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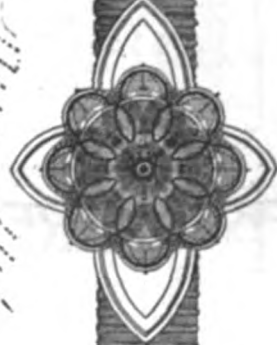
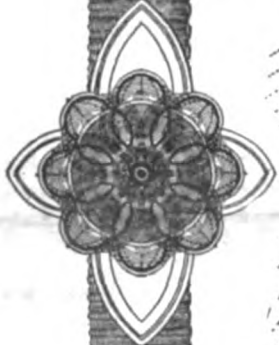
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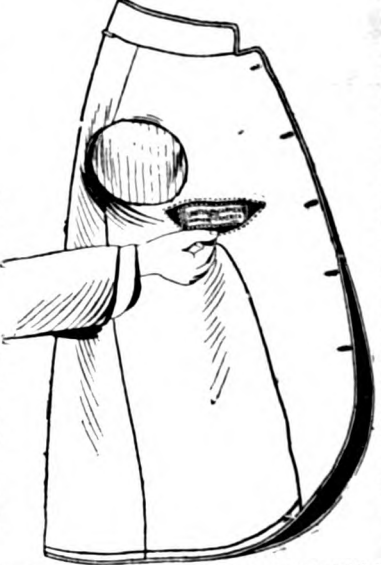
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## STRIKE NOTICES.

Strikes are on in the following places. All miners and others are requested to stay away until a settlement is reached.

**VETERAN MINE, Near  
Ely, Nevada.**

**Douglas Island, Alaska.**

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Western Federation of Miners adjourned last Saturday and the various members returned to their respective districts.

IT IS SELDOM that a highwayman robs a child, but the mercenary pirate in the mill, factory, department store and sweatshop feels no scruple of conscience in coining childhood into profit. The highwayman is looked upon as an outlaw, while the Caesar in the mill and factory is lauded as the defender of "law and order."

THE DEPARTMENT STORES OF CHICAGO have formed a combination to make war on organized labor, according to the reports in the press. When did the department stores ever cease to crusade against labor? The "redlight" districts of the "Windy City" are filled with the victims of starvation wages of department stores. The streets of Chicago at night are paraded by hundreds of women whose meagre wages in the department stores continually bid for dishonor!

THE CONVENTION of the Western Federation, just concluded, was one of the most gratifying in the history of the organization in point of membership and finances. It is clear of all indebtedness. This showing when it is considered that the Federation has emerged from a bitter struggle with the mine operators of the West, is a testimony of the efficacy and unity of their organization, and is a tribute to the fearless character and honest purpose of the leaders. The Federation reaffirms its past political policy—the principles of Socialism, and recommends the membership to unite on those principles. Toilers' Defense.

THE CONVENTION of the Western Federation of Miners, by a most unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to issue a call for a conference of all miners' organizations in the country for the purpose of forming an offensive and defensive alliance. The proposition was warmly championed by Secretary Hayes, of the Illinois United Mine Workers, and the indications are that a great combine of mine workers to cover the whole American continent will come out of the action taken. Cleveland Citizen.

FINED.

Bourne, Ore., Aug. 5, 1909

Editor Miners' Magazine:

I have been instructed to send to you for publication in the Miners' Magazine, the name of Lawrence Scott, for refusing to pay his dues and speaking against this local instead of trying to further the cause of unionism. Scott transferred here from Goldfield Miners' Union. A fine of \$50.00 has been assessed against him and all organized labor is hereby notified of his attitude toward unionism. Said fine must be paid into the treasury of No. 42 W. F. M.

I am Fraternally Yours,

J. D. McDONALD,

Financial Secretary Bourne Miners' Union.

STRONGER THAN EVER, the Western Federation of Miners are now in convention at Denver. This organization of workingmen may well be proud of their triumphs. They have been attacked, vilified and denounced as no others. Their women have been outraged and their officers kidnapped with the press, pulpit and bar snarling at their heels. Their leaders have stood within reach of the hangman's noose, as every force in society applauded Orchard and his Pinkerton pals. No horror has been too extreme. But the American blood of these western diggers has won. Only last month, the state of Colorado made humble apology by voting nearly \$60,000 to reimburse them for losses. This vote was nonpartisan and practically unanimous. The sense of fairness of the Centennial state was at last aroused. The Western Federation of Miners has truly been tested, and nobly did they respond. Weaker men would have been scattered to the four winds.

The Union Leader extends greetings to this magnificent body of workers. Toledo Union Leader.

IN THE TROY ADVOCATE of June 25th, there appeared what is presumed to be a paid advertisement eulogizing a work entitled, "The Industrial Riddle" and written by Herbert E. Clump. The Troy Advocate has been sent to the editor of the Miners' Magazine "marked" and accompanied by a postal card offering certain inducements in exchange for publishing the advertisement in the official organ of the Western Federation of Miners. The article boosting the work written by Clump bears the catchy caption: "A solution of the Labor Question." It is a noticeable fact that since the labor movement has grown strong numerically, that experts have taxed their genius to place upon the market literary wares that might gather in the dollars of the membership of labor. The most unscrupulous methods have been used to fleece the working class, and many labor journals have been used as a medium to advance the personal interests of adventurers in the domain of literature. The advertisement which appeared in the Troy Advocate was in all probability written by Clump, and the gentleman spares no efforts in lauding the product of his fertile brain.

But Clump in compiling his advertisement, made a serious mistake when he declared that his work, which is about to come from the press and to be immediately placed on the market, had received the approval of "several banking authorities."

A literary production on the solution of the labor problem that merits the sanction of usurers and sharks, has no place in the library of the working class.

**J**AMES FARLEY, the strike-breaker, is reported to have cleaned up about \$1,000,000 and is now contemplating a retirement from business.

Farley was a conspicuous figure in breaking the Interborough strike in New York for August Belmont, the banker who sits with Samuel Gompers in the councils of a Civic Federation. Farley has broken strikes in Brooklyn, Scranton, Richmond and a number of other places, and made a specialty of maintaining spies in labor organizations. Farley, according to the press reports, will now take up his residence in Plattsburg, N. Y., where he will enjoy the luxury of an easy life on the vast fortune that he reaped as a professional strike-breaker.

**I**N THE STRIKE of the steel workers, capitalism has shown the mailed hand of brutal power. There has been no hesitation on the part of the State Constabulary to carry out orders and shoot down without mercy unarmed men who have appropriated to themselves the right to enter an emphatic protest against the damnable slavery imposed upon human beings. The State Constabulary belongs to the corporations of Pennsylvania and the mandate of industrial czars is law to the armed Cossacks who are equipped by the state and who are willing to carry into execution the cold-blooded order of Goebel, who became known to the American people through his command, "Shoot to kill!" The steel trust that is now waging a relentless battle against organized labor is ably supported by the official machinery of the state of Pennsylvania, and if reinforcements are needed to suppress the slaves who have summoned courage to rebel against soulless masters, then federal troops will be dispatched to the Keystone State in order that steel magnates may hold their supremacy in that great commonwealth, where labor is crushed through the hellish greed of modern pirates.

**P**RESIDENT MOYER has gone to the Black Hills to be absent from headquarters two weeks.

**D**IVINITY must have gone to sleep. The emperors and kings and princes who have ruled the nations of the earth by divine right are getting into hot water everywhere. Absolutism, despotism, monarchism, all based on the divine right, are fast losing ground. The crowns are crumbling to dust.

Within less than five years we have seen the backbone of European and Asiatic absolutism broken. Russia, Turkey, Persia! Constitutionalism and democracy have forced the rulers by divine right out of business. The spirit of democracy and republicanism is permeating the entire civilized world. Political democracy will be followed by social democracy.

Today capitalism has established a kind of rule by divine right on the economic field. "God gave me the coal mines!" said Mr. Baer of Pennsylvania. Some day the people will ask him to show a deed of trust with God's signature attached, and he will have a hard time to prove the rightful ownership.

The people are beginning to see that this old earth of ours belongs to the people to live on. Those who do the world's work shall enjoy the fruits of nature and the results of their toil. Parasites and drones may have some *raison d'être*, but they shall not live off the sweat and life-blood of the people.

When these sound, fundamental ideas, this conception of a new world, once permeate the minds of the nations of the earth, there will be trouble for the parasites and the day of labor's emancipation will be near.—St. Louis Labor.

## Will Welcome the Campaign of Education.

**T**HE HEAD of Columbia College has sounded the bugle notes of alarm. The president of a famed institution of learning, while in Denver attending the convention of the National Education Association, has thundered his warning to the people of America and appealed to the people in the name of LIBERTY and LAW, to come to the rescue with a donation of \$50,000, to stamp out the virus of Socialism, that is spreading throughout the country and even inoculating the most brilliant minds of the universities and colleges.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has declared that to "combat the rapidly gathering hosts of discontent the National Civic Federation has addressed a circular letter to prominent men in all the large cities of the country." The letter in part is as follows:

"I do not know whether or not you have observed the headway Socialism has been making in the United States during the past five years, but their votes at the elections has jumped from 38,000 to 450,000, which practically means that there are over two million men, women and children preaching class hatred and revolution. I mention the women and children because it is a known fact that families of Socialists all become trained propagandists.

### MENACE TO COUNTRY.

"I am enclosing you a pamphlet which the National Civic Federation is getting out with a view to showing in concrete form the menace of Socialism in this country. At present there is absolutely no opposition to the Socialist movement in the United States. England, France and Germany made the same mistake, with results with which you are no doubt familiar.

"In this country a committee of the National Civic Federation, under the chairmanship of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, has been at work for almost a year investigating the situation and preparing plans of campaign, the purpose of which is to educate speakers and writers rather than reach individuals. In other words we are getting out a

handbook for them. Such an effort as we are making requires the expenditure of considerable money, and a special fund of \$50,000 is being raised for the purpose. Will you contribute toward it?"

Excerpts from the enclosed pamphlet read:

"Do you know that there are 2,000,000 men, women and children in this country brazenly preaching confiscation of property, class hatred and revolution through the press, the pulpit, the Social settlement, the college classroom and last, but not least, in our public schools. And are you aware of the fact that they openly announce their preference for the red flag of anarchy over the Stars and Stripes?"

When the letter of the National Civic Federation makes the claim that "at present there is absolutely no opposition to the Socialist movement in the United States," there is launched as brazen a lie as ever found its way into print. All the forces of capitalism are arrayed against Socialism, and the capitalists are now using the machinery of government to suppress the speaker and the publication, that proclaim for the collective ownership of the earth and the machines of production and distribution. Thousands of men and women have been arrested, because they dared to stand upon the street and proclaim their loyalty to the principles of Socialism. Many have been brutally beaten and bear the scars of the policemen's clubs, and but a few weeks ago a court sentenced to prison, one of the most prominent Socialist editors in America, and yet, the secretary of a National Civic Federation has the audacity to declare in a circular letter, that there is no "opposition." The National Civic Federation and its hired ally, the president of an aristocratic educational institution propose to start a campaign of education, and through a pamphlet or hand book for speakers and writers propose to "stamp out Socialism." The Socialist will welcome "the campaign of education" because the Socialist is armed with logic to overwhelm the hirelings who draw salaries from a master class to preach for the maintenance and perpetuation of the reign of robbery. All hail, the campaign of education!

## The Herald Is Slightly Mistaken.

**A** MEMBER of the Western Federation of Miners at Bingham Canyon, Utah, forwarded a copy of the Salt Lake Herald to the editor of the Miners' Magazine which contained the following editorial under the caption: "Bullets for Strikers."

"There was a riot at McKee's Rocks, Pa., Wednesday, in which six men were wounded, two of them fatally. The dispatches did not state whether the injured men were officers or striking employes, but it is a safe guess that they belong to the latter class. There is no election this year and bullets are being used by the steel trust instead of promises of better pay.

"These is a strike on in several of the mills of the United States Steel Corporation and the time is evidently at hand for J. P. Morgan to make good his threat of nine years ago to smash the union of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. Ninety per cent. of the employes of the fifteen mills in trouble are non-unions and it is probable that the union will be wiped out before the struggle is ended.

