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transactions of the Everett
Section of the Socialist La-
bor Party, from October 1st.
1897.

Volume 1.



Those who feed the
world must rule it.

J. Benoit.

All men meet the same fate
in life and the same destiny
after death.

J. Benoit.

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Everett Washington, October 1,
1897, at 2 P.M. the following
persons were assembled to wit:

F. Stalhman, A. M. Leighton, J.
Benoit H. W. Westerman, H. J. F.
Rohde and others, making 14 in
all. After due deliberation it
was agreed to organize a Section
of the Socialist Labor Party.

The following officers were elected
to wit; A. M. Leighton Organizer;
J. Benoit Secretary; F. Stalhman
Treasurer; H. J. F. Rohde, H. J. Bibean
and P. Conway were elected Trus-
tees.

Moved and carried that the Na-
tional committee be requested to
grant a charter to this new Section.
A committee of three was ap-

pointed to rent a Hall.

Receipt \$ 1.00
Adopted

J. Benoit, Sec.

Everett, Nov. 7, 1897.

The meeting opened at 8 P.M. with A. J. Bibean in the chair. The organizer, secretary, treasurer and trustee Rohde were present.

The organizer reported the charters received and also read complimentary letters from the organizers of the Edmunds and Seattle Sections.

The committee on Hall reported the renting of a Hall at \$2.00 per month. The report was accepted.

Moved and carried that the monthly

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be fixed at 25 cts.

Moved and carried that a committee on "by-laws" be appointed. The chair accordingly appointed T. Bennett, A. M. Leighton and H. J. G. Rohde as such committee.

The secretary was authorized to purchase stationery for the use of the section.

Moved and carried that the regular meeting be held every Sunday at 8 P.M.

Receipt \$ 0.50
Adopted

J. Benoit Sec.

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November 14, 1897.

Section meeting opened at 8 P.M. with P. Conway as chairman. Present were the Secretary, treasurer, organizer and trustees Bibean and Rhode.

Minutes of previous meetings read and adopted.

The secretary reported having bought stationery for the use of the section to the amount of 40 cents.

The committee on by-laws were allowed an extension of time to complete their work. Receipt 25 cents.

Moved and carried that Mr. Bibean address the meeting next Sunday night. Adjourned.

Adopted-

J. Benoit
Sec.

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November 21, 1897.

Section meeting opened at 8 P.M. with Comrade Bibean in the chair. Were present Organizer Leighton, Secretary and treasurer and Comrade P. Conway.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

No business was transacted.

The section listened to an interesting address from Comrade Bibean.

Adjourned.

Adopted-

J. Benoit
Sec.

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6/ November 28, 1897.

Section Meeting opened at 8 P.M. with Comrade Bibean in the chair. Present were the secretary, Organizer and comrades Rhode, Conway and Reetz.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Lc. P. Crawford was admitted as a member of the section.

The resignation of Organizer Leighton was accepted.

Moved and carried that at the next ^{meeting} an organizer be elected to succeed Mr. Leighton.

A vote of thanks was accorded Organizer Leighton for his zeal and efforts in connection with the

organization of the Everett section of the S.L.P.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Bibean and Crawford act as a committee to hire a Hall and invite Mr. West to deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Everett section of the Socialist Labor Party.

A vote of thanks was granted J. Benoit for a short lecture delivered before the section.

Receipt of the evening 25cts.
Adjourned.

Adapted

J. Benoit
Sec.

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Everett, December 5, 1897.

Section meeting opened at 8 P.M.
with Comrade Bibean in the chair.
Minutes of previous meeting read
and adopted.

Ernest Krambuhl was admitted to
the membership of the section.

The committee to arrange with Mr.
Sheet for a lecture reported that owing
to Mr. Sheet's engagements in other sections
of the country he was unable to address
this section as anticipated.

H. J. Bibean was elected organizer
by acclamation.

The subject of discussion for the next
meeting will be "Why should not
workingmen be socialists?"

Adopted
J. Benoit sec.

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Everett, Dec. 12, 1897.

Section meeting opened at 8
P.M. with Comrade Stahlman
in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting
read and approved. Constant Pidraita, Chas. King
and Joseph Astrant were ad-
mitted to the membership of the
section.

Moved and carried that a com-
mittee of five be appointed to
devise plans and means for the
organization of an Industrial co-
operation society. Comrades Bibean,
King, Pidraita, Stahlman and
Benoit were appointed as such com-
mittee. Receipt of the evening 75 cents.

Adopted
J. Benoit sec.

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Everett, Dec. 19, 1897.

Meeting opened at 8 P.M. with L. P. Crawford in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved and carried that hereafter meetings shall be called to order at 7 instead of 8 P.M.

