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# The Case of Cline, Rangel et al

In the county jail at San Antonio there are fourteen prisoners held for murder at the next term of court, 13 Mexicans and one American; they are charged with the murder of one Candelario Ortiz, which it is alleged occurred on September 10, 1913 in Dimmitt county near the Rio Grande border. Wether these men are innocent or not of the crime they are charged with we do not know and could not know because of the many conflicting reports that reached this office. The Socialist party locals in the southwestern country have, until this week, been absolutely silent upon the subjeht and we knew as a matter of course that the capitalist newspapers that covered that territory would lie as only the prostituted press can. Hence not being in possession of the facts we waited until the most important local in that jurisdiction acted, which is Local 18, San Antonio. On the 23rd of this month in a regular session they adopted the resolutions published below:

It appears to The Rebel as if these men were peacefully pursuing their way into Mexico for the purpose of fighting with the Carranzaists in the belief that thereby liberty could be secured for the peons of Mexico. At that time there was an embargo upon arms and the sheriff of Dimmitt county used extraordinary measures to prevent this peaceful army from joining their brothers across the line. That these men, who were smuggling arms, were engaged in a holy cause did not appeal to him and like a typical Democratic sheriff he could not imagine that the president of the United States would, a short time later remove the embargo that made their presence in Dimmitt county necessary on Septembr 10, 1913.

After the arrest of the Mexicans and the American, contrary to law, the prisoners' mail was opened and the editor of this paper was published all over the state as an assistant of the Carranzas and all that there was thereby entailed. Since then the federal authorities have stepped in to the assistance of the state authorities and used their tremendous power to connect the Socialist movement of Texas with the fight in Dimmitt county. We positively know and when necessary can produce the proof that when local 18 met in San Antonio on the 23rd federal detectives were present and used the long distance phone and telgraph for the purpose of trying to implicate the editor of The Rebel in the struggle. In other words I am prepared to prove and have the evidence at first hand that federal and state detectives are working outside (if not inside) the San Antonio local to the end that they will get the editor of this paper because of our fight for the destruction of landlordism on this side of the line; our struggle against the lumber trust in Louisiana and our editorial advocacy of the anti-imperialistic forces in Mexico. With this warning to the members of local 18 we will stop by merely saying that we are posted on this end of the line and are ready to go the limit with the powers that prey.

This much can also be said that we publish below the first clear statement of the battle in Dimmitt county that has appeared in any newspaper in America up to date. Those who, after reading this story desire to send funds for the support of the defense will find the treasurer's name at the bottom of that article.

In the meantime to you gentlemen of the secret service of the United States Government on th scond floor of the San Antonio post-office building the editor of this paper will say; Don't try any of the dirty tactics that your friends tried on Fred Warren and J. A. Wayland because we whipped you in Kansas and will do worse in Texas We will make a holy show of you.

San Antonio, Texas, Sunday, May 3, 1914.

Whereas, J. M. Rangel, Leonardo T. Vasquez, Abran Ciseros, Domingo R. Rosas, Beronacline Mendoza, Eugenie Alazalde, Luis Mendoza, Mugyel P. Martinez, L. R. Ortiz, Jesus Gonzales, J. A. Serrato, Pedro Perales, Felipe Sanchez, Charles Cline, fourteen in all, fellow working-men and proletarians are about to be tried for their lives upon a charge of the murder of one Candelario Ortiz;

*And whereas,* we are informed that the said killing, if it ever occurred. occurred under circumstances which are cloudy, and which were created by the said Candelario Ortiz and others without authority of law, while purporting to be acting as peace officers, and as a result of the conflict caused by the aggressive acts of the said Candelario Ortiz and companions, upon our fellow working men, the said Candelario Ortiz was killed;

*And whereas* our fellow working men were at the time of and prior to said conflict enjoying privileges guaranteed by the fundamental laws of the land and which should be common to all citizens to-wit; a right to bear arms, and all availiable information clearly shows that all of said persons purporting to be officers of the law were not in fact officers of the law but mere private citizens acting without authority of law in firing upon our fellow working men;

*Therefore be it resolved,* that local 18 of San Antonio, Texas, affiliated with the International Socialist Party of America, here and now extend to these unfortunate fellow working men, their families and friends their sympathies,and while this local does not indorse the killing of Canderlario Ortiz, yet we feel that if said killing occurred at all it occurred under extraneous circumstances such as does not show a premeditated act and we hereby pledge ourselves as an organization of working men to extend to these unforunate working men our unqualified efforts and assistance in their effort to obtain a fair and impartial trial under and in accordance with the law of our land, and if possible thereby an acquittal and hereby pledge ourselves to assist them in every way possible that is right and fair, morally and financially and in every way to this end.

We hereby call upon our fellow working men of the world of all races, nationalities, creeds and colors to assist us in this worthy effort.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this organization, and a copy be forwarded to the Rangel Cline defense committee at Los Angeles, California, and a copy be published in all labor papers.

Adopted by Local 18, San Antonio, Texas, on this 23rd day of May, A. D. 1914, in a regular business session.

Jack Horner,
Secretary of Local 18.

*THE STORY OF THE "DIMMIT COUNTY VICTIMS."*

On September, the tenth, 1913, a few patriotic Mexican working men began to assemble at Carrizo Springs, Texas, preparatory to crossing the Rio Grande on to Mexican soil, for the purpose of assisting their fellow working men and women in breaking the yoke of a despot and relieving their enslaved and oppressed country men from the iron heel of a master and the mailed fist of a dictator. This assemblage, which at first was only a handful, was increased by the morning of the tenth to some twenty volunteers, all of whom were Mexicans, except one Charles Cline, an American, and most of whom, if not all, were Mexican born.

All of these men were champions of the cause of the working men and women of the world, in their various capacities as lecturers, writers, agitators and educators, of whom the most widely known were J. M. Rangel, Eugenie Alzalde, Luis Mendoza, and B. Mendoza. All of these men are product of the mines, the mills and fields of an uning class." Often within the last decade, these men raised their voices happy country, whose one misfortune is the proseperity of the "ruleby both tongue and pen against the outrages committed upon and against their class by the exploiting element of not only their stricken country, but of the entire world, and often when to speak meant the attack of the police, and the bayonet of the soldier, these men bravely and fearlessly protested against the wrongs perpetrated upon their class and denounced the wrong doers. When the ballots were obtainable by the working class of that nation, these men were educators of that class; but when the dark cloud of war settled upon the land of their nativity, and the land of Juarez's became bathed in human blood, these men became soldiers of the common good and bore the burden of their unhappy class, consisting of the common laborer, the peon and the meek and lowly, and for this most holy of holy causes were exiled from the land of their birth. Such were the personnel of the twenty men who were camped just outside of Carrizo Springs, sthangers in a strange land meaning no ill will or harm to anyone and wishing well to all.

As these men lay slumbering peacefully in their camp, Sheriff Gardner of Dimmit county without warrant, capias or personal information that any law was being violated, constituted himself a canmittee of one, and in the night, when all peaceful and law-abiding citizens were sleeping, went to the house of Eugene Buck, and Candelario Ortiz, and others and aroused them from their beds and in the little silent plaza of the village of Carriza Springs, in the small hours of the morning, they plotted and planned the disturbance of this little camp of inoffensive persons, which terminated in the death of Ortiz the following day.

After the plan had been carefully laid, Gardener and his bunch of agyressive citizens surrounded the camp of these peaceable working men and in the morning when the light of day had illuminated the eastern skies, and announced that the day had begun, Sylvestus Lomus, being the first to awake went up a trail through the brush to ascertain whether an expected wagon had arrived, which was to ransport them to another point in their journey to the border. Lomus had proceeded some 35 yards, when the entire camp was aroused by the firing of a volley of shots. Knowing that Lomus was unarmed, and that the shots just heard could not have been fired by him, his comrades were much surprised, and went out in every diretion to investigate the cause of the disturbance. Some went towards an old washout or gully some seven feet deep, and about 75 yards to the right; others went in the direction taken by Lomus to the left; others went in the direction of the road which lay to the north of the camp, and which was in front. The country in and about the vicinity of the camp was covered with little bushes about head- high, stones and cactus. The parties going to the right towards the wash-out or gully, saw two parties approaching them on foot, and laid down in the gully until the approaching parties were upon them, and in this manner effected the capture, one of whom was Eugene Buck, and the other Condelario Ortiz. The parties passing to the left and to the scene of the recent shots, found on the trail about 35 yards from the camp, Lomus, lying upon his back withou t fire arms, and dead. An examination of his body showed that he was shot in the rear portion of his jaw, just back of the ear and the bullet had made its exit in the left front side of his face, just below the eye. The parties who had murdered Lomus by shooting him in the back without warning were concealed in a clump of bushes, about 50 or 75 yards from the unfortunate dead man.

