At special meeting of Lane Miners' Union No. 251, held July 24, 1909, it was decided to ask the executive board, Western Federation of Miners, for financial assistance to carry on the strike against the Veteran mine. The strike was called on July 1, 1909, and on account of the destitute condition of many of the workers, and especially under the contract system, it was necessary to open eating quarters for the men on July 6th. There were 300 men affected, the treasury of the local on July 1st was \$849.64 with about \$100 sick benefits outstanding, also one month's salary of the financial secretary due. (The sick benefits are discontinued). We have used up our treasury and cannot meet the outstanding bills at the present time. There will be about 100 men working in the jurisdiction that we can count on to keep up the local.

At the present time we are feeding about 85 men in the restaurant two meals a day, also credit cards for groceries of \$4 per week to 34 members who are batching; 6 credit cards of \$7 per week to families and 2 credit cards of \$9 per week to families. The total cost at the present time is about \$50 per day, and if the board can see their way clear to do it, we would like this allowance at the present time.

FRANK COX, Financial Secretary No. 251.

President Moyer explained that the executive board, acting under instructions from the convention, had forwarded relief to Brother Tom Corra, who is in charge of the strike at Lane City.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate McLeod, No. 1, that the action of the executive board in sending relief to Lane City Miners' Union be endorsed. Motion carried.

The following bill of T. M. Hamill was read:

No. 183.

Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909

Mileage Committee Western Federation of Miners, debtor to T. M. Hamill, \$9.05.

FRANK FITZPATRICK,

Chairman.

HUGH DE BERRY,

G. R. LADD,

W. E. C. LITTLE.

Moved and seconded that the bill be allowed. Motion carried.

Discussion was resumed on the Lowney vs. Flynn case.

The question was called for and roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 162; no, 157; not voting, 37.

The substitute motion which was to set aside the action of the executive board and sustain the decision of Butte Miners' Union was declared carried. Upon the result of the vote being announced, Delegate Flynn desired to have it recorded on the minutes that he thanked the delegates for their decision in his case.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, seconded by Delegate Collins, No. 117, that no other person but P. W. Flynn has any right to take any further action in the Flynn vs. Sullivan case, and that he can take action only as stated in the substitute motion of Brother Mahoney. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 177 with report of committee on same read as follows:  
 No. 177.

Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Sirs and Brothers: It has come to my knowledge that one John Valmaki has stated that I said Butte No. 1 would withdraw from the Western Federation of Miners if we did not get what we wanted. Now, I demand that said John Valmaki produce proof of the time and place of such statement.  
 Yours truly,

T. J. BOOHER

The grievance committee in the case of T. J. Booher against John Valmaki, grievance No. 177, report as follows: That upon being questioned by the committee, Brother Valmaki admitted making the statement, but stated that he got his information from another brother. We, your grievance committee,



recommend that this case be dismissed, as in our opinion, the whole matter has arisen out of private conversation.

ED. REGAN,  
WM. McCARTNEY,  
JOHN YOUNG,  
FRANK DUNN,  
C. N. LARSON,  
JOHN TEMBY,  
M. J. O'CONNOR,  
Committee.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.  
Paragraph 4 of Board Member Clough's report, with reports of committee on same was read:

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the delegates of District No. 1, to whom the fourth clause of the Executive Board Member Clough's report was referred, beg leave to report that we do not concur in the same to the extent of creating a new district of placing an automobile in the field for District No. 1, and would recommend that said clause be placed on file.

We would further recommend that able organizers be placed in the field to the extent that the funds of the Western Federation of Miners may permit to assist the executive board member of No. 1 District.

M. J. O'CONNOR,  
Chairman.  
S. A. WHIPPLE,  
Secretary.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

Brothers:—We, the Delegates of District No. 1, not agreeing with the majority report of said delegates, beg leave to submit a minority report:

Whereas, Executive Board Member Clough, having covered said district, is better qualified to submit recommendations to this convention, and

Whereas, The number of locals are in excess of any other district, being one-third of the entire locals of the Federation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that the matters be left in the hands of the executive board to supply the relief asked for, if deemed advisable.

