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Moyer Shot.

The Western Federation of Miners are burying their dead this week. This is a common experience with these hardy men, who go down the shaffts in skips as fearlessly as the sailors of old went down to theches in ships.

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The Western Federation of Miners this week have another reason to mourn, their leader has between white sheets in a darkened room in a great hospital in the city of Chicago, while the greatest surgeons in that mighty city are battling to save his life.

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At the moment when 72 graves were being dug in the frozen ground of the heights of the northern peninsula of Michigan, Charles H. Moyer, the battle scarred leader of the hard rock men, was mobbed by a company of thugs, beaten over the head and shot in the back within sound of the shovels that were preparing graves for the men, women and children he loved and fought for so long and so well.

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Within twenty-four hours of this attempt upon his life by the mine owning tools of northern Michigan, President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, had literally taken $25,000 and pitched it back in the faces of the Citizens' Alliance murderers, who had committed the crime of the century by hiring a fiend to enter the miner's hall and yell "Fire!" where a Christmas tree was installed and innocent tots were prancing around in childish glee in expectation of the warm woolen mittens and socks and overshoes that the miners of the western country had sent their little ones to protect them from the cold blasts of the wild north wind while their fathers struggled for a small measure of economic independence.

Before the echoes of their cries died away seventy-two men, women and children were crushed to death in the panic, that in the circumstances, was inevitable.

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It was crimes like this, long repeated, that produced the French revolution, that caused that great nation to be dredged with a sea of human blood. The holocaust at the Christmas tree and the shooting of Moyer, because he refused to accept the Citizen's Alliance blood money, through which they foolishly sought to condone their crime, plus the crimes of the plutocrats in Colorado, points to another blood revolution in the United States, unless the facts are known and the people educated to the bed rock knowledge of all that has led to the killing and mobbing in the northern mining districts of Michigan.

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Boiled down they are about like this: A band of Boston capitalists, more than forty years ago, secured possession of the principal copper deposits in northern Michigan, which were at that time the richest in the United States. From the first they decided that a man with a union card should never work in the mines. Another band of Boston capitalists, a generation later, secured control of the copper deposits of Butte, Montana, which had by this time grown into the proud position where their owners could refer to Butte as the greatest mining camp in the world. Each set of capitalists employed many thousand chartel miners. But alas for the covetous crowd that controlled the mining situation of Butte; the Western Federation of Miners had secured an unbreakable grip on the labor situation with this result: No man man went under ground to work more than eight hours a day, while the minimum wage was $3.50. This sum was paid to unskilled labor while the skilled men worked eight hours and secured $4, $5 and $6 a day. Nevertheless dividends were paid, millions were made in stock exchanges and speculation, H. H. Rogers, W. H. Rockefeller and another plutocrat made $36,000,000 in one day in the incorporation of the Butte Amalgamated Company mines, but the stock upon which they secured $140 a share, went as low as $33 and for years has hovered between $80 and $100.

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Different were the financial returns in the form of dividends for the Boston group that controlled the copper deposits in the Calumet and Hekla group of mines in northern Michigan. Different because they were able to rob several thousand miners, who were all non-union, far more thoroughly than the miners employed in Butte. The miners in the Calumet mines had a minimum wage of $1.50, the unskilled were paid as low as $1.75, the skilled received no higher than $2.75 to $3.00 on an average day's pay and worse still the eight hour day was unknown, but all underground the men toiled seven days a day in the deepest mines in the world, one shaft in the Calumet having been sunk over 6,000 feet. The difference in hours in labor then between the union men of Butte and the non-union men of Michigan was equal to a day's work and the difference at least 8,000 men were employed the company made about $5,000,000 a year in extra dividends by keeping the union out. The result was that in wages alone the company made a sum equal to 50 per cent. on $50,000,000 not to speak of the dividends that accrued from the surplus value of human labor power and consequently the stock rose from $200 to $400 to $600 and finally $800 a share, in fact during the copper boom of 1907 it sold as high as $980 a share every cent of which was in the very nature of things squeezed out of the life blood of the men who toiled in the drifts and stops and shafts and winzes of the Calumet and Hekla mines.

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That such a situation should continue for all time was unthinkable. For years the Western Federation of Miners have realized that as long as the great mines of Michigan were unorganized they were a menace to the organized mines in other portions of the northwest, hence for fifteen years they have been struggling with might and main to unionize the men of Calumet, Redjacket and other towns controlled by the C. and H.

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The Boston capitalists, of course, fearing a depreciation of stock and a loss of dividends that they would be compelled to give their exploited miners in the form of higher wages and shorter hours resisted to the limit. And thus we see again the correctness of the Socialist position that under the private ownership of the means of life a class war is inevitable. Hence we also see why a thousand things have been hired and heavily armed to shoot the rebellious miners into submission, we see why the cry of fire was raised at the Christmas tree and the little tots and the mothers and fathers were crushed to death; we see why the president of the Western Federation of Miners was assaulted, shot and deported from the state; we see why the capitalist governor doesn't want a federal investigation and lends all his aid and sympathy to his capitalist brothers and we can then understand why that Emmett Flood speaking recently before the Chicago Federation of Labor last Sunday said: "Meet them with their own weapons, if it is known that the state and county government will not give the protection guaranteed under the constitution, every man who goes to the strike region should have his own protection with him."

We can see that logically capitalism must be destroyed or Flood's advice must be taken. Should we take Flood's advice then anarchy must reign in the land; should we allow the private ownership of the copper mines and other means of life to be owned by private individuals then labor must be crushed. The only way out of the dilemma is that proposed by the Socialist party, which is: *THAT THE NATIONS MUST TAKE OVER THE INDUSTRIES, COLLECTIVELY OWN THEM AND DEMOCRATICALLY MANAGE THEM AND THEN WE WILL HAVE PEACE, PROGRESS AND CIVILIZATION OF THE MOST ADVANCED DEGREE.*

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This is the lesson of the Calumet struggle as The Rebel sees it and if there is any other solution no wise man from the East or elsewhere has ever proclaimed it to the sons and daughters of men. In the meantime, let every Rebel reader with red blood in his or her veins send to the Miners Magazine, the official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, as much as they can possibly afford to help the men, women and children that are struggling in this bitter winter in northern Michigan against peonage. Write to President Wilson and the congressman of your district requesting a federal investigation. Organize Rebter's Unions so that you can be part of the advancing hosts of labor that are struggling for freedom today. Do these things and your children's children will revere your name

Extended Until January 31.

We announced some weeks ago that on and after the first of January, 1914, the price of The Rebel would be increased to $1 a year.

When we did so we could not possibly have taken into consideration the terrific floods that have devastated the state, impoverished our subscribers still further and for several weeks wrecked the U. S. mail service in Texas so badly that for one week not a letter or daily newspaper except the San Antonio Express reached our desk.

It will be remembered that we gave our subscribers an opportunity to get in at the old rates up to January 1st, but on account of the unprecedented rains and floods the past three months, we believe that it is only fair to postpone the raise in price for 30 days, accordingly until midnight on January 31 1914, the Rebel will receive subscriptions at the rate of 50 cents a year or 25 cents for 40 weeks for clubs of four. The 4-year rate for $1 is discarded off. On and after that date the Rebel will be $1 a year and 50 cents for 6 months and 25 cents for 3 months in clubs of four or more. The bundle price will be 1 cent per copy for regular editions and one half cent per copy for monthly propaganda editions.

Now let all our comrades work with might and main until midnight of January 31st to secure at least 10,000 new subscribers for the one great unmuzzled weekly in Texas.

A SPECIAL REQUEST.

We are not given to making kicks but we must say a few words at this time. The Rebel has certainly done its part and would be better able to do more if all our comrades had done their part by The Rebel all the time. We have been able, somehow, to get it from its beginning 2 years ago. When we got well started we found that our press was not fast enough to do the work, so in June 1912 we sent 10 sub cards and a printed request for aid in the purchase of a larger new one to about 300 known comrades. Most of these came to our aid nobly and have helped more earnestly time and time again, but there are a number who failed to respond. Some we know have sold cards but never remitted. Then some ordered cards quite a while ago and never have been heard from. Now we will send a statement of our financial requisitions on our books and ask all who know themselves indebted for cards they have sold to send in what is due and thus help us fight your battle with greater force. If we had no debts we would have to use our money to interest or rent which keeps us from doing greater and better things.

