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Debs In Texas.

Last Monday morning before taking his train for Beaumont Eugene V. Debs and State Secretary Hickey had an interview in the Bristol Hotel at Houston. Asked about economic conditions in Texas as he had seen them, Comrade Debs said:

"Put me down as saying that I am most heartily in sympathy with every effort you Texas comrades have made in building up the Farmers' Union which has given abundant evidence that it is a strictly class conscious proletarian organization of agricultural workers. I do not look for any help for the agricultural toilers through the Farmers' Union because I have been informed from thoroughly reliable sources that the delegates to the Farmers' Union are in receipt of thousands of dollars of railroad passes supplied free by the railroads when they go to their conventions in this state. I also understand that old party politicians are officials of the union and when such officials are hand and glove with the railroad corporations and Chambers of Commerces then it is foolish to expect that any relief can be secured for the toiling masses from such a tainted source. Accordingly my very best wishes go out to those men who are struggling to make the Renters' Union a success and I say this from the bottom of my heart."

The big fighter of the working class battles then said a few kindly words about the possibilities of this state:

"I believe you have in some respects the most remarkable state in the union. Texas is more than 50,000 square mile larger than Germany or France and unlike these great nations that have a high degree of civilization your population is remarkably small.—I understand, just about four and a half million. If there was not something radically wrong with economic affairs or if your system were not radically wrong the blanched cheek of poverty would not be found in this tremendous state greater in potential power than European empire. Capitalism is the cause, landlordism is a part of Capitalism, but it is only a part. When the Texan realizes that rent, interest and profit must go then this great state can be the greatest geographical division in the world, because you have the soil, the climate and the people who can make it great."

Asked about Oklahoma Debs said:

"It is well within the bounds of possibility that Oklahoma will be carried by the Socialist Party this year and that a man with a red nerd in good standing will be the governor of the state before the New Year's bells ring in another year. Regardless of what may happen a Socialist governor will certainly be seated in the capitol of Oklahoma City by January, 1917. I do not believe that I am in too hopeful a mood when I say that the Socialists of this state can elect a Socialist Governor at the same time."

What about our northern comrades, was the next question.

"They are putting up the best possible fight in their power," was his reply, "and I can but say that I wish the workers of the North could be down here in the southern sunshine on this beautiful March morning, away from snow and ice and cold and I believe that they would feel that they had increased a foot in stature in a month. It is in the cold, with all the accompanying terrors of Jack Frost that is the word feature of the northern workers live under at this time of the year. In your climate the worker is fortunate in the good old sunny south."

Debs then went on to speak of his dream of the unity of all the working class forces, a dream that has been with him from boyhood and a dream that is sure to come true, and when it does coming generations will build statues for the man that has fought for it, the apostle of organization and with this thought in my mind I squeezed Gene's big hand as the conductor cried, "all aboard for Beaumont."

The previous evening before the big meeting the Rebel interviewed Dan Hogan, Editor of the Southern Worker, published at Houston, Texas, Ark. and the choice of the Little Rock convention for Governor. This interview will appear in our next issue. Comrade Hogan has made a deep study of organization and I am sure that his views on this most important question will be highly relished by our readers. He has consented to publish a Renters' Union department in his paper beginning with his next issue.

THE DEBS' MEETING.

E. V. Debs, four times nominee for the Socialist Party for the presidency, is again visiting our state, speaking under the auspices of the Southern Worker of Huntington, Arkansas. The Editor of the Rebel acted as chairman at a Debs meeting in the Houston Coliseum last Sunday night, where Debs spoke to a magnificent audience for about three and four thousand people. "OUR GENE" delivered one of the speeches that has thrilled readers on so many occasions. Always up to date Debs struck the keynote of the campaign when in praising forth the wonderful organization of the Renter's Union and pointed out that such an economic organization is needed in Texas at this time. This attitude of the great Socialist orator was objected by his friends because it was strictly in line with the national platform in which he ran less than two years ago. It was partly because the Renter's Union and others who believe that the capture of the state by the proletariat is impossible by possible then a grant organization of the land renters of the state has been bundled. In another column will be found an interview that the editor of the Rebel had with Comrade Debs before he left for the next appointment at Beaumont teh following morning. The Galveston News published a full report of the outcome of the meeting, which we publish below. Debs will be back in Texas in the next few months and we will do all in his power to build up a vicarnte vote for Socialist movement in the coming election. The Galveston News says:

Houston, Texas, March 8.—"Before me to power and we will put right the country by revision of the tariff downward and the enactment of a new banking and currency law, was the plea of the best Democrats last year. The Democrats were restored to power, the tariff was revised downward and the new currency and banking law was enacted. Today you will find that the cost of living has never been higher and there are 3,000,000 idle men and women in the United States clamoring for jobs."

So argued Eugene V. Debs, leader of the Socialist party, to an audience of more than three thousand people tonight. He pitched into the system of the administration in turn from the Republican, the Democratic and Progressive parties and he gave it pretty one chance to make good.

"Conditions can never be changed so long as any of the political parties are in power," he said. "So long as they are in power the capitalists will control the source of wealth of the nation's industry, and the men who produce the wealth will continue to be given a day's wages for their efforts."

The speaker cited the labor troubles among the miners of Michigan and in Colorado as examples of conditions into which the laborers have fallen, and declared that it is not only the capitalistic class arrayed against the workers in these instances but the state, county and municipal governments, placed in office by the votes of the workers, are likewise arrayed against the very men who voted them into office. He cited the cases of Charles Moyer and of Mother Jones as striking illustrations of how far the lengths to which the capitalists will go in attaining their ends.

The capitalists have been running this country for a century and a half, said the speaker. They have reached the climax of oppression; the change is at hand. To the workers, the men who toil with hand and brain, he said, belong the future and the thinking masses of the workers are awakening to conditions as they are.

The Socialist vote in the last campaign surprised the Republicans, the Democrats and the Progressives. We will surprise them even more next time. Our campaign has never stopped; it will go on and on, gaining strength with each succeeding test until

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST AND NOT A FOUNDATIONIST.

I am a Christian because I believe that Jesus Christ was the son of God and was God manifest in the flesh and was a man worthy of homage and reverence and obedience of all men.

I am a Socialist because I believe that it proposes a reconstruction of human government that will give all men justice and will restore to the human family their god-given rights and is therefore the only hope for the toiling millions of earth. I also believe that the principles laid down in the Socialist platform are identical with the teachings of Christ. As the encyclopedia Brittanica puts it the ethics of Socialism and the ethics of Christianity are identical. I also believe it to be the prodnet brought to us by the experience of the ages past and will ultimately overthow all unjust and oppressive governments in all the world.

I am not a Firm Foundationist because that paper has betrayed the best interests of the common people for the sake of gain and has lined up with the Catholic hierarchy and with plutocrats and land sharks in trying to deceive the people and have published and circulated Leonnons' letter to induce red and blind people to assist their own interests.

I know from the long experience I had for many years which I was fraternized with them as a preacher, that what I charge upon them is true. The F. F. has at this date two very bitter and denunciatory against all other religious bodies who differed with them even with our own brethren who differed with them concerning design of baptism. And have styled them all as sects and heretics, but to my mind they became a sect of themselves even of the most virulent and disgusting type. Their bibbly has always been to cling to what they called the Lord's plan but have always ruled out the human element and have invariably relied upon a clumsy hazard policy to accomplish their ends. In many respects it has been a glorious failure. Many of our old worn out preachers have died paupers, some in the Soldier's Home at Austin, two are there now. They have made no effort to care for the orphans except in the Orphan's Home, that hasn't enough children in it to amount to one for every five counties in Texas. They have called all human governments the Devil's government and the church the kingdom or government of Christ. But let's see what the results have been.

The Devil's government takes care of soldiers who fought a few months in a bloody war and grants him a pension the remainder of his life. But the F. F. church lets old soldiers in the Lord's army who was engaged in battle 30 years when he is at a broken down they let him draw a pauper's fund or go to the Soldiers Home poor farm or where ever he can get to spend his declining days until death comes and frees him from his troubles. I ask is that the Lord's plan and answer, no, no, a thousand times no.