W. E. C. LITTLE, No. 256.  
JAS. T. SULLIVAN, No. 248.  
ARTHUR TODD, No. 261.  
H. C. KENNEDY, No. 101.  
F. L. GRANDY, No. 31.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, that the majority report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Paragraph 9 of Board Member Clough's report, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909.

We, your committee on organization, would recommend that the report of Executive Board Member Fred G. Clough be received and placed on file, except paragraph 9.

T. M. HAMILL,  
JAS. McGUIRE,  
ARTHUR TODD,  
W. R. McKENZIE,  
GEO. CURRY,  
T. P. BARRETT,  
Organization Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 158, seconded by Delegate McCartney, No. 67, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 69—Board Member Clough's report, with report of committee on same, read:

Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909.

We, the committee on organization, would recommend that the report of Executive Board Member Fred G. Clough be received and placed on file except Paragraph 9.

T. M. HAMILL,  
JAS. McGUIRE,  
ARTHUR TODD,  
W. R. McKENZIE,  
GEO. CURRY,  
Organization Committee.

Moved and seconded that the report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 35, with report of committee on same, read, as follows: No. 35.

Rhyolite, Nev., July 11, 1909.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Secretary-Treasurer Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colo.:

Dear Sir and Brother—I have been instructed to write you in regard to the balance due headquarters from this local for Western Federation of Miners' assessments of 1908. Your statement of account of April 1, 1909, shows a balance due of \$321, of which we have collected but \$37, with practically no chance of collecting any more, and in view of the fact that our membership is constantly decreasing we would respectfully request that you assist us in having the balance of the debt, amounting to \$284, canceled, if possible to do so.

Will send in my quarterly report in a few days, as it has not been accepted yet.

Trusting you will be able to assist us in this matter, I beg to remain

Fraternally yours,

JOS. E. GARRETT, Secretary No. 235.

July 15, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

The committee of good and welfare met in the hall after regular meeting of convention. In regard to resolution No. 35 from Bonanza No. 235 in regard to assessment of \$284, we recommend that we take \$100 from this account, which leaves \$184 to be collected. We, the committee, find that No. 235 had for the month of April, 1909, 203 members in good standing.

JAS. DEVLIN,  
JOHN GEIER,  
G. B. SLUSHER,  
CHAS. K. JOHNSON,  
J. P. LANGFORD,  
Committee.

Moved by Board Member Clough, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, that the report of the committee be not concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 137, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 137.

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909.

Delegates to the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

Brothers—

Whereas, There is a balance of \$1,915 on the books of the Western Federation of Miners against Park City Miners' Union No. 144 for Western Federation of Miners' assessments, and

Whereas, Park City Miners' Union No. 144 have expended \$1,400 on account of the Daly-West strike, \$600 in legal expenses defending its members,

\$300 in due stamps which were placed on members' cards who were unemployed during the panic of 1907-8, therefore be it

Resolved, That the secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners be instructed by the seventeenth annual convention to give Park City Miners' Union No. 144, credit for said \$1,915 on the books of the Western Federation of Miners.

J. P. LANGFORD, Delegate No. 144.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, the majority of your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report that we recommend that the request of Park City, No. 144, in resolution No. 137, regarding canceling amount due on assessments, be not granted.

Respectfully yours,  
M. L. BRUCE,  
JAS. DEVLIN,  
G. B. SLUSHER,  
JOHN GEIER,  
J. W. MORTON,

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention—Greetings:

I beg to offer the following minority report of the recommendations of the good and welfare committee on Park City No. 144 assessments:

The strike at the Daly-West mine was carried on with the sanction and approval of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, and it appears to me that the question of the whole camp being involved should not in any way relieve the federation from assuming this debt.

Further, No. 144 paid \$600 from its local treasury to defend its members when arrested, which, in my opinion, should also be paid by the Western Federation of Miners, and I herewith recommend that the amount claimed by No. 144 be allowed by the seventeenth annual convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. P. LANGFORD.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Mallon, No. 117, that the report of the majority of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried by a vote of 27 to 23.

Resolution No. 141 with report of committee on same read as follows: To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report that we recommend that assessments due the Western Federation of Miners from Nevada City be canceled as per request of California State Union.

M. L. BRUCE,  
JAS. DEVLIN,  
G. B. SLUSHER,  
JOHN GEIER,  
J. W. MORTON,  
CHAS. K. JOHNSON,  
J. P. LANGFORD.

Moved by Delegate Heatherton, No. 22, seconded by Delegate Mallon, No. 117, that the report of committee be adopted.