E. R. Meltzen, Business Manager

Ask for the shade tree, shrub, or vine of the copper mines and offer Brothers, Port Arthur, Texas. It's free. 18tc

Coliquitt Refuses.

The meeting between the governor and an official representative of the Business Union occurred in Austin in the governor's room at the capitol on the afternoon of December 30th.

Down at the Wells Fargo office was a great box containing the petitions from 172 counties in the state asking the governor to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of amending the state constitution of Texas to the end that all land held out of use for speculative purposes should be taxed to its full rental value.

The interview lasted over a half of an hour during which time Rebel Union representative, Mr. E. R. Meltzer, not every argument advanced by the governor against the adoption of this land amendment and he did this so successfully that after the interview terminated the governor sent for the newspaper men that covey the state capital for the large dailies of the state and to them dictated a statement of his experience with the Business Union representative and it is as far from the facts as Siberia is from Rome.

That there can be no question about the last statement may be gathered from the fact that the governor was so little informed on this vital subject and was so rattled after his experience with Mr. Meltzer that he actually told the newspaper men that there are "300,000,000 acres of valueless land in the western half of the state!!!

When we consider that there are only 170,240,000 acres in all Texas the Governor's ridiculous lack of knowledge is at once apparent. Which after all is what might be expected of a governor elected upon a ticket which has taken for its emblem a donkey.

When Mr. Meltzen returned to Hallettsville and read the mimeoed reports sent out by the governor and published in the Dallas, Galveston News, San Antonio Express and other daily papers he a great deal down and smiled the following reply which up to date has not been published in any daily paper in the state. Although a copy was sent to each one of them.

Hallettsville, Texas, December 27.—E. R. Meltzen, who in behalf of the Business Union of Texas, recently visited Governor Coliquitt at Austin yesterday, on his return home from Austin and other points yesterday gave out his version of the interview he had with the governor. He said:

"I note that Governor Coliquitt has made a statement to the daily press with respect to our conference. Many statements are contained in that statement, the chief which is that the impression is carefully left that the Governor had a lot of affable visitor had quietly acquiesced in all that was said.

"Now, the governor knows very well that I politely, though squarely met every one of his arguments against the plan of taxing at its full rental value, the land held for speculation purposes.

"For example, I think his argument was completely refuted when he said that our plan "was nothing less than a confiscation of income tax and that it would finally be added to the rent and the renter and tenant would pay it at last." My reply was that in every such case the landlord would simply be required under our plan, to pay the same amount in taxes per acre that he charged his tenants, and the landlord would soon tire of trying to saddle it on the tenant, or in fact he would soon tire of holding any more land than his homestead at all. It was, I told the governor, a confiscatory and not an income tax and would result in what we proposed it should, namely to turn loose at low prices or to forfeit for unpaid taxes, great land holdings now held for speculation, which the landless persons could buy or the state could and then in purchasing at terms as reasonable, that the poorest renter could soon have a home free of incumbrance.

"The governor did not meet this line of argument. All he said in direct reply to that our land program, if carried out, meant 'revolution'—which was inconsistent with his remarks made to me previously, that it was a mere 'visionary' theory, having no one but the poor renters for whom the governor exhibits all of a sudden such great sympathy. My reply was that a real revolution was imminent in Texas if the plan were not adopted, as rents, rentors, land prices and speculation are increasing fast, day by day.

"Furthermore I set forth the fact that millions of acres of tillable land in Texas are held idle, that in any case would be thrown on the market at a reasonable price if everybody knew it would not be held for speculation one minute if it were not for the flagrantly low tax we have. This circumstance alone, would break the back of speculation in this rich rented state, even if no legal provision were made to prevent the unloading of real of value taxes on renters.

"Replying to the governor's argument that it would be difficult to compute a plan that would fix the basis of the rental value tax, I showed him where it would be no more difficult to determine the rental value of land whether cultivated or not, subject to drouth or overflow or not) than it is now to fix the full value of land and other taxable property. I might add that we have been doing now so to determine the taxable value of intangible property. So this objection, coming as it does from the chief executive of the greatest state in the Union, and as my commissioner intimated, that is stay going, to say the least.

"The governor then rings in a most remarkable assertion that was certainly not made, in the course of our talk. This is the claim that he said to me, that our proposition was disproportionate, because there were "one hundred and sixty million acres of land in the western half of Texas that produce no crops and never will."

"Any bright Texas school boy can tell the governor that the total area of Texas, east, west, north and south, is 170,240,000 acres. Here the Governor can tell the Galveston and Dallas News, San Antonio Express, and others, that 160,000,000 of the 170,240,000 acres is in the 'western half', and expect to get away with such in swinging assertion, is beyond me. And that all this acreage in Texas should be said in spite of the fact that there are millions of acres in cultivation in the western half of Texas, make the Governor's figures still more astounding. Perhaps the governor doesn't know more about the area of Texas and its tillable and untillable land when he has to carry in The Chicago Tribune'—as pointed out to him during our interview—the following:

"There are 146,000,000 acres of land in Texas that has never felt the touch of a plow. 40,000,000 acres of this land is of mountainous and arid nature, there are now 10,000,000 acres of fine arable land that is fit for cultivation that is now fenced in, in private hands, and 36,000,000 acres is practically gone."

These figures of the Governor published in his Chicago Tribune, are also consistent with the figures issued by the Texas Welfare Commission and there is no question of their correctness. No doubt the Governor conveniently forgot all about these statistical facts, which we have been using to illustrate the necessity of the land tax plan.

"Another inconsistency is the Governor's statement made at another thought—that all this 160,000,000 acres of "valueless" land would "escape taxation" under our plan and by reason of the "loss of the ad valorem tax thereon would mean bankruptcy to scores" of western county governments. I should certainly have told him that if the owners of these lands were now paying ad valorem tax sufficient to support such county governments, the lands would be worth values, for no one is foolish enough to pay tax on nothing.

"To passing I would point out that under a real people's administration that had the courage and the wisdom to go through with a land policy that would give every family in Texas a homestead free of mortgage, practically all of the thirty-odd million acres of arid land in Texas could be reclaimed and made to blossom like the rose in the result of statewide and controlled irrigation projects. The state could retain such lands and by, say, a hundred fold, but "eminently practical" statement like Governor Coliquitt would dub this "visionary" idea.

"Another erroneous impression left by the Governor is that I spoke to attempt to present the petitions. It is true I did not have them with me, but offered to get them from the express office in Austin and present them, whereupon the Governor told me it was not necessary, that I could present them to the legislature, which was a brilliant suggestion, by the way.

"Yet another inaccuracy is the claim he said it was 'purely a Socialist' proposition. Whatever I believe about it, I did not say that. I merely suggested to his statement that it was part of the Henry George single tax theory and part of—something else." As the Governor seemed to be grasping for the word I then suggested "Party of Equity." Whereupon he said, "Yes, that's the name." What is the Socialist Party's position as to landholding? I tell you I told him that this party wanted everyone and everyone to be the sole title to land.

"Coming down to his theory of organizing land credit unions we found ourselves in inspired by the same inspired spirition of the Reader's Union. The Rebel newspaper and the real and elements of the state is entirely distinct from the Socialist party's ownership of land—I pointed out in turn some vital defects in the Governor's plan. One of these was that if land credit unions were organized by the state and if the state would were to enable landless persons to buy the increased value of land they would buy and the consequent increased demand for land, of which there is only a fixed quantity, and the landlord would be the only one made richer than ever. In any event this proposed is a mere palliative that does not touch the root of the evil, namely the unlimited ownership of land.

"The Governor brings out some thoughts with respect to his plan that he did not mention to me or I should have taken a polite shot or two at them. My principle is that anything more paradoxical than his statement that the credit union plan would work splendidly for land lord and tenant without being a burden to either and under any arrangement, the landlord would have a comfortable income." How any man can seriously set up such a proposition I cannot understand. Why, the interests of many are at variance with one another, and the interests of many can be made, mutually beneficial.

"As I said to Governor Coliquitt so I said again: Our fight to utterly wipe out the landless Texans, so that no one may have a 'comfortable income' but the man who himself tills or uses the land he occupies, without either the lord or fellowman, he just be gone. Already we are backed by a hundred thousand renters and small landowners and even by some large landowners who see the justice and urgent necessity for our contention. We are near when the empire state of America will be of itself a great nation of progressive and prosperous home owners.

