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Top Capitalism and Tom Ball Win

On last Saturday morning the editor of The Rebel braved the blast of a Texas norther so that he might write up the proceedings of a county convention of a hermaphroditic party.

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The call was issued in the name of the Prohibition-Democratic party, and if that is not an unnatural political alliance of the nature indicated in the previous paragraph then the editor of this great religious weekly is at a loss for a word to describe it.

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As we stood at 10 a. m. shivering in the tiled corridor waiting for the janitor to open the doors for the convention delegates who had already assembled we were struck with the unanimous expression of faith that they expressed in strident tones in the man who was to be their standard bearer at Ft. Worth. As one man they shouted: Tom Ball, Tom Ball, Tom Ball.

The tardy janitor finally opened the doors of the district court room and the delegates filed in. I sat with them in solemn conclave. They were three strong, viz.: Cook from Yoakum, a town of 7,000 people, and his co-delegate from the same place, Machac, and Easterling from Hallettsville. The proceedings of the three lasted three minutes and the three proceeded to nominate delegates to the Ft. Worth convention to be held next Saturday from Fayette county, although Lavaca county numbers 30,000 souls. What did I say: Herma—Oh! spell it yourself.

This is the truthful record of a County convention of that party as seen by the editor of The Rebel in the town in which he dwells in one of the "Star" anti counties of the State.

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The wise old Senator put his arm around my shoulder as I walked down the courthouse stairs side by side with the delegates to the "convention" and said: "Watch the Houston Post or Galveston News when they come in on the first train Sunday afternoon and you will find that Tom Ball will be almost unanimously named as the choice of the pros for their convention that meets next Saturday in the town where Water Power Lane ran his second-hand store, was elected as a Democratic anti and achieved a certain kind of immortality by running a negro skating rink!"

The old politician was right, the daily papers next day carried the story and Lavaca County and most other delegates were recorded as unanimously in favor of Tom Ball, Tom Ball, Tom Ball.

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What a monstrous fake, what a frightful farce, what a—Oh what's the use of denunciation. Let us get behind the scenes and see how the wires were pulled in the 70-odd counties that have made Ball's nomination a certainty in the elimination convention at Ft. Worth sext Saturday. Here are the facts:

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Tom Ball is, by intellect, strong and by nature smooth, suave and subtle. From the day when he first stuck out his law shingle he sought corporation employment and with wondrous success — that is, wondrous success for Texas. When Bailey lined up with Standard Oil Tom Ball was one of his field marshals. When B. F. Yoakum was playing his frenzied finance game with the Frisco Railroad that ended in the despoilment of the unfortunate stockholders of that road, Tom Ball was ever at his ear counselling and advising how to get by. When the voice of the interests inquired in the canyons of lower New York for the brains and legal organization to put through their schemes to exploit the resources of Texas their counsellors advised but two firms: Baker, Parker, Botts and Garwood or Ball & Andrews with the emphasis always upon Tom Ball, Tom Ball, Tom Ball.

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And thus it has come to pass that when various landlords in Texas who had secured their lands by devious methods and entered into a deal with Yoakum ,that would profit him and them millions to dispose of their ill gotten properties and when the resulting financial wreck , cured a receiver had to be appointed, the powers-that-be at once yelled for Tom Ball, Tom Ball, Tom Ball. Consequently the Frank Andrews got the job—Andrews of the firm of Ball & Andrews, the great railroad attorneys of the Lone Star State. Needless to say Ball was not appointed: it was his "wicked partner", while Tom will, they expect, be elected Governor of Texas to look after the interests of his clients—the same old clients in the East, who with predatory fingers clutched their bonds, and their bags of boodle while yelling for Tom Ball, Tom Ball, Tom Ball —even as the train porters call out the station in Harris county that the railway plutocrats named after him. You have often heard that racuous yell: "Tomball! Tomball! Tomball "

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And so they are going to nominate Tom Ball in the prohi elimination convention at Ft. Worth next Saturday. I wish that the various duties that chain me to my desk would be removed for a while so that I could attend that great convention, I would like to gaze with calm and careful scrutiny upon the men that worked the wires, pulled the strings and moved the puppets that do the work of elimination.

I would like to look at the preachers without pulpits and the politiians without jobs or pelf who will yell for Tom Ball. I would like to look on the beer bloated faces of the landlords of the black land country, who make their tenants give half the crop, refuse to give them pasture for a cow and actually make them lariat the occasional turkey for fear he would take up too much of his (the landlord's) soil. I would like to look at the colored brethren in negro heaven, who use to dance in gay not to say alcoholic abandon—the turkey trot and tango in Brother Lane's negro amusement parlors.

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These and many other things of a similar sort I would like to gaze on with admiration, though mayhap 'twould be mingled with contempt.

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But the most valuable moments of my observation would be given to gazing on the Donk ex-speaker of the 30th legislature, Tom Love of Dallas, the owner of that alleged religious weekly called Home and State. Brother Love would command my attention because it was he who worked Home and State to eliminate Cullen Thomas in the interest of Tom Ball. He is the grape juice veteran of many campaigns and when it comes to handling the life and fire insurance end of capitalism in Texas,he is the last sanctified word since the holy Dr. Rankin has been shelved.

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I might go on to tell you of many more famous characters who will adorn that convention hall in Ft. Worth next Saturday. Of the amiable Slaughter, the biggest deacon in the Baptist church whose both arms will be occupied next Saturday (except when he is applaudisg Ball) with the Bible and land titles. Under his right arm will be the Bible that declares "the land shall not be sold forever" (Lev. 25—23) and under his left arm, title deeds to 600,000 acres of arable land that declares that each acre of land shall be given to their "heirs and assigns forever". These and a number of other famous characters I would like to meet at the eliminatory sext Saturday afternoon.

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So much for the principal characters. Now to the forces behind them. Tom Ball positively and distinctively represents Top Capitalism. He, like his partner, Frank Andrews, stands for the consolidation of the railroad interests of the state. All his wealth comes from that source, aye, eves the clothes on his back, the furniture in his home and his money in the bank has come from the railroad magnates. This has ever been his record. ***He has stood just like Rankin, like Love and the rest of his supporters for Baileyism first, last and all the time.*** And it is because Cullen Thomas fought the Bailey machine that he has been eliminated and in this connection be it remembered that Joe Bailey was never an anti.

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And so Ball will be nominated at Ft. Worth next Saturday if his railroad masters so desire and the firm of Ball & Andrews, railroad attorneys, will outstrip the firm of Baker, Parker, Botts & Garwood, providing that Tom Ball adds the gubernatorial honors as an asset to his firm's name.

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Well what has all this to do with prohibition? Absolutely nothing. You can't make people sober by act of parliament. Prohibition has been a fake for fifty years in Maine and every pro campaign in the last generation has been financed by the united distillers of the East as the written record shows.

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Prohibition is an absolute fake in Oklahoma and within the shadows of the state capitol there is more licentiousness with all that the term applies including drunkeness, gambling and sexual debauchery than in any other city of its size in these United States and that condition exists at this moment.

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Prohibition, it is an absolute fake because prohibitary laws exist in all the counties in Texas in which 75 per cent of our people dwell and although many of these counties have less liquor within their borders in one year than is within the precincts of the Houston club, where Tom Ball drinks his long toddies and plays poker *yet tenantry increases, poverty develops and landlordism ever strengthens in power.*

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Prohibition is a fake, because wherever its protagonists have been elected to power they have, without an exception, stood for the interests and against labor as witness Governor Comer of Alabama who lent all the assistance of the state to destroy the United Mine Workers' Union and in that connection let me say that the wooden tombstones over the graves of the widows and children that died in Alabama while he ran his Russian rooms, carries the inscription of more deaths under his hand than that of all the distillers of Louisville or elsewhere.

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Finally prohibition is a fake because (although this may shatter the shallow minds of shoddy economists) under a system of society in which labor is a commodity bought and sold as are all other commodities the dearer the commodity is the more valuable it is. Hence Ball's masters would like that their employes drink ice water, hence they would receive ice water wages. On the other hand, if under this system that makes labor a commodity they should demand champagne and 25 cent cigars then their wages would be champagne wages instead of the ice water wages. Tom Ball and his masters want them to drink ice water and the editor of this great religious weekly believes from the depths of his soul that the damn scoundrels won't even give their workers ice.

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So much for the Ft. Worth Eliminatory.

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Now let us look at the other side of the picture

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THE ANTIS ARE WHIPPED TO A FARE YOU WELL.

There never was anything of a decently progressive nature about them.They had as much idea about modern progress as the jeweled toad had of the diamond in his head. The antis might have backed Ball off the map,if they had read the columns of the Rebel since its first issue in which prohibition was correctly proclaimed as a fake. But inasmuch as the sovereign powers of the antis belong in the lower strata of the petty bourgeois and hope that they, themselves, could become petty possessors of some small parcels of land,they refused to take up the issue that The Rebel had launched and now they may go to their doom.

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The antis in Texas have no standing in the affairs of state. They are the last word in reaction. They are caught between the wheels of modern industry. They can present nothing but the cries of the bourbon days that have died away in the oblivion that belongs to forgotten things. Their Wolters' have no place in the political arena; they have not even a seat in the "buzzard roost" of politics.

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When the Fort Worth convention adjourns next Saturday afternoon the next Governor of Texas will have been nominated unless the Socialist Party candidate defeats him. And indeed my people, there are good reasons why our party should land in first place. In the last election we polled 25,000 votes, beat the Elephant and Bull Moose and was the only third party that occupied second place in any state.

