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DIRECT NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

The Rebel is delighted to announce that the National Referendum, taken by the Socialist Party on the question of nominating one presidential candidate, by a National Referendum vote instead of the old fashioned convention method, has resulted in an overwhelmingly victory for the proposition of direct national primaries. Executive Secretary Lansbrook, has announced that the new plan has carried by a four to one majority while State Secretary Green of Texas reports that the vote was practically unanimous. It stands 538 to 10. Only one local in Texas voted against this democratic proposition and it cost but seven votes. The vote in Texas was as follows:

Rusk Creek, 8; Sycamore, 8; Cool, ville, 6; Beaumont, 7; Temple, 9; El Campo, 5; Mcintyrear, 11; Plainview, B, 4; Carbondale, 14; Lufkin, 3; Sligo Spring, 7; Antelope, 6; Sherman, 12; (No. 1); Forest, 7; Cleburne, 5; Waco, 12; Hamilton, 14; Longview, 3; Post Oak, 10; Elbert, 4; Magnet, 7; Stamford, 7; White Creek, 8; H. 4, Mihana, 3; Plainview, 9; Lone, 3; No. 7, 13; Advance, 6; Cold Springs, 8; Shady Grove, 7; Heartbline, 7; Fairview, 7; Christi, 8; Comanche, 15; Union Hill, 7; Landers, 8; Putonia, 8; Longworth, 9; Hamlin, 10; Dallas, 6 (No. 2); Dallas, B, 6, 8; Gindale, 5; Newlin, 11; Sutan, 6; Lone Star, 7; Pitchwood, 8; Pine Grove, 8; Overstreet, 6; Thornton, 10; Wichita Falls, 14; Temple, 6; High Point, 12; Glen Cove, 9; Beene, 18; Grandview, 6; Frye Gap, 6; Texas Valley, 8; Brushwood, 11; Flower Chapel, 7; Salem, 9; 1043, 6; Mineola, 40.

Members at Large:—Joseph, McClure, 1; J. B. Gay, 1; Chas. B. Lathia, 1; G. W. Carlisle, 1; Chas. A. Wright, 1; C. Aschenbach, 1; L. T. Smith, 1; Max R. Wilde, 1; E. W. Brown, 1; Total, 538; No. 10.

This victory for democracy has been accomplished after a protracted fight lasting nearly fifteen years. A condensed history of the struggle would read like this: In April, 1909, the editor of The Rebel wrote the first draft of the Texas Platform and one of the principle planks demanded the abolition of national conventions and the nomination of presidential candidates by direct vote of the membership. After several months agitation the purposition with the remaining planks of the Texas Program was submitted to a national referendum vote, which was defeated by a large majority although the Texas membership always truly progressive voted it overwhelmingly.

In 1911 Comrade Ruth Pinkerton wrote a referendum similar to that which has now carried and although it was endorsed by many locals in Texas, the proposition did not receive sufficient seconds to go to a vote by the time the national convention of 1912 was called to order at Indianapolis. As might be expected of conventions reactionary comrades held secret causes to defeat Debs who was wanted for our presidential standard bearer by 99 per cent. of the membership. After the election of Woodrow Wilson, Bryan announced in favor of this plank, later on Wilson endorsed it and arrange to get it over. L. Berger and other members of the national executive committee of the Socialist Party opposed it. However, when the referendum vote was taken the membership spoke and now we are proud to be able, to say that the work that was initiated in Texas five years ago has been crowned with success and the Socialist Party is now in the proud position of being the first political party in America to declare for the direct nomination of their presidential nominees. It is only a matter of time, The Rebel sincerely believes, until all the remaining planks of the Texas Program will be adopted by a wise progressive and thoroughly democratic membership of the Socialist Party.

Hats off, three cheers and a tiger for the Texas Program.

Every man and woman that reads this issue of The Rebel is politely asked this question: Where in all the South is there a paper that supplies the workers with so much education and information? The answer should come in the form of a club of 4—$1.

MEITZEN, COLQUITT AND THE LAND PETITION.

When E. H. Meitzen, representing the Renters' Union, went to Austin two weeks ago to present the monster Land Petition to Governor Colquitt he did not appreciate how small a man a Dunk Governor can be. When Mr. Meitzen was admitted to the Governor's room the two gentlemen clashed at once and for the better part of an hour the argument grew hotter and hotter with Meitzen always the master of the situation. So badly did the Governor feel that he called the newspaper men and dictated an unsmiling statement which Mr. Meitzen proceeded to tear to pieces after he had read it in the daily papers of the state. Mr Meitzen's reply was sent out some days ago and already the least meritorious papers are publishing it and are pointing out how thoroughly the Renters Union representative demolished the specious arguments of the Governor. The Austin Tribune which is one of the largest evening daily newspapers in the state has featured Mr. Meitzen's reply in its issue of December 30, under a six deck double column head, which reads as follows:

RENTERS' PLEADERS MAKES GOVERNOR APPEAR FOOLISH—

ANSWERS INTERVIEW GIVEN OUT BY COLQUITT ON PLEA FOR BREAKING UP OF BIG LAND HOLDINGS IN THIS STATE.

COLQUITT MAKES HIS FIGURES.

MEITZEN SAYS THIS IS ISSUE WHICH MUST BE MET BY STATESMEN AND THAT FIGHT FOR RENTERS IS JUST BEGINNING.

The Austin Tribune then goes on to publish Comrade Meitzen's lengthy reply to the Governor and then the Managing Editor proceeded to editorialize upon this remarkable interview as follows:

LANDLORDISM AND TAXES

In another column is given Mr. Meitzen's version of the meeting between his committee and the Little Governor. He shows that the Little Governor also stepped the issue—and who can blame him?

Landlordism and taxes is a tremendous problem. The abject minds of past centuries have vainly grappled with its intricacies, and the solution is still far from a satisfactory end. And the question grows more, not less, urgent.