Again they have always howled: "stay out of politics, except to fight whiskey," which is a well defined political question. But when hundreds of thousands of poor children died in sweat shops and factories not a word was said. When thousands of poor women were compelled to sell their bodies into shame because they could not get living wages, no protest was heard from the F. F. Not a word, is that the Lord's plan and answer, no, no, a thousand times no.

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Again the Democratic legislature at Austin gave the people's land away to railroads and syndicates not a word was heard. That would be dabbling in politics. So again when the laws of Texas allowed men to be convicted and sold to merciless sharks who were running farms on the Colorado, Brazos and Trinity rivers and about down men and beat them to death by the lash drods, more cruel than was done in Mexico in the darkest days of Cortez, Diaz or Huerta, not a word was said by them.

When white slavery existed all over the United States even in Texas our own state, not a word of condemnation did we hear from the F. F., no that would be meddling in politics. Their plea has always been to close your eyes, stop up your ears, bear all things, keep out of hell and get to heaven. But did Christ do that way? No, you know he did not. He always condemned evil wherever he found it. Calling men men liars, hypocrites and thieves and robbers comparing them to whited sepulchers and was killed by that cause that he condemned, by that wicked and corrupt government. So we see clearly that the F. F. church is not following Christ only as some did for the loaves and fishes.

J. W. Brice.

AN APPEAL TO THE FARMER

(Written for The Rebel by Alvin Coker.)

Brother farmer, are you a renter? Are you willing to stay for just a short time in your mad struggle for existence and consider the economic conditions that surround your life?

Would you like to be able to purchase that cultivator for $25 or that you now pay from $37.50 to $42.50 for? Would you like to purchase that riding planter for $15 instead of the $25 you now pay? How would you like to replace that old farm wagon for $40?

Would you like to be able to purchase sugar for 2-12 cents per pound and coffee for 12 1-2 cts. or less; and all the other necessities of life at a like reduction?

Would you like to see all of your neighbors home owners and enjoying the above conditions? Would you like to give your children a good education?

Does the above appeal to you? Would you like to be in a position to realize these things? If so, you must recognize the following facts:

You must recognize common interests of all workers is identical. You must realize that the interest of the worker and that of the capitalist are in direct opposition to each other. You must know that profit is getting something for nothing. You must realize the fact that today capital is getting the profit and labor (you) are getting nothing.

You must recognize the fact that capital has complete control of our government. You must know that it is through this control of our government, RT AOIN trol that they are able to take the profit above mentioned.

And above all things you must unit teaching your children that a Socialist is a demon with horns and a spear-like tail. You must dispel the idea you now hold that a Socialist is an anarchist of foreign birth who has come over here to destroy your home, murder your wives and burn your children.

You must recognize that we are a band of loyal patriots, who have the best interest of our country at heart.

The most of the 25,000 Socialists in Texas in 1912 were American born citizen and quite a few of them were native Texans.

You must lay aside your party prejudice and weigh in the balance of justice some of the planks now confronting for your vote. We are not unreasonable, we do not try to force you (through hoodlum prestige and other methods) to vote with us, and above all things we do not propose to buy your vote.

Here are some of the reasons why 25,000 citizens of Texas voted the Socialist ticket in 1912:

They recognized the fact that, although the farmer might labor hard and produce abundantly he was exploited to such an extent that he could no more than barely exist.

In view of the fact that they have so long been promised relief by the old parties and as yet have received any, limited their conditions are growing worse and they realized that it was useless to any longer expect relief from them.

Having (beforehand) come to this conclusion after a thorough consideration of the old party's positions they began to cast about for some avenue of escape. There is no political party that offered relief (in this state) they got together and organized a toilers party, better known as the Socialist Party. A party of workers for the worker and by the worker. This party is in direct opposition to all parties that is of the craft, or for the grafter and by the grafter.

Recognizing that trusts or combines are only good for those within them and that privately owned trusts of public utilities and the necessities of life are being operated in a way that is detrimental to the welfare of the public, we therefore propose through constitutional amendments to make it legitimate to take back these great enterprises that have been taken from us in the name of profits and for a trust that will use of the people, for the people and by the people. A trust to be owned and operated by the public through the government. We have every reason to believe that this trust will give satisfaction, for we have some in operation that do. (Did you know that "Uncle Sam" confiscate is not so bad as you have been taught to believe? But perhaps it has never occurred to you that the individual right to establish mail lines has been confiscated. Yes, really confiscated and one demanding its restoration.)

We propose to establish a trust of all of the general commodities to be operated, not for the purpose of obtaining extortion at profits but as the postal system is for the sole benefit of the public.

We recognize the fact that the old days of numerous enterprises in each community have been gone thereby dominating the system of competition. We realize that the natural evolution of time has brought us to a period where we are now bordering on an era of reconstruction. One of these two things MUST happen. The capitalist class of this nation will, through cooperation, form a gigantic trust on all the necessities of life (and intrenched) to the detriment of the laboring class or else the laboring class must form a gigantic trust through cooperation to manufacture and distribute said articles. One or the other MUST come. This era of evolution is demanded.

WHICH DO YOU PREFER? LABOR MUST DECIDE FOR ITSELF. THE TIME IS THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

I plead with you in the name of all you hold dear to stop for a moment and consider what great calamity that is NOW hovering over you and which can be averted by you, only by concerted political action.

I beg of you to stop and look about you and see the trend of events, see what the future destiny of the worker must be. Not in the distant future but in the very near future. It takes no prophetic eye to see what the destiny of the toiler of middle age now in the prime of life will be average life of his race. It is not necessary to point to the future to show you conditions that are now too horrible to exist in a civilized country.

Look at the treatment the timber workers of Louisiana received in 1912 at the hands of the capitalist class. Look at the oppression of the miners in West Virginia, Colorado and Michigan. These men are your brothers, fighting for the right to live and labor, fighting for the right to support their wives and babies as only true men can. Their labor is as essential to the public as your. As one who performs useful labor with you they are your brothers their interest is yours. Your sympathy SHOULD be with them, they are crying for you from the very depths of hell and to help them in their demands for a living wage. They plead with you to help with your vote to allay their misery, want and sorrow. Their demands for a living wage is legitimate. How can your heart to turn a deaf ear to their pleadings? BEWARE THAT YOU YOURSELF MAY NOW SOME DAY KNOCK AT THE DOOR OF JUSTICE AND BE DENIED.

There are other cases too numerous to mention in which the demands of the worker are just as legitimate and his labor just as necessary.

The fight of these workers is your fight for their emperor is your emperor. If you have entered in this fight for the emancipation of your class. You are a slacker and doing more harm for even as the monster grew has had power to enslave them and is that one single man, so shall another farmer suffer in the very near future. If not sooner so.

I plead with you to arise and in the name of laboring humanity to through political action cast EVERY SO VOTE YOU ARE ABLE TO CAST FOR LABOR. SO STAND YOUR VOTE BE FOR LABOR.

Clerical Liars Cornered.

The Firm Foundation is a publication supposed to represent the Church of Christ and its place of publication is Austin, Texas. Some ten years ago the editors of that sheet published a book entitled "The Evils of Socialism" The name of the author was W. F. Lemons of Tyler, Texas. The Socialists of Texas and Oklahoma, in which the book has circulated in small quantities, have had a great deal of fun with Mr. Lemons and the Firm Foundation as a result of this publication. Any man with any knowledge of current events, political, economic or sociologic, had but to glance through the pages of this book to find that the author knew nothing of Socialism, very little of history or even contemporary literature, was totally ignorant of economics and was blind to Bible truths. However, he did display one shining trait and that was that either due to stupidity or gall or because he possessed a remarkable capacity for downright lying he managed within the pages of his book to tell more lies, twist more facts and generally muddle an important political discussion than any other man in the South in recent years.

The Socialists have immensely benefitted by the publication of Lemons' book. Through the discussion that it has provoked we have been able to reach thousands of people who otherwise would have been blind to the truths we have to tell. Lemons reminds us of the saying of Artemus Ward that: "Everything has its use in nature including measles and New England rum." His book has certainly been useful in that it has shown the fact of morality and the capacity to lie that is characteristic of a capialistic preacher.