The investigation parties then approached the clump of bushes for the purpose of ascertaining from them their reason of their violent and inhuman conduct, to which they replied with a volley of shots without any explanation. This volley of shots was returned by the investigating parties, and the assaulting parties thereby driven from their position, returned to Carrizo Springs for reinforcements. The Mexican patriots returned to the camp, and realizing that they were being attacked for some unknown reason or other by some unknown parties, that if they remained in the present place they would probably be killed by being shot in the back as was Lomus, then prepared to break camp and move on to the border of Mexico. Their first plan was to release Buck and Ortiz, and permit them to return to Carriza Springs; but for fear that the captures would reveal their whereabouts, plans and intentions, they thought it best not to release them just as yet, and decnded to take them along with them to the border where they would release them and let them go back.

With this aim in view the march to the border was begun about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 11th. About 10 o'clock they came to a dry creek, the bed of which wasabout 12 feet deep, with the banks sloping at an agle of about 46 degrees. The creek was crossed by the head of the column which advanced some 50 yards and paused, waiting for the remainder of the column to catch up. From where the head of the column paused it was impossible to see what was transpiring in the bed of the creek. All of the parties crossed the creek successfully, except Ortiz and his custodian, a man by the name of Guerrero, who said, "Go on, I'll bring Ortiz." After the parties had and Guerrero came out, saying Ortiz had escaped. Later on in the progressed some distance, shots were heard in the bed of the creek, day about 2 o'clock. Guerrero stated to several of his companions that he had killed Ortiz. That night a posse of citizens from Carrizo Springs under Sheriff Gardener, and a number of soldiers under an army officer, attacked the Mexicans, and by one of the shots which were fired, Guerrero was killed. Upon demand of the army officer, and which was the first demand to surrender ever made, the Mexicans advanced under a white flag and surrendered. The plans of Gardnor, Buck and Ortiz, had borne fruit on the night of the tenth, Ortiz was found by the posse in the bed of the creek, dead, a victim of his own plot.

These captives were hurried to the village of Carrizo Springs where to complete the plot, a grand jury was hastily called together and empanelled and in the face of a very strong public sentiment they were all jointly indicted, as principals, for the alleged killing of Ortiz. So strong was the feeling against these unfortunate men in Dimmitt county, that it was impossible to obtain a jury there and the cases were transferred on a change of venue to Frio county, by the judge of his own motion.

In Frio county the same sentiment and prejudice of the courts was encountered which necessitated the transfer of the cases to La Salle county, where, for the same reasons, they were again transferred to Bexar county.

In San Antonio which is the county seat of Bexas county, moving pictures falsely purported to represent the scene and acts of the alleged killing, were reproduced and exhibited publicly, for the purpose of inflaming the public mind and prejudicing its citizenship against the unfortunate defendants, until the whole judiciary is prejudiced to such an extent that it is now almost impossible for the defendants to obtain a fair and impartial trial.

To arrange an adequate defense for these men requires money, and anything short of an adequate defense means judicial murder.

On the 6th day of July, in the shadow of the Alamo "The Cradle of Texas Liberty," and in sight of the public monuments of Travis, Crockett and Bowie, these men will face an unjust charge of murder growing out of their well intended efforts to answer the call of their battle scarred, torn, rent and bleeding country.

In the trial of these cases it will be determined whether or not justice for working men exists in Texas.

## Ferguson "Farmer's Friend."

The old saying that when thieves fall out honest people learn the truth is being abundantly proved in this campaign. The latest proof comes from a savage attack upon Banker Ferguson by Mr. Perkins of the Home and State. He shows clearly that Ferguson, who wishes JeretentiopntrecordoneeGEIpFert to stop land usury, is a usurer of the first water and a skinner of actual farmers and land renters that can almost equal the landlords and politicians who suport Home and State. In an issue of the Houston Chronicle last week Perkins exposes Ferguson in this thorough manner:

"Do you know how Mr. Ferguson made a lot of this big fortune of his that we are roaring about? The farmers will get the idea all right. Mr. Ferguson would make the charging of more than third and fourth usurious, but it is doubtful if any person in Texas knows better than Mr. Ferguson how easy it is to get around the usury law.

"In 1904 and 1905, during the cotton season, Mr. Ferguson was active manager of the Belton Trust and Loan Company with headquarters in Belton. Mr. Ferguson's company was in the business of loaning money to farmers.

"Along in the spring when a farmer would apply for a loan of a hundred dollars he could get it from Mr. Ferguson by first giving ample security in the shape of chattel mortgages on growing crops. Next he would sign a note for $110 if he wanted $100 in real money.

*Next Comes a Contract.*

"Then, before he could get his money, he was required to sign a contract to deliver to Mr. Ferguson's company a bale of cotton for every ten dollars, his cotton to be sold by Mr. Ferguson, who was to receive as 'compensation' one dollar for each bale sold. It was provided in the contract that if the borrower failed to deliver the cotton he should forfeit to Mr. Ferguson a dollar for every bale, so Mr. Ferguson was sure of the dollar in any event.

"In this way Mr. Ferguson made one hundred dollars bring a return in three or four months equivalent to 80 per cent a year. The chattel mortgage records of Bell County are thickly sprinkled with the records of business done by Mr. Ferguson's company during these two years.

"If you wish to apply the same methods to land rents it would be simple enough. A land owner could sell a farmer a pair of old, second rate mules for a fancy price closing a contract trade, yet it would not have to go on the record. Mr. Ferguson knows quite well that this has been done."

*Predicts Interesting Fight.*

Mr. Perkins predicted a very interesting campaign. He says he found a lot more of facts in Temple than he found in the Houston Club. He says he's got a lot of highly interesting reading for his little Dallas publication. He says he's thinking of releasing some vital and pregnant facts that are closely akin to the political situation in job lots and bunches. He says he doesn't believe that Mr. Ferguson will be governor at all, at all.

He says he is calmly confident that one of these days there will be some noises sounding through the valleys of Texas that will echo and echo. He likes a good fight and he is looking forward with much glee to what is coming. He says that Mr. Ferguson is some business man.

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Dear Comrades of The Rebel:—

For the enclosed 25 cents please send me its worth in Rebels containing Comrade Meitzen's Letter of "Acceptance." I want to give a few of the Donks the pleasure of comparing that letter with the capitalistic and prohibitionist dope of Ball and Ferguson. Somebody ought to tell that lawyer that sent the challenge to Comrade Presley to get under the bed and hide and never be guilty again of saying "women haven't enough sense to vote." Be ashamed Gilbert.

R. J. Creamer.

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Rochelle, Tex., May 19, 1914.

Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Please send me instructions on how to organize also a constitution and by-laws of said Union by return mail, as boys are going to organize at Rochelle at once.

Fraternally yours,
Monroe Wilson.

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Will some follower of the pure and simple brand rise up and inform a palpitating working class where in the hell Sam Gompers and the American Federation of Labor is during the present crisis of the labor movement? If the slaughter of babies will not stir this reactionary body to action then it should be buried in oblivion.

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Every Texas Socialist who wants to see 75,000 votes this fall, should now get busy and help push The Rebel list to 75,000.

# Governors-Encampment Tour.

## E. R. Meitzen, W. S. Noble, John A. Currie, Miss Era Currie.

Last week we gave details of the Governor's Tour that we expected to begin about the middle of September.

However, this week arrangements have been perfected whereby this tour can begin with the opening of the encampment season. This has been done by inducing two more persons to join with the gubernatorial candidates in organizing a state encampment crew second to none in America.

As stated in the headlines the members of teh star encampment force are:

1 E R. Meitzen, of Hallettsville, Socialist candiate for governor. Among his subjects are: "What Would a Socialist Governor Do?"; "The Farmer's Program;" "Organizing the SCo-operative Commonwealth."

2. W. S. Noble, of Rockdale, candidate for lieutenant governor. Subjects: "Needs of the Hour;" "Land and Liberty;" and "The Class Struggle."