"The strike at McKee's Rocks, however, has no connection with the fight of the Amalgamated Association. The men who were shot

down are not affiliated with any union, and stopped work on account of grievances of their own. They, too, will lose. Pennsylvania is controlled by the steel trust, and a few human lives will not be allowed to stand in the way. This was proven at Homestead in the days of Andrew Carnegie, when the hired Pinkertons slew the strikers under pretense of being officers of the law, and again at Hazelton, when the State Constabulary ruthlessly butchered the miners who were marching upon the public highway.

"Nevertheless, the votes of the survivors can be had at the customary price on election day, the hope of increased wages being held out as an extra inducement. Pennsylvania is rotten to the core, and conditions prevailing there would not be tolerated for a single hour in any other state in the Union. The 'land of the free and home of the brave' does not apply to the domain of the steel trust."

The Salt Lake Herald is not a labor publication and its editorial columns are not consecrated to the advocacy of those principles that have for their aim and object the uplifting of the struggling slaves, who sometimes protest against the unbearable despotism of organized greed. The Salt Lake Herald as a daily journal states some truths

with a brutal frankness that may be condemned by plutocratic brethren whose souls have become calloused through an inordinate appetite for dividends.

But the Salt Lake Herald in its statement, "Pennsylvania is rotten to the core, and conditions prevailing there would not be tolerated for a single hour in any other state in the Union, the 'land of the free and home of the brave' does not apply to the domain of the steel trust," is mistaken, as the same conditions that prevail in Pennsylvania have prevailed and still prevail in almost every state of this Union, wherever the industrial Caesar has unfurled the standard of greed.

In Colorado and Idaho "bullets for strikers" were administered and the people "tolerated" the same with scarcely a protest! In Virginia strikers were slaughtered at midnight as they slept, and their murderers were not even called to answer for their crimes before the

courts. In Illinois the soil of many a mining district has been crimsoned with the blood of strikers, and the red-handed criminals were even lauded as upholders and defenders of "law and order."

Even in Utah, that great state in which the Herald is published, strikers have been greeted with bullets and even a woman whose hair had been whitened by the snows of seventy winters was thrown into a "bullpen" because she dared to lift her voice in behalf of coal miners whose families had been evicted from the hovels of corporations through the power of armed might. Capitalism is as brutal in one state as in another, and the people only make verbal protests against corporate outrages when the infamies are perpetrated a long distance from home. The great mass of the people are becoming cowardly and the few men who have the courage to revolt are shot down like dogs or are persecuted while the *people* remain silent to the wrongs inflicted by money-mad brigands.

## Branded as a Liar.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN in a recent issue, contained the following in its local columns:

"Walter H. Linforth received final judgment for \$10,800 today against the gas company for the wrecking of his flats at Leavenworth and Washington streets several years ago.

"Harry Orchard, the assassin of Governor Steunenburg of Idaho, testified that he wrecked the flat with dynamite in an attempt to kill Fred Bradley, a mining expert.

"Before Orchard's story was known Linforth got judgment against the gas company, the theory of the explosion being defective gas pipe. The gas company sought a reversal of the judgment and offered Orchard's confession in evidence."

The above in the news columns of the San Francisco Bulletin, will be of interest to the membership of the Western Federation of Miners, who are more or less acquainted with the unsavory record of the degenerate whom a Pinkerton Detective Agency utilized in its efforts to fasten the crime of murder on the Federation. When the hireling, trained and tutored by a traitor to the Mollie Maguires, told his story in a court-room implicating three men in the assassination of the ex-governor of the state of Idaho, the capitalist press was fulsome in its adulation of the penitent who had opened his heart to God and had

been converted through the pleading eloquence of one Jimmie McParland, who became an expert on quoting scripture while leading the self-confessed murderer, thief gambler, bigamist, wife deserter, bomb-manufacturer and sheep-robber, back to the ways of righteousness. The Rev. McParland, according to his own statement, "mellowed" the sinner with imported Havana's and while the Sportive Harry pulled on a perfumed weed from Cuba, the Irish Judas who hanged several of his countrymen in Pennsylvania, worked on the weakness of his dupe, until a story was framed that was considered strong enough to send a trinity to the scaffold. But Old McParland, the gumshoe, was not dealing with the Mollie Maguires when he was measuring steel with the Western Federation of Miners. His crude conspiracy was shattered and the receiver of blood money, who years ago hanged men of his race for the dirty dollars of a coal corporation in the Keystone state, was baffled by men who punctured the frame-up of a conscienceless and soulless scoundrel.

The Supreme Court of California has now repudiated the story of the flattered Harry, and the perjured fiend upon whom McParland built his hopes of convicting a labor organization of red-handed crime, has been branded as a liar by a judicial tribunal. It is now in order for some of the ministers of the gospel who pointed out Orchard as a firebrand that was snatched from the burning to once more deliver eulogies on the reformed sinner.



### INFORMATION WANTED.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Patrick O'Neill who came to this country about thirty-two years ago. He formerly lived in New York but afterwards left for California where it is said he became identified with an olive grove. A party named Bodie is supposed to know the whereabouts of O'Neill and Bodie lives somewhere in California. Anyone knowing the address of O'Neill or Bodie will confer a great favor by communicating with Mrs. Lily Davis, Box 164, Lafayette, Colorado.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

Wanted To find at once, John (Jack) Sheridan formerly of Newton, Kansas, and when last heard of was in Globe, Arizona. The death of Mr. Sheridan's father and sickness of his mother make it necessary to reach him at once, and any one knowing of his whereabouts notify Thomas Sheridan, Newton, Kansas. 2t

### AABEL REFUTES THE CHARGES OF FLYNN.

Denver, Colo., August 4, 1909.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

In one P. W. Flynn's "answer" to President Moyer's supplementary report which was published in the Miners' Magazine of July 29th, certain serious charges, or allegations, were made concerning me and questioning my honor and integrity as a member of organized labor.

Flynn asserts that "C. W. Aabel . . . is the man who declared his willingness to scab on the members of the Machinists' union when out on strike, and who has often been seen in the office of the Thiele Detective Agency."

That these charges are ridiculous falsehoods will readily be seen when it is known that there is no Thiele and no Pinkerton Detective Agency in Butte, for the laws of Montana make it a crime against the people for such to exist within the boundaries of that state.

This question would naturally also present itself to all fair-minded men: "If Flynn knew anyone to be a traitor to the organization, why did he not long ago prefer charges in the local union against such traitor and have him expelled? Why did he keep that information to himself until he came to a convention in Denver, hundreds of miles away from his home local, and

then fight with grim determination to keep it from becoming the property of the convention, even going so far as to vote to throw his own 'answer' in the waste paper basket in order that he might not be made answerable to the membership for what that 'answer' contained?"

However, immediately after seeing these charges in the Magazine, I left Butte for Denver, hoping to reach the convention before it adjourned in order that I might confront Flynn before the delegates and make him either prove these scurrilous slanders, or force him to retract and apologize. I arrived here in Denver Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock, and found to my sorrow that the convention had adjourned sine die about four hours previously, and that Flynn had already left town.

Being thus deprived one opportunity to deny his assertions about me, and realizing that these have received a wide publicity throughout the jurisdiction of the W. F. of M. through the medium of the minutes of the convention as printed in the Miners' Magazine, I now declare that the aforesaid charges are absolutely false and without foundation prompted by Flynn's malicious, wilfully prevaricating brain, because of my persistent opposition to him in his policy of destruction and disruption in the Western Federation of Miners, and, as soon as I come back to Butte, I shall start proceedings against him and make him retract.

C. W. AABEL.

### REFLECTIONS.

Rhyolite, Nev., July 30, 1909

Editor Miners' Magazine:

Referring to article in your publication of July 22nd a reply to Thos. Dickman by J. J. Kelly will say: If the article was calculated to inspire the members of Bonanza Miners' Union it has failed in its mission, as the said members, knowing the record of the man in this local, fail to be impressed with the Christian forbearance of a man who has violated the most solemn obligation which man can take. The presumption of our late secretary is amazing indeed. While he would lead us to think that he has the highest regard for the opponent who comes out in the foreground with an attack he tries to shield himself under the cloak of religion and in a pious way would try to convince the members of the W. F. of M. that his affairs with this local were clear and above reproach. Of the accusation made by Thos. Dickman I know nothing, and as it has no bearing on the internal affairs of this union, I will pass it by. But, as regards the record in this local of our former secretary after giving the matter due considera-

tion, I have come to the conclusion that for the best interests of our local and the W. F. of M. in general, the membership should be given some enlightenment on the subject. In the above mentioned article Brother Kelly refers to the fact that after serving two years as secretary of Bonanza Miners' Union he found it necessary to retire, but he did not state why he so found it necessary. The fact of the matter is that a few of the active members of our local being suspicious that all was not well with the financial affairs of our secretary and being unable to accomplish any change in office through the ballot, deemed it necessary to introduce a resolution to the effect that no secretary should hold office in this local for more than two consecutive terms. The resolution was adopted, hence the reason of retirement. Brother Kelly further stated that after serving two years in office there was no fault found with his record. Being the present incumbent and successor to J. J. Kelly and in a position to know whereof I speak, I wish to make exception to the statement. On June 5, 1909, Brother Kelly was tried and found guilty of violating his obligation to this union by misappropriating the funds and falsifying his account on the books and as a penalty he has been expelled from all offices in our local and stands suspended from our meetings for a period of three months and has been ordered to reimburse Local No. 235 for all shortages which have been or may be brought to light against him in the future.

And to date he has failed to make good for one dollar on his shortage account since he was judged guilty of the offense and furthermore he has paid no dues to this local since April and at present is in bad standing.

The readers of this article will no doubt wonder at the mildness of the penalty imposed on our former secretary, but through the influence of staunch friends and the recommendation of extreme leniency by the trial committee, the members of No. 235 were induced to act accordingly although the evidence submitted was conclusive and left no doubt as to the guilt of our former secretary.

I wish further to make exception to the statement in regard to the drunken bums that Brother Kelly says infest our locals and I take it that he refers to the "hobo miner" and even though the average man of that type of miners be addicted to the excessive use of liquor his principles as a union man will bear the closest investigation and he will ever be found loyal to the organization, and such a statement from our former secretary will be taken as a vile insult to the men who are ever ready to resent any infringement on the rights of the working class, and are at all times ready to defend the principles of the W. F. of M.—the "hobo miners."

And in conclusion let me state that I have no personal grievance nor am I in any way prejudiced against Brother Kelly, but believing that for the best interests of our organization the true facts of the case should be made known and in the sense of fairness and justice to all, I respectfully submit the above. Yours fraternally,

(Seal.) JOSEPH E. GARRETT,  
Financial Secretary, Bonanza No. 235.

#### A CAUSTIC ARRAIGNMENT.

Greenwood, B. C., July 10, 1909.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

That part of B. C. known as the Boundary, in which is situated Phoenix and Greenwood, is not enjoying the unparalleled prosperity that was fondly anticipated by the shoestring business pariahs of those camps, since the Granby and Mothers Lode mines instituted their infamous blacklists against active members of the W. F. of M.

Phoenix did not, but Greenwood did, at the dictation of Tennessee Black-Nigger-Driver McAllister form a Citizens' Alliance, to run out all those who took an active interest in unionism. Now no doubt the cockroach business men can see the wisdom of their actions, since nearly all the trade was diverted to McAllister's Mother Lode store. And now the largest store has been forced to turn over its insurance to the bank.

They would welcome with open arms an agitator if they could see a return of the conditions of one short year ago that they were in such haste to destroy. The only consolation that is left them, is, that Lewisohn, who has been elected to the directorate of the B. C. Copper Co., is the man who tied the bright jingling can on McAllister in Tennessee. McAllister now sees the folly of his boast to put the Miners' union out of business. Mac is a whale for mining freaks—"Mandarin" keeper (if he only had a pigtail, is a re-incarnation of the late lamented Li Hung Chang), finds time, besides his official duties, to attend to his interests in the store at Boyds where the B. C. Copper's Napoleon mine is situated.

Of course there is no compulsion to trade at the store, neither is there any necessity for the boarding boss and superintendent, "Andrew Carnegie" Johns, to keep you at the mine. Johns, or rather Mrs. Alice Johns, also runs the boarding house at Wellington camp (another B. C. Copper property), where the bill of fare for last winter, and the names of the men who stood for it, should be engraved on imperishable marble and placed in a museum for the benefit of future generations who wish to know what a "home guard" will stand for. "Biled" beef three times a day and baking powder biscuits. Toast and hot cakes were conspicuous by their absence. This suited Madden, but it drove "Mose the Miner" to sobriety and the wilds of the West Fork.

