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CHURCH AND SOCIALISM

It is generally conceded by the best authorities on American daily newspaper that the most efficient all round newspaper man of this generation is Charles Edward Russell, formerly managing editor of the New York American, The Chicago Examiner and city editor of The New York World. His fame with the pen has spread world-wide, since he quit the daily newspaper desk and as a magazine writer tuored the world for Everybody's Magazine, after he had written his wonderful story of the beef trust for that publication, under the title "The Greatest Trust in the World." As candidate for Governor of New York in 1912 and for Mayor of New York last year on the Socialist party ticket, his utterances on men and events aroused the interest and sympathetic admiration of millions. Anything coming from his pen is eagerly seized by those who wish to get closer to the problems of today. Realizing this the editor of The Churchman, the great organ of the protestant orthodox church in the North, has asked Comrade Russell to write an article on the subject of "The Church and Socialism." This article was published in its last issue and because oif its splendid handling, of this big subject, we publish it with editorial comment, realizing that his remarks apply as well to economic conditions in the southern field that the Rebel seeks to cover.

The Southern Socialists have had to deal with a veritable hailstorm of lies, born of prejudice, conceived in ignorance and fathered by the bourbon. Russell accounts for this situation in the following word that open his magnificient article:

MISREPRESENTATION.

Misrepresentation is always the best weapon of prejudice. Every movement that seeks to change any existing condition is certain to draw shots from this battery, and the more the change would affect the ease, sloth, wealth and arrogant supremacy of the ruling classes, the heavier the discharge.

Any man that has read the history of the church in its early days needs no suggestion about this. He knows how Christianity was represented to the ruling classes of Rome, and what were the results. Since that time nothing else has appeared on earth that has, to an equal degree, menaced the ease, sloth, wealth and arrogant supremacy of the master class, eveept socialism. Consequently socialism is everywhere the target for the expert marksmen of misrepresentation. One always favorite form of siege gun used in this work is the assumption that between socialism and the church is some inherent enmity; that the church is against socialism and socialism is against the church; therefore, no good Christian can be a socialist.

The fact is, that every good Christian is a socialist at heart, whether he knows it or not; and instead of an attitude of mutual distrust, there should be, between the socialist movement and the church, and attitude of good will and earnest co-operation. The ethics of socialism, say the Encyclopedia Britannica, are closely akin to, if not identical with, the ethics of Christianity. The relationship is far closer than that, but the economics are absolutely identical. If a man accept the economic doctrine taught by Jesus Christ, he can not reject the economic doctrine taught by socialism, for these are one and the same. The Christian, therefore, that professes sincerely his faith and still declares a hostility to socialism has been hit by one of these paper bullets from the misrepresentation battery. He doesn't know what socialism is. Hence he does not know that every time he repeats the economic doctrines of the founder of his religion he is repeating the essential creed of the socialist.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

Under this head, Comrade Russell points out a palpitable truth that the Socialists have always contended for, viz., that genuine Christianity cannot be preached successfully to men or women who are hungry or at whose door the wolf is baying. It is because of this great psychological and economic truth that the Socialists of the South have stressed so strenously upon the land planks of our national and state platform, because we know full well that if landlordism is destroyed and the people can have homes that then the teachings of Jesus can flower and bloom like the roses in a Texas Spring. Comrade Russell speaks on this phase of the subject as fellows:

But the difficulties of a Christian who will persist in believing or trying to believe, that he is not a socialist, while believing that he is a Christian, seem, on any impartial analysis, to be rather greater than one man should be called upon to encounter in this life. For instance, if he is sincere, he must believe fervently in the advance of the church and the spread of its gospel. I have never seen any reason to think that the essential doctrine of Jesus Christ is completely contained in pictured widows, nor that He came into the world to leave it no more than the proper wearing of the alb and the surplice. Neither have you.

But even if we are to suppose the mission of the church fulfilled when it has satisfied the hunger of the soul for spiritual idealism and aesthetics, we come first of all upon the plain, practical fact that you can not do much about spiritual hunger so long as physical hunger stands in the way. In other words, and to speak quite frankly, those who are ill-fed and ill-housed are the worst possible subjects for spiritual ministrations. Men will not listen much to anything else so long as the wolf cries in their bellies. It might be nice if it were otherwise, but it is not otherwise. You can sometimes scare hungry men into coming to church, but you can give to hungry men no spiritual assistance when you get them there. About this, the incident of the loaves and the fishes indicate merely the unanswerable logic of the situation. The material fact is, that you of the church can perform your work only through the operating brains of those you address; the brain does not operate when the blood supply to it is insufficient; and the blood supply to the brain is always insufficient when there is insufficient nutrition.

MORALITY AND POVERTY.

In plain terms, the gospel for human beings must include enough to eat or it will never get anywhere. You can not make men think about moral perfection when they are picking their dinners out of garbage cans.

So here we come straight to the point, both for you and for me; for the churchman and the sociological agitator; for both of us it is all one. The vast, overwhelming majority of people in this country are poor, and steadily growing poorer. Unless you are to confine your efforts to converting the converted and saving the saved, this huge mass of poverty is your field, and the economic condition of the people, being a fence against every effort you make to reach them, becomes to you a matter of supreme importance.

True, is it not? What else is fundamentally the cause for the continual complaint that the masses have slipped away from the church, that the church is declining, that its gospel no longer reaches the generality of mankind? For instance, here in the city of New York are all these churches, of your denomination and others. All about them are these vast hordes of humanity. Go from one church to another of a Sunday night, let us say. Will you pretend that these few scattered worshippers among these empty pews represent in any way the masses of the population? Are you willing to accept the notion that the religion of Jesus Christ, the carpenter, is the exclusive possession of the well-to-do? They go to your churches; the others do not, and your appeal is lost upon the others because their grim, bitter, ceaseless and desperate battle against poverty both possesses and indurates their minds.

The Southern Socialists have always contendedthat if some tremendous effort is not made to cause a fundamental change in our economic system that a bloody revolution is inevitable. We have asserted that the rich are growing richer and the poor are growing poorer and that this is a condition that cannot be prevented while Capitalism lasts. Like the great newspaper man that he is, Charles Edward Russell has gone to the most authoritative sources to prove this contention and he pulls the greatest authority possible, namely that of the experts employed by the U. S. Government to report upon the weaith owned by the hundred million people that comprise this nation. Man or woman who will question Russell's authority is a fit subject for a lunatic asylum; a man or woman who will doubt that Socialism is the remedy or that he or she can be a good Christian and not be a Socialist ought to be examined by a lunacy commission.

Listen to the words of Russell:

DOCTRINE OF PATIENCE.

And if any man thinks to win by preaching to these vast, always increasing and always defeated hosts of poverty the doctrine that they should be patient in the material state wherein they find themselves, let him have heed to his health and save his breath. Patience and submission to a state of suffering absolutely unnecessary; patient endurance of want and injustice in the midst of plenty; will you go far with such outgivings to an audience of Americans? I have known that doctrine to be preached, and so have you, but in these days neither of us has known it to produce any results but sour scorn and resentment. Nor should it have any other results; for the world needs not to have patience preached to it, but impatience. There was once a Son of Man who drove the money changers out of the temple, scourged the rich, denounced acquisition, and made His life with fishermen and members of the Carpenters' Union. What doctrine of patience, think you, would He teach if He were to walk today through the foul latrines that millions of His brethren inhabit in the slums of our cities?

I have often noticed that one great obstacle to the perception of these basic facts is the halluciation most well-fed and comfortable persons have about what is called, by a perversion of speech, the "general prosperity" of this country. There is no such thing. Of course, so long as I am well-fed I naturally imagine everybody else to be in the same blissful state; if I have a comfortable home I naturally assume comfortable homes to be the common condition; so long as I have never known want, how can I think want for other persons? But we ought to try to understand distinctly, at the outset, that there is no such thing as "general prosperity." This is not a country of prosperity—it is a country of poverty. The prevailing condition is not a condition of comfort, it is a condition of want; and not only is this so, but the boundaries of this great sea of poverty are increasing in every way that must affright every observer of the facts.

