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MEITZEN OR BALL---WHICH?

Texans today, is in the midst of the most remarkable political campaign since that one in which, over twenty years ago, the late James S. Hogg, who represented the middle class aspirations of the state, won the governorship from Lawyer George Clark of Waco, who represented at that time top capitalism, the ripened fruit of which can be found in the destruction of constitutional government in Colorado and other states.

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The daily newspapers of Texas without an exception, have either failed to see the significance of this campaign or have chosen to ignore it. They are not printing the startling speeches that are being made by the Socialist candidate for Governor, E. R. Meitzen; they are not printing the Socialist platform; they are not printing Meitzen's letter of acceptance; they are not reporting the vital significance of the new political doctrines which are being brought to the front.

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They are either saying nothing about the Socialist campaign or they are trying to discount Meitzen's candidacy by belittling his efforts to abolish tenantry in the interest of the quarter of a million tenant farm families of this state.

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And they are doing this, apparently, without taking the trouble to learn what a Socialist platform really is. Some of them, ignorantly or wilfully, persistently misrepresent the Socialist land plank. That it has its endorsement in the Old and New Testament and in the foundations of laws laid down by Blackstone or Kent matters not to them. The main thing is Meitzen must be beaten and to beat him the only weapon is silence. And the means to procure silence on this vital issues of the campaign rests in the hands of a dozen great newspaper owners in Texas, all of whom have lined up behind Tom Ball, for reasons that we will disclose in this article.

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To begin: A great deal of balderdash has been written and spoken about the Hogg policies and the immense relief that was given to Texans by his struggles in the interest of "genuine democracy." His stock and bond law and railroad commission have been pointed to by many perspiring orators as an evidence of the great good that he did his fellow men for the people. Just as a bolt of lightening from a cloudless day illuminates the landscape so that we see the dark places so we witness the lightening forced by the Rentzer Union more than a decade since Hogg fought for his policies. We find that this union was organized because there are twice as many homeless renters in Texas as on the day when he won his greatest victory — when he fought Tom Ball, Joe Bailey and the Wall Street cohorts that stood behind this ignoble twain. So much for Hogg. THE ATHMOSPHERE IS CLEARED.

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When the shopmen went on strike in Houston two years ago and when the engines blew up one by one because the incompetent drunken strike breakers knew not how to repair them for the railroad commission, Hogg's pet scheme for social betterment, revealed itself as the bulwark for the Harriman lines and everything that is described in the term Wall Street.

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Facing this situation it behooves every lover of real democracy to examine into the reason why E. R. Meitzen should win this fight, why tenantry has increased; why trade unionists are beaten down; why poverty progresses in a state that has the latent capacity within it to feed the nation.

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The reason is that the masses have stood for the private ownership of capital as recommended by the Democratic and Republican parties instead of the collective ownership of capital as recommended by the Socialist party!

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And now it follows as day follows the night that when capitalism is highly developed through the nation, after years of development such as has gone on since the Civil war that the TOP CAPITALIST must control the government in Texas just as thoroughly as in Colorado. Any small, fry capitalist like Ferguson who today thinks that he can win the governorship on middle class issues as did Jim Hogg will find that they can control the daily papers, suppress the news and bring such other forces to bear as will land their nominee the successful candidate in the primaries next July.

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These facts being conceded we will now inquire as to the backing of the successful candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket—corporation lawyer, Tom Ball, of Houston. The lineup goes this way:

For Ball — The general managers and general attorneys of every railroad in Texas.

The Oil Trust, the Lumber Trust and some ambitious politicians — who hope, by lining up with the big corporations under the prohibition banner, to become governors and senators hereafter.

All daily newspaper editors with scarcely an exception. Such as the editors of the Dallas News and their kin in thought, all of whom have, with one exception, refused to print the Socialist party's platform or the letter of acceptance of its gubernatorial nominee, E. R. Meitzen.

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That The Rebel makes no mistake in showing where the Wall Street owners of Texas railroads and their Texas attorneys stand in support of Ball we will prove it by naming some of the most prominent. Here they are:

D. P. Bower—Abilene & Southwestern Railroad.
A. J. Bell — Artesian Belt Railroad.
L. J. Mantooth — Angelina & Nacbes River Railroad.
N. H. Lassiter — Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railroad.
Timmons & Barwise — Fort Worth & Denver City Railroad.
Baker, Botts, Parker & Garwood — Galveston, Lufkin & Northern; Houston & Texas Central; Moscow, Camden & San Augustine, and Trinity Valley & Northern Railroads.
ANDREWS, BALL & STREETMAN — BEAUMONT, SOURLAKE & WESTERN AND ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO & TEXAS RAILROADS.
M. B. Templeton — Marshall & East Texas Railroad.
C. C. Huff — Jefferson & Northwestern, and Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad.
Blount & Strong — Nacogdoches & Southwestern Railroad.
Claude Pollard — St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railroad.
Elijah B. Pryor — St. Louis Southwestern Railway of Texas.
A. W. Houston — San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad.
Glass, Estes & King — Texarkana & Ft. Smith Railroad.
Dean, Humphrey & Powell — Trinity Valley Southern Railroad.

The above list of names is a directory within itself of the bigest bunch of political strong arm artists that have ever operated around a state capital in Texas or the Southern states. Under an orderly state of society that would not be dominated by John D., Jr., the entire bunch would be arrested on sight; particularly, Lige Perkins, who is the smoothest gum shoe railroad lawyer that ever occupied apartments in the Driscoll Hotel. I would need a special page to describe the peculiar talents of Lige, the cyclopean representative of Ben Yoakum. And who with his employer has poured tens of thousands of dollars into the pockets of the Honorable Tom Ball.

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Take another one: Garwood; Garwood is the lawyer who fought a proposed law, and succeeded in killing it, that provided for licensed engineers on stationary and other steam plants and helped the miscreants who caused the loss of life in G. A.) during the Shopmen's strike. He's the fellow who represented Rockefeller in the $99,000-000 suit that was recently condemned by a half million. His partner sits around the Driscoll Hotel while the Legislature session is on and his other two partners, Baker and Botts, do the legal work for the firm.

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Then look at ANDREWS, BALL AND STREETMAN, they are the last word in all that is conveyed in the raping, wrecking and robbing of the Frisco railroad and the middle name is that of the man who is going to beat Meitzen for Governor.

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The Rebel has been watching politics in the United States under a microscope, so to speak, for twenty years and if the Guggenheim Brothers and John D., Jr., ever get together a bunch of meaner crooks to beat the above galaxy in Colorado; or if Herran ever got together a crowd to equal them in California; or if W. A. Clark and John D. Ryan ever secured a bunch that could excel them in Montana, in all of which states constitutional government has completely broken down; then The Rebel would certainly be glad to know it. To boil things to the bone I would like to put a press record as saying this: That just as John D. Rockefeller, Jr., owns Governor Ammonds of Colorado, as much as he owns the butler that opens his door on his Fifth Avenue mansion or the preacher who preaches his sermon in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, so will Yoakum and the higher-ups in Wall Street own Tom Ball and if they don't own him then there is not one single particle of truth in economic determinism or economic law.

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WHY DO THEY WANT TOM BALL?

HERE IS THE REASON AS SEEN BY FRANK PUTNAM:

WHY BIG BUSINESS WANTS BALL FOR GOVERNOR.

Here are the reasons why the railroads and the Lumber and Oil Trust magnates, in Wall Street and in Texas, want one of their general attorneys for governor of Texas:

The railroads want to amend the Hogg Stock and Bond Law, so they can pour 25 to 30 per cent of water into securities issued to build new lines. They want to get their enormous bonded debt, a large part of it representing nothing but water, refunded as it falls due, at par, instead of on the basis of its actual value as determined by the property it represents. They want to get an increase in freight rates of 10 to 15 per cent above the high rates they are already charging the farmers, merchants and manufacturers of this state. THEY WANT A GOVERNOR THAT HAS BEEN EDUCATED IN THEIR OWN SCHOOL; THAT SEES THINGS FROM THEIR VIEWPOINT, TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO GET THESE THINGS DONE.

The Lumber and Oil Trust fellows want a governor who will help them take a profit of several million dollars in getting rid of their unused cut-over pine lands in East Texas. Under the Hogg Land Law, those corporations are required to dispose of their unused lands within fifteen years from the day they bought them. The Houston Oil Company owns 900,000 acres of East Texas cut-over lands which the Hogg Law requires it to get rid of in 1916, only two years away. It is a sample case, the biggest of the kind.

Stations sold this land at $2 to $5 an acre. There these lands when the lands were covered with rich pine timber. They have cut off the pine. They have explored the lands for oil. Nothing is left but the naked land, the second growth timber and old stumps.