McIntosh, the superintendent at the Mother Lode after killing Dimmick's baby and maiming his wife for life by his reckless mining, told him if he wanted compensation he would have to fight for it through the courts. Fothergill, who was maimed for life, and entitled to \$1,500 under the law, was bulidurhamed by this malodorous outfit with the promise of a life long job, then gave him \$400 and the ha. ha.

McIntosh read a paper before the Western branch of the Canadian Mining Institute on the utility of "Spiral" raises for the cheap extraction of ore in low grade mines. How he must have suffered from brain fog. No doubt a jolt out of every demijohn on the hill revived him. If you would hold your job, tell McIntosh where Mr. Demi-John can be found; it's the high road to promotion.

Then there is Madden, late psuedo foreman (at \$4.50 "shiftern" get \$5.00 per day in the mines) and now kitchen mechanic at Wellington camp who in order to beat the miners working in a winze out of an extra four bits, called it a crosscut "yinty" in his daily report.

Four years ago the Magazine printed the Miners Ten Commandments, but they sadly need revision, as it is getting fashionable in some of these camps to provide the "staff" with the free use of a horse and buggy. Madden bought a cutter last winter and a buggy this summer for the use of "Andrew Carnegie" Johns, the superintendent, and goes to town for supplies in his own time. Needless to say this gopher-mouthed biped retains his "job." It would be blank idiocy for Johns to fire such a self-sacrificing man, especially as it is the company who foots the bill.

Instances of this kind are common in all camps and if stockholders were aware of it, the "trusted officers" would not receive so much credit for swindling the unfortunate cripples.

Madden boasts about the invitations he receives from the elite of society, of being invited to dinner by Mrs. O. B. Smith and Mrs. Keefer. No doubt these worthy and esteemable ladies are of a scientific turn, perhaps also they are disciples of Darwin, and want to study the "missing link" at close range. They may want to "can" per medium of the phonograph. Madden's peculiar laugh as a weapon of offense against savages, in case their husbands ever went to foreign lands. Madden's "canned" laugh would be more dangerous to a Solomon Islander than a gunboat. The sight of brute suffering always excites the visibilities of this laughing hyena. The provincial

police might inquire how the cayuse, this human brute drives, lost the tips of his ears. They were not frozen off.

As the ladies of the "oldest profession on earth" would not throw water on "Annias" Madden if he were burning, his stories of entertainment by respectable people must be put down as Orchardisms, as a Cameron sinking pump is the only thing to be compared to him at table, where it is sucking air.

It was ever thus, under the present system the liar, perjurer and soulless villian are placed by organized and legalized chicanery and fraud in positions to combat and bulldoze every effort made to alleviate the sufferings of humanity. Sufferings that are the result of an industrial system that sacrifices men, women and children on its altars, so that a few may revel in luxury, vice and idleness while the multitude experience all the agonies of the damned. Yours truly,

WILLIAM ONTHYKE.

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

##### SEVENTEENTH DAY.

##### Morning Session.

July 30, 1909.

The convention was called to order at 9 a. m., Vice President Mahoney presiding.

Roll call was read and found all delegates present. Minutes of the last two sessions read and adopted as corrected. The following request of Delegate De Berry was read and granted.

Denver, Colo., July 30, 1909.

Brother Delegates—As I am unable to attend the convention today, please let August Walquist place my vote.

HUGH DE BERRY.

The following request of Delegate John Valimaki No. 200, was read and granted:

To the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

Brothers—I have been invited by the Butte Socialist Local to speak there and I have promised that I will be there next Saturday night. In order to get there in time I request that I be excused and that I be permitted to turn my votes over to John Maki and M. L. Bruce.

If I am granted this, I will give three of my votes to John Maki and one to Brother Bruce.

JOHN VALIMAKI.

The following request was read and granted:

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

Brothers—As I am compelled to leave the convention I would like to delegate my votes to Charles Johnson, Jos. McKinnon, John Mitchell and M. J. O'Connor. Hoping my request will be complied with, I remain,

Most fraternally,  
JACOB PRAST, No. 1.

Moved by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, that the convention after adjourning tonight, will not convene again until 1 p. m. Saturday. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that ritual funeral service of the Western Federation of Miners be performed tomorrow at the grave of Brother Keaveney. Motion carried.

Discussion was resumed on motion to concur in committee's report on paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Board Member Hutchinson's report.

The question was called for and declared carried.

Paragraph 6, with committee's report, was read.

Moved by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that the report of the committee on paragraph 6 be concurred in. Motion lost.

Paragraph 7 with report of committee on same read.

Moved and seconded that report of committee on paragraph 7 be adopted. Motion carried.

Paragraph 8 with report of committee on same read.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee on paragraph 8 be adopted. Motion carried.

Paragraph 9 with the report of committee on same read.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee on paragraph 9 be adopted. Motion carried.

Paragraph 10 with report of committee on same read.

Moved and seconded as a substitute that paragraph 10 of Board Member Hutchinson's report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Paragraph 11 with report of committee on same read.

Moved by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, seconded by Delegate McLaughlin, No. 1, that the committee's report on paragraph 11 be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Paragraph 12 with report of committee on same read.

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 140, that the report of the committee on paragraph 12 be adopted. Motion carried.

Paragraph 13 with report of committee on same read.

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Hubbell, No. 111, that the report of the committee on paragraph 13 be adopted as read. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee on paragraph 13 be concurred in. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee, which has been acted on seriatum, be adopted as amended. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 87, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 87.

Butte, Mont., July 10, 1909.

Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colo.:

Gentlemen—We, the members of Union No. 83, of the Brewery Engineers of Butte, Mont., beg to submit for your consideration this communication regarding Stationary Engineers' Union No. 83, discriminating against us as members of that organization in good standing:

The first of last May the Brewery Workers' old contract expired. The Montana Brewery Proprietors' Association refused to sign their new contract and consequently left them locked out. The Brewery Workers always claimed jurisdiction over the Brewery Engineers according to their constitution, consequently there was nothing left for us to do but to join them and go out with them, as soon as we went out, members of 83 took our place. In the settlement that was made, it was agreed upon that no one who went on strike should be discriminated against. A few weeks after the settlement the Olympia Brewing Company wanted an engineer, and the manager, J. V. Collins, notified Adam Weidenfeller, one of the old engineers, that he could have the job, but, owing to the contract they had with Stationary Engineers' Union No. 83, he would have to put in an application to the business agent of that organization, which he did, but was absolutely refused an application and told they had men for those jobs.

The Centennial Brewing Company was in need of a refrigerating engineer, and put Sheckenbach, one of the old engineers, to work as fourth engineer, as soon as No. 83 found out he was working there, Mr. Mitchell, the business agent of 83, went to the Centennial Brewery office and demanded

that man's discharge. He was discharged at once and told why. The same thing was done at the Crystal Brewery when they attempted to lure one of the old engineers. Now we, the Brewery Engineers of Butte, Mont., and members of Engineers' Union No. 84 in good standing, claim that a jurisdiction dispute between the two organizations does not justify either organization to discriminate against any of its members, who are unfortunately placed in such a position as not to be able to know where they belong, and we appeal to you in the name of organized labor and industrial unionism for justice and equity trusting to your consideration and sincerity in this matter. We are, Very respectfully,

ADAM WEIDENFELLER,  
CHRIST MEIGER,  
Committee.

We, your committee on grievance No. 87 beg leave to report as follows: We recommend to this convention that No. 83 be notified to stop discrimination against the Brewery Workers, who came out in defense of their union and their manhood.

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

Moved by Delegate Elment, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Mitchell, No. 83, that the whole matter be laid on the table. Motion carried, Board Member Davidson voting in the negative.

Resolution No. 152, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 152.

To amend Sec. 1, of Art. II, of the Constitution, line 19. Strike out "second Monday in July" and insert "third Monday in July."

NEIL COLLINS, No. 117,  
J. D. GABBERT, No. 247,  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251,  
ERNEST MILLS,  
JAMES KIRWAN, No. 5,  
C. E. MAHONEY.

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 152, amendment to the Constitution, that we concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNOR,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whitesides, No. 167, seconded by Delegate Dunn, No. 1, that the report of committee be not concurred in. Motion lost.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Cannon, No. 196, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the election of officers be made a special order of business at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Motion lost.

Resolution No. 157, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 157.

To amend Sec. 1 of Art. III, of the By-Laws, line 3, strike out "March and September" and insert "June and December."

Line 12, strike out "April and October," and insert "July and January."

NEIL COLLINS, No. 117,  
ERNEST MILLS,  
J. D. GABBERT, No. 247,  
JAS. KIRWAN, No. 5,  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251,  
C. E. MAHONEY.

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 157, amendment to the By-Laws, that we recommend that it be concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Condon, No. 15, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

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

**Afternoon Session.**

July 30, 1909.

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

The following resolution was read:

No. 184.

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909.

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

Whereas, That in 1905, January 15th, an explosion at Butte City, Montana, the cause of which was a fire at warehouses wherein was stored an estimate of two carloads of dynamite, contrary to law, and

Whereas, It caused the death of the entire fire department (with one exception), and of numerous other persons and the crippling of scores of persons, and

Whereas, One Thomas J. Riley, a member of the Western Federation of Miners in good standing, was one of the victims, he having one of his limbs shattered, which caused its amputation, and

Whereas, The law being so twisted by attorneys and courts of Montana that no one could receive damages from those responsible for storage of the dynamite, contrary to law, and

Whereas, Brother Thomas J. Riley being crippled and unable to gain a livelihood, took the law into his own hands and in 1897 he killed one Patrick A. Largey, one of the men responsible for the death and destruction in 1895 and

Whereas, After trial by a court and jury, the said Thomas J. Riley was found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the state prison of Montana for life; now be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, petition the governor of the state of Montana to grant Brother Thomas J. Riley an unconditional pardon, he having served thirteen years.

ANGUS McLEOD, Delegate Butte No. 1

Moved by Delegate Whitely, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Flynn, that the above resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

The following resolution was read: No. 185.

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

Resolved, That the executive board shall be empowered to appoint and send into any local, a secretary to take full charge of the affairs of the local organization upon the signed request of five members of such local in good standing and the recommendation of the executive board member upon investigation of local conditions. Said appointed secretary shall be subject to recall by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing at a regular meeting of the local of which he is the secretary.

M. L. BRUCE

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Lindsey, No. 83, that the above resolution be laid on the table. Motion carried.

The following resolution was read:

No. 186.

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this seventeenth annual convention that some officers in various locals throughout the jurisdiction of the Western Federation of Miners conduct themselves and the business of their locals in a manner unquestionably against the best interests of the Western Federation of Miners, therefore be it

Resolved, That the executive board shall have full power to remove any local officer for drunkenness, embezzlement, questionable methods in book keeping, or any other good and sufficient cause.

RUPERT BULMER, No. 38

Moved and seconded that the above resolution be laid on the table. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to secure a hall so that the convention can hold a night session. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that we hold a session on Sunday. Motion lost. Resolution No. 153, with report of committee on same read as follows: No. 153.

To amend Sec. 4, Art. II, of the Constitution, by striking out all of line 8 after the word "Federation" and up to and including the word "thereof" on line 9, and insert the following:

"Such delegates and alternates shall be nominated and elected in compliance with Section 1 of Article III, of the By-Laws, and said election of delegate and alternate shall take place at the semiannual election of all local unions, the first meeting in June."

NEIL COLLINS, No. 117,  
J. D. GABBERT, No. 247,  
ERNEST MILLS,  
JAMES KIRWAN, No. 5,  
C. E. MAHONEY,  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 153, amendment to the Constitution, and recommend that it be concurred in.

E. F. BOYLE,  
NEIL COLLINS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
THOS. J. O'CONNOR,  
JAMES BARSS,  
Constitution Committee.

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

NEIL COLLINS, No. 117,  
J. D. GABBERT, No. 247,  
ERNEST MILLS,  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251,  
JAMES KIRWAN, No. 5,  
C. E. MAHONEY.

Denver, Colorado, July 26, 1909.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 154, and recommend that it be concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
Constitution Committee.