Thus, to give but one illustration, twenty years ago, the most eminent sociologists showed us the startling fact that at that time 85 per cent, of the population must be classed as poor, and 15 per cent comprised all that could be called well-to-do, prosperous, comfortable or rich. Recent investigations by agents of the treasury department afford now the astounding sequel to these facts. To ascertain how many persons would come under the operation of the new income tax and what revenue they would furnish, was a matter of great importance to the government. It learned, by careful inquiry, that in a total population of about 100,000,000 only 435,000 persons were in receipt of an annual income of $3000 or more. This is equal to one person in 225. Also, that of all persons in the United States in receipt of any income whatever, whether from wages, salary, profits, interest or what else, 96 per cent had an average of an annual income of $601—in a country where official inquiry has established the fact that to support a human being in anything like sufficiency $900 a year are required.

Work of Rescue Comes First.

This exhibits then the progression of twenty years, and shows at a glance how surely the sea of poverty is rising. It must also convince every thoughtful mind that until this conditio nis remedied, nothing else is worth while talking about or thinking about.

When there is a shipwreck we do not stop to send an armful of tracts out with the breeches-buoy. The first thing is to get the people ashore and have them warmed, clothed and fed. Then the man of God may begin his ministrations with some chance that they will be heard. The existing system of society has come to shipwreck; that is all. The church is needed first to join in the great work of rescue. When we have established a condition in which men and women no longer dwell in brutalizing fear, debasing want, and needless suffering; when they are freed from the horrible peril of the sea all about them, there will be some chance to win their attention to the higher functions of the human mind and the human spirit. "Ye can not serve God and Mammon"—either these words have meaning or they have none; and if they mean something, what must be the difficultits of the professing Christian as he strives to reconcile this message with his own indifference in this great crisis in the affairs of mankind.

The old slander that the Socialists are opposed to the church is splendidly handled by Comrade Russell and the lie thrown back in the face of the misrepresentors. It would be well for the Firm Foundation gentlemen and other theological liars particularly those of the Catholic church to read the eloquent presentation of our attitude towards religion. He tears to pieces the position of these ecclesiastical slanderers. We read:

Not Opposed to the Church.

To prevent the natural and obvious co-operation of the church and the Socialist movement in the cause of industrial emancipation, designing men spread abroad the idea that something in the Socialist creed makes war on the church or on religion. This is almost as preposterous as the other falsehood once so industriously circulated by the same influences, that Socialism was, in some unknown way, akin to free love or aimed to destroy the home. All of these fantasies are in a class. Not one word can be found in any Socialist platform that indicates hostility to religion or the church, nor could any such suggestion be possible or conceivable. Socilaism does not meddle in any way with the church or its functions. The message of Socialism is economic. It aims at a condition in which there shall be no more poverty, no more slums, no more want, but all the children of the earth shall have a chance to enjoy the fulness of the bounty with which the earth has been supplied. This is precisely the condition now indispensible to the work and welfare of the church. The two forces, therefore should move together for a common aim.

How monstrous is the notion that Socialism is in any way hostile to the church may be seen from the fact that in the last national convention of the Socialist party of the United States, nineteen clergymen sat as delegates. When the Republican, Democratic or Progressive party can show in its national convention a similar proportion of clergymen, it may be in order for an old-school polition to denounce the "irreligious tendencies" of a movement he knows nothing about. The best summary of Socialist faith that has ever been drawn, or ever will be, is the Sermon on the Mount. The Christian that actually accepts the great utterance can not reject Socialism. If he says that in good faith he believes the Sermon on the Mount and yet he is opposed to Socialism, h is one that does not know Socialism.

"Blessed are the peacemakers," and Socialism is the only real force in the world that makes for universal peace. Modern wars are of economic origin, and spring from competition. Socialism alone proposes to abolish war by abolishing its one cause. There seem to be, in this world, professing Christians that are able to recite, once a week, "Blessed are the peacemakers," and then go forth to shout for war, slaughter and more battleships. To their order of mind, it must be admitted, the peaceful purposes of Socialism, like its logic, must have small appeal But I confess that for a Christian who thinks Christ meant what He said, I can see no place outside of the Socialist movement. Certainly, we shall never move toward peace so long as we maintain the sure cause of war; certainly we do for peace only lip-service had an empty formula of praise when we build peace temples, hold peace, banquets, argue for peace tribunals and still plunge madly along the road that leads to inevitable war.

Fatherhood and Brotherhood.

"Our Father, Which art in heaven," says the Christian non-Socialist, day after day. Here is the heart of the whole matter; here is the final proof of his illogical position. In how many instances does he couple the words with their sequences? Yet, by no ingenuity can the idea of the Fatherhood of God be separated from the the idea of the brotherhood of man, you admit the whole foundation of Socialism. For the Socialist can not conceive that he is ordained to superfluity at the tables of life while his brother is ordained to misery, want, darkness and despair. To him the idea of brotherhood is a living faith, a vital fact and an unquenchable fire; it is not merely a form of words. He looks out upon a world overflowing with abundance and sees that 4 per cent of his brethren have gathered to themselves of the fruits of the earth far more than they can possibly consume, while 96 per cent have less than they need. He sees also, that this terrible fact results in no degree from malice, ill-will or ill-purposes of men, but form a system of society that makes such a deadly condition absolutely certain. Therefore for the sake of his brethren that suffer want, and for the ake of his brethren sodden in superfluity he gives himself to the movement that aims to change a system so inimical to the welfare of mankind.

He sees also that every attempt by charity, benevolence, philanthropic organizations, or offices of good will to mitigate the horrors of this situation, have but one end, and that is failure and defeat While the kind-hearted are touched, very likely to tears, by the distress about them, and give of their means to relieve it, the tide of misery rises none the less. While well-meant societies battle against tuberculosis, establish kindergartens, support slum settlements, denounce child-labor maintain hospitals and finance relief bureaus, poverty, increasing on all sides, overwhelms their efforts. Where else in the whole world is charity so open-handed and so indefatigable as in New York? Consider the long list of charitable and benevolent associations unselfishly at work in this city. Consider the reforming laws that have been put upon the statute books. In spite of all this the slums grow, the pall of poverty steadily darkens, the products of poverty pile up the account that civilzation must pay. Against these multiplying horrors the Christian that maintains his indifference can do so only under the shield of him that did the first murder. Either that, or he must hold that Christ did not mean what He said when He taught men to say, "Our Father."

But still greater than all these is the difficulty with which the professing Christian that is not a Socialist must labor to maintain the sense of personal innocence if he lives in a world filled with such horrors and acquiesces in them. The criminal law recognizes a condition of accessory before the fact if I consent to my brother's murder. Assuredly, I do so consent if I uphold the conditions under which, so many men and women are needlessly slaughtered in industry, so many little children are doomed to lives without hope, light or joy, so many millions know only the want, misery, darkness and ignorance that make life a traversty and the earth's abundance a hideous jest.

But if I do consent if I will not have upon my soul the sense of bloodguiltiness for these murders and crueltits, then but one course

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Now for the first Thousand.

Only two weeks have elapsed since the first announcement appeared in The Rebel and already there has been a most gratifying response to turn The Rebel establishment over to the Socialists of the South.

From every side come letters of approval and stock pledges as well as more promised. The militant Socialists of Texas and Oklahoma have caught the inspiration of this tremendous plan, that, if it succeeds—and we have the unalterable faith that it will—means 100,000 Rebel readers and the Socialist party in control of the state capitols at Austin and Oklahoma City by 1916.

For the ten days ending March 31, thirty-one pledges for stock have been received. It will be seen that nearly $400 has been pledged, and we have scarcely begun to agitate the matter.

However let no one think that it will be as easy as it looks to get the required $7000 pledged at once. Many comrades are, or believe they are not now in position to take stock, but we think that every moment that is lost in getting up the required sum is a sad waste in view of the glorious opportunity that is ours.

The list of those pledging will be printed each week. Let us see who will be the next to go to the top of the list, and let us see if by the next issue we will not be able to report that the $1000 mark has been exceeded.

The following pledges have been received to date:

M. L. Shofner	$100.00
J. H. Martin	25.00
Boeer Sisters	25.00
Mrs. Marie Boeer	25.00
J. A. Voth	20.00
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Wm. Spann	10.00
W. D. Hobbs	10.00
W. R. Dennis	10.00
F. A. Hernandez,	10.00
J. M. Sanderlin	10.00
W. E. Johnson	10.00
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M. A. Drake	2.00
J. R. L. Meredith	2.00
	$369.00

OUTLAWS HIGHER UP.

(By Ellis B. Harris.)