There are people who believe that what is good for one is all people, and cannot be rightfully appropriated by the individual without payment to society for its use. This view is increasing with rapidity among the people, and particularly among the people who must till the soil to extract food.

Government is beginning to recognize this great principle by reserving mining rights, forest reserves, waterways with their power possibilities, and other natural monopolies which should belong to the people.

It is some laudation this principle is recognized in the matter of local taxation. There is a growing tendency to place the burden of taxation upon lands and receive the improvements. It is held by the disciples of this cult that land tax and income tax would place the burden of government upon the strong and rich it from the weak. It is believed by them that the royalties from natural monopolies, such as water power and mines and forests, would not only sustain the government but yield a revenue by which the burdens of private life would be greatly lightened.

Mr. Meitzen's views are not new, nor are they startling. They present an issue, which must be met at an early day. But the Little Governor has trouble enough without plunging into the maelstrom of this issue, which will send men as a leader to the discard, and try the souls of our public men, before it is solved.

Our tax system is bad—no one can dispute this fact. How to remedy it is the problem for the astute and the patriotic. Its tax big a question for the feeble and the timid. Indeed, many a giant will go down in the battle which is almost upon us for a more just distribution of tax burdens.

Ultimately, there will be a compromise, but in the accomodation the people will take, made some forward step, and entrenched privilege will be crowd back into an ever-narrowing line of defense.

Wise men must strive to prevent injustice while the fight goes forward to obtain justice for those who are seldom given consideration.

This means the closing of the first round in the battle for lands for the landless and homes for the poor. The second round will be fought out between now and election day, 1914. In the meantime the wiser ones among the Democratic politicians, realizing the defeat of the Governor at the hands of Comrade Meitzen and knowing that there is no defense for landlordism, will proceed to endeavor to climb into office on this fatal plank. Already Cullen Thomas and other alleged democratic statesmen have been casting coquettish glances upon our fatal platform. That very move of theirs is watched by an ever increasing number of intelligent workers in unknown to them They might as well take warning now THEY CANNOT REPEAT their past schemes of duplicity. They can't fool all the people all the time. This question must be settled, and in a generation to come but must be settled in the immediate future. We disagree with the Tribune editorial writer who says: "That landlordism and taxes are a tremendous problem." The problem is simple: Tax all land held out of use to its full rental value and the pen that signs that document emuts the jugular vein of landlordism before the ink is dry on the parchment. This is the issue for the coming campaign. The fight is on, on with the fight. Landlordism must go and the 100,000,000 acres of tillable land in Texas must be thrown open to cultivation by bona fide home builders otherwise we will have a revolution in Texas, Oklahoma and other states in the cotton kingdom that will make the present Mexican Revolution appear like a chiaveze on New Year's eve. Land for the landless, homes for the homeless, that's the battle cry, on with the fight!

EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31.

We announced some weeks ago that on and after the first of January, 1914, the price of The Rebel would be in creased 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. M. 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 floods, we believe that it is only fair to postpone the raise in price for 30 days, accordingly until midnight on January, 1914. The Rebel will receive subscriptions at the rate of 50 cents a year or 25 cents for 40 issues for clubs of four. The special rate for $1 is declared 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 price will be 2 cents for 20 weeks. The bundle prices will be 2 cents per copy for regular editions and one half cent per copy for monthly propaganda editions.

Surely every comrade will recognize the necessity of reaching his neighbor with an unmuzzled weekly such as is The Rebel. It was Sheridan, the great Irish orator, who said: "Give them a corrupt house of lords, give them a weak house of commons, give them a tyrannical prince, give them a truckling court, and let me have an unfettered press, and I will defie them to encroach but a hair's breadth on the liberty of England."

Now inasmuch as The Rebel has honestly earned the reputation of being unfettered, untrammeled and unmuzzled you can all readily see the urgent necessity for pouring in an immense flood of subs at our remarkably cheap rate, knowing full well that if you do so thousands of eyes will be opened to the truths we teach during the coming campaign. It is possible first to say: "Let's double The Rebel circulation by February 1st."

DINAH AND THE HIP.

Oh Lordy! Ephraim, you is a doggone simple-minded, peaniut, headed ignoramus. Hear dat? Ise ashamed of you. Here I is still laid up wif dis here hip when I orter done been well.

E—Well, Dinah, I kain't hap it.

D—Course you kain now, but when dat horse thrown me an hurt me, yep, you gat Dr. "Igno" and he come runnin in a stuck a blister rac on my knee. Then I had much excruciatin pains, you run after dat Dr. "Rasus", an he jes slapped a plaster on the other knee, and I had three miseries in less den two minits.

Den when you heard me squallin an squallin an kickin wif one foot, yep, you did wake up at last an got dat Dr. "Sense"

When he sqnowed de case, he said: "Dinah, you has got an unlocated hip. De socket am outen de jingt an must be re-instated" "But it hein a serious affair. I must call in doctors." "Truth" an "Justice" to help me." "Git biz ze", say I. An before dem fezzicians had time to hold an insultation, you voumment to bleatin runs like an ole he-ram: "How is you gwainter fix it?" "It kain't be did, did, did, it kaint be did".

But yer see when doctors Sense, Truth an Justice come together an had an understanding, dey shore fixed dat hip in spite oh all yer dogzon bollerin.

E—Well, Dinah, I didn't think it was practical.

D—No, dats your trouble. You "didn't think"— you never think you use your head for a "hatrack"

Jes like de gizzus uses his mouth for a "peterack". You bofe think yer head alike.

Ephraim, you put me in mind of dem copperheaded nickel-plated, millionaire-minded fellows who is always askin de socialists, "How can it be did?" "How is you gwainter fix it?" and sayin: "Your philosofy is good, but it aint practical."