We have also succeeded ourselves with a profoundly philosophical statement that was given us two thousand years ago by Aesop in one of his immortal fables which went like this: "Truth and Lie ran a race one day. As the spectators watched the start of the race they noticed that Lies legs were very long and Truth's legs were very short, but they noticed that the longer they ran the longer became the legs of Truth and the shorter became the legs of Lie with the result that Truth came in an easy victor while Lie gave up the race and lay back in the dust."

It has been even in the case of Lemmons as the articles published below thoroughly prove. These articles are from the pen of Lemmons' brothers in the cloth. They are old time Christian preachers "They reached his hand, they heard him and Shuddered at the F. F. F. as unmitigated liars and allies of the present system of working class exploitation. Those who read these articles can see that the Socialist position is the real Christian position and The Rebel desires to here and now go upon record as saying that our columns are open to a written debate between Lemmons and the Reverend Thurman of Sulphur, Okla. as to the truth or falsity of the contents of his book in a tissue of lies—and double dares the F. F. to open its col-of space to the same subject. The Rebel believes that Lemmons' book is at issue of lies— and double dares the F. F. to open its columns so that we may prove the same. It is up to you gentlemen of the F. F., now what are you going to do about it?

Below we publish some articles from representative men of the Church of Christ who brand the F. F. and its favorite author as a fraud, who uses the press of the F. F. to deceive, lie and bamboozle the members of the Christian Church.

THE F. F. AND LEMONS' BOOK.

By becoming the owner and salesman of Lemons' book "The Evils of Socialism," the Firm Foundation has got into an unenviable position. Men of intelligence, among them also Christian preachers, are bombarding the F. F. with an account of its connection with that dirty lying book.

The F. F. is too cowardly to open its columns for a discussion of the book. It certainly would open for discussion if it believed that the book could be defended.

Finding itself in a trap the F. F. resort to the old capitalistic methods of the two by four politician. I'll show this by referring to an article in the F. F. of February 17, 1914.

First, The F. F. repeats the old capitalist objection that Socialism has its origin in the ranks of infidels." Admit it and then what? Does it therefore follow that it is "infidelity" to demand political and industrial democracy? Is it "infidelity" to demand that classes shall be abolished in order to end economic robbery? Does the F. F. think that to be a Christian we must endorse legal robbery and political despotism? That is its argument.

Did it ever occur to the bright baby that edits the F. F. that the little degree of political democracy that we enjoy in America "originated in the ranks of infidels?" Because Tom Paine stood as the champion of political democracy does it follow that political democracy is "infidelity?" Because the "Declaration of Independence" was born in the brain of an infidel, Thos. Jefferson, does it follow that the "Declaration of Independence sets forth "infidel principles?" That is the wonderful argument of the F. F. and a lot of other jack ass preachers.

The F. F. is on the side of legal robbery and human slavery, just where all capitalist churches and capitalist religion stand. Its "religion" is so mammonized that right and justice for mankind are strangers to it and all of its kind. Let me offer an explanation for the benefit of the bright babe that edits the F. F. Mammonized preachers are so pro-occupied in peddling out an economic interpretation of "religion" to protect the economic robbers of the world that there is no room in their heads nor hearts for sound political and economic principles. They disqualify themselves as pioneers in human progress by fawning at the feet of the ruling class. Hence when God needs men to pioneer the way to higher civilization, He is forced to reject all capitalist minded preachers and go among the "infidels" to select men to act as His agents in teaching correct principles of government and economics.

At the time the Declaration of Independence was written all organized religion was in the service of the master class. Priests and preachers and Popes were every one of them Tom Paine, one of the world's greatest infidel writers, became God's agent to promote political democracy and attack the "divine right" doctrine of kingdoms.

The preachers were too busy to uphold King George III to understand the ideals of man in governmental affairs. God rejected them all and selected Thos. Jefferson, the "infidel" to give us the immortal principles in the Declaration of Independence.

Seventy years ago all organized religion was on the side of the economic masters of the world. The preachers interpreted "religion" *to suit the money interests of* the ruling class, economic justice could not be entertained in the heads of such traditionized mammonized preachers. Economic evolution had prepared the environment. The time was ripe to proclaim the doctrine of economic justice "to the worker the full product of his toil."

God rejected all those mammonized preachers. He selected the infidels, Marx and Engels, and through them proclaimed the gospel of economic justice.

Today organized religion is on the side of capitalism as it has been since the church was captured by the ruling class and Constantine in A. D. 325.

"Religion" stands in defense of the ruling class. "The church" is a brand of "religion" under the name of "religion." Its "gospel" is legalized robbery sugar-coated with the name of "Christ" to fool the working class and make them humbly submit to robbery. The F. F. brand of "religion" is a capitalist fraud. Its "religion" is the religion of human slavery and degradation. Its doctrine, evinced in Lemons' book, is that "God ordained that the working class shall forever be servants of the ruling class." Lemons in a letter to Brother J. E. Cody says that he (Lemons) "stands for the Christ" and Thurman does not." God does not use such "religion" churches nor preachers. They are qualified now just as they were in the time of Tom Paine, Thomas Jefferson and Karl Marx.

Second. The F. F. screams out that a speaker in our national convention said that "99 per cent of the delegates in the convention were infidels." The F. F. is wrong. The speaker was talking about men who were "scientists" philosophers and scientists. The mass of delegates were of the common people and not "scientists." But is the F. F. so ignorant that it does not know that almost every "scientist" on the capitalist side of the fence, the world over, stand just where those scientific minds in our convention stood on religion—that is they are "infidels?" I'll give the F. F. the job of finding half-a-dozen "scientists" in all the capitalist work who are not "rank infidels?" Does that prove that capitalism is infidelity? That is the F. F. argument, but see how or other-the F. F. swallows capitalism, infidelity and all. Yer lily a fraud, Brother Editor the F. F.

Third. The F. F. again advises its readers to get the A. Campbell and Owenian debate to read in order to learn what Socialism is. I exposed the fraud of palming off that debate on the people as a debate on Socialism, in The Rebel some six weeks ago. The F. F. is either as ignorantus or it is deliberately lying in telling its readers to buy that debate to learn what Socialism is. I pointed out the fundamental differnces between Owenism and Socialism.

The F. F. will not dare to allow an investigation of that book in its columns—just as it will not allow an investigation of Lemons' book.

Fourth. The F. F. names three men who will defend Lemons' book and Lemons is one of them. Bear since the dirty book was issued. I've tried to force Lemons to defend his book. I've attacks in The Rebel on the F. F. for its connection with the Lemons' book. Lemons refuses to do something. Hence, the F. F. names three parties for "final discussion." That leaves a discussion through the F. F. and Rebel that I proposed and which the F. F. refused to allow because it would reach the public. The F. F. is foxy in saying "oral discussion."

Fifth. In order to try to make the Lemons' book stick the F. F. says the quotation "faithful," or words to that effect. I find one Baptist preachers in debate make "faithful," or correct quotations from Bebel and that does not prove that their conclusions are right. Just so with Lemons' book. I'll give the F. F. some examples. As a matter of fact Bebel quotes some old myths about gods that married their own sisters and begotten children made no use of it at all only to show the ideas prevailing among certain people thousands of years ago. Nowhere does Bebel build "argument" on it. Lemon quotes the story of these myths from Bebel and then says that Bebel "bases an argument on them in favor of Socialism." Lemons "faithfully quoted" certain language from Bebel but he lied on Bebel just the same when he charges that "Bebel bases an argument on them in favor of Socialism on these myths." In my debate at Messer, Oklahoma, last week I put this lie up to Lemons, but he would not try to defend himself.

The New York City Metropolitan Society "coon dinner" that he charges on the Socialist party, affirming in his book that it was given to show that we will have a "nigger equality" under Socialism, he could not defend. Letters in my possession from parties in New York named in Lemons' book give the lie to him by showing that the Socialist party had nothing to do with that "coon dinner." It was given by Lemons' own gang.