3. John A. Currie, the great "Socialist Evangelist," who has just returned from a four months' tour of Florida. Some of his topics are: "Socialism and Religion," "Interest, Rent and Profit," "What to do to be Saved."

4. Miss Era Currie of San Antonio, a good pianist and organist, a pupil of the leading German musical professor of the state. She will also render Socialist recitations that will amuse, thrill and instruct

### *WHAT THEY WILL DO.*

The three speakers above named will make a total of three speeches per day—four if you want that many.

They will gladly aid in managing the encampment program where the comrades are inexperienced and desire help.

The encampment crew will furnish free a good supply of Socialist revival song books, and (with the assistance of the Curries) local singing talent at each place will be drilled for the encampment song service. Where possible, there will be solos, duets and puartettes. The musical part of the program will be a great attraction.

They will furnish free a good quantity of large and attractive advertising posters for each encampment, also the date of the latter will be announced and kept standing in The Rebel, Appeal and other newspapers.

They will pay their own railway fare, board and lodging and personal expenses.

### *THE TERMS.*

The total cost to local encampment committees for securing the entire crew of four members is:

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| *Three days* | $60.00 |
| *Six days* | $110.00 |

For this sum the force, as sated, pay their own expenses and do the other things stated.

All that is required of encampment committees is that the latter transport speakers from the depots; also that they secure a piano or an organ (piano preferred) and have as many singers as possible on hand the first day.

Of course local committees will also look after securing the grounds, arbors, seating accommodations, etc., the same as before.

If more speakers are wanted we can supply them, as we expect to organize another force.

### *UNDER THE OLD PLAN.*

A comparison of this plan of furnishing encampment speakers with the old plan is not out of place here, just to show the general advantage of the new idea. Under the old plan we furnished merely:

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| *Three speakers for three days* | $36.00 |
| *Board and lodging (at least)* | 11.25 |
| *Average railway fare* | P9.00 |
| *Advertising circulars* | $5.00 |
| *Total* | $61.25 |

So, all things considered, you will save money in this respect and get a good musician and a splendid song service in the bargain, as well as the most complete diversified and talented encampment force in the South.

### *SPEAK UP QUICK.*

Those wanting this force that in itself assures the success of any encampment, should speak up quick. First, come, first served. There is no doubt that all their time will be taken in short order.

In applying for them, clip and fill out the blank at the end of this article.

### *GOVERNOR'S TOUR.*

After the encampments are over, Comrades Meitzen and Noble will continue their gubernatorial tour as originally planned, at the terms stated previously ($15 per day *flat*). You may make applications for these two speakers now, so that you may be sure to get them later on, though they will not be ready to begin at the $15 rate until about September 15.

After the encampment crew is dissolved, Comrade Currie and his musician expect to try out the idea he has long had, namely of holding protracted "Socialist Revivals" in all parts of the state. For that purpose he expects to secure a large gospel tent and otherwise employ old-time revivalist methods. Further annoucements as to this great plan will be made in due time.

### *IN THE MEANTIME.*

Let everybody get behind the GOVERNOR'S ENCAMPMENT TOUR at once and help make it the most gigantic series of Socialist rallies and meetings in the history of the South.

We have the ability, the force and the field to start a landslide in Texas next November if we will only take hold of this proposition right.

So, all together. Call mass meetings and take action instanter.

We have the Donks on the run; just a few more 14-inch encampment shells and the state capitol is ours.

Yours for victory.

T. A. HICKEY,

State Secretary Socialist Party.

### *REMEMBER LUDLOW.*

Working men, women and children remember Ludlow, when to your secret chamber you go, your prayers to say; remember Ludlow, if you think that God rules supreme on this earth; remember Ludlow, if they tell you that the devil does not rule supreme, remember Ludlow.

You union men, when in your halls you meet; remember Ludlow, when the Demo-Republican politician approaches you for your vote, remember Ludlow, ABOVE ALL things, when you go to cast your ballot next fall; REMEMBER LUDLOW, if your children should cry for bread, don't be surprised, but remember Ludlow.

Remember that Louis Tikas, the Greek, did not go out to meet the enemy from Sparta but the enemy from 26 Broadway when the magnates of Wall street tell you that they love peace, remember Ludlow, remember the flag of truce carried in the hand of Louis Tikas how this white flag was made crimson in his own blood which gushed from fifty bullet holes in his body, REMEMBER that 26 Broadway required this blood for the sake of profits, when 26 Broadway denounces you workers as dynamiters and human life destroyers just remember Ludlow.

Look! see the flames reach higher and higher, see tent after tent fall in the flames to ashes, LISTEN! hear that wail, hear that cry! Look, yonder is from whom those wails came, a woman in the flame, see the bundle in her arms, hear the little thing cry, a baby, my God! my God! the little one has smothered in the smoke. Look! man, look! the woman is aflame from head to foot, Oh, she has fallen; a wail, a groan, a mourn, her limbs move now she is still, she is dead.

Look, yonder is the man who did it walking up Broadway, he is going to Sunday school, he is going up there to teach a Bible class, listen, he is singing, hear that old familiar tune, "Nearer My God to Thee."

This is a picture of the profit system.

Ed Burke.

Thos. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

I am today enclosing you the three stock pledges which you sent me. You will find them properly filled out for five ($5) dollars each. We that have signed these pledges are all poor hard working men and we feel that we should do something to help the cause along.

I think if every laboring man in Texas and Oklahoma would pledge himself for five shares of stock in The Rebel, that we could put the paper in such shape that it would open the eyes of the world and put the Socialist party in power in a very short time.

We already have a local at Bishop and I hope it will not be long until every town in the county and state will be organized.

Please send me a few applications for membership as I already have two friends that want to join.

You will find my application for membership enclosed with six months dues (90c) in advance, also 10 cents for National and state constitutions.

Yours fraternally,
J. W. Arthur.

### *CAPITALIST PLOT FOILED.*

The trumped up charge of Capitalist Mine Owners against Fred W. Holt, Socialist candidate for Governor of Oklahoma, were completely exploded by the district convention of the United Mine Workers of America, held at Fort Smith, Okla.

Holt has been one of the successful opponents of Capitalist exploitation in Oklahoma. As Secretary-Treasurer of district No. 21, he was largely instrumental in defeating, through a referendum vote by the people of Oklahoma, a vicious bill passed by the last democratic legislature for the purpose of disrupting the Miners' Organization. The fight against Holt was also aided by capitalists of Oklahoma, who are in great fear of the wonderful growth of the Socialist party in Oklahoma. This vindication of Holt, by the members of his own Union Organization, after a full and complete hearing of all charges and insinuations, makes Holt a stronger possibility that ever before in the race for governor of Oklahoma. In spite of the fact that Holt and the Committee with whom he worked had forced favorable terms from the Mine Owners in this state, and had, through the aid of the Socialist party, defeated hostile legislation against the Miners, charges of accepting bribes from Mine Operators were made against Holt, by the Operators themselves. Holt at once demanded a full investigation by a District Convention of his craft. The almost unanimous vote of confidence that resulted, shows that the attempt of capitalists to discredit the Socialist Ticket this year in Oklahoma, fell far short.

H. M. Sinclair.

### GIVES IT UP.

The time has come when I must say,
Good-bye old farm, and go away,
For years I've struggled long and late,
To house and clothe and educate
My family in this land so free,
But rents and interest ruined me.
We mortgaged cows an dhorses, too
To get enough to pull us through,
And things looked pretty fine, you know.
Until the drouth came 'long in June,
And then we "played another tune."
The corn turned to a shriveled leaf,
The caffir did not make a sheaf,
The pasture did not feed the cow,
And no alfalfa in the mow.
The well went dry, also the spring,
Then water from the creek we'd bring.
But still we hopped, nor fainter grew,
We still thought surely we'd pull through
The acres bread of grass we had,
And that fact made our hearts feel glad,
We figured prices would be good,
And so we put up all we could,
The stacks were broad and high and peak'd,
But then the clouds came o'er and leak'd,
The rain came down in shower and drizzle,
Until that hay "wan't wo'th a fizzle,"
But still we held our top piece high,
And said we'd dig out, bye and bye.
But when we to the banker went,
With that small statement he had sent
And asked him to renew the loan,
He simply gave a smothered groan,
And said he would not lend a dollar,
To save our old necks from a collar.
The landlord then came on the scene,
(The man has pockets full of 'green,')
And said that he had changed his mind
That we would surely have to find,
Another farm on which to live —
That he would three months' notice give.
Good-bye old farm, we've got to go.
But where, the Lord does only know
We'll pack our grip and make a start
And from this country we'll depart.
We'll go to Halifax — or Texas
Where rents and interest will not vex us.

