

It might be well to call your attention
to the fact that a Constitutional provision
made for the payment of the Salaries of
all State officers except the State Business
Agents, and provision for bonds and
much detail was prescribed for Ex
Committees, even fixing the Salaries of
agents &c. But no provision for
raising the Salary of County B. A. gts.

Why such is the case can only be acco-
-unted for in one or the other of two
ways. 1st The State officers had to be
paid or they would not serve, and
it became the duty of all who were
served to help pay it; so the fees and
dues were arranged so as to provide
for this necessity.

If this was the case then it would follow
that if your County Alliances or Sub
Alliances were to employ an agent to
serve you. His Salary is fixed

as is provided in the Constitution
then you who are the Union must make
provision for him.

Your ruling is no, you
have no right, there you permitted
to make provision for paying him.
That wont do!

Or secondly. The idea was to tax the
members in just a sufficient
amount in fees and dues to pay
the officers, and forbid a vast
hoard of poorer paying members
from deriving benefit from that
order which they are called upon
to support and keep alive, by
cutting off any efforts they might
make in order to reap financial
benefit from the Union.

I hope some one more enlightened
than myself will show us which of
these views is correct.

Yours Fraternal
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