Why dont they quit standin roun displayin dey ignorance an patches, an git into de battle oh ballots an thus help de folkses sacrifice dere power, an den instead oh dem quack doctors oh politics an at Washington puttin a plaster oh high tariff on one knee an a plaster oh low tariff on de other knee oh labor, de people can call in doctors what know de condisizion oh de workingman, an de can posh dat slipper jint back agin, an de great Giant oh Labor will no longer cripple roun on crutches, but will step up on bofe feet an be well, in spite oh all de dogzon bollerin now goin on among de Austin Socialist fault finders. Yes, you'e jes like em Eph—you is—

You Orter all get lost an cover your tracks.

So you can't be found, an you can't get back!

Den Truth an Justice would get a big fee follerin.

When de "crossed-bolleri" "Set backs" quit dere hollerin

STAMPS!

Yes, we take them though, if you send money orders. If you must send stamps, send 1c, 2 cent and 5 cent. They will fit anywhere and we use more of them than any other denomination. Don't forget this please.

ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS.

As The Rebel goes to press we are in receipt of the following telegram from State Secretary, *E. A. Green*, giving the returns as canvassed by the auditing and election committee. Full particulars will be published in next week's issue of The Rebel.

Rockdale, Texas, January 6, 1914.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

Hickey, State Secretary: Meitzen and Bell, National committeemen; Currey and Zimmerman, organizers, according to report of election committee, which canvassed returns here yesterday all by large majorities.

E. A. Green.

THE PANIC.

All indications point to the fact that a great panic is approaching in the United States.

Every well informed Socialist knows that panics and capitalism are inseparable. Marx has demonstrated this in his Capital; will the erudition of a scholar. Mr. Dooley has expressed this truth in the homely language of a humorist philosopher when he said: "The working class is always in a panic, though from time to time they get real hungry." That the time is almost here when they will be extremely hungry, may be gathered from a multitude of disparches that are pouring in daily, daily press recording lay-offs in big manfacturing establishments in the East and shut-downs in every portion of the country.

Two of the most significant stories that have reached one desk within the past few days records unemployed riots in both Los Angeles and San Francisco. In the first mentioned town the unemployed meeting was broken up by the police, a hundred skulls were cracked and 75 men arrested. In San Francisco the mayor and a citizens committee have arranged for the employment of 30,000 idle men. This is but a drop in the bucket, so far as relieving the situation in San Francisco alone is concerned.

Inasmuch as a similar situation confronts the authorities in all the big cities of the United States it is possible that before many months have passed the United States government will have to take decisive action to feed the unemployed millions.

AS TO GOVERNORS.

State Topics, a Democratic weekly published at Houston, Texas, prints a letter from Frank Putnam, who is now employed on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in which that gentleman says: "In view of the fact that most of the candidates for governor appear to be trying to get in on the land issue plank, I feel that either Tom Hickey, of the Socialist Hallettsville, Rebel, who first made the land issue paramount in Texas, or Joe Pastoriza, who has made the Houston plan of taxing land in cities known over the English speaking world, ought to have at least an even start for the governorship with the men who are now trying to steal the land issue.

As to the above The Rebel will merely say that we would not accept a nomination for governor on the Democratic ticket if it was handed to us on a golden platter and while we would regard a nomination on the Socialist ticket for governor as a distinguished honor we would not dream of accepting such a nomination even if it was tendered to us because the fates have so ordained it that I will be tied to my desk every day for the next 365 days. There are other Socialists who are worthier than I, who will have the time at their disposal to employ in canvassing the state, hence we must decline any more honors than those that have been tendered us.

CAUSE AND EFFECT OF MONOPOLY RULE AND PLAN FOR REMEDY

Let us get down out of the clouds of the future and take a look at conditions as they are today.

The seed of monopoly is capitalist legislation. The taproot is private property in land. The trunk is private monopoly in money. The branches are the machinery of production, transportation, distribution, communication and exchange.

The fruits of the monopoly tree are idle millionaires by the thousands, idleness-worn women, tramps, bums, beggars and thieves by the millions and millions of homeless farmers and wage-workers who are existing under such degrading conditions that all the horrors of barbarism and chattel slavery pale into significance.

This is not a word picture of Europe, Asia, or Africa, but is a plain statement of conditions in the United States of America.

What is the remedy?

1st. Education of the people.

2nd. Organization for political and industrial action.

3rd. Capture the machinery of legislation at the ballot box.

4th. Establish political Democracy under which the people will have equality of opportunity to vote for the laws they want, and against the laws they do not want.

The wage-workers and farmers in the states of Texas and Oklahoma are aroused to the fact that land monopoly is the rock bottom base of all monopoly. No monopoly can be maintained without land or natural resources as its material base. This being a fact we should follow the suggestions made by Marx and Engels in the manifesto of 1848 and make application of all rents of land to public purposes.

The taxation of the exchange market value of land gets right down to the tap root of monopoly and at the same time will provide a revenue for state, county, township and municipal purposes. The life of all commercial, political, educational and religious institutions is sustained by a system of revenue and when the source of that revenue is rotten those institutions do not serve the best interests of the people collectively.

Capitalists who are composed of landlords, moneylords and machinery lords have kept the people blinded by the subsidized press, newspapers and magazines, but The Socialist Party, The Rebel of Hallettsville, Texas, have torn the mask of hypocrisy from their faces and the people in Texas and Oklahoma in 1914 will be fought out on the land program of the Renter's Union and the Socialist Party.

Let us get down to the taproot of monopoly, grub it out, plant the seed of political democracy, establish the land value tax for revenue and then go onto the building of industrial democracy.

Political democracy, followed by industrial democracy is no idle dream. It is coming whether you want it or not. Get ready for it!

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ALL REVOLUTIONISTS, UNITE.

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Land Monopoly and Its Effects.

