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The Campaign Master Move.

According to all regular rules of this paper what is written here should not occupy the first column of the first page, it has never happened before and may never happen again. We invariably place in double column type on the inside page our call for a campaign edition that will number tens of thousands of copies more than the regular edition. The reason we break our rule in this case is so that we can by speaking through the front page rivet the attention of every reader of this paper on the important question of how to reach the greatest number of people in Texas and Oklahoma, where we have the bulk of our circulation, before the election day. Now that I have your attention let me point out some things that you should know and profit thereby.

First the Socialist party, the second political party in the state of Texas, has had only one paper with a large general circulation to fight its battles in the campaign. The reason is that the Donks have so framed politics in Texas that the psychology of the state is fixed on upon the masses of the people that the campaign ends with the July primary whereas as a matter of fact the second party begins battling until election day in November for the cause of the wealth producer. As a result it is impossible very necessary to reach the greatest number of people that this paper can reach before the workers go to the polls in November.

Second: The campaign edition of October 10th that has been circulated in tens of thousands over the states of Texas and Oklahoma, has, from positive knowledge I secured from letters received at this desk, resulted in pulling the wool from the eyes of thousands of Democrats that would have otherwise abstained from voting or would have gone to the polls and voted the Donk ticket. Hence we believe that we should wind up the campaign with a similar edition one that will shock into consciousness of their conditions those still held in the thraldom of old party ideas.

For these reasons we wish to see every active, red blooded Socialist in Texas fill in the appointed blank printed below for copies of next week's Rebel. Meitzen, Nobles, Debs, Bell, Hunt, Hickey and others will contribute to its pages. It will be the last great smash on the face of the Donk before election day. It will be crammed full of philosophy, poetry, facts and narrative descriptions of conditions as they are. It will go to press on Tuesday, October 27th and will reach the furthermost point in the cotton kingdom by Saturday, October 31. Because of the fact that election day occurs on November 3, we cannot hold our forms open any later than Friday, October 30th as we want every copy in print in the hands of the readers before election morning dawns. For this reason you should order at once an humble lots of from ten to thousand and remember the cost covers but little more than ink and paper. The price, 1-2 cent per copy, for a nickel, 200 for a dollar, a thousand for five dollars, ten thousand for fifty dollars. See that your orders come in and watch us swat the donk and tell the truth about the Socialist party to people and then war shall be learned no more.

If President Wilson refuses to allow the Morgan house of New York to send gold to France, why does he not his congress allow wheat and corn and horses and hogs to go to France? Is it because the wheat and corn and horses will keep the war going? The Rebel would like to know.

The Socialist party is the second largest party in the state, it has beaten the Republicans, the Bull Moosers and the Prohibitionists in the last election. What will it do when the cream of the State march to the polls on the 3rd of next month!

WHY MEITZEN SHOULD WIN

This issue of the Rebel will appear ten days before election. The Rebel would like to, give the readers some fundamental reasons why they should vote for E. R. Meitzen, the Socialist party's nominee for governor. In doing so we wish to suggest that this applies to all who entered the Democratic primaries last July as well as those who did not enter that primary.

Let us review the situation as it exists in the Lone Star State today. In making this review we shall pledge ourselves to not strain the strict line of truth but shall speak according to duly written record of events that have been thrown upon the canvass of history while the Democratic party has been in power. With this record before us we will be able to do what the wise men of the east and west have always recommended and that is to judge the future by the experience we have made in the past. To begin: For full 40 years the Donks have ruled the roost in the affairs of state in Texas. When the lewis administration was ousted and the Ku Klux Clan put finis to carpet bagger's and negro domination, the white man of Texas had an unparalleled opportunity to build a mighty state where poverty would be unknown not only because of the mighty resources of Texas, but because of the fact that Texas is according to population the most American state in the Union.

Our empire was larger than France or Germany by more than 55,000 miles, our school fund was the largest known to the civilized world. And this school fund was not earmarked for posterity by the Donks but was given to us by mother nature and the fortunes of war! Backed by this wonderfully productive land, reinforced by this American population made up of the best blood of the United States because it was pioneer blood and with the spirit of the people shot through with the glorious history of the San Jacinto battlefield and the Alamo, then surely it might be expected that after more than 40 years of sovereignty that Texas would be in the forefront of civilization not only in the United States of North America, but that her star would light up all the nations of the earth for verily we have the best land, the best men and the best women that the world has ever seen gathered together within one topographical division.