Committee on Co-operation was accorded an extension of time to report.

Agreed that the subject of discussion for next meeting shall be: Socialism, its purpose and intent.

No receipt. Adjourned.

Adopted - J. Benoit Jr.

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Everett, January 2, 1898.

Meeting opened at 7 P.M. with Comrade King in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved and carried that committee on co-operation be granted an extension of time report. (1)

Receipt of the evening \$ 1.00
Adjourned.

J. Benoit Jr.

(1) P. J. Moved and carried that the Treasurer pays a month's rent out of the general fund. J.B. S.

Adopted. J.B. S.

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Everett, Jan. 9, 1898.

Meeting opened at 7 P.M. with
comrade Stahlman in the chair.
Minutes of previous meeting read
and approved.

Moved and carried that the secre-
tary requests the National Secretary
to forward sample copies of
the official organ to the Everett
Section.

No receipt. Adjourned.
J. Benoit Sec.
Adopted

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Everett, Jan. 16, 1898.

Meeting opened at 8 P.M.
with Comrade Westermann in
Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting
read and approved.

Organizes, Bibeau, tendered
his resignation.

Moved and carries that said
resignation lay on the table till
next meeting.

Moved and carried that steps be
taken to hold a public meeting
and to secure a speaker and give
a social dance at a future date.

On motion the chairman appointed
a committee of three to perfect the
arrangements for such meeting

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and dance. Comrades Hes-
terman, Bihean and Astrout were
appointed as such committee.
(1) No receipt. On motion
the meeting adjourned.

Adopted

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Applications for membership
were made by G. W. Mattson
and Frank Winscott.

Adopted J. B

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Everett, Jan. 23, 1898.

Meeting opened at 8 P.M.
with comrade Hestermann in
the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting
read and approved.

G. W. Mattson and F. Winscott
were admitted to membership.

A letter from the out-going
organizer, H. J. Bihean was read
and its contents accepted, as follows.
The charge for the use of a stone
to Feb. 1st, 1898 = 50 cts. for fuel
50 cts = 75 cts of which sum was
applied to pay his dues to Feb. 1st,
1898, and the balance, 25 cts, duly retn-
ned to him by the treasurer.

On motion a grievance committee

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was appointed as follows;
J. Benoit, C. King and F.
Stalhman.

Committee on public meeting
and ball was granted an exten-
sion of time to report.

H. J. F. Rhode was appointed com-
mitteeman on meeting and ball in
lieu of H. J. Bibean resigned.

Moved Stalhman was elected orga-
nizer to succeed H. J. Bibean resigned.

Chs. King was elected treasurer to
succeed F. Stalhman resigned.

Moved and carried that hereafter
regular business meetings be held
the last Sunday of every month at
2 P.M.

It was suggested that the secretary
inquires from head quarters about

this section's Charter.

Subject of next lecture "Political
action".

Receipts \$125 cts.

Adjourned.

J. Benoit Sec.

Adopted

Mr Chairman, and Committee
of Everett S. D. R. P. Club.

One week ago I intended to resign
in, with, your Honorable body have
laid on the table for a week. I hope that
you have all come to the conclusion,
that this is for the best welfare of your
club that I be relieved from my duties
as your officer, as I do demonstrate
beyond, no plain, to be misundertood,
that I am not in accord with
the Platform of the Party.

Yours fraternally,
A. J. Bibean.

I. S. Wm. I hope you will please, justice
to my credit on your books the following
billings,
the use of a stone 28^{1/2} inches to forty 1^{1/2} ft - 53²
two lots of wood, delivered by Boys. ^{\$5} ⁰⁰
Mr. King will handle any credit, ^{Total} ⁵⁸ ⁰⁰
(to be considered)

was appointed as follows:
J. Benoit, C. King and F.
Stalman.

Committee on public Meeting
and ball was granted an exten-
sion of time to report.

H. J. F. Rhode was appointed com-
mitteeman on meeting and ball in
lieu of H. J. Bibean resigned.

Fred Stalman was elected orga-
nizer to succeed H. J. Bibean resigned.
Chas. King was elected treasurer to
succeed F. Stalman resigned.
Moved and carried that hereafter
regular business meetings be held
the last Sunday of every month at
2 P.M.

It was suggested that the secretary
inquires from head quarters about

this section's Charter.

Subject of next lecture "Political
action".

Receipts \$1625 etc.
Adjourned.

Adopted

J. Benoit Sec.

Mr Chapman, and Committee
of Everett S. L. P. Club.
One week ago I tendered my resigna-
tion, which your Honorable body have
laid on the table for a week. I hope that
you have all come to the conclusion,
that this is for the best welfare of your
club that I be relieved from my duties
as an officer, as I have demonstrated
by words, no plain to be misunderstood,
that I am not in accord with
the Platform of the Party.