2. I read a letter that Lemons wrote to me last year when I corrected the F. F. with the letter from New York. In that letter Lemons gives the lie to his book denying that he had charged the "coon dinner" on the Socialist party. In the letter he says that he didn't say that it was a "Socialist party affair" but a "Social affair." Lemons was powerless to defend his book in the debate. Everybody at Messer, Oklahoma knows it.

I give these examples of Lemons' lies to the F. F. The first shows that a "faithful quotation" does not prove the correctness of the conclusion charged on the author that is quoted. The second like the first is just a plain case of unadulterated lying without even the semblance of an authority to support it.

But the F. F. will doubtless go on advertising it as a "remarkable book" and advising the "brethrening and sistering" to buy it.

As long as the F. F. is guilty of advertising such a mess of lies in order to uphold legalized robbery, there remains but one thing to do in this part of sensible people of the working class. BOYCOTT IT.

The F. F. charges that some decide that Socialism is better than Christianity and quit the church. What the F. F. calls "Christianity" is a component. It is composed of a part of what Christ taught and added to that is the capitalistic interpretation of religion that was adopted in A. D. 325. This is history. Now, when people learn the fact they refuse to recognize such a fraud as "Christianity." As honest men they reject it as they ought to. But they do not reject the real article—the Christianity of the New Testament which was the religion of "the Christ."

Perhaps the bright baby that edits the F. F. may some day become honest enough to see this. If so there is hope for the F. F. otherwise there is none at all.

W. L. Thurman.
Sulphur, Okla.

THAT FIRM FOUNDATION CONFESSION.

My letter published recently in The Rebel, under the heading of "Firm Foundation Editor Confesses," seems to have given him much trouble judging from the prominence he gives it in his paper. He charges me with garbling his statement which I quoted in defence of sympathy. There is not an unquoted word in his letter that changes the sense of the extract given in the least, and I am sure he knows it. But he was caught and must now make some pretense of escape to maintain his orthodoxy with that gang that is never happy nor satisfied except when they are crucifying Christ or the blood of the Socialist. But I do not intend to let him escape so easily. I quote the whole of him of some of his plumage at least. Here is the quotation I gave to the readers of The Rebel from his letter which he calls a lie: "We do not doubt that the Socialists contend for many good things, which we are heartily agreed in concerned, and perhaps, I would agree with you on nine-tenths of your points if I had time to wrangle for Christians to dabble in politics at all."

This is a wonderful confession coming as it does from the man who publishes and sells the "Evils of Socialism." a book that Socialists and capitalist preachers denounces the Socialist as regular "brute beast." But now he admits that he would likely agree on nine points out of ten of the political economics of Socialism. Let it be remembered that Lemons' book which he circulates condemns every political phase of Socialism, yet he admits that so far as he knows he would agree in nine-tenths of its denials of these economics.

Now, I agree in what they call the "atheistic phase" and attempts to redeem himself by saying he agreed to all their political economics, he would oppose this atheistic principle. Now I want to say this "atheistic phase" of which they have so much to say is a foundling of their own and was born either of ignorance or depravity of the two combined. While there are many atheists in the party, yet atheism is not a consistent element of it. In other words, atheism is no more essential to Socialism than it is to the old parties, and I am thoroughly convinced that the gang who fathered this illegitimate weakling knew it. But being fully under the spirit of greed, graft and deception, honesty of purpose is lost sight of, and they keep up their howling prosecution over their own brat. The Socialist disclaim the little deformed imp. Neither belief nor unbelief in the divinity of Christ is made a condition of membership in the Socialist party just as of the old parties, and there is no more an "atheistic phase" in the Socialist party than there is in other parties, and this preacher gang of opposition must certainly know it, or they are most grossly ignorant of Socialist economics.

The fact that the principles of Socialism were first proclaimed by Marx who was an atheist, is no proof to honest and intelligent People that the system is atheistic. The originator of the Democratic party and the writer of the Declaration of Independence was an atheist, and if we were disposed to, sacrifice honesty and fairness in this howling gang of preachers have done, we could charge this "atheistic phase" upon the party. But just as with the Socialist, belief or unbelief in divinity is not a condition to the party, and it would be just as unfair, but mean and hypocritical to charge them with the "atheistic phase," though the party is full of atheists and was originated by an atheist. I believe in the divinity of Christ and have been preaching for more than 20 years, and I find that my faith is perfectly in harmony with Socialism, and that Socialism is in harmony with my faith to the extent of moral law and pure civil government. Here Socialism stops while my faith extends into the spiritual realms. But on the other hand I find my faith is not harmonious with civil government as we now have it, and that this government is largely antagonistic to my faith. Antagonistic because it is unfaithful to moral law, the basis of god government. It is morally wrong for one to eat in the sweat of another's face, both equally considered, but the present capitalist government is faithful to its own instincts of greed and graft and disregard for fundamental principle and unholds the moral transgressor who eats and lives sumptuously every day off of the labor of others. My faith rebels at this principle, and so does the entire Socialist party. Socialism is simply a synonym for moral law put into action in civil government. Whatever is morally wrong in civil government is opposed by Socialists, and whatever is right morally is accepted by them. The moral law embraces all good government, may be summed up in one sentence, even this "thou shalt love the neighbor as thyself." But this principle under the profit, rent and interest system has been somehow the cause of graft and robbery.

But what does it take to make a Socialist? Showalter says he would likely accept nine-tenths of the political economics of Socialism. To illustrate, let us now suppose that Socialism embraces ten political economic points. I accept these ten points and they make me a Socialist. Brother Showalter accepts nine of them, he is therefore nine-tenths Socialist. But Socialism is a synonym for infidelity, free love and anarchy, according to the satan Lemons. The ten political economic points made me a Socialist, and a Socialist is an infidel, free lover and anarchist, therefore the ten political points made me an infidel, free lover and an anarchist. Brother Showalter accepts nine-tenths of these political points and is therefore nine-tenths Socialist, and hence nine-tenths infidel, free lover and anarchist, or else his "Brother Lemons" has lied.

His attempt to ride out upon the back of their ugly brat is a failure. The little imp is made to serve them well in deceiving the untaught and unaspecting, but beyond this it is worthless. The poor thing, though fathered and born in depravity and ignorance, is very dear to this preacher element of the Lemons type, but it is doomed and the death throes are now upon the misshapen thing, and there will be much weeping, mourning and great lamentation in the Lemons Showalter camp when it passes away. Yer Lemons, Showalter, Wilkinson, Elkins, and several others are administering to the little divine bastard day and night, and offering up many prayers in its behalf, but it is gradually sinking, notwithstanding their pathetic and fatherly efforts at restoration, and some one of them will be called upon soon to preach its funeral. It is thought either Lemons or Wilkinson will be asked to do this, as the little things seems to have been loved and cherished more, if possible, than any other thing in the entire camp. Yours in deed.

G. T. Walker.

Lockney, Tex., Feb. 10 1914.
To the Firm Foundation Publishing Company and G. H. P. Sharp, Editor Texas.

Knowing that the book written by W. F. Lemons called "Evils of Socialism," contains many falsements and misrepresentations and is scurrilous and perverseness of the Bible and other books.

And believing that G. H. Showalter knows this fact we, the undersigned call on the Firm Foundation to a discussion of the above question or in the event of the refusal to open the columns said paper to open fair and honorable discussion we agree to furnish hall and a Bible school to meet any man they may select in the town of Lockney.

We will affirm the above proposition.

Now Mr. Showalter put up or shut up.

Yours for truth,

T. J. Marshall.
J. O. Abney.
W. F. Stacey.
T. J. Thornton.
J. J. Dobson.
J. T. Wimberey.
Geo. Griffith.
T. H. Hughes.
L. T. Wilson.
W. D. Matthews.
M. H. Ragle.
G. J. Sutton.
J. H. Johnson.
H. L. Bennett.
Seth Wight.
Glen Griffith.
J. A. Davenport, Jr.
Correspond with T. J. Marshall Lockney, Texas.

Rev. Woodrows Monthly.

Hobart, Okla., Mar. 4, 1914.
Dear Comrade:—

I see that you published the article Woodrow's Monthly in your last issue. Starting from that the word to you in time for publication that the first number will appear April, 1914, I would like for you to state that the privilege of subscribing at half price, 50c a year, will be extended to the 15th of May following. The first number will contain important communications from Dr. Dagon Pence, Poindexter and other bright minds. The monthly will back every measure and movement, no matter by what party or person proposed for the betterment of social conditions and for the application of the principles of the cooperative principle and the Socialist economic program.