G. G. Aikins,
Richland Kan.

(Detach and fill out.)

### *APPLICATION FOR ENCAMPMENT FORCE.*

____________Texas, ______1914.

T. A. Hickey, State Secretary,
Hallettsville, 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.)________

Will meet speakers at railway depot in ____________Texas.

Signed ____________

Address ____________

### *THE RECORD AND THE REBEL.*

Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald, staff correspondent of the Ft. Worth Record, has the reputation of being the wittiest editorial writer in the state. Sometimes he is wittier than usual. He was in one of his best moods when he got off the following about the Editor of this great religious weekly:

*Paramount Issues.*

State Senator McNealus has sidetacked prohibition as the paramount issue and is calling upon the people to remember "this living issue". "Don't forget that the issue," says Mac, " 'lands for the landless and homes for the homeless', still is to be squarely met and squarely solved by the Democratic party and the people of Texas. A limit on land-holding and the destruction of landlordism in Texas is as sure to come as the sun is to rise and set." Sounds like one of the Hon. Tom Hickey's editorials prepared for The Rebel, a socialist scorcher, with office of publication at Hallettsville, Texas. The Hon. Tom Hickey is the man who invented the Renters' Union. He is a peripatetic philanthropist who has made speeches for the Karl Marx principles from Sandy Hook to the Golden Gate and back again. If permitted to do the talking, Apostle Hickey doesn't care a rap who makes the laws. He is a burning crater of eloquence, and the only man in Texas capable of giving Cyclone Davis a run for his money in a forty hours' talking contest. Hickey is some warbler. Brutus Quintus Evans collided with the immortal Hickey once upon a time in the village of Plano. What happened is too tearful to relate. The Hickey Renters' Union has 9,000,000 members in Texas. If you don't believe it, then ask Hickey. He has the statistics. He carries them in his hat. With all his other accomplishments, Hickey is a lightning calculator."

When Fitz is in his serious mood he admits that the Renters' Union will be the residul legatee of the Farmers' Union and then we will have land for the landless and homes for the homeless in Texas. Come again, Fitz.

### *TEN REASONS WHY I VOTE THE SOCIALIST TICKET.*

(By L. I. Berty.)

1—Because I believe that the economic conditions of the working classes can only permanently be bettered and changed by the workers themsevles.

2—Because there is no other political party that represents and is composed of the working class except the Socialist party.

3—Because all other parties combine against the Socialist party which in itself is evidence that the Socialist party represents the interests of the masses.

4—Because the Socialist Party stands alone in demanding a change of ownership of the general means of production and distribution from private hands to public hands and because a change will cause a change of relationship in human society of immense value to the working class.

5—Because I believe if political democracy is a good thing, then industrial democracy is far better yet, because on account of its greater importance and influence upon the life of the working class.

6—Because I believe no man is good enough to be another's master, and no man ought to be allowed to sink as low as to be another's slave.

7—Because the Socialist Party is the only party that stands square on the problems of woman suffrage, the extension and improvement of our public school sytem, guaranteeing every child a rational education, the separation of church and state considering religion a private matter.

8—Because the Socialist Party is the only political party that stands for universal peace with the only practical program to attain this end.

9—Because it is the only international party that seeks the true advancement of organized labor, and stands for equal pay regardless of sex for the same class of work.

10—Because the Socialist principles are fundamentally correct and based on scientific facts, from a moral, religious, ethical, industrial or political point of view and are bound to be victorious, whether you believe it or not, does not make any difference.

## Dinah Seasick.

Mistah John axed me to write about our 99 days work in the land of flowers, but Ise too sick yit. After de handshaking and handkerchief waving was ober at de Tampa wharf, an we went to sea on dat big Brunswick for N. O., we had de pretties sailin down Tampa Bay, past Fort Dade and den we struck dat big Gulf of Mexico. In a little while dinner was called an we had de finest dinner I ebber seed. bestest fish I eber ate. After dinner a while dat ol boat gin to rock and I neber saw sich jumpin and pitchin and rarin and snortin in all my life. I had just begun to write about de trip when all of a sudden my head gin to swim an I said "Believe I'll walk round some." but when I tried I concluded I could walk better lying down. So I went to my room and tried to rest, but, my Lordy, My Good Lordy, dat bed was too narrow and too short and de whole boat, gulf, sky and de sun, all jist chased each other roun and roun. Directly some one went one way and some another and got all mixed up like de debbil. I tried to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep," but before I got any more said I found out that I couldn't "lay." Den I thought of how I'd majine I was a little child agin an in de cradle, and go right to sleep an forget all, so I began to say, "Mammy, dear mammy, come back from dat shore an rock your pickanniny to sleep once more," and fore I thought I said, "But if you do come back, bring old rags galore, for Ise gwinter to do some throwin up shore." I jumped up an ran out on deck, an dere I saw about half de crowd sittin round de bannisters trying to "talk it off." Some of em said, "wonder if we can see any flying fish?" Jes about that time one fellow thought of home, I reckon and hollered "Noo York." Pretty soon another one said "Noo York" and dat was catchin. Nebber heard such ohllerin in my born days. Everybody hollered New York. And of all de flying fish I eber witnessed was right down here (a fish what was ate for dinner.) I shore axed de Lord to please send more flying fish. It seemed dat it was "Gib me flyin fish or gib me death." Neber can forgit dat time, feelin better now.

Nearly sun down of the second day an de boat am still a rockin, but Ise used to it. Oh, de waters am so blue and de fish sure nuff had wings. Just now saw some little birds and I'm wondering where dey rest dere weary wings. Guess dey like de workin man, dey get no rest, got so far from de land dey done got lost.

Well Mr. John said he done got a lesson on Socialism bout de boat. He said de Democratic boat am at sea and a rockin and de officers of de boat am shore getting sick. Dey "sit down" on de high-tariff an tried to get rest. But de waves of poverty kept dashin gainst de boat, an den dey "laydown" on de bankin system and said: Right here we'll reform and feel fine, but 3,000,000 waves (unemployed men) hit dat boat bout dat time, an dey jumped up an said we will talk now bout what "Bill tole canal" or "Canal tolls Bill" or sumpin like dat an maybe de sea will calm down some. But still de waves of poverty an unemploment dashed gin dat boat and dere hollering "somebody hit Billy Patterson" and it was "Huerta." Now we'll hab war an make room for more lands an more work. Mr. John done tole dem workin men down in do land of flowers to wake up an vote for Socialism an pretty soon everybody hab work, an de sea be calm, an we will hab a beautiful boat through life. I has been tendin to Mistah John's letters an books an charts so much till I shore believe he is right. Dem Democrats got to "vomit up" all dat foolishness dey been eatin fore dey can git well.

As de preachers gotta do one of two things, either vomit de Bible up an quit, or swallow Socialism, for Bible and capitalism can't stay together.

Well Ise feelin better now. Mr. John said when I got well he'd try to tell me sumfin to write de Texas kumrids bout Socialism in de land of flowers. He said he shore glad to git back to dear old Texas once more, an jes as soon as rests his weary bones a few days, he's gwinter see if he can't raise de debbil up high, and den drop him.

Lubbinly yours,
Dinah

# Texas Notes.

(T. A. Hickey, State Sec., Hallettsville, Texas.)

E. R. Meitzen, the Socialist nominee for Governor, will fill some dates between now and the first of July when the encampment season will get under way. He is routed from May 30 until June 21, with but two open dates, namely, June 9th and 10th. Those living in the vicinity of Brown and McCulloch counties can have these dates filled by applying at once. Comrade Meitzen's dates are as follows: Cameron, May 30, 31, and June 1; Belton, June 2; Chadwick, June 3; San Saba, June 4; Pear Valley, June 5 and 6; Junction, June 7 and 8; Coleman county, June 11 to 21.

