David E. Folsom Vindicated.

The Truth on Fire.

Friends in Numbers Make Answer to the Infamous Charges Preferred Against One of the Best Citizens of Meagher County, or of Montana.

In the Nelhurt Mine of Oct. 27, 1892, appeared the following letter attacking the character of David E. Folsom, candidate on the republican ticket in Meagher county for senatorial honor:

READ THIS.

Charges Against David Folsom Which He Cannot Deny—An Open Enemy of the Workingman. Workingmen, Remember the Strike at the Cumberland in the Winter of 1891 and Vote Accordingly.

Nelhurt, Mont., Oct. 27, 1892.

Editor Miner,

This is a true statement. In September, 1891, I, in company with about twenty other men, were employed on rock work at the Cumberland Mine. We started Labor: saloon and the rate of wage was $3 per day. Dave Folsom and Len Lewis were two of the heavest stockholders and in order to have that strike put down. In September, 1891, I, in company with about twenty other men, were employed on rock work at the Cumberland Mine. We started Labor: saloon and the rate of wage was $3 per day. Dave Folsom and Len Lewis were two of the heavest stockholders and in order to have that strike put down.

We went on strike and both these gentlemen sent men off their mines to take our place. A meeting of the union was held and in it was decided to call on these men in a body to persuade them not to work for less than $3 per day. Folsom had some of his tools at the meeting and he informed us of what took place and Folsom at once secured the services of Sheriff Rader, a willing tool, with a lot of depuits, and when we arrived on the ground the sheriff and depuits armed with Winchester rifles and a lot of slings hotly, placed fifty-one of us under arrest and carried us to White Sulphur Springs. Then the force of justice began. This Dave Folsom and his tools went around White Sulphur Springs finding out who was for and who against labor and from those against a jury was selected. The taxpayers made such an outcry about the charge that only two were placed on trial. They were ably defended by Powell Bean, the present candidate for county attorney on the democratic ticket but with such a jury we were found guilty. An appeal was taken to the district court and bail was fixed. Then came Folsom's hands again. He worked away every way he knew how to prevent any person going on their bonds, but one man they could bother was me, Mr. Suthlin, who is now a candidate for the legislature on the democratic ticket. He stepped to the front like a man and furnished bonds. At this time Folsom denounced all organized labor, and particularly the miners' union, saying that he was not for the union he could fill the Cumberland mine with men at $30 a month. This is the same Folsom who now asks us honest miners to vote for him in preference to that consistent friend of the workingman, Ed. Murphy. No honest laborer who knows Folsom and his record can vote for him; no man who knows and recollects the treatment our union at Cumberland received at his hands will vote for him, and, I myself, being personally one of the arrested, will take pleasure in voting and working against Folsom and in favor of that honest capable man, Ed. Murphy.

Respectfully,

George McGowan.

These charges have been met by Mr. Folsom in a very manly way. He says they are not true but seeks in no manner to verify either his accuser or his opponent. In a most considerate way he has explained the truth in reference to the maladministration and has given proof evident that what he says is true. He is well known to most of our citizens and by those individuals is spoken of in the highest terms as being possessed of all the estimates and true integrity in all his dealings.

Mr. Folsom, as is seen, is charged with, (1) cutting the wages, (2) helping to arrest strikers; (3) filling vacancies in the labor with men off his ranch; (4) molesting in the trial; (5) packing a jury; (6) trying to prevent the proceeding of ball; (7) bowing at the same time against all organized labor.

James T. Anderson, a democrat, of his own free will makes affidavit as follows:

STATE OF MONTANA, ss.

County of Meagher.

James T. Anderson, being the first duly sworn, says that on the 4th day of February, A.D., 1893, he was the Secretary of the Cumberland Mining & Smelting Company; that on that date David E. Folsom was not a stockholder in the aforesaid company, having previously sold his stock in said company to Len Lewis, Charles E. Severance, et al, and further affidavit says not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October, A.D., 1892.

David Penwell, Notary Public.

In further vindication, Mr. J. O. Hussey comes forward with his statement. He declares that the candidate for senator is falsely and maliciously accused. That he had no entanglement whatever in the aforesaid strike, and that he had no connection either with the employment of the men or with the prosecution which followed.

STATE OF MONTANA, ss.

County of Meagher.

John O. Hussey, being the first duly sworn, says I had the contract for grading the smelter site at Castle, Montana, and in order to make as much out of it as I could, I employed men at such figures as I could get them. David Folsom, the present candidate for senator from this county had nothing whatsoever to do with any reduction of wages of men who worked upon the smelter site. I was present during the trial of the so-called strikers and know of my own personal knowledge that Mr. Folsom had nothing whatever to do with their prosecution. No men left Folsom's ranch with whom I was acquainted. I make this affidavit to place Mr. Folsom right before the voters of Meagher county, and right the wrong done him by an article that appeared in an issue that appeared in the Nelhurt Miner of the date of October 27, 1892, and signed by George McGowan, and further affidavit says not.

J. O. Hussey.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of October, 1892.

DAVID PENWELL, Notary Public.

It would seem that nothing more is necessary to show that the letter of Mr. McGowan is maliciously libelous.