Rev. Woodrow Jones, Author of churchianity as the economic basis of the world system of economic social devotion, I will be able to be with you in the cause of the Socialist cause, inasmuch as the theological scheme of other world salvation was submitted to me, and Christianity was paganized and mammonized for the socialistic economical program of the primitive church for salvation from evil in this world and from the eternal exercises and worries incident to the common struggle of chosen existence.

Cordially,
Thomas W. Woodrow.
Editor Woodrow's Monthly.
Hobart, Oklahoma.

Weatherford, Tex., Feb 26, 1914.
Comrade Hickey:—

Yesterday I was arrested on the old charge that the like socialists had me arrested on last date, blocking the streets with speaking for the Socialist party.

Trial comes up Tuesday. I wish I had some sample Rebels to coming east on a tour. Could you send me a list of names in Tower Fort Worth and your town? I want to meet my face to face.

Yours for freedom.

W. J. Lee.

A REBEL LIMERICK.

Oh, there was a young man named Tom Ball
Who in love with the pro high-ball
Did fall
In Fort Worth nominated by Dallas eliminated.
Now what do you think of Tom Ball?

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Oklahoma Notes

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

New Locals for the Week.

Kinlock, Marshall county, 6 members, W. E. Bryant, Kinlock, secretary, organized by S. D. Penik; Ki Dorado, Jackson county, 22 members, J. T. Fletcher, Ki Dorado, secretary; Horse Creek, Tillman county, 7 members, H. J. Countryman, Indianola, Route 3, secretary; Celestine, Pittsburg county, 9 members, J. R. Douglas, Celstine, secretary; New Hope, Rockham county, 6 members, L. Weaver, Sayre, secretary; Cedar Springs, Choctaw county, 5 members, J. S. Holland, Sawyer, secretary, by T. J. Jones; Blackwell, Kay county, 12 members, Davjd S. Viers, Blackwell, secretary; White Eagle, Dewey county, 10 members, Bert J. Collins, Lenora, secretary; Dibble, McClain county, 5 members, W. T. Bernard, Blanchard, Route 2, secretary; Sterling, Comanche county, 10 members, J. F. Fryman, Sterling, secretary; Arrett, Ellis county, 6 members, Wm. E. Aligire, Harmon, secretary; Meeker, Lincoln county, 7 members, C. L. White Meeker, Route 2, secretary, organized by J. M. Foster; Roosevelt, Kiowa county, 20 members, W. F. Meyer, Roosevelt, secretary; Washillas, Cherokee county, 11 members, H. H. Caldwell, Washillas, secretary; Navajoe, Jackson county, 5 members, W. C. Bennight, Headrick, secretary.

Members-at-large: W. H. Sandeen, Tulsa; Robert Vos, Lone Wolf, Route 3; G. M. Steedman; J. Wyatt Barton, Maud, Route 1; D. O. Jordan, Fort Towson.

Total for the week 16 locals with a membership of 161 and 5 members-at-large, making a grand total of 166.

Additional seconds to Pleasant motion for local Sulphur to reinstate Chas. W. Norton; Overbrook, Blue, Rock Creek, Hooker, Verden, Brewer and Gay. Making a total of 21?, necessary to submit, now.

Muskogee motion to extend time of referendum to 60 days has an additional second from local Muldrow.

The Granite motion to have the party pay J. W. Kelly $114.00?, and to S. J. Clark has been seconded by locals representing membership of 207, necessary to submit, 237.

H. Grady Milner's Dates.

Vinsent, Marsh, Red, 15; Bloomington, 16; Brinkamn, 17; Canute, 18; Foss, 19; Weatherford, 20 and Geary 21.

F. G. Zimmerman's Dates.

Noble, 13-14; Lindsay, 16-17-18; Liberty Hill, 19; Payne, S. H., 20; Oak Ridge, 21-22; Hudson, 23-24; Civet, 25; Stratford, 26; Ardmore, 27; Overbrook, 28; Healdton, 29-30; Bunker Hill, 31; Lebanon, April 1-2; Lach, 4; Woodville, 5; Holdenville, 6-7; Seminole, 8; Thrase, 9; Well, 10.

Garvin County Encampment.

Garvin county will hold encampment August 13-14-15. Speakers and place of meeting will be announced later. J. B. Morris, County Committee.

The comrades at Cleveland county had their convention on February 22 and perfected the political organization besides raised $83.00 for campaign fund and have gone to work in earnest.

Comrade Frank J. Hayes, vice-president of U. M. W. of A. acknowledges receipt of $27.00 as a donation from the Socialists of Oklahoma for the sticking miners in Colorado and in behalf of those suffering workers thanks you for this evidence of their interest and support.

Harlow's Weekly, independent magazine with Democratic leanings, authority on political situation in Oklahoma in its issue of February 28 has the following article:

While attention is being directed to the activities in the reinvestation of the democrat, Republican and Progressive parties, and "their incident formation of machines" in preparation for the coming campaign, the stpides of another and very important political party is being entirely overlooked. Unless figures at Socialist headquarters are fabrications few appreciate the scope and meaning of the Socialist movement in the state.

In the last campaign the Socialists were the second party in twenty counties in the state; it cast nearly one-half as many votes as the combined Republicans and Progressives and overone-third the total democratic vote. "This party has been in growing. In 1900, when the Socialists cast 23,000 votes in the state, the members of the regular Socialist organization amounted to less than 1500. In 1912, when they cast 42,500 votes there were less than three thousand "red card" men in the state. At the present time there are over 8,000 paid up, live members of the organization. During the month of January 85 locals were organized with a membership of over 1,000. During the first 25 days of February there were 117 locals organized with a membership of over 1500. Locals are being organized at the rate of thirty each week.

If these facts count for anything "it is not at all improbable that the Socialists will be the second party in the state at the next election." They are now demanding the place of the second party on the election boards in the twenty counties in which they were the second party in the last election, and "UNDER THE LAW THEY ARE ENTITLED TO IT."

There is a hint from the opposition my comrades that materially substantiates what I have been telling you. We have them on the run and if every Socialist in the state who has the red blood of Socialism in his veins will set right down to business and keep the charge centered on the enemy and not deviate from this concern in petty matters we will take possession of this state next November, provided they do not steal it. We have the only program that is honest with the workers and when they see the truth they will grasp it. It is up to you comrades to carry on the fight with all the vigor at your command and when you do I have no fear of the result.

The Crop Proposition.

This campaign is going to be finished like a whirlwind. The politicians of the old parties are going to make their last stand in the close days and you comrades should be on shape to meet them in this critical time. I know your misfortunes and poverty and suggest what has proved the best plan to meet expenses in the past was, that of utilizing in a small crop of some cotton and working on the co-operative plan. Have niches at intervals when it needs working and when the harvest is reaped you will have enough money from same to pay dues and have speakers and distribute a volume of literature. The revenues from these crops will come to you at the right time, and when you need some ready cash. Now is the time to talk this matter over and arrange for the future.

— SOCIALISM.

(Written for the Rebel.)

Is it a prophecy being fulfilled or is it a direction of man?

The subject I have taken is far too deep for my brain but I have often wondered why it was that some of the writers to your great religious weekly have not taken it up from the above viewpoint. I will state in the beginning I am a Christian of the Church of Christ and will let the Bible guide me in what I have to say. And will say again a man may be a good Socialist and not be a Christian or know anything of the Church or his Christ. But if he will make an honest investigation of Socialism and what it teaches he can not be a Christian in the true sense and not be a Socialist.

Socialism advocates no war, no sword, no cannon, let's see.

Isaiah 2-4. "Neither shall they learn war any more." Isiah you don't mean to convey the idea that wars shall cease. Sure. Listen. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one jot or title of my word shall pass away."