"The firm is so convinced that its public reform will soon obliterate the land question in Texas that instead of our plan will be to do it, that I would be willing to debate this issue at any time with any prominent advocate of the Governor's theories—ex-Gov. the Governor himself. However I am not judging from the manner in which he reported our conference, that he will never want to meet the issue squarely, man to man, in this manner. Though he may, perhaps, be well enough to do so or live up to the just syllabus of his name."

The Rebel desires to express its heartiest congratulations to the thousands of men and women who made this great petition possible. Its educational value is inestimable. It has demonstrated two great facts: First that 90 per cent of the people want a change in the present system of land tenure along the lines proposed in this revolutionary land amendment; second it has put the chief executive of the democratic party of Texas on record as absolutely opposed to any radical change from the present system of landlordism that has turned three-quarters of the producing agricultural workers of the state into tenants whose conditions approximate as closely as possible which the Mexican peon was in rebellion.

The issue is now joined. The record is clear, the way is straight. The Dank must be destroyed. The Socialist Lion must enter the state capitol. The Renters Union must be developed until its numbers reach six figures then and then only will landlordism be destroyed in Texas and we can all live in a state that possesses "land for the landless and homes for the homeless."

Socialists Stand By Your Guns.

The Democratic Free Booters, Bandits and Political Robbers Are Stealing Your War Supplies.

The Democratic Party in Texas is in a hell of a fix. Brag, bluster, false promises, grand stand plays, pious preachments, diabolical duplicity, have destroyed all hope of relief for the common people or general welfare of the state.

The Progressive Prohibition Church and State, God in the constitution, preacher in politics and politicians in the pulpit wing of what is termed the Democracy of Texas, now realize that the "Old Democracy" is dead, and the disintegration of the party is inevitable, and only a matter of time. The modern Democratic Party managers have no principle, "policy" is their trump card. That policy is anything to get office and keep it. The shrewdest tricksters in the gang are now scheming to "checkmate" the certain success of Socialism in Texas, by stealing Socialist arms, and ammunition wagons and to capture the Socialist voters. They can't work their game.

Saintly Morris Sheppard, of W. O. W. and national prohibition, God in the constitution, morality for the other fellow fame, now United States Senator through the conspiracy of the Anti-Saloon League, federated churches in politics with fraternal organizations and W. O. W. wire workings, is now trying to stack the cards, to weld the national prohibition, God in the constitution, national reform party to the "New Progressive Democratic wash pot." Cullin Thomas, the sweet faced knight of the New Democracy is writing love letters to the "Old Rebel Chief" and "Leader" trying to get up a political flirtation with the Socialists of Texas, and trying to break into the Socialist dance known as the "Tenant's Jig and Landlord's Breakdown."

This dandy little Napaleon of the new political regime has invited himself to the "Socialist New Year Masked Ball," and is ready to waltz, square dance, side step, back step and dance the Democratic Devil's reel, the Socialist victory jig, or even lead in the death march of Democracy on the Land Question. Cullen has seen the sights of Europe, he has dreamed dreams and beheld visions of many kinds and he is now seeking light and information from The Rebel Chief about the Land Question and Tenant's Organization and demands. Cullen merely wants to take, steal and carry away, without the consent of the Socialists their land plank and appropriate the Socialist guns, and ammunition to the use and benefit of himself as stock in trade and political advancement of the Progressive Prohibition God in the constitution, church and state Democracy. Keep your peepers on Cullin and his gang, watch their antics. Don't be deceived. Keep all your sentinels posted. Be on guard. Stand by your guns. Guard your ammunition wagon and give the Democratic political hell all along the line of battle. Ask not, nor give quarter. Charge their lines and break them. Rush them, scatter them, lick 'em! boots, horse and dragoons. Up and at the Demmys, my boys, all along the line. Charge and charge again and always give them shot and shell, grape, canister, sword, bayonet and hell.

State Senator Jimmie McNealus, of Dallas which place is, also, the political headquarters of the Rt. Rev. generalissimo, Doctor Gun Cotton Rankin, D. D. L. L. D., A. B. C., W. X. Z, and also of his holy eminence, pope Jimmy Gambrell, has been dancing an "Irish Jig" and Socialist Devil's Reel, over his recent, original discovery of the interest that the Socialist Party of Texas has aroused, upon the landlord and tenant question. Senator Jimmy McNealus is a darling, a daisy and a Jim Dandy and always makes himself darned handy to the Democrats in a general political mix up. Jimmy's old black thorn shillalah has cracked the skulls of many political dissenters, heretofore and will do so again in the future. Now boys, keep your political peepers real wide open and watch the capers of Jimmie McNealus, the Irish sporting editor of the Dallas Democrat. He is a wit, a wag, an all round rounder, and, also claims to be, bevel edged and four square, one of the "Old Boys," smooth as the waxed floor of a fancy ball room in the house of lords, and Jimmy is now teaching the Democrats of Texas the mysteries of the tenant's horn pipe, and the death march of lordly landlordism and old Democracy.

The Democrats are to be initiated into and drilled in all of the latest and up to date Socialist arches, reels, jigs, waltzes and turkey trots and political tango dances. Jimmie Mc', is the Democratic dancing and drill master and he is the past grand master and high priest of bunklorums and "Now to Kill the Opposition." Arragh, my boy, and here is to you hoping that you may live long, be merry, social and finally a real, true and honest Socialist and not merely a political makeshift and time server. Be a free man, Jimmy, not the servant of the capitalistic house of lords. Top of the morning to ye Jimmy, but the Socialists are on to your Irish dancing, jig cavortin, and political reeling. Now, Jimmy, my boy, take an old fool's advice and dance the "back step" into your own camp. You must not try and appropriate the Socialist ammunition nor burn their wagons, including the hand wagon. Socialists know best how to shoot their own guns, and unless you come square out and join the the foot soldiers in the Socialist camp, away wid ye, and you can tell those, for whom you are working, "There is no stealin' to be done from Socialist ammunition." They have every darned ounce of powder, labeled and marked in "red India ink."

Now boys just watch the next big dance program of the Progressive Prohibition, God in the constitution, church and state, national reform, nation-wide, Anti-Saloon League- united church in political action Democratic party. There will be some paramount issues reels listed. Among them will be "Land Reform" a la Socialist Land Program.

"Equal Rights for Ladies" will be the sweet little song and dance given by the Democratic Banjo pickers.

Presidential primaries will be the doxology song of the aforesaid Democratic donkey meeting. Government ownership will be made the national rack of the Progressive Prohibition, God in the constitution, church and state. W. O. W. national reform, Anti-Saloon League, united church in political action new Democracy sailed up as a bait for Socialist voters to hang their old straw sun-tops on, while listening to the Democratic songs of reform.

The Democrats are scared almost as bad as the "coon" Jake Hodges used to tell us about.

They have a right to be "sheared."

The Democratic leaders in Texas have made their party as offensive to honest thinking men, as the Democratic kittens were to the German Federal soldier in Sherman's march to the sea. During Sherman's return raid, his army camped one night in the "Four Note Swamps" of South Carolina. All tents were stretched, sentinels posted, lights were out, and the tired and foot sore soldiers had spread their blankets and soon locked in the arms of sweet Morpheus. One German soldier had spread his blanket down, right at the end of a large, old hollow, and nearly rotten log. In the night, about one o'clock he was aroused by something running and playing around over his blanket. He sat up in alarm, lighted a match and saw what he mistook for an old cat with her kitten running around over his blanket frisking in delight with their discovery of the remnants of the German's last small piece of limburger cheese. With much indignation, the highly offended German patriot, lunged forward, grabbed the mother cat, slung her as far as he could out into the darkness and night, then gathering up, as fast as he could, all of the scampering little kittens he wrung their necks and threw them after the vanished mother cat. Before his job was finished the most terrible and offensive odor, that had ever disturbed his sense of smell, was causing him much distress of stomach: his midnight visitors were a family of pole cats, that had long resided in the old hollow log. Our German soldier held his nose, as best he could, lighted a match as soon as he could, and turned his mournful eyes around to survey his companions, all peacefully sleeping, much to his surprise, and his indignation he at once proceded to give vent to his disgust as follows: "Ach mein Gott in Himmel, all de boys am sound asleep and leaves me alon here avake by mineself yet, midt all dis damn Democratic kittens, damned foolishness, which ish enough to make de American turkey buzzard sick mit his belly and vomitt some times a fiddle py even more and dis damned stuff, what de Democratic kittens have left all over mide me, smells almost to high heavens, yet, and ish vorse, dan I ever haf smelled yet in my life times, even in de odd limburger cheese can in Shurmany. For Gott sake vake poys, vy in de hell don't you vake up, undt smell somedings, midt me some time."