At Austin, in the valley's course,
A few short years ago,
A dam let loose its awful force
And menaced all below—
Two hundred dead beneath the stars—
Who gave this bitter cup?
No, it was not the McNamaras,
BUT THE OUTLAWS HIGHER UP.

And, at New York, a shirtwaist shop;
Two hundred girls, or more,
All crowded to the rooms on top,
Behind a bolted door;
No fire escapes—but prison bars—
Who gave this bitter cup?—
No, it was not the McNamaras,
BUT THE OUTLAWS HIGHER UP.

Now, look to Briceville, Tennessee,
Entombed, men in their prime,
With pallid faces try to flee
From this, their masters' crime—
Widows? Yes, with grief that sears—
Who poured the bitter cup?—
No, it was not the McNamaras.
BUT THE OUTLAWS HIGHER UP.

The thousands, in industries killed,
Old age and blooming youth,
A hundred thousand volumes filled
Could not record the truth,
Of broken hearts, of wounds and scars—
No, it was not the McNamaras,
BUT THE OUTLAWS HIGHER UP.

And so I might make page on page
With cloud-capped mountains vice;
Indexing crimes of every age,
By those ensconced on high;
That pose immaculate; the czars—
Who fill the toilers' cup—
No, they are not the McNamaras,
BUT THE OUTLAWS HIGHER UP.

THE LAND QUESTION FROM A NEW ANGLE.

(Written For The Rebel.)

Nature has provided four things, either of which human life could not exist. These are, Air, Sunshine, Water and Land.

Any principle in human law that would deprive man of the use of ONE of these is as unjust as it would be to deprive him of the use of the other three. Man created neither of them. He has no use for either of them, except during his sojourn on earth. Man has just as good a title to one of them, so far as justice and laws of nature are concerned, as he does to the others. When he quits living he ceases to need sunshine, he no longer needs air; he no longer needs land, except for a last resting-place and some of us have a deed to that, even under a Democratic adiministration and have to go to the potter's field.

Man needs water no longer than life exists, if he embarks for the right place at death, if he don't he can't get the water anyway; so his titles to these things cease at death. "Hell" bars him from the use of water after death, if hat the preachers tell us is to be taken seriously, and it's a e of "hell" that bars man from the use of land here and now.

Adam, according to the Bible, was the first farmer; he, according to Democratic and Republican rule, should have been the first land owner. His dominion was the whole earth, if he had a deed to it, his heirs should inherit it. Who are his heirs? We are told that the whole human race are his heirs. They, it is said, inherited his sin, why not his property, also, if he had any? If he didn't have any property, it is a cinch that he had no deed to the land—his title was a use-title only and his heirs should inherit that, and will when we get Socialism.

Now, since land is a gift of nature and belongs to that class of essentials, without which man could not exist, it follows that any principle in human law that would deprive him of its use takes from him a right enjoyed by his father "Adam" and should be abolished.

On the 7th day of June, 1776, Colonial Congress declared: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

That "all men" today are not "created" or born equal; that they are not today "endowed by their creator" with certain rights enjoyed by others, I have only to mention the fact that some come into this world milionaires, while others come as paupers. Some are born masters, others are born slaves. In what, then, can their "equality" consist?

Nature or nature's laws produce neither millionaires nor pauperes; neither masters nor slaves. These are produced by class-legislation; by man made laws, favoring one class against another. Socialism proposes to destroy this class-legislation and restore to man those rights which our forefathers declared that he, by an inalienable right, possessed.

According to the 13th census, supplement for Texas, pp. 568, 668, the increase in population in Texas from 1890 to 1910 was less than 43 per cent, while the increase in land tenantry during the same period was 129.9 per cent. This is what "Democracy" had done for you and your children, Mr. Land Renter, what do you think about it? Are you going to the polls this fall and vote for that set that has swelled your class on a ratio of three to one of the increased population?

Think about it—your class increased over three times greater from 1890 to 1910 than that of the population of the state:

When do you expect to get a home under such a system? It is as impossible as it was for the cat in a 30-foot well to get out by climbing up two feet during the day and falling back three feet at night.

The longer you live, the faster our population increases, and the harder you struggle for a home in Texas, under Democratic rule, the less are your chances to get a home. Quit voting for your bosses, and vote for the interest of your wives and children.

W. T. Folwers.

MEXICAN IMMIGRATION.

(Written For The Rebel.)

The abnormal and unprecedented influx of Mexican laborers and paupers into the state of Texas, is rapidly becoming a serious problem. It threatens to be a problem much more serious than that of Asiatic labor on the Pacific coastt of the United States. The class of Mexicans coming to this country to compete with American organized labor, are much inferior, physically, mentally and morally to that of Chinese and Japanese. They are so inferior that there can be no comparison. And yet, the immigration officials do absolutely nothing to exclude this defective class from the border. The lower class of Mexicans are coming in in bulk, in bunches, in flocks and if there is any law to keep them out, such law has never been enforced. This writer has seen during the past few years, diseased, lame, halt, blind, illiterate, syphletic, leprous, idiot, and degenerate Mexicans coming across the border and permanently locating in Texas. They come in at ports of entry, and at places which are not ports of entry; apparently the border is wide open to this scum of scums. They have no education, no money, and no morals, and yet they are welcomed and given jobs and shelter, to the great detriment of the white laborer. And the Mexican children are given education in our public schools at the expense of the white tax payer.

It is not an exaggeration to estimate the number of Mexicans who during the past three years have crossed the Texas border at one-half million. Of this number about two hundred thousand have remained on the border between Brownsville and El Paso, while the rest have gone to the interior of the state, and some still further north; and as this people are able to exist with less food than the white man, they soon crowd the latter out in the labor market. Such necessaries of life as ordinary comfort, a bath, books and news papers, as the American worker sometimes requires are meaningless to the Mexican emigrant and there fore he spends nothing to obtain them, and consequently he can sell his labor power for less, and of course, there will always be greedy buyers of this kind of labor power.

It should be borne in mind that the superior Mexican, the one with manhood, patriotism and backbone does not leave his country, because of the revolution; he joins the revolution and fights for the possession of the land, while the trash hating and fearing the revolution and the consequent establishment of a new order of things, flees the country and becomes a burden upon our society, in which economic competiton and the struggle for existence have already become keen. It has been noted that the nearly all the Mexicans who hunt refuge in the United States are enemies of the revolution; while most of them have nothing to lose but their chains, so great is their atavism, after four hundred years of oppression, that they hate to lose these chains.

There is no necessity for the Mexicans of leaving their county, which ecomprises over seven hundred thousand square miles, of the most favorered territory on this globe. They leave because they have not the courage, intelligence or manhood to break down the old agrarian system and take possession of the land and cultivae and use it to their own benefit and people of that ilk will never become desirable American citizens.

Organized and respectable labor in this country is up against the real thing in this Mexican influx, but the evil tendencies of this immigration are still more farreaching; they will affect not only the economic, but the social and moral conditions of our society, as well. In five years more there will be one million Mexicans of the class above described in Texas; then we wil have a constant gangrene upon our social body and our moral atmosphere will be so rotten that it will require oceans of carbolic acid to disinfect it.

Aaron Johnson,
Mercedes, Texas.

A REACTIONIST ANSWERED

(An Open Letter to Leslie's Weekly.

Following the suggestion of your correspondent, Earle Welborn, who like "Will" Carleton believes in "Public Heart" is the "open sesame" and says "write your views to the editor," I wish to say your plea for capitalism is most piteous. I note how you shy at the idea of revolution, which you say begins with the demagogue and ends with the dungeon.

Of course you don't know but we "common people know" and don't mind to whisper in your ear—that every step in the progress of the human race that we have heard of spells revolution. One other idea I should like to whisper in regards to this revolution that seems to glimmer before your vision is this: If capitalism is able, and willing, and does act within the bounds of the law she makes the said revolu- This she refuses to do as note Louisiana in 1911, West Virginia in 1912-13, and Michigan and Colorado at present.

No, we are not howling about a full dinner pail. We want a dining table just like yours. Yes! we know what it is like "because we made it." In a recent issue of the Saturday Eveneing Post Mr. Taft tells us the main issue in the United States in the immediate future is Socialism and the mission of the Republican party is to save the country from such.