Not from the foundation of the world down to the present time has there been political organizations taking the stand against war as do the Socialists. Not only in America but the world over. So that part of the teachings of Socialism must be a prophecy in fulfillment. Again: The land shall not be sold forever, but under all the laws of both ancient and modern the titles read to you and your heirs forever. But that all may know we claim and teach that all God's children or the children of men shall have a right to make an honest living by tilling the soil if he so desires to till the soil without asking anybody. Cain asked God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Christ answered that question in Matt. 7-12, when He said, "Whatsoever ye would that men do, to you do you even so to them, for this is the law of the prophets." Mind you Christ both lived and died under the law. The early Christians taught it, but no political organizations ever taught it or even tried to teach it, much less practice it until the Socialists came on the scene. So that must be another prophecy in fulfillment.

C. T. Driskill,

Route 8, Box 81, Waco, Tex.

THE PRO-ANTI FAKE.

(By J. C. Smith, President of the Renter's Union.

Seeing so much in the papers editorially regarding the tenant problem I thought I would see how anxious they were to help us. I wrote and asked them to submit one which, in their opinion will solve the problem, I wanted a plan that would get real results.

The Pro-Anti Fakers printed my letters and now I'm getting letters from lawyers who are trying to "land" the tenants union for us.

I see where I made a mistake by feeling with them. Of course all I hoped is get out of them was to put them on record, but they are too many, they are like the spider said to the fly, all we need to do is walk into their parlor, they will do the rest.

Of course all of those old "Drones" that have swarmed around the political hive for the last three months want to be editor awfully bad but it seems that now they must get the endorsement of either the pro or anti faction if they hope to get a good enough to be anybody's governor, without mapine a solitary promise to the homeless people who will elect them to that office.

I look for the most tyrannical governor we have ever had if they land one of those sacred fellows, just because he is a "good pro" or a "good anti."

The only thing for us to do is to work for people who stand for principles that count. And I believe before the November election is over they will wake up to the fact that there are other qualifications besides those of being endorsed by the old worn out issues.

If you see any of them fishing in the Renter's Union fish pond, hook them in the creek and when they come up hit them in the face with their fish hail.

I thought you might have seen the Record and I wanted to explain my side of the story.

COMRADES LISTEN

Come to the Fruit and Farm counties the best in the world. Write for particulars to C. H. Latson, Goliad, Texas.

Our Great County Edition Plan.

Two years ago The Rebel management conceived the idea of giving to Socialist organizations in counties that had a certain number of Rebel subscribers, a special county edition. The plan was given out for the time being because conditions were then not considered ripe.

However we have never given up the plan, realizing, as we did that if properly presented and pushed, that it would give an impetus to the work of agitation and organization in the various counties of Texas and the South as no idea that ever been proposed.

We have begun to consider the necessity of raising the subscription price of The Rebel, the first idea in connection therewith was a step in that direction, namely to organize the statewide literature army, known as THE REBEL VIDETTES, that already bids fair to be one of the greatest literature armies in the nation.

The Vidette plan brought up another idea that is practically an extension of the same, namely the COUNTY EDITION plan, that means to such a reduction over the regular sub rates of The Rebel, with such other valuable inducements to local and county organizations, that we expect to see at least 50 organizations within the next few months arrange to take not less than 1000 Rebels per week for a period of from 6 to 12 months each. With only fifty organizations then in line this would mean an added circulation for The Rebel of 50,000; it would mean an unprecedented boost for Socialism in every county concerned; it would build up as nothing before the county organizations and, above all it would mean 50,000 additional votes for Socialism next November.

However we believe that 100 counties should be represented with special County Editions of The Rebel before the campaign has well begun, and it is not too much to hope that The Rebel will have the enormous circulation of 100,000 copies in Texas alone. And that, my comrades, would mean a Socialist in the governor's chair, if not in 1914, at least in 1916.

Let every red-blooded, wide-awake Socialist in the state read the details of this County Edition plan, the most tremendous ever presented to the Socialists of America and then get behind it. It ought to be an easy matter for every live county organization to get at least a thousand copies in an entire county, for six months, or even twelve months.

Here are the details:

The Rebel will agree to furnish to any county organization in any Southern State for distribution purposes copies of the Rebel containing a special county column to be edited by the county secretary or some editor elected by the county organization under the following conditions:

1. That such county organization agrees to purchase for a period of not less than three months at least 1000 copies per week of The Rebel at one cent per copy, "flat".

2. That payment for these special copies be made monthly in advance, first payment with order. If more copies of any one issue than the regular order are wanted, or if the regular order is increased any time during the month each must accompany order for such extra copies (The less bookkeeping the better.)

3. The Rebel management agrees to send the copies of such county edition to the address of any person or persons, residing in such county, from ONE COPY to any number of copies to ONE ADDRESS, free of further cost. (In this way county can place most of these copies by getting regular subscribers or getting bundle orders in small or large quantities.)

4. We will agree to insert in such issue any amount of advertising at the rate of 7 cents per column inch per issue, payable at end of each month. Ads not to be changed oftener than once a month without extra charge. (Note.—Comrades can charge 12 to 25 cents per column inch and thus clear nearly enough from one column of ads to pay for special issue. With 1000 to 15000 circulation they can charge at least $1 per month for small 1 inch ad, $1.50 for 1½ inch ad, $2.25 for 2 inch, and at least 50 cents per inch *per month* for larger ads up to 10 inches, and a rate of not less than 12 cents per inch for larger ads. With a circulation in the county of 2000 or more the rates should be still higher.)

5. If more than one column of a reading matter is wanted by a county organization the charge for inserting such extra matter would be at the rate of 6 cents per column inch per issue, payable monthly in advance or cash with order.

6. If the total copies ordered exceed 2500 per month two columns will be allowed without further cost.

7. Any county organization ordering 1000 or more copies for a period of three months or more will be allowed one special campaign edition for such county, containing six columns of reading matter to be prepared by the county editor; such edition to be issued sometime prior to the election, the time to be specified by the Rebel management though as near as possible on the date desired.

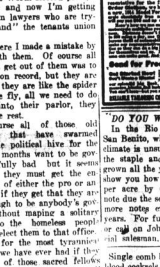
8. All matter prepared by county editors must be either typewritten (double spaced) or else legibly written with pen and ink or good black pencil — and on one side of the paper.

9. All such matter should be mailed so as to arrive in Hallettsville on Wednesday morning. However, if it can be done small "rush" items will be handled if received later than that. Remember that The Rebel forms close each Tuesday at noon.

10. *A Special Proposition to Smaller Organizations:* If less than 1000 copies per week for three months or more are taken, the price will be 1½ cents per copy, the terms and conditions applying to orders of 1000 or more being otherwise the same in this case. No county column will be printed for orders less than 500 copies.

11. *Finally.* If local organizations, one or more, wish to take advantage of the above offer, they may do so, if county organizations do not do so, or if there is no county organization.

E. R. MEITZEN,
Business Manager, The Rebel.



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Send 2c stamp for sample.

VIDETTE PLAN

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

2. A member can be any good Socialist, whether red card or not, male or female, boy or girl.

3. Members will be expected to do a few hours' work at least once each month.

4. Their duty will be to hand a copy of the monthly *propanda 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 this respect would be to see to it that every man likely to vote our ticket would pay his poll tax by February* 1, 1914, *and come to the polls election day.*

6. The REBEL VIDETTES will be officered as follows: Vidette captains will have charge of counties; vidette chiefs, of voting precincts and Videttes of portions of voting precincts. Only those will be appointed to thus take charge who freely agree to act.

7. Each vidette is expected in his rounds to collect enough funds to pay for Rebel Propaganda Editions at the rate of half a cent a copy, but for those unable to pay for copies we propose to establish a Vidette Fund, out of which to pay for free bundles to those who are willing to distribute but not able to pay for them.

Texas, 191____

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

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

My voting Precinct is named _____ and

My county is _____

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

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

Signed _____

Adress _____

The Texas Campaign is On

T. A. HICKEY, STATE SEC., HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS.

Call for Nominations.

For Platform Committee :

In accordance with a referendum now being submitted, all locals and members at-large are hereby called on to nominate three members of a committee which shall draft a state platform for the 1914 campaign, to be first submitted to a vote of the membership.

Nominations close March 23.