Moved and seconded, as a substitute, that Nevada City Miners' Union be held liable for assessments for members in good standing only at the time the assessments were levied, and that the above union be requested to continue the collection of said assessments. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 40, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 40.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Gentlemen and Brothers—

Resolved, That the executive board be and is hereby instructed to have copies of all compensation acts or any other acts affecting the mining industry in general translated into the Italian, Croatian and Slavonic languages, the same to be issued to the secretaries of local unions for the use of the members, particularly the workmen's compensation act of British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted by Moyie Miners' Union No. 71, Western Federation of Miners.

JAMES ROBERTS,  
Secretary.  
MALCOM McNEILL,  
President.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report that we recommend the printing of acts and laws bearing on the mining industry in the Italian, Croatian and Slavonic languages, as per request of Moyie Miners' Union No. 71.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. SLUSHER,  
J. P. LANGFORD,  
JOHN GEIER,  
CHAS. K. JOHNSON,  
M. L. BRUCE,

Moved and seconded that the report of committee be not concurred in. Motion carried; Delegate McNeill, No. 71, voting in the negative. Moved and seconded that we do not concur in the resolution. Motion carried.

Report of committee on Board Member J. F. Hutchinson's report read: We, your committee on good and welfare, on Executive Board Member Hutchinson's report, beg leave to submit the following report:

That paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be not adopted.

That paragraph 6 be adopted.

That paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 be not adopted.

That paragraphs 11 and 12 be adopted, and

Paragraph 13 be received and placed on file.

JAMES DEVLIN,  
M. L. BRUCE,  
G. B. SLUSHER,  
J. W. MORTON,

Good and Welfare Committee.

Report of committee was taken up seriatim, as follows:

Section 1 read.

Moved and seconded that we do not concur in the committee's report and that we adopt the suggestions in paragraph 1.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that the paragraph be referred to the constitution committee. Motion declared carried by vote of: Yes, 37, to no, 34.

Paragraph 2 read.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee on same be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we rescind former action on paragraphs 1 and 2 of report. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report of committee on paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be concurred in.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership of the Western Federation of Miners.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 98; no, 246. Motion declared lost.

After announcements the convention adjourned till 9 a. m.

(To be Continued.)



INFORMATION WANTED.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Terry O Laughlin. Any one knowing his present address will confer a great favor by writing to Theodore Ham, Basin, Mont.

BRANDED AS A TRAITOR.

Douglas, Alaska, July 9, 1909.

Mr. Ernest Mills, Sec'y Treas., W. F. M., Denver, Colo.  
Dear Sir and Brother. The following resolutions have been adopted by the Douglas Island Miners' Union No. 109, W. F. M.

Whereas, Isaac Buranen, a former member of the Douglas Island Miners' Union No. 109, W. F. M., has seen fit to throw away his manhood, and after drawing strike relief since July, 1908, refuses to accept employment when offered such by the union, and instead comes into the union hall and requests to have his name taken from the books of the union, as he could see no benefit in belonging to organized labor; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said Isaac Buranen be advertised in the Miners' Magazine as a traitor to organized labor. Fraternally yours,  
(Seal.) F. L. ALSTROM, Sec'y-Treas

PETTIBONE MONUMENT FUND.

Contributions to Pettibone Monument Fund Not Previously Acknowledged in Miners' Magazine.

C. F. McAllister, Salt Lake City, Utah	\$ 1.00
A. R. Finke, Argenta, Ark.	1.00
Cloud City M. U. No. 33, Leadville, Colo.	10.00
Mojave M. U. No. 51, Mojave, Calif.	17.00
Roady Kenchan, Denver, Colo.	5.00
Wm. H. Bacon, Milford, Calif.	1.00
Geo. Kent, Bingham Canyon, Utah	1.00
John Byrne, Bingham Canyon, Utah	2.50
Wm. H. Pickett, Bingham Canyon, Utah	1.00
Wm. Steele, Bingham Canyon, Utah	1.00
M. W. Galway, Bingham Canyon, Utah	2.00
John Paulfield, Bingham Canyon, Utah	1.00
J. McMellon, Bingham Canyon, Utah	1.00
P. J. Duffy, Butte, Mont.	2.00
Fred G. Clough, City	5.00
R. Stockdale, Jerome, Ariz.	1.00
Henry Richter, Jerome, Ariz.	1.00
C. E. Johnson, Bingham Canyon, Utah	2.00
E. G. Locke, Bingham Canyon, Utah	1.00
David C. Coates, Spokane, Wash.	5.00
George Healy, Round Mountain, Nev.	2.00
<b>Contribution to Murphy Monument Fund.</b>	
Mojave M. U. No. 51, Mojave, Calif.	\$17.00