NOW, UNDER PRETENSE OF HELPING TENANT FARMERS GET FARMS OF THEIR OWN, THESE FELLOWS WANT THE STATE TO LET THEM BOND THESE RAW LANDS AT AN INFLATED VALUATION, AND TO LOAN MONEY OUT OF THE STATE SCHOOL FUND TO BUYERS OF SMALL FARM TRACTS, SO THEY CAN UNLOAD THE BONDS ONTO INNOCENT INVESTORS, and some clean with a huge profit for themselves, leaving the bonds buyers and the school fund to hold the bag when the alleged "colonization" and "development" scheme fails, down as it certainly will, if these men are allowed to handle it the way they have it figured out.

In a few words, THESE RICH FELLOWS, WHO GOT RICH BY LOOTING THE STATE TIMBER LANDS AT $2 TO $5 AN ACRE, NOW WANT THE STATE SCHOOL FUND TO THEY CAN SELL OFF THEIR STRIPPED LANDS AT $25 TO $50 AN ACRE.

How do I know that?

Why, a bill was passed through the Texas State Senate, at the last session authorizing the incorporation of "colonization companies" and AUTHORIZING LUMBER COMPANIES OWNING IDLE LANDS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STATE SCHEME. This bill was supported in the Senate by men who are now backing Ball for governor. It was defeated in the house. The deal was too raw. It was framed so the Houston Oil Company, for instance owning 900,000 (nine hundred thousand) acres of idle land in East Texas, and formed by the Hogg Land Law to dispose of it finally not later than 1916, could have taken advantage of such a law to hold onto that land for twenty-four years longer, if it saw fit; could have bonded it at a big figure and sold bonds down East at par.

These schemers didn't dare write into that bill the proposition to loan the State School Fund to buyers of small farms on these big East Texas cut-over tracts owned by Lumber and Oil trust interests. They left it to their candidate for governor to supply that brilliant suggestion. They now have Colonel Tom Ball's assurance, given in his opening speech at Greenville on April 21, that he approves of the plan to use the State School Fund that way. At that time and place Colonel Ball (quote from stenographic version of his speech sent out by his campaign committee) said:

"LOANS FROM OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, TO PURCHASERS OF HOMES NOT EXCEEDING $1,000 WOULD BE MADE SAFE, AND INTEREST RATES FAVORABLY INFLUENCED THEREBY, AND PROBABLY ONE MILLION ($1,000,000) A YEAR MADE AVAILABLE FOR SMALL LOANS."

If these schemers can put their bill through the next session with Colonel Ball in the governor's office ready to sign it, and to match it with a law permitting use of the STATE SCHOOL FUND to help it along, the Houston Oil Company and the Kirby Lumber Company, of which Colonel Ball is the attorney, would have no trouble in selling off their stripped land at five times what it cost when it was covered with valuable timber.

No wonder the Lumber and Oil kings want one of their own attorneys in the governor's chair.

And this precious scheme, mind you, is one to be Colonel Ball's favorite plan to help the tenant farmers get a farm of their own. He is employed over October this Union, [illegible] platform doing anything for the tenant farmers, or for the [illegible] people in the city, except when they have a big profit of their own to make out of it, that will beclear proof that the age of miracles has come back on the earth. They simply are not built that way.

FLAYING FOR A GIGANTIC STAKE.

Now, let's get back for a few minutes to WHAT THE RAILROAD MONEY WANTS IN TEXAS. The Texas railroads have $213,975,000 of bonded debt outstanding. They are capitalized in stock, at $105,231,000. They have other obligations—notes, debts to parent organizations in other states etc.—totaling $50,677,000—making a grand total of almost $370,000,000. The most liberal estimate which any member of the Texas Railroad Commission is willing to make of the present replacement value of the Texas railroads, is $225,916,000. That leaves over $140,000,000 of water in the securities of the Texas railroads—a big share of it is their bonded debt.

SOME OF THESE RAILROAD BONDS HAVE COME DUE DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND OTHERS WILL COME DUE DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, AND MUST BE REFUNDED (PAID WITH NEW BONDS), BECAUSE THE ROADS (WITH A BIG PORTION OF THEIR TEXAS EARNINGS REGULARLY SIPHONED OFF DOWN EAST TO BUILD UP BIG PRIVATE FORTUNES), are not able to pay the bonds off in cash. THE ROADS WANT THESE BONDS REFUNDED AT PAR, that is at their face value. If they get these old bonds refunded at par, THEY WILL SADDLE UPON THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS, FOR ANOTHER TWO GENERATIONS, THE BURDEN OF FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES HIGH ENOUGH TO PAY INTEREST ON THE WATER IN THE BONDS. THAT BURDEN WILL AMOUNT TO MORE THAN $100,000,000—A BIG STAKE TO PLAY FOR.

It will be the duty of the State Railroad Commission to pass on the refunding. If the Railroad Commission, as it ought, insists that the new bonds issued to take up the old ones, shall be scaled down to represent only the actual value of the roads, and that rates shall be based on a fair return on the actual investment, THE PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED FROM HAVING TO PAY A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS OF EXCESSIVE RATES DURING THE LIFE OF THE NEW BONDS. The roads want to collect these exact millions. It will be the plain duty of the State Railroad Commission, and of the next governor and of every other State officer who may have any influence in the matter, to see to it that the roads do not carry their water over from the old bonds to the new bonds.

The governor will have no direct say about it. But he will have a powerful influence over the State Railroad Commissioners, who have the direct say, by reason of his check on appropriations for the Commission's use. If he goes into office backed by the powerful and greedy corporate interests of Texas, he will hold, in addition to his check on appropriations, a strong political influence over the members of the Railroad Commission. They will want his backing when they come up for re-election. This is only human nature. Anybody else in their places would feel the same way about it.

It is vitally important to the railroads to get a precedent in their favor, regarding these bonds during the next four years. If they can get those bonds which are due and those bonds which are now overdue, and those which will fall due during the next four years, refunded at par, covering the water as well as the actual value in the properties, THAT PRECEDENT WILL GOVERN THE REFUNDING OF BONDS WHICH WILL FALL DUE IN THE YEARS TO COME, UNTIL ALL OF THE OLD ISSUES OF WATERED BONDS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY NEW BONDS, AT PAR. And the people of Texas will be made for a hundred million dollars excess charges which they ought never to have to pay.

Do you wonder now why the railroad OWNERS, GENERAL MANAGERS and GENERAL ATTORNEYS have picked one of their own number as their candidate for governor during the next four years!

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MEITZEN OR BALL — WHICH?

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Last January the railroads asked for a 15 per cent increase in freight rates in Texas. This increase would have added to Texas nearly $6,000,000 a year, so Railroad Commissioner Williams tells me. The cotton growers' direct share of it would have been over $1,500,000; indirectly the farmers of Texas would have had to pay the lion's share of the pockets for over $3,000,000 a year, as their share of the increase. The Railroad Commission refused to let them have it. The railroads are now conducting a state-wide anti-publicity campaign, getting ready for higher rates printed in the newspapers as editorial reading matter without labelling the stuff "Advertisement," as the law requires. They never do. Will Railroad Commissioner Williams, who gave me the information of the gang that is backing Tom Ball for governor, repeat that refusal? Or will they let the railroads add that $6,000,000 a year to the freight charges which the people of Texas are now paying?

Commissioner Williams published a statement Sunday morning, May 24, in which he showed that the Texas railroads are not entitled to any increase of rates; that during the past 20 years, while freight rates in the United States as a whole have been cut 10 per cent, Texas rates have been raised 10 per cent, a difference of 20 per cent in favor of the Texas roads.

The conclusion to be drawn from all this is simple. If you are a Texas renter or small farmer or wage worker then it is like teaching the child that three times three are nine or four times five are twenty. You will see that at any time, anywhere in any nation where the principle is accepted to prevent that nation that the private ownership of the means of life is correct then they who own the means of life are going to own the government. This latter fact Ball denies! Ferguson denies! The Ball Moosers denies! the Republican denies the Prohibitionist denies, and the Socialist proves it.

On which side do you stand? On the side of the Rebel or on the side of the Ball? Do you stand for the destruction of landlordism? Do you stand for the ownership of the means of life by the people? If you do then you have no other choice but to stay out of the Democratic primaries and vote for E. R. Meitzen, the Socialist nominee for Governor. If you stand for the private ownership of the means of life then you will be privately robbed of your labor product, so long as LAND remained in the possession of a privileged class, Ball will be sitting there representing the railroads and their allies interests or in short Top Capitalism and in the natural course of events you will be Ludlowed; your truce barrer filled with bullets; your women and children burned; all of which happened in Colorado within the past six weeks.