Charles E. Severance, president of the Cumberland mining and smelting company, shows that Mr. Folsom not only was not interested in the company's business but that he expressed himself as believing the policy of reducing wages a poor one.

STATE OF MONTANA, ss.

County of Meagher.

Charles E. Severance, being the first duly sworn, says: "I am 37 years of age, a resident of Oka, Meagher county and the president of the Cumberland Mining & Smelting company, that I have read the article of one George McGowan, published in the Nelhurt Miner of the 27th of October, setting forth the acts of David E. Folsom in relation to the trouble of the working men and the Cumberland Mining & Smelting company. I have this day examined the books of the said company and find that all the stock standing in the name of David E. Folsom was sold and transferred on the 15th day of October, 1892, and that at the time of the said trouble Mr. Folsom was not interested in the Cumberland Mining & Smelting company either directly or indirectly. In a subsequent conversation I had with Mr. Folsom, he made the remark that he considered the acts of the Cumberland Mining & Smelting company in cutting down wages was a very poor one."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October 1892.

JAMES M. ABDEL, Notary Public.
A democrat, John A. Woodson, who proposes to vote for Mr. M'Pul- 
hy, also says the following:

STATE OF MONTANA.  
County of Meagher.  
John A. Woodson, being duly sworn, says: I am 41 years of age, a 
president of Castle, and a member of the Castle Mountain Miners' union of 
Castle. I have read the letter of George McGow- 
an, published in the Neihart Miner of the 23rd of October, referring to the acts of 
David E. Folsom at the strike of the workmen at the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company in February 1891. I have read the letter of David E. Folsom at said strike. 
Said David E. Folsom was not present at said strike, did not direct, assist in, or encourage the arrest of the men striking, to my 
knowledge and belief, and was not at the time the manager of the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company. I have always been a friend to labor. 

JOE WESTBROOK.
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MONTANA.  
County of Meagher.  
Malachi R. Conwhy, being duly sworn, says: I am 60 years of age, a 
resident of Castle, and that I have read the article of one George McGowan, published 
in the Neihart Miner of the 23rd of October, setting forth the acts of 
David E. Folsom in relation to the so-called 
strikes between the Company and the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company in February 1891. At the 
time of the said strike I was constable of Castle Township and was at the Cast- 
bear mine on official business when I 
was called by William Gorden, who at 
that time was in charge of the payroll of the Company's men, and I was instructed by 
my superiors to assist in quelling the disturbance. 
I was in the interest of the Company and the man was taken to the 
company, and was charged with being an employee of the 
company, and I was present and 
attending the company meeting and during the time said David E. Folsom was the 
general manager of the said company. I always thought the said David E. 
Folsom to be a friend of labor, and I have always been a friend to labor.

LAFAYETTE PARKER.
Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Folsom advised not to stand 
the cut in wages.

STATE OF MONTANA.  
County of Meagher.  
Owen Tierney being duly sworn says: I am 47 years of age, a presi- 
dent of Castle, and I have read the letter of George McGowan, published in the Neihart 
Miner of the 23rd of October, 1892. In the letter of said David E. Folsom, the candidate for 
State Senator on the republican ticket, is an enemy of high wages and labor. I 
would hereby advise him to quit his 
work and cut down wages, or I will have known the 
said David E. Folsom for about four 
years, and worked under him in the 
Castle Mountain & Mining company from the time he took charge of this 
property as general manager until his death and I have always found him to 
be a friend of labor, not only in my 
time, but at all times. During that time he never tried to cut down wages, to my 
knowledge, but always paid full price.

Owen Tierney.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1892. 

JAMES M. ADDS.
Notary Public.

The Miners' union was in no way, 
directly or indirectly, interested in the strike. 

STATE OF MONTANA.  
County of Meagher.  
Alvin Peter Westbrown, being duly 
sworn says: I am 41 years of age, a 
president of Castle, and a member of the 
Castle Mountain Miners' union of Castle. I have read the letter of George McGowan, 
published in the Neihart Miner of the 23rd of October, referring to the acts of 
David E. Folsom at the strike of the workmen at the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company in February 1891. I have read the 
letter of David E. Folsom at said strike. Said David E. Folsom was not present at said strike, did not 
direct, assist in, or encourage the arrest of the men striking, to my 
knowledge, and was not at the time the manager of the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company. I have always been a friend to labor.

GEORGE WESTBROOK.
Justice of the Peace.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1892.

LAFAYETTE PARKER.
Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Folsom advised not to stand 
the cut in wages.

STATE OF MONTANA.  
County of Meagher.  
Robert O. Woodmansee, being duly 
sworn says: I am 57 years of age, a 
president of Castle, and a member of the 
Castle Mountain Miners' union of Castle. I was present at the strike of the 
workmen at the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company in February 1891. I have read the 
letter of David E. Folsom at said strike. Said David E. Folsom was not present at said strike, did not 
direct, assist in, or encourage the arrest of the men striking, to my 
knowledge, and was not at the time the manager of the Castle Mountain & Mining 
company. I have always been a friend to labor.

OWEN TIERNEY.
Justice of the Peace.

The best friend the working man ever had in Castle was this David E. Folsom. Furthermore, Geo. 
McGowan was never a member of the Castle Labor union of Castle. 

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1892.

W. W. PARKER.
Justice of the Peace.