Yours fraternally,
A. J. Bibean.

I. S. Writing you will please place
to my credit on your books the following
sums,
house of a dove 25⁰/per doz to Feb 1st 1798 - 55⁰
two lots of wood, delivered by Boys. 3⁰
\$7.00
Mr. King will handle any ^{Total} cost (to be considered)

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Everett, Washington, Jan. 30, 1898.

Meeting opened at 2 P. M.
with Comrade Stalhman in the
Chair. Minutes of previous mee-
ting read and approved.

Fred. Stalhman presented a Bill
of \$6.35 for 1 doz. Chairs, said bill
was recognized due, but payment was
deferred for lack of funds in the treasury.

Grievance Committee reported that
ex-organizer, Bihean, wished to be
stricken off the roll of this section.
And the secretary was instructed
to act accordingly.

The Committee on entertainment and
Ball was given full power to perfect
arrangements for a public meeting
and Ball to be given on the 19.

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of February, 1898.

Moved and carried that the
secretary prepare and present a list
of the delinquent members of this
Section at next regular meeting.

No receipt.

On motion the section adjourned.

J. Benoit Sec.

Everett March 27th 1898.

Regular business meeting opened 8 p.m.
with comrade Vinent in the chair. In the absent
of the Secretary Benoit. Chas King was appoin-
ted to act for this evening. Moved and
carried to have a committee of one appointed
to act with the Chairman, to get all the
books, papers and other property, belonging
to this Section, Fred Stalhman as committee.
Moved and carried Chas King as committee to
get of W. G. Westerman, The final Report.

Everett, Feb. 1st, 1898.

List of the members who are three months in arrear in their membership dues to this section up to Feb. 1st, 1898.

- 1 A. M. Leighton, in arrear for nov. per year
- 2 Joseph Monette " " " "
- 3 Peter Uisinger, " " " "
- 4 Geor. Russell " " " "
- 5 H. W. Pesterman, " " " "
- 6 D. Conway, " " " "
- 7 Fred. Moran, " " " "
- 8 J. G. Rhode " " " "
- 9 One name unknown " " " "

J. Benoit Sec.

of Receipt and expenditure from Ball held on the 19th of March. Moved and carried to have a special business meeting Sunday April - the 3rd at 8 p.m. sharp, all good standing members to be notified, for the Election of Officers for the next 6 months and prepare the Report, ^{for} the Central Headquarter.

Dues for this evening.

Postent	50¢
Stahlman	50¢
E. Party	1.00
Ch. King	50¢
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	\$2.00

No further business on hand moved and carried to adjourn.

Chas King (Supra T.)

Everett April 7th 1895.
Meeting opened at 9 P.M. with comrad Rose in the chair for this evening, in the absent of the Secretary, Chas King appointed to act this evening. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Secretary ordered to Report the vote of this Soc. to the State committee, moved and carried to pay to the National Ex. Committee New York \$2.00. and the rest to the Landlord for Rent. Report from Committee on Books received and accepted. Moved and carried to close this Soc. and send books and papers to National Ex. Committee further that this Soc. be reorganized, as soon as it has the regular number of men. Moved and carried that H. W. Westerman be suspended till he pays his dues and debt to this Section and Party.

Dues H. Rose 75¢ no further business moved and carried to adjourn.

Chas King
Fred. Stahlman Ogo
See P.T.

of Receipt and expenditure from Ball held on the 19th of March. Moved and carried to have a special business meeting Sunday April - the 3rd at 8 p.m. sharp, all good standing members to be notified, for the Election of Officers for the next 6 months and prepare the Report ^{for} the Central Headquarter.

Dues for this evening.

Costen	50¢
Stahlman	50¢
E. Riely	1.00
Ch. King	50¢
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	\$2.00

No further business on hand moved and carried to adjourn.

Chas King
Surpr. T.

Everett April 7th 1895.
Meeting opened at 9 P.M. with comrad Rhode in the chair for this evening, in the absent of the Secretary, Chas King appointed to act this evening. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Secretary ordered to Report the rate of this Soc. to the State committee, moved and carried to pay to the National Tax Commission New York \$2.00. and the rest to the Landlord for Rent. Report from Committee on Books received and accepted. Moved and carried to close this Soc. and send books and papers to National Ex. Committ further that this Soc. be reorganized, as soon as it has the regular number of men. Moved and carried that H. W. Westerman be suspended till he pays his dues and debt to this Section and Party.

Dues. H. Rhode 75¢ no further business moved and carried to adjourn.

J. F. Rhode
Chas King
Fred. Stahlman Ogo
See P.T.