However if the resolution providing for such committee is defeated, the election of this committee will not proceed. We are calling for nominations this early because we must have a platform ready at least by the time the gubernatorial candidates open their campaign.

For District Chairmen:

READ CAREFULLY

Every wide-awake Socialist has long worried over the fact that at least half of the flotorial, senatorial and congressional districts (not to speak of judicial districts) of Texas have no political organization even in the hottest campaigns. This is not due to lack of party members, but to the lack of proper information or initiative on the part of the organized Socialists in the various districts.

Believing that 1914 will be the Banner campaign year, if we will only get on an efficient political basis, we have decided to take the first momentous step in that direction. We are accordingly submitting a nomination blank, for district political chairmen to all local secretaries and members-at-large and we feel sure the result will be that every last district will be politically oranized this year.

Let each local or member-at-large AT ONCE, nominate comrades for chairmen of the various districts of which your county is a part. Any person of ordinary intelligence can fill the place, as we will tell him exactly how to proceed. (County chairmen or state or county publicity committe men or any other duespaying Socialist is legally eligible.)

REMEMBER the nominations will be conducted just this once from this office, but we will promptly hain proceedings as to the nomination of a chairman for any specific district wherein for any reason any local files objection. In that case we shall communicate with the objecting local with a view of getting such local to conduct the nomination. Our aim is to get this district chairman matter on record in such a manner that from 1914 on, no one will ever be in doubt as to who is the district chairman for any given district. There, hereafter, such district chairmen may conduct the election of their successors.

After chairmen are elected all the locals and district committees will be notified as to their names and addresses and chairmen and committees will be fully instructed as to how to nominate district candidates, etc.

Further instructions as to county chairmen, conventions, committees and candidates will also be issued on April 1.

Mind, it will do no harm for you to nominate for district chairman any person whom you will later nominate for county or precinct offices. Just so, you do not nominate a man for district chairman who will be nominee for district office of the district of which he is chairman.

MAKE IT YOUR BUSINESS RIGHT NOW TO FIND OUT THE NUMBER OF YOUR FLOTORIAL (if you have one), SENATORIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND THEN NOMINATE CHAIRMEN FOR EACH SUCH DISTRICT.

(Nominations close March 23, 1914.)

State Referendum B, 1914.

1. A committee of three shall be at once elected by state referendum who shall draft a state platform for the 1914 campaign to be submitted to referendum vote.

2. A special assessment of 25 cents per member shall be levied for funds for organization purposes and to pay off the liabilities of the state office incurred during 1912-13. All members who have paid this assessment prior to the adoption of this motion shall be exempted from again paying the same.

3. Our National Committeemen be instructed to work unceasingly for the removal of elective, legislative and nominative power from our National Committee and National Conventions and the placing of these powers exclusively in the party membership, and national management in keeping with the Texas form of organization.

4. That this state moves and calls on other state organizations to second the following provided that any part of the following motion shall be vetoed vid in case amendments are adopted similar to these prior to the adoption of these motions.

(a) National Executive Committeemen, National Executive Secretary, International Secretaries and International delegates shall be elected by vote of the membership.

(b) The National Committee, National Executive Committee and conventions shall have no power to initiate, create or amend the party law or constitution. All provisions of the constitution in conflict herewith be abolished.

(c) That the National Party dues be reduced from 5 to 2 cents per member.

(d) That the National Committee conduct its business by mail and further conventions of the same discontinue except that they shall be held every 2 days before each National convention of the Socialist Party.

READ THIS : EACH MEMBER should today pay dues 6 to 12 months in advance. This will save much extra work and give needed ready cash for the 1914 campaign to local, county and state offices. At the same time it will insure your good standing. — EACH MEMBER should also begin arranging for a co-operative field of cotton, grain, melons, etc., for propaganda purposes. — EACH MEMBER should also subscribe for and distribute Socialist papers and literature NOW.

STATE REFERENDUM A, 1914

For the Nomination of State Political Candidates.

For Governor:
WILSON M. BROWN.
E. R. METZEN.
For Lieutenant Governor:
W. S. NOBLE.
For Attorney General:
HENRY FAULK.
For Comptroller:
J. L. HICKS.
For State Treasurer:
M. A. ANDERSON.
W. J. BELL.
For Land Commissioner:
F. A. DRINKARD.
PETER FITZPATRICK.
JOHN J. RUNE.
G. W. M. TAYLOR.
For Commissioner of Agriculture
J. S. BILLINGSLY.
J. C. SMITH.
J. L. SWAN.
For Supt. Public Instruction:
EMMA G. KELSEY.
For Railroad Commissioner:
G. A. LAMBERTH.
For Associate Justice Supreme Court:
E. BELLINGER.
For Associate Judge Court Criminal Appeals:
W. T. FLOWERS.
For Two Congressmen-at-Large:
REDDIN ANDREWS.
NAT. R. HUFF.
P. G. ZIMMERMAN.
For State Chairman:
A. J. BEVERIDGE.
J. R. BREWER.
J. A. FREELAND.
PATTON McCORD.
SAM W. SMITH.

P. S.—There are also one or more members every state political district for members of the state political committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT, SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS, FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

For Dues	$427.35
For Supplies	22.87
For Literature	5.30
Deficit	1.00
For Overpay local and Co. Sec.	1.25
	$458.90

EXPENSES.

To Nat. Office, dues	$205.00
To Nat. Office, supplies	17.75
W. T. Webb, bal. due election com.	9.10
Ed. A. Green, deficit	35.70
Jasper Co., old acc.	15.00
W. S. Noble skirmish	3.00
Tel. and postage	18.35
State Sec., Salary	75.00
Asst. Sec. Salary	30.00
Office rent	5.00
Old printing acc.	34.00
Paid to locals etc	2.00
Supplies and printing	2.00
Bal. on hand	3.84
	$458.90

RESOURCES.

Two Typewriters	$150.00
Duplicating Machine	50.00
Literature	43.00
Supplies	21.00
Due Stamps on hand	30.00
Due by Locals and Speakers	150.64
	$458.64

OLD LIABILITIES

Literature F. W. Ries	$ 30.00
Literature Scarr & Co.	23.80
Nat. Office	12.00
Due locals overpaid	
Bal. on old deficit	107.41
	267.21

(Signed) T. A. HICKEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Hallettsville, Texas, March 1, 1914.

Literature Bargains.

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

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

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

"Dimpy Ahead," by Debs and Chas. Edward Russell. All Social ist should read this 5c booklet; now going at 3c a copy.

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

Men and Mules, Bess and Butterfliin, and other 10c books at 10c each, 3 for 25 cents.

Send all orders to T. A. Hickey, State Sec., Hallettsville, Tex.

RIDE OR BE RIDDEN! WHICH? Start a business of your own. Our new book Successful Money Making Enterprise, tells How. Descriptive circular free. Address:

L. W. Marshall,
232 Diaz St, San Antonio, Texas.

There will be a county mass meeting of the Socialists in Haskell county March 28, 1914. H. M. Wilson, secretary.

All members of the Haskell local, No. 1222, are called to meet at Haskell, Texas, on Saturday, March 21, 1914. Business of importance to attend to. W. C. Newton, secretary, Haskell, Texas.

Mass Meeting.

By authority vested in me I hereby call a mass meeting of the Socialist party to convene at the county courthouse in Roby, Saturday, March 21, 1914 at 1:00 o'clock p. m. The purpose is to discuss plans for the general good of the Socialist movement in Fisher County. If you are a Socialist you are invited to attend. You will not be barred, even though you are not a dues paying Socialist. J. G. Holder, County Secretary.

A Good Lecturer.

I am in the lecture field altogether, I will be glad to correspond with any county secretary who wants an agitator and organizer. I am in Wise county till after March 20.

Dr. J. A. Presley,
Alvord, Texas

Wilson-Thurman Debate.

H. K. Wilson, Texas Textbites: "We have succeeded in matching a debate between W. L. Thurman and T. G. Wilkerson of Tioga, Grayson county, on March 12. The subject to be discussed is:

"Resolved that Socialism is in Harmony With God's Teachings and Is Therefore a Reform for the Present Evils of Our Society."

List of Available Speakers.

