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OLAHOMAN CO-OPERATIVE OT-
TOX PAPER.

By G. W. Nephth.

Which is about the only crop on

which the Oklahoma farmer can real-
ize ready money. He realizes little

enough on this. Being always ex-
ploited to the limit by their masters,

leaves them up against it for funds to

carry on their propaganda work. And

out of this condition grew an idea.

It was a very small idea in the begin-
ning, but it was a basis upon which a

power was to grow in the very near

future.

Here is how the idea grew. A com-
rade somewhere in the great state of

Oklahoma suggested through the col-
umns of some Socialist paper that

few farmers give an acre each to the

Socialist movement. Some another

comrade from some other part of the

state took the matter up and com-
menced on it most favorably and finally

one bright spring a fine crop of cot-
ton was raised.

But a comrade had made this public

sacrifice his neighbor would have over-
and take him out of his house and

help him work out the cotton. This

proved such a decided hit that the va-
rious locals over the state took up

the matter of planting a cooperative

cotton crop to be worked on the same

plan for the same purpose. The

number of locals throughout the

state planted cotton patches ranging

from one acre to ten. This has been

one thing to which we must attribute

the forward movement of Socialism

in Oklahoma. It affords an avenue of

adventure and at the same time adds

much needed money to the great cause.

To day we are to happen to be out

in the rural district and be invited to

stay with the comrades over night.

You would wear that tomorrow you

would be invited to attend their co-
operative picnic, for tomorrow they

will gather to work out their cotton

patch. When you arrive on the scene

you will be struck with the hugeness

of the proposition, for already there

is a great many comrades in the field

at work. Old young, big, and little

comrades all at work and at work

comrades too. At it bright and early

for they are to get out of the cotton

and working late. You will notice

SOCIALISM AND THE HOME

THE MEAT OF US CAME INTO BEING

because we realized the serious prob-
lem of providing for a home.

The "skeleton in the closet" of nearly

every home is the fear of going to

the "poor house." We are not destroy-
ed by want, but by fear of want.

To have beautiful homes we must be

rid of this gnawing fear and we must

have sufficient leisure at least to get

acquainted with each other.

Besides, we need a better motive for

home-building. When men and women

marry they carry through mutual love

and friendship, the duty of raising a

good upgrower. The home is being

shattered under capitalism because

both men and women are married

for support, or for social position and

power.

Socialism will protect the child, not

only by helping to bring better homes,

but by eliminating child-labor and pro-
viding all the boys and girls with a

suitable education. We are friends of

education everywhere.

Let us tear down the shackles and

build homes. Let us root out the slums

and put parks and playgrounds in

their place.

Let us have air and sunshine and

health and happiness. Let us give the

people a chance to live in a better

world.

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CORRUPTION RAMPANT

The Question is frequently asked.

"Are not the old parties as good for the

country today as its former party?" I

answer "no."

In the beginning of this country as

a nation, through the first century the

country's national existence, the

political parties were led and the

country was governed by statesmen;

but that was when the wealth of the

country was more evenly distributed

than when there were few very poor

and many very rich. Think of the

sacrifices of our rural comrades in or-
der to keep the work going.

Can any of us who might be living

under different circumstances afford

to be weighed in the balance and be

found wanting? I say no. There is

cheap produce at the price even these

comrades have to pay. Can you see

what enable effect this is produc-
ing upon them. The great idea of the

Co-operative Commonwealth of the

future is being cultivated, and they are

learning how to live in such an age.

The great brotherhood of man is be-
ing brought about more rapidly in the

Cotton Patch than in any other chan-
nel I know of. It is also adding a

much needed link to the campaign of

education.

I have a few more words to say

about the Cotton Patch work in Okla-
homa. Last year forty (40) acres

of cotton and are working it out to a

finish. Think of it, one local working

out 40 acres to give to a great com-
mune cause. No doubt you have heard

of Local Tea, most every one knows

something about this local even if you

live outside of Oklahoma. Local Tea

is close to our Human Local. It is

the Human Local of the southwest.

Local Tea is an institution to say

one who longs for the future commu-
nism and the great brotherhood.

When you think of the number of

locals in Oklahoma and a big part of

the Co-operative Cotton Patches. It

will give you some small idea of the

magnitude of the movement.

Now come to Hughes county, the

home of the writer. Am I proud of

Hughes county? You can bet your life

I am. At present there are about

twenty-five locals in Hughes county

and new locals being organized every

day or two, and most of these have a

Co-operative Cotton Patch. It is

safe to bet that there is twenty cotton

patches being worked now in this

county this year. This will mean 20

or more acres of cotton and valuing

them at \$50 each will amount to \$1,000.

A pretty nice little sum to be de-

ducted to such a good cause, isn't it?

Now in order to have these cotton

patches working right away, a few

comrades who have some spare money

are loaning from \$10 to \$15 on each

CAPITALIST PRESS

A servant was found dead. She was

working for a fat employer, with fare

and china and toilet soap calls, who

had no time to think of the sad, mo-

reous life of the household work-

women, but when she criticized

freely. The girl became discouraged

and killed herself. That is a small

news item, and even less than the news

column told it.

But a crime story of overfed

dogs, or a barroom wedding of two

useless society degenerates are consid-
ered red news and are worth five col-
umns on the first page.

Now what is the object of publish-
ing all this sort of "stuff"? There can

be no other reason but to make the

people forget their own misery.

So the newspapers try to make the

workers forget the wrongs they are

suffering at the hands of the ruling

class by putting first tales about an

innocent social system, whose mission it

is to inspire the exploited with the idea

that the only thing in this world worth

living for is the dream of personal

enrichment. The nation needs of this

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SOCIALIST NEW TESTAMENT.

D. R. Piper.

"See that you are on your guard

against the teachers of the law, who

desire to walk about in long robes,

and to be greeted in the streets with

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