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*W. S. Noble's Dates.*

W. S. Noble, Socialist nominee for lieutenant governor of Texas, will speak at the following places: Ennis, May 30; Waxahachie, May 31; Italy, June 1; Birome, 2 and 3; Hoen, 4 and 5; Itasca and vicinity, 6, 7 and 8; Maypearl, 9; Parker, 10 and 11; Alvarado, 12 and 13; for C. F. Duncan, Route 1, Whitesboro, county secretary, Grayson county, from June 14 to 24.

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John A. Currie has returned from a hundred day tour of Florida where he has made an immense hit. He wishes all comrades who have addressed him to San Antonio to hereafter write for dates to the State Office only.

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Mrs. Mary Kules is speaking in El Paso until the 28th, then she will go to Big Springs on the 29th; Colorado the 30th, then five dates in Stonewall county, beginning June 6. Comrades desiring dates write to Mrs. Kules, care of General Delivery, Sagerton, Texas.

*Zimmerman Coming Back.*

P. G. Zimmerman, the old war horse from the west, is coming back to Texas from Oklahoma way of Gatesville, Denison, McKinney, and Ft. Worth. He is open for encampment and other dates this summer. Terms, $3 per day and expenses. Write the State Office at once.

O'Brien, Tex., May 20, 1914.

Please announce in The Rebel Comrade Merts' dates:

Weinert, May 29, 8 p.m.; Dennis Chapel, May 31, 2 p. m.; Haskell City, June 1, 2 p. m.; O'Brien, June 2, 8 p. m.; Hutto, June 3, 8 p.m.; Judd, June 4, 8 p. m.; New Hope, June 5, 8 p. m.; Rule, June 6, 2 p.m.; Sagerton, June 7, 2 p.m.; Stamford, June8, 2 p.m.; Nabors, June 9, 8 p.m.; Howard, June 10, 8 p. m.

To be continued next week.

Joe Hudspeth.

*Notice.*

Mrs. Kate O'Hare of St. Louis Missouri, will speak in Jasper, Texas on July 2nd at 1:30 p. m. and there will be dinner on the grounds for all. Come out and have a big day. J. A. Shaw, Co. Sec., Delta county.

Please give notice in The Rebel that the Socialists of Charleston and Union Grove will hold a two days' picnic at Charleston, Delta county, July 22 and 23. Speakers, Stanley J. Clark and Mrs. Dora Merts of Oklahoma, will gladly divide time with any representative of the old party. A. M. Bowman, Lake Creek, R.

*Nacogdoches County.*

By virtue of authority vested in me I call the Socialists of Nacogdoches county to meet at Gravelly Ridge on the 6th of June at 10 o'clock, 1914. B. W. Thomas, county chairman.

*Uvalde County.*

Please announce in The Rebel that the Socialists of Uvalde county will hold a mass meeting at the courthouse the second Saturday in June for the purpose of arranging to put out a county ticket in the county. I wrote you a letter yesterday and forgot to tell you for what the meeting was held. D. A. Baker. Box 335, Sabinal, Texas.

*Nacogdoches County.*

We, the Socialist members of Commissioners Precinct No. 2, met in mass meeting at Cushing, May 16, 1914. The order of business was as follows. Comrade G. W. Carnes made a short opening address, after which he was elected as chairman. The following men were nominated for office: ... Raney for commissioner. J. T. Carter for justice of the peace and A. Stephens for constable. H. A. Stephens, recording secretary, Cushing, Texas.

*New County Organized.*

Kleberg county, William Bayles, Kingsville, Secretary.

*New Locals Organized.*

Star: T. H. Ashton, Sec., Hood Co.; organized by Co. Sec. Temple Hall: A. J. Berry, Sec., Hood Co.; organized by Co. Sec. Wake: C. P. McDermott, Sec., Crosby Co.; organized by J. R. Belanzo; Palacios: G. H. Estes, Sec., Matagordo Co.; organized by E. G. Cloar. New Hope: B. Jansen, Sec., Stonewall Co.; organized by Co. Sec. Hawley: C. A. Hunbr, Sec., Jones Co.; organized by Co. Sec. Security: F. C. Myro, Sec., Montgomery Co.; organized by self. Green Schoolhouse: J. H. Newton Sec., Hill Co.; organized by W. S. Noble. Eaton (Branch 2): A. W. McBride, Sec., Robertson Co., organized by A. Coker. Sunset Heights, Harris Co.; organized by C. R. Triay. Goodrich: V. Q. Walters, Sec., Polk Co.; organized by himself. Rocky Point: C. C. McFerran, Sec., Polk Co.; organized by himself.

*Hardemann County.*

The Socialists of Hardeman County met in mass meeting May 9, and decided to put out a county ticket, as follows: County Judge, Frank Brazil, Acme, Tex.; county clerk, I. O. Jones, Kirkland, Tex., Route 3; sheriff, J. A. Jenkins, Quanah, Tex.; tax collector H. N. Bryant, Quanah, Tex.; tax assessor, J. D. Howard, Kirkland, Tex., Route 3; commissioner, Pre. 1, J. Ridley Jones, Quanah, Route 1,; commisioner, Precinct 2, C. O. Durham, Chillicothe, Tex., Route 3; commissioner Precinct 4, J. J. Gambell, Kirkland, Tex. Route 1.; J. P. Precinct 1, Will Givins, Quanah, Tex.

L. H. Wyman, Sec.

*Cherokee County.*

The following ticket has been nominated by the Cherokee county locals by referendum subject to the action of the August convention: for representative, H. A. Tucker; county judge, W. E. Webb; county attorney, J. E. Etheridge; county clerk, W. O. Harrison; tax collector, (S. B. Kirby; tax assessor, N. E. Rhodes; county superintendent of schools, Mary E. Thompson; county sheriff, T. J. Long; county surveyor, W. L. Robison; county treasurer, J. B. Stokes and district clerk, J. O. Hughes. Mrs. Mary A. Thompson, county secretary.

*San Augustine County.*

Fellow Workers:—We are going to organize a local at this place on Monday night, May the 18th. We invite you one and all to come out and hear Brother Halmer speak on "Slavery". You will never regret coming if you are a working man or woman. We especially want the married ladies to take part in this organization so as to help keep your husbands in line.

C. F. Nugent.
Benina, Tex.

*Henderson County.*

The Socialists of Henderson county will hold a rousing big encampment at Murchison, Tex., July 21, 22, 23 and 24. This being our third annual encampment we are expecting a grand time and are making arrangements for some of the best speakers both state and national. It will be worth your time to attend. For further information address J. B. Lewis, Mgr., Encampment Committe.

*Hale County.*

The Socialists of Hale county are requested to attend a mass meeting at the courthouse in Plainview, Texas, first Monday in June at 8 p. m., for the purpose of perfecting a county organization and arranging for the coming campaign. W. I. Pool, secretary.

*Fannin County.*

W. H. Morgan, of Lamasco, is one of a large number that writes in for instructions on how to organize. Don't be afraid to write us and we will answer you promptly and satisfactorily.

*Kleberg County.*

Milton Bayless of Kingville, has been elected County Secretary of Kleberg county and we intend putting out a county ticket this fall. We intend to organize in Riviera and other points.

*Wichita County.*

At a regular meeting of Local Wichita Falls J. J. Manley and O. D. Catrill were expelled from Local 1905 for violating their pledges regarding compromise with other ... parties.

H. B. Hayes, Sec., L. J. Peters, Chairman.

*Young County.*

The comrades of Young county held a mass meeting at New-Castle on May 23 at 2 p. m. A large number of delegates were present from different portions of the county. Comrade J. E. Whitley of New Castle was elected county chairman and P. C. Walker of Graham was elected county secretary. Comrade Gomer Jones was nominated for representative of the 99th district and a strong county ticket was also nominated. Resolutions were passed advising the working people to stay out of the Democratic primary.

Whitesboro Tex., May 22.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:

I am mailing you two more sub. cards. I was out yesterday and sold four. Did not have but two in my pocket, so will mail them. I find no trouble in getting subs for the Rebel. I am a subscriber to eight papers and the Rebel is the one I look for.

Success to the Rebel.

C. F. Duncan.

*Jefferson County.*

Beaumont, Tex., May 25.—At an enthusiastic meeting of the Socialists of the county, held at Port Arthur Sunday, precinct chairmen were elected and a full county ticket was placed in the field.