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

Resolution No. 155, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 155.

To amend Sec. 1, Art. IV., of the constitution: Strike out section 1 and insert the following:

"The revenues of the federation shall be derived from a charter fee of ten dollars and a per capita tax of twenty five cents per month on all monthly dues collected in accordance with the stamp system, to be paid from the general fund of each union through the purchase of said stamps in advance, and in case of emergency such assessment, as in the judgment of the executive board or convention may be necessary, the same shall be paid from the general fund and based on the preceding quarterly report previous to such assessment."

NEIL COLLINS, No. 117,  
J. D. GABBERT, No. 247,  
ERNEST MILLS,  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251,  
JAS. KIRWAN, No. 5,  
C. E. MAHONEY.

Denver, Colorado, July 26, 1909.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution 155, amendment to the constitution, and recommend that it be concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAS. BARSS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

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

Resolution No. 156, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 156.

To amend Sec. 2, Art. IV., of the constitution, by striking out all of said section and inserting the following:

"Any union failing to purchase the required number of per capita and assessment stamps to stamp all membership cards in compliance with the stamp system shall be penalized as prescribed by section 3 of article VII. of the constitution.

NEIL COLLINS, No. 117,  
ERNEST MILLS.  
J. D. GABBERT, No. 247,  
JAMES KIRWAN, No. 5,  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251,  
C. E. MAHONEY.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 156, that we recommend it be concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAS. BARSS,  
E. F. DOYLE,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

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

Resolutions No. 59 and No. 60, with report of the committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 59.

Resolved, That the appointment of the editor of the Miners' Magazine be subject to a referendum vote of the entire organization of the Western Federation of Miners within sixty days after the adjournment of the seventeenth annual convention.

S. A. WHIPPLE, No. 118.

No. 60.

Resolved, That the discussion of any politics or the distribution of the literature of any political party in the halls of the Western Federation of Miners during meetings is detrimental to the best interests of the organization.

S. A. WHIPPLE, No. 118.

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

We, your committee on good and welfare, beg leave to report that we recommend that the resolutions, No. 59 and No. 60, be not adopted.

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

Good and Welfare Committee.

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

Report of committee on paragraph 9 of Board Member Clough's report, was read as follows:

Denver, Colorado, July 30, 1909.

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 paragraph 9 of Executive Board Member Clough's report, and recommend that as it is not in the form of an amendment the same be not adopted.

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

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

Moved and seconded, as a substitute, that the above report be referred back to the committee on constitution and by-laws, with instructions to bring same back in the form of constitutional amendment. Motion lost.

The question then occurred on motion to adopt committee's report. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 18, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 18.

Anaconda, Mont., July 2, 1909.

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

At a regular meeting of the Anaconda Miners' and Smelters' Union No. 117, of the Western Federation of Miners, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: We recommend that it will be for the best interests of all locals of the Federation, that it be left optional to the locals as to whether or not they shall elect officers annually or semi-annually.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DUFFEY,  
P. F. O'DONNELL,  
A. S. MINES,  
JAS. B. RANKIN,  
D. J. LEARRY,

Committee.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 18 and recommend that the same be placed on file as the substance matter is contained in resolution No. 79.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
T. J. O'CONNORS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
Constitution Committee.

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

Resolution No. 18, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 19.

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

We desire to submit for your consideration the following amendment: Amendment to by-laws, Art. III., Sec. 1, strike out the word "semi-annual" and insert the word "annual" and in same section strike out the word "March."

NEIL COLLINS,  
ANDREW MALLON,  
THOS. J. MURPHY,  
FRANK FITZPATRICK,  
Delegate No. 117.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 19, and recommend that we do not concur in the resolution.

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

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

Report of committee on paragraphs 18 and 19 of president's report was read.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

Brothers—We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on paragraphs 18 and 19 of the president's report and recommend that the following section be created to Article VIII., and known as section 5.

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

Sec. 5, Art. VIII. Whenever a member of a local union shall become a foreman, shift boss or assume a position that cannot be termed as part of the mining industry, he shall lose all rights to a voice, vote or a seat in the meetings of his local union, but may continue his membership as a beneficiary member or upon application to the financial secretary, he may be granted a withdrawal card.

Moved by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, seconded by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, that the report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 111, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 111.

Proposed amendment to the Western Federation of Miners' by-laws: On page 24, after the word "local" on line 3, section 1, of article II., of the by-laws, insert, "except sick benefits to members transferred from any local paying no such benefits. He shall, however, be entitled to such benefits when a member for the period required for a member admitted by initiation."

TONOPAH MINERS' UNION NO. 121.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on Resolution No. 111, that it be not concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
JAS. BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate Fluent, No. 74, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 100, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 100.

Amendment to article 1, section 9, of the by-laws: Strike out lines 24 and 25 as far as the word "organize" in section 9, and insert the following: "When a majority of all unions in a district or state deem it necessary they may." J. J. BARTH.

To the Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on Resolution No. 100, that we recommend adoption of same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
JAS. BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
Constitution Committee.

With the consent of the convention, the above resolution was withdrawn. Resolution No. 112, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 112.

Amendment to article II, section 4, line 6, constitution: Strike out lines 6, 7, 8, and part of line 9, ending with the word "thereof," and substitute the following: "Each union shall elect a delegate or delegates and alternates at the first regular meeting in June. Nominations shall be made from the floor and remain open for three regular meetings prior to election and said election shall be conducted in the same manner as the semi-annual election of officers. This section shall not apply to local unions so situated that their delegates are compelled to leave before the above named date.

JAMES KIRWAN, No. 5,  
JACOB BOILER, No. 5.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on Resolution No. 112, that we recommend that it be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
JAS. BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 163, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 163.

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

We, the undersigned, suggest that the constitution and by-laws of the Federation be translated in the following languages, namely, French and Polish, and an approximate number requisite to supply the demands of each nationality be printed.

JAMES McGUIRE, Union No. 140.  
A. N. GAUTHIER, Union No. 146.  
JAS D. CLUNEY, Union No. 146.  
Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909.

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

We, the Education and literature committee, beg leave to report that we concur in Resolution No. 163 and would recommend that the executive board have the constitution and by-laws printed in all languages that may be ordered by the local unions.

J. J. BARTH,  
AUGUST WALQUIST,  
JOE GUELET,  
CHAS. GRUE,  
MALCOM McNEILL,  
JOHN MITCHELL,  
Education and Literature Committee.



Moved by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, that the report of committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 118, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 118.

Amendment to the by-laws, article I, section 3-A, lines 1 and 2, page 21: Strike out the words "and amended by the sixteenth."

P. W. FLYNN, Delegate No. 1.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on amendment to by-laws No. 118 that we unanimously concur in the above resolution.

NEIL COLLINS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
JAS. BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate Barrett, No. 199, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved and seconded that the whole matter be tabled. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 84, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 84.

Denver, Colo., July 19, 1909.

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

Fellow Workers—Amend the following article and sections of the constitution to read:

1. Section 2, Article II. Each union shall be entitled to one delegate for one hundred members or less, and one for each additional one hundred or majority fraction thereof. No local union shall be represented by proxy, and no delegate shall cast over five votes.

2. Section 3, Article II. Representation in the annual convention shall be based on the due stamps paid for by the local unions during the fiscal year. In case a special convention is held the representation to the same shall be based on the due stamps purchased during the months prior to the call for the special convention. The January report of each year shall be an annual report. No local union shall be entitled to representation that has not purchased due stamps during the last quarter of the fiscal year and in case of a special convention, no local union shall be entitled to representation that has not purchased due stamps for three months prior to the call for the same.

3. Add to section 9, article III, line 27, after the word "convention," "No member of the executive board shall cast the vote of any union by proxy or otherwise."

J. F. HUTCHINSON.

To the 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. 84, and recommend that it be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, seconded by Delegate Harper, No. 60, that the report of the committee on section 1 be adopted.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment, that any union giving their proxy votes to a delegate to the convention shall send in duplicate credentials in accordance with the rules governing any regularly elected delegate. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the entire matter pertaining to section 1 of resolution No. 84 be laid on the table. Motion carried.

Section 2 of resolution read.

Moved and seconded that the report of committee on section 2 be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section 3 read.

Moved and seconded that the report of the committee on section 3 be not concurred in. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the last two words "or otherwise" in section 3 be stricken out. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, that section 3 of resolution No. 84, be adopted as amended.

The previous question was moved, seconded and carried, and roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 157; no, 187; not voting, 10. Motion declared lost.

Resolution No. 146, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 146.

Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

Amendment to section 2, article II, constitution: Strike out all said section after the word "provided" in line 25, and insert the following: "No delegate shall in any event cast more than five votes. No proxy vote shall be allowed in any convention of the Western Federation of Miners."

A. M. FLUENT, No. 74.  
T. J. BOOHER, No. 1.  
CHAS. A. BLACKBURN, No. 83.

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. 146 and recommend that we do not concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JAMES BARSS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

I dissent from the above report.

JOHN DRISCOLL.

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

Resolution No. 145, with report of committee on same read as follows: No. 145.

July 26, 1909.

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

Brothers—In view of the fact that the convention of 1906 saw fit to increase our per capita tax one dollar per month for the purpose of assisting in the support of the Industrial Workers of the World, and as we are no longer affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World, I would offer the following amendment to article IV, section 2, line 4, of the constitution, by changing the figure "3" to "2."

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. C. MITCHELL, No. 83.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 145, and recommend that we do not concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
T. J. CONNORS,  
NICK THOMAS.

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

We, the undersigned members of the constitution and by laws committee, beg leave to report in a minority report on resolution No. 145, and recommend that the same be concurred in.

E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate Devlin, No. 117 that the majority report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 134, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 134.

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

Brothers—We, the undersigned, wish to offer the following amendments to the constitution for your consideration.

Strike out section 2, of article III, of the constitution, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Nominations for the offices of president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer shall be made from the floor of the convention, and submitted for referendum vote of the entire membership.

Sec. 2. Nominations for executive board members shall be from the floor of the convention, each nominee to be a delegate from his respective district, said district to elect its executive board member by referendum vote of its entire membership.

Sec. 3. All nominations for officers shall be submitted through the secretary-treasurer to all local unions immediately after adjournment of the convention. Election to take place the first meeting in September.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, No. 60  
WM. McCARTNEY, No. 67.  
HUGH DE BERRY, No. 103  
JOHN MITCHELL, No. 60.

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. 134, and recommend that as the proposed resolution conflicts in its entirety to section 1, of article III, and it is not consistent in our opinion, to act on same, that we do not concur in the same.

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

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that the report of the committee be adopted.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the following announcement was read after which the convention was declared adjourned till 1 p. m. tomorrow.

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

We, the delegates of the Butte Miners' Union, have selected the following delegates as pall bearers for our deceased brother to be buried tomorrow: M. J. O'Connor, No. 60; Andrew Mallon, No. 117; Harry Stark, No. 1; B. M. Lindsay, No. 83; Sam. Kilburn, No. 17; Jas. McGuire, No. 140; and further request that President Moyer conduct the funeral rites of the Western Federation of Miners.

**EIGHTEENTH DAY.**  
Afternoon Session.

July 31, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 1 p. m. Roll call read and found all delegates present.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved.

Moved by Delegate Fitzpatrick, No. 117, seconded by Brother Heatherton No. 22, that a committee be appointed to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of Brother Keaveney. Motion carried.

The following committee was appointed: Delegates Fitzpatrick, No. 117; Bunney, No. 2; Fluent, No. 74; McGuire, No. 140; Heatherton, No. 22.

The following communication was read and ordered filed:

No. 187. New York City, July 27, 1909.

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

Dear Sir and Brother—I am in receipt of your favor of the 22d inst stating the action of your convention in making such a grand donation to our organization. I also previously received your check for five thousand dollars which you so kindly telegraphed the New York bank. I assure you that your donation was of great benefit to us coming as it did at a time when it was most needed, and in behalf of the United Hatters of North America I extend to you their heartfelt thanks.

