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Q. —in your presence, and in the presence of all these other persons.

MR. WHIPPLE: That's all, Mrs. Hamilton.

(Witness Excused)

MR. JOHN R. HAMILTON, produced as a witness, after being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHIPPLE:

Q. Will you state your name, please?
A. John R. Hamilton.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Hamilton?
A. 6214 Roosevelt Way.

Q. What relation, if any, are you to the person who just testified?
A. Husband.

Q. Where do you work, Mr. Hamilton?
A. County Assessor's office.

Q. Here in King County?
A. King County.

Q. Did you know Marie Redenbaugh—Now will you talk over in that microphone there so we will get this—Did you know Marie Redenbaugh during her lifetime?
A. Yes, I did.

Q. How long did you know Marie Redenbaugh before she passed away?
A. Well, I've known her ever since I was a child.

Q. Well, would you give us—would you care to give us some indication of the years, as to the length of time you've known her?
A. Oh, about sixty.

Q. About sixty years. Now, Mr. Hamilton, did you ever have occasion to visit her in her apartment there in Mrs. Crosetto's home?
A. Yes, I have.

Q. Did you visit her frequently?
A. Well, I didn't visit nearly as frequently as the wife did.

Q. Did you have occasion to observe her as she would visit you people over in your home?
A. Yes.

Q. Now, over these years, Mr. Hamilton, do you know of any work that she was peculiarly fitted to do, or had been trained to do?
A. Well, she was a trained nurse in—for children, as I understood it.

Q. She was a trained nurse.
A. Yes.

Q. Now, there has been some testimony, that is—strike that. There has been a newspaper article read in the record this morning, laying the blame of this woman's death on the Legislature for not giving her funds enough to sustain herself, to buy medicine and food and so forth and so on. I would like for you to state whether there was any truth in that article, or not.
A. That was a malicious falsehood.

Q. That was a malicious falsehood. Now, why do you say that was a malicious falsehood?
A. There was no resemblance of fact to it whatsoever. She was as well fed as anybody was. She was well clothed, I would say, as the ordinary person.

Q. During all those years, Mr. Hamilton, that you knew her, did you ever know her to lack or want for anything to sustain her body, in the way of food and clothing?
A. Not a thing, no.

Q. Or medical care.
A. No.

Q. Now, without going into the conditions of her apartment and so forth, did you attend the—this meeting at Butterworth's alleged funeral service?
A. I did, and it was—wasn't a funeral, it was simply a rabble-rousing political meeting, is all it was.

Q. Then it's your testimony it was not a funeral, but a rabble-rousing political meeting?
A. That's all.

Q. Why do you make that statement, Mr. Hamilton?
A. Why, the manner in which it was conducted, the remarks that were made.

Q. All right, who conducted the funeral?
A. Mr. Pennock and some man by the name of Fisher.

Q. Did you overhear the remarks of either this Mr. Pennock or this Mr. Fisher?
A. I did.

Q. Let's take the case of Mr. Pennock first. What were his remarks on that occasion?
A. His remarks was that this lady had died of malnutrition through the fault of the State of Washington, and legislators, and that some change in the government policy should be made. He didn't state how, but he made that statement.

Q. Now, did you hear him offer or attempt to offer any prayer there on that occasion? Or either of those two gentlemen?
A. I think Dr. Fisher offered a prayer.

Q. What did he say in that?
A. Well, he—the prayer seemed to be principally for a change in conditions for these old people, regardless of how they got it.

Q. I think you said you didn't know Fisher before that.
A. I didn't know either one of them.

Q. You didn't know either Fisher or—or Pennock. Did you hear either one of those gentlemen say anything relative to the change of our form of government?
A. He said that such a change should be made. He didn't say how it should be made, but that it was evident that it should be made.