FARMERS DO YOU STAND FOR E. R. MEITZEN OR THOMAS H. BALL. IT'S UP TO YOU.

THE LAND VALUE TAX.

(Written For The Rebel by Wm. Shannon Calvin, Ohio.)

To Wage Workers and Farmers:—

To free the LAND for the use of LABOR is as much a part of our program as to free machinery and all capital from private monopoly. If all the machinery and tools of production were owned by the workers they would still be robbed of their labor product, so long as LAND remained in the possession of a privileged class (LANDLORDS).

On the other hand if LAND were ever so free, the workers without tools or capital would still be robbed by the capitalists. In order to be free from exploitation, the workers must become their own landlords and capitalists, LAND and tools are capital. Socialists recognize the fact that the landlord and the capitalist are usually one and the same person. The workers are exploited by one organized class, the landlord-capitalist, MONOPOLY THE (LIGARCHY OF PRIVILEGED WEALTH. (vis: landlords money lords, machinery lords). See value, price and profit, pt. 1, pgs. 83-90. In the struggle for economic emancipation, the workers must take every opportunity to diminish the power of the exploiting class (Road pages 44 and 45 Communist Manifesto.) Ground rent, capitalized into land values, is one of the instruments of exploitation, and increasing land values means increasing power to exploit. The progressive shifting of taxation to land values will make land cheaper and thereby widen industrial opportunities and will lighten the workers from other taxes that increase the cost of living. (Nov. 1914.)

Taxes, with land that taxation is a capitalistic process that does not concern the worker, should be left entirely to the capitalists. J. Sherman Wright, Dayton, and capital thinkers, and a worker of considerable ability, argued that taxes on industry (all taxes except industry and that tariff and internal revenue, taxes are taxes on consumption, which is paid by the consumer) by the workers. He contended that if all taxes, except industry and national taxes, were to be levied on land values, that would be 14 per cent of the annual product of land, and that the change in taxation would result in an increase of 60 to 100 per cent in real wages, viz: in the purchasing power of the working people. I contended that the worker would be benefitted by taxing land values! The majority of American farmers are now TENANTS. They would be directly benefitted by a policy that would decrease the cost they pay in the landlords. A majority of the working people live in cities and pay the landlords. A majority of the working people live in cities and pay the landlords. The most pressing issue which are: working farmers who own and till their own land would be benefitted lat. Because their buildings and all improvements would be exempt from taxation. 2nd. Because with tariff and internal revenue taxes removed, everything they would buy would be cheaper. Among the grain growing farmers of the Canadian Northwest, there is now a great agitation for taxes on land values. In the province of Alberta "The Single Tax" has already been enacted into law. There are a few members of the working class who own their own homes. Most of those homes are loaded to the shifting sections, and the buildings are usually valued at two or three times more than the lots, so that the shifting of taxation from the improvements to the land value would tend to lower the taxes, whereas the capitalists who own the valuable land near the heart of the cities would have their taxes increased.

The rent of dwellings and tenements occupied by city wage workers would be materially lowered. It is an economic fact that when you raise the tax on buildings, you make the buildings scarcer and dearer and rents higher; whereas when you tax the land value heavily you bring speculative land on the market, thereby making land cheaper and rents lower.

In new districts where land is cheap and accessible, other things being equal, wages are always relatively high and rents and profits unusually low. Now if the tax on land values is progressively increased, we are approximating the free industrial conditions that prevail in advanced countries, and we are moving away from those monopolistic conditions under which the "iron law of wages operates." It is safe to say that the progressive taxation of land values would be a permanent benefit to the tenant farmers and wage workers.

As Socialist we propose to so utilize not only land values, but public utilities, the machinery of production, transportation, communication and exchange; in fact everything on which the people in common depend. We propose to assess the water out of stocks and bonds as well as to puncture speculative land values. The first step to be taken is the establishment of political Democracy; the second step is to raise the revenue (or dues) to pay the expenses of government. The appropriation of land values for revenue is scientific, just and practicable. This fact has been recognized by the Socialists in Berkley, Los Angeles, Schenectady and other places. Our first Socialist victories are naturally won in towns and cities, and in order to hold our ground we must make good in those cities on the most pressing issue which are:

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

(By John M. Work.)

Some day we shall have a federation of the world.

Slowly events are shaping themselves toward that goal. The seeds of that event is the common interest of the British and Chinese working knowledge of that common interest.

The European workers have given some remarkable evidences of this increasing solidarity. When German and France were marching over Morocco, the German and French Socialists were unanimous in the belief that the German and French workingmen had no quarrel with each other. They were of the opinion that it would be folly for them to help their masters, the capitalists, to fight over foreign markets and foreign investments. Without a doubt, their opposition to war had a great deal of influence in causing the two nations to settle the question peacably.

When Norway declared herself independent of Sweden, the capitalists of Sweden wanted to force her back into the alliance by force of arms, but the Swedish unions combined could exercise more power and influence in forcing affairs toward a peace than the gaining and retaining of foreign markets and opportunities for investment. But the Socialists of Sweden declared that they would refuse to fight against the workingmen of Norway. And as nearly all the workingmen of Sweden are Socialists, the capitalists were compelled to abandon the war project. The capitalists do not spill their own blood. So, when the workers decline to spill theirs the dogs of war have to be called off.

When Japan and Russia were at war, the Japanese and Russian delegates to the International Socialist Bureau met and clasped hands in the same hall where that world have existed between them if their respective nations had not been warring over territory and markets.

The workers of the world are reaching fraternal hands across boundary lines and over seas.

They are imbued with the wisdom of peace.

They love their fatherlands, but they also love humanity.

LIBERTY.

(By Robt. G. Ingersoll.)

O, Liberty, thou art the god of my adoration! Thou art the divinity that takes the bended knee in the vast and unvailed temples beneath the roofless dome; statesmen and heroes with their sturdy worshippers stand erect! They do not cringe or crawl, or bend their foreheads to the earth. The sky has never borne the impress of their lips. Upon thy altars mothers do not sacrifice their babes nor priests their reason. Thou hast nought from man except the things good men hate, the whip, the chain, the dungeon key. Thou hast no priests, no prophets, who stand between their fellowmen and thee. Thou earest not for Polish serfdom or Russian prison. Thy sacred shrine hypocrisy does not bow, virtue does not remble, superstition's feeble tapers do not burn, but reason's light, the light inextinguishable torch whose holy light will one day flood the world.

1st. Honest and efficient government.

2nd. The taxation of land values.

3rd. The Socialism of the means of production transportation, communication and exchange as fast as conditions will permit.

The logic of events is forcing this issue to the front. The land value tax is a land getter. We must win the voters to our program by exploiting the Socialist platform demands.

The program of the Renters' Union is the program of every wage worker and tenant farmer in the whole country should be a reader of The Rebel. We suggest that all Rebel readers in the first week of June to 10 cents value; Price and Profit, 10 cents and Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, 10 cents.

Thirty cents worth of Marx and Engels principles will show the cause of the political gangrene and economic cancer that has the Democrat party in Texas and Oklahoma on its political death bed.

The Democrat party platform is like a broken down hearse on the way to a potter's field. The mourners are few and its funeral will soon be over.

All revolutionists unite.

FIGHT THE VAMPIRES.

Hedley Texas, June 4, 1914.

I am, indeed, happy to know that a spirit of peace is rising in every class of people in this country. I also rejoice to know that our flag is unfurled to the breeze of every land, whose civilization is concerned, that the spirit of capitalism, and God willing, we are determined to follow that banner until the seeds of manacles are uprooted, by the economic gospel of the meek and lowly Jesus. And then, we shall be able to appreciate that wonderful gospel of truth and love, revealed to us by Him who loved the poor, fed the hungry, healed the sick, and raised the dead.