But Alas! What has been the result after 40 years of unlimited control of affairs in which the United States Government has not played any particular hand except where her faithless sons, like Bailey, have betrayed her. Texas is in the most abject position today of any state in the Union. Her vast domain has gone into the hands of landsharks with the result that in 1910 the 13th decennial census shows that 219,000 heads of families were tenants on this great domain and 65,000 heads of families were groaning under a mortgage from which they had but little chance from ever getting from under. Together with their wives and children they totalled more than 35 per cent of the population of the state! This is bad enough but, side by side with this tenantry there grew the awful spectre of illiteracy and the figures showed that this illiteracy had grown from year to year until now we are 38th in education among the 48 states and the only reason that we are not last is because the mountain states of the south, in which reside an English speaking population so backward in development, that at least 1,000,000 of them have never laid their eyes on the American flag. That retarded development of the mountains of the South, aided by moonshine whiskey, generation old feuds and lack of railroads and telephones is all that has prevented Texas with the greatest school fund in the world from being the last star in the galaxy that makes up our flag so far as education and civilization goes.

The intellect of Texas is dwarfed. The administration of our county and city affairs is a living breathing denial of everything that is understood by the term JUSTICE, and to crown this frightful history of 40 years mal-administration of state affairs her legislature has sunk so low that for ten years the ship of state has found its crew in warfare, in evil warfare, over the question of whether an aspirin for liquor is good or bad or whether said aspirin shall be controlled by legal enactment!

The seat of government in the counties of the state is controlled by rings made up of petty officials, who in private walks of life would be lucky if they received $50.00 per month, but do receive through their control of affairs annual sums that average at least five times as much. They, in collusion with the profit mongers usually control the county papers while the masses of the people that live outside of the county squares toil in the rain and snow, blister in the torrid summer's heat and produce the wealth that make the wheels go around. Such are their sins of commission but what of the sins of omission? This can be best understood by the question the Rebel asked some months ago to which we received more answers than any question ever asked by our paper. Here it is:

"Germany has an area of 209,000 square miles, Texas has an area of 266,000 square miles; in other words Texas is 57,000 miles larger than Germany. Germany has 70,000,000 people, Texas has 4,000,000. Germany has such an advanced measure of civilization that she is threatning the fortunes of all the other nations of the earth Texas with only 4,000,000 inhabitants finds 2,000,000 on the ragged edge of poverty all the time with the vast bulk of its population on the frayed edge of illiteracy side by side with poverty. Why?"

Of all the answers that came to our desk the one that won the prize said, "The reason that Texas has 2,000,000 people on the ragged edge of starvation with 4,000,000 people within our borders is this: The banker, the landshark and the profit monger of all descriptions has controlled the legislature and all other administrations of this state and the masses of the people are too ignorant of cowardly which means the same thing to throw off the burden that the knave have placed on their backs."

The conclusion that we may draw in the rough from this whole situation is simply this: that capitalism is wrong, it must be overthrown, co-operation must displace competition, the beneficiaries of competition must be ousted from the state legislature, the Socialists standard for co-operation must steer the ship of state in the future. Capitalism has broken down in Europe as the present war shows and capitalism has broken down in Texas as the record revealed above shows. A new spirit must be developed among our people. Competition is war, war is hell and hell is war, it means 5 cent cotton and 10 cent sugar, it means illiteracy, it means a subsidized press, a corrupt church, a degenerate people. Against this condition which is carved in the record of the life of the Lone Star state the Socialist party rebelled. That party made up of the bone and brawn the brain and sinew of the people of this state has a vision as broad as that of a Houston, a Rosie or a Crockett.

Naturally these Texans come together to destroy the party that has proven itself unfaithful after a 40 years trial. A new note in the music of the life of the people must be struck, a note of encouragement, a note of progress, a note of liberalism, and thus it has happened that there has grown up within the past decade a party that has framed a platform in line with modern progress and that will in the nature of things be responsive to the overwhelming need for genuine democracy. The party that can supply that need is the Socialist party, it has been tried and tested, it is now the second political party in this state, it is up to the masses of the people to make it the first party on the 3rd of next November.

