

EDITORIAL

## “RESTORING” A RESOLUTION.

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**L**OCAL Omaha of the so-called Socialist, alias Social Democratic party adopted on the 7th of this month a series of whereases and resolutions which it requests the Socialist press of the country to publish. In response to the request, the said Socialist party papers are publishing the below:

Omaha, Neb., May 7.—Local Omaha, Socialist Party, at a general meeting, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A so-called “Socialist Propaganda Club” had been organized by a number of persons whose leaders were the deposed officers, Secretary Geo. Bard and Treasurer F.A. Alexander, of the Nebraska State Committee, the former having been found guilty of being a paid hireling of the Republicans, and the latter having been found guilty in attempting to weaken the party organization through the formation of a Propaganda Club; and

WHEREAS, Both of these members, instead of complying with the deposition, have made an unsuccessful attempt to put themselves in possession of the party’s property, were prevented therefrom by the State Committee, have even brought the matter before the court, which decided in favor of the Party; and

WHEREAS, Walter Thomas Mills, National Committee member from Kansas, made an agreement with the said “Socialist Propaganda Club” to deliver a course of lectures under their auspices, and although he has been notified by Local Omaha as to who those people are, still refused to cancel his lecture-course, and turned over the Local’s letter to a non-Party member; be it

RESOLVED, That we, members of Local Omaha, Socialist Party, in mass meeting assembled, brand Comrade Walter Thomas Mills as a violator of the duties of a comrade as well as those of a Party officer; be it further,

RESOLVED, That we call upon the State of Kansas to withdraw Comrade Mills from the National Committee; and be it furthermore

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Committee, to the State Committees of Kansas and Nebraska, to the Socialist press of the country, and to Walter Mills.

A careful scanning of the above justifies the theory that a good portion of the

original whereas and resolutions must have miscarried in transportation. To present them as above, and as is being done by the said “Socialist” party press, is very much like the fragmentary presentation of some curious ante-diluvian monster of whom only fragments have fallen into the naturalist’s hands. A Cuvier “restores” the fossil. From his knowledge of anatomy, etc., he concludes as to how the missing parts must have looked, and he then presents the “restored” animal from head to toes. The same method and system being now applied to the published fragments of the Omaha Resolution, the following unpublished and in transportation miscarried fragments may be given to the public, along with the above fragments that did not miscarry:

“WHEREAS, A Socialist organization has for its task no less gigantic a job than the cleaning away of the dust and filth of capitalism;

“WHEREAS, Such a job is entirely in the nature of a House-cleaning on a national basis;

“WHEREAS, He who wishes to qualify for a big job, must first show his capacity to fill a smaller one;

“WHEREAS, The ‘Socialist’ party organization demonstrates by its impotence in the handling of Professor Walter Thomas Mills, not to mention of other and many similar individuals, that it is not able to keep its own house clean, and lacks the grip and power to dispose of the dust, dirt and filth therein; therefore, be it

“RESOLVED, That this body do, and hereby does, go out of the National House-cleaning business, and do, and hereby does set up its shingle as a junk-shop.”

As a Socialist paper, THE PEOPLE takes pleasure in acceding to the request of “Local Omaha,” and the paper hereby gives the benefit of its extensive international circulation to the above-restored resolutions.

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