We were glad to see him come out in the open! Also to sanctimoniously take up the self-appointed task of being protecveate of said party and open the fight in your issue of March 12th. We have a twelve year old boy in our ranks who has challenged every politician in Oklahoma to debate the question of Socialism and make him a present of $100 if the audience does not vote that he the boy, won. I am sure he would include Mr. Taft, in that challenge. We had hoped that Mr. Taft's efforts to reduce his weight would be successful to such an extent that a real idea would be able to pentrate the fat and reach the gray matter.

The way he blunders through the injustice done to the American Womanhood is pitiful to behold. Can't he get the idea into his brain the reason our daughters don't apply at his back door for a job is because they have a spark of the spirit of the liberty loving Jews of old.

They "feel in their bones they have a right to not only a kitchen but a parlor also of their own. It is her natural station in life. Without hope of this life means little to her and it is only when the last hope is dead that she moves her trunk down on the line—when at last she realizes that her John draws a wage to small and insecure to risk the venture of a home. No, she does not stop to reason and philosophere in just this strain. If she did I am sure she would be more patient but where is the man that can preach patience to Womanhood) but she would look for the cause, fight for the ballot and vote for Socialism.

Neither is she notably worse than her more fortunate sister who protected by king, priest and society in general marries in order to share the wealth of the man she marries. It is not nature's way, it is not God's way. The mistake or crime, if you please is that of the whole human race and day by day and hour by hour the whole human race pays the penalty in sobs and heart aches. You can't cheat Nature or nature's God.

I. C. Ruby.

THE 23RD PSALM.

(With apoogies to R. K. James.)

The Lumber King is my master;
I know only want.
He maketh me to go down in deep forests;
He leadeth me beside tall trees.
He thinketh not of my soul;
He leadeth me in paths of danger for his profit's sake.
Yea, though I strike for more of the products of my labor,
I receive only evil;
For thou art with me;
Thy deputies, gunmen and militia, they after me;
Thou preparest a court martial for me
In the presence of mine enemies.
Thou bruiseth my head with clubs;
My blood runneth in the woods.
Surely poverty and misery shall follow me all the days of my life;
If we allow private ownership of forests forever.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIALISM.

(Continued From Page 1.)

is open to me. It is that I shall take my place with the others that have consecrated themselves to the work of abolishing the system that darkens the world with its shadows and substituting a system under which men shall have the abundance with which the earth is provided and the joy of life as life was intended to be.

Would to God we had more Russells in the newspaper profession, men whose pen is tipped with the fire of living truth that burns into the intelligence of their readers. The church would then be redeemed from the hypocrites that have made Christianity appear as churchianity. The church would be a living, growing vital force in the affairs of mankind instead of being a meeting place for the money changers that HE drove from the temple and excoriated in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. That the day will come when we shall have thousands of Russells preaching the truth is as certain as the old prophecy that we shall live in an age where there will be peace to men and good will and that our swords shall be beaten into plough shares and our spears into reaping hooks. Who will question but that articles such as the above will inspire an army of writers to write as Russell writes and preach the eternal truths contained in the philosophy of modern Socialism.

SOCIALISM ON LIQUOR PROBLEM.

(Official Declarations.)

Resolutions adopted at national convention at Indianapolis, May, 1912.

The manufacture and sale for profit of intoxicating and adulterated liquors leads directly to many serious social evils. Intemperance in the use of alcoholic liquors weakens the physical, mental and moral powers.

We hold, therefore, that any excessive indulgence in intoxicating liquors by members of the working class is a serious obstacle to the triumph of our class, since it impairs the vigor of the fighters in the political and economic struggle, and we urge the members of the working class to avoid any indulgence which might impair their ability to wage a successful political and economic struggle, and so hinder the progress of the movement for their emancipation.

We do not believe that the evils of alcoholism can be eradicated by repressive measures or any extension of the police powers of the capitalist state—alcoholism is a disease of which capitalism is the chief cause. Poverty, overwork, and overworry necessarily result in intemperance on the part of the victims. To abolish the wage system with all its evils is the surest way to eliminate the evils of alcoholism and the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

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From Socialist platform of Sweden, 1905.

"Promotion of the temperance movement through education in all public schools, as to the nature and effects of alcohol and the support of practical temperance legislation."

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Plank from platform of Socialist party of Norway, 1912.:

"War against the liquor traffic, through legislation, that shall conclude in national prohibition."

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Plank from Socialist platform of Finland, 1906.

General prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor.

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From leaflet circulated by Socialist party of Chili, South America.

Alcohol is a worse enemy of the worker than the merchant who levies profit, worse enemy than the authorities, for it subdues the intelligence and the will, while they subdue only the body. If you leave alcohol alone, there will be then liberty of mind to see how you are exploited, oppressed and deceived, but alcohol makes brutes of men, both oppressed and oppressor. Workers, you need less liquor and more study, and you will never be free, until you free yourself from the enemy that steals away your senses and blunts your brain.

Maryneal, Tex., March 21, 1914.

Editor Rebel,

Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

I have just received a "franked" report of the Smithsonian Institute. Sent to me by my congressman. On the seal of which reads: "For the increase of knowledge and diffusion among men." It is the 1912 report. Document No. 972., published by the Government printing office, Washington, D. C. and from page 493 to page 572 is several treatises on Evolution and origin of life and of man and on page 524 the Bible account of Creation and of the flood is spoken of as pure mythology.

I have not read the whole work yet, it containing 780 pages and if the name of God or Christ is mentioned in the work I have not been able to find it. Now this book is sent out freely by the government and it teaches infidelity pure and simple. What is the Firm Foundation going to do about it? I want you to send and get you a copy. It is Document No. 972. Annual Report of the Board of the Smithsonian Institute.

If you can't get a copy I will send you mine and I want you to shove it under the nose of the Firm Foundation and see him twist.

Yours for freedom,

W. D. Hobbs.

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[W]HERE WOMEN VOTE.

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[Sp]ouses have interest in each [other's] real estate—Wyoming, Co[lorado], Utah, Idaho.
[Eq]ual pay for equal work in [teach]ing profession regardless of [sex—]Wyoming, Utah. (The law [fixes] the salaries of other public [offici]als, and as women are eligi[ble t]o any public office, the rule [pract]ically prevails in all four [states].)
[All pr]ofessions and all public of[fices] open to men— in all four [state]s named.
[Ju]ry service open to women in [the] states named.
[Eq]uality in inheritance for wo[men] for four states named.
[Di]vorce for same causes to hus[band] and wife, though wife can secure separate maintenance [without d]ivorce for non-support—Four [state]s named.
[W]ife and minor children en[title]d to homestead and to a cert[ain] allowance out of husband's [estat]e, which has priority over or[dina]ry debts—in four states nam[ed].
[W]omen privileged to make a [will] at 18 years of age—Four [state]s named.
[F]ree schools from primary [gra]de through state university [ope]n to women—open to women [in] Four states named.
[F]ree text books in public schools [—W]yoming and Utah. (If district [v]otes, in Colorado and Idaho.)
[F]ree kindergarten— Wyoming, [Col]orado, Utah, Idaho.
[C]ompulsory education for child[ren] under 16, with instructions in [phy]siology and hygiene— Wyom[ing], Utah. (Colorado, Idaho under ...)
[A]lcoholic drinks forbidden to [min]ors—Wyoming, Colorado, Utah [and] Idaho.
[T]obacco forbidden to children [un]der 18—Wyoming and Utah. [(Id]aho 21, Colorado 16.)
[N]o children under 14 to work in [mi]nes—four states named.
[N]o women work in mines—Four [sta]tes named.
[8] hours maximum labor for wo[me]n—Four states named.
[N]o factory work, children under [...]—Four states named.
[D]ependent children placed in [fa]mily homes—four states named.
Juvenile courts and probation [of]ficers for delinquent officers —[FI]RST ESTABLISHED in four [sta]tes named.
Women physicians or matrons [in] certain institutions having wo[me]n or children in custody — In [fo]ur states named.
Indecent exhibitions, pictures, or [ex]posure and the sale or gift of in[de]cent literature forbidden—Four [sta]tes named.
Gambling and prostitution for[bi]dden—Four states named.
Age of consent 18 to 21 years—[Fo]ur states named. In Texas FIF[T]EEN YEARS.
Father and mother share in [gu]ardianship of children. Surviv[or] the sole guardian—Four states [na]med.