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That our party may become the first party in Texas in this campaign is well within the bounds of reason and common sense. For years single-handed and alone, we have featured the land issue as the issue. It is preposterous to imagine that white people of Caucasian blood will long stand for the paramount issue that is based upon the regulation of an appetite that they have not as the local option elections of Texas show. That the issue in Texas is the same that is being read in the flash of the cannon across the border in Old Mexico is as clear as God's sunlight. That the pros and antis can continne their fake issues is unbelievable. That the great estates in Texas must be broken up within the next year as were the Creel and Terrazas estates in Old Mexico within the last month, is as certain as that the civilization of North America is equal to the civilization of the southern states beyond our border.

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Well people, this a long, long way that I have rambled since I have started to tell you about the Lavaca County Convention.

I know not what wisdom will guide the counsels of the men who will pull the strings in Ft. Worth next Saturday. I do know however that men of the anti-Bailey stripe like Cullen Thomas have written to me for information as to this Land question. They are men who are far-sighted enough to see the cloud in the sky that is no larger than a man's hand.

The Balls and their ilk will *undoubtedly, acting under the advice of the railroad magnates who control many millions of Texas land, recommend a plank on land that will be so couched in popular phraseology as to attract the unwary and divert into safe channels the land revolution now under way.*

BEWARE OF THEM, and beware of their land plank. They have been driven into taking a position on this vital question. It matters not that the Rebel or what-not has done so, the fact remains, uncontroverted, unassailable, that they would lik[illegible] the part so successfully employed in the destruction of the [illegible]rty.

BUT THEY CANNOT REPEAT, MY P[illegible] PRO SCOUNDRELS CANNOT REPEAT NO MO[illegible] CAN THEIR ANTI BROTHERS WHO WILL MEE[illegible]LAR CONVENTION LATER ON.

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All aboard for Ft. Worth [illegible] Saturday, February 21, and watch what takes place when the convention rises to cheer Tom Ball, Tom Ball, Tom Ball.

STUPENDOUS CAMPAIGN OFFER.

The regular sub price of The Rebel in clubs of [illegible] is 75 cents per year or 25 cents for 20 weeks.

However, as our contribution toward the great campaign of 1914 and to aid in rolling up 75000votes in Texas next November, we make the following offer.

WE WILL AGREE TO SEND THE REBEL TO ANY SIX NAMES AND ADDRESSES FROM NOW UNTIL ELECTION DAY FOR THE SMALL SUM OF $1.50.

Remember if you will send us a club of six subscribers they will get The Rebel until election day, November 3, 1914, for the sum of 25 cents each.

This offer applies only to clubs of six or more, and is made only for a LIMITED TIME.

You know how much more the Rebel can do that any other newspaper to turn the people of Texas and the South to Socialism, so get busy and pile in the subs while this offer lasts at the rate of 2000 per week and we will do things at this end of the line that will make the capitalists of the world sit up and take notice.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

We are taking the advantage of your sub of 4 for forty weeks for 25cts after our subs expire from 1913

You see we are all doing a little. I sent in these three men's names in a club in 1913, at that time they were Democrats, but they all signed the land petition and are now good Socialists, so you see the point, they must read the Rebel.

EXTRACT FROM EDITORIAL, EL PASO TIMES, OF RECENT DATE.

Statement by General Carranza.

"The immediate object of the Constitutionalists is the restoration of constitutional government, and the overthrow of Huerta and those responsible with him for the assassination of President Madero and the usurpation of the government.

"That accomplished, it is the object of the Constitutionalists to effect the political economical reforms beofre my country can have permanent peace. Among these are the guarantee of a full and free code to all citizens and the settlement of the land problem on the lines laid down in the plan of San Luis Potosi: taxation of land at its full value; restoration to the public of lands illegally taken from it, and the opportunity for the common people to acquire lands in small acreage, so that they must become independent and self-supporting. Other reforms are proposed, which include a complete system

(Out of all the doubt and confusion and haze of thought as to affairs in Mexico it is becoming ever more clear to the thoughtful man that the Land Question is the basic question in the land of Montezuma. Situated as we are in Texas withonly a border line dividing us between the two republics, the thought is driven home into the minds of the dullest that a similar revolution to that going on now in Mexico must inevitably break out on this side of the line and the demands will be even stronger than that laid down in the San Luis Potosi platform for which Carranza stands. President Wilson was wise in not interventing, but if he should at the eleventh hour, nothing chaors will ensue. Land for the landless and homes for the homeless is th issue. That is now being fought out on each side of the line and the homeless will secure homes by the ballot if possible, by the gun if necessary. Those who stand for the destruction of landlordism cannot be stayed in their efforts, for this is the spirit of the age.—Ed. The Rebel.)

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

I am a socialist from a Bible standpoint and also from a political standpoint. I am a socialist because I believe in the socialist doctrine and if any man that has got sense enough to study the *principles of socialism* he will become a socialist. And I fully believe that the socialist movement is the *forerunner* of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist the forerunner of Jesus' first coming.

Who got the crop you made last year? You didn't, the fellows that you voted for got it. Why don't you vote this year for your wife to get your crop? Yes, I know why now you would think the MrKinley wave of prosperity had struck you after waiting these many years for it. Old Doc Jo is [illegible]ing it along by the millions in the way of unemployed. Comrades get on the firing line I want us to fire the biggest gun that was ever shot in Texas. I want us to knock out all the Donk candidates, root and branch.

Forever yours for the Fight.

A. B. Cox.
Jewitt, Texas.

R. U. Organization Fund

The Rebel force will start off the list herewith. Who is next?

T. A. Hickey	$25.00
E. O. Meitzen	25.00
E. R. Meitzen	25.00

Have You Ears to Hear This?

Newlin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1914.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

Your appeal for an organization fund for this Renter's Union should be responded to by every red blooded man and woman of the South and especially those of Texas and Oklahoma who can possibly do so. I have been pondering and asking myself over and over who and how many who read your appeal will catch the great truth in your first sentence in making this appeal, which says:

"*The Renter's Union of America is growing too slow in proportion with the amount of favorable sentiment that exists in the South toward it and its basic demands on the Land Question.*

I wish that this statement could be indelibly stamped in every mind of every southern laborer, man, woman and child. I wish some power could be called into use that would keep it before their eyes and ringing in their ears until they once grasped the truth it contains. Not that the Renter's Union has ceased to gain prestige or grow. Not that it has dwindled away and is no more of any consequence. Not that it has ceased a thorn in the flesh of landlordism. No, not that. But were it growing by leaps and bounds it would yet be too slow. Were it to double and quadruple annually that statement would still hold good and be a great truth.

If the people of Texas once could be made to understand, once they comprehended the full import of that, our assertion, we would hear the death knell of landlordism and land tenantry with all its its degrading and damning environment would perish from off the face of the earth.

That the time is rotten ripe for the abolition of landlordism no one can deny. That its curse is felt by both tenant and landlord has been proven time and time again. That the Renter's Union offers the only satisfactory solution was proven by the number of signatures to the Land Petition circulated last fall. That thousands of these signers were not members of the Union and were Democrats was attested by those circulating them. That other thousands of signatures could have been secured can be proven by the same individuals. That hundreds of those active in the circulation of those petitions have always supported the Democrat party and do not belong to the Renter's Union is another fact not to be overlooked. That the agitation for the circulation of thisLandPetition was carried on by a small handful of men and women and against great odds is another fact that cannot be denied. Yet against all these odds and uphill work 80,000 signatures were secured to the most revolutionary petition ever circulated in the South, thereby arousing so widespread attention that even the blind and deaf old Donk pricked up his ears, dropped his pro and anti-pro paregoric dope and now is offering his dear good people heaps of good land reform.

Yet the Renter's Union and Socialist Party of Texas appears not to realize the significance of these facts and respond with the energy and enthusiasm as such ought to imbue.

If the Renter's Union wants to do something for itself, and the Socialist Party of Texas wants to do something for itself, and the Socialist Party of Texas wants to do something for humanity, something for the most needy outraged class on earth, the time was never more opportune. Let the Renter's Union get busy, every man, woman and child, let them fight the fight of their lives now, do it now. Organize, fight and fight to win. Then let the Socialist Party of Texas stand by this Union as a man by a brother and see that it wins its fight and that it wins for keeps.

If some Socialist asks why centralize or specialize on land and not demand full profit, I wish to say that I am a Socialist and demand my equal share (or opportunity) of the natural resources and the land is one of the most essential of them. I do not expect Socialism or the socialization of all things to come at one big slump. If you can't get the idea of working out one thing at a time than why not shut your eyes, fold your arm, shut your mouth and be Utopian right straight through. I do not mean by this to lose sight of the full program as to compromise on anything short of our ideal or goal, but when such an opportunity confronts us as the Land Question of the South is, to fight for it and fight like hell.

Please excuse me, comrade, I only meant to drop you a few lines of encouragement and have you know that I was in accord and approval of your plan. I didn't mean to write so much.

THE DEBS CROW.

Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, the brilliant leader of the anti-noise crusade, has canned noises, as she quaintly calls them, wherewith to illustrate her eloquent addresses. Mrs. Rice, that is to say, demonstrates with actual phonographic records the hideous street din of New York.