THE AWAKENING.

One thing that has become evident since the open shop order came is the general desire for a union whose membership includes all the workers in a given industry. By the way, that is the only true sign of returning prosperity, for there will never be prosperity for the working class until they feel their strength and demand, not consultation, or a little more of the product of their toil, but all of it, with the mill included.

The wage workers have always been so modest—sickeningly modest. At all times, before we go on a strike, our conscience smites us a little; then we put everything in shape, so that in case non-union men should come along they will find things where they belong; then we wish the boss success and move out, and all this comes of a yearly agreement. Now, that kind of maneuvering makes us weary. Who has ever heard of an army polishing and loading the enemy's guns?

Did the corporation officials pass among you boys and inquire as to whether you were in good condition for a lockout? Did they ask if your families were well and if you had plenty of provisions in the larder?

No, they posted that notice stating in plain language the conditions under which you could work, and if you did not like it you could starve and the Merchants' Benevolent Association voted amen on it. That is just what you needed to convince you that you are slaves. So the manhood that was so long slumbering in all of us awoke, and now we are going to get together and some day we will issue orders to the capitalist class to grab a job or move on.—Free Press.

ANOTHER CZAR.

By Robert Hunter.

Our federal judges seem to know the constitution of the United States whenever it enables them to deprive the people of rights, but whenever the people are guaranteed rights under the constitution the judges conveniently forget it.

Judge Lacombe inquired recently of a great many aliens whether or not they belonged to an organization which forbade its members to join the militia or the army of the United States.

His action was not only unauthorized by the naturalization laws; it was also a violation of the constitution.

Quakers do not believe in war. Other religious bodies as well have declared against belonging to any military organization.

Hundreds of thousands of immigrants have come to this shore to avoid participating in organized murder.

Our naturalization laws prescribe that those who disbelieve or oppose organized government, and those who are polygamists, or believers in polygamy, shall not be made citizens, and those are the only restrictions.

No judge has a right to ask any one what his other beliefs may be.

The constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of belief, and anyone who has conscientious scruples against joining the militia or army of the United States has a perfect right to such belief.

But these little constitutional rights do not interfere with the high-handed tyranny of our courts.

The law now excludes anarchists and polygamists. Some judges have attempted to exclude Socialists. Judge Lacombe now excludes trade unionists.

It is interesting to watch how far our judges intend to go in violating the constitution they have sworn to uphold.

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND.

India has been plundered by British capital, the British aristocracy and the British government ever since the days of Clive and Hastings. At first openly and shamelessly, with violent hand. Later on under the disguising mask of administrative and legal process. Enormous taxation, high salaries and pensions for British officials, the crushing of native industries by the competition of the cheap and shoddy products of the Lancashire mills have resulted in chronic starvation and pestilence. Oppression and misgovernment by the East India Company resulted in the catastrophe of the Great Mutiny.

The oppression and misgovernment of the British government are vis-

ibly preparing all the elements of a new catastrophe, the premonitions of which are taking the form of assassination and attempts at assassination in India as well as in Britain.

The ruling classes of Great Britain and their government openly avow their helplessness before the oncoming storm. They cannot and dare not grant to the people of India that measure of self government which is the first and indispensable requisite for the improvement of their economic condition. To allow the Hindus to grow strong politically and economically would threaten at its base the entire structure of British rule and exploitation in India. The British government therefore resorts to Russian methods of repression, the stifling of the native press; the imprisonment and exile of native agitators. And to check this great upheaval of discontent in India it conspires with the Russian government to murder liberty in its cradle in Persia, for General Starysky's reported march upon the Persian capital is as much in the interest of Britain's despotism in India as of the Czar's despotism in Russia.