ITS NOMINEES ARE: E. R. MEITZEN, OP LAVACA CO.
W. S. NOBLE, OP MILAM COUNTY.

BREAKS INTO THE DAL-GAL NEWS.

There is nothing in this political world like persistency. We who hold down the Rebel desk have called upon all the resources of the English language to help us flag alive the MUZZLED dailies of Texas for refusing to publish one great big news item that possibly outside the European war was the biggest of the year so far as Texas news goes. This news was the story of the Socialist Party's, platform and letter of acceptance of the gubernatorial candidate. Accompanying the platform and acceptance of the nomination by our governor was a cabinet photograph of our nominee. Eleven dailies out of twelve waste basketed this big story and they did not even have the excuse of the war because it was mailed out long before the crowned prince of Austria was shot. Wherefore we howled, denounced, roared and generally stigmatized the muzzled press until at last our pen got under their hides when the letters came into the business managers of the muzzled ones from every portion of the state threating a boycott unless they published this extremely important news story. Result: Last week we were invited by the Dal-Gal news to send photographs of our nominee for governor. And so, lo and behold, last Sunday the Dallas News and the Galveston News has two splendid cuts of our governor and announcements of this nomination. Quickly, coldly, calmly, and phisophically the Rebel would say to his readers: Keep on hitting them in the pocketbook the one receptacle for the heart and soul and ideals of the muzzled press and verily you will get results. So strongly do we believe this that we would bet our hopes of European christianity that if we could find 100,000 circulation in Texas the muzzled press would give our party 100 times the space that they give us at the present time.

GAIN 7,000 VOTES

The Socialist party of Norway gained 7,000 members during the past year, according to the annual report, increasing from 43,000 to 50,000. There are 90 members of the cabinetry, of which nine are dailies Twenty-four of these are owned by the party. There are 1,803 Socialists in municipal councils, 45 of whom are women.

The Socialist party never compromises with error to make a fraud and never refrains from striking a blow for the fear of making an enemy. That is the reason that E. R. Meitzen is running so strong in this campaign.

TREMENDOUS DRIFT TOWARD SOCIALISM.

Citizens of Oklahoma are just awaking to the fact that there is a revolution in progress in this state. Politically the entire commonwealth has cut loose from its old time moorings. Among the immediate causes for this tremendous change are the following: The cotton situation, the continuous robery of the tenant farmers by bankers and landlords, the continual rise in cost of the necessities of life, the school book outrage, the parcelling out of valuable oil lands to politicians, the reckless use of the school funds of the state and the general inefficiency and corruption of the democrat machine now in control of the state.

The greatest factor however, has been the steady, thorough dissemination of the principles of socialism by hundreds of speakers in Oklahoma for the past seven years and particularly within the past six months. These speakers have clearly demonstrated the exploitation of the workers in this state and no hope of anything better in the future under the present system. They have just as clearly shown that cooperation instead of robbery and competition is the only remedy. All this teaching had a profound affect.

In addition to the work of the socialist agitators, the state office of the Socialist party has distributed over the state, over two million pieces of literature within the past few months. Never in the history of the state has there been such a steady output of propaganda matter. One of the bulletins thus distributed, "The Interlocked Parasites", written by the socialist nominee for United States senator, has had a profound effect in drawing class lines in Oklahoma. Never has the worker so clearly realized who has been profiting from the toil of himself and his children.

New socialist locals have been organized by the thousand during the past year. The party membership has leaped from 3,000 to nearly 15,000. Whole townships and counties have swung into the socialist column. A recent decision of the Supreme court makes a fair count of the ballots of the workers possible for the first time in the state. Victory for the political party of the working class is within sight in Oklahoma. Every worker owes it to his wife and children to do his full duty by his class on November 3rd.

Did Wilson wash his hands immediately after he shook hands with Ferguson, or did Ferguson wash his hands after shaking hands with Wilson?

The Gubernatorial Tour.

The Socialist gubernatorial nominee are now in Southeast Texas, speaking to record breaking crowds that betray a temper that bodes ill for the capitalist masters and pac counter politicians who have been tricking and robbing them so long.