Discussing the other day animal noises—the night noise of prowling cats, the sunrise noise of roosters kept in alleys—Mrs. Rice said:

"An anti-noise man got the better of an inconsiderate Socialist last month. It is a queer story.

"The anti-noise man, a nervous journalist, lives in a Brooklyn flat, and the Socialist, his landlord, lives below him. The Socialist kept a talking crow—you know how crows talk if their tongue is split, and this bird, from its cage on the balcony, roared all day long: 'Hurrah for Debs! Hurrah for Debs!'

"All through the Presidential campaign the journalist got no sleep on account of the crow's Socialistic cheers. Though no great foe to Socialism, he came to loathe the very thought of Debs.

"He tried to buy the crow, offering as much as $25 for it. In vain. He besought its owner to keep it indoors. In vain. This unsocial Socialist was too proud of his crow to curtail a moment of its noisy Debs enthusiasm.

"The journalist was afraid to kill or steal the crow lest the owner, discovering his guilt, turn him out of the flat house. He did, instead a wily thing.

"He went to a pet stock dealer, bought a crow that couldn't say a word, and the next day, watching his chance, substituted the dumb bird for loquacious one.

"The journalist met the Socialist in a cigar store the other day.

"'Don't you ever regret' he said, 'that you refused my liberal offer for your talking crow?'

"'No, siree!' exclaimed the Socialist warmly, 'I value that bird more than ever now. Why man, would you believe it? Ever since the defeat of Eugene V. Debs the crow hasn't opened its lips.'"

—Los Angeles Record.

A TRIBUTE TO J. A. WAYLAND.

A comrade at Girard, Kansas, has published a little tribute to our departed comrade J. A. Wayland, in booklet form, written by George D. Brewer.

Few there are who ever got close enough to J. A. Wayland to hear his heart beat. Brewer was one of the few, and in this little sketch he has faithfully portrayed the heart throbs of this great man, whose greatness will grow with passing years. The booklet is elegantly printed and contains a good picture of J. A.

Those wishing a copy can secure one by sending twenty-five cents in stamps to cover printing, wrapping and mailing, to "Friday" Harmon, Girard, Kansas.

Socialists Nominate Three Candidates

In session here yesterday afternoon, Socialists of Waco nominated a candidate for mayor and selected two to make the race for water commissioners. P. D. Phillips secured the nomination for mayor, while G. W. Morse and Wilson Trotter, Sr., will oppose the Democratic nominees, in the general election next April, for water commissioners. The Socialists, of course will not participate in the primaries.

A candidate for the office of city recorder will probably be named at a meeting of local Socialists to be held in the near future.

P. D. Phillips, M. Kalk and Louis Justement constitute the platform committee. This document will be prepared and submitted for approval by Waco Socialists.—Waco News.

ARRANGE TO PLANT THAT COTTON PATCH AND PAY FOR LITERATURE AND SPEAKERS.

PROHIBIT LANDLORDISM.

Big Springs, Tex., Feb. 8, 1914.
The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

There is quite a little ecitement in Big Springs among the Donk party. The pros and antis are about to have another squabble. They voted out the pool halls Saturday.

The antis say that the pros want to confiscate the picture shows next and then go after the coffee and tobacco.

The antis are circulating a petition for an election to have saloons. Office seekers are announcing and telling how good they would be, if elected. All this fuss is only to keep the people's minds belittled and to keep them off the real issue, which is Land. With all this fuss I could not retain silence so I had the editor of the Big Springs to slip in his paper a somewhat forerunner, of which you will find enclosed clipping. I think the Socialists should pound away on the Land Question in earnest. The time is ripe, landlordism must go and soon, at that.

The Rebel has opened up more eyes on the Land Question than all the balance of the newspapers in the country.

Yours for a better day,
J. B. Mittel.

(This is the Big Springs Herald article written by our comrade.—Ed. Rebel:)

To The Voters of Howard County

Remember, the Socialists will be also "Johnny on the spot" and place a ticket in the field at the general election this fall. The Socialists are kicking up great clouds of dust in every nook and corner of the civilized world, preaching the gospel, telling about the wonderful cure of all human misery and suffering. The Socialists would like to change some of the laws that were made by our forefathers when they were still living in jungles and caves. Will mention the land laws. Under the present system a few or one man could if he had the means buy up the whole state of Texas except the public highways and could keep the rest therefrom. Land was not created by a man or a set of men, therefore it is a natural gift to all. The Socialists believe that every child born into this world has a right to a plot of land without paying for some landlord for it. The Socialists believe it is not right that Johnson and Brown's children must pay Smith and Jones' children for part of the land, just because the Smith and Jones children were born first and got their fingers on all the land. There are also other peculiar laws that look queer in this twentieth century in the days of great enlightenings. The cheap money we are to have soon without land reform will help the tenant farmer and others that would like to have a home very little. At the instant the landless would try to buy land with cheap money, the speculator and landlord would probably run up the price so high that it would take the buyer and his heildren the balance of their days to pay the landlord for the land. Place a confiscatory tax on all land held for speculation and exploitation and we will soon have a country of home owners and prosperity.

If there are some that are not acquainted with te Socialist movement and would like to learn something about it, my advice would be not to go to some wise landlord or an enemy to Socialism for information. He will lead you into strange roads into darkness and get you all twisted up in such a tangled shape that it will take ten years for you to get straightened out and back again where you started. Go right down into the Socialist camp and investigate for yourself.

A CONVERTED PRO.

Anson, Tex., Jan. 30, 1914.
Editor TheRebel,
Dear Comrade:—

Please accept check for one dollar for which send Rebel.

I am a recent recruit from the prohibition party. My reasons for quitting the prohibition party is the fact that the consumer pays from three to five and some times ten times the factory price for every article of use.

The prohibition party makes no pretense of abating this huge steal while the Socialist party seeks to abandon rents, interest and profits.

Please state The-Rebel's attitude towards the United States Postal department. Does The Rebel advocates a law to make it a heavy penalty for any factory or dealer to discriminate against a parcel post order in favor of any jobber or speculator.

We believe the postal department should be permitted to serve the public without any restriction by wholesale men.

J. H. Dean.

Texas Notes.

By T. A. Hickey, State Secretary Socialist Party, Hallettsville, Texas.)

New Locals.

Elmo, Kaufman county, 7 members, Chas. G. Cowan, secretary.

Arnold S. H., Collin county, 11 members, F. E. Parkhill, secretary.

Sabinal, Uvalde, county, 13 members, D. A. Baker, secretary, self-organized.

Mount Zion, Rusk county, Irving Williams, secretary, by County Secretary Wilson.

Live Oak, Palo Pinto county, 10 members, N. S. Gibbs, secretary.

Pleasant Grove, Alba and Mill Spring, are new locals in Wood county, with C. B. Watkins, R. L. Rhodes and R. F. Blackman, respectively, as secretaries.

Bridgeport, Wise county, 8 members, by county Secretary Ross.

Pear Valley, McCullogh county, 15 members, Chas. G. Cowan, secretary.

Live Oak, 10 members, R. B. Varton, secretary, Palo Pinto county, chartered by that live wire, County Secretaryl Gibbs.

Murray, Young county, 6 members, D. L. Mayhen, secretary, self-organized.

Just missed one having the "lucky thirteen" this week. Now just get a little busier and let's see if we can't make it an even twenty next week.

New County Organizations.

Wise county, C. A. Ross, county secretary, Decatur, Texas.

Throckmorton county, J. M. Gardner, county secretary, Woodson, Texas.

Wood county, M. W. Coleman, county secretary, Golden, Texas.

Debs Meetings.

At Waco, on Friday, March 6, (not the 7th as stated.)

At Houston, Sunday, March 8.

Thousands will go, so why not you. Let us start off the campaign in Texas with rousing meetings at both places.

State Organizer Hardie.

State Organizer J. E. Hardie, of Mineola, one of the livest wire organizers in the South, a man who can make locals grow where no one ever expected them to grow, and who is a good spaker in the bargain, will soon be available for dates in northeast, east and southeast Texas counties. If you want a new organizer and a good one in your county better begin to speak early.

County Mass Meetings.

Cass county, March 7, at Linden, Texas, called by county chairman Gholson.

Hopkins county, February 28, called by county chairman Don Campbell, of Sulphur Springs.

Bell county, at Tempe, Texas, in justice court room, Sunday, March 1, ealed by county secretary, W. J. Kennedy.

Clark in Haskell.

County Secretary Joe Hudspeth has secured Stanley J. Clark to lecture there for fourteen days about the last of April and first of May.

Those wanting Clark at their schoolhouse should write Comrade Hudspeth at O'Brien, Texas, at once as he wants to make up the route right away.

He writes: "We can carry the county this year if we will all put our shoulders to th ewheel and do our part."

County Secretaries Please.

County secretaries will save us and themselves much trouble and will add to the general efficiency of things if they will kindly not forget to report all locals in their counties that are in good standing each month, whether such locals have remitted dues for that month or not.

Now comrades, let us swear off this year, this office included, from slip-shod, wait-till-tomorrow habits. Let us do things that we see ought to be done NOW. Keeping such a resolve in mind, my comrades, we can pile up 75,000 of 'em next November.

Two Big Things Now.

Make arrangements now, with other Socialists, in your county to plant a co-operative patch in cotton, corn or other products, the proceeds to be used for paying for literature or speakers at the final whirlwind finsh of the present campaign. Can raise money in advance on a good patch.