The grand jury of Essex county, New Jersey, which takes in the cities of Orange and Newark, a week ago claimed that on account of the sufferings amongst business men as well as manufacturers and journeymen that it was time for them to investigate the strike situation. In their investigation they only got the manufacturers' side of it, and from statements made to them by the manufacturers, they issued a circular stating that the hatters were ready to return to work without the union label if the organization would allow it. We challenged this statement and notified the grand jury that we would call meetings of our organization in Orange and Newark and have a secret ballot taken in which the question was whether or not the men were ready to return to work at the old wages without the union label, and the vote was to be superintended and counted by a committee representing the grand jury and the press. Our challenge was accepted by the grand jury and the vote was taken with the result that out of nearly four thousand votes cast, only nine voted "yes," indicating that they were ready to return to work without the union label. Our men are as determined as ever to remain out until a full victory is achieved.

To say that we are grateful to you and the members of your organization is only expressing it in a small way, and I assure you that the action taken by your convention will be kindly and greatly remembered for all time by the members of the United Hatters of North America.

Again thanking you, and through you the membership of your organization, I am, respectfully yours,

MARTIN LAWLOR, Secretary,  
United Hatters of North America

The following communication from Elk Lake Miners' Union was read: No. 188.

Elk Lake, Ontario, July 26, 1909.

Ernest Mills, Western Federation of Miners:

Dear Sir and Brother—At our regular meeting held yesterday, the 25th inst., the advisability of buying a lot and building a hall was discussed and it was ultimately agreed to write to the headquarters asking for a gift of about three hundred dollars. I might say that on account of so much sickness, the treasury is not overstocked and unless we do something to let the mine owners see we are organized and prepared to fight the battle of the

proletariat, we are going to have a hard task. In the event of us getting a hall, and making a home for the members, we will be able to hold them together and thoroughly organize this district, and the only way to do this is to get a place where the members can get together.

In the event of you not being able to grant this, a loan of the same amount would be greatly appreciated. It is impossible to do that which we desire unless we have the finances and the occasion demands that we do get a place to meet.

Hoping you will see to this favorably, we are yours fraternally,  
 JAMES D. WHALEN,  
 CHAS. H. LOWTHIAN,  
 DAN KEARNEY,  
 ETHELBERT JONES,  
 Building Committee.

Moved and seconded that the communication be received and placed on file, and the request be not granted.

Moved and seconded, as an amendment that the words "and the request be not granted" be stricken out. Amendment carried.

Motion as amended put and declared carried.

The following request was read and granted:

No. 189. Denver, Colo., July 31, 1909.

Brother Delegates—As I am anxious to be at the registration of public lands in the Flathead reservation, I cannot remain at the convention any longer. Please allow August Walquist to place my two votes.

Fraternally yours,

HUGH DE BERRY, No. 98.

The following resolution was read:

No. 190. Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909.

Whereas, It has become known to the delegates of the W. F. M., in convention assembled, that members of other locals working within the jurisdiction of the Cripple Creek Local No. 234, have failed or refused to deposit their membership cards or pay their dues to Cripple Creek Local No. 234, therefore be it

Resolved, That all members of the Western Federation of Miners working within the jurisdiction of Cripple Creek Local No. 234, who fail or refuse to deposit their membership cards and pay their dues to Cripple Creek Local No. 234, shall be considered unfair to organized labor and fined \$15.00, and shall so remain unfair to organized labor until such time as said fine is paid to Cripple Creek Local No. 234, and shall be published in the Miners' Magazine as unfair to organized labor.

T. M. HAMILL, No. 234,  
 HOWARD TRESIDDER.

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

The following request was read and granted.

No. 191. Denver, Colo., July 30, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention:

As I am obliged to return to Butte this afternoon, I beg leave to assign my vote as follows: Hugh McLaughlin, one vote; James P. McGuire, four votes. Fraternally yours,

HARRY STARK, No. 1.

The following request was read and granted:

No. 192. Denver, Colo., July 31, 1909.

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

I beg to be excused after today's session, and desire to turn my two votes over to Sam Kilburn, of Wallace, Idaho.

W. K. BURNS, No. 126.

The following request of Delegate Hamill was read and granted:

No. 193. Denver, Colo., July 31, 1909.

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

Brothers—On account of sickness in my family, it is impossible for me to remain in Denver, and would ask that Brother Wm. Jensen, Brother John Condon and Brother Ed Regan be allowed to cast my vote in this convention, one vote each.

T. A. HAMILL, No. 234.

The following request was read and granted:

No. 194. Denver, Colo., July 31, 1909.

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

Sirs and Brothers—It being imperative that I return home tonight, I wish to give my votes to Malcom McDonald, No. 4, four votes, and one vote to Joe Guelfi, No. 1.

FRANK DUNN, No. 1.

Discussion was resumed on motion to adopt committee's report on resolution No. 134.

Moved by Delegate Bruce, No. 263, seconded by Delegate Brand, No. 95, as a substitute that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Roll call was demanded with the following result: Yes, 8; no, 266; not voting, 10. Motion to table declared lost.

The question then occurred on the original motion to adopt committee's report.

Roll call was demanded with the following result: Yes, 193; no, 161. Motion declared carried.

Resolution No. 135, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 135. July 22, 1909.

To the Seventeenth annual convention, Western Federation of Miners:

I hereby submit the following amendment to the constitution: Article III, section 2, lines 27, 28, 29 and 30, to read "\$4.00 per day for such time as he is actually employed, together with his transportation and legitimate hotel expenses, and he shall at all times be subject to the order of the president."

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ALLEN, Delegate No. 26.

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. 135, and recommend that we do not concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,  
 JOHN DRISCOLL,  
 T. J. CONNOR,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 NICK THOMAS,  
 F. L. GRANDY,  
 Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Gauthier, No. 146, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 11, that report of committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 143, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 143.

Amendment to section 2, article VIII, of the constitution, presented by Delegate Blackburn No. 83:

Amend section 2, article VIII, line 36, by striking out the words "in either case," also words "or plaintiff."

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. 143, and recommend that the same be concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,

JOHN DRISCOLL,  
 T. J. CONNOR,  
 NICK THOMAS,  
 F. L. GRANDY,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 144, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 144.

Amendment to constitution. New section.

Article II, section 6. Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Western Federation of Miners shall be entitled to one delegate, with one vote for each auxiliary in good standing, but mileage and per diem shall be paid by the auxiliary.

RUPERT BULMER, Union No. 38.

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. 144, and recommend that same be not concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,  
 JOHN DRISCOLL,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 T. J. CONNOR,  
 NICK THOMAS,  
 F. L. GRANDY,  
 Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Lindsay, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion lost.

The question then occurred on the resolution.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be concurred in. Motion carried.  
 Resolution No. 151, with report of committee on same, read as follows:

No. 151. Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

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

Addition to the by-laws, article II, to be known as section 8: Secretaries issuing cards shall place seal of local union on front cover of same.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST WALQUIST, Union No. 74.

Denver, Colo., July 27, 1909.

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. 151, and recommend that we concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,  
 JOHN DRISCOLL,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 NICK THOMAS,  
 F. L. GRANDY,  
 T. J. CONNOR,  
 Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, seconded by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 158, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 158.

To amend article III, section 1, beginning on line 8, after the word "convention," insert the following: "The president and vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected by referendum vote."

Article III, section 2, beginning on line 12, after the word "floor" strike out the words "and election," and insert the following: "The election of the executive board."

Line 17, after the word "elected" add the following: "Candidates for the office of president, vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be nominated by the convention and the names of three receiving the highest vote for each office shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the entire membership. The candidate receiving the highest vote shall be declared elected."

JAMES T. SULLIVAN,

Lucky Boy Miners' Union No. 248.

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. 158, and recommend that as the resolution is in direct conflict with lines 6 and 7 of the same article, that we do not concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,  
 JOHN DRISCOLL,  
 NICK THOMAS,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 T. J. CONNOR,  
 F. L. GRANDY,  
 Constitution Committee.

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

Resolution No. 159, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 159.

Amendment to article VII, to be known as section 4: Any local union whose secretary fails to forward to the secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners properly filled out quarterly and annual reports within twenty-five days after the same become due on April 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and January 1st, shall be advertised in the Miners' Magazine as being without the quarterly password.

This section shall not apply to local unions in Alaska.

E. MILLS.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 159, and recommend that the same be concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
 E. F. BOYLE,  
 JOHN DRISCOLL,  
 T. J. CONNOR,  
 NICK THOMAS,  
 JAMES BARSS,  
 F. L. GRANDY,  
 Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Monty, No. 10, seconded by Delegate Lagg, No. 186, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Boyle, No. 190, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, as an amendment that the words "without the quarterly password" be stricken out and the words, "in bad standing," be inserted. Amendment carried.

The question then on the motion was put and declared carried.

Resolution No. 160, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
 No. 160.

Amendment to section 1, article III, of the constitution.

Amend section 1, of article III, by adding:

"Provided whenever any number of members in any one district equal to fifty per cent of the total vote cast at the preceding regular election, officers shall petition the officers of the Federation to do so, they shall within thirty days thereafter, submit to a referendum vote of that district the question, 'Shall your executive board member be recalled?'"

"The executive board shall set a day upon which this referendum recall vote is to be canvassed and notify the locals interested. Fifty per cent of all members voting shall vote in the affirmative, the executive board member shall at once be relieved from duty and the president of the Federation shall order a referendum vote of the members of that district to elect an executive board member, said election to be held inside of forty days after recall, except in remote districts, where ample time must be given to insure receipt of notices, etc."

"Nominations for executive board member to succeed recalled member may be made by any local in the district, and the candidate receiving a plurality vote shall be declared elected and shall enter upon the duties of the office as soon as he shall qualify."

CHAS. A. BLACKBURN, No. 83  
FRANK MONTY, No. 10  
J. P. LANGFORD, No. 141

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. 160, and recommend that we do not concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY.

We, the undersigned members of this committee, wish to be recorded as dissenting in this resolution.

JOHN DRISCOLL,  
T. J. CONNOR

Moved by Delegate Whately, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the majority report of the committee be not concurred in. Motion lost.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Bulmer, No. 58, that the majority report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 161, with report of committee on same read as follows: No. 161.

To amend article III, section 1, of the by-laws, to read as follows: All unions of the Federation shall hold their semi-annual elections at the first meeting in March and September. Nominations shall be made from members on the floor and remain open for three regular meetings prior to election, when each recording-secretary shall, within ten days thereafter, forward the names of all officers elected to the secretary-treasurer of the Federation, who shall compile a directory of the same and forward a copy of these directories to each local union. Installation of officers of local unions shall not take place until the first meeting in April and October.

M. L. TOMPKINS.

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. 161, and recommend that as a resolution was recommended by this committee changing the dates of election and as we consider that there is no change in the sector by this resolution the same be not concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
T. J. CONNOR,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 162, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 162. Denver, Colo., July 26, 1909.

Amendment to the constitution and by-laws.

We, the undersigned, submit the following amendment to article III, section 7, page 12, line 4, in District No. 6; add: "and (c)."

Insert new district classified as No. 9, which shall read "No. 9, and taking in the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland."

JAMES MCGUIRE, No. 140,  
ALBERT NAP GAUTHIER, No. 146,  
Denver, Colo., July 27, 1909.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 162, and recommend that we do not concur in the same as it is already covered by District No. 6.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNOR,  
JAMES BARSS,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whipple, No. 118, seconded by Delegate Harper, No. 60, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

After considerable discussion, roll call was demanded with the following result: Yes, 222; no, 106; not voting, 25. Motion declared carried.

Resolution No. 139, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 139.

Whereas It has been brought to our notice that local unions through the incompetence of officers who perpetuate themselves in office, on account of the lax conditions existing among the general membership, due, to a great extent, to such incompetence, therefore, we deem it wise that on request of the district union, or in the absence of a district union, on request of three members of such local unions to the board member of said district, he shall as soon as possible, examine conditions of said local and displace such officers and use the best means he deems advisable to place such local in good condition.

SAM KILBURN,  
FRANK MONTY,  
Members of District No. 2.

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. 139, and recommend that this resolution be referred to the incoming executive board and that where a condition exists as per resolution, the executive board member of that district be instructed to investigate and if possible, remedy the condition.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE.

JOHN DR SCOLL  
JAMES BARSS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNOR,  
F. L. GRANDY.

Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Whately, No. 74, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1 that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 142, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 142. Denver, Colo., July 23, 1909.