The chairmen are: D. E. Nash, Beaumont district; H. Fehl, South Park district; E. A. Farmer, Port Arthur district; T. A. Berrager, Helbig district

The following candidates were nominated: Arch Lingan of Beaumont, representative thirteenth district, John Ellis of Orange, senator fourteenth district. Charlie Land of Port Arthur, district clerk David L. Woods of Beaumont, county clerk. H. E. Williams of Port Arthur, county attorney. John Johnston, Jr. of Beaumont, county assessor. C. J. Peterson of Beaumont, tax collector. J. F. Johnston of Beaumont, sheriff. Birthie Floyd of Beaumont, superintendent of public instruction. J. R. Jones of South Park, county judge.

# Renters' Union.

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

The renters of Coleman county are more rebellious than ever and are showing their discontent in an intelligent form by organizing a large local of the Renters' Union at Starkweather. They did not wait for an organizer to visit them but proceeded to organize themselves. The secretary's name is W. J. Loyd, Starkweather, Coleman county, Texas.

In response to many inquiries we wish to assure all those renters who are afraid of publicity that their names will not be published and every move of theirs will be kept strictly secret from this end of the line.

Lipan, Tex., May 14, 1914.

Dear Comrade Meitzen:—

Please send me instructions how to organize a Renter's Union. We have a Socialist local here but there are some here that would go into a Renter's Union that we can't get in the Socialits local. I hear it whispered around that a Socialist can't rent land another year and that makes me want to do something for I am a rentter myself.

J. F. O'Bannon.

Riggsville, Ill., May 10, 1914

Dear Comrade Meitzen:—

Pardon this address (saw your name in the Texas Almanac) but will you please give information in regard to your Union?

Respectfully,

J. F. Thompson.

Alworth, Tex., May 3, 1914.

Comrade Meitzen:—

You may send me a commission to organize Wise county, I cannot devote all my time to the work until after I lay by my crop but I am being called away here and there over the county to lecture on Socialism and I will see what I can do for the Renters' Union I go along. I had a joint debate with Judge H. E. Lobdell at Park Springs, this county, last Saturday and we had a good crowd of farmers out to hear us and the interest was fine.

Send some of your arguments in favor of Renters' Union. Have you no obligation for applicants in the Renters' Union? Send everything necessary for instruction.

Yours for Restitution,

W. J. Green.

De Kalb, Tex., May 4, 1914.

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

Dear Comrade:—

Will you please print the following words in The Rebel, asking all the ladies in every county in the state to come together in the Renters' Union and appoint one lady for county secretary and having Mrs. V. A. Ezzell as State Secretary for a Womans' Auxiliary and all the ladies pay their little monthly payments, whatever they are able to pay, let it be 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 cents a month and send their little mite to the county secretary and the county secretary send it to the state secretary, Mrs. V. A. Ezzell, and she sends it to the treasurer when there is enough money in the treasury to start a good man out organizing the Renters' Union and when there is enough to start another good man out, etc., until we get out enough men to organize every county in the state.

Now I hope every lady comrade and lady renter can't get eyes opened to the Renters' Union and to Socialism. Wake up dear ladies and let's do all the good work we can for the betterment of our dear children. If it never does us older ones any good. I am trying to look ahead for my 10 children of all the land.

Now I hope all will be with my self and Mrs. V. A. Ezzell, I am

Mrs. N. E. Walker.

Palacios, Tex., May 4, 1914.

Dear Comrades:—

I have yet some courage to write you. There has been but few that have promised to help me raise money for the Renters' Union fund which I am sending to the secretary with this letter. Mrs. N. E. Walker of DeKalb, Texas, sent 25cents, W. D. Underwood, 5 cts. Mrs. P. M. Gregory of Palacios, 25 cts., total, 55 cents. I am sending 45 cts. so as to make it one dollar. It is enough to discourage most anyone to think there are only three ladies in so large a state as Texas who are willing to help us organize the Renters' Union that our children may enjoy the fruits of our labor. I know there are more than three. I cannot imagine why you stand back? It may be that you think I would use the money for my own benefit. If so, I am sorry. If you will read the back numbers of The Rebel you will see that a few live Socialists are working with all their might and spending every penny they have to spare against landlordism for the sake of their children. I only suggested the plan thinking there were a great many people that were not able to help much but could spare a dime once a month that would not send so small amount to Mr. Meitzen and would send it to me. I could send it in all at once. It would show we were trying to protect ourselves. I think that every renter ought to help the cause along and see if we can't get enough this month to make a show.

I remain,

Mrs. V. A. Ezzell.

# That Stock Company

## Important Announcement.

The Rebel management had decided to cut the Gordian knot. In other words, so anxious are we to give impetus to the greatest campaign in the history of Texas, that we have decided to begin organizing the stock company at once, and at the same time REDUCE THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF THE REBEL, effective from this date.

We take this radical step in the firm belief that our friends and comrades everywhere will back us to the limit, not only with further stock subscriptions, but with large Rebel sub. lists, at the old rate of 25 cents for 40 weeks in clubs of four or more, or 50 cents per year.

We consider that the amount so far pledged for stock in the hardest time of the year, together with hundreds of tentative pledges, will warrant this decision.

So that there may be no difficulty in securing the legal amount of paid-up capital stock at once, we shall begin this company with a lower capital than intended, taking in merely the Rebel, good will and subscription list and such machinery and material of the present plant as are not incumbered. We shall begin with a total capitalization of $6000, this amount to be increased as we are enabled to sell more stock and take in the machinery that is not yet fully paid out. At present the entire plant is owned by T. A. Hickey, E. R. Meitzen and A. C. Meitzen, who will turn over the same to the stockholders as the latter are enabled to take it over. However, for the present we expect to retain at least a third of the total stock between us.

This course is preferable to waiting until enough money is subscribed to take over the entire plant, since under the latter plan we should have to wait until late in the fall. We must have this great co-operative publishing concern going full swing before the last of June, taking potent part in the 1914 campaign.

We are awaiting the necessary papers from the secretary of the state, and hope to have the company organized before the end of May. Further announcements will be made next week.

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## Pledge for Stock.

................Texas, ................191....

Messrs. T. A. Hickey and E. R. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

I, the undersigned, agree to subscribe for ................ shares of stock at $1 per share, in the publishing company to be organized by T. A. Hickey and E. R. Meitzen. When said company is legally incorporated and the subscription price of The Rebel is reduced, as proposed, to the former rate, I agree to pay on July 1, 1914, One-Half of the sum due for share, the balance to be paid by me on demand, though not earlier than October 1, 1914.

Signed................................................

Address................................................


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## SHOT DOWN LIKE DOGS.

In a speech before the United State Senate, Senator Martine of New Jersey made a vigorous protest against the use of private armies in times of strike. He said in part:

"The employment of armed bodies of thugs — and no other word will satisfy—the employment of thugs under the name of mine guards, I insist, is the evil of our day. While I had the honor to serve as a member of a committee or commission, or whatever it might be termed, in West Virginia, wherein these armed thugs played an important part, I felt so incensed and so rightly justified that upon my return I drew a bill which was introduced in the senate and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, wherein it was provided, that every individual corporation, or body of men employing armed guards for private purposes should be liable to a fine of at least $5,000 and imprisonment for one year. In the ordinary parliamentary way the bill was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and there it seems to sleep the sleep of the righteous and the just.

"I say, had this bill been reported and been made a law of this country, the unfortunate condition which prevails in Colorado would not have existed. Those of you who have not been in close contact and seen and felt the very atmosphere that seems surcharged with the evil of the employment of these armed brutes can hardly appreciate the situation. It deprived for a time the people of the commonwealth of West Virginia of the right of constitutional government and today in Colorado it is the same.

"I say, for the well-being of all our country, for the hope of the posterity that will come after us, it is high time the Senate of the United States should take some steps to stay this brutal evil. In Colorado, even worse than it was in West Virginia, men and women have been shot down like dogs in a kennel, until conditions in Colorado are even worse than they are today in Mexico.

"I plead with the Committee on Education and Labor, to whom the bill that I introduced some months ago was referred, that they give it serious consideration and report to the senate that a voice may be had in the senate against the monstrous proposition of hiring men armed with Springfield rifles and shooting men as though they were cats and dogs."