Another big thing to do now is get every member of the party pay his or her dues now for six months to one year in advance. This will put money in the party treasury for the immediate needs of the present campaign. At the same time it will keep you in good standing, and it will relieve the burdens of every secretary from the locel, county, up to the state.

we could demand an election-day representative."

Comrades who have been treated similarly in other counties will bear in mind that they can demand as a legal right a watcher at every voting place, later on. Watch instructions on this and other election law matters next month.

Clark For Encampments.

Stanley J. Clark can spend fifteen days in Texas with encampments in July and August, four of these days are already taken. Address him 214 Ziegler, Bldg., Oklahome City, Oklahoma.

Crooked Donks in Titus.

I. T. Riddle, Secretary, Mount Pleasant: "I sent a list of names to the commissioners court of Titus county, in fact I went in person with the secretary and asked them to appoint them to represent us at the polls in November. They turned me down, so we will have no one, They claimed, however,

Zimmermann Coming From New Mexico To Texas.

"To the Socialists along the Ft. Worth and Denver R. R. from Amarillo to Wichita Falls and along the T. P. from Abilene, Tex., to Cisco; along the Texas Central from Cisco to Morgan; then along the Santa Fe from Morgan via Ft. Worth, Sanger, Gainesville to Thackerville, Okla. Anyone wishing a meeting and who will meet me at railway stations anywhere along the railroads as designated above, I will come and speak for him. I will be filling dates over this line in the early part of March.

Write me right now, today, and say you want me one or more dates if you can use me. My rates are only $3.00 and entertainment while with you. Address P. G. Zimmermann, Marlow Oklahoma.

Noble Takes Another Hide.

Crete, Tex., Feb. 13, 1914.
Dear Comrades:—

Comrade W. S. Noble and Elder W. E. Norman had a nice debate at Pennington, this week. At the close a vote was taken of those present to decide who won the debate and only two voted for Norman while all others that voted, voted for Noble.

Elder Norman did not touch the proposition and in fact confessed in his speech that he was wrong, while Noble would stay squarely to with his subject, making his audience laugh and cry by turns. Those ten-cent millionaires could hardly keep their seats, when Noble began to pull down Norman's hide. They twisted and turned, but just the same he got the hide and it will not spoil either as it was salted good and strong.

O. C. Noriele.

To The Socialists of Texas.

Dear Comrades:—

I am now in position to devote my entire time to the cause of Socialism in Texas. I want to make a tour through Southwest Texas, beginning in Foard county and follow the Orient railroad to Sweetwater, and then work the counties tributary to the T. & P. railroad embracing Nolen, Mitchell, Howard, Borden, Seurry and Fisher counties in the order named.

Can fill as many dates in each county as the comrades think advisable. Write me at once, so I can arrange the dates so as to work each county named, beginning with Foard.

Make dates and give me large attendance and all other matters necessary to the work will be arranged satisfactory.

Yours for Socialism,
W. T. Flowers,
Tolbert, Texas.

Literature Bargains.

The following literature is offered to the membership at rates that should clean them out at once.

Platform Text Book, former price 25c, now 20c, postpaid.

"Socialism, What It Is and How to Get It," Ameringer's great little pamphlet: a 10c booklet. Till they are sold, at 5c streigt, express or postpaid.

"Danger Ahead," by Debs and Chas. Edward Russell. All Socialist should read this 5c booklet, now going at 3c a copy.

Quite a few other 10c booklets on hand which go at regular prices. Help us and help yourselves and others to more knowledge by sending for literature.

Men and Mules, Bees and Butterflies, and other Ries books at 10c each, 3 for 25 cents.

ARRANGE NOW TO PLANT THAT PROPAGANDA COTTON PATCH.

Open Dates and Debates

I will be open for dates and debates after March 1, at the regular state rates. Any of the comrades who heard me at the encampments last summer, who would like to have these lectures delivered in your county, will write me.

G. A. Lambreth, Ira, Texas.

Lone Star Glems.

PAY YOUR DUES SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

Ida Crouch Hazlett is doing good work along the coast at present.

Alvin Coker, secretary of the new local at Seale, writes: "We want to reorganize this county, and want the help of the state office."

All particulars pertaining to the official nomination of candidates in line with the election law will be published within the next two weeks.

H. Henderson, "soap box-organizer," of Fort Worth, local writes: "Local growing fast here, taking in from one to ten members every Sunday. I received notice from the police this morning that we will not be allowed to hold any more meetings on the streets, as we had Eleventh street blocked to traffic three nights last week, so if you hear of us in jail do not be surprised."

W. S. Noble is debating, lecturing, organizing in Jasper, Texas, from February 16, to February 22, under direction of Secretary, J. A. Shaw. He will speak after that at Center, February 23, and Cushing, February 2[illegible]. Then he will be routed to points northwest. Socialists in Grayson, Collin, Cooke, Denton, Hopkins, or adjoining counties who want him for a date or two or for a schoolhouse campaign will write or wire this office NOW.

A PROSPEROUS PEOPLE.

Elmo, Tex., February 9, 1914.
Dear Comrade:—

I want to tell you about our prosperity. Elmo is a little town of three or four hundred, situated in Kaufman county, Texas, 7 miles east of Terrell, Texas. Our people are in the main quiet an industrious.

Two years ago Mr. Jim Whitfield discovered fine rock near Elmo, Texas. He, having some money developed a rock quarry, got out a few carloads. The Texas & Pacific R. R. Co., built a spur track out to it and all was handy. But Mr. Whitfield's money gave out and he got about $40,000 in debt and the banks closed on him and one fine quiet morning when no one was thinking about such a thing he took a gun and blew out his own life. No one has took up the work he left off. That is prosperity number one.

In January this year we had three business failures. The boss closed out two grocery merchants and the third sold out to keep from failing. This is prosperity number two.

I tell you we are a prosperous people. So prosperous that the people had to borrow money to pay their taxes. To prove it all just examine the clerk's book at Kaufman and see how many mortgages are on file. The banks were crowded so much on the first day of January to the fifteenth with people wanting to borrow money until some had to go back the second and third time to be waited on. Many good men were turned off without any at all, who could furnish gilt edge security. I tell you we are a prosperous people here.

Those fellows who failed in business are gold Democrats. They are standing around to halloo for the first Donk candidate that comes along. They have no earthly use for Socialism. I have talked with them on the principles of Socialism. They said the county was all right; they could not see anything wrong with the present system. Of course Doc Wilson-Bryan-Tumulty & Co., will fix up things at Washington when they get out of fix and all will go on all right. I want to put all the people in the trust so there would be no one on the outside to exploit. If a trust is good for a few it would be good for all. If co-operation is good for a few it would be good for all then all would be for each and each for all in our great bee hive. We want no drones in the great hive. This is the way I have reasoned it out in our Socialist philosophy. So each one can enjoy the full social product of his or her labor without anyone to exploit. Rent, interest and profit is the greatest evil known to man. This is the way I see it and I vote accordingly and have been voting the Socialist ticket for 12 long years and will continue to if they still remain. For I cannot conceive of anything else worth voting for. Can you?

Yours fraternally,
Lon D. Canthen.

Before and After.

THE JANUS-FACED GOVERNOR.

When E. R. Meitzen went to Austin on December 20, to pre- t the monster land petition the governor was shocked at the auda- y of this young man. He could not see any landlord or tenant pro- m in the state that he had ruled over for three full years. His ..nt was so deep that in spite of all the facts of geography he ..nd hat there were 170,000,000 acres of land in West Texas. Some- y h.. been counseling Little Oscar since that time, with the result ..e has changed his viewpoint and finds that there is a real land ..m in the state, so that we may make our position thoroughly ..r w present the governor's views in December when he first met Me zen and his later views seven weeks later in parallel columns.

The anti governor from this evidence seems to know as little ..ut the land question as Tom Ball, the railway candidate for gov- ..nor.

AFTER MEETING MEITZEN.

..ort Worth, Tex., Feb. 12.—Gover- .. O. B. Colquitt spent several hours Fort Worth Thursday morning while route to Krum, and again several ..urs here while en route from Krum Austin Thursday night. He is look- .. well and quite naturally is feeling ..peful. He always does.

"This is a government of the people, ..r the people and by the people, and .. ought to elect members of the legis- ..ture who reflect the wishes of the ..ople," said Governor Colquit.

"My sympathies are now and my ..mpathies have ever been with the ..rmers of the state. Let the men ..ho create the wealth enjoy the fruits .. their labors and those who traffic .. wealth created will find an abun- ..ance of substnce to engage their at- ..ntion. I have never read a more ..tatesmanlike appeal than was pub- ..shed last Sunday from President ..ewis and former President Peter Rad- ..ord of the Farmer's Union. These ..en want to do something for the ..ealth creators of this state.

"In Texas there are too many land- ..ords and too many tenant farmers ..he man who does his state the great- ..st service will be the man who re- ..uces the number of landlords and the ..umber of tenant farmers. I'll tell you .. all cador that as long as special is- ..ues becloud the political endeavors ..nd make mockery of the political ef- ..orts of these elected to enact laws, ..his desired advancement will not be ..ade. In seeking to legislate morals ..nto man, we ought not to lose sight ..f the fact that without advancement ..n the contest for existence, there can ..e no real contentment and without ..rogress in the race ther can b no ..ictory.