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

Referring to article I, section 9, of the by-laws, strike out "all local unions of the Federation within the jurisdiction of a district or state union shall be a member of said district or state union and recognize the authority of same," and insert "It shall be optional to all local unions of the Federation within the jurisdiction of a district or state union whether they shall or not be a member of said district or state union, and if they decide to become a member of said district or state union, they shall recognize the authority of same."

JAS. DEVLIN,  
NEIL COLLINS,  
FRANK FITZPATRICK,  
J. J. BARTH,  
G. B. SHERER

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

We, your committee on constitution and by laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 142, and recommend that we do not concur in the same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
T. J. CONNOR,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Boyle, No. 120, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved and seconded that the convention adjourn till 8 a. m. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report of the secretary on the standing of local unions be taken up as soon as resolution No. 142 is disposed of.

Convention adjourned till 8 a. m., Monday, August 2d.

**NINETEENTH DAY.**  
Morning Session.

August 2, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 8 a. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present.

The minutes of the last session read and approved as read.

Discussion was resumed on the motion to concur in committee's report on resolution No. 142.

Moved by Delegate Cannon, No. 106, seconded by Delegate Collins, No. 177, as a substitute, that the first sentence in section 9 down to and including the word "state" be stricken out and the following inserted: "Where a majority of local unions in a district or state deem it necessary they may organize a district or state union for the purpose of doing business for the district or state." Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that resolution No. 142, as amended, be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that special order of business be deferred until such time as Secretary-Treasurer Mills is present. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 165, with report of committee on same, read, re-grace of Helper M. U. No. 237.

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

Resolution No. 37, with report of committee, read as follows: No. 37. Denver, Colo., July 15, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates Assembled at the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the W. F. M.

Brothers I submit for your consideration and approval the following constitutional amendment to article IV, section 1: Insert after the word "standing" the following: "except where there are state unions of the W. F. M., then the per capita shall be \$2.40 per annum"

W. J. MARTIN, Local No. 91

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, W. F. M.:

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 37, and recommend that the same be not concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

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

Resolution No. 139, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 139.

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 a reinstatement stamp printed for the use of local unions, the same to be a different color to the present stamps in use, and marked Reinstatement Stamp, the cost of the same to the locals to be \$2.00 each.

Our reasons for the desired change is that it will facilitate the work of local secretaries, and will also insure headquarters getting its full amount of per capita on reinstatements. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ROBERTSON, Secretary,  
MALCOM McNEILL, President,  
Moyie Miners' Union No. 71, W. F. M.

To the Officers and Members of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, W. F. M.

Brothers—We, your committee on constitution and by laws, beg leave to submit our report on resolution No. 29 and recommend that it be not concurred in, as resolution No. 20 is practically the same.

E. F. BOYLE,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17, with report of committee on same, read, as follows: No. 17.

Amendment to article III of the constitution relative to the officers of

the Federation and the manner of electing same, introduced by Chas. Blackburn of Engineers' Union No. 83.

Strike out all of section 9, article III.

Amend section 1 of article III to read as follows:

Section 1. The officers of the Federation shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary-treasurer and an executive board consisting of eleven members, including the three general officers before named, all of whom shall be delegates at large at the annual convention and entitled to the same privileges as other delegates. The president, vice president and secretary-treasurer shall be elected from the delegates present by a majority of the votes cast at each annual convention and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified and enter upon the duties of their respective offices. The eight district members of the executive board shall be elected by the delegates of the respective districts in attendance at the annual convention.

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

Brothers—We the undersigned members of the committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to submit the following report on resolution No. 17: We recommend that it be not concurred in.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JAMES BARSS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,

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

Brothers—I, the undersigned member of the committee on constitution and by-laws, recommend that the resolution No. 17 be concurred in.

JOHN DRISCOLL

Moved by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, seconded by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, that the minority report of the committee be concurred in. Motion lost.

Moved by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the majority report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 38, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 38. Denver, Colo., July 15, 1909.

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

We, the undersigned, beg leave to submit the following amendments to the constitution, to wit: Strike out all of section 1, article V, and insert the following, under the head of strikes and adjustments:

It shall be lawful for any union to enter upon a strike after being ordered by a two-thirds vote of the members at a regular meeting, or a special meeting called for that purpose. In no case, however, shall the union be allowed financial aid from the Federation until after having received the approval of the executive board of the W. F. M.

Section 2 of article V of the constitution, line 1, page 14, strike out the following: "and the executive board."

JOHN D. GABBERT, No. 247.  
J. D. WHITESIDES, No. 167.  
H. T. BENNETT, No. 251.

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. 38 and recommend that it be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY.

I, Thos. J. Connors, recommend that the resolution be concurred in.

THOS. J. CONNORS.

Moved by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, seconded by Delegate Bennett, No. 251, that the minority report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate Flynn, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that the words "regular meeting" be stricken out. Motion lost.

Moved by Lindsay, No. 83, seconded by Whipple, No. 118, that the words "regular meeting or special meeting" be stricken out and the words "two-thirds vote of resident members" be inserted.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Barth, No. 16, as a substitute, that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 208; no, 144; not voting, 5. Motion declared carried.

The special order of business re standing of local unions as to per capita tax and assessments was taken up and the statement read by Secretary Mills.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Cluney, No. 146, that the secretary be instructed to notify all local unions in arrears for per capita or assessments and request that such arrearages be paid as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Flynn, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, that sufficient number of copies of above report be printed and furnished to the delegates and local unions together with the action of the convention on same. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 41, with report of committee on same read as follows:  
No. 41. Denver, Colo., July 17, 1909.

Amendment to article III, section 5, page 10, line 41 and 42.

"For his services he shall receive the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month."

T. J. BOOHER.

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. 41, and recommend that the resolution be adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 30, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 30. Wallace, Idaho, June 12, 1909.

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

Be It Resolved, That section 12. of article III, sub-head "Officers," be stricken out, on page 12, and a section added to read as follows:

"That members of the executive board shall be elected by referendum vote of the district wherein they reside; that the ballots for same must be secured by the district union, and be in the hands of all secretaries at least sixty days prior to date of convention; that the district union shall certify to the election and that the president shall confirm the election. Failure on the part of any district to carry out these provisions the general convention shall elect an executive board member as at present."

Resolved, That our delegate to Denver is instructed to present this and put forth his best effort for its adoption.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by Wallace Miners Union No. 17, Western Federation of Miners, June 12, 1909.

SAM KILBURN, Secretary.

Endorsed by District Union, June 29, 1909.

SAM KILBURN.

Per A. L. REESE, Secretary pro tem.

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. 30, that we do not concur in same.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Barrett, No. 199, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 58, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 58.

Strike out all section 1, article III, after the word "man" on line 6, and insert the following: "All members shall be allowed to make nominations at three regular meetings in the month of July for a member to represent their district on the executive board, and for president, vice president, financial secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and for editor of the Miners' Magazine, and shall send same to headquarters at least thirty days previous to election."

"It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to prepare ballots and send to the locals, and the members of the executive board shall be elected by a vote of the members they represent and the president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and editor of the Miners' Magazine, by the Federation at large.

Create a new section which shall read:

"The Western Federation of Miners shall organize itself into district unions and the presidents of the district unions shall be the members of the executive board from their district."

"All officers of the district union shall be bona fide residents and wage workers of their districts."

S. A. WHIPPLE, No. 118.

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. 58, and recommend that it be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JAMES BARSS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS.

I hereby submit a minority report and recommend the adoption of this resolution.

JOHN DRISCOLL

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Guelfi, No. 1, that the minority report of the committee be concurred in.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 158; no, 177. Motion declared lost.

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

Resolution No. 31, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 31. Wallace, Idaho, June 12, 1909.

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

Be It Resolved, That a new section be added to article III, sub-head "Officers," page 12, to read as follows:

"Section 14. That the president, vice president and secretary shall not be eligible to succeed themselves and shall not be re-elected."

"That this provision shall also apply to members of the executive board."

Resolved, That our delegate to Denver be and is instructed to present this resolution and put forth his best efforts for its adoption.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by Wallace Miners' Union No. 17, Western Federation of Miners, June 12, 1909.

SAM KILBURN, Secretary.

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 recommend that resolution No. 31, be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, seconded by Delegate Monty, No. 10, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Roll call demanded with the following result: Yes, 234; no, 97. Motion declared carried.

Resolution No. 88, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 88.

Amend the constitution as follows: Article VIII, new section: "Whenever a member is unable through lack of employment to fulfill his financial obligations to his local union, the financial secretary shall with the sanction of the local union place on his membership card out of work stamps. Said stamps to be provided by the Western Federation of Miners free of charge to local unions."

J. P. LANGFORD, No. 144.

No. 89. Amend the constitution as follows: Article III, section 2, strike out entire section, and insert the following:

"Nomination of officers shall be made from the delegates present at annual conventions and submitted to a referendum vote of the membership who shall vote on same within sixty days."

J. P. LANGFORD, No. 144.

To the 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. 88 and 89, and recommend that same be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NICK THOMAS,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate McDonald, No. 4, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 89, with committee's report on same read.

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

Resolution No. 91, with report of committee on same, read as follows. No. 91.

Amend the constitution as follows: Article VIII, section 3, after the word "involved" strike out lines 12, 13, 14 and 15, to the word "provided." J. P. LANGFORD, No. 144.

To the 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. 91, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
NICK THOMAS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
JAMES BARSS,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Murphy, No. 117, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 90, with report of committee on same, read as follows. No. 90. Denver, Colo., July 17, 1909.

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

Greeting:

Amend article III, section 1, line 6, of the constitution, as follows: After the word "man" strike out lines 6, 7, and 8, to word "and." Insert the following: "All of whom shall be elected by referendum vote of the membership."

J. P. LANGFORD, No. 144.

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. 90, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Hubble, No. 111, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that the report of the committee be not concurred in. Motion lost.

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

Resolution No. 77, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 77. Denver, Colo., July 17, 1909.

To be added to the constitution under "Withdrawal card." "Any person leaving the jurisdiction of the Western Federation of Miners shall be compelled to take his withdrawal card."

PAUL CLARK, No. 53.

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. 77, and recommend that the same be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 79, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 79. Denver, Colo., July 17, 1909.

Amendment to article III, section 1, of the by-laws: In line 2, after the word "their," insert the words, "annual cr." In line 12, after the word "October" insert "that it be optional with locals of the Western Federation of Miners to hold their elections annually or semi-annually."

NEIL COLLINS,  
THOS. J. MURPHY,  
FRANK FITZPATRICK,  
ANDREW MALLON,  
Delegate No. 117.

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. 79, and recommend that the same be adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that the report of the committee be not concurred in. Motion carried.

The question then occurred on the resolution, and it was moved and seconded that the resolution be filed. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 52, with committee's report on same, read as follows: No. 52.

Article II, page 23, line 30, add after the word "local," the words "fines and." MALCOLM McDONALD, No. 4.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 52, and recommend that there is plenty of paper and that the introducer submit the same in proper form.

NEIL COLLINS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
JAMES BARSS,  
NICK THOMAS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
Constitution Committee.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be filed. Motion carried. Resolution No. 82, with committee's report on same, read as follows: No. 82.

Strike out of the ritual, on pages 11 and 12 all signs and grips, but will retain the password, also strike out saluting the vice president.

J. D. CLANEY, No. 146.

Denver, Colo., July 29, 1909.

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

We, your committee on ritual, beg leave to report on resolution No. 82, as the grips and signs are covered in resolution No. 66, we recommend that the password and saluting the vice president be retained.

JOS. MCKINNON,  
JAMES VARGO,  
JOHN BARRETT,  
THOS. J. MURPHY,  
Ritual Committee.

Moved by Delegate Tompkins, No. 138, seconded by Delegate Jensen, No. 48, that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, as a substitute, that the entire ritual be abolished with the exception of the obligation, installation, burial service and the regular order of business, and the same be submitted to a referendum vote. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 16, with report of committee on same, read as follows: No. 16.

Article II, section 4, page 6: Strike out of lines 16 and 17, "Of the Western Federation of Miners."

Add to article III, section 1: "They shall have a voice, but no vote in convention," page 7.

Strike out of article III, section 9, page 11: "That part of which conflicts with above."

That no officer be allowed to hold office for more than one term. Instructions to delegates passed at regular meeting of Elk Lake Miners' Union No. 149, Western Federation of Miners.