These politicians by the way are doing all they can to keep the truth of Socialism from getting to the people at this time when the latter are more receptive to our message than ever before. But all their tactics merely prove to be boomerangs. A case in point occurred at Madisonville, the county seat of one of the Texas typical ring ruled counties and at one time one of the "touched" towns of east Texas. Comrades Meitzen and Noble were billed to speak there the 10th and the local comrades had sent three of the four trustees and gotten their consent to use the public tabernacle that was erected by all the citizens. Socialists and non-Socialists, with the agreement that all parties and organizations were to be permitted to use it. However the fourth trustee a cronie pie hunter, ex-representative James Brownlee, and other Donk politicians then formed a conspiracy to keep our nominees from securing place to speak to or from having a crowd to speak to.

The first step was for Brownlee to begin a "tour" with the result that the other three trustees reversed their former permit with the remarkable statement that they could not permit the use of the building "unless all four of the trustees agreed."

The next move of Brownlee was to get Sheriff Lambotton to deny the Socialists the use of the courthouse. Their final trick was to spread the report on the streets the previous day that the Socialist nominees would not be permitted to speak in Madisonville at all, no doubt with the hope of keeping the local Socialists and speakers from not trying to arrange any meeting.

But the imburger scented gentry did not properly gauge the spirit of our comrades. The speakers on being told of the conditions immediately announced that they would talk to the people from the courthouse door with or without permission regardless of consequences.

Comrade Meitzen was the first up, a good crowd being on hand, and he continued to grow every moment. He began with the statement that he had now been campaigning four solid months, speaking of from two and three times a day but that this was the worst instance of suppression of free speech that he had met with and continuing he said, "The reason for denying us place to speak is plain. The element that has control of your county has something to hide perhaps a skeleton in the closet. They do not want you to learn the truth about Socialism for fear that you may break away from the political machine that now has a death grip on you and your county. They have put themselves up as czars and censors to decide what political speeches you shall and shall not hear. In the late primary campaign they prescribed both Ball and Ferguson spell-binders to use the courthouse to their hearts content and yet the same ones denied speeches of a party that is legally recognized. If you the decent people of Madisonville permit such condition you will soon see your constitutions and statutes and turn your government to these ring politicians who seem to do jobs thinking for you. That is the trouble with so many people. you let the other fellows do all your thinking while you do all the work. These fellows know that if we ever get you thinking they will have to do more work and lose scheming hence they pull every wire to keep the truth of Socialism from getting to you.

This Sally was received by cheers of approval but at this

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TEXAS NOTES.

J. A. Hickey, State Secretary, Hallettsville, Texas.

Governor's Special.

Comrades E. R. Meitzen and W. Noble, candidates for governor and lieutenant governor will fill the following dates, making three speeches each day:

El Campo, Oct. 23; Victoria, Oct. 24; Sandia, Oct. 25; Tuleta, Oct. 26; Bishop, Oct. 27; Robstown, October 28; Corpus Christi, Oct. 29; Yoakum, Oct. 30; Sublime, Oct. 31; Rzzell, Nov. 1; Hallettsville, Nov. 2; Noble Plantonia, night of Nov. 2.

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Another Congressional Secretary.

Olatha, Tex., Oct. 8, 1914.

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

Dear Comrade: —

I am enclosing you herewith a tabulated statement of our recent election for Secretary of the 6th Congressional District.

Name of Local	No. same voting	A. C. Bat for	Olivia Cocker	E. Gibson	E. Stelzle
Cameron	6	18	6	24	3
Cone	6	24	6	12	18
Union	9	20	12	24	33
Luna	14	28	56	42	14
Pyburn	6	9	18	17	16
Total	41	99	198	119	99

B. E. Stele of Thornton received the lowest count and was duly elected.

Respectfully,

Alvin Coker.

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Fish of one, Fowl of the other.

Beaumont, Tex., Oct. 12, 1914.

Comrade Hickey:—

Just received a letter from Comrade Yarbrough, Secretary Angelina county, with reference to Comrade Limpus's work in that county, in which he says, Comrade Limpus is doing splendid work.