Just now the unemployed problem is causing the capitalist class quite a bit of concern. The executive officials of five states have been called into extraordinary session to devise ways and means to handle the situation. Requests have been made on the Federal government and also on the railroad companies for transportation from the industrial centers to the rural portions of the United States. There is a cause for this apparent concern of the capitalist class for the welfare of the workers. First, it is a recognized fact that any form of government that forces the idle industrial laborers and peasants them to commit crime or starve is radically wrong.

Second, Unemployed men who seek in vain for a chance to earn an honest living, are likely to become a menace to the property interests of the capitalist class. Here we read in the Globe-Democrat of December 5, the following:

Unemployed Tax Chicago Charities.

Average, 10,000 December attendance at crime classes by men who are out thousands of unemployed men, according to a report of the committee on charities which has been investigating labor conditions. Not only the charity agencies to and institutions men swamped with applications for work, but also the amount of labor at their disposal is said to have decreased 50 per cent, compared with last year. Immediate preparations by the city to meet the crisis are demanded today by the committee, on organization of municipal and private charity agencies, headed by Col. Sam W. William Mac Chesney. The committee and the Prof. Charles H. Henderson, chairman of the mayor's Commission on Unemployed Labor that action by the city alone will avert a desperate situation.

Co-operation between the various agencies represented in the committee established the following situation:

Although unusual weather has not yet begun, and the season is not far advanced, every agency is already overwhelmed by demands for work.

Hundreds of men have been promptly discharged from railroad construction gangs on account of shortage. Town of work, with the result that they have nothing to live on.

Agencies agree that the decrease in the amount of employment available is practically 50 per cent, over that of last year.

Alarming increase in the number of unemployed men forecasts a season of suffering crime and destitution.

And all as this startling editorial in Harrist's Magazine for December:

Which shall it be, revolution or evolution? The rich must decide. Their day of use is gone, and they are doomed. Will them, and of them, stated Frederick Townsend Martin with his powerful voice of warning. The idle rich stand upon the shores of unfathomed Sea, a sea of blood perhaps. Shall they take heed of the social forces of the social forces of evolution, and making appeal to the god of reason and be drawn with the workers to the end of unfolding? Or shall they shut their ears and be plunged into revolution, as ever they were in the redden sea of blood? Now better than ever Martin is speak this warning—it has lived with the idle-rich, looked beneath the masks they wear, known the emptiness of their lives, and now senses the coming of the new order, of the workers, the invisible one, combining a new industrial order based on his own image. In this article is the reading of your future.

Treat we are facing a crisis, none but the ignorant can deny. Among the many papers of the South, East, North and West, which have earned the "idle rich" stands out clearly The Rebel. It may be because Comrade Hickey's boyhood days spent on the landlord cursed "Green Isle." He has been one storm almost alone has struck a wave at the very root of the cause which forced these conditions (you often hear the remark when you call attention to such articles as the above, "Why don't they get out of there and come here?" answer stop, think, reason. How many rent houses are vacant in your neighborhood? Not one, are very conceivable shack has its tenant. Numbers visited your neighborhood to rent, but could not. Inevitably they are force to the industrial centers for work. This keeps an overstocked labor market which means low wages. How many farmer boys do you find amongst, ing with you for jobs? And this must grow worse. Take the lumber industry owning millions of acres of land which has been cut over and is a barren waste. Men are discharged because the mill was "cut out." What is being done with its cut over land? Is it for sale? Go to Trinity, Houston Angelina, San Augustine or almost any eastern county, millions of acres of land are lying idle can not be bought or leased. Four acres out of every five are idle held in numbers of counties. I am informed that in Trinity county, the intention is to import, (from Europe) immigrants to settle the mill land. These will be charged an enormous price. This, coupled with their transportation, will make them and other foreign slaves to the end of time as well as fill Texas with cheap labor and add to the unemployed problem. Land which was stolen or purchased from Texas at $1.50 per acre, and has already yielded from $50 to $100 per acre in timber values to be held until they can get their price. Now what are we to do? Stand idle, while our children starve? No! let us demand that this cut over land be confiscated by the state and restored to the public domain and opened to actual settlers in only such amounts they use and occupy. Let the title forever rest in the government. Six million of unemployed could have homes and instead of being a burden on society, become producers, thereby solving the high cost of living problem as well as human suffering. Socialism, or, the "idle rich class" has voluntarily surrendered to the forces moving for its overthrow. So we must do something besides vote.

How the "idle rich" (among whom are the timber barons) own the political power. The workers have no political power, they have the ballot to be sure, but the political power is wanting more than the ballot. It is power to enact and enforce law. The capitalist class own the sheriffs' jails, courts, militia, penitentiaries, arsenals, forts, and dreadnaughts and you may vote your head white and they may refuse to recognize you, yet you have a power, if developed, trained and systematically used will unlock jails, paralyze militia, ship arsenals, subdue forts and dreadnaughts. That is your economic or industrial power.

Will you use, train this power? Begin today! renter, day or skilled laborer, by joining the union and federating the same until you can call out every worker in the world. Let your agricultural unions join your industrial unions, cut out your craft lodges which makes aristocrats in the labor ranks. Federate, this will make class solidarity, then register the interest of your class at the ballot box, back it up with your economic power, and the world will belong to the workers.

Fraternally,
W. S. Noble.

The Rebel wishes to all his readers the happiest of New Years, and for men to have under this capitalistic system. Speaking for ourselves we wish to say that we have had a most strenuous year, have through it and enjoyed it because we were fighting according to the best of our ability and for the best cause that men were ever engaged in. The year we are approaching is fraught with immense possibilities for good or evil. In Texas before this year is ended we shall have fought a fight on Socialism in general and the land question in particular that will, we believe, mark an epoch in labor struggles that men will look to for a generation to come.

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ENLIST NOW.