"We ought to have a law in Texas requiring owners of unused tracts of land of unhealthy size to alienate their surplus holdings. We ought to have a land credit union law in Texas that will enable those who produce to own the entire fruits of their toil. We need legislation that will make home own- ing possible and home enjoyment the rule."

BEFORE MEETING MEITZEN.

It was impracticable, asserted the Governor, because there are over 160,000,00 acres of land in the western half of Texas which produce no crops and never will. For that land to escape taxation would mean bankruptcy to socres of western counties, which depend, necesarily, upon the ad valorem property tax. They have no other income. And, further than that, he said, 't would be difficult to work out a plan which would fix the basis of the tax, whether it be the renters' liability to the land owner or the value of production per acre. To make the renter pay it would drive every negro and other tenant out of the overflowed bottoms, as they would not stand the increased burdens. All of this was said to Mr. Meitzen.

Governor Has A Plan.

Governor Colquitt expressed himself as being in favor of a land credit union mortgage law, largely based on the German system, but improved accordin to his own ideas. He said it would enable many tenants to become home-owners and prosperous citizens. He would cause a certain per cent of large tracts to be bought up, even if he'd by individuals, as corporations are now required to do. The land would then be sold to the tenants on long time. The tenant would pay interest and sinking fund annually, and the Governor used a pencil in demonstrating that the combined interest and sinking fund would be much less than the amount the tenant now gives the landlord in share farming; also, that the landlord would have a comfortable income, 5 or 6 per cent interest and2 per cent sinking fund on a moderate purchase of fifty acres, is the Governor's idea. He has been atenant farmer himself and says such a plan would work splendidly for landlord and tenant without being a burden to either.

VIDETTE PLAN

1. The name of this organization shall be the REBEL VIDETTES.
2. A member can be any good Socialist, whether red card or not, male or female, boy or girl.
3. Members will be expected to do a few hours' work at least once each month.
4. Their duty will be to hand a copy of the monthly *propaganda edition of The Rebel*, (or other literature) not less than once a month to every non-Socialist within a given territory, whether it be all or part of the precinct.
5. They may otherwise aid in the work of agitation and organization of the Socialist party, though of course subject to the orders of their local and county organizations *For instance their first task in this respect would be to see to it that every man likely to vote our ticket would pay his poll tax by February 1, 1914, and come to the polls election day.*
6. The REBEL VIDETTES will be officered as follows: Vidette captains will have charge of counties; vidette chiefs, of voting precincts and Videttes of portions of voting precincts. Only those will be appointed to thus take charge who freely agree to act.
7. Each vidette is expected in his rounds to collect enough funds to pay for Rebel Propaganda Editions at the rate of half a cent a copy; but for those unable to pay for copies we propose to establish a Vidette Fund, out of which to pay for free bundles to those who are willing to distribute but not able to pay for them.

Yours for victory,

E. R. MEITZEN.

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To E. R. Meitzen, ..
Business Manager of The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—Enroll me as a Rebel Vidette for the following territory, in which I agree to hand to each non-Socialist at least once a month a copy of the Monthly Propaganda Edition of The Rebel.

My voting Precinct is named .... and

Numbered ....

My county is ....

I can use .... Copies of the Propaganda Edition each month until further notice.

I will pay for .... copies, for .... for which find $.................. enclosed, at the rate of one-half cent per copy.

Signed ....

Adress ....

AN INTERVIEW WITH HELEN KELLER.

From the Milwaukee Daily Leader.

Freedom, joy, life, happiness, beauty, pleasure—thes are the words most frequently on the lips of Helen Keller, and they express the atmosphere that surrounds her, and all these she relates to her life philosophy—Socialism

"I know I will be happy in Milwaukee," was her greeting to the reporters, on her arrival Friday afternoon. "I feel it in the air. It is a good place to be." Then with joyous bantering laugh, "It will be better when the women of Milwaukee have the vote and make it a truly Socialist city."

"Why do you think women will vote for Socialism?"

"Because Socialism will give to woman her rights and her true place in the world, and she will know this and be grateful to the cause."

The conversation was taking a direction that was not pleasing to the representatives of other Milwaukee papers than The Leader. "We can't print this stuff," complained one reporter under his breath. "What are you most interested in besides Socialism," he asked to turn the current of thought into more conventional channels.

Enjoys Situation.

"That includes everything," came the reply from Miss Keller, who had begun to enjoy the situation.

Then Mexico and Mrs. Parkhurst, the tango and Gaby Deslys, President Wilson and La Follette, Jane Addams and Madame Curie, sex hygiene and the latest plays were all tried to secure a conventional interview. But Helen Keller is no conventia. While she followed the questions with apt replies, often sparkling with wit and repartee and with a knowledge even of current events that sometimes exceeded that of renowned newspaper men, yet she absolutely refused to give the insipid banalities that are so dear to the American interviewer.

"But have you no hobbies?" queried the reporter. Mrs. Macy, in a vain effort to help the perspiring inquisitor, suggested to Miss Keller: "You really ought to have a hobby. It is quite the ladylike thing."

"If I must I will," came the reply amids peals of laughter. "What shall it be?"

Collect Ideas.

"Do you not collect anything," suggested the eager questioner.

"Yes, I collect."

"Ah! What do you collect?"

"I collect ideas. Try it. They are very interesting and very rare."

Hoping still to rescue a story the reporter followed the clue. "What is the latest idea you save collected?"

"Socialism," came the laughing reply.

"What is your greatest ambition in life?"

The laughter ceased. She half rose from her seat, and stretched out her hands in a gesture of infinite longing as she said: "To speak so well in public that I could speak for my fellowmen."

The group of reporters forgot their affected cynicism, even their amusement at seeing one of their number outwitted, and stood in silence before this expression of an intense longing. "I want to do away with child labor, poverty, ignorance and the silly sentimentalism that keeps such things here," she went on.

Strike Chains From All.

"How would you suggest that we celebrate Lincoln's birthday," was the question with which it was sought to change the subject.

"Strike the chains from all," came almost as from some oracle.

"Why is this not done?"

"Because so many are blind," came the laughing reply as her irrepressible good humor returned.

"What was the hardest thing you ever accomplished?"

"What was the hardest thing you ever accomplished?"

"Master the philosophy of Karl Marx. Try it. It is good to sharpen the wits."

"Did you have a course in economics in college?"

"A weak solution. It did not hurt me much," and the joyous laughter pealed out again.

"When did you first learn of Socialism?"

"Three years ago."

"Did you get it from your teacher?"

"No," and she gently tapped her teacher's cheek, where her hand rested. "I got it in spite of my teacher." A fact which Mrs. Macey at once confirmed, thus giving the lie to the widely circulated statement that Socialism was fored upon her by her teacher.

Strike Is Best Teacher.

"Have you been watching events in Calumet?" she was asked.

"She has had everything about it read to her," explained Mrs. Macey, and she changed the question to ask Miss Keller if she had any statement concerning the copper strike she would like to make through the Leader.

"Tell them that I think the world is learning more of the conditions of life from this ssrike in Calumet than we Socialists could teach it by years of propaganda," she said.

Miss Keller and Mrs. Macey spoke at the Grand Avenue Congregational church chapel Friday night, on "The Heart and *Hand; the* Right Use of the Senses," to an enthusiastic audience that filled the church to capacity.

In the questions that followed the lecture some tried to wean her from her Socialism by telling her that "the whole world would love you, much more if you were not a Socialist," but the reply was quick, "I would love you much more, if you were a Socialist."

We want results. According to the daily press, Terrazas, Mexico's richest land monopolists, must go to work. Anybody heard of the Astors applying for a job? Don't all speak at once.—Regeneracion.

PHARISEES SUPPRESS A GREAT PLAY.

Stamford, Texas, February 9, 1914.

T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Hickey:—

Knowing that The Rebel is always ready for a story that the Donk papers "shy" at, I am sending some "dope" to-wit: Upon learning this morning that the dramatic company presenting "The Traffic" dealing with the much agitated question of the white slave business, which was billed for this burg tonight, had been suppressed, I knew that high kicking vaudeville performers had been allowed to "get by" and I remembered that every circus that comes along has an obscene "sideshow" that our men only are permitted to see, so I began to wonder just what awful depths this suppressed show had fallen to. So when the Doodle-Bug Flyer from Abilene arrived this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, I rushed into the arms of Mr. Walter H. Newman, the manager of the "Traffic" show troupe and implored him to tell me just how awfully bad and wicked is the plot of his show. Mr. Newman looked straight into my eyes with two as fine brown eyes as I ever saw and smiled as he gave my hand a shake that only comes from a big heart, and said, "My boy, I'm busy now with my transportation, but if you will come at 7 tonight at my hotel I'll tell you about my show." My curiosity being at fever heat I was prompt to the minute and when the big clock at the Stamford Inn pointed to the hour of 7 I was there with a pad of paper, but I had no need of the paper for the things this veteran actor told me are branded on my poor brain in letters that glow. In substance Mr. Newman said:

"As a matter of fact the leading idea that develops in our play as the plot unfolds is that a starvation wage and the consequent economic stress is the cause of the white slave traffic. Then I asked, "Have you been suppressed at any other place?" With a snap of his positive nuderjaw Mr. Newman replied: "Yes, in two other cities, Berkley, California, and Waco, Texas. "In Berkley," continued Mr. Newman, "we were shut down by the authorities and the women's clubs vainly tried to get the powers that be to relent and permit the show to go on, and then J. Still Wilson billed the town and made one of his characteristic speeches in which he flayed alive a condition of things that would permit the suppression of truth."