We have Comrade W. J. Lee of Ft. Worth here in this territory and he is doing good work. We will spend this entire week at Pt. Arthur He speaks at Pt. Arthur on Saturday night on the streets and had between 600 and 1000 people.

We tried to get the city park which is centrally located for Comrades Meitzen and Noble to speak in but the park board flatly refused to let us have it on the grounds that it was a political meeting but I noticed that when Martin Dies and V. A. Collins and another opponent made the same request two years ago they gave their consent very readily. Truly the class struggle is on.

Yours for Socialism,

D. E. Nash,
1008 Liberty Ave.
Chrin. Cam. Com.

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Marshall, Tex., Oct. 12,1914.

Mr. Thomas A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—

You will see by enclosed report of an organization of a Socialist Local known as Pines Ridge, organized Sunday, October 11th with 15 members. Enclosed find P. O. money order for $22.5, 15 cents per member and 50 cents for a charter.

These boys are tearing up the woods up there and more are going to join them and I am going to organize some more locals soon.

Please send these comrades 25 or thirty application cards and about 25 or thirty state and national constitutions and charge to them and they will remit as soon as possible.

Yours for more Socialism,

R. A. Patrick,
Organizer of Harrison Co.

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McGregor, Tex., Oct. 11, 1914.

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

Dear Comrade: —

Our speaking proved such a great success that we think by following with another date with a good strong speaker that we could reap a good harvest. Comrades Meitzen and Noble broke the bone of the prejudice here against Socialism. Some of our Plure friends are asking for more. Conditions have made a great many people in this part THINK.

Fraternally yours,

S. W Letson.

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Kate O'Hare will speak at Mineral Wells on October 30th, 1914, so writes J. T. Hamilton, County Secretary

Beaumont, Tex. Oct. 11, 1914.

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

Dear Comrade: —

I enclose report as secretary of the Beaumont Local Sept. $3.00 for due stamps and $1.00 for special edition of the Rebel to be sent to names you may choose in this county. I am mailing you registered a list of the poll tax payers of Jefferson county. I borrowed it from some Democrats and promised to return it, so please return it to me as soon as you have finished with it.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. Callihan.

P. S. — Later. I have just learned that after having the matter under advisement about a week The city Dads refuses to let the Socialist candidate for governor speak in the park next Friday. They allow no political speaking in the park. (Unless it is Democratic.) We will find a place and also a crowd.

W. H. Callihan.

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Murchison, Tex., Oct. 17, 1914.

We have made a good crop here this year, that our families will have to suffer this winter for the want of cotton goods. There is one consolation about this condition, you don't have to spend all your time telling a man some thing is wrong, he can see it.

We are still putting up the fight, we know how. Please announce in the Rebel that Comrade W. J. Lee will speak at the following places in Henderson county: Shady Grove 24; Big Rock 26; Eustace 27; Payne Springs 28; Malakoff 29; Athens 30; Murchison 31.

Wishing you much success I remain yours for Socialism,

J. B. Lewis.

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I sent a call to your paper last week for October 24th. You will please change it to October 17th, there will also be a speaking on that day by H. L. A. Hosman.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. Clark,
Chairman S. P. Nacogdoches Co.

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W. E. Marshall, Route 6, Bonham, Texas.

We had Comrades E. R. Meitzen and W. S. Noble with us and they gave us good speeches. I have sent "Starve the War Petitions" to President Wilson with 244 signers. The other boys here have sent the President petitions with over 500 names from around Bonham.

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TO SECRETARIES:

In my call for nominations, October, there was one overlooked, that was a State Women's Correspondent, so I hereby call for nominations for that office. Nominations close November 5, 1914

T. A. Hickey, State Sec. S. P.
Hallettsville, Tex.

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Literature Bargains.

"War War War" by Geo. R. Fitzpatrick, paper cover, 30c.

"Socialism, What It is and How to Get It," "American's great little pamphlet: a 10c booklet. Till they are sold, at 8c straight, express or postpaid.

"No Compromise, No Political Trading," by William Liebknecht, 64 pages. A powerful argument why Socialists should not swerve from the straight and narrow path. 10 cents each or 3 for 20 cts.

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

"Platform Pocket Book," former price 25c, now 20c, postpaid.

