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JOHN EARLE

John Earle (1865-1932) politician and trades union organizer was MHA for Waratah 1906-9 and for Franklin 1909-1916, Attorney General and Premier 1909 and 1914-16 and was Senator for Tasmania in the Commonwealth Parliament 1917-22.

John Earle (known as Jack) was born at Bridgewater, the son of C.S. Earle and Ann Theresa (McShane). He was apprenticed to a blacksmith in Hobart in 1882 and enrolled in classes in engineering and science, economics and socialism at the Mechanics Institute and became friendly with the City Librarian, A.J. Taylor. Later he became a trades union organizer and in 1901 chaired a meeting at Zeehan to form the Workers Political League (which became the Labor Party) and was elected its first president, demanding adult suffrage, an 8 hour day and free education. In October 1909 he led the first Tasmanian Labor Party Government but as a minority it lasted only a week. As Premier in 1914, a year of drought, he imported wheat to keep prices down.

He married in 1914 Susanna Jane Blackmore, an ardent member of the Labor Party and a vegetarian and theosophist. They had no children. In 1932 John Earle died of cancer at Oyster Cove and was cremated in Melbourne.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

- E4/1 Appointment as Attorney General 20 Oct. 1909
 (letters patent, parchment)

SPEECHES AND PRESS CUTTINGS

- 2 Scrap Book 1909 - 1931
 Press cuttings relating to John Earle, including speeches, parliamentary debates and election speeches - chiefly relating to issues of war and conscription. (3 scrapbooks made from Legislative Council Journal and Senate Paper volumes)
- 3 Electoral address: "To the People of Tasmania" 1916
Daily Post, Hobart
 (1 paper)
- 4 The Great National Crisis 1917
 "Letters and press comments on the actions of the Hon. John Earle in the Great National Crisis, selected from a mass of correspondence by R.D. Lord 13 Feb. 1917.
 (printed by Stationary Co. Hobart)
- 5 "The World at War" 25-26 Sept. 1918
 Reprint from Parliamentary Debates
 (pamphlet 16 pp)

- 6 "Comments on the Perth Labor Conference" c Nov. 1918
by Senator J. Earle, on amendments of Defence Act. Extracts from *Mercury*
(pamphlet 8 pp)
- 7 "Protection" 13 July 1921
Speech by the Hon. John Earle reprinted from Parliamentary Debates.
(pamphlet)
- 8 "Cheer up Australia" 19 July 1922
Reprint of speech by Senator J. Earle from Parliamentary Debates.
(pamphlet 11 pp)
- 9 Election broadsheet [1928]
"Reminiscences which may be useful to John Earle's supporters" E.H.
Newman.
(1 paper, printed Newman)

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 10 J. Earle's birthplace ND
Small stone house at Bridgewater, endorsed "J. Earle's birthplace"
(photograph print)
- 11 A.J. Taylor c 1919
Public Librarian for 45 years
(photograph print)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 12 *Forty-five Years Public Librarian Mr A.J. Taylor's Career* 1919
Published by *The World*, printed by Labor Papers Ltd Hobart.
(pamphlet 7pp)

SUSANNA EARLE (Mrs J. Earle nee Blackmore 1880-1972)

- 13-14 Vegetarian pamphlets ND
The case for vegetarianism, Geoffrey Hodson, New Zealand Vegetarian
Society (revised ed. ND); "Peace on Earth . . ." handbill published by the
Millenium Guild.
(1 pamphlet, 1 paper)
- 15 A.L. Gordon 1920 & ND
"Gordon Memorial Committee annual pilgrimage" souvenirs (1920 & ND);
newscutting of "Lay me Low" poem by A.L. Gordon (ND); bookmark inscribed
"with pleasant memories from Amy". all found enclosed in *Poems of Adam*
Lindsay Gordon.
(2 papers, 1 news cutting, 1 card bookmark)
- 16 *The real truth about vivisection* 1933
Walter R. Hadwen. Reprinted in Melbourne by the Melbourne branch of the
British Union for abolition of vivisection.

- Lib. Books of Mrs Earle transferred to Library:
Poems of Adam Lindsay Gordon, ed. F.M. Robb, Oxford U.P. (1912)
(inscribed in pencil "S. Earle")
Sagitta Says, Enid Moodie Heddle, Adelaide (Hassell Press, 1943)
Vanity Fair, W.M. Thackery, London (Ward, Lock & Bowden 1895)
Popular Verses, Henry Lawson, Sydney (1937)
Kalevala, vol.1, (Everyman 1907)