Now, Comrades, do you realize that the cause for which we are contending is more sublime than that, which inspired the heroes who fell at Thermopylae, more sacred than that for which Washington fought, and a holier and patriotic fell. But notwithstanding our every effort in behalf of suffering humanity, is condemned from the pulpit, from the press and pulpit. From Maine to the Mexican sea. So you see we are up against, we are not silver or cotton or surrender, with us, it is victory or annihilation. Critics have condemned Texas for not carrying Oklahoma, when facts Anna appeared before its walls. But Texas knew that Oklahoma would never, never be achieved without a bloody sacrifice, and he and his men, then and there, determined to make it, and a few weeks later, she sacrificed the wage slaves of a tyrannical master class, in spite of all the hypocrites cant or hell. Yes, my comrades, our efforts in behalf of suffering humanity shall be crowned with success, but not without a desperate struggle with the allied powers of Greed, graft and Ignorance which are supported by a capitalistic press and pulpit that will resort to every strategy, that can be conceived by the ingenuity of men or devils, to prevent the world from accepting the economic gospel of truth and love. And I would suggest that we hold it to be a principle of action on our part, to small the enemy when and where found. Now, this enemy of ours, you know, is the master class of our civilization, a class that worships no God, no Messiah, and adheres to no criterion, but financial success. Now, this same class of vampires have, determined to pull off another grandstand play for our entertainment, this year, and no doubt, we are expected to take it with open mouth; we have done before. But dont forget that on the twenty-fifth of July, we shall keep time to a different music, and follow the banner of red.

For we know the masters and leaders of church and state have decided in favor of Mr. Ball, backed by the corporation lawyer, for governor. And the leaders and masters of the anti-prohibition wet forces have decided that Mr. Ferguson, the banker, should be our next governor. Now, if there is any real difference of interest between the two men, tell me, if you can. Both stand for capitalism, both stand for interests, rents and profits—both stand for private ownership of land—both stand for exploitation—both have grown rich by exploiting their fellow men, and, the political machine backers of both Ball and Ferguson were elected into laws they could be so charged to be the greatest of scoundrels who whatever. The truth is, these capitalistic vampires, hope to hold us down as long possible, in the land of capitalism, that we shall forget that we were ever endowed with certain inalienable rights. And unless we rise superior to our environments and break the chains which have bound us in the wheels of an unrelenting tyranny, we are not deserving will degenerate into a race of serfs, slaves who will lick the hand that smites them.

Therefore, my comrades, let us straighten our ranks, and line up in support of The Rebel whose guns are now sweeping every corner of the, contested field and while, the enemy is falling back and concentrating his columns for a desperate stand, and hurl curselves upon his broken battalions with deathating effects of a cyclone, and the tornado, and cast fragments into the sea—and then safely our banner high above the granite walls of the capital of a state. And when Mr. Meitzen is governor, and our platform demands are enacted into laws, and all children of children, agree to stick-ing school and all those who are incapacitated to produce their own living are supported by the state, and interests, rents and profits are abolished, then, and not until then, shall we begin to realize what it means to breathe the pure air of economic freedom.

J. T. Adamson.

OKLAHOMA DIXIE.

(There is an institution at Calvin, Oklahoma, commonly known as the Socialist Incubator. It has hatched the following parody on the old familiar "Dixie" and a Calvin Comrade sends it to us for publication.)

In Oklahoma, the land of cotton,
Where the fallow rights are all forgotten,
And the landlord band
Has grabbed the land,
Where the toilers work from day to day,
And get less for it than a chattel slave's pay.
You're a band of fools,
You working mules.

Chorus.

Then work and vote for the Socialist plan,
Come in, we'll win,
The Socialist plan
Will emancipate the clan
That plays a clinch on tenant land.
We've got the plan
That will give the land to the toilers.

In Oklahoma the grafter band
Have fooled the people who work the land;
But we'll beat the sharks
By using the plan of Marx,
We'll have legislation
Of our own creation,
And the land value tax will change the situation.
Come join our band,
Help save the land.

Chorus.

Direct legislation will slaughter the band
That makes slaves of the people who till the land
We'll win our fight,
Because we're right.
Come, let's hold up lips in the air,
You can hear them howling everywhere.
They've gone rum-dum,
They're on the bum.—

Chorus.

EASTLAND COUNTY FARM FACTS.

There are 2981 farms in this county and 2087 of them are either mortgaged or operaged by tenants while 894 are entirely owned by the farmers that operate them.

There are 10400 persons in this county directly dependent on tenant farmers and mortgaged farm home owners for a living.

There are 1453 tenant farmers in this county and only 37 of them pay cash rentals the remainder operated on a share basis.

There are no negro farmers in the entire county.

There are 62 farms in the county that contain more than 500 acres.

The value of all farm property of this county is $10,388,000.

The average farm is worth $3,478.—Rising Star, Ky.

REBELLETTES.

It is good to learn that every day that E. R. Meitzen, the Socialist candidate for governor, speaks finds bigger crowds and greater enthusiasm than the day before. It is wise to learn that every day whether Meitzen speaks or not, there are more rennies in Texas than the day before. It doesn't take a philosopher, a mathematician or any kind of scientist to find out what the ultimate result will be.

The Rebel is delighted to learn from the military commander in Colorado that the hundreds of newspaper men, miners, officials and other citizens who witnessed the tragedy at Ludlow and picked up the bodies of the women and children who were killed by Rockefeller's gunmen were all sadly mistaken in believing that these people died on that fateful day. It now turns out that it was an earthquake that caused a hole in the ground and the women and the earth caused the guns to go off in the hands of the gunmen, with a result that those people that were buried didn't die at all and all the witnesses were suffering from an optical delusion. "Why you can't believe all this you are respectfully referred to the principal authority of the Colorado army.

If the people owned the land, the title of the land, do you think you would have a quarter of a million land renters in Texas?

If the people owned the industries of the nation, do you think that we would have a reserve army of unemployed, that would run into the millions?

A GENUINE DONK.

Dear Mr. Ed. of The Rebel—

I've heard tell that your Socialists was a shellin' the woods an' was a growin' tar beat the band. I want to tell you that if you feel tars—a—a feeled it would mess the downfall of our government, that what would we do for a government.

If you fellers are going to do away with money—Well I'd like to know what I'd do for a place to rest. I'm er rentin' on the tolers and have got 3 hogs for my winter's meat and a cow and calf and I want to tell you that when you feller's start "dividin" what you have got, then I have got a round, loading' shot gun that is full of "bio whistess"!!! and I know how to use them. I tell you right now that I air grain dividin up.

You fellers want tetr bring all things down to a dead level of "ekual opportunity," well, I an orgin that of that way we would be deprived of the sweet cousse, latter of knowed cow and I'll take hard snuff and not blow in what I make on "high falutin" luxuries that I'll be deprived of. Now, if you fellers ar goin' to fix things so a feller can't get rich why you will take away from me the sweet solem that that keeps me goin' who nitred nature wants ter rest, so we can work.

I hear you fellers want er git charge of the guvernment and run things in her interest of the working man. Well, I tell you that that labor don't produce all the wealth, its the superior directing power of the brain that creates a big part of wealth therefore the capitalist is entitled to the greater share in wealth.

The hope of this country is ter elect Jim Sergison or Tom Ball. Each one of them would make a good Moses to lead us out in the wilderness, the there is one thing that I can't comprehend, so ter speak, about our Democratic party which stands for us workin' fellers is that every four years we have to have a new Moses and turn off teh last guvernor who didn't prove ter be the Moses thet we thought he was. Howsomever, I think we have found the new Moses in Jim Ferguson or Tom Ball, it don't matter which, as you pays your money and takes your choice.

Now, if you have read all of the above, I think you will agree with me that it is a grand refutation ov Socialism and the best defense o fthe Democrat party that ever be made in Texas.

Trusting that you will be converted from the error of your ways, I am

Respectfully,
Hank Dewberry,
Temple, Texas.

A SOCIALIST TOAST.

John A. Currie, the famous Socialist lecturer, was asked to give a toast at a Socialist entertainment recently. This is the way he addressed himself to the capitalists in his home town: "I wish you as good as you are, and to us as bad as we are, but as bad as we are and as good as you are, we're as good as you are, as bad as we are.

Look out for the Third Anniversary Edition of the Rebel on Saturday, July 4.

The Farmers' Union has gone where the woodbine twines. False economics was the cause of the death, Radford and Lewis are the pall bearers and the Commercial Secretaries' Association are the grave diggers.

A local option election occurred at Liberty, Texas the week end and the wets won by a good majority. This news has caused shivers of ague fashion to run through the land and the spine of Cantwell, Rankin and all the other high salaried officials of the Anti-saloon league. If the world ever did, and, for the love of Mike, how would those patriots get their meal tickets. The world of the late Pontiff "there's a reason for the shivers, there's a reason."

When Tom Ball, the nominee of the Frisco railroad and allied corporations, receives the Democratic nomination for Governor, the wets will vote for the dry to defeat the only Democrat in the race for governor, E. R. Meitzen, of Lavaca county.

The Texas Movement.

T. A. HICKEY, State Secretary, Hallettsville, Texas.

Encampments.

The encampment speakers, Comrades Lathrop, Jones and Currie fire their first gun at New Ulm on July 3, 4 and 5. If you need a Lathrop encampment an application for these speakers NOW.