"The other town in which they shut down on my show" said Mr. Newman, "is the 'city of churches and culture,' Waco, where I was closed down in the first act of the "Traffic." "The mayor of Waco apointed a committee of censorship among whom were a Jewish rabbi, a Protestant clergyman and a commissioner. The clergyman voted against the show and refused to state his reasons, while the commissioner also voted to shut down the show. The Jewish rabbi, however, was very positive and outspoken in his opinion of the 'Traffic' and stated two objections. One count he made against the show was that it arrayed the employes and employers against each other, made a strong plea in favor of the lion and the lamb lying down in peace together. The other objection of the ante-type of Shylock to the 'Traffic' was that he had seen several children 'under age' enter the show unattended.'"

Mr. Newman also tells your correspondent that when he took a popular vote of the audience at Waco when he was closed down in the first act that only two stood up against proceeding with the show and he afterward learned these two men voted by mistake against the show, and Mr. Newman further stated that one of the prominent club and church women of Waco mounted the stage that night and made a short talk in which she told the audience how much she felt the disappointment of not seeing the great lessons of the "Traffic" set forth for the people of Waco, and Mr. Newman also mentioned the name of Mrs. Presly K. Ewing, of Houston, one of the greatest women in Texas, also prominent as a club woman and suffragist, as one who endorses the "Traffic" most heartily and expresses the hope that the show will come back to Houston. And now to sum up the whole truth about this most astounding drama called the "Traffic" for the benefit of the many thousands of readers of your "great religious weekly," the "Traffic" is the child of the splendid brain of one of Dixie's gifted daughters, Rachel Marshall, of New Orleans, Louisiana, and in writing the story of this most damnable of modern evils, she showed such a clear insight to the cause of white slavery-so-called, that the central idea 'round which the whole plot of the play revolves is that the low wage, with its consequent poverty and economic stress is the chief cause of this traffic in the youth and bloom of our womanhood. In fact the great lesson set forth in this drama is, that the help lessen economic condition of the millions of women, caused by the starvation wage paid then and their fathers, brothers, husbands and themselves, is the fertile field in which the white slaver is enabld to rap his rich harvsts and the conclusion to be drawn after seeing the "Traffic" is so obvious, so clear to the average audience, that big, Biz and the white slaver alike are becoming sc alarmed that the managing editor of the Houston Post very aptly sized up the situation *when he told Mr. Newman*, the manager of the "Traffic" that the *management* of the Post could not "go back" on the friends of the Post and big business, but would give him a "compromise notice."

(I am sending you this, Hickey, because I think you will agree with me that such plays as the "Traffic" that brush aside all the "slush" and sophistry we have heard in connection with the white slave question, should be given every bit of publicity possible.)

R. F. Stevens,
Box 94. Stamford, Texas.

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.)

OBJECTION THIRTEEN.

"SOCIALISTS ARE WRONG IN THAT THEY CURSE THE RICH."

I quote: "It seems that the Socialists think that they are not serving their party at any advantage unless they curse such men as Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan and others." Now this is where Elder Lemmons is mistaken. Not the rich that we abuse or find fault with, but the system that is responsible for this great accumulation of wealth by the few at the expense of the many. In speaking of it, we only cite such men as Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan and others as examples, because under the system of graft, where a few are permitted to own all the means of life, if it hadn't been Rockefeller, Carnegie and others it would have been some one else. Then it is the system and not the individual that we oppose. These men were only the lucky men under the system. The author says: "A thing is not wrong simply because it is done by a Socialist, but it is wrong because it is a violation of the spirit of Christianity," and cites us scripture as proof. This is the quotation which he gives us to prove it is wrong: "Curse not the King, no not in thy thought and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber." Eccl. 10-20. But he over-looked quoting the balance of the verse, which reads thus: "For a bird of the air shall carry the voice and that which hath wings shall tell the matter." Now Solomon didn't pretend to say here that it was morally wrong, but that if the king or the rich men at that time should hear that they spoke against them they would only suffer the consequences. Christ, himself spoke against the rich. "Woe unto you that are rich, for you have received your consolation." Luke 6-24. And again, "I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich mn to enter into the kingdom of God." Matt. 19-24. So Christ himself spoke against the rich, and James spoke outright agains them when he said: "But ye have despised the poor; do not rich men oppress you and draw you before the judgment seats (the courts). James 2:6. So, speaking against the rich, our brother has evidently misinterpreted. At the same time, Socialists who understand Socialism know that these things are inevitable under the present system of production and distribution, and so it is the system that we ar opposing and not the individual. But I am surprised that Elder Lemmons would try to justify Mr. Rockefeller, for he says (of Rockefeller): "But I believe that I would be safe in saying that he has done more, contributed more to the poor of this country than the whole Socialist party." Now, we would ask Elder Lemmons this question: Where have most of Rockefeller's large donations gone? I would answer; to the great colleges and schools, that the poor man's sons and daughters are not able to attend. But has Mr. Rockefeller contributed a farthing of what he has taken from the workingmen of the United States in the way of interest, rent and profits?

OBJECTION FOURTEEN.

"THAT SOCIALISTS FIGHT AGAINST GOD IN RESISTING THE RULERS."

He says: "God is going to direct civil governments and overrule everything in His glory." We agree with him here. We accept all His Bible quotations, such as, "By me kings reign and princes decree justice." "by me princes rule and nobles, even all the judges of the earth." Prov. 8, 15-16. And again: "He changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings and setteth up kings." Dan. 2-21. But God has always worked through the agency of man. In overthrowing the kingdoms that have existed down through the ages God often chose wicked kings to carry out His purpose. He chose Nebuchadnezzar, see Ezek. 26:7. He chose Cyrus to overthrow the Babylonian government, see Isaiah, 44:28, and even called Cyrus "my servant" and called him "my anointed." See Isaiah 45:1. And yet Cyrus was a heathen king. As He removeth kings and settleth up kings, then He evidently chose Alexander the Great, a drunken sot, overthrow the Persian government, and the Grecian government was set up. This was overthrown by the Roman government. The Roman government was a government of slavery and under it the feudal system came around. God did all these things yet he is not responsible for the acts of all these different governments. The feudal system was succeeded by the modern wage system, which has evolved into the age of the machine system. Now, God prmits man to rule, and will until the time, "When the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ," and until Gentile dominion shall end and be succeeded by the kingdom represented by "The little stonecutout without hands which shall break in pieces and subdue all these kingdoms." While all these things have been, these governments were only permitted by the God of heaven, and they were never in accordance with His righteous will. When they become so corrupt and unbearable and oppressive, they are overthrown and succeeded by other governments. We think that the present system with all its poverty, graft, exploitation, and corruption is on the very verge of falling, and will be succeeded, according to prophecy, by a government of peace and justice and righteousness in all the earth. Then, don't be surprised if God should select the Socialist party to overturn the present system of corruption, and inaugurate in its stead the system where "ONE SHALL NOT BUILD AND ANOTHER INHABIT; ONE SHALL NOT PLANT AND ANOTHER EAT". Every man shall eat the fruits of his own labor and sit under his own vine and fig-tree. This is the principle of government that Socialists are contending for today and is in perfect harmony with the predictions of God's word.

A VIDETTE.

Lometa, Texas, Jan. 31, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

I am one of your Videttes. I called on a section gang, left three Rebels, the next time I called they told me I had made a Socialist. This man here read one of those papers and says he is going to vote the Socialist ticket. I *am going to organize* a local here in the near future. I think that all persons over 60 years should be eligible to membership free of any dues and all children under 16 the same. I think this is the best way to educate them.

A Vidette.

In ten years, accordingto that irreproachable conservative, Keir Hardie, the income of bourgeoisie increased $1,245,000,000, while that of the workers increased $30,000,000, whihc was promptly swallowed, with lots more by

Renters Union.

(E. O. Meitzen, Sec.-Treas. Hallettsville, Texas.)

Limestone county, which is one of the worst rack rented counties in the state, has started the work of organization as the following letter shows:

Groesbeck, Tex., Feb. 2, 1914.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

Enclosed you will find order for $4.15. We organized January 30th, elected our officers and are ready for work. Please send us charter and supplies by return mail.

Yours truly,
C. C. McFerrin, Organizer.

We are receiving each week evidence that the Socialist party locals in the agricultural districts are pushing the Renter's Union. The following from Lott, Texas is characteristic:

Lott, Tex., February 1, 1914.
E. O. Meitzen,
Dear Comrade:—

Our local instructed me as secretary of Lone Star local to write you in regard to the Renter's Union. We want you to give us all the information in regard to the Renter's Union that you can. We are all new in the business so we want all of the union literature we can get.

S. A. Coleman, Sec.-Treas.
Lone Star Local, S. P.

Floydada, Texas, Jan. 24, 1914.
Dear Comrade:—

You will find enclosed 25 cents for which send me some Renter's Union application blanks and constitutions. We are getting things in shape to organize the county so we are after getting 5 locals as soon as possible.

Yours for the Renter's Union and the Socialist Party,
W. D. Berry.

Point, Texas, January 24, 1914.
Dear Comrade Meitzen:—

You will find enclosed 60 cents for which please send me one dozen copies of the constitution of the Renter's Union.

Yours truly,
John M. Daniel,
Secretary Local No. 40.