WE CHALENGE THE DISCOVERY OF FOUR MAN-SUFFRAGE STATES OR COUNTRIES WHERE WOMEN OR CHILDREN ARE EQUALLY PROTECTED, AS IN THE FOUR EQUAL SUFFRAGE STATES NAMED.

[R]EADING THE 1st CHAPTER OF THE PSALMS THROUGH CAPITALIST GLASSES.

By E. W. Burke.

(Written for The Rebel.)

1. Blessed is the working man who walketh not on the railroad, nor standeth on the street corners, nor sitteth in the seats at the park.

2. But his delight is in the law of his Lords: and in this law he must not mediate, neither day nor night.

3. But he must be like a tree floating in the rivers of waters, cast to and fro, he must have nothing to do with reason. His life must soon wither, and whatsoever he coeth while on earth must prosper his Lords.

4. The Rich are not so: But are a big raft which the winds can not turn from their course.

5. Therefore the rich shall not stand before judgment and be judged like sinners among the unemployed.

6. For The Lords of Congress knoweth the ways of the richest—But the ways of the unemployed shall perish,

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NATIONAL SOCIALIST CORRESPONDENCE TO THE REBEL.

Washington, D. C., March 27.—The Democratic party has decided to violate another platform pledge in order to square itself with the interests of capital. Tihs platform pledge states that the labor organizations "should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade." President Wilson this week stated, however, that the amendment to the Sheramn law proposing to exempt labor unions from prosecution under the Sherman law is not a part of his anti-trust program.

This means—if it means anything at all—that the Wilson administration has definitely decided that its game is to placate the business interests, to obey the expressed wishes of the N. A. M. and other manufacturer' organizations, mean while endeavoring to make the countr ythink that it is "radical," "progressive," and every thing that the interests that stand behind the Democratic party are not and can never be.

The Wilson trust program, omitting as it does the labor exemption bill, has simmered down to almost nothing at all. The interlocking directorate bill will never be passed; the price-fixing bill will be killed in committee; the "personal guilt" bill may possibly come somewhere near getting through. The only bill which will certainly pass will be the much-heralded trade commission bill, will merely change the name of the Bureau of Corporations, raise the salaries of the head employes and allow the commission a little more liberty to "investigate."

It will be seen that there is nothing whatever in this program to change the existing business system. Some business men are setting up a howl in order to make it appear that they are afraid of this terrible "drastic" program, and as the bills are more and more talked about, this howl will get louder and louder. The administration is encouraging a certain amount of this howling because it makes it look as if it were really and truly a popular slayer of dragons.

In spite of the impression given to the contrary, no one in Washingtoni s paying much attention to the trust program. The only thing that is worrying the politicians is the pressure which is piling in on them from all parts of the coutry from th labor organizations desiring the passage of the Bacon-Bartlett exemption of labor unions bill. This pressure is causing a great deal of trouble especially to members of the house who next fall will have to go before their districts and tell how dearly they love the working man. According to the best information available the present plan is to let the House pass the House pass the Bacon-Batrleet bill so that the Democrats who want to be reelected will be able to make a "labor record" and then have the bill killed in the Senatet This is one of the great advantages of thetwo-chamber system of the government.

EASTER I SSUE.

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Adrres the Christian Socialist, 5457 Drexel Aveneue, Chicago, Ill.

Clayton, N. M., March 20, 1914.

I am enclosing you my check for $1 for The Rebel as long as the $1 will pay for it.

Of course I get many Texas papers in exchange with The Citizen but they do not give the news that comes from the hearts and feelings of the people like The Rebel does. I took the paper for a year but because I got to be a very busy man I neglected to renew in time but not because I did not like the paper.

I believe The Rebel will come nearer giving the actual truth of the real situation in Texas than any other paper that may come to my desk.

G. W. Guyer.
(Editor Clayton News.)

FROM COLORADO.

Denver, Colorado, March 27.—(Mine Workers Correspondence to The Rebel.) The Colorado Militia has admitted that holding of military prisoners incommunicado is illegal by the release end deportation of Mother Jones on the eve of a petition for a writ of habeas corpus heard in t he state supreme court.

The 82-year-old angel of tth coal camps ahs been held incommunicado in the military bull pen for nine weeks. The military, however, has long since set aside that part of the constitution providing for free speech and free press, and she was jailed because she said she intended to exrcise her constitutional rights.

To forestall a reversal of the notorious Moyer decision, the militia released her and deported her to Denver. She was told that Governor Ammons wished to see her. When she arrived in Denver, he said he had not sent for her. It was a palpable frame-up of the militia to prevent a decision of the supreme court as to whether a citizen of the United tSates can exercise hr constitutional rights in Colorado.

Mothr Jones however, will return to Trinidad and give the militia another opportunity to take away her constitutional rights.

The coal operators admitted the success of the strike when they announced that they would sue individual members and officers of the United Mine Workers for $4,000,000. The operators seem to have some littlt doubt that a half dozen coal miners will be able to pay the $4,000,000 so they will ask for body judgments.

The coal operators admit that the strike has caused them great financial loss and shut down their coal mines It is an interesting admission when qne considers that way back in December these same operators announced that the strike was over as far as they were concerned. They said that while 50 per cent had gone out, many had returned and the mines were then running at full capacity.

They also said that they had raised $5,000,000 to fight the strike. The union leaders believe this fund has been exhausted and that now the coal operators are seeking to collect $4,000,000 from the strikers and officials to enable them to keep up their fight.

Citizens of the United States who live in states where a Republican form of government exists and who know the rights of a citizen under the constitution can never realize the tyrannies, the oppressions suffered by the striking coal miners at the hands of the Colorado National Guard—a bunch of barrel house bums and imported assassins of the operators who have been brought to Colorado t o murder their enslaved brothers.

These militiamen were sent to the strike zone by the corporation-owned governor under the guise of "preserving the peace," but in reality to break the strike. They have left nothing undone to accomplish this purpose.

In their efforts to perpetuate the reign of terror in this district the little children have not been overlooked. Little nine-year-old Justus Yankinski was one of the many children who have suffered almost unbelievable cruelties at the hands of these militia thugs.

His mother had only left the house for town when two militiamen drove up to the dor in a buggy. While the captain lay drunk in the buggy the other entered the house. Trunks were demolished and the house completely wrecked in his search for loot. He finally discovered $200 in the sleeve of an old coat and stuck it in his pocket. The fiend then went to the kitchen, ate several eggs, and threw the rest on th floor.

Little Justus pleaded with the thug to stop destroying things and not take the money, saying his mamma would whip him. He was answered with a vicious kick. The other little children began to cry when they saw their brother hurt, and the hell-hound viciously attacked them, kicking the smallest child in the nose and breaking it. Her nose bled for days and prevented her from telling her story to the congressional committee at Trinadad.

The coal operators have usurped the functions of the United States postoffice department by issuing money orders on its own blanks and keeping the charges usually made by the government, according to the testimony brought out at the Trinadad hearing, and admitted by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. It was the custom to issue these orders in the notorious company stores where United States post offices are located.

The companies issued these orders to the miners, who, ignorant of postal regulations, thought they were making deposits with Uncle Sam.

The fiendish joke played by the scab-herding militiamen upon Andrew Colnar made a deep impression on the congressmen and furnished one of the many proofs that the militia were sent to Southern Colorado to tyrannize the strikers, kick and beat their wives and children, imprison them by the scores and do everything to break the strike.

Colnar told how he was arrested for the terrible crime of asking a scab to join the United Mine Workers. He was placed in a cellar of a house that ran rampant with vermin and held there for two days. On the second day he was taken outside by two militiamen. A place the size of a grave was marked off and he was told to dig a hole six feet deep. While militiamen walked about him making such remarks as "Shall we bury him in a blanket?" "Did you hear what time he was to be shot?" etc. Colnar was prodded with bayonets by others of these hell-hounds o fcapital and urged to dig faster. Frantic at the thought of not seeing his wife and five small children again and feaful for their future, this citizen of the United States finally fell unconscious into his own grave. He was removed to the cellar cell and on the following morning was released without further comment.

FROM A NEWSPAPER EXPERT.