The Democratic kittens are trying to steal into the Socialist camps, at night, hunting for Socialist food and home grown cheese.

Awake, Socialists, stand to your guns. Guard your dynamite and ammunition wagon. There will be a split in Democratic camp soon. Get ready to welcome all honest and patriotic recruits, volunteers and foot soldiers as comrades in the Socialist Army. They will be with you before the war is ended, but "Forward march and charge" the Democratic base of supplies. Charge their breast works and headquarters. Give them hell all along the line and let a Merciful God, have pity on their poor souls, if any they may have. Socialists, fight, fight and fight to a finish. Charge, damn you, charge. Up and at them. Give 'em hell, o'er and o'er. Sound your charge

"Remember Democracy and national banks."
"Remember Democracy and flat money."
"Remember Democracy and prohibition."
"Remember Democracy and church and state."
"Remember Democracy and equal right."
"Remember Democracy and personal liberty."
"Remember Democracy and bonded indebtedness."
"Remember Democracy and equal taxation."
"Remember Democracy and equality before the law."
"Remember Democracy and disfranchisement poll tax law."
"Remember Democracy, as it once was and now is, and the German soldier's experience with Democratic pole cats."

Charge, charge in line. Charge by right and left flank. Charge in front and rear. The Democratic kittens are surrounded, hemmed in, but they smell to Heaven with broken promises, double dealing, false faith, trust betrayed, honor unkept, and pious preachments and pretentions. Up and at them, everywhere. Spare not, give them hell and then some more. Their lines are broken, like their good faith, and false promises of reform, honest laws, equal rights, uniform taxation and guardian of personal liberty. Humanity expects every honest man to do his duty and every honest man, with red blood in his veins and courage in his heart will do his duty, regardless of past affiliations. Sound the Socialist Rebel yell, "Hoes for all." "Landlords for none." Charge and give them hell, and in the language of Doctor Rankin, very rank, always, "On with the Battle." You have them on the run. Stand by your guns, guard your attention and charge till all have been routed, whipped to a frezzle and laid down their arms. Such is the advice of a

Who is a darned fool, who is a looker on in Texas politics.

From Corsicana, Texas.

Texas Notes.

R. A. Green, State Secretary, Rockdale.

MAJORITY REPORT OF AUDITING-ELECTION COMMITTEE.

Waco, Texas, December 17, 1913.
To the Socialists of Texas:—

The members of the present auditing-election committee of the Socialist Party of Texas, met at Waco, Texas on December 16 and 17, 1913, in response to a call of the chairman.

The majority of the said committee even prior to going to Waco did not believe that they had any constitutional power to officially act, as had been requested of them by an irregular gathering held at Dallas October 19.

However the majority deemed it best to go because they felt that the peace and success of the Texas movement depended on their being on the ground and investigating and acting on this matter at first hand. The result of our work speaks for itself.

On arriving at Waco the majority found that they had no constitutional right to officially recognize a so-called referendum, put forward by the unofficial private gathering held at Dallas.

The majority of the committee found that this so-called referendum was not, in a single instance, in line with the constitution. Therefore the committee declined out of order the request of the Dallas gathering to officially canvas or recognize all of the said "referendum" for the following constitutional reasons:

1. The motions made by the Dallas gathering on which this alleged referendum is based resulted in the chairman fixing December 15 as the date on which the vote was to close, thus allowing only fifteen days for balloting when the party constitution plainly provides thirty days for balloting on referendums of this kind.

2. Acting under request of the Dallas gathering the chairman of the auditing-election committee submitted and received the ballots on two motions, namely to recall the two national committeemen and to substitute a new constitution for the present one. All this in the face of the plain provision of the constitution to the effect that constitutional referendums and the recall of the national committeemen must be submitted and conducted and all ballots received and counted by the state secretary.

3. Joined with the motions for a new constitution and to recall the national committeemen was a motion to recall the state secretary. This alleged recall was placed on the same ballot with the other two propositions and submitted by the chairman to a vote of only such locals as were listed in good standing on January 1, 1913, and the vote thereon was ordered to be received by the said chairman. Whereas the constitution provides that the secretary of the auditing-election committee shall receive all ballots where a motion is submitted to recall the state secretary.

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However with respect to the motion to recall the state secretary we decided to tentatively count the vote on the same since this proposition was a little less irregular than the other two, and we thought we might as well be on the safe side and let the membership know how the vote stood.

We found the vote on the alleged referendum to recall the state secretary to be 251 for and 401 against recalling.

Considering that Comrade Wilson's circular letters advising all party members to vote on this "referendum" (and thus calling the hands of the disturbing element) were sent out less than 10 days before the close of the "referendum" and were then held up four or five days in the mails on account of the floods and the railway tieup; considering the further fact that many locals did not receive Comrade Melton's circular at all, and considering finally that many locals opposed to the disturbers voted to ignore the "referendum," (including Waco, Tyler, Cleburne, Rockdale, Mineral and others) while the locals favorable to the disturbers practically all voted—we say considering all these facts the result of the vote on this "referendum" will convince the reasonable overwhelming mass of the membership are not in sympathy with the tactics of the disturbing element.

With regard to the motion to recall the two national committeemen and to substitute a new constitution this committee held that the method of submitting them was so entirely out of order that we decided to ignore the returns on same altogether, officially. However we can state positively that they were defeated with majorities equally as large as in the case of the state secretary's recall.

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Finally, we wish to congratulate the level-headed members on this at one stroke rebuking a bold attempt to assume illegal dictatorial powers on the part of irresponsible persons and disturbers and thus destroying a most dangerous precedent, and, finally, in wiping out the Movement from a cloud of disruption and confusion.

So we go into the Texas campaign of 1914 in solid phalanx behind the spotless banner of Socialism on High.

Yours for 75,000 votes in 1914.

W. T. Webb, Sec.
Eugene Etheridge,
Auditing-Election Committee Socialist Party.

UNANIMOUS REPORT.

We, the Election-Auditing Committee of the Socialist Party of the State of Texas, have carefully counted the referendum ballots on the recall of State Secretary R. A. Green, as instituted by the Dallas convention held October 19, 1913, and hereby announce the result as follows:

For the recall 251 votes; against the recall, 401 votes; majority against the recall, 150 votes. Under our State party constitution this committee has no authority to count ballots on any proposition except such as may affect the economic interests of the State Secretary, and a majority of the committee holds that in this instance we should abide by the constitution, while entertaining doubts as to whether, even in this case, their constitutional authority is clear. Hence, we vote for the recall of National Committeemen T. A. Hickey and W. S. Noble, and the votes on the proposed constitution, as well as the nominations for party officers have not been counted. However, the votes for and against the recall of national committeemen, and for and against the proposed constitution, were practically the same as the votes for and against the recall of the State Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. Hicks,
W. T. Webb,
Eugene Etheridge.
Committee.

Waco, Texas, December 17, 1913.

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HUMANITY'S GOAL.

Oh, my Comrades, are you weary?
Does the way seem long and dreary
That leads up to the new era
Can you have pictured in your dreams?
Is your portion one of sorrow?
Yet be brave, and strive to borrow
From the glory of the morrow
That beyond your vision gleams.

Never! Cease the wail of never,
For the grace goes on forever—
Up the highway of endeavor
To the heights that onward glow.
There is no room for despairing,
But for action and for daring,
And for helping and upheaving
One another as we go.

There are lives that we may brighten;
There are burdens we may lighten;
There are joys that we may heighten;
There are wounded hearts to bind;
There are fetters to be broken;
There are blessings to be spoken;
Let us give them as a token
Of the love we bear mankind.

See! *A golden bow is bending*
Over us, glory sending
That the world is moving on—
From its ancient moorings drifting
While the tides of thought are shifting
Ever
And the shadows are uplifting
From the gateways of the dawn.