Gatesville, Texas, Jan. 26, 1914.
Dear Comrade:—

In August, 1913, I was appointed and commissioned by E. O. Meitzen as county organizer for Coryell county, but on account of the floods and serious illness in my family I have not been able to do much except keep the landlords posted in regards to Socialism and keep them sweating for fear I will get the renters to turn Socialists. I would like to know if my commission is suspended or not. Whether I can organize locals under said commission yet. I have never been called down yet by the state union secretary. Please let me hear from you in regards the matter as this is election year. We want to boost Socialism for the Donk politicians to bray at. We have a fine field to work in as we have a $75,000 good roads bond proposition and a prohibition county.

Respectfully yours,
N. P. Walton.

Dustin, Okla., Jan. 24, 1914.
Dear Comrade Meitzen:—

As I understand that you are state secretary of the Renter's Union of the State of Texas and as we have been talking of organizing here, I as the local secretary of the Socialist Party have been requested to write for plan and a copy of your by-laws. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours respectfully,
C. B. Carlisle.

El Campo, Tex., Jan. 21, 1914.
Dear Comrade:—

I am herein reporting only five members of the Renter's Union. I will get the other boys later. They all pay for one year.

Fraternally,
J. C. Smith.

Bowen, Ark., Jan. 28, 1914.
Dear Comrade Meitzen:—

As a Socialist, working men and one out to serve my county I hereby ask for full authority, instructions and literature for bringing my brothers into the Renter's Union, the next closest step to emancipation of the warge worker. How many are at work in Arkansas and who and where are they with what results?

We must have Arkansas to where Texas now is, in the movement within the next 18 months.

Whatever the literature expenses may be, I will gladly pay upon receipt of amount.

Comrade, my postoffice will be Bowen, Arkansas, until such time you may be notified otherwise, and I will pay postage on a weekly letter from you personally as to this field and how best to operate.

Your letters in The Rebel are great, but possibly too general for this field.

Yours in the revolution,
M. French.

Lindale, Tex., Jan. 22, 1914.
Dear Brother Meitzen:—

I wish to obtain the necessary instructions and literature to organize a Renter's Union. If you have an organizer in this part we would like to get in connection with him. Let me hear from you at once. I cannot turn loose at this season to do the work outside of our own county.

Yours for justice,
Rev. W. S. Riley.

Mexican Renters in Line.

Nordheim, Tex., Feb. 4, 1914.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir and rBother:—

I beg to say that I have addressed to the Spanish locals of the Renter's Union of America to have a meeting and try to raise funds for the organizer fund. Next Sunday will be a meeting in Runge. I have also sent committees from place to place to have as many farmers as can be persuaded to be present. Prof. S. C. Cardenas of Helena will be here with me.

Last week I addressed 20 letters to different postoffices. In every letter I sent one constitution and by-laws of our order. So if you get any correspondence in Spanish you can send it to me and I will attend to it. I gave my name and address as well as yours so they will either write you or myself.

Yours very truly,
F. A. Hernandez, Organizer.

Minter, Tex., February 9, 1914.
Dear Comrade Meitzen:—

Some days ago we gathered a few men together and organized a local of the Renter's Union and I sent you the fees and I am sure the local will increase. We haven't an organizer in this county, but I believe we can organize several locals in this section if you will appoint some member of our local as organizer. You have the names and if none of them will take hold just write me at once and I will do all I can—I can't spare all my time in the business, but will do all I can. I am a renter and a poor man and am well known for miles around as a minister of the gospel and can take the gospel and prove the poor man's rights and the establishing of the kingdom when we, as co-workers can sit under our own vine and fig tree.

Yaurs truly,
(Rev.) B. F. Revill,
Sec.-Treas. R. U.

L. N. Walker, Clear Lake, Tex., writes for an application charter blank for organizing a local at his place. He says he has gotten about 38 names.

William Hoerner, Houston, Texas, sends 25 cents "to help the Renter's Union in some way."

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And thus the letters continue to pour into our office showing as clear as the noonday sun on the Fourth of July, the organization work is strengthening the enthusiasm is oncreasing for the only economic organization in the South that has been born. Solve the land question so that we may have lands for the landless and homes for the poor.

A SUPPRESSED ARTICLE.

Editor Rebel.
Comrade:—

In the Oct. 18th issue of Farm & Ranch was an asticle from one Mr. Henry Sackett complaining of the difference between what producer received and what they paid when they bought back.

So I wrote a reply and forwarded it to Farm & Ranch for publication. About two months later not hearing from it I wrote to them about it enclosing stamp for reply, from which I received no answer.

So in about a month I wrote again enclosing stamped, self-addresser envelope. After some days I received answer that the article could not be found. I wrote another, the enclosed and after several days it was returned to me. I now send it to you and if you can give it publication, do so and send me 10 copies of the paper containing it. I have Mr. Sackett's address and will be sure to mail to him in a large envelope. If not published find enclosed stamp for its return.

Yours truly,
H. L. Gurley.

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Oklahoma Notes

(H. M. Sinclair, Sec., Oklahoma City.)

NEW LOCALS FOR THE WEEK.

Little River, Cleveland county, 8 members, J. C. Prock, Norman, Rt. 6 secretary, organized by J. W. Davis; Overbrook, Love county, 7 members, J. L. Hatchett, Overbrook, Secretary; McNeal, Woodward county, 9 members, O. F. Keanester, Gage, secretary; Friendship, Garvin county, 5 members, Henry Little, Stratford, Rt. 2, secretary; Adel, Pushmataha county, 7 members, C. W. Buchanan, Adel, secretary; Council Grove, Oklahoma county, 11 members, D. C. Kerby, Oklahoma City, Rt. 4, secretary; Tyner, Pottawotamie county, 5 members, C. E. Leightner, Tecumseh, Rt. 1, secretary; Simpson, Marshall county, 16 members, E. M. Tarpley, Simpson, secretary, organized by S. D. Penix; Moseley, Delaware county, 13 members, J. B. Bartholomen, Siloam Springs, Ark., secretary; Emet, Johnton county, 5 members, W. R. Ellington, Emet, secretary, organized by J. W. Shaw; Bunch, Adair county, 6 members, A. F. Johnson, Bunch, secretary; Box Pottawotamie county, 17 members, W. L. Lurry, Trousdale, Rt. 3, secretary; Temple, Cotton county, 6 members, J. E. Miller, Temple, Rt. 1, secretary, organized by J. W. Smith; Yanush, Latimer county, 9 members, Ed. C. Coen, Yanush, secretary; Hooker, Texas county, 8 members, John Shields, Hooker, secretary, organized by G. G. Hamilton; Hunter, Garfield county, 5 members, Wm. Donaldson, Hunter, secretary; Hollis, Harmon county, 5 members, Floyd Datson, Hollis, secretary, organized by H. H. Stallard; Morris, Okmulgee county, 8 members, Elmer Garvin, Morris, Rt. 1, secretary organized by G. A. Lafayette; Union Hill, Jefferson countk 6 members, John W. Carter, Orr, secretary; Carbon, Pittsburg county, 9 members, W. M. Cartledge, Carbon, secretary; Scipio, Pittsburg county, 6 members, J. S. Williams, Scipio, secretary; Cool Branch, Carter county, 10 members, F. M. Gabril, Poolville, secretary; Okeene, Blaine county, 14 members, S. H. Hendrickson, Okeene, secretary, Utica, Bryan county, 15 members, M. A. Halloway, Utica, secretary; Woodville, Marshall county, 7 members, J. L. Sheppard, Woodville, secretary; organized by S. D. Penix; Brewer, Pittsburg county, 10 members, W. W. Martin, Savanna, secretary, organized by A. M. McDonald; Covington, Garfield county, 7 members, L. C. Quigley, Covington, secretary; Colbert, Murray county, 12 members, W. C. Slimp, Davis, secretary; Blue, Bryan county, 7 members, J. F. Mabary, Blue, secretary, organized by H. M. Shelton; Members-at-large: Howard Todd, Chigley, Oklahoma; Noah Thompson, Pittsburg, Okla.; J. P. Smith, Pittsburg, Okla.; W. E. Jennings, Supply, Okla.; West Paul, Eddy, Okla.; P. B. Sharp, Orienta, Rt. 1, Okla.; J. M. Jackson, Holdenville, Okla.; Mrs. West Paul, Eddy, Okla.; J. F. Lahr, Woodward, Rt. 3, Okla.; Albert Voss, Lone Wolf, Rt. 3, Okla., B. D. Allen, Vinson, Rt. 1, Okla.

Total for the week 29 locals, 11 members-at-large, membership total, 264.

RESULT OF STATE REFERENDUM NUMBER ONE.

The election for state party officers were very close in every respect, requiring the full count of the ballots to reach a decision. In giving the figures I give the final count on each office.

For state Secretary, H. M. Sinclair, Oklahoma, City, Yes, 1448, No. 12; Blanks 66.

For One National Committeeman.

W. L. Thurman, Sulphur, 596, O. F. Branstetter, Oklahoma City, 556, Stanley . Clark, third, H. H. Stallard, fourth.

For Board of Trustees.

John G. Wills, Granite, 427; Thos. W. Woodrow, Hobart, 346; J. V. Kolachny, Ft. Cobb, 252. These constitute the board. Menroe, G Wright, fourth, J. W. Fletcher, Anadarko [illegible], A. W. Bennett, sixth.

S. E. Committeemen.

1st District, W. E. Young, Cleveland, 65, M. H. Elliott, Chandler, 52.