Halletsville, Tex., Mar. 23, 1914.
Messrs. Hickey & Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Gentlemen:—

Last weeks Rebel is before me. I realize that you have done a great work and that it is only the beginning of what you will do if arrangements can be made to get this esteemed publication to the people who are so much in need of it. Your paper deals unflinchingly with the most vital problems that confront the producing class of our country. So I am thoroughly in sympathy with The REBEL and its welfare, for its success means victory for those whose cause and interests it so vaiilantly espouses.

I think your incorporation scheme is a good one and would doubtless bring good results if it can be perfected. But I have a suggestion to make. It may be contrary to your policies, and all that, yet I feel that you will be considerate enough to take a glance at the situation from a view point. My plan: Sell a part of your space to legitimate advertisers. If necessary increase the size of your paper. Reduce the subscription rate and also incorporate. This will put you on a selfsustaining basis and pay your debts off and make it possible for 75,000, or even more, hungering, struggling producers to share the benefits. What do you think?

It will be remembered that I have had some experience in connection with one of the leading dailies of our state. And when you say you have made ends meet and made it possible for as many as 25,000 people to read the Rebel I am startled. I have found it this way: The ordinary newspaper depends largely upon advertising for support. Their purpose is to attain as large a circulation as possible and then pose as a great advertising medium and charge enormous rates for their space. Of course I know that you are not in the business for the dividends you may realize. I uderstand that "The greatest good the greatest number (the working class)" is your motto. Hence, my suggestion. I know several weeklies that carry a considerable line of advertising and are putting their papers out at 25c a year. They do not have to depend upon subscriptions. Why can you not do the same? Your paper would serve the people just as well and you could afford to make advertisers an attractive rate which they would gladly take advantages of. I was talking with our comrade J. A. T. Page of this place last night and I told him that if you would accept good, clean ads and promise a circulation of 25,000 that it would be an easy matter to maintain the paper on a self sustaining basis and let the readers have it at 25c a year. My experience has taught me this.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Peek.

Madisonville, Tex., Mar. 20, 1914.
Editor The Rebel:—

Will write the dear old Rebel a few lines as it is the greatest paper ever published for the laboring class of people. I have been reading it ever since its first publication and could not sleep sound if I did not get it every week. I wish every laboring man in Texas would read it. It would not be long till the victory would be won, so tell it to the Donks, and the Dub family till they get sick, so sick that they will throw up the sponge and be converted to the truth. It insipers my very soul to read the letters from the comrades. I am doing all I can for The Rebel and the toiling masses, so I am sending you some poetry, I want you to publish it for it is so appropriate for the occasion.

Yours for freedom of the working class,

G. W. Sherman.

Answer to "Evils of Socialism".

(Written for The Rebel by Elder W. J. McElhaney, of Lipan, Texas, to be published in pamphlet form after completion of the series. This is a clear, plain, powerful reply to the lies of a crooked "sky-pilot."—EDITOR.)

We will examine the private ownership question a little and see where it leads to. Socialism does not object to men owning their little homes, but the thing that we object to is the great land monopoly that is going on in the world. In the first place, the government of the United States gave away to railroad corporations two hundred and sixty six million acres of land, or about as much land as there is in Germany and France both together. We find, upon investigation, that the English and foreign nobility, and rich foreigners own about twenty two million acres in the United States, or an amount greater than the State of Massachusetts. We find that one man, Henry Miller, owns a body of land in California equal to the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Even in the great state of Texas more than seven million acres of land is held by a few individuals. Socialism would confiscate these great bodies of land and give them to a part of this 75 per cent of the disinherited people in this country, for homes. Now, I am sure that many people will howl loud when we talk about confiscation, but there are several ways of confiscating. You can confiscate with pay, or without pay. A great majority of the Socialist party would be in favor of paying for these lands held for speculative purposes; not its inflated value, but perhaps three or four times as much as it cost the people who own it now. Had Thomas Jefferson been living today he would undoubtedly have been a Socialist. We will hear him on the land question. Jefferson visited England in 1795, and after viewing the conditions of that country, which was then densely populated, and the lands were in the hands of the few who were holding them for hunting reserves, etc., says this in a letter written Oct. 28, 1795: "But after all, there comes the most numerous of all classes. That is the poor who cannot find work. I ask myself what could be the reason that so many should be permitted to beg who are willing to work, in a country where there is a very considerable portion of uncultivated lands. These lands are undisturbed only for the sake of game. It would seem then that it must be because of the enormous wealth of the proprietors, which places them above attention to the increase of their revenues by permitting these lands to be tilled. I am conscious that an equal division of property is impractical. But the consequences of this enormous inequality producing so much misery to the bulk of mankind, legislatures can not invent too many devices for subdividing property. Only taking care to let their subdivisions go hand in hand with the natural affections of the human mind. The descent of property of every kind therefore, to all the children, or to all the brothers and sisters, or other relations in equal degree is a politic measure, a practicable one. Another means of silently lessening the inequality of property is to exempt all from taxation below a certain point, and to tax the higher portions of property in geometrical progression as they rise. Wherever there is, in any country, uncultivated lands and unemployed poor, it is clear that the laws of property have been so far extended as to violate natural right. THE EARTH IS GIVEN AS A COMMON STOCK FOR MAN TO LABOR AND LIVE ON." I quote from Mr. Smith's little book, "Ownership of Land." Now, we have it from Mr. Jefferson himself, the father of the Democratic party, after observing conditions in England: "The earth is given as a common stock for man to labor and live on." How does this sound? And Mr. Jefferson would tax the uncultivated land higher and higher in proportion to the amount of land until the people who own them could not hold them. So this is Mr. Jefferson's solution. This is the way the land question was solved in New Zealand. In 1890 a few English noblemen had monopolized nearly all the rich lands of New Zealand. They held this land at prohibitive prices. The people were starving, with no place to work. They of the platform of that party was to restore the land to the people. This parliament put a graduated tax on all lands held out of cultivation. The tax was so heavy the owners of these lands could not pay the tax and hold the land. The Government of New Zealand offered a price for these lands. The holders came rushing to the government and sold most of the lands. The government of New Zealand gave the people access to the lands, and yet the government held the titles. They built comfortable houses on them, and charged the people of a small interest as rental Under this arrangement the people of New Zealand are now prosperous and happy, as they can be under a capitalisoe system. See "Politics and Laws of New Zealand" by Taylor. Mr. Jefferson said that plan of confiscation would work. It did work in New Zealand. We might try it in this country.

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THERE are 230,000 prostitutes in the United States, "three-fourths of whom are snared and trapped, bought and sold" according to Mrs. Carlton Edholm. The Socialists are not responsible for this state of affairs.

TEN men are killed and 221 injured each and every day of the year on the railroads of the United States. This country heads the list of nations of the world in fatal accidents to railway employes. The Socialists are not responsible for this slaughter of workingmen.

VARIOUS government commissions have, after searching analysis, agreed that $800 per year is required to keep the average family supplied with with the bare necessities of life. Government statistics show that 75 per cent of the workers receive less than $600 per year. The Socialists are not responsible for low wages.

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AN INSPIRING LETTER.

To The Rebel Comrades in Texas and Elsewhere:—

I write you because I want you all to know that I am your brother comrade in the fight against this capitalist system that is causing so much poverty, suffering, heart-aches and groans from the toiling millions that are producing all and have produced all the wealth of the world. I will admit it is enough to make us cry, and curse a little too, but lets not do either but fight it to a finish. You know the battle which we shall do and the protecting wings of social government floats over this lando of ours what will it mean for those millions of workers. It will mean equal rights, equal protection, equal opportunities and real life to us all. Oh, boys, if Socialism comes into power and spread her floating banner over this nation of ours and bids all men and women to come unto her and live, what a joyous nation nation of people we will be.

That is your vine and fig tree, comrades, that is spoken of. It does not only represent the vine and fig tree, but it is your own and only vine and fig tree and it is your only material salvation. But boys, we must fight the powers that now be down before we can win, before we can come into possession of that, that is ours. And as we have to fight, let's raise our bristles and fight as an American bull dog and after the battle is won then we will be transferred from an American bull dog to an American gentleman, through the influence and power of a clean white Socialistic government. Yes, if anything would make a man out of a dog that would. And if anything would make a dog out out a man this capitalistic government, which we are under, would do it. But I say we must fight if we win, not with guns that throws lead, not with bayonets, not by bloodshed, but without advocating contention, strife, bloodshed and most everything else bad and ugly. They say our flag represents all such, I do not know where they get that definition to the red flag, unless from a capitalist-Democrat sheet that seeks to fight Socialism.