As the rainy season appears to be over, on every hand there are signs that the Rebels or Texas are going into the 1914 campaign in united ranks and a fighting spirit that has already made their fame famous around the world, and the organization of the Rebel ranks is beginning to look up. Applications are in every mail, and soon as we can get things properly lined out, we shall have the best literature army ever seen on the march on this continent. It not only distributes literature once a month but it mail to every one 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 blue-aform sissies Governor Colquitt, he essayed to criticise our plan. Well, with a solid foundation of the Socialist philosophy under me feet in only a few sentences I made that gentleman's criticisms look foolish, in his own pet plan was politely though thoroughly punctured, on what does this fellow do. He gives out a garbled report to the Associated Press and to the Rebel Videttes, 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 first page in this issue.

Now the point is this: The old party press can at any time finish one-sided reports as to our activities and then decline to give space for rebuttal. The only comeback we have is through the Socialist press. But the trouble is, that press has by far not the circulation 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 a page of 50 Rebel Propaganda editions to non-Socialists each month, we would mean reaching 100,000 non-Socialists with the right sort of literature applied to home conditions, not less than once a month. *You think that with such an army we can fix effective the old party press liars and slanderers and drive landlordism and capitalism to the Gulf?*

Read the foregoing carefully and you will begin to understand what a great step The Rebel took when it 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 ten 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 as this we are going to achieve for we have the field for it and it is more we have the MEN for it.

The following comrades have enlisted as VIDETTES since last report:

G. F. Theaire, of Auto, sends 50 cents for 2 months in his present.

Jacob Vibrock, of Weimar, sends 50 cents to help.

J. D. Ausley, of Bronson, sends the dollar for 20 copies monthly bundle subscription for his self as dothers.

W. I. Pool, Plainview, sends for 100 specials two months to begin with.

J. Lewis, Fort Worth, will take care of 25 votes in Castelberry precinct, Tarrant county. Who will help him?

THE PLAN.

1. The name of this organization shall be the REBEL VIDETTES.

2. A member can be any good Socialist, whether red card holder, 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 duty in this respect would be to, see to it that every man likely to vote the ticket would pay his poll tax by February 1, 1914, and come to the party election day.*

6. The REBEL VIDETTES will be officered as follows: Each precinct 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 remarks to collect enough funds to pay for Rebel Propaganda Editions at the rate of half a dollar a copy; but for those unable to pay for copies we propose to establish a Vidette Fund, out of which to pay for 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 Jan 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 work well under way for the 1914 campaign, sign the attached application blank and send to this office. You will receive your commission, report cards and outfit as soon as we can get around to you.

Yours for victory.

E. R. MEITZEN

Tear Off Here

Texas, 191

E. R. Meitzen,
Business Manager of The Rebel,
Ballettsville, Texas.

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

Voting Precinct is named _____ and Number _____ County, is _____ 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 _____

Address _____

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PLENTY OF LAND FOR EVERYBODY.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the population of the south believes to the working class. Three-fourths of this 99 per cent. are homeless. Why are the homeless? Because some Donk say that is because there is not land enough for homes." It there is land enough to have rented homes, is there not enough for homes for all, if landlordism was abolished? Why not?

Let your mind swell amount on this significant fact. Of all the land of the earth fit for cultivation there is not one acre out of ten in cultivation. This fact alone states that there is no scarcity of land, nor would there be scarcity of land if the population of the earth was increased two thousand per cent.

God made a world big enough and rich enough to furnish homes and plenty for all. The fault lies in the fact that the landed estates of man has not been wisely handled. Some have been formed and the capitalist class got possession of governments and by making laws in their favor, they have grabbed the earth. Fraudulent paper titles cover the land. Land monopoly has crowded the work the people into the wilds, where a world full of homeless people in a world that has plenty of land.

1. Consider the present population of the earth and the fact that a living is obtained from less than one-tenth of the land suitable for agriculture, and realize that there is land enough to have homes and plenty for ten times of the earth, supposing that farming will be carried on in the present shiftless, unscientific manner.

2. Our 1906 government agricultural report affirms that if scientific methods were applied production of all kinds of grain could be increased 50 per cent. and cotton over 300 per cent. This means that enough cotton could be produced in one year to supply the world for three years. This would make all the land used for cotton available the next two years for grain provided it was needed. There is no sense that when science is applied in agriculture, as it will be, there can be produced enough to furnish plenty for twenty times the present population of the earth.

3. Another thing must be borne in mind. We are in the machine age. Great machinery is here. Greater is coming. The inventor never sleeps.

Real science applied to farming means that the greatest of machinery will be employed wherever it is practicable to use it. It follows, of course, that the more great machinery is used, the less demand there will be for farm laborers and by horses. That means that a large part of the farm products, now fed to horses to furnish power, will be used to increase the supply of food for man.

Electric currents generated by water power are the cheapest power in existence in the world. The water power is almost limitless. The Rocky mountain region alone has the water power to furnish electric currents to do one fourth of the farm work west of the Mississippi river. Science is plunging to harness the waves of the ocean for some purpose. The capitalist class see what can be done, hence they are grabbing the water power through franchises granted by the government.

The extensive application of electric power will further reduce the demand for horses on the farm, and another great saving of food products will be effected to feed mankind.

Don't be a fool and say: "It can't be done." Just as the water power of the Niagara Falls furnishes the electric current to drive machinery three hundred miles away, so in the near future electric power will drive the gang plow, the harvester, thresher and other farm machinery, leaving the work before the plow to the man or it. Science has already shown what electricity and gasoline can do. They furnish cheaper power than that settles it—the cheapest will win its way. It is a matter of economics—economic determinism. It is coming. It is in line with economic progress and nothing can keep it from coming.

Just as improved methods now produce twice as much as was produced fifty years ago, at one-half the cost, so the greater improvements that are coming will soon produce 100 per cent. more than at present, at one-half the present cost.