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

Dan C. Crider, Marble Falls, Texas.

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

P. G. Zimmerman, Marlow, Okla.

W. T. Flowers, Tolbert, Texas.

Dr. J. A. Presley Alvord, Tex.

G. A. Lambreth, Tra. Texas.

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

All of the above are able speakers are available at once or soon to Texas dates. Write them direct.

A TRIBUTE.

(By Wilson M. Brown.)

(The following tribute to the Appeal to Reason after Wayland's death shows the spirit of the man that wrote it.—Ed)

"Wayland is dead, a mighty spirit passes to repose and millions mourn! A fire has gone out, when the manner of his departure gives place to more quiet contemplation of the man and his great work. The heart swells with love for the noble, humble, earnest, soul that he was. Wayland was for humanity. We grieve that the pressure of the task he has so long and nobly borne has proved too great for the frail human frame. Thousands upon thousands proudly call him "comrade" for he has stood at the breach in the world of capitalism which his able pen so largely helped to make, and pushed the battle for freedom to the very citadel of entrenched plutocracy. He caught a glimpse of that holier day and laid his life and fortune upon the altar of humanity. Let nations weep—he was their champion. Let greed beware—his spirit is not dead, but only freed that it may touch and fire the spark in every breast where beats a heart that loves his fellow man. We mourn that he has gone, for we had hoped some day to clasp his hand and look into his eyes and speak some word of love for all his years of toil. Oh, that he might have carried yet a little while to view the sweet fruition of his fondest hope! But too, this cannot be; thou comrade, one and all, let us hold up the flag that he so ably bore and sweep on on his grave we drop a silent tear, we will be true to him and the great cause he lived and died for our very best to hasten the dawn of brotherhood of man and hard times around the world. And to his little child, to which he gave his life the "Little old Appeal" the month place of our cause, let's endeow our earnest help and unwanting zeal, until our fight is won and Wayland's hope achieved."

SOCIALISM AND THE PULPIT.

Socialism proposes an economic method of production and distribution constructed to meet modern conditions. Socialism demands the collective ownership and democratic management of the great industries of our nation in which the necessaries of life are manufactured. It has absolutely nothing to do with religion, it does not deal with the spiritual side of life, but deals purely with the affairs of this life and its membership is composed of persons of all religious creeds and denominations as well as agnostics. It is a political party contending for an industrial system that will give to the workers, in every field of industry, the full measure of the wealth created by their own labor. This is the central idea around which all others cluster. Socialists believe that if this condition can be brought about it will universalize opportunity and promote the happiness and welfare of the entire human race.

Socialism contends that idleness is not only a waste but is a crime to a civilized nation. Socialism stands for the fullest intellectual and physical development of the human race. It reaches out a protecting hand to the children in the workshops and factories and the slums. It maintains that with the abolition of private monopoly, interest, rent and profits, the last for which labor would be destroyed and much of "man's inhumanity to man" would be abolished. The Socialist platform in all that it advocates squares with the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, who himself was a useful worker and knew the sufferings of his fellow-beings who were oppressed and ground down between an ecclesiastical aristocracy and a military oligarchy. According to the Bible the first greeting that came to the birth of the Carpenter of Nazareth was: "On earth, peace, good will among men." The Socialist party is the only political party that stands for universalizing opportunities. The only party that stands for harmonizing the inherent powers of nature for the universal good of man. Jesus taught us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the sick, and condemn those who do not these things. To do these things is the highest aim of Socialism. Socialism strikes at private ownership of all industries, the root of the evil which causes eighty per cent of the human, sickness and unhappiness in the world. Socialism provides for the care of childhood, old age and the helpless. It makes the "dignity of one the concern of all." Why, then, should preachers and priests denounce it? If political parties are to be attacked from the pulpit, why attack the Socialist Party? Why not attack the old parties that are reeking with crime and corruption? They ought to welcome the Socialist Party as a potent power to help abolish the evils against which the Man of Galilee contended. The principles of the Socialist Party are the grandest that ever inspired the hearts of men and women. To carry these principles into effect, to establish this new political party that will give industrial freedom to the toiling millions, the Socialist Party has outlined a program. That program proposes that the Nation shall own the trusts, and the people own the Nation.

W. C. Vandiver,
Mineola, Texas.

THE DEMANDS THE LAND.

The idea of a man having to work three days and giving some rich loud hog the proceeds of every third day's labor in order to eat bread, is a very unjust order.

I believe the time will come when we won't have to pay anybody but God for the privilege of living on his footstool, and it won't cost gold dollars neither. "The meek shall inherit the earth." The same month that said, "Thou shall not commit adultery," "The land shall not be sold forever." "As the young babe is of its mother and draws its life from her so are we of this earth, and draw our life from her."

But the mother and all her poor children are under bondage to a set of blood-surging thieves and are not as much thought of by their masters as the black slaves were before the Civil war. The black slave had more sons than the average white slave today. He knew that he was a slave and when things didn't go right he ran away. The white slave of today will tell you that he is a free man and living in a free country. He hasn't got sense enough to know that he is nothing but a slave.

A Comrade.
Dupree, Okla.

THE MEXICAN PROBLEM.

Now, that at least, the Standard Oil Company has exposed the constitutionalists cause in Mexico, and has succeeded in bringing sufficient pressure upon Wilson administration to lift the embargo on arms, those who desire peace at any cost, see a gleam of hope on the bloody horizon of Arkansas. It is reasonable to suppose that with modern guns and sufficient ammunition shipped from the United States the Carranza party will be able to oust Huerta and his cohorts from power, in the near future.

But what of it? Will the Mexican people cease their struggle? Carranza becomes president. Certainly not. There is a deep-rooted belief in this country that the Mexicans are fighting for a change but the moment this error is dispelled the betterment course, the Washington government shares in the common belief that these people are very anxious for a new government. The fourteen million industrial slaves in Mexico are illiterate, (the priest and aristocracy have kept them so), they could not explain the reason why, but their instinct, the instinct of the oppressed, tells them that nothing to their benefit would accrue from a new government based upon the old order of things. The real trouble is that the Mexicans have been governed too much. They have been taught, they have been taught that the State and the Church for centuries. And their power of endurance is a good long endurance is greater than that of most races. They rebel only when things become unendurable. As it is, the masses in Mexico are holding over vacation, so to speak, and he is not to revolong it. And who will blame them? Sympathize with them? sympathizes with the under-dog.

Carranza and his family are well-fed and well-clad, they belong to the provincial aristocracy which has always ruled Northern Mexico, and though a good honest man, as he really is, Carranza cannot not and cannot not brings about the land reforms that the people are fighting for. He would give the people a new government, perhaps a little more suffrage and a bit of democracy thrown in for good measure, but suffrage and democracy do not fill hungry stomachs, they are luxuries that the peon would not know to use at present, and for which he cares little. The two great needs of these people are food and education not new governments.

To obtain these great boons, serious obstacles must be overcome. Traditions must be broken down, the system of caste abolished, the church rendered harmless, but first, last and all the time, the land must come into the possession of those who labor. In a small part of Mexico, this has already been accomplished. In the state of Morelos, Zapata, who really is a class conscious revolutionist, has driven out all the great landholders, who trafficked in human flesh, and that state stands right at the doors of Mexico City is entirely in the possession of the former peons. There is not a Spaniard, nor a landlord, nor a priest, nor any of those human leeches who have lived fat on other people's labor left in Morelos. In the great Yaqui River Valley, more fertile than the valley of the Nile, the five thousand Indians left from years of ruthless slaughter, have, with their characteristic stubbornness and tenacity once more taken possession of the land, naturally belonging to them, and are now showing it with rifle stripped to the shoulder.

And the Mexicans, unable to read and write, are setting an example to the world, in solving the economic problem, which after all is the most important of all problems. Past generations, in past ages, have fought over the difference in creeds, men have died to defend certain favorite superstitions, and nations have been spoiled in the name of fictitious gods, but the struggles of humanity in the future will be of an economic and social nature. Fancies will be set aside and facts will be the issue. And our boasted civilization will always be a rank failure unless every man gets the product of his labor.

Aaron Johnson,
Mercedes, Texas.