I wonder if that is the cause of so much suffering and bloodshed under the present system, because there is a red stripe in the American flag. If so, my God, boys, aren't you glad it is not all red? If it was we do not know what the result would be. We could only say with one of old: God knows. I guess you all know who that ONE was, don't you?

Now we know that the greatest majority of voteers for the old parties are good meaning men and that they cast their vote with the intent to better conditions, therefore, let's teach them that voting for this present capitalistsystem is doing . That their votes is not killing anyone. But the system that they are voting for dies kill, like the doctor that is called to treat a man, who has an old sore, we will say on his limb. The doctor comes and makes an examination and he decided to the best of his knowledge to save the man's life, the limb must be amputated, so he takes to his job in good faith. But in the operation he makes some honest mistake and kills this man. Is he guilty of murder? No, because in the operation his intentions were good; but I'll be darned if he hasn't killed somebody. So what does this doctor need? He needs knowledge. So does the old party voters need knowledge. Let's give it to them.

Now comrades, of course we know that T. A. Hickey and The Rebel are as a light set upon ahill that can't be hid. But Comrade Hickey can't be heard by every man because The Rebel is not read by every man. So let's join in with him in the big fight. We all have our little gifts of talent. So as far as we are able to do, let us be up and doing and one good thing we can do, is to get subscribers for The Rebel. That is a mighty good way to spread the news and glad tidings of Socialism.

Now dear comrades, I am your brother in the fight till the overthrow, or the surrender of this capitalistic government. To you, Comrade Hickey, the members of our local, numbering 23 all join me in love and best wishes to you and The Rebel.

Fraternally yours,
S. A. Attaway,
Chalk, Texas.

List of Available Speakers.

G. Schmidt, either German or Bohemian lecturer, Phone 6818, or 1509 Preston, ave, Houston.

Dan C. Crider, Marble Falls, Texas.

Rev. W. J. Brice, Jr., McDade, Texas.

P. G. Zimmerman, Marlow Okla.

W. T. Flowers, Tolbert, Texas.

Dr. J. A. Presley, Alvord, Tex

G. A. Lambreth, Ira, Texas.

H. G. Creel, Printers Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

(Transcribed for The Rebel.)

"What is truth?" I asked an aged sage
Whose head was hoary and bowed down with age;
"Truth," he replied, "which long I've sought to find
Is largely a condition of the human mind."

"Truth in one age has been deemed an error in the next,
For truth, have warring sects appealed to the same text.
For truth, have Christians doomed their fellow mortals to the stake
And slaughtered millions for opinions sake."

Go search the world o'er from age to giddy youth
And none so benighted but claim to have the truth;
The far off regions of Africa explore—
The new world o'er to Alaska's distant shore—
All in their way though differing in mind,
What is called truth among them all we find.

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See the Hindoo mother with aspect wild
Consign to hungry monsters her well loved child;
Given to flames the charming widow in her youth
To perpetuate a belif and propagate the Truth.
And "God's chosen people" that peculiar race
Through whose lineage the Christly pedigree we trace,
In "Book of God" professed the Truth to find,
Yet slaughtered and enslaved their fellow kind.
"But one God and Mahomet is his prophet says the "Alcoran,"
Which is the Truth to every good Mahommedan.
In the "Vedas" and "Tropetka" other texts we find,
Which convince the millions how the Truth to find;
While the ancient Zoroasters, worshippers of the Sun proclaimed
The Truth was found alone in one.????
The "untutored Savage" of the Indian race
Gave Truth another meaning and a place;
In his realm was this priceless pearl found
In the "Great Spirit's happy hunting ground."
Traverse the world o'er, scan history's broad page,
Study mankind in every land and age,
Of this you'll be fonvinced and truly find
Truth is defined according to the human mind.

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In aid of Truth by cause of Christian zeal
Have heretics been racked and tortured on the wheel.
For Truth was Servitus burned at the stake,
And Quakers suffered for opinions sake;
For Truth did Socrates drink the poisoned cup;
For the same cause the martyr's Soul went up.
For Truth did Cromwell lay waste fair lands,
And in blood of innocents imbue his hands.
For Truth the Inquisition did bigots sustain,
For Truth did Mary and her sister reign
For Truth Zenengle a bloody sword did wield
And died a martyr on the battle field.
For Truth have millions of musselmen their lives laid down,
For Truth did Moses refuse a crown,
For Truth did Puritanic biggots once hold sway,
Bibles in their hands perdition their chief text
To make this world a hell, in honor of the next.
Whose only occupation was to hate and pray.

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Young man, perhaps I've said enough for sooth;
But yet I've told you but little of the real Truth.
Truth is Truth in every age and clime
Always has been and will be to the end of time.
Everyone has Truth, who acts well their part,
Truth is the earnest good every honest heart.
Do unto other as you woul do to you.
Be earnest in pursuit yourself be t
Of whatever race savage ho

MODERN SLAVES.

Lodwick, Tex., March 3, 1914.

Dear Comrades:—

As I am one of the boys, moving up from the grand old grange where I first saw the light beginning to dispel, as it did, some of the mist over our grand sires of bygone days. The light is shining more perfectly through Socialism than ever before. It is true there are mistakes made in the past, the different waves of the political parties were making to break the chains that were binding them almost to the level of a brute, in order that a few may luxuriantly live and sit in their cushions of ease. Their aims were noble to be sure. We have nothing to say against the man who takes his profits, rents and interest but the truth of Socialism is a consuming fire that will all over the world burn up the system that is keeping the little girls and boys from the playground and out of school and into the cotton patch from early spring until late in the fall, many of them barefooted. I saw a man last year trying to make a crop, who has been in bad health for a long time and will never be cured and his wife with her two children, a little girl three years old, and her baby three months old lying in the shade while she would work, the sun bringing sweat from her brow and blisters on that sweet little baby's face and last but not all the banker, as the miller takes his toll, after the rent was paid, took two-thirds of his corn and three-fourths of his cotton; also a cow and calf and more and yet the tenant is a Democrat and his wife gracefully smiles under her lot and thinks her Creator intended for these things to be.

There are more negroes here than whites and I haven't alked with a man that ever heard a Socialist speak and it will be out of the question to get one here. There are no locals in the county that I know of, so I will do all I can to rub sleep from their eyes; for which I enclose 25 cents in coin also make application for membership at large in the Socialist Party.

Yours for the brotherhood of man,
M. D. Mings.

NOW FOR THE BIG SCRAP.

Crockett, Tex., Jan. 16, 1914.

Dear Mr. Hickey:—

Enclosed find stamps for which send Rebel to S. H. Barber, McQueen, Okla., also change address of my Rebel from Weches to Crockett, Rt 6, box 77.

Well its up to us to put the hardest fight that was ever pulled off in Texas. They are going to try to sidetrack the Land issue as it now stands and substitute some sweet smelling palliative in order to catch the conservative and hoodwink the unthinking. Let us be alive to the paramount issue, the Land question, and stick tenaciously to the proposition set forth in the petitions, faithfully presented to Gov. Colquitt. Eventually we shall be heard; other parties hear us now and feel the pressure of Socialism aligned with all unions that are struggling for the cause of simple justice. All over East Texas today there is a cry reaching the vaults of heaven for the comforts of life and freedom, stifled tho it may be by the cruel hand of Capitalism.

We are men. Let us remember the words of Napoleon when he said: "Soldiers of France, the eyes of centuries are upon you." Yes the eyes of centuries are upon us, and upon us rest.s and trembles the destiny of civilization.

I have visited a good many of the lumber camps of East Texas and know of very few labor unions. The toilers have no show of redress from the scalping knife of shack, rent, doctors, assessments, etc., because they stand as weak individuals against great corporations. Every day there is a wreck mostly on account of inferior track construction. Of course, many are hurt and some are killed, but it seems so common one hears but little of it. It seems that the great octopus has his tentacles so effectually about the throat of labor one can hardly distinguish the true condition here. But I have found many Socialists and they are working for the cause.

O. W. Barber.

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J. S. Holden,
Fort Gibson, Okla.

TENANT FARMERS.

From the Austin Daily Tribune, (Democrat.)

Perhaps no issue was ever presented in Texas so loaded with dynamite as that of the tenant farmer issue. And what makes it the dangerous, is that it has been seized upon by a set of trained politicians who pose as "business men," and whose slogan is, "down with the politicians."