Oh, my comrades, leave complaining
See! The night of Wrong is waning,
And the King of Right is reigning,
And the flag of Hope's unfurled.
There are evils left for fighting;
There are battles left for fighting;
There are beacons left for lighting
To illuminate the world.

As, when all her hues combining
In a golden tinted lining,
Through the clouds the morn is shining,
So the Future's upturned face,
With a glow of promise burning,
My rapt spirit is discerning,
While humanity is turning
To the morning of the race.

A prophetic sense comes o'er me,
A new epoch spreads before me,
And the human seas are stormy,
And I hear a cry of WAR!
Then a vision, vast, entrancing,
Meets my gaze! With weapons glancing
Comes a mighty host advancing,
Like an army from afar.

From the valleys it is swarming;
From the shops its ranks are forming;
From the mountains it is storming
Evil's bastions, old and gray.
I can see its banners streaming;
I can see its forefront gleaming;
In the dawnlight on it beaming
From the new and grander day.

REBEL PAMPHLETS.

Two editions of The Rebel Land Pamphlet have been sold, except about 200 copies. We wish to dispose of them before the end of the year. Write us at once, enclosing 10 cents for a single copy, 25 cents for 3 and $1 for 15.

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ENLIST NOW.

As the rainy season appears to be over, on every hand there are now signs that the Rebels of Texas are going into the 1914 campaign with united ranks and a fighting spirit that has already made their names famous around the world, and the organization of the Rebel Videttes is beginning to look up. Applications are in every mail, and as soon as we can get things properly lined out, we shall have the greatest literature army ever seen on the march on this continent. It will not only distribute literature every a month but it will be every only in many other ways to protect and foster the cause of Socialism in this great state.

Just to give an idea of what such an army can do: When I presented the land petitions to that false-alarm statesman, Governor Colquitt, he essayed to criticise our plan. Well, with the solid foundation of the Socialist philosophy under my feet in just a few sentences I undid that gentleman's criticisms look foolish even his own pet plan was politely though thoroughly punctured. Then daily press in this state, he cries out a garbled report to the daily press as to what took place at that conference, and now a number of these newspapers that published the governor's false report have so far failed to publish my article in reply, which appears on the the first page in this issue.

Now the point is this: The old party press can at any time publish one-sided reports as to our activities and then decline to give us space for rebuttal. The only comeback we have is through the Socialist press. But the trouble is that press has be for not the education among non-Socialists that the capitalistic sheets have. But suppose we had just 2000 Rebel Videttes (and we shall have more before the campaign has well begun) in the state handing out only an average of 50 Rebel Propaganda editions to non-Socialists every month. That would mean reaching 100,000 non-Socialists with the right sort of literature applied to home conditions, not less than once a month. *You'll get think that only such an army we could silence the old party press liars and slanderers and drive landlordism and capitalism into the Gulf!*

Read the foregoing carefully, and you will begin to understand what a great step the Rebel vote has and I decided to raise its regular subscription prices leaving bundle prices the same and then use the funds so secured to organize and supply a literature army that would circulate 500 times the number of Rebels among NON-SOCIALISTS in Texas than we could circulate under the present arrangement.

No newspaper in the world has ever conceived such a plan, and no newspaper in the world will achieve such a remarkable success with it as we are going to achieve, for we have the field for it and what is more we have the MEN for it.

The following comrades have enlisted as VIDETTES since last report:

T. A. Hackler, Fort Worth, will take care of 100 non-Socialists since each month.

S. A. Shearer will cover Hasse Independent School District.

J. T. Hearn will cover part of Padcitt voting precinct.

W. L. Owen will take care of 24 Democratic voters in Shelby county.

W. J. Brassel will cover Rucker voting precinct, Comanche County.

Reason Brown will distribute 100 per month at Lorena box.

F. C. Smith will cover part of Louise precinct.

Mrs. Mary J. Case will supply 25 Donk voters in Garrison precinct.

G. P. Mitchell will do vidette duty in Goliad, guarding 50 or more. He is president Sec. Co. Soc. Party.

J. L. Craig will cover Brazos voting precinct, 100 old party voters.

L. T. Brown will do vidette duty in Llano precinct with 100 voters in his charge.

W. L. Webster will cover part of Cadle precinct, Bee county.

Rev. Schroeder will cover Lowake voting precinct, Runnels county.

J. F. Barrett on old scout enlists as a Vidette and will take care of 50 voters in Montague county.

THE 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 one 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, church of Socialism and the defense of the rights of the organizations. *For instance their first aid in this respect would be to see to it that every man likely to vote at the ballot box 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.

8. The Rebel's first propaganda edition will be issued January 1, by which time we hope to have this army well under way.

9. If you wish to get in on this great movement in time to get well under way for the 1914 campaign, sign the attached application blank and send to this office. You will receive your commission blank and your outfit as soon as we can get around to you.

Yours for victory.

E. R. MEITZEN

Tear Off Here

Texas, 191 .

To E. R. Meitzen

Business Manager of The Rebel,

Haletlewille, Texas.

Dear Comrades—Enroll me as Rebel Vidette for following territory, (one blank will need to be filled each month, Socialists at large)

Send me the Monthly Propaganda Edition of The Rebel

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Signed.

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Oklahoma Notes

(M. M. Sheridan, Soc. Oklahoma City.)

A CALL TO ARMS

Comrades, we have the "think" by the tail and with a mean hold pull. The "elephant" has been discovered in our state in Oklahoma. There is nothing to stop us now in our onward march to victory except our own inactivity.

The Democrat party in Oklahoma has made a promise that they, themselves, are ashamed of. Good excuses are no longer in order. Something must be made. The workers want relief and the Democrat Party is the only party that promises or can give it to them.

Our greatest task is to let the people know and this can be done at a very small cost if you will do your part. We are perfecting a political organization, the object of which will be to protect our count and make it possible to get information to all the voters of the state.

Let the comrades in each voting precinct have a mass meeting and elect one of their number to act as precinct committeeman. Notify the county election board of your action and send the name and post office address and voting precinct he represents to the State Secretary of the Socialist Party. Then this office will at various times send him his literature and he will distribute it to his precinct in sufficient quantities to put one in every home in his precinct. The committeeman, he can be the precinct committeeman, he can subpoena the voters of his precinct to vote in the precinct and they hand it to their neighbors when the opportunity comes to them.

Then and only, the issue remains. Their record has been short and can be blotted out. Our duty now is "To the Rescue" Will you help? Will you help do this important work? Let's hear from you at once.

New Locals for the Week

Mon. La Flor County. 16 members, Leyd Kinney, Secretary.

Chanka in Wagoner county, 5 members, Ed Bennett, Secretary.

Sawyer in Choctaw county, 7 members, H. N. Wright, Sawyer, Secretary.

Lark in Marshall county, 6 members, J. P. Carney, Lark, Secretary.

Pleasant Hill in McCurtain county, 10 members, Sam Auld, Haworth, Secretary.

Terral in Jefferson county, 5 members, Jno. Hamilton, Terral, Secretary.

Lehigh in Coal county, 10 members, E. W. Yates, Secretary.

Membership-large: G. E. Womack, Byars, Route 1, C. C. Harris, Mosser.

Membership Seconds

By Local Durant: That the dues be reduced to 10 cents. Seconded by Locals Madill, Tate, Ong and Marlow.

By Local Pleasant Grove: That Local Madill be expelled. Seconded by Locals Madill and Marlow.

T. M. Pritchard's Dates.

Bailey, Texas, Feb. 3, 4.

Kilgore, December 15, 14.

Doyle, December 15.

Ara, December 16, 17.

Velma, December 18, 19, 20.

Hope, December 21, 22.

ANOTHER SKIN GAME BEING PLAYED.

The political complexion of this state is fast changing. The workers are waking up to their political power and are fringing in the fields of the political party that always stands by them, either as the industrial lord of office or in the legislative halls. The game of deception played so often by the capitalist mind-led politicians has been exposed to the public. The politicians are up against the hardest proposition of their political career; they being confronted by an intelligent working class body, th fruits of an untiring socialist agitation.

In their desperation to retain their grip on the working class vote they are resorting to the most cunning of their numerous political measures by endeavoring to put another over on the working class under the pretext of an political organization.