## ENDORSES THE REBEL.

Louisville, Ky., May 17, 1914.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

I feel such a spontaneous overflo wof enthusiasm, effervescing from my cranium over the policy of the Rebel; after reaching, "The Crime of the Century" in No. 147 that I feel ti my solemn duty to write you and add my hearty endorsement of your stand. I am in accord with your statement that every union man in the United States should arm himself. You know if there is anything a Kentuckyan is long on it is a scrap. While I am utterly opposed to war as a principle; when it comes to self defense count me in.

Now Comrade Hickey: I do not expect you to answer this communication for I realize you are a very busy man, but I feel it the duty of the Jim Higginses at the forks of the creek to either register an objection or an endorsement to their Editors on questions of far reaching influence. I was on the sub list of the Farmers' Journal when you took it over and have been ever since and hope to continue while you stand for liberty and freedom.

With best wishes from an unconsiderable citizen, I am

John H. Grigsby.

Whitesboro, Tex., May 22, 14.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

Please find enclosed $1.50 for which send me six sub cards on your pre-election offer.

I will put a motion before the local next meeting to subscribe for stock in The Rebel. In the mean time keep on flaying the Donk.

Yours fraternally,

J. D. Peters.

Bishop, Tex., May 14, 1914.

## Hardeman County.

The comrades of Hardemann county held a mass meeting last week and elected O. S. Durham of Chillicothe, county chairman.

## QUESTIONS FOR A PREACHER.

T. & P. Shops, Ft. Worth, Tex.,
May 14, 1914.
Rev. Frank Singleton,
Missouri Avenue Church,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

We the undersigned citizens and toilers in our Capitalistic competitive hell of plunder, having read our Bible some and learned something about the teachings of the old prophets in regard to the exploiting of the creators of wealth and of the teachings of Christ and the early Christians in regard to communism as a common fund and understanding it as we do, we claim the church has changed her attitude in regard t othe great principle upon which the church was founded. The common or collective ownership of the means all must use to sustain life. However that may be we frankly confess our inability to harmonize the teaching of Christ and the teachings and practice of the early Christians with the teachings and practice of the present church. And we respectfully request you at sometime in the near future to explain to us from your pulpit how the change was brought about and who authorized the change and also tell us if Christ appeals to any but the poor. And do the rich have any part in his gospel, if so then explain to us how the camel can get through the eye of a needle; that we may understand how the rich man can enter Heaven. Also tell us if Christ meant what he said to the rich young man, if he did then tell us if Christ requires of the rich today what he required of the rich young man then. And if he does not tell us why not. And forget not to tell us if our economic and social systems are in harmony with the teachings of Christ and if a Christian Church can stand for an economic and social system not authorized by the teachings of Christ. Is a society, which does not protect all its members in the right to work and in the full product of their toil, a civilized society?

Let us hear from you.

By a brother toiler,

Charley Cruce.

## MUST FREE ITSELF FROM MAMMON'S POWER.

Eugene V. Debs was recently asked to contribute to a symposium for a syndicate of capitalist newspapers in the east in answer to the question: "What does the church most need to strengthen its appeal?" and wrote as follows:

"It must first of all free itself from the domination of the moneyed class and get squarely over on the side of the exploited masses and fight the power that is crushing and degrading them. There is no midway ground and the church is finding it less and less possible to serve both God and Mammon. The church today is spiritually dying because it is in control of the blighting power that makes long prayers while devouring widows' houses and laying burdens on the backs of the poor grievous to be borne.

Jesus took his side with the suffering poor and against their oppressors without equivocation or reservation, and the holy hypocrites of His day had Him nailed between two thieves at the gates of Jerusalem.

The church can only stand for religion undefiled when it stands fearlessly for social righteousness and this will so strengthen its appeal as to give it the ear and the heart of the masses of mankind."

Dear Comrade Hickey:—

Enclosed find 50 cents for The Rebel. As I do not know whether The Rebel is 50 cents or $1 a year send it the length of time 50 cents will pay. I live up here in this (hard to get agitation started) county of Clay.

Say Mr. Hickey six of our neighbors went down to Bowie in wagons for some freight the other day; they had been fighting Socialism and while down there they heard a lady Socialist speaking on the street. They came back up here the worst bunch of torn up fellows you ever saw. Now, every motehr's son of them will vote our ticket.

W. A. Mendenhall,
Joy, Texas.


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## THE DUTY OF THE YOUNG COMRADE.

(For The Rebel by C. E. Leathers.)

To you my dear comrade, to you who have not reached the proper age to vote, I desire to speak. Although I cannot speak personally unto you (I wish I could) you may consider this personal talk. Did you ever take into your private thinking department the little word "Duty" and examine it carefully? It is a peculiar word. You may take these three little words, "Do your duty" and they mean more than the whole group of English words combined. I would like to have your opinion as to the meaning of the little word. "To do to the best of your ability, both physically and mentally, what your conscience dictates unto you is just and right." This is my definition of "Duty."

Have you done your duty in the past? This is a question I desire you to answer; it is one of importance. Do you realize that the reason things are in such a "mel-of-a-hess" now is because some one has failed to do his duty.

"To do your duty" is of far more value than the preservation of life. For if you neglect your duty by the time the race of life is run life is almost unbearable.

Duty does not plead nor entreat, it demands. And for disobedience the penalty is severe. Duty can be found in all paths of life.

My dear comrade, upon your shoulders some day this government will be placed, then duty has placed upon you your heaviest burden, into your hands will be given the reins of this government. I now plead unto you to study the signs of the time for in your ranks there may be a child who in years to come will lead the toilers in their final triumphs. Study the stream of time; judge the future by the past and shun the rocks that have sunk so many nations into disgrace and shame. Duty demands this of you and you, I do not think, have a desire to see your nation sink in the rocky stream of time as one of disgrace.

And therefore, I plead with you take as your motto: "I will do my duty in everything I undertake" and then we will enter into an era of accomplishments. For to accomplish anything a person must have a motive and the greatest motive is the desire to obey duty.

## THE PRO-ANTI FAKE.

T. A. Hickey, Editor The Rebel.

Dear Sir:—

Please bear down heavily on statewide prohibition. Make it clear and plain so that none of the comrades may be led astray. Just go behind the scenes and show it up as it really is. I am against the evils of the liquor business as much as anyone and have always voted for local option and would willingly vote for world-wide elimination, but I absolutely refuse to be turned aside from the real issue in Texas the one of landlordism. The thing that has and is causing more real poverty, degradation and misery; the thing that causes more illiteracy and ignorance than whiskey ever has caused. It is time to call a halt and try out some of the whiskey laws we now have before repeal all the local option laws now in force and effect, by jumping to something more complicated and harder to enforce. What's the use of running the whole scale just go back to the beginning and commencing over again, unless its just to give a lot of self interested grafting politicians office. We need at least one or two real statesmen in office in Texas just now more than any thing else. We need enough real voters in Texas to put a stop to the swarming tactics practiced by the anti-pro-dem politicians in this state. It's nothing else or for no purpose only to keep the people divided that they may be more easily fooled and robbed. What I call a real political graft, pure and simple, else why do the leaders change their views and principles so blamed often?

So, I say again, Comrade T. A., bear down good and hard; print the real facts. Enlightenment is all a fair minded sensible person needs and results will as surelly follow as the rising sun follows the darkest night.

Fraternally,

C. G. Cowan.


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## THE CHILD AT THE LOOM.

(By Father Jones.)

Poor baby soul! Fresh from the great unknown.
Dear bud of love! Sprung from the great unseen.
Thy sad eyes pierce my soul. Thy gaze so dull,
So sad, seems to say, this should not have been.
Is this a Christian land? Yes, so they say,
That thy thin and feeble limbs they should chain
To loom and rob thee of thy childhood's rights,
That greed grow fat, and all for lust, for gain.
Thy baby blood but feeds beast mammon's mill.
Thy life is ground to dust for dividends.
Thy flesh, the bread, thy blood, the wine they bless
In Jesus name, and church the sin defends.
Dear Jesus give us words the church to wake
That mammon's arms holds in adulterous dreams,
That she may see herself as thou dost see,
As we who love Thee, more than church, thus seems.
Poor child! my heart goes out to thee, would that
I could restore the joys, thy right, thy due,
Would that thy bonds could break and set thee free
'Twould be His joy, and that of me, and you.
Lord, Lord, the church doth cry, and bend the knee.
He wants not sacrifice, nor cares to see;
'Tis service to our fellowman He asks,
"As to the least, so have ye done to me."
On cushioned pew, thy blood and toil hast brought,
From pulpit that thy looted toil hast wrought,
The fear of hell to sinning souls is taught,
The trust of present hell to thee, thy brought.
The selfish greed of man, foul mammon's lure,
Blinds Christians in a dull and fatal sleep,
That makes the pure hearts of angels weep,
And on the church bids hell's foul slime to seep.
Dear flower with human soul, so robbed
Of all thy rights of play, and sunlit day,
Bound to loom in dark and fetid air,
Out of thy misery, what dost thou say?
Thou canst not speak! Of school thou hast been robbed,
But dumbly gaze, and raise thy hands to God;
Is ground up in th emill of greed and gain,
And all too soon, be laid beneath the sod.