Not only is greater machinery coming to cheapen the cost of production, but irrigation will receive attention, as it never has before. We are in the baby days of irrigation. Every state in the Union, every country in the world, has fine streams to furnish water for irrigation. Today these streams go to the ocean, while drouth desolates the valleys through which they run. This waste of water will not be allowed to continue. The law that governs society, economic determinism—will not allow this waste to continue. When we take hold of irrigation in earnest the waste places will be fruitful and the desert will bloom like the rose.

Irrigation is destined to add at least 25 per cent. toward supplying the food for man.

Today we live out on a world with limitless resources. God's free gift to man. God's free gift for the benefit of every child of Adam. But also we look out upon a world full of homeless people. Misery and want are on every hand. The result a slack on the farm, the covered wagons on the roads, full of homeless women and children, exposed to the storms, rending blasts, profaning the crimes of landlordism. The tenement in the slums of the city, population the unutterable crimes of capitalism against the poor.

Where God has provided for plenty for all, the ruling class through land monopoly, has cursed the world and compels the poor to a life of Warmwood and gall.

The homeless people, of earth cry, and farm are up against a possible, they are shut out from the economic prison. Capitalism is their prison house. The key that locks them up in prison is private property. There is no hope for them to regain their liberty while the private monopolist holds the key to their bonds. That key must be captured by the homeless people.

The way to capture that key is to capture the political power.

1. The monopolist captured the political power and by its use he holds his monopoly.

2. The homeless people must the same road in order to gain their liberty. Capture the political power.

Elect a legislature made up of the working class men to represent the working class. Then law can be enacted to tax to its full rental value all land held for speculation. That will at once let the price of land and the speculator will not pay the tax on it and the state will take control and turn it over to the homeless people for homes.

This is the first step in the battle for liberty. Texas has 25 million farm renters, it has about 100,000 acres of agricultural land held out of use by the land hogs. It has also land held for speculation by the 25,000 farm renting farmers. It has as many more families locked up in miseries in the cities and towns.

This unspeakable crime in the Lone Star State can be ended, and it will be just as soon as the homeless people of that state understand how to use their political power. Just as soon as they learn that there is no hope through the Democratic party, things will be upset in Texas and landlordism will vanish from that state.

The same steps will be taken soon in other states. Nothing can stop the tide that has set in. "Homes for the homeless and land for the poor," is ringing out exclaiming.

FREE THE LAND. Let the people have homes and soon will follow other advance steps toward the full solution of the question of supplying every need of man as I have shown that it can be done by the use of greater machinery, irrigation and the use of the forces of nature as in electricity.

"There's a good time a coming boys, a good time coming," for the working class, but the working class will have to act politically and economically in its own behalf. The capitalist class cannot and will not do anything for the working class. Until the working class gets ready to vote for the "good time a coming" they can rest assured that the "hel of a time" they now have will continue.

Get into the Renter's Union and vote for liberty, boys.

W. L. Thurman,
Sulphur, Oklahoma

WANTED—40,000 comrades to send 10 cents for package of my blueing. Guaranteed gold or money refunded. With order for four packages I give a fruit and necessary table paring knife as premium. Boys wanted to sell blueing.

C. C. Greenhill, Hillsboro, Texas

Answer to the 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 "digested"—Editor.

FIFTH OBJECTION.

"SOCIALISM BORDERS ON ANARCHY." We are sorry that the gentleman couldn't see th difference between Socialism and anarchy. The difference is as great as the antipodes—as great as the difference between midday and midnight. Anarchists believe that there should be no law restricting that every man should have the individual initiative to do as he pleases. Socialism teaches that the individual should have no rights that would interfere with society at large. "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." The theory of Socialism is that what is good for every man is good for one man, but anarchy means no man while Socialism means everyone. Anarchy means every man for himself, Socialism means each for all and all for each.

SIXTH OBJECTION.

"SOCIALISM PROPOSES TO COME INTO POWER BY THE FORCE OF ARMS."

The writer was never more mistaken in regard to the policy of Socialism. Socialism proposes to come into power by the ballot and not the bullet, which will be learned by reading Socialist propaganda, and from the great majority of its speakers. Socialism is opposed to war. It is the only political party in existence today that contends that wars are useless, and have always been unjustly fought. Wars are in the interest of the money power and for its exploitations, or extension of territory. Socialists are the first people in the world, since the time of the greatest antiwar books in Ancient Greek, "Lysistrata, Or Women Against War," written by a Socialist, Kirkpatrick. Socialists have already prevented three of what might have been the most bloody wars of this age, a war between Sweden and Norway, and a war between Sweden and Russia. Wilhelm, the Kaiser, wanted from Sweden and established an independent government, the King of Sweden at once called out his troops to whip them back into subjection, but the Socialists of each country got together and declared they would not fight each other, and gave the King of Sweden to understand that if that war was fought it would not be by the working people. The consequence was there was no war.

When the rulers of Germany and Russia were about to go to war over the Morocco question, the hundreds of thousands of Socialists in each country called meetings, put the wires to work, and decided they wouldn't fight each other. So Russian Czar and the aristocracy of France were compelled to settle the question without war. During the last great war between Bulgaria and Turkey, when it looked like all Europe was going to be involved, the Socialists of Europe held a great anti-war convention at Basel, Switzerland, with more than 500 representatives, from all the different countries, and reconciled the Socialists and workingmen of the various countries to refuse to fight each other. Probably that opposition by the Socialists prevented another bloody war. Our friend might have read during the great convention of Socialists at Stuttgart, Germany, the accounts being published in the leading papers of the United States and Europe, where they declared against war. At the same time the great peace Congress of nations was in session of The Hague. Many of the papers stated that the Socialist convention was more powerful than the Peace Congress at Stuttgart, Germany. Then because two or three misguided Socialists believing that capitalism would not give up its soft political war, predicted that this great struggle would end with a black revolution (when by whole Socialist party of the world had declared against war), he assigns as a reason that Socialists are going to come into power by force of arms. This is only one example of the fallacy of the author's objections.