The holding actors in this great farce are the same crowd that have been in the limelight in the past. They are again hiding behind the skirts of one of their trusted lead men, the Bryan Democrat.

The workers have not forgotten the last state campaign when the grand old warrior, the father of Oklahoma Jim Timmerley "strutted" in the role of the advance guard of the present little conspiracy. Now who should be the cause of the poor and unfortunate "at the critical time, when the progressives were in here, would appear the big boss. It was the Bryan Democrat, he would take his soft hand in hers and assist him to the platform with the positive assurance that he was the greatest man in the world.

The workers were then sucker enough to believe her utterances as evidenced by the fighting vote she received. They need realized their mistake however, and instead of fooling with the old party the staunch friends of their class, they one kin taking sides with the capitalist politicians against them.

But he has had his day and it has been a better one for the workers as far as relief is concerned but a good one in scorch as it has opened the eyes and got them to thinking for themselves.

Their little game is so simple again divert their minds from the real issue, work on their prejudices and fill them so full of "Donk" patriotism that they will again lay the year of "The Yap," throwing their hats to the breeze, and yelling themselves hoarse when one of these "great friends" of the common people appear upon the scene.

Get all the suckers possible this year and steal the balance to pay by an. Prof. Cockeber Bill Murray's speech in Oklahoma City.

The Socialist Party is the party of the working class and the only party that does not try to deceive the people by asserting that it will represent them all which is an impossibility.

The farmers who till the soil and the wage earners of the cities have learned this great truth and are affiliating with their class on the political field.

The day of "good men" and deceptive politics has passed. The workers have at last got wise to their game and cannot be stuck even when they promise much to freedom under the "Red Banner of Liberty" as the Democrat Socialists in 1911" accept they fail to protect their ballot. This is the most important thing to do now. It is up to the workers to elect their precinct committeemen, get counters and watchers appointed and when they they do that much, the victory for the working class in Oklahoma will, for the first time in its history, become a reality.

A Word Now to Hoe.

The "Donk Politicians" will have a hard time explaining why their party turned down the demands of labor why they thrust a dagger in the back of miners and voted to draw mileage at 10 cents per each way when they never left the city. Part of this matter is they won't endeavor to explain this vital question, but work on the prejudice and then when it is too late they get you to line up for the party they represent so they can continue to fatten at the public crib at your expense.

SEEKING GHOSTS.

Under date of November 8 Rebel, of Hawesville, Texas, unitied and owned by T. A. Hickey, published a voluminous article by W. W. Bellew, of Corsicana, Texas, headed "Jesuits Grab Mexico." It is preceded by a note which the editor says the article is "in the main the most searching, inside review of the Mexican situation he has ever read." The phrase "in the main" gives a loophole and we are glad the editor made it for himself.

We think a great deal of The Rebel, both on account of the "Land Army" agitation it is making and for the sympathetic notices of the Mexican Revolution it has contained from time to time. But we do not think much of the critical faculty of the editor when he penned that note. It would be hard to find any set of men who hate and distrust the Roman Catholic church and Jesuitism more bitterly than we do just as it would be hard to find any who are working more indefatigably for the overthrow of Capitalism. But we are not going to be so blinded by our hates as to see ghosts every time either a Jesuit or capitalist appears, nor will we attribute to capitalists or Jesuits complicated plots comes that have come about quite naturally from causes amply sufficient to account for them.

History is, as we believe, distorted most seriously, and the Mexican Revolution belied with, when we see in it this great upheaval plundered people is represented of the work of capitalist, clerical, "Jesuit" "Conspiracy" or any other kind of personally-engineered plots. It was and is the mountainous eruption of volcanic fires engendered by conditions that have reduced the Mexican people to despair; and neither the over throw of Jesuitism, of the Rothschild or Standard Oil interests, or any other set of men is going to kill the hurricane. We repeat that the Mexican struggle is a bread and butter struggle emanating from the bosom of the people which will subside only when it obtains that economic liberty and security to which every people is entitled. Socialist conspiracy is what it seems to us, should understand but, and understand also that similar causes are at the root of all modern upheavals.

(To the above criticism of Mr. Bellew's article and our editorial note, we merely wish to say: That we believe the editor of the Rebel is section of Regeneration is incorrect when he attributes to the pacific struggle that is being waged in Mexico today solely to an uprising of the Mexican peons. Fact it is that the frightful conditions under which the peon lived had a large part to play in the Mexican upheaval; that has occurred since Ricardo Flores Magon commenced his magnificent agitation on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. We do is a mistaken philosopher, who would attribute the recent upheavals in Mexico to the peon alone; just as it would be other Sort's Mexico Republics, the capitalists economics played his large roll in generating strife in Mexico. Would the editor of the Regeneration ignore the work of Lord Cowdrey and the European capitalists who were allied with him through the Pearsons for the control of the Tamico oil fields or would he ignore the work of our Lone Star Republic brother, John D., and other financial buccaneers in this struggle. It appears to the editor of The Rebel that Mr. Bellew is right in attribution the present strife in Mexico to outside influences. Our article, that will appear later on, contention will change it. Good brilliant say, it's true that the peon has consciously played in his struggle for land and liberty.—Ed.)

Answer to the Evils of Socialism.

(Written for The Rebel by Elder W. J. McKinney, 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 "slypilot."—EDITOR.)

FOURTH OBJECTION.

"That Socialism is a *system of free love*"—Now free love is nothing more nor less than free lust, but we suppose the writer means that Socialism would cause a man to leave his wife and take up with some other woman, or live with as many women as he wanted to—But as free love is free lust, we are going to contend that the system which we suppose you are defending, the system of capitalism, or modern production and distribution, is already responsible for free love.

There are 500,000 fallen women in the United States today, according to statistics. The average life of these women is only five years. The consequence is that under the present system, they lay a tribute of 100,000 of our girls each year that are dwarfed to the brothels and houses of ill-fame to a life of degradation and shame. Really while this is a dark picture, there are many thousands more who are not rated down-fallen, who are leading lives of shame in all the great cities.

Now there is a cause for all this. We claim that Socialism would go to the bottom of the cause and cure the disease. The last United States census gives the number of unmarried men of marriageable age in the United States at about seven million. This leaves an equal or greater number of women of marriageable age. It is natural for men and women to marry. Under favorable conditions they would marry, but why this vast number of unmarried men and women? Low wages and—even worse—the uncertainty of a job. The fear resting in the minds of every man that they might fail to hold employment even if they should get it, and under the high cost of living and high rents are actually afraid to take the responsibility of a family. Under Socialism, where every man would be assured of continual employment, with a wage that would equal the full products of his labor, where every man would have an opportunity by industry to own a home and support a family, doesn't it stand to reason that 80 or 90 per cent. of the seven million men and women would marry, have happy homes, raise children, and therefore prostitution would almost cease? Then, instead of Socialism standing for free love, or free lust, it would bring about conditions that would do away with the incentive for prostitution and free love.

Among the thousands of Socialist writers there might possibly be one or more who believe in the doctrine of free love, though the man quoted in "The Evils of Socialism," mentioned above, he do not regard as a Socialist, but even though Carpenter were a Socialist and held these views does that commit Socialism to the ideas of one man or two men?

We will next notice another objection called "Women Under Socialism," or Herr Rebel's book. Herr Rebel is a German Socialist, a man of great prominence, but only a man. In the preface to that book he says: "There are only my private views." Therefore: Let Socialists, even of Germany, are under no obligations to accept these views as Socialism, and so far as we know, while many have read the book of Herr Rebel, none have accepted the theory advocated by Herr Rebel. Yet, by referring to page 90 in Rebel's book we find that he advocated monogamous marriage, and this book was only theorizing on or a prophecy of what woman might be. Although written by a Socialist, it was nothing whatever to do with Socialism more than the private opinion of any other one man.

A few words in regard to the Socialist wedding of Geo. D. Herron and Carrie Rand. We suppose that Mr. Herron was married under the laws of New York. The case is even from Lammon's view point, hardly so bad as the great steel magnate, who left the wife of his youth in his old age and took up Mabelle Gillman, and squandered millions on her, but he was a capitalist and not a Socialist. The two cases are somewhat parallel. Neither proves that either Socialism or capitalism is a bad thing. These are only isolated cases.

A CHRISMAS SERMON ON SIN AND CRIME.