The British ruling classes have been sowing the wind. They shall reap the whirlwind. New York Call.

In Memoriam.

Angel's Camp, Calif., July 7, 1909

Whereas, Death has removed from our midst our brother and co worker Anrja Kaluzjarovich of Calaveras Union No. 55, W. F. M., therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the friends and relatives of the deceased, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased, a copy sent the Miners' Magazine for publication and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this local.

W. E. THOMSON,  
A. McNALLY,  
WM. J. DANZEIS,  
Committee.

(Seal.)

Tuscarora, Nevada, July 21, 1909.

Where, The grim reaper death has called again, taking with him our beloved brother, Oscar Graham, who died as he had lived at work; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Tuscarora Miners' Union No. 31 sincerely regrets the loss of a worthy brother and a true union man who spent his life endeavoring to better the condition of the producers of wealth. We have his example, therefore his life was not in vain, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent his sorrowing relation, the Miners' Magazine for publication, also spread the same on the minutes of the meeting, and that we drape our charter for a period of thirty days in memory of our departed brother.

W. I. PLUMB,  
LEONARD G. GIFFORD,  
C. C. MYERS,  
Committee.

Murray, Idaho, July 10, 1909.

Whereas, Our All Wise Creator has seen fit to summon from our midst our friend and brother, Clyde Lee,

Resolved, That we regret exceedingly his untimely end, and through his death Murray Miners' Union No. 45, W. F. of M., has lost a kind and dutiful member;

Resolved, That we extend to the friends of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow and bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That as a mark of respect for our deceased brother, our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our meeting and a copy sent to the Miners' Magazine for publication.

WALTER KEISTER,  
EDWARD C. SCHMIDT,  
MARTIN BREIDENBACH,  
Committee.

(Seal.)

WALTER KEISTER, Secretary No. 45.

Angel's Camp, Calif., July 7, 1909.

Whereas, Death has invaded our ranks and removed from our midst Brother Louis Cassinetti, and

Whereas, Our organization has lost a brother who was at all times true to its principles, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Calaveras Union No. 55, extend to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy and condolence in their sad affliction; be it further

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of our deceased brother our charter be draped for a period of thirty days; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and a copy to the Miners' Magazine, for publication, and that they be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

M. C. JONES;  
T. H. DAVEY,  
ANTONE BARATONE,  
Committee.

(Seal.)

WM. J. DANZEIS, Acting Secretary.

Burke, Idaho, July 7, 1909.

Resolutions adopted by Burke Miners' Union:

Whereas, The Great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, Oscar Christianson, and

Whereas, The long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this organization makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him, therefore be it

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our organization by service, control jobs at 100% and will be held in grateful remembrance;

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of Burke Miners' Union, and will prove a serious loss to the community and the public;

Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope, that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this organization, a copy sent to the Miners' Magazine for publication and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

L. A. REESE,  
GEO. HALPIN,  
PERRY DUMBOLTON,  
Committee.





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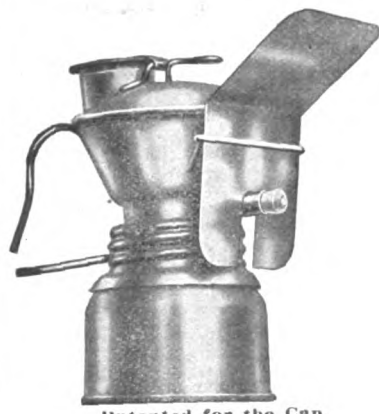
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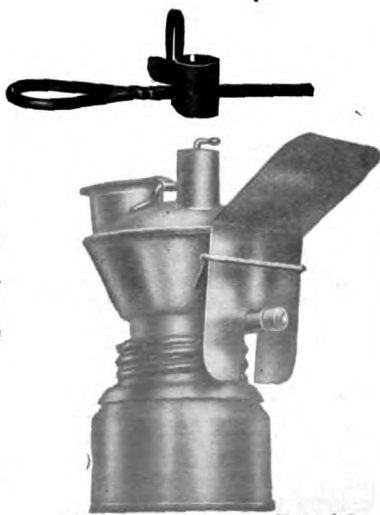


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