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

We, your committee on constitution and by-laws, beg leave to report on resolution No. 16, and recommend that the amendments be not adopted.

NEIL COLLINS,  
E. F. BOYLE,  
NICK THOMAS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
JAMES BARSS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
Constitution Committee.

Section 1 read.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate Gabbert, No. 247, that the report of the committee be rejected and section 1 be adopted as read. Motion lost.

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

Section 2, with committee's report read.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate Ladd, No. 186, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Section 3 read.

Moved by Delegate Collins, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Murphy, No. 117, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that after adjournment the convention will again convene at 1 p. m.

Moved and seconded as an amendment, that the convention will reconvene at 2 p. m. instead of 1 p. m. Motion carried.

Section 4 read.

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

The hour of 12 having arrived, the convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

August 2, 1909.

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

The following resolution was read and unanimously adopted: No. 195.

Whereas, Long hours of labor in ill-ventilated mines has cost the life of our dearly beloved and highly esteemed brother, Patrick G. Keaveney, therefore be it.

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the seventeenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, extend our profound sympathy to his sorrowing wife and friends, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this convention and a copy forwarded to his wife and a copy published in the Miners' Magazine.

FRANK FITZPATRICK,  
JAMES MCGUIRE,  
A. M. FLUENT,  
RICHARD BUNNEY,  
GEO. HEATHERTON,  
Committee.

The following resolution No. 66, by Delegate Bulmer, No. 38, with report of committee on same, was read as follows:

No. 66. Denver, Colo., July 16, 1909.

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

Whereas, It has become evident that in education lies our future hope and success; therefore be it

Resolved, That the answer to the question in our ritual, "What is the duty of every member of organized labor?" on page 4, be changed to read as follows:

"The duty of every member of organized labor is to be loyal to the principles of unionism and faithful to the interests of the class to which he belongs, for we hold that there is a class struggle in society and that this struggle is caused by economic conditions.

We affirm the economic conditions of the producer to be that he is exploited of the wealth which he produces, being allowed to retain barely sufficient for his elementary necessities.

We hold that the class struggle will continue until the producer is recognized as the sole master of his product.

We assert that the working class, and it alone, can and must achieve its own emancipation.

We hold that an industrial union and the concerted political action of all wage workers is the only method of attaining this end.

Champion the rights of labor.

Study well the preamble of the Western Federation of Miners, and at all times be prepared to defend it, for it is through education that we shall ultimately triumph."

And would further amend the initiation ceremony by striking out all words on page 11 after "password," and on page 12 down to the words "voting sign," in the third paragraph.

RUPERT BULMER,  
RICHARD BUNNY.

Denver, Colo., July 27, 1909.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:  
We, your committee on ritual, beg leave to report that resolution No. 66, be adopted.

JOE McKINNON,  
JAS. VARCOE,  
THOS. J. MURPHY,  
JOHN BARRETT,  
M. J. GALLAGHER,  
Ritual Committee.

Moved by Delegate Booher, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Lindsay, No. 83, that the report of the committee be not concurred in. Motion carried.  
Resolution No. 136, with report of the committee on same, read as follows:

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1909.

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

Dear Sirs and Brothers—No doubt some of you delegates here assembled are quite familiar with the rich mineral resources that abound in northern Ontario. Cobalt alone, produced in 1908, 20,000,000 ounces of silver, value at approximately \$10,000,000. This year, according to statistics, the above amount will be doubled. There are employed in and around the mines, over 3,500 men, and as we only have a membership of 600 members, it is plain to be seen that there is great need for a first class organizer.

There is Elk Lake district, which is about sixty miles northwest of Cobalt, which has about 150 members out of about 800 men employed around there. Gow Gow Ganda, is another camp situated about thirty miles west of Elk Lake, which employs about 800 men, and it is safe to say that there are not more than fifty members in that local. Then we have directly west of there, about 150 miles, the Sudbury district, which comprises several old and new camps—Copper Cliff chiefly—which employs 2,000 men alone. The surrounding camps range from 100 men up. Those latter places are unorganized as yet. The Michipicoten district is another mining center without organization; the same is true of the Sturgeon Lake district, and all that great mining belt lying north of the Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. This latter district is a gold district.

Then south of Cobalt, we have the Lorian district, which claims three producing mines. All this country is in its infancy as yet, barring Copper Cliff, which is about eighteen years in operation, and there is no doubt in my mind but what the above camps will be permanent and as I deem it advisable that the time is ripe for organization, and I wish to say to the incoming president that by giving us a first class, cool headed, competent organizer, that the per capita received from new members will more than recompense the salary of an organizer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES D. CLUNEY,  
Delegate Cobalt No. 146.  
Denver, Colo., July 28, 1909.

We, your committee on organization, would recommend that the communication of Delegate James D. Cluney, of Local No. 146, Cobalt, Ontario, be received and placed on file as it has already been covered by constitutional amendment.

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

Moved by Delegate Driscoll, No. 1, seconded by Delegate Blackburn, No. 83, that the resolution be placed on file. Motion carried.

Bill No. 48 of J. A. Jones, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 48.

We, your auditing committee, beg leave to submit the following report on the bill of J. A. Jones:

Whereas, J. A. Jones states that  
The amount owed the Minnesota District Union No. 11, by Hibbing Miners' Union No. 155, according to the statements of Vice President C. E. Mahoney, is ..... \$ 58.00  
The amount of order on Minnesota District No. 11 given to Hibbing Miners' Union No. 155, by J. A. Jones, was..... 48.00

The order would cancel part of debt of local and leave a balance in favor of the district, of ..... \$ 10.00  
Bill rendered, organizing in Minnesota, 1906, by J. A. Jones.....\$108.00  
Order given in favor of local ..... 48.00

Balance in favor of J. A. Jones .....\$ 60.00  
Amount collected from defunct District Union No. 11, C. E. Mahoney...\$ 50.00

Whereas, We, your auditing committee, have telegraphed for the books of the union involved in this matter, and

Whereas, The said books have not arrived, be it  
Resolved, That when the books arrive they shall be audited by the executive board and if it is found that the District Union No. 11 authorized J. A. Jones as an organizer and that District No. 11 owes J. A. Jones the amount of order given by him to Local No. 155, that he be reinstated and if any balance is still due him, same shall be paid from the \$50.00 collected from the defunct District No. 11, by the Federation.

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

Moved by Delegate Gauthier No. 146, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 174, that the report of the committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

The following resolution was read:  
No. 196.

To be submitted as an amendment to the auditing committee report re J. A. Jones' bill against the Federation for organizing in Minnesota or to a minority report if same is submitted.

Whereas, J. A. Jones was asked to help out the Western Federation of Miners in its time of trouble in Minnesota in June, 1907, and in so doing was thrown into Itasca county jail and kept confined thirty-five days, in the interest of the Federation, be it

Resolved, That he be given a clear card now.

H. T. BENNETT, No. 251.  
W. E. HUGHES, No. 198.  
JAS. DEVLIN, No. 117.  
HARRY STARK, No. 1.  
E. F. BOYLE, No. 190.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be laid on the table. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 32, with report of committee on same, read as follows:  
No. 32.

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

Whereas, All secret signs, grips and passwords of the Western Federation of Miners have been in existence for a long number of years, and  
Whereas, The secret work of such an organization should of necessity be changed more frequently as a safeguard against spotters, imposters, etc., therefore be it

Resolved, That all signs, grips and passwords and other secret work of the Western Federation of Miners be renewed and reformed throughout, and be it further

Resolved, That the delegate to the general convention from No. 17, Western Federation of Miners, be and is instructed to bring up and labor faithfully for the passage of this resolution.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by Wallace Miners' Union No. 17, Western Federation of Miners, June 26, 1909.

SAM KILBURN, Secretary.

Endorsed by District Union, June 29, 1909.

SAM KILBURN,

Per A. L. REESE, Secretary pro tem.  
Denver, Colo., July 29, 1909.

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

We, the committee on ritual, recommend that resolution No. 32, be not adopted.

JOS. McKINNON,  
JAS. VARCOE,  
JOHN BARRETT,  
THOS. J. MURPHY,  
Ritual Committee.

Moved by Delegate McGuire, No. 140, seconded by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, that the resolution be placed on file. Motion carried.

The following resolution was read and ordered filed:  
No. 197.

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

We beg leave to offer the following amendment as the delegates of this convention voted on a resolution on July 30, 1909, to abolish the password, that section 3 of article I, lines 19 to 22, page 20, be stricken out.

E. F. BOYLE,  
NICK THOMAS,  
F. L. GRANDY,  
NEIL COLLINS,  
JAMES BARSS,  
THOS. J. CONNORS,  
JOHN DRISCOLL,  
Constitution Committee.

Under the order of unfinished business the matter of electing representatives to issue call and attend conference as per resolution No. 24, between the Western Federation of Miners and other co-relative labor organizations was taken up, and it was moved by Delegate McNeill, No. 71, and seconded by Delegate McCartney, No. 67, that we proceed to elect said representatives. Motion carried.

The following delegates were nominated: Chas. Blackburn, No. 83; J. D. Gabbert, No. 247; Jas. Devlin, No. 117; Wm. Tracey, No. 5; Jos. D. Cannon, No. 106; Geo. Heatherton, No. 22; Chas. H. Moyer; Chas. K. Johnson, No. 1; M. J. O'Connor, No. 60; Wm. Jinkerson, No. 225; Neil Collins, No. 117; J. D. Whitesides, No. 167; C. E. Mahoney, No. 74; M. L. Tompkins, No. 138; Chas. Whitely, No. 74; Jas. P. McGuire, No. 140; E. F. Boyle, No. 190; James Kirwan, No. 5; Sam Kilburn, No. 17; Wm. Davidson, No. 81.

Moved and seconded that the seven delegates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that each delegate cast the same number of ballots as he has votes on roll call, and that he vote for seven delegates on each ballot, the seven receiving the highest number of votes to be representatives. Motion carried.

The convention then proceeded to ballot, which took up the remainder of the session.

The ballots not having been counted at the hour of adjournment, it was moved and seconded that the tellers continue the counting of the same at headquarters with the following delegates acting as watchers: Delegate Flynn, No. 1.

Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the convention convene tomorrow at 8 a. m. Motion carried.

**TWENTIETH DAY.**  
Morning Session.

August 3, 1909.

The convention was called to order by President Moyer at 8 a. m. Roll call was read and found all delegates present, except M. F. Gallagher, A. L. Neilson, and Chas. Grue.

The result of the election of seven delegates to draft invitation and attend the proposed conference between the Western Federation of Miners and other labor organizations was announced as follows:

Chas. H. Moyer, 259; James Devlin, 211; Jas. Kirwan, 208; Jos. D. Cannon, 198; C. A. Blackburn, 195; M. J. O'Connor, 159; C. E. Mahoney, 150; Jas. P. McGuire, 140; J. D. Gabbert, 104; Chas. Whitely, 102; Geo. Heatherton, 95; Chas. K. Johnson, 84; Sam Kilburn, 83; M. L. Tompkins, 75; Neil Collins, 67; J. D. Whitesides, 62; Wm. Davidson, 53; Wm. E. Tracey, 49; Ed F. Boyle, 46; Wm. F. Jinkerson, 15.

ERNEST MILLS,  
W. E. C. LITTLE,  
GEO. MILLS.

Chas. H. Moyer, James Devlin, James Kirwan, Joseph D. Cannon, Charles A. Blackburn, M. J. O'Connor and Chas. E. Mahoney, having received the highest votes, were declared elected by the chair.

Moved and seconded that the salary of said representatives shall be as provided by the constitution for other officers of the Western Federation of Miners.

Moved and seconded as an amendment that their salary shall be \$6.00 per day. Amendment lost.

Original motion put and declared carried.

Moved and seconded that the convention reaffirm the following resolution which was passed by the sixteenth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners:

Whereas, It has become apparent to all who are interested in the cases of the Mexicans, Villarell, Magoon and Riveria, who are now and have been for some time under arrest in California, charged with inciting revolution in Mexico, and with preparing to lead an armed force from Douglas, Arizona, across the border into Mexico, that the charges against those men are merely subterfuges, used for the purpose of getting those men into Mexico, for the purpose of inflicting on them the death penalty, not for inciting revolution, but because those men have endeavored to better the condition of the working class in Mexico, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Western Federation of Miners pledge to these men, Villarell, Magoon and Riveria, our moral support and recommend that the locals of this organization extend as far as they are able their financial assistance to the defense committee in Bisbee, which has this matter in charge.