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Speakers' Dates.

R. Meltson nominee for Governor—Lathrop, Jones, Plaisted, Aug 13; Comanche County June 30 to 3 Comanche County.

W. Noble, nominee for lieutenant governor—Alvarado, June 1 and 13; Grayson county, dates to Dixie, 14-15; Independence, Bell, White Rock, 17; Haworth, 18; Bessent Home, 19; Dripping Springs, 20-21; Dugan's Chapel.

Open for dates surrounding Grayson county.

John A. Currie, the Socialist nominee, Atascosa county, June 10 to 16; Stockdale, June 17; Seguin, June 18 and 19; Luling, June 20 and 21; Mexia, June 22 and 23; Louise, June 24; Ford, June 25; Dilworth neighborhood, June 26 27 and 28; Gonzales, June 29.

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To Secretaries.

County secretaries should not forget that dues to all alike are ten cents.

The law by which those counties that had less than four locals must pay full 15 cents, has been superseded by the recently adopted amendments.

All secretaries sending in ballots should be careful to put the postage on at head of ballot on candidates for national committee and other them. Also note the law in our constitution. Be the state secretary is immediately return all ballots that are not properly filled out. Further note that the ballots are not to be sent in but only in tabulated result and how many voted.

Ballots on referendums C and D have been sent out to most locals with the monthly report, but owing to a shortage of some twelve hundred ballots which have been wired for will be sent out later.

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Literature Bargains.

"What Is So and What Isn't," John M. Work, 160 pages. A clear concise refutation of the objections to Socialism—10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

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"Danner Ahead," by Debs and Oscar Edward Russell. All Socialist should read this 5c booklet two weeks ago at 5c a copy.

Quite a few other 10c booklets on hand which are all regular price. Help unsand help yourselves and others to more knowledge by sending for literature.

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Hallettsville, Texas.

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List of Applicable Speakers.

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Chas. C. Crider, Mineola, Wills Point.

J. Zimmerman, Marlow Okla.

W. Plowman Tolbert, Texas.

Dr. J. S. Procter Atwood, Tex.

J. A. Pendleton, Bonham, Tex.

J. A. Rowland, Rosse, Texas.

W. F. Nolen, Jr., Cameron, Tex.

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COMRADES, TAKE NOTICE.

To my comrades, who have written me to fill dates at their encampments I wish to say that I expect to travel in a harmonious way with encampment plans. I have returned over my position to State Secretary Thomas A. Hickey for the encampment season. Please write him.

John A. Currie.

Debate.

Please announce in The Rebel that W. S. Noble will meet Rev. U. G. Wilkinson in debate in Jacksonville, Texas, (in the park) Sabbath the Lemmon's Book. All Socialists in East Texas ought to be there as we need them to help us through as Noble' takes the bible off. Don't forget Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27th.

Yours for one more hide,

Eugene Etheridge.

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I will debate with D. J. Forbes at the Carter school house twelve miles north of Weatherford in Parker county, beginning June 30th last three days.

The Bible and Socialism will be the subjects. Does Socialism harmonize with the Bible?

J. L. Davis backed out after I had signed his sawy propositions.

Yours for a better government,

G. A. Lamberth.

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Please announce that Dora Mertz will speak at O'Brien Saturday night, 8 p. m., June 30th; as she failed to make the date, June 2nd on the account of a delayed train. So many wanted to hear her that we have arranged to have her come back on the above date. She is certainly stirring things up in Haskell county and you will miss a treat if you don't come out.

Joe F. Handspch, Co. Sec.

Preliminary Report of Election for Three Platform Commissions Resulting in the election of W. S. Noble of Rockdale, V. J. Bell, of Tyler and Wm. B. Hunt, of Fort Worth.

	V. J. Bell	Geo. C. Edwards	Wm. B. Hunt	W. S. Noble	Total votes cast.
Locals	35	21	16	9	7
Alcoas	35	11	16	9	7
Comanche	20	40	20	20	10
Goulbusk	18	26	27	9	9
Abilene	13	10	13	8	7
Lone Camp	17	24	22	7	7
Hamlin	10	20	22	19	10
Alvarado	24	17	12	12	8
Tyler	7	16	10	15	5
Lone Cedar	33	33	33	23	9
Brandenburg	17	68	34	51	17
Hooks	12	34	34	38	6
Sabinal	32	24	16	8	8
Union Hill	7	11	5	7	3
Stone Chapel	18	6	12	24	6
Newcastle	24	22	19	10	8
Bunch Creek	13	18	24	6	6
Waco	15	5	9	11	3
Samarina	8	8	8	8	2
Atascosa Valley	16	32	24	8	8
Hallettsville	40	80	20	60	20
Gilbert	11	44	33	22	11
Palestine	16	18	14	12	10
Hiser	20	40	40	20	10
Ivy	12	48	36	24	10
Quinlan	28	37	19	18	10
Rudolph	13	38	25	12	8
Rotan	33	36	21	17	12
Georgetown	49	16	33	16	7
Potts Valley	21	23	16	7	7
Wm. J. Watkins	1	2	4	1	1
Geo. R. Wilde	1	1	1	1	1
H. E. Poole	1	3	3	4	1
J. Rodenfels	7	7	7	7	1
Temple S. House	7	21	14	28	7
Porter	14	27	14	14	7
Will Springs	9	4	14	13	5
D. W. Mask	1	3	1	1	1
Cane	5	20	15	10	5
South Park	25	25	25	25	10
Smith	16	5	16	20	6
Wheeler	44	66	22	22	11
Post Oak	4	18	8	12	4
Leonard	32	12	14	12	8
Magnet	17	21	17	17	6
Pear City	8	19	14	8	6
Gillespie	36	48	28	24	12
Hubert	6	16	11	11	4
Crews	8	16	11	11	4
Plains Grove	17	17	17	17	6
Corsicana	15	18	3	15	6
Wayland	6	12	9	6	3
Fort Worth	24	22	20	11	11
Bagdad	12	21	27	10	9
Sagalli	10	40	30	10	10
Hazzard	7	12	8	8	3
Hubert Branch	10	10	10	10	4
Rosebud	15	18	3	15	6
Crockytown	20	15	5	15	5
Ivy	10	13	6	13	4
Gregory	17	13	15	6	7
Greenville	24	10	5	8	5
Plainwood	4	6	8	8	2
Dresden	4	4	4	4	1
Round Prairie	16	16	16	32	10
Cooper	44	11	22	33	11
Jerry City	24	12	12	12	6
Silver Dove	12	21	13	15	6
Riverside	3	6	3	3	1
Washington Large	4	3	5	1	1
J. Dunn	3	3	3	3	1
C. F. Amberbach	3	3	3	3	1
J. Wright	8	23	23	16	9
Harlingen	3	3	3	3	1
Pecan Grove	6	10	13	20	5
Lufkin	26	40	36	18	9
Stockbridge	21	21	9	29	9
Wentworth	17	5	5	29	6
Midway	3	3	4	1	1
Bowler	3	3	4	1	1
H. L. Whitcomb	3	3	3	3	1
Total votes cast	680				
Total votes cast 1904	1,000				
Gain in Edwards 1905	320				
Net N. Party, 1905	1,000				
W. S. Noble, 1905					

Result on the Referendums on the various amendments to the state constitution which closed May 14, 1904, resulting in the carrying of all amendments by overwhelming majorities.

The following locals total solidly for all the amendments:

Total vote cast 677.

For Article III, Section 6—628; against Article III, Section 6—49.

For Article VI, Section 1—627; against Article VI, Section 1—57.

For Section 4—644; against Section 4—33.

For Section 5—636; against Section 5—41.

For Section 9—644; against Section 9—33.

For Section 10—637; against Section 10—40.

For Section 11—643; against Section 11—34.

For Section 12—638; against Section 12—37.

For Section 13—643; against Section 13—34.

For Article V, Section 1—647; against Section 1—30.

For Section 5—641; against Section 5—36.

For Section 3—637; against Section 3—40.

For Section 4—638; against Section 4—38.

For Section 5—630; against Section 5—49.

For Section 6—624; against Section 6—52.

For Section 7—615; against Section 7—61.

For Section 8—637; against Section 8—39.

For Article VI, Section 1—629; against Article VI, Section 1—47.

For Section 3—633; against Section 3—44.

For Section 4—623; against Section 4—54.

For Article VII, Section 1—646; against Article VII, Section 1—36.

For Section 3—638; against Section 3—38.

For Section 5—643; against Section 5—34.

For Section 6—616; against Section 6—61.

For Article X, Section 1—637; against Article X, Section 1—40.