Oklahoma Notes

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

Year Levels for the Work.

Grandview, Beckham county, 19 members, N. J. Smith, Elk City, R. G. Sever.

Liberty Hill, Beckham county, 7 members, J. S. Windham, Sayre, R. 2, box 74, Secretary.

Carey, S. E. Tulsa county, 10 members, A. Mooney, Jenks, Sec.

Dougherty, Murray county, 5 members, J. S. Jackson, Secretary.

Snow Hill, Grady county, 5 members, Geo. Snow, Blanchard, R. 1, Secretary.

Members at large: R. P. Smith, Mustang; R. D. Lail, Wapanuka; B. W. Williams, Pittsburg and S. D. Pinix, Verden.

Comrade Lafayette reorganized the local at Henrietta with 10 members.

Comrade Hill, of Ardmore, came to the convention with a chair made out of Oak wood, highly polished and decorated with horns. Chair was made for the first socialist governor of Oklahoma to use. It is a fine piece of art and added much to the appearance of the convention. He also brought a cloak rack made of polished horns and hat rack also.

Motion by Local Musogee.

That section 72 of the State Party Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following:

Every referendum amending the **constitution of the Socialist Party** of the State of Oklahoma shall close not less than sixty days from the date of its submission.

Above motion has been seconded by Local Big Chief at Red Oak.

Resolution by Local Durant.

Resolved that we, the members of the Durant Local, in regular session, enter our unqualified condemnation, by action of the citizens alliance against comrade Moyer, his deportation, by such a gang of thugs and gunmen.

If Comrade Moyer has committed any offense, that he have a fair and impartial trial before a jury of his peers. Resolution Committee: R. H. Shelton, W. T. Coyle, J. N. Puckett. Adopted by Local Durant Dec. 28th, 1913.

Johnston County Convention.

I am authorized by County Chairman J. W. Shaw to issue a call for mass meeting in each of the 25 voting precincts in Johnston county for Sat. Jan. 17th and at said meeting elect a precinct committeeman and instruct him to meet at Tishomingo on Saturday, January 24th, 1 p. m. to perfect the political organization of Johnston county.

T. W. Lytton, County Sec.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held Dec. 31st, 1913.

Proposition submitted by Stanley J. Clark in behalf of the Social Democrat, that they which set out a special edition of Oklahoma matter, free of cost to the membership, except cost of wrappers and copy work name and put up the required bond to make good on same.

Motion by Moore; that the above proposition be let to the Social Democrat. Lost for second.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Stofer that it be let to the Appeal to Reason. Voting Yes: Moore, Stofer, Long and Holt. Voting (None) No.

Proposition by Social Democrat; that 25c of literature dues be used to send the Social Democrat to every dues paying Socialist in the State.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Long; that the above proposition be rejected for the reason that the membership have expressed themselves unfavorably on the subject.

Voting Yes; Moore, Long, Stofer and Holt. Voting No (None).

Comment; We feel that the offer made by the Appeal to Reason, could not be duplicated and put in effect by any Socialist paper in the state.

Comrade S. D. Pinix came before the Committee and asked for endorsement as a State speaker. Was requested to get the endorsement of his local and county organizations according to Section 86 of the constitution.

Comrade John G. Wills appeared before the committee in behalf of J. F. Kelly in regard to his bond on him on the charge with Stanley J. Clark. As the committee had done all in their power on same there was no action taken. The matter was settled by referendum vote of the party membership.

Matter of speakers being rented by State Secretary was rejected by unanimous vote of the committee. Exception being made to apply to special organizers who will work in unorganized territory.

"A Wonderful Book."

The Firm Foundation keeps on advertising W. F. Lemmons' book, "Evils of Socialism." The F. F. calls it a wonderful book.

It depends on the point of view taken as to whether it is regarded as wonderful. Looked at from the standpoint of truth and fact it is a wonderful batch of villainous lies. Judged from the standpoint of intelligence it is the product of a very stupid jassack.

Take an example or two, to judge it from the standpoint of facts.

Bebel in his book, "Women Under Socialism," quotes myths of ancient times to show the idea and practices regarding marriage in the distant past. Among these old myths was one of a god who married his own daughter, and others equally disgusting.

Bebel concludes that these myths reflect the ideas and practices of the people among whom these myths had their origin. Bebel gives these myths as history, but nowhere does Bebel endorse the idea. But Lemmons who, wrote only to lie about the Socialist party, quotes what Bebel says of these old myths and then represents Bebel as quoting them to give his own views on sex relation, and concludes by charging the whole mess on the Socialist party.

A capitalist "coon dinner" was pulled off by the metropolitan society, of New York, even according to the lying reports put out about it, by the capitalist press, there were only two Socialists in the gathering of about sixty persons. The quotation given in Lemmons' book from the Harpoon gives it this way: Two Socialists only and iffty-eight donks, reps, pros, and bull moosers. But Lemmons seizes on this affair and says that it was a Socialist "coon dinner," given "to show how things will be un'er Socialism."

Look at these facts:

1. Only two Socialists in that gathering.

2. The name "Metropolitan Society" shows that the Socialist party had nothing to do with it. Socialist organizations are called "locals." But Lemmons seized on that affair to charge "nigger equality" on the Socialist party.

I knew he lied and in order to get the proof I wrote to the secretary of the Socialist party of New York and also to the two editors of New York capitalist papers named by Lemmons. I have answers from all three and their answers established the following facts:

1. The Metropolitan Society is not a political organization of any kind and therefore the Socialist party has nothing to do with it.