"Socialism Made Easy." by James Connolly 63 pages. A simple easily understood expansion of what Socialism stands for. 10 cts., each, 3 for 25 cts.

Men and Mules, Bees and Butterflies, and other Bees 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 5c a copy

T A. Hickey, State Sec.
Hallettsville, Texas

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We have printed a good supply of cards 11x14 inches giving the pictures of our nominees for governor and lieutenant governor with suitable wordage. Just the thing for posting up or putting in show windows. Will send these cards postpaid at following prices:

2 to 10 cards at 4 cents each.
10 to 25 cards at 3 cents each.
Over 25 cards at 2 cents each.

Address all orders to

T. A. Hickey, State Sec.

Send in your orders for the special Election Edition at once.

LAVACA COUNTY PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

We the Socialists of Lavaca county feel it our duty to make the following declaration to the voters of our county:

We know that governmental relief to the workers can come only through the capture of the powers of the general government in the state and nation by the workers. Yet there are some measures that can be passed in a county possessing a Socialist administration, therefore we pledge ourselves first of all to practice strict economy in the household of the county to insure you entrust us with the management thereof.

We believe that affairs in our county can be improved by having the best system of roads possible and with the least possible expense to the tax payers accordingly we believe that the voters of the county should, as the law directs, be allower to decide by their vote on the issuance of bonds and therefore we are opposed to the issuance of road bonds or bonds of any other sort without and against the consent and wishes of the voters. "Let the people rule," is our motto.

We believe in carrying out the letter as well as the spirit of the law. The law says that the commissioners court shall for any purpose, at any one time, create a greater debt than $2,000 without the consent of the voters. This is being evaded by issuing $1,500 in road bonds at each of 2 or 3 or more sessions of the commissioners court wherein $6,000 or more can be issued legally which is plainly an evasion of the spirit of the law.

Further we will point out that for a number of years the law says that the money of the county shall be placed in a bank that pays interest and thus the work of the county treasurer is greatly reduced. We therefore pledge ourselves to relieve such officers salary to $500 per year or less and also allow him, as is now being done, to get $2,000 the maximum sum fixed by law and in addition allow him to overdraw this legal amount from $300 to $600 per year as he has been allowed to do for many years by the commissioners court.

Further we promise, that should our candidate for the legislature be elected, to work for a law which will force all secured notes to be rendered for taxation or to be denied the right to be collected. If this had been the law it would never have happened as it did in the Neuhaus case that only $5 out of every $150 of such notes had been rendered for taxes, which had been going on for many years.

And we will not be guilty of a compromise on two years back, as was done by the commissioners court, sitting as an equalization board in this matter.

We also pledge that our representative if elected shall work for what is known as "The Tullos amendment to the state constitution", which provides that all lands held out of use for speculative purposes shall be taxed to their full rental value, this to the end that the curse of speculation shall be removed from the backs of the tillers of the lands in this state. He shall further do all in his power to secure the enactment of an initiative and referendum law that shall equal the best legislation on this subject that has been enacted or proposed, in any state in the Union.

We believe that while nine tenths of the people of Lavaca county have an income of less than $600 per year it is entirely wrong for us to pretend that by and after a year we seem to continue that enables county officers to pull down salaries that amount to from $200 to $1500 and more per year and work not even half the average time that the average citizen works unless donning playing be considered labor. Hence we pledge ourselves if elected to power by the citizens of Lavaca county to use all honorable measures to lop off these salaries at least 66 1-3 per cent.

We are opposed to six-shooter deputies believing that in a peaceable law abiding county like ours in which the citizens are compelled by law to go unarmed that the peace officers should not be permitted to tote guns unless when in the discharge of their duties, otherwise they may use their pistols to the end that the unarmed law abiding citizens be terrorized whenever they dare to criticise that which they may honestly consider the mal-administration of these officials.