For Article XI, Section 5—642; against Article XI, Section 5—37.

For Section 6—638; against Section 6—38.

For Section 8—629; against Section 8—48.

For Section 9—629; against Section 9—48.

For Section 10—631; against Section 10—46.

For Article XIII—600; against Article XIII—86.

Loca County.

You are authorized to announce that there will be a mass meeting of the Socialists of Lean county at the court house in Centerville on Saturday before the Fourth of July in Jones the purpose of examining the county and nominating a county ticket. All Socialists are cordially invited. Come.

J. T. Rudd, Sec.

Call for County Socialist Mass Meeting to Meet at Canton, Texas.

Monday, June 19th, 1905.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as County Chairman of the Socialist Party of Van Zandt County, Texas, I hereby call a county Mass meeting of all Socialists in Van Zandt county to meet in Canton, Texas, Monday, June 19th, 2014 at 10 a. m. to take all necessary steps for putting out a full Socialist ticket in Van Zandt county. Both the County Committee and the County Executive Committee of the Socialist party of Van Zandt county are also hereby called to meet at said time and place.

John M. Shivers,
County Chairman of the Socialist Party of Van Zandt county, Texas.

Anderson County.

Palestine, Tex., June 8, 1905.

Eugene Victor Debs will speak in Tempia theatre, Palestine Tex., August 4th, 1904, and as several Comrades have written me offering to help sell Rip-Saw sub cards, for that occasion, I take this method of informing all who may be help that I will have to address Comrade Carl Rosson, Tom Tennessee Ave. Palestine, Tex., who is managing that part of the work, and is being assisted by Comrade Coon and others.

Comrade Coon, a prominent worker in Local Palestine, who has recently developed into a rattling good speaker, agitator and newsboxer. has been speaking and selling Rip-Saw sub cards for Debs' nomination for President in a good part of old Houston county.

Comrade J. D. Peters of Jewett, Tex., is speaking and organizing for Local Jewett, also selling sub cards for the Debs' meeting in Palestine, August 4th.

Very truly,

J. N. French,
No. 8, Cottage Ave., Palestine Texas.

RENTERS UNION

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

Mr. S. T. Patton, of Vicksburg, Miss., has been reading our Renter's Union Column in the Southern Worker and has applied for an organizer's commission in his state, which has been promptly granted.

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Brother S. A. Beach of Dalinger field, Texas, has organized a local in his community and breeds the right spirit when he writes us as follows:

Please find enclosed an application for charter for R. U. of A., and I P. O. inmar proof for dues. It just takes hammering away to do any good with the assistance of some others. I have commenced the catchings right behind my monthly handouts of The Rebel and I just keep on talking when I get a chance to unload a part of my mental burdens at the right time and place. The result is that I have some men around to that extent that I made the announcement at the close of the prayer meeting last Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the conclusion for the purpose of discussing the subject of a R. U. and we had a good crowd.

The first time I made a talk and I guess the people naturally behaved nicely, but some how I had the very best attentive and orderly crowd up I just asked that those that wanted to do a religious act and get their names on the church roll just took my application blank in one hand and pencil in the other and went after them to the end of the list. So I guess we got the necessary documents and oblige.

Yours for the better times,

S. A. Beach.

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WHO IS A FREE-LOVER?

Dear Hickey:—

As W. F. Lemmons and every other capitalist hireling jack leg preacher is slandering the Socialist party by yelling "freelove," etc., I send to you today an article written by W. F. Lemmons and published in "The Ex Opener" October 20, 1910. Lemmons was editor and "The Eye Opener" was a church paper.

Brother John T. White asked a question regarding the action that the church should take in a certain case. It seems that some man had been divorced without a scriptural cause and married again. The question came up in the church: "Is he living in adultery?" Shall the church require him to put away his second wife?" J. C. White put it up to Lemmons.

The following is Lemmons' answer in full:

"I think I have come as nearly answering this question in a few issues back, as it is possible to come to the question. Most of our readers understand where I stand on this question. I do not remember any passage that says anything about "living in adultery."

I read that in cases where they marry without scriptural cause or separation from the first wife they are, in doing so, they commit adultery. The brother referred to in marrying the second time without scriptural cause, certainly committed adultery and will go to hell if he don't repent of his wrong and ask God to forgive him. If the Bible commands them to separate in order to get scriptural repentance, I do not know the passage. This is a moral wrong, just as many other moral wrongs we commit. If brethren lie or cheat or defraud and don't repent they will go to hell. He will go to hell just the same for fornication that he will for adultery.

All these and many others, are moral wrongs that will result in condemnation unless repented of. So we should be careful not to be either fools or cranks about anything but one common sense sound with our Bible. If any brother knows of any passage in the Bible where God commands any man to separate from his wife, whether he has two or seven hundred in order to repentance and salvation, you will oblige me by furnishing the passage. If any brother knows where God ever changed the law of marriage, from the beginning of creation, you will oblige me again by furnishing me the passages. David and Solomon and others were children of God and they married hundreds of wives on open violation of the law of God. I can find where the child-law of Israel put away some strange wives after they came out of bondage, but if they had more than one wife the record is silent. Their sin was in violating a positive precept of God, and serves as a type of our coming out of sectarianism, and teaches that when people come out of sectarianism-Babylon they must undo the whole thing, including the process by which they were married to sectarianism. This alone, ought to teach us that we cannot afford to accept sectarian baptism. It is illegal from start to finish. I may have more to say on this last point later.

W. F. Lemmons.

To avoid the charge of garbling I have given Lemmons' article in full.

Now note the doctrine taught by Lemmons. Whether a man has two or seven hundred wives God does not require him to put away his plural wives in order to repentance and salvation.

A few syllogisms will bring out Lemmons' teaching on free love under the name of polygamy.

NUMBER ONE.

1. Adultery is required to turn away from all sin.

2. But repentance in a turning away from sin.

3. Therefore we are required to repent from all sin.

NUMBER TWO.

1. We are required to turn away from all sin.

2. But we are not required to turn away from polygamy. See Lemmons.

3. Therefore polygamy is not sin.

NUMBER THREE.

1. Polygamy is "free love" under another name.

2. But Lemmons believes that polygamy is not sinful.

3. Therefore Lemmons believes that "free love" is not sinful.

NUMBER FOUR.

1. The terms upon which one person may be saved are the terms upon which all may be saved.

2. But some polygamists with hundreds of wives were saved in their polygamy.

3. Therefore (see Lemmons) all repentance and salvation."

NUMBER FIVE.

1. All the saints under the gospel are in the church.

2. But the polygamist with seven hundred wives are saved. See Lemmons.

3. Therefore the polygamist with seven hundred wives is in the church.

NUMBER SIX.

1. Everybody may be admitted into the church on the same terms.

2. But the polygamist with seven hundred wives may be in the church.

See Lemmons.

3. Therefore everybody may be admitted into the church and at the same time be polygamists.

NUMBER SEVEN.

1. Polygamy is "free love" under another name.

2. But Lemmons endorses polygamy in the church.

(See his article.)

3. Therefore Lemmons endorses free love in the church.

There is no escape from the conclusion drawn from these syllogisms.

1st. I take the meaning of "repentance" as used by the church.

2nd. I take Lemmons' words in which he denies that God requires any man "to separate from his wife," whether he has two or seven hundred wives, in order to persons may be saved in polygamy

3rd. The doctrine of the church is that "the terms of salvation in the church." The doctrine of the church put with Lemmons' denial that God requires the polygamist" to give up his wives in order to repentance and salvation," means that the church can scripturally be polygamists. Lemmons says, Any man in it may have as many wives as he wants; any woman in it may have as many men as she wants and none of them commit sin.

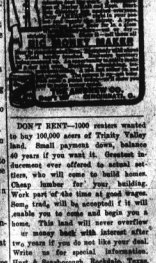
And it is W. F. Lemmons, the author of such free love stuff in the "Eye Opener" that pretends to be afraid of "Socialism and free love." If the Socialist party stood for free lust, which it does not, it could not be worse than the church which would practice according to the doctrine laid down by W. F. Lemmons in his "Eye Opener." The hypocrite upholds free love in religion and then pretends that he is afraid that the Socialist party stands for free love.

Comrades, clip out Lemmons' answer to J. C. White, file it away, use it on the first jack leg preacher that yells "free love" at the Socialists. It is rich dope to hand out to the Christian Standard.

If I or any Socialist had declared that polygamy is not sinful and that everybody who wished to may do so may have seven hundred wives and go to heaven with them all hanging to his coat tail, these preachers would shout from the roof it as evidence of Socialist free lovism. The Firm Foundation is backing Lemmons. Feed them out of their own spoon.