Tioga, Texas, April 24, 1914.

Dear old Rebel and the whole darn bunch. Wish I could have the pleasure of meeting you and telling you how I appreciate The Rebel and love the way you are doing things. Bear down on this war business, it makes me sick when I think of it. And I am ashamed to even mention the horrible things goin on in Colorado. Give 'em hell, if I could do or say anything that would help you out I would do so. Want to say that we have a good livel local and are doing some good at least. We made the plutes go so crooked to beat us here in our city election that they had to lay down on the job and declared that some one stole the books, in order to cover up their dirty work. Wishing you the best of success which is bound to come to you. I am herewith sending you 50 cents for one hundred copies of The Rebel, No. 146. Thanking you gentlemen for past favors I am your for the right.

H. K. Wilson.


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G. A. Lambreth, Ira, Texas.
J. A. Freeland, Reese, Texas.
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# Oklahoma Notes

H. M. Sinclair, State Secretary, S. P.

## New Locals for the Week.

Lone Star, Harper county, 5 members, H. D. Saeger, secretary, Supply; Glen Pool, Tulsa county 10 members, L. G. Brooks, secretary, Glen Pool; May, Harper county, 6 members, S. C. Burk, secretary, May; Nashoba, 11 members, J. E. Sanders, secretry, Nashoba; Diamond Grove, Wagoner county, 5 members, U. S. Pierce, secretry Wagoner, Route 2, organized by E. L. Moore; Pleasant Hill, Grant county, 8 members George Edwards, secretary, Jefferson; Sickles, Caddo county, 7 members, George J. Burdick, secretary, Lookeba, Route 1, organized by G. A. Preston; [illegible], Cherokee county, 6 members, A. J. Smith, Tahlequah, organized by J. A. Lewis; Liberty, Wagoner county, 5 members, W. E. Tow, secretary, Coweta, organized J. C. Mitchell; Bull Creek, Wagoner county, 9 members Thomas Crowley, secretary, Neodasha, organized by E. L. Moore.

Total number of new locals for the week, 1[illegible], total membership of new locals, 72.

## Oklahoma County Convention.

Rogers County. The Socialists of Rogers county will meet in convention on June 7, 1914, for the transaction of important business. Meeting to be held at Claremore. L. B. Tanner, sec.

Tulsa County. The Socialists of Tulsa county are called to meet at the courthouse in Tulsa, Sunday, June 14, at 1 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for county officers and such other business as may properly come before said convention. Geo. O. Ray, Secretary.

The names and addresses of all Socialist candidates for the offices of state representative, state senator and district judge should be sent to the state office at once. This is necessary to get names on primary ticket. See that they are sent in at once.

The "Oklahoma for Socialism in 1914," campaign button is now ready for delivery. It is a daisy and a red one. Each 5c, 10, 25c; 50 $1.00, the proceeds from the sale of this button goes to the campaign fund. Get your order in now. We do not expect to duplicate our order.

## Notice to School Teachers an Directors.

As a result of the tip off on the school district election, this office is receiving 10 or 20 eltters a day from school directors seeking Socialist school teachers. We had no idea that Socialist teachers would be "forced" upon the old Donk communities. No, we never thought it possible. That is the reason we wanted to see a few Socialists on the school boards. Just to keep Socialism from spreading. It is dangerous in a schoolhouse. It might convey some useful thought to the mind of our boys and girls. But we are in for it now. So here goes. I want every school director to send me a list of the teachers he wishes. And I want to all Socialist school teachers to send me their names and addresses. I will do the best I can to get the two together in a contract. Without cost to either.

School directors will please send the result of the last district election to the sate office. We need it for statistical purposes.

See that the names of your county officers are sent to the state office. Especially the senators, representatives and district judges.

It is about time that you will begin to talk about a counter at the polls. Say, comrade, we ain't a goin' to have no counter, unless you see that the vacancy in precinct committeeman is filled, and filled right now. Don't think that the Donks will have time to count the 125,000 votes that we are going to cast fall. They can't count that many Socialist noses, except and unless they are watched. The precinct committeeman will see that the watcher and counter are there on the job. But you are the fellow that must look after the precinct committeeman. Do it right now. Don't blame the state office if you are left out. We are after this all the time.

The first batch of campaign cards went into mails today. They will be followed by other cards and literature. Then comes the state party platform. A 64-page pampalet, contains the photogravures of all state candidates. Hot shots Campaign statistics and exposures. It is a work of art and one that you will be proud to hand to any one. This will be distributed through the local secretaries and precinct committeemen. And if you don't get that precinct committeeman appointed, you stand a chance of being left out. The Socialist candidate runs on the principles of Socialism. The Dood man runs on the rotten record of the man he is seeking to defeat. It is a matter of principle, or a matter of pie. The campaign book of 1914 will itell the story. You want it. The neighborhoods where we have the least number of locals need it the worst. Get that precinct committeeman appointed right now.

The slogan of the state office at present is "A local for every PRECINCT in the state." Get the comrades together and organize a local. Don't let the few carry the burden of the army. Do your own part. Take out a red card. The proceeds will help purchase your political and industrial freedom. Locals chartered the 1st of January, 1914, with 5 members now report and pay dues on from 25 to 75 members. You may think that nothing can be accomplished in your neighborhood. Say, just get 5 of the Comrades to send in for a charter, hold a few meetings and then we will have thoughts of victory chasing themselves through your mind. Victory is ours. Yes, the fall and by one of the most surprising votes that was cast in America. Get in the wagon before it runs over you. We are coming and coming strong. Oklahoma for Socialism in 1914.

## NOTICE.

We mentioned that there had been a consolidation of certain county offices in the last issue. We have received many inquiries, and will here give the Act of the 1913 legislature. All county chairmen and county secretaries will please make a note of this and if any mistake has been made, see that it is corrected at once.

Session Laws of 1913. Chapter 161. Page 330. Entitled, An Act consolidating the offices of clerk of the district court, country court clerk, superior court clerk, providing for assistant, etc.,

Be It Enacted by the People of Oklahoma:

Section 1. The office of clerk of the district court, clerk of the county court, in all counties, and clerk of the superior court in a county in which a superior court is located, are hereby consolidated, and the successor to the clerks of the different courts herein referred to shall be designated and known as the "Court Clerk." Other sections refer to the matter of deputies, etc.

Section 5. The office of register of deeds is hereby consolidated with the office of county clerk in all counties of this state, and said office so consolidated shall be hereafter known as the "County Clerk" and in addition to the duties now imposed upon the county clerk by law he shall perform the same duties that are now performed by the register of deeds.

Other sections refer to the matter of election, which shall b at the general lecetion held in 1914. THIS YEAR.

Section 11. That the office of clerk of the district court, clerk of the county court, clerk of the superior court, and register of deeds are hereby abolished on and after the first (1st) Monday in January, 1915.

Now comrades; this is as clear as I am able to state the matter. You will not nominate for any of the offices abolished. Nominate for court clerk, and county clerk. Leave the offices of clerk of the district court, county court clerk, clerk of the superior court and register of deeds alone. They have been abolishd, and in their places we now have "Court Clerk" and "County Clerk."

Be sure that we have made no mistake in this matter.

## *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. The they are sold, at 5c straight, express or postpaid.

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

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

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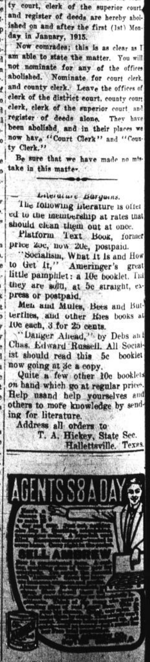
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