Denver, Colo., July 24, 1908.

To the Delegates of the Sixteenth Annual Convention, Western Federation of Miners:

We, your committee on good and welfare, respectfully submit resolution

No. 119, relative to the cases of the Mexicans, Villar, H. Magoon and Rivera, now under arrest in California, and to report that upon their arrest we are convinced that the same are innocent of the crimes charged against them, that this is simply another case of capitalist persecution, we also find that B. S. Local No. 106, has appointed a committee to assist in the defense of these men. We would recommend that the Western Federation of Miners pledge its moral support to these men.

We further recommend that the locals of the Western Federation of Miners donate such sums as the condition of their treasury will permit and forward the same to the defense committee, care of B. S. Local No. 106.

COMMITTEE ON GOOD AND WELFARE

The motion was unanimously carried.

Under the order of new business, Delegate O'Connor, No. 60, read a letter written by Editor O'Neill, in which he gave some of his reasons for refusing to publish certain communications in the Miners' Magazine. Delegate O'Connor, on behalf of Glote Miners Union No. 106, wanted to know by what authority the editor refused to publish a certain communication bearing the seal of the Glote Miners' Union No. 60.

Moved by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, seconded by Delegate McGuire, No. 149, that Editor O'Neill be given the privilege of the floor to answer Delegate O'Connor. Motion carried.

Editor O'Neill then proceeded to read a supplementary report as his answer.

The communication in question which originally was written by one Harry Jardine and refused publication in the Miners' Magazine, was read to the convention.

Moved by Delegate Devlin, No. 117, seconded by Delegate Kirwan, No. 5, that this matter be consigned to the waste basket, and the position taken by Editor O'Neill, in refusing to publish the article in question be sustained. Motion carried.

The matter of contracts between locals of the Western Federation of Miners and employing interests in Montana was taken up and discussed.

Moved by Delegate Cannon, No. 106, seconded by Delegate McLeod, No. 1, that all contracts entered into between local unions of the Western Federation of Miners and the employing interests in Montana be repudiated. Motion carried.

Moved by Board Member Hutchinson, seconded by Delegate Walquist, No. 98, that the 8 module of hours adopted by the California State Union be not concurred in, and that whenever a union attempts to better their hours under the law that the demand shall be from collar to collar, exclusive of time for lunch, as provided by law, and that all local unions in California be notified of this action. Motion carried.

Moved by Delegate Booher, No. 1, seconded by Delegate McLeod, No. 1, that the executive board member from District No. 3 be instructed to use every means in his power to organize those unorganized workers in Butte, Montana, who rightfully belong to the Western Federation of Miners. Motion carried.

Under the order of election of officers, Brother Charles H. Moyer was nominated for president by Delegate Joseph D. Cannon of B. S. Arizona.

There being no other nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations for president be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for the election of Chas. H. Moyer as president of the Western Federation of Miners for the ensuing year. Motion unanimously carried.

Nominations for vice president being then in order, Chas. E. Mahoney was nominated by Delegate Barth, of No. 16, and M. J. O'Connor, No. 60, was nominated by Delegate T. J. Connor, No. 191.

There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded that the nominations for vice president be closed. Motion carried.

The convention proceeded to ballot with the following result: C. E. Mahoney, 193; M. J. O'Connor, 145.

The chair declared C. E. Mahoney elected to the vice presidency of the Western Federation of Miners for the ensuing year.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the convention adjourned till 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

August 3, 1909.

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

Moved and seconded that roll call be dispensed with. Motion carried.

Nominations for secretary-treasurer declared in order. Ernest Mills was nominated by Delegate George Heatherston, No. 22, seconded by Delegate Neil Collins, No. 117.

There being no other nominations the same was declared closed.

Moved and seconded that the acting secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention in favor of Ernest Mills, as secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners for the ensuing term. Motion carried.

Nominations for board member of District No. 1, declared in order.

Fred G. Clough was placed in nomination by Delegate Bruce, No. 263 and J. C. Mitchell by Delegate M. J. O'Connor, No. 60.

There being no further nominations the same was declared closed and the convention proceeded to ballot with result as follows: Fred G. Clough 176; J. C. Mitchell, 159.

Brother Clough having received the majority of the votes cast was declared elected by the chair.

Nominations were then declared in order for board member for District No. 2.

Joseph F. Hutchinson, Delegate Frank Monty, No. 10, and Delegate W. J. Martin, No. 91, were nominated; Delegate Martin, declining in favor of Delegate Monty. There being no further nominations, the same was declared closed.

The convention proceeded to ballot with the following result: J. F. Hutchinson, 168; Frank Monty, 165.

J. F. Hutchinson, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected board member for District No. 2.

Nominations were declared in order for board member for District No. 3.

John C. Lowney, was placed in nomination by Delegate Jas. Devlin, No. 117, and Owen McCabe, No. 1, by Delegate Hubble, No. 111. There being no further nominations, the same was declared closed, and the convention proceeded to ballot with the following result: J. C. Lowney, 179; Owen McCabe, 169.

J. C. Lowney, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected board member for District No. 3, for the ensuing year.

Nominations declared in order for board member for District No. 4.

Howard Tresidder was nominated by Delegate John Barrett, No. 99, and there being no further nominations it was moved and seconded that the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention in favor of Howard Tresidder for board member for District No. 4. Motion carried and same complied with.

Nominations declared in order for board member for District No. 5.

Delegate James Kirwan, No. 5, and Wm. E. Tracey, were nominated, the latter declining.

Moved and seconded that the election of Delegate Kirwan be made unanimous and the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention in favor of Delegate Kirwan for board member for district No. 5. Motion carried and same complied with.

Nominations declared in order for board member for District No. 6.

William Davidson, Delegate J. P. McGuire, No. 149, and Delegate Geo. Heatherston, No. 22, were placed in nomination.

The convention proceeded to ballot with the following result: Fatsy Elliot, Wm. Davidson, 132; J. P. McGuire, 119; Geo. Heatherston, 78.

Result of second ballot: Wm. Davidson, 104; J. P. McGuire, 114.

Wm. Davidson, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected board member for District No. 6.

Nominations for board member for District No. 7 were declared in order.

R. L. LaBley and Wm. Jackson were nominated, the former declining. Moved and seconded that the election of Wm. Jackson be made unanimous, and the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention in favor of Wm. Jackson. Motion carried and same complied with.

Nominations in order for board member for District No. 8 were declared in order.

Moved and seconded that the election of Yanco Terzich for board member for District No. 8 be made unanimous. Motion carried.

Report of engrossing committee was read as follows:

Denver, Colo., August 3, 1909.

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

Brothers: We, your engrossing committee, beg leave to submit the following as a summary of the amendments to the constitution, by-laws, and journal of your organization having received the approval of the seventeenth annual convention, the same to be submitted to a referendum vote of the membership.

Constitution.

To amend section 1, article II of the constitution line 19.

Strike out "second Monday in July" and insert "third Monday in July."

To amend section 4, article II of the constitution, by striking out all of line 8 after the word "Federation" and up to and including the word "thereof" on line 9, and inserting the following:

Such delegates and alternates shall be nominated and selected in compliance with section 1, article III of the by-laws, and said election of delegates and alternates shall take place at the semi-annual election of all local unions, the first meeting in June.

To amend section 5, article III of the constitution, line 24, page 10.

Strike out "first week in April" and insert "first week in May."

Amend section 1, article IV of the constitution. Strike out section 1 and insert the following:

The revenue of the Federation shall be derived from a charter fee of ten dollars and a per capita tax of twenty-five cents per month on all monthly dues collected in accordance with the stamp system, to be paid from the general fund of each union through the purchase of said stamps in advance and in case of emergency such assessments, as in the judgment of the executive board or convention may be necessary, the same shall be paid from the general fund and based on the preceding quarterly report previous to such assessment.

Amend section 2, article IV of the constitution by striking out all of said section and inserting the following:

Any union failing to purchase the required number of per capita and assessment stamps to stamp all membership cards in compliance with the stamp system shall be penalized as prescribed by section 2 of article VII of the constitution.

Section 5, article VIII. Whenever a member of a local union shall become a foreman, shift boss or assume a position that cannot be termed as part of the mining industry, he shall lose all rights to a voice, vote or seat in the meeting of his local union, but may continue his membership as a beneficiary member, or upon application to the financial secretary he may be granted a withdrawal card.

Amendment to section 2, article VIII of the constitution, line 36.

Amend by striking out the words "in either case," also words "or plaintiff."

Amendment to article II, section 6, constitution. New section: Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Western Federation of Miners shall be entitled to one delegate, with one vote for each auxiliary in good standing, but mileage and per diem shall be paid by the auxiliary.

Amendment to article VII to be known as section 4.

Any local union whose secretary fails to forward to the secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners properly filed out quarterly and annual reports within twenty-five days after the same become due on April 1st, July 1st, September 1st, and January 1st, shall be advertised in the Miners' Magazine as being in bad standing.

This section shall not apply to local unions in Alaska.

Article III, section 5, page 10, lines 41 and 42.

For his services he shall receive the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month.

By-Laws.

To amend section 1, article III of the by-laws, line 3, strike out "March and September," and insert "June and December."

Line 12. Strike out "April and October" and insert "July and January."

Addition to the by-laws, article II, to be known as section 8.

Secretaries issuing cards shall place seal of local union on front cover of same.

Article 1, section 9. That the first sentence down to and including the word "state" be stricken out and the following inserted: "Where a majority of local unions in a district or state deem it necessary they may organize a district or state union for the purpose of doing business for the district or state."

Ritual.

That the entire ritual be abolished, with the exception of the obligation, installation, burial service, and regular order of business.

BARNEY LINDSEY,  
JOHN HARPER,  
SAM KILBURN,  
J. T. SULLIVAN,

Committee.

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Moved as an amendment that the secretary be instructed to incorporate in the amendments to be submitted to referendum, amendments overlooked by engrossing committee. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the words "in bad standing" be stricken out of engrossing committee's report in amendment to article VII, section 4.

The place for holding the next convention of the Western Federation of Miners was brought up and the following cities nominated: Denver, Salt Lake City, Butte, Montana, and Elk Lake, Ontario.

After a little discussion, the last three named places were withdrawn and Denver selected as the place for holding the next convention of the Western Federation of Miners.

The installation of the newly elected officers was then proceeded with Del. J. F. Hutchinson, No. 168, in the chair.

Under the head of good and welfare, several delegates spoke, assuring the newly elected officers of their support and hoping that peace and harmony would prevail in the organization during the year on which we are now entering.

The reading of the minutes was called for and the same adopted as read.

After a splendid speech by President Moyer, it was moved and seconded that the convention thank President Moyer for his fairness as chairman during the convention.

Mrs. Emma F. Landon, who was in the vice president's chair, put the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The convention was then declared adjourned sine die.

ERNEST MILLS, Secretary,  
ROBERT McKENZIE, Asst. Secretary.



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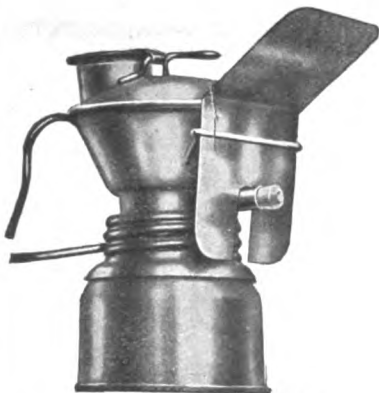
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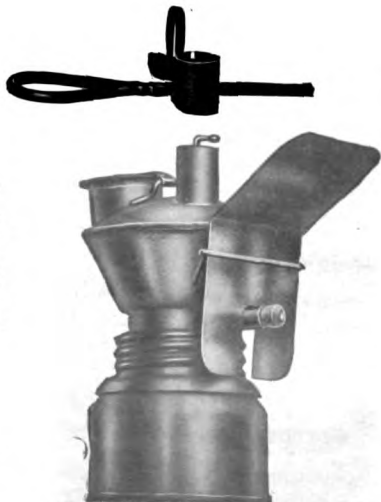


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