"Was born in Bethlehem on Earth,
The mission on Jesus on Earth,
Was proven, he *first of the free,*"
Meek and lowly, humble of birth,
Yet master of Soul He was free.

Healing the sick, cheering the lowly;
Saving the sinful with kindness,
Working with patience, and slow-ly,
He cured sin of her blindness,

And brought hope to the weary, and sad,
And gladness supplanted sorrow,
Suggesting evil, or bad,
Working today, for the morrow.

Scourging the laws, and customs of men;
Preaching and teaching kindness, and cheer,
God's Commandments, he found were but ten.
Nor added, he, one to them while here.

And leaving judgment to God,
He scorned aid from man's penal laws;
Knowing, that for sin, we must pay,
Only to God, who understands cause.

For cause, and effect, are not just the same.
Illness we cure by removing the cause,
And sin is effect, we as truly name
Who, now study Mother Nature's own laws.

Our physicians of moral reform,
Know not the methods of God, or his Son.
But they, rave, and roar, like the wind storm,
And boast of the law, and what they have done.

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A YOUNG REBEL.

Upshur Co., Tex., Dec. 9, 1913.

Mr. Tom Hickey,

Haletlewille, Texas.

Dear Comrade:

I am just 15 years of age, I read your paper with great interest. I am fully aware of the fact that the "land in the landless and homes for the poor" is a magnificent move for freedom. It means the downfall of landlordism.

Never before has there been a question raised that so entered the hearts of children; it would make the heart jump and prance to know the joy that will take the place of sorrow that now fills the hearts of the many thousand landless, when they can say I have a home. When this happens there will truly be what the Christian people have been long been praying for: "A heaven on earth" but I am truly confident this will not happen until the "lion of mighty strength has fully devoured the elephant, the donk and the moose and chased the monster beast of Capitalism out of sight, which is the bottomless pits of hell.

If I were standing before my Lord and Savior I would declare myself a Socialist because I believe it is His pure and undefiled doctrine or He would not have said: "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

A man cannot do so and see his neighbor's children in their rags and he holding them up for one-third or probably one-half of their labor, common sense teaches us this.

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Land for All.

In seeking to restore all men to their equal and natural rights we do not seek the benefit of any class, but of all. For we both know by faith and see by fact that injustice can profit no one and that justice must benefit all.

Equality of Opportunity.

Nor do we seek any "futile and ridiculous equality." We recognize that there must always be differences and inequalities. In so far as these are in conformity with the moral law, in so far as they do not violate the command, "Thou shalt not steal," we are content. We do not seek to better God's work; we seek only to do His will. The equality we would bring about is not the equality of fortune, but the equality of natural opportunity; the equality that reason and religion alike proclaim—the equality in usufruct of all His children to the bounty of Our Father who art in Heaven.

And in taking for the uses of society what we clearly see as the great fund intended for society in the divine order, we would not levy the slightest tax on the possessions of wealth, no matter how rich they might be. Not only do we deem such taxes a violation of the right of property, but we see that by virtue of beautiful adaptations in the economic laws of the Creator it is impossible for any one honestly to acquire wealth without at the same time adding to the wealth of the world.

The Right to Life.

To permit in a wrong, to refuse to undo it, is always to become involved in other wrongs. Those who denied private property in land, and thereby deny the first and most important of all human rights, the equal right to the material substratum of life, are compelled to one of two courses. Either they must, as do those who gospel in Hell take the hinder-most," deny the equal right to life, and by some theory like that to which the English clergyman Malthus has given his name, assert that nature (they do not venture to say God) brings into the world more than there is provision for, or, they must, as do Socialists, assert as rights what in themselves are wrongs.

There are many who deny the equality of right to the material basis of life, and yet conscious that there is a right to live, assert the right of laborers to employment and their right to receive from their employers a certain indefinite wage.

Mistaken Rights.

No such rights exist. No one has a right to demand employment of another, or demand higher wages than the other is willing to give, or in any way to put pressure on another to make him raise such wages against his will. There can be no better moral justification for such demands on employers by workingmen than there would be for them when they do not want to, and to accept wages lower than they are willing to take. Any seeming justification springs from a prior wrong, the denial to workingmen of their natural rights, and can in the last analysis only rest on that supreme dictate of self-preservation that under extraordinary circumstances makes parodonable what in itself is theft, or sacrilege or even murder.

A fugitive slave with the bloodhounds of his pursuers baying at his heels would in true Christian morals be held blameless if he seized the first horse he came across, even though to take it he had to knock down the rider. But this is not to justify horse-stealing as an ordinary means of traveling. When his disciples were hungry Christ permitted them to pluck corn on the Sabbath day. But He never denied the sanctity of the Sabbath by asserting that it was under ordinary circumstances a proper time to gather corn.

He justified Jehu when pressed by hunger committed what ordinarily would be a sacrilege, by taking from the temple the loaves of proposition. But in this He was far from saying that the robbing of temples was a proper way of getting a living.

The natural right which each man has is not that of demanding employment or wages from another man, but that of employing himself—that of applying by his own labor to the inexhaustible storehouse which the Creator has in the land provided, for all men. Were that storehouse open, as by the single tax we would open it, the natural demand for labor would keep pace with the supply, the man who sold labor and the man who bought it would become free exchangers for mutual advantage, and all cause for dispute between workman and employer would be gone.

The Living and Wage of Wages.

For then, all being free to employ themselves, the mere opportunity to labor would cease to seem a boon; and since no one would work for another for less, all things considered, than he could earn by working for himself, wages would necessarily rise to their full value, and the relations of workman and employer be regulated by mutual interest and convenience.

This is the only way in which they can be satisfactorily regulated.

It is often assumed that there is some just rate of wages that employers ought to be willing to pay and that laborers should be content to receive, and it is supposed that if this were secured there would be an end of strife. This rate is that which will give workingmen a frugal living, and perhaps enable them by hard work and strict economy to lay by a little something.

But how can a just rate of wages be fixed without the "higgling of the market" any more than the just price of corn, or pigs, or ships, or paintings can be so fixed? And would not arbitrary regulation in the one case as in the other check that interplay that most effectively promotes the economical adjustment of productive forces? Why should buyers yes, and why may than buyers of commodities, be called on to pay higher prices than is in a free market they are compelled to pay? Why should the sellers of labor be content with anything less than in a free market they can obtain? Why should workingmen be content with frugal fare when the world is so rich? Why should they be satisfied with a lifetime of toil and stinting when the world is so beautiful? Why should not they also desire to gratify the higher impulses, the finer tastes? Why should they be forever content to travel in the steerage when others find the cabin more enjoyable?

Animal Needs.

Nor will they. The ferment of your time does not arise merely from the fact that workingmen find it harder to live on the same scale of comfort. It is also and perhaps still more largely due to the increase of their desires with an improved scale of comfort This increase of desire must continue. For workingmen are men. And man is the unsatisfied animal.

He is not an ox, of whom it may be said, so much grass, so much drink, so much water, and a little salt and he will be content. On the contrary, the more he gets the more he craves. When he has enough plain food, then he wants better food. When he gets a shelter, then he wants a more commodious and tasty one.

Mental and Spiritual Desires.

When his animal needs are satisfied, then mental and spiritual desires arise. This restless discontent is of the nature of—of that nobler nature that rises him above the animals by so immeasurable a gulf, and shows him to be made in God's image and likeness of God. It is not to be quarreled with, for it is the motor of all progress. It is that that has raised St. Peter's dome, and on dull, dead canvass made the angelic face of the Madonna to glow; it is this that has weighed suns and analyzed stars, and opened page after page of the wonderful works of creative intelligence; it is this that has narrowed the Atlantic to an ocean ferry, and trained the light ning to carry our messages to the remotest lands; it is this that is opening to us possibilities beside which all that our modern civilization has as yet accomplished seems small. Nor can it be repressed save by degrading and imbruting men; by reducing Europe to Asia.

Not Charity But Justice.

Hence, short of what ways may be earned—when all restrictions on labor are removed and access to natural opportunities on equal terms secured to all, it is impossible to fix any rate of wages that will be deemed just, or any rate of wages that can prevent workingmen striving to get more. So far from it making workingmen more contented to improve their condition a little it is certain to make them more discontented.