W. L. Thurman,
Sulphur, Okla.

How long will the Socialist of Texas with their land program be in power before Texas will drop from 28th in illiteracy down to first place where illiteracy would be unknown!



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Oklahoma Notes

(H. M. Sinclair, State Secretary.)

The double due stamps are now ready for delivery. Thing seems are the same price as the single stamp. The stamp is divided between the husband and wife. We are sorry for the single comrade, but a little bit of (economic) determinism will put you in the double column. Stamps will be sent out, only, on the order of the local secretary.

Sixty-four (64) new locals in Oklahoma for the month of May, with a membership of 515. 515 been new fighting rampant, "roaring to go," place of animated propaganda. Well, I reckon that this will be sufficient to make the machine politicians open his eyes and wake up "the dickie" of the old brand. But the poor fellow can't make a stand and listen any more. The greater part of these new locals were framed without the aid of an organizer. They just naturally got together.

This is moving day for the State office. Hereafter we will be found on the third floor of the Scott Thompson Building, at 128 West 2nd st. The change will take us off the streets, but the officers will be better suited to the work of the propaganda. We will have the same phone. Don't forget to pay us a visit when in the city.

The comrades of Wagoner County have had a rousing convention at Wagoner on the 23rd of last month. The activities of their county organizer resulted in the establishing of 12 new locals for the month, and the boys are feeling their manhood for the coming fight. The next county convention will be held on the 27th of June, at Wagoner, and T. J. Dale, of Checotah, has been engaged to speak. A good time is assured.

The state office is not routing any speakers this year. This matter is in the hands of the Socialist Speakers' Bureau, of No. 214 Ziegler Bldg., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Write to them. They can supply you with some of the best-speakers now in the state and some of the best substitutes.

Bryan County: Our next county convention will be held at Durant, Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 p. m. at Carpenter's Hall. J. Rowland, County Secretary, Bryan County.

A. H. Sherbert, one of the most popular and best informed speakers in Oklahoma, will be routed by the Southern Worker this summer. The terms are the sale of 100 sub cards, at 25 cents or the sale of 50 cards plus $1. The Southern Worker will furnish advertising and pay expenses. Both the speaker and the paper will make good, and applications for dates should be sent to the Southern Worker, Huntington, Arkansas, at once, as the work on the route has been begun.

New Locals for the Week.

Bunkerhill, Caddo county, 16 members, E. W. Hinds, Pt. Cobb, Rt. 5, sec. Thacker, Tillman county, 7 members, J. A. Murray, Manitou, secretary; Westville, Adair county 21 members, J. L. Harris, Westville, secretary; organized by T. P. Laughlin; Albany, Bryan county, 6 members, V. T. Tinsley, Albany, secretary; Star, Woodward county, 7 members, J. A. Jennings, Supply, secretary; Colby, Beckham county, 8 members, W. A. Lee, Gaskins, secretary; organized by J. E. Lester; Cade, Bryan county, 7 members W. M. Moore, Cade, secretary; Ghlatook, Tillman county 10 members, Walter Pinson, Ghlatook, secretary; Murray, Harper county, 6 members, C. E. Smalley, Houston, secretary, organized by W. W. Wakefield; Lavery, Grady county, 10 members, A. O. Parish, Lavery, secretary; Shingle, Lincoln county, 5 members, Willie Dodson, Tyrus, secretary, organized by J. E. Foster; Pecan City, Clay county 16 members, C. T. Rogdale, Pecan City, secretary, organized by J. R. Waithly, Mineola, Pottawatomie county, 9 members, W. M. Christopher, McLeod, Rt. 1, secretary, organized by D. Cobb; Cross Harper, county, 8 members, W. B. Stone, May, Route 2, sec. 60 secretary.

Total locals for the week 16.

Total number of membership of same, 136.

A Socialist picnic will be held near Edmond, Oklahoma in the near future. For dates and concessions write W. B. Harris, Edmond, Route 1. They will have good speakers, good weather and a good time for republicans and Democrats. Every one is invited. The date was not furnished the state office. Comrade J. N. Stallard, candidate for congress, was treated to a bunch of real eggs after a debate with a lawyer in Harmon county last week. This is the best argument that the poor dunks can put out this year. Fortunately for eggs such sot or rotten as the present administration, otherwise the state executive committee would have the painful duty of making a successor for Comrade Stallard. No human could endure the force of such plants. We are pleased to know that they are trying to defend their party. They will need a lot of eggs.

Local Caddo, of Caddo, Oklahoma, wants to correspond with locals of Atoka, Bryan and Coal counties for the purpose of arranging a district encampment. Locals of the district are requested to send a delegate to a convention to be held on June 23 with Caddo local.

Speakers' Bureau Notes.

The debate between Dr. Cowles of Detroit and G. G. Hamilton of Oklahoma City, is attracting great interest. 16 of the 18 dates are arranged, but you want one of takes dates, write to the Bureau at once.

The Socialists of Bryan, Oklahoma, will pull off a big encampment on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th of July. Among a large number of speakers are H. T. Reed, G. C. Streeter, G. G. Hamilton, P. G. Hoenshemer, H. M. Sinclair, Mrs. Emma Norman, and Lee Rhodes. It is expected that this will be one of the greatest success of the year, 1914. The Comrades have made every preparation to care for a vast crowd. Come out and have the time of your life.

The State Secretary, H. M. Sinclair, will speak at the encampment at Bryan, on the 4th of July. We will tell the comrades something of the wonderful growth of Socialism in the states of Oklahoma and the nation, during the past year, the work that has been done to produce the results obtained, and what will be necessary to put Oklahoma in the Socialist column this fall. It will be a rare treat to those who have not been in touch with the workings of the state office. You are certain to derive great benefit from the talk of Comrade Sinclair.

We can book Comrade P. G. Zimmerman of Kiowa county from June 15 to July 15. We still have a few dates for Comrade H. G. Creel. Comrade Creel is a master of the art of oratory, a sincere Socialist, and one of the most outstanding speakers on the Socialist platform today. Write to the bureau for dates.

The address of the Socialist Speakers' Bureau, is No. 214 Ziegler Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. If you want a speaker for special occasions, meetings, picnics, debates or encampments, write to us.

ANSWERS POINTED QUESTIONS FROM A REPUTABLE SOURCE.

Dallas, Tex., June 4, 1914.

Hon. E. R. Meitzen,
Candidate for Governor,
Halletsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Carpenters of Dallas would respectfully request that you, as candidate for governor of the State of Texas make known to us your attitude upon the following issues, which we believe to be of great moment at this time, viz:

1st. Do you believe in the enfranchisement of women and to what extent?

Answer. To the fullest extent. All Socialists believe in this principle.

2nd. Are you in favor of an eight law for women as well as men?

Answer. Yes, and I hope to find some day that all workers male and female will need to work far less than eight hours and live well of that.

3rd. What kind of a Child Labor law do you advocate?

Answer. Every law that tends finally to abolish child labor other than training them to be useful human beings.

4th. Do you favor compulsory education, if so to what extent?

Answer. Yes and to the fullest measure with State aid to poor children. Making a full education possible to all alike.

5th. Do you favor or advocate compulsory arbitration?

Answer. No; until the government is wrested from the capitalist class as it has failed in every country yonder tried.

6th. Are you in favor of, and will you vote for the submission of an amendment to the constitution of Texas invoking the Initiative, Referendum and Recall?

Answer. Yes without any equivocation. It is one of the cardinal principles of the Socialist platform.

(Signed.) E. R. Meitzen,
Socialist nominee for governor of Texas.

June 8, 1914.

We are asking these questions because it has been impossible for those whom ye represent to inform themselves either through the press, or by hearing you speak and we shall greatly appreciate your answer which we hope may lead us to give you our hearty support.

Very sincerely yours,
J. Dallas Bartlett,
Mrs. C. J. Lemmon,
Esther L. Lowry,
Committee.

An anarchist stands for extreme individualism; the Socialist stands for collectivism; what does the Democratic party stand for? Answer in the words of Taft "God knows."

THE WAY OF THE CAPITALIST IS HARD.

(Written For The Rebel.)

Say what you please about the wholesale murder of the sons of men, women and children at Ludlow, get angry or be grieved, swear vengeance or be humble, it makes no difference how you feel or what you think, there is one fact that stands out more prominent than any other, this fact being that the catastrophe is the PRODUCT of the capitalist system.

The scene of a mother dying in the flame appealing to her God for mercy, the scene of a little child clinging to its mother's burning apron strings crying to a helpless mother for a mother's aid, the scene of a courageous working man lying shooting, dying and looking upon his little ones perishing in the flame is nothing more than a picture of the profit takers making a human sacrifice to their God; profits.