The Socialist party of Lavaca county being a genuine democratic party in all that the term implies, as its world wide record proves, believes with Washington, the father of this republic, that rotation in political office is and the future of things should be a cardinal principal of democracy. Hence we view with admiration, the unwritten law that not all the changes of a hundred and twenty years could break, that says that no President of the United States shall be elected to office for more than two terms of four years each. We applaud the wisdom of the men of the Republican land who for generations have declared and particularly in Texas that no governor shall be elected for more than two terms of two years each; we congratulate the men in dozens of county seats in Texas who demand rotation in office in their county affairs and permits no county officer to hold his position for more than two terms. We know that they have acted so in other county seats than this because they have long caught that always arises where an intrenched officialism can beat down the aspirations of a people through the building up of official cliques and without this law build a self perpetuating machine, that experience has shown invariably becomes an official family machine. We rejoice in the fact that the Farmer's Union, the Renters' Union, the state Socialist organization of Texas, the Odd Fellows and many other patriotic law abiding organizations of the United States that are always on the watch-tower for the people's betterment have placed in their constitutions this magnificent democratic provision.

Accordingly we pledge ourselves to the principle of rotation in office and we swear by our sacred honor that no member of the Socialist party when placed in political office by the people of Lavaca county shall be elected for more than two consecutive terms, and while making this declaration we regard with disgust, mingled with amusement, the ridiculous plea that a little one horse county official must be permanently retained in his job because of his alleged efficiency, when we find the ship of state can continue to move along the troubled waters of social life although its captains such as presidents and governors must walk the plank after two terms in office.

The Socialist party of Lavaca County stands pledged to the most thoroughly democratic platform outlined above and we plede to the people our undying loyalty to this program. If you think it is worthy of being put into effect into your county affairs then vote the Socialist ticket the 3rd of next November from top to bottom. If you think otherwise there shall be no hard feelings between us because we know that ultimately you will see the light, because:

TRUTH IS MIGHTY AND WILL PREVAIL.

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TO THE SOCIALIST WORKERS.

Don't fail to instruct all prospective voters who you think need the information, and many will need it, for they have been duped and have voted for years, but now have been awakened and want to vote our ticket straight. The official ballot being 7 columns wide as long as a newspaper page it is a hard thing to see everything on it in only a few minutes time. So there are not alot of men who they are going up against are liable to err. If you will point out the following facts about the ticket to every a person, who cannot read a sic board need only be proxy. The seven columns are as follows: 1 Democrat; 2 Republican; 3 Progressive; 4 Prohibitionist; 5 Socialist; 6 Soc. Labor; 7 Blank. So first ask for your ticket, lay it on a desk or hold it up against the wall, spread your five fingers out putting one on every column beginning at the left and the last finger on column five which is the Socialist ticket. Draw a line with your pencil through each of the other columns except the Socialist. If however you can not write to the name of a candidate Socialist who has been ruled off the ticket by a technical objection under the Terrell Election law move over to the BLANK column in line with the office that you wish to vote for and there write in his name. Remember the five fingers beginning with the thumb and ending with the little finger will land on the Socialist party ballot.

Send in your orders for the special Election Edition at once.

Don't Let Them Count Us Out.

This is addressed to every fighting Socialist who wants to help keep the Donk election crooks of Texas from stealing the fruits of what has been the most tremendous campaign ever waged in behalf of Socialism.

More encampments have been held, the tour of the gubernatorial candidates has been more successful, more literature and speaking campaigns have been waged in the various counties of the state than ever in the history of the movement.

On top of all this the crisis, recently brought on by our capitalist masters, have opened more eyes than all our agitators have opened in the same space of time.

All of this tremendous work and sentiment in behalf of Socialism must not go for naught and much of it will go for naught if we do not keep our eyes open on election day. WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP TO SEE COUNTED EVERY LAST VOTE CAST FOR THE SOCIALIST TICKET.

We also want you to help to secure the names and addresses of all who voted our ticket this fall a list will be turned over to county organization that will be of untold value in future campaigns.

FURTHER WE WANT YOU TO HELP TO SECURE PROMPT RETURNS AS TO THE NUMBER OF VOTES COUNTED FROM THE BOX FOR MEITZEN AND NOBLE.

The old party will usually not give these returns in full, or at all. Both for the purpose of seeing that county election boards properly canpass precinct election returns as well as to be able to give an accurate estimate of the Socialist vote we must have YOUR co-operation in this respect and we trust you will not put it off on the other fellow either, because we are depending on YOU.

Regardless of whