

Enclosed: Copy of resolutions  
1899, Apr. 8

Seattle April 12 1899

Henry Kubin

Dear Comrade

What<sup>2</sup> do you folks think ails us  
Washingtonians. Is it Worms or - Will I dont  
know that you are called upon to diagnose a case  
you have not seen -

When Frank O Neil left Whatcom he told me that  
Beck was more than he could stand that he (Beck)  
was too emphatic in his methods of propoganda that  
calling a man a "son of a Bitch" did not have a tendency  
to make a man class-conscious. Will O Neil went to  
Pomona Cal and I see he is Org. of a new section formed  
there - I wish he had remained in Whatcom.

The enclosed is copy of what I got from  
Beck 2 days ago. Beck means all right but his  
temper would set a wall on fire. I wrote him  
that the Section (Pork branches) was certainly the  
Unit of Organization - That it would require a vote  
of the whole Section to dissolve a Section - That if 10  
desired to continue they should certainly have that right.

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I further suggested that all talk of disorganizing was childish. I requested him to call a meeting of both Branches as a Section and that Lowry & I would go up and hold a revival meeting.

Will you please place a construction on Sec II. par 13 of the National Constitution - at least in this - How are members to be received - is it to be by vote of the Branch to which they apply - by the Central Committee or by vote of the Section (both branches)

My own idea would be that the Section, being the unit, should vote, but this would be hell on a big Section like N.Y. Do you (Sec. N.Y.) delegate this power to the Central Committee or does each branch vote in its own members, and what power expels - The Section or branch.

It will be best in this case to have a ruling from head quarters. I don't think it will be a very serious matter at Whatecom at least hope not but I will take along Organization papers for out of their 60 or 80 members there should be a few at least who want to be saved. What a fine thing it would be if we could Educate before we organize. I see Sec San Francisco has had to sit down on the rotten mob in

to damn much  
"Liberty" branch.

Travelling N.Y. D. E. Law  
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New Whatcom April 8 1899

To V. J. Dean State Sec. S.L.P. Washington

Dear Comrade - At a meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> of the Central Committee of Sec. Whatcom consisting of 7 delegates duly elected by the Branches No 1 & No 2. the enclosed Rules and Regulations for Sec. Whatcom were unanimously adopted in addition to the national constitution of the Socialist Labor party. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch No. 2 in regular "Bissenis" meeting has rejected some of them, and in a meeting of Branch No 1 on April 5<sup>th</sup> the same thing was done. As matters stand now the central committee of Sec. Whatcom in its true sense is not recognized by the branches, each branch claiming to be the unit of Organization can admit members and expel members, and no central, state or national committee has any right to interfere.

According to a brilliant speech made by William Mc Cormick at the meeting last Wednesday, the branch No. 1. Sec. Whatcom is the highest authority in the socialist movement. Now whereas the Section is the unit of organization according to a letter from Kuhn dated Feb. 25 99, and whereas the Constitution says plainly that sections who are divided in two or more branches must create a central committee, and whereas Branch 1 & 2 ~~have~~ <sup>of</sup> Sec. Whatcom have not recognized a Central Committee, therefore in <sup>view of</sup> that case it is the duty of the organization to declare Section Whatcom dissolved and forward all property belonging to Sec. Whatcom to its proper place which is in believe the national Executive Committee or State Committee please inform me of the same

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property as I can estimate is some books and some cash in Branch No 2 also some cash, credit stamps leaflets and Charter from the Central Committee I have written Kuhn there is no attention paid to instruction from any where if presented by the Organizer the privilege seems to be put in that direction and is created by a few members among them chiefly Wilson the Shoemaker in Branch No 1 and L. Nelson the Secretary of the Section who is voting for measures in the Central Committee and then goes in Branch No 2 and rejects them (because) myself as a member in good standing in the S.L.P. resisting is self given Authority during the Masquerade season 3 months ago you see the article No 6 which is mark rejected and where action was taken direct against the Constitution of the party and the Central State and National Executive Committee ignored. Now all members admitted to Section "Whatecom since May 8" last has been wrongfully. because branch No 1 has taken the privilege to declare herself the Unit of Organization and several efforts on correction of the same by my self have failed. Either is it lack of comprehension or wilful Disruption of the organization I am unable to tell, at any rate I must state that there is no one who looks into close organization and be really fit for Organizer if the section shall prevail, any longer

Awaiting your reply to the above I shall remain

Yours fraternally  
Conrad Beck

Organizer Sec. Whatecom

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Punctate to suit yourself.

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### Rules and Regulations.

Section Whatcom S.L.P. consisting of Branch No. 1 and Branch No. 2 also a Central Committee of 7 delegates, has adopted the following Rules and Regulations in addition to the constitution of the Socialist Labor party.

No. 1. No member can belong to more than one branch, the party does not permit dual membership.

No. 2. Members of the Section as well as delegates to the Central Committee can only vote in the branch of which they are members.

No. 3. Not less than (5) five members present shall constitute a quorum for Branches and not less than four (4) for the Central Committee.

No. 4. The delegates of the Central Committee shall be elected by the Branches in accordance to their membership.

No. 5. The officers of the branches shall be elected by the Branches, but the officers of the ~~central~~ Section by the Central Committee.

No. 6. { An applicant for membership shall be carefully examined by the branch he wishes to join, but shall be admitted into the section by the Central Committee (or by joint session)

Rejected

No. 7. Any branch who has less than five <sup>(5)</sup> members in good standing shall be called dissolved and all property belonging to said branch shall go into the section.

No. 8. Monthly dues shall be regulated by the branches.

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