This scene, this picture, that catastrophe is evidence that the chest of the profit takers is—Give us big profits or we will give you DEATH, they do not stop at sex. Women? You workers are hungry that we make the profits." But they say: "Give us BIG profits," this means that if one of workers should be come a hindrance to their BIG profit making that they would see to it that the one would be put out of the way, they will not only murder the men but they will murder our wives and little ones in the most heart-rending, blood-curdling manner that could be conceived of by the minds of their low slum gang.

Personally I have always tried bodiedlieve that men would deliberately take the lives of other men for the sake of profits, I have always tried to connect some other reason why the murder was committed; but now I am convinced that they will not only take the life of men, but they will destroy the lives of women and little innocent children for the sake of profit making.

The profit takers have convicted themselves before tens of thousands of working people, they have demonstrated to the world that there is nothing so low but what they will stop to it for the sake of profits.

But you working people, you vote the Demo-Republican ticket. You are responsible for the crime committed at Ludlow! THIS BLOOD IS NOT ON THE HANDS OF THE SOCIALIST, but your hands are made crimson in the blood of little innocent children, you have maintained this present system too long, the time is now past when you should have to put an end to it, to let us come together before it is too late and vote the Socialist ticket. Now this year, next November, 1914.

The cry of the little ones who perished in the flame at Ludlow should not be considered a cry, or to be a helpless dying mother but should be considered a demand to every voting working man to vote the Socialist ticket, they cries fell on the ears of a helpless dead mother, shall the echo of these cries rebound from the tombs of women and fall on the ears of a heedless sleeping working people? God grant that it be not true.

I have said enough, enough has been said and DONE to convince you. If you would care, that the profit system is responsible for this and that its way is a hard one, especially is it hard on the working people.

Let us arise and go to yonder great common wealth where there are no little ones to have no graves where they do not murder little children in order to make profits, where men and women are free. Where men are men and women are women, where men are honest and where ALL are bountifully supplied, who work this and much more on the accompanied by all the workers voting the Socialist ticket. Will you vote it next November?

Ed. W. Burke.
Corpus Christi, Tex.

The peon in Mexico, who was exploited by the landlord on a hacienda found himself, his wife and children in a frightful condition so he went out and got him a gun. The biggest landlords have hit the grit to Texas, California, and other states. The Texas peon, who is exploited on a Texas hacienda such as Ferguson owns, is in a frightful condition and he has not gotten his gun yet. In the meantime he has his ballot and the question is will he know how to use it. It is better to use the ballot than the gun and the iron logic of events will compel him to use either one weapon or the other. Landlordism must go let the good work go on.

BROTHERS OF MINE.

I have been buried alive for four months.

One hundred and twenty days and nights have I been in this cage.

I know each stubby rivet, each tire, steel plate, each sturdy bar. The workmanship is good. My brothers who welded this thing in which I am, did their work well. I can salute their skill and their hammers as I look at the mute gray walls.

In a place far to the north where the hill ranges dip to the lakes, there was a brother of mine who dug daily in the dark depths of the mountain side. I see him bending to his task as he piles the ore high in the car beside him.

The flickering light on the peak of his cap throws his gigantic shadow on the cavern wall. The shadow is behind him. He has never realized its size.

Deep in the hold of a big lake boat that wallowed in the roll of a northeaster, another brother of mine toiled among that ore that shifted with the roll of the vessel. His work that night saved the ship and the ship from foundering.

From out the green hills of the Central South, a man dug chunks that made the heat under blazing furnaces miles away. He was a brother of mine. My little brother helped my big brother. The little fellow picked over and sorted the black chunks and breathed the dust.

One night a darkened train from whose armored sides spat tongues of fire, volleyed its way through the mining camp. The boy was saved from further work in the breakers. His mother did not mourn him. She went, too.

In a cavernous steel shell, whose sanitty sides shut out the light and air of day, a Bessemer boiler, Belcer 10, the big eye of the fire boxes my brothers heaped the black chunks on the flames. Above it other brothers blinded and blistered, strained under the loads of ore they dumped into the awesome pit.

In another place to which more brothers of mine brought the steel, over shimmering rails and towering bridges and through the tunnels all of their own making, there was another man—a big, broad-shouldered, deep-chested fellow, hood to loop upon.

With giant tongs he clasped a writhing sheet of solid flame and pulled it white hot from the rolling mill. He turned his face away as he did it,—but that was because of the ache in his heat-baked eyes. He was bare of the waist, and sweat streaked the grime and blotched the hair on his chest. Yes, he was my brother, too.

And here beneath my chair as I write, is that ore and coal and toil combined, brought here and boiled well by all my brothers, to make the steel flooring of my cell.

I wonder if my brothers know for what they toiled.

Carl E. Person.

(The man in the prison cell who wrote the above eloquent article was editor of the official organ of the Federated Shopmen who have been on a strike against the Illinois Central Railroad and the Harriman lines. Because of his splendid efficient work as editor, he has been beaten up on several occasions by the brass knucks, gun toots' thugs the Wall Street type of capitalists are employing in such immense numbers of late. He decided after the last time his life was endangered by the gunmen to arm himself. While working at his desk about five months ago the telephone rang and a voice voice asked to meet him at the interurban station on important business, thinking it might be a brother in distress who did not wish to appear at his office he at once responded. As Comrade Person passed down the street by a cigar store a gun man who had sent the call in had the cigar store proprietor point out Person as he passed by. He stepped out of the store and struck Person with a heavy revolver on the back of the head, covered with blood Person turned and clenched with his assailant and the two fell to the sidewalk while the gun man continued to beat him up. Person managed to get his gun out and clever to God he shot the ever-lasting daylights out of the thug. Instead of being at once turned loose and given a vote of thanks by the citizens for bravely defending himself, Comrade Person was locked up charged with murder and will be on trial for his life this week.

The Illinois Central Railroad controls the officials of Clinton, Iowa, where the trial will take place; so our comrade's life is in serious danger. He is being ably defended by the best his brother railroad man can secure for him. That he may be turned loose in the near future is the earnest prayer of The Rebel.)

"Men of labor, heirs of glory,
Heroes of unwritten story,
Nererefing of one night's another,
Hopes of her one another.
Rise like lions after slumber,
In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which, in sleep, has fallen on you!
Ye are many, they are few."

If the people owned the coal mines, world, we have death and desolation and destruction of constitutional government in Colorado and the wholesale loss of life through mining accidents in other states! What do you think?

ENCAMPMENT FORCE.

FOR LAND AND LIBERTY.

TEXAS SOCIALIST STANDARD BEARERS

For Governor:
E. R. MEITZEN,
Of Halletsville, Texas.

For Lieutenant Governor:
W. A. MORGAN,
Of Rockdale, Texas.

(Detach and fill out.)

APPLICATION FOR ENCAMPMENT FORCE.

_____, Texas, _____, 1914.

T. A. Hickey, State Secretary,
Halletsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

We wish to engage the state encampment force composed of E. R. Meitzen, W. S. Noble, John A. Currie and Miss Era Currie for _____ days at _____ Dollars.

Would prefer to have these speakers no earlier than the _____ day of _____, 1914 and no later than the _____ day of _____, 1914.

Dates preferred _____, 1914.

On the circulars you will please state the following: (Here give name and exact place of encampment and other details not to exceed forty words.)

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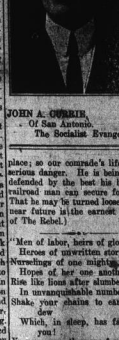
Will meet speakers at railway depot in _____, Texas.

Signed _____

Address _____



JOHN A. CURRIE,
of San Antonio,
The Socialist Evangelist.

MISS ERA CURRIE,
Of San Antonio,
Musical Director.

LUDLOW.

(By Henry M. Tichenor, The Rebel Bay Poet.)

Ludlow! by God, they did it—
With sword and torch and shell
They slaughtered child and mother
Did these monsters spawn of hell?
They murdered pregnant women—the quivering fetus was
Now lay in a bubbling spirit
Of the infant yet unborn! They piled them all together—they set fire to the mass—they left a—
Ludlow! crying aloud—for the swine-bred master class! Forgiveness—this owner—lust of Lucifer's purveyed (Aloud! Forgive it!) this while through our veins the blood flows swift and red! By God, I'm a prophet—I see the blood red sod so rain (!Away from earth with the master class—the swine-bred master class!) The Socialist party does not appear to be a political party, but a union of workers in Texas by Sam Hernandez we shall be greatly benefited