Pretense of deep interest in the farmers is an almost direct road to the confidence of a large body of votvers who are easily misled and through their narrow and selfish vision invite the political bunco-steerers to victimize them.

Just at present the Texas Business Men's Association, successor to the Commercial Secretaries, is busily engaged in exploiting the tenant farmers of the state, and this association has selected a candidate for governor as the figure-head through which to exercise their manipulations. Pretending to work for the farmers, the association is officered and managed by the hirelings of corporations which furnish the money to buy wool to pull over the eyes of the voters of the state.

The tenant farmer issue is an issue. No one can doubt that the problem of control of the farm land is the big question just in front of the procession. But the problem must be solved by the farmers themselves and their friends. Left to an organization financed by Big Business in St. Louis and elsewhere, the loaf for which tenant farmers are asking will prove to be a stone when delivered to them by the professional politician whose interest in politics is to deliver the legislature and the executive office over to Big Business.

One of the handicaps of the age is that our land policy appropriates every advantage of progressive industry to an increased value of lands, owned in most part by non-producers and speculators. On this increased value, the tenant farmer must pay increased rent. By this method the rich are growing richer, and the poor are growing poorer. And now comes the professional Moses to lead the children of Israel into the wilderness to remain the forty years.

The proposal that the state shall buy land and sell it to the tenant farmers is but another step in the fixing of a fictitious value for land and the perpetuity of our present land tenure system, wherein the whole vice lies.

Land, being a natural resource, should pay the burden of government, and the bulk of the rents, in the form of taxes, should go into the public treasury. This would burn the fingers of the non-productive owners, and they would be glad to relinquish ownership to the man who toils, and on terms fair to both.

As society, at public expense, builds roads and schools, and churches, land values advance, and the landlord, without paying for the improved conditions, demands more rent for the use of his land. Thus the poor labor for the rich, and when the populace has built a road and added ten dollars an acre t othe value of the farm land, if furnishes the tenants to pay added rent on the increased value it has created.

The remedy is simple. All remedies are simple. The difficulty is in discovering it. In this instance, any value created by society, belongs to the society creating it, and the added production should go into the treasury of that society, and not into the pockets of landlords who happen to hold the title papers.

THE WORKERS AND THE SPOILERS.

The workin people of the U. S produce more wealth in one year than was ever produced in any other nation in the same period in the world's history. But these workers are becoming thinner, shorter, weaker — that is, they have less life — than the average American of fifty years ago.

In the United States 750,000 workers are killed or wounded in the industries every year, and the vast majority of the toilers in the nation die premature deaths from diseases caused by overwork, underfeeding or poverty in some form.

The idle rich of the United States waste more wealth than any other idle rich class have wasted in the history of the world. One woman spends $127,000 a year for "clothing". Dogs which cost $10,000 are now fashionable as pets among the rich.

The great wealth of the United States has been created by the toilers alone. It is being wasted by its idlers. The working people are sweating, starving and dying.

Oklahoma Notes

(H. M. Sinclair, Secretary.)

Taloga, Dewey county, 13 members, Ranzo B. Rogers, Taloga, secretary, organized by H. G. Milner; Matura, Okmulgee county, 11 members, Jasper Bell, Okmulgee, Route 1, secretary, organized by Frank Ryan; Moranica, Beckham county, 5 members, J. B. Johnson, Willow, secretary, organized by J. N. Roberts; Spring Hill, Pittsburg county, 5 members, J. S. Taber, McAlester, Route 1, secretary; Fairview, Lincoln county, 7 members, C. H. Bell, Sparks, Route 1, secretary; Fonda, Dewey county, 8 members, S. D. Barber, Fonda, secretary; Park Hill, Cherokee county, 5 members, G. W. Johnson, Park Hill, secretary, organized by J. A. Lewis; Peggs, Cherokee county, 5 members, F. L. Merry, Peggs, secretary, organized by J. A. Lewis; Tahlequah, Cherokee county, 19 members, Emil Dougherty, Tahlequah, secretary, organized by J. A. Lewis; Kelleyville, Creek county, 8 members, Albert Thresh, Kelleyville, secretary; Little Ax, Cleveland county, 8 members, John Thomas, Norman, Route 6, secretary, organized by J. W. Davis; Okfuskee, Okfuskee county, 6 members, R. S. Bacon, Okfuskee, secretary, organized by J. Fleming Jones; Leon, Love ocunty, 5 members, A. J. Guthrie, Leon, secretary; Warren, Kiowa county, 5 members, S. G. Staggs, Blair, Rt. 2, secretary, organized by H. H. Stallard; ——— Atoka county, 10 members, Tom Lewis, Tushka, secretary, organized by Al Hopkins; ——— Atoka county, 10 members, J. T. Buckelew, Tushka, secretary, organized by Al Hopkins; Belzoni, Pushmataha county, 6 members, J. R. Dougherty, Belzoni, secretary, organized by M. C. Alexander; Woodrow, Jefferson county, 5 members, I. C. Hicks, Ryan, secretary, organized by T. A. Harris; Allmon, Ellis county, 7 members, William Truitt, Arnett, secretary; Cloverdale, Pottawatomie county, 9 members, H. H. Lowther, Route 2, box 107 secretary.

Total for the week, 20 locals with a membership of 157.

Total locals since January 1, 1914, 276, with a membership of 2,443.

Members at large, 57. Total gain since January 1, 1914, 2,500.

Noble County Nominating Convention.

There will be a mass convention of the Socialists of Noble county at Perry on Saturday, April 18 at 2 p. m. Purpose to finish perfecting the organization and selecting nominees to appear on the Socialist ticket in the August primaries. H. P. Reeves, Chairman, county committee.

Roger Mills County Nominating Convention.

The Socialists of Roger Mills county will meet in mas convention in the

Socialist Speakers' Bureau.

It is absolutely necessary for the successful routing of speakers that all local and county secretaries a letters promptly. When notified a speakers is to be routed th your section you should at once the Bureau whether you want speaker or not.

The Socialist Speakers' Bureau route Comrade Thomas L. Buie Oklahoma during the encamp season. Comrades wishing to Comrade Buie should notify the reau at once.

SPEAKERS DATES.

P. G. Zimmerman: Lark, April Woodville, 5; Holdenville, 6-7; Sem ole, 8; Thrace, 9; Wolf, 10.

H. H. Stallard: Brinkham, Apri p. m.; Sayre, 4, 2 p. m.; Delhi, 4, p. m.; Erick, 2 p. m.; Hammon, 6, m.; Roll, 7,8 p. m.; Durham, 8, 2 p. Red Moon, 9, 8 p. m.; Rankin, 10, 8 p. m.; Cheyenne, 11, 1 p. m.; Leedy, 2 p. m.; Augore, 12, 8 p. m.; Vici, 8 p. m.; Cestos, 14, 8 p. m.; Fargo, 8 p. m.; aGge, 16, 8 p. m.

courthouse at Cheyenne on Saturday April 11th, at 1 p. m. for the purp of selecting nominees to appear on Socialist Ticket in the August pri ries. We urge all Socialists to app and participate in these nomina L. F. Piper, Chairman, H. K. Cole County Secretary.

Lincoln County Nominating Convention.

There will be a county convention Chandler, Saturday, April 25th, begi ning at 1 0a. m. for the purpose nominating candidates for the co offices. The time has come tha we can elect, and let every Socialist Lincoln county be present, and l show our strength and get acquaint We now have a perfect political org ization with a solid front. There w be good speakers and a god time. J. Fitzpatrick, county chairman.

The Socialists of Garvin county ha arranged with the Socialists Speak Bureau for an encampment late July.

Shawnee has arranged for an e campment in July.

The Socialist Speakers Bureau making dates for a joint debate b tween Hon. J. B. Thompson, of Pa Valley, and Comrade T. N. Robert, Davis, to be held at several encam ments in the 5th congressional d trict. If you want a date for this d bate, write at once.

A VOICE FROM THE NORTH.

Smithville, Minn., March 21, 1914.

E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Gentlemen:—

Please send me some informati about the Texas Renters' Union, membership, how it is organized e Would be glad to get literature e plaining all about it. Thanking you i advance I remain,

Yours truly,
Joseph Wilson.

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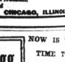

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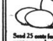

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Signed _______________

Address _______________