2. That no one that occasion advocated "nigger equality."

3. That the speaker on that occasion spoke against social equality of whites and negroes. Socialists present, did not in any way, advocate "nigger equality" in his speech, but pleaded for "economic justice" for all races.

4. That Miss Livingston, the other Socialist, who was there, like Spargo, stood for economic justice, not social equality.

5. That Miss Livingston is an obscure member of the Socialist party and not one of the "great speakers" as represented by Lemmons.

7. That the two editors of capitalist papers who addressed the society on that occasion said nothing in favor of social equality with the negro race.

8. That a lying report of the proceedings of the meeting were telegraphed out to certain papers for political effect, charging that the Metropolitan Society advocated "nigger equality" and marriage between white and blacks.

9. That the two capitalist editors named by Lemmons promptly entered a denial and gave the lie to the whole story in their papers next day.

I have these letters and offered the proof to the Firm Foundation to convict Lemmons of lying, but the Firm Foundation does not want the truth.

Forewarned Lemmons with them His letters in my possession in answer he tries to dodge the issue and get away from the lie he has told. His letter says that no well informed person will deny the Metropolitan Society meeting was a social affair.

Yes, it was a "social affair" but in his lying book he puts it down as a "Socialist affair." "Social" and "Socialist" do not mean the same. Lemmons is a very small mosquito, but he cannot crawl out of his hole to make "social" and "Socialist" mean the same.

Another example of what a liar Lemmons is, is shown in the fact that he pretends to give a summary of Bebel's book. He represents Bebel as teaching:

1. That the mother right once prevailed.

2. The father right has taken its place.

3. Under Socialism the "mother right will be re-established and under the mother right it will make no difference who is the father of the child.

Everyone who has read Bebel's book knows that Lemmons is a lying liar. Bebel specifically denies that the mother right will or he re-established. Bebel like, all Socialists, looked to a new order of society in which the man would not rule the man as under the mother right, nor will man rule the woman as at present under capitalism, but an order of society in which both women and men will be politically and economically free. The sexes, enjoying equal rights, will neither rule the other. The woman will stand by the side of the man, as his equal not as his head as was the case during the mother's right.

I give these three examples of deliberate lying in Lemmons' book. There are plenty more like them. No, wonder Lemmons always refuses to let me affirm for debate that his book is "false, slanderous and indefensible." Long ago I called the attention of the F. F. to these lies. The editor replied by letter that he had not read the book Lemmons quotes and could not say as to the facts. I replied that if he wanted the facts get Lemmons to meet me in Austin, in debate and I will affirm that his book is "false, slanderous and indefensible." The challenge is still open to the F. F. It is a duty it owes to the public to get the facts before it offered such a book of lies for sale.

Also I have requested the F. F. to open its columns for a written discussion, giving me equal space and I'll secure the publication of the debate in a Socialist publication of equal circulation with the F. F.

The F. F. refuses honorable discussion; but it goes on advertising Lemmons' lying book as a wonderful book. The Lemmons' book is the property of the F. F. and we must hold the F. F. responsible for the lies put out by Lemmons.

As a specimen of the jackass stupidity of Lemmons, take him on economics. He denies that there is such a "surplus value." He says: According to Lemmons "surplus value" exists only in the crazy brain of Socialists. If the jackass had ever read works on political economy he would not have thus exhibited the lenght of his ears. Or, if he had taken Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and looked up "surplus value" he would have learned from Webster that "surplus value" is the difference between the cost of production of a article and its selling price. Coal laid down here, measured in labor, costs $2.25 a ton. We pay $6.75 a ton for it. From $6.75 selling price, subtract $2.25, the labor cost. The difference is $4.50. Webster's dictionary calls this "surplus value." But poor little Lemmons knows more than Webster and the F. F. advertises the production of this jackass as a wonderful book.

Once more. W. F. Lemmons, the economist of the F. F. says "Adam and Eve were capitalists." Of course, he says this in order to try to make his readers believe that God ordained the capitalist system.

A "capitalist" is one who holds property for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation is accomplished through interest, rent and profit. Now the question is: "Did Adam and Eve were 'capitalists' from whom did they collect interest, rent and profit?" Or did Adam, because he was he was the strongest, conquer Eve, and make her drag a cotton sack ten feet long, like some of Lemmons' capitalist saints in Dixie? If Adam and Eve were "capitalists," the law that God gave to them: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," was a singular law to give to capitalists who always eat the bread produced by the other fellow's sweat.

Wonderful Lemmons, wonderful book, wonderful Firm Foundation. Verily, a lightning bug has arisen, in the person of W. F. Lemmons, to dispel the Egyptian darkness that envelops the earth.

W. L. Thurman.
Sulphur, Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA SOCIALISTS AND THE LAND QUESTION.

In another column we publish a report of the Oklahoma State Convention held last week in which it was decided that the platform committee should be continued until March 15, 1914. The most important plank that they will have under discussion will be that of land. It appears to The Rebel that in every agricultural state of the South the very best knowledge in the possession of the membership should be applied to this land plank. So that that our readers may be thoroughly posted on the subject of the farmers plank as set forth in the 1912 platform of Oklahoma, we publish it here in full and would suggest to all those interested in this vital question that they can work out to the end that the position of the Oklahoma Socialists on land be as nearly perfect as possible. In making recommendations and suggestions address all such to H. M. Sinclair, Secretary Socialist Party, Box 276 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Here is the 1912 land plank of the Oklahoma Socialist State Platform:

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Article 27. Renters' and Farmers' Program—The Socialist Party stands for every measure that will add to the material, intellectual and moral welfare of the working class, and as the working class of Oklahoma is largely made up of agricultural workers we submit the following as the Renters' and Farmers' Program of the Socialist Party of Oklahoma.

Section 1. The retention and constant enlargement of the public domain—

By retaining school and other public lands;

By purchase of arid and overflow lands and the state reclamation of all such lands now held by