2nd Oistrict; J. O. Welday, Oklahoma City, 140, J. T. Long, Watonga, 97.

3rd District; J. E. Lester, Wewoka, Rt. 1, 91; A. C. Adams, Lamar, 84.

4th District; Fred W. Holt, McAlester, Yes, 304, No, 2.

5th District; Oles Stofer, Snyder, 228, R. L. Allen, 117.

Woman's State Committee.

2nd District; Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Anadarko, 114, Mrs. J. J. Truinett, Oklahoma City, 94.

5th District; M. A. Stallard, Snyder, Yes, 360, No, 12.

National Referendum "C" Complete.

For adoption, Yes, 916, No. 113.

MOTIONS AND SECONDS.

The Durant motion and Pleasant Grove motion have not received any more seconds.

Nor has the Muskogee motion.

Granite motion has been seconded by locals, Soda Springs, Cement, Gaylor, Hayes Chapel, Marlow, Duke, Mangum and Chickasha.

COMRADE G. A. PRESTON.

Comrade G. A. Preston, Fort Cobb, Route 1, box 2, wishes to announce that he will be available for lecture dates at $2.00 and expenses for a single date or will make specialterms for county work upon the circuit rider plan. Comrades wishing his services will address him at above address.

GARVIN COUNTY CONVENTION.

There will be mass convention of the Socialists of Garvin county at Pauls Valley on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, for the purpose of putting out a county ticket and transacting other very important business. Comrade Judge Hurt of Madill will address the convention. Remember the date and b on hand.

CALL FOR MASS MEETING.

All Socialists in the 24th senatorial district composed of Pushmataha, McCurtain and Choctaw counties are requested to elect one or more delgates to met at th city hall in Hugo, on Sunday, March 1st at 9:00 a. m. for the purpose of organizing the district.

T. J. Jones, Acting Secretary.

DEBS MEETING AT TULSA.

Comrade Eugene V. Debs will lecture in the Tulsa Grand Opera House, under the auspices of the Tulsa local, S. P., on Monday, March 2nd, at 7:30 p. m.

We will give those in the country and neaby towns a chance to hear Debs by having one person in each place to sell tickets for the meeting. If you would like to help distrdibute these tickets and help make this meeting the largest one Tulsa county ever had, write me for full information and tickets.

Geo. O. Ray,
Secretary, County Central com. Tulsa.

COUNTY MEETINGS.

All precinct committeemen except those living in Cleveland, Murray, Marshall and Seminole counties are again requested to be at the county seat on Saturday, February 21, and finish perfecting the political organization. This is the most important work of the year and now is the time to do it. Do your duty and be on hand. It can't be done except by you, comrades, in the various counties.

APPEAL SPECIAL EDITION.

The copy of the special edition of the Appeal for Oklahoma is coming in and being carefully boiled down. It is going to be a hummer, the largest propaganda undertaking ever pulled off in the United States. It is made possible by good will and courtesy of the Appeal for they will print same and not cost you a cent extra. It will be mailed direct from the Appeal office to nearly every voter in the state. You comrades should at last help the Appeal make up what the edition will cost them or about $1800.00 by getting subscriptions for the paper. The cost of wrappers and getting copy ready will be about $175.00 and this has been paid for by the dues paying members through the regular dues assessment of which 5 cents goes to a literature fund, to get out literature for free distribution.

We are going to put some hard propositions up to the old party politicians for them to answer and it is safe to assert that they will not undertake to do so, but plead out on the "Good Man" talk.

Comrade J. F. Lahr, Woodward, Rt. 3, after going through a siege of sickness and general disaster shows his good faith by paying up 4 years back dues and 5 months in advance. He values his red card more than a few cents and shows the material he is made of by sticking with it. Get the habit.

Be at that county meeting on Saturday, February 21st and give assistance in perfecting the organization.

In organization there is strength. Get it perfected and much good will surely be the result.

A Socialist without a red card is like a Union Man without his card, a Methodist without his card or a lodge man without same. You are only a joke, but don't know it. Get wise and get in.

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"HOW IS THIS THUS"

Farm & Ranch:

On page 16 in the Oct. 18th issue of Farm & Ranch is an article from Mr. Henry Sockett to which I here make reply.

King Cotton, Queen Poverty, Prime Minister Hunger and court chaplain Ignorance, rule the cotton states.

Cotton is the Devil's own crop. It takes thirteen months out of the twelve and all the children out of school to raise a cotton crop. Raw cotton on the farm has no more value than ice at the north pole.

Suppose you own a fiddle and I own the bow. How much music will you make?

E'en a free owned farm with all its implements, animals and machines form only the first link in a long chain of production.

Those who own the other links between the farmer and the consumer determine the wages and the mode of living of the farmer as effectively as the owner of a factory determines the wages of his employes.

The real capitalists have taken up a strategic position and placed themselves in possession of the faucet through which the agricultural products flow into the world's markets.

Grain elevators, flour mills, cotton gins, packing plants, factories of every kind, stock yards, railroads, telegraphs, ware houses are all the property of the greater capitalists.

The possession of these means of production and distribution makes it possible for this class to take from the farmer all he produces, leaving only sufficient to allow him to reproduce his labor power and raise a new generation of industrial slaves.

The farmer selling into and buying out of a monopolized market, finds himself in the same position of the wage slave who sells his labor power under free competition with his fellow workers to the owners of capital.

The only difference is that the wage worker sells his labor power direct to the capitalist while the farmer converts his labor into products which he cannot turn into cash without passing through the fingers of the gentlemen who cluster around the faucet.

The machinery required for the marketing of farm products is in the hands of capitalists. In seeking a solution of the agricultural problem, we must cease to wander about in the realm of speculation. We must get down to actual facts. How can Doctor Socialist help the farmer? In order that a farmer may farm he must have: First, land; second, tools, and animals, or in other words capital. This means bringing his product to the ultimate consumer without the intervention of the capitalist.

As a means to this end we demand the common ownership of the things that are being used as a means of exploitation.

Since land is limited, it can become many farms by a few owners and filled individually by a great number of tenant families must result in the enslavement of the landless workers.

Most farmers think that the private ownership of the farm is the only arrangement by which they can obtain the product of their labor.

But this is not the case. The right to the use of the land will insure the product to the producer as effectually as personal ownership

We do not have to own a school house to give education to our children. The common owned street or county road allows us to move about as freely as if we had a private deed to those things.

What we need is the right to the use of the school, the road and the streets.

Between you and the capitalist class there can be no peace, there can be only war. You will continue to fight for the right to live.

The capitalist class will continue to refuse you the right to live except at the price of a profit.

You will begin to ask questions, you will ask if you were born to make the rich richer. Your common sense will tell you that you were not born to make anybody richer. And, when that time comes, you will be in no mood to listen to the remedies of "radical" gentlemen like Roosevelt and Wilson. You will no longer want wage slavery "regulated"—you will want it destroyed. You will call for another Lincoln to destroy wage slavery as the first Lincoln destroyed chattel slavery.

And your call will be answered because you will answer it yourself.

You will place in office only men, who will work your will. You will know what you want and you will get it, because you will know how to get it. You get say fifty dollars for a bale of cotton. The labor to transport that cotton to the mill and the labor required to convert it into fabrics costs say not more than another fifty dollars, yet the goods made from the bale of cotton is sold back to you for five to eight hundred dollars a bale. Who do you suppose gets the four to seven hundred dollars over and above the one hundred cost of raising the cotton and converting it into cloth. The above are government statistics.

In an indefinite sort of way labor seems to believe that it is possible for a small class to live in luxury without working and, at the same time, take nothing from the product of your labor.

But, inasmuch as dividends and wages grow upon the same tree, your belief is not true. All capitalist parties stand for absolutely nothing that will protect the laboring class from the capitalist greed for profit, yet this very working class gave Mr. Wilson almost every vote he received.

The promise of a one per cent, or a give per cent, reduction in robbery constitutes no inducement to the working class.

Statistics of the federal government tells us that the laboring class is robbed of eighty three dollars out of every one hundred dollars their labor produces.

Seems voting so-called demo-republican tickets comes high. We must demand a one hundred per cent reduction in robbery.

Sooner or later, the robbed will understand.

Then robbery will cease.

H. L. Gurley,
Calhoun county, Texas.

A SPIRITED WOMAN.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Feb. 4, 1914.
Editor The Rebel.

Seeing nor hearing nothing from that part of North Texas, would like to say a few words in your good paper, The Rebel. Would like to express my views as to how I feel about Socialism.

I think woman should be allowed to vote as she is forced by the cruel hand of capitalism to drag the cotton sack and do all other manual labor to help make a living. The Socialist is the only party that will offer woman equal rights with the man in every respect. We, mothers, of this nation cannot do justice to our children under the present system of government for we are slaves to capitalism and no slaves can raise their young properly.

We have organized a Socialist local at Sulphur Springs with 11 members, the writer is secretary. We have several more new members next. We are going to try to elect everything in 1914 and will make a trial at electing them this year. So you see I am working for the cause of the poor down trodden, over-worked women. Sympathy is no good unless we put our sympathy into action. I have been a Socialist for a number of years, but have learned to want to work for it by reading your valuable paper and wish every man, woman and child in the United States would read it. Then how soon the capitalist class would pass out of rule and the whole people would rule.

Yours for the revolution,
Mrs. Ada Headrick, Local Sec. S. P.

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