Nor is it asking justice when employers are asked to pay their workingmen more than they are compelled to pay—more than they could get others to do the work for. It is asking charity. For the surplus that the rich employer thus gives is not in reality wages, it is essentially alms.

(Editorial note.—The above was written by the late Henry George. The Editor of The Rebel believes that: "All restrictions on labor" can never be removed as long as there is a vestige of the capitalist system left. However, George's propositions as to land ownership are unassailable.)

CAN THEY REPEAT.

In two recent issues of the Rebel under the headlines, "Can They Repeat" was applied as a time-by note of warning and one of no mean importance to those whose sense of right and justice have become disgusted with the almost intolerable conditions now running riot in the Lone Star State. Democrats and Republicans have employed almost every kind of deceptive means conceivable to man's mind in order to hoodwink and deceive the people and retain their power of control over them.

When such humbuggery and falsehood fails to satisfy, this Pro dope fails to chloroform the minds of the people and side-switch them from the real live problems which mean life and death to them, the Donk never fails to hatch some new scheme or else falls back to some of it's old tactics of crookedness in order to once more ride into office and power.

It is well that the unsuspecting be put wise to their tricks of the past and to judge the sincerity of their promises of reform and the adjustment of the evils of landlordism and act as advocated by Thomas et al.

But to my mind this warning as it has covered only the part of the field of the donks crooked operation.

If we refuse to be side-stepped, we fail to see where their dope. If they can't fool the people into giving them their support by offering them some nice harmless reform and are brought face to face with the fact that their time has come and they see their power slipping, graft and all, slipping, slipping from their grasp and themselves sinking into oblivian, what then? Have they exhausted their stock of trump cards?

Has their past record been of such character to place them above suspicion of using other crooked means to attain their end and retain themselves in power?

Have they always dealt fair and square with their opposition?

Have they never tampered with the elections in order to defeat the will of the people? Are they in the habit of abiding the election laws they themselves have enacted? Do they never use any coercive or corrupt methods at the polls in order to retain themselves in power and to defeat and discourage opposition? Sec. 57 revised election law of Texas in part reads: "The county commissioners court shall at the February term appoint among the citizens of each voting precinct, in which there are less than one hundred voters who have paid their poll tax and received the certificates of exemption two reputable men who are qualified voters as judges of the election. They shall be selected from different political parties, if practicable. One of the judges who shall in all cases belong to the party that at the last general election cast the largest vote for governor. Immediately after the selection shall be designated as the presiding judge of the election, and shall appoint two competent and reputable clerks of different political parties if practicable, who are qualified voters, to act as clerks of the election". etc. Sec. 58 provides for the appointment of judges and clerks of larger precincts and in the same manner as described above. The only difference in the latter precincts each have four judges and four clerks instead of two. Has your experience always taught you that this law has been observed when the little playhouse of the donk party was in any danger of closing?

Do you, when you go to the polls find Democrats, Socialists and Republicans acting as judges and clerks of the election?

Do you always find a Democrat presiding judge and a Socialist or Republican sitting as associate judge?

Is it practicable in a few isolated precincts in Texas to find Socialists or Republicans who are competent to act as election judges and clerks? Are you accustomed to going to the polls on the morning of election and seeing the presiding judge appoint the clerks, and of different political parties?

Now let me tell you what you do we. In ninety per cent of the precincts in the state of Texas you find judges and clerks all bourbon Democrats and apt tools of the courthouse clique and clan. You find judges, clerks and all appointed by the county commissioners court or county judge himself. And why this open violation of the law quoted above? Is it because our commissioners court and county judges know no competent and reputable Socialists and Republicans? Or is it because they are in the saddle and mean to stay there, as Judge J. D. Bird of Hale county, Texas, expressed it? I leave you to make your own inference but I could give you quite a lengthy story backed up by affidavits of how law was ignored and overridden here in Hale county Tex., and how officials and candidates boasted of being elected regardless of how many votes were cast for or against them.

This did not happen in Russia in the year 1905,but in Hall county, Texas, A. D. 1912.

If we refuse to taken in by the pro and anti-pro paregoric dope and wake up to the fact that the songs of land reform and humbuggery issues and not be prepared, to force them to recognize in politically in the elections, they not gained their ends after all?

You may ask what can be done? I would suggest this as a beginning:

Let the Socialists of every county in the state get together at once and elect a trusty delegate to meet with the commissioners court in the respective counties and demand that Sec. 57-58 of the Terrell Election Law be adhered to, present them names of reputable Socialists who have paid their poll tax and are legal voters of their precinct; meet the court before it has time to appoint other judges and demand that the appointment of the clerks be left to the presiding judges of the elections, and as soon as possible present the presiding judge of the election with competent names for clerks and then see that those recommended for clerks are on hand in time on election day.

Socialists are not seeking office as the spoils of office. When we vote the Socialist ticket we do not vote for the advancement of the individual, we vote for the advancement of the cause for which Socialism stands, and to advance the cause we need votes counted in the same proportion that we need them cast, or voted

J. I. Meek.

Have you planted your pecan trees yet? Ask for the Tree Book of Griffing Brothers, Fort Arthur, Texas, and order the trees now.

CORSICANA'S ALARM.

(With Apologies to Bobbie Burns.)

Horrible sin! terrible sin!
Vice, and evil, now stand and grin,
In high school and the sanctuary,
'Neath shrine of saints and Virgin Mary.

Oh, Doctor Gord! oh, Doctor Ford!
We have thy word, we have thy word,
And ever long, we will store them,
"Diabolism in Sanctorum."

Doctor Turner! Doctor Turner!
What of woman! Would you burn her!
Woman, woman, she from the first
Tempted man and by God was ourst.

Exhorter Abe! exhorter Abe!
The Virgin's babe, the Virgin's babe,
Was crucified, was crucified,
For woman's sin, poor Jesus died.

Parson Bailey! Parson Bailey!
Remember old bloody Bailey,
Judge Jeffries and the old assizes,
Oh, do you crave his own, and prices.

Minister Fert! Minister Fert!
Will you rare and snort, rare and snort,
Bout Satan's hosts, 'bout Satan's hosts,
With roarin' voice and loudly boast!

Oh, town of sin; Oh, town of sin;
It's growing worse, and scoffers grin,
At the holy, pious preaching,
While no one follows good teaching.

You'll soon be dead, you'll soon be dead,
If you don't quit your meanness;
Loshing, Godly Saints, and cleanness.

Sanctuary! Sanctuary!
Virgin Mary! Virgin Mary!
Have you not heard, the latest word?
"DiaBOlism," said the Doctor Ford
"Has invaded the holy places;
And rioting the sanctuaries."
Of High School boys, and darling girls,
With drooping eyes, and drug store curls.

And, Ah much more, and even worse,
The sinful vice and sinful curse,
(That pesters all things so human,
As Godly men and dear women).

Into the sacred sanctuary,
Oh, Holy Mother, Virgin Mary!
Doctor Ford has boldly stated,
"Diabolism," now has mated.

The Godly men and sinful girls
With bold bad eyes and rouge bought curls;
And even now the Holy Church
Is made a place for sin to perch

In altar and sanctuary,
Forgive them, Ah, Virgin Mary—
"The slighin' cantin' grace proud faces,
Whose greed, revenge and pride disgraces.

An honest man, and honest lass,
E'er tho' the man be a glass
And smile at their three mile prayers,"
And call them hypocrites and liars.

Some men may rant and rave of truth,
And talk of "Grace Divine," from youth,
And ever howl for gospel laws
To help them out of a bad cause

And loose hell-hounds of the chase
'Gainst her who sometimes falls from grace,
And yields, but to dire Nature's passion,
Like highborn dames, who act the fashion.

Oh Godly men, if chaste, you be
And you, Oh, saintly sweet women
View human frailty with tender eye:
Know, that to go wrong of human.

NO ADDRESS.

We have several letters and cards without sufficient address, as follows:

1 sub card from Mineola, Texas.
1 sub card from Kerrville, Tex.
1 sub card from Fremont, Ill.
1 letter from George Christ, Tex.

The letter continuing Sec. for the concentralizer.

1 Post card blank from Gatesville, Texas.

STAMPS!

Yes, we take them, though, if you send money orders. If you must send stamps, send the 1 cent kind. They sell anywhere and we use more of them than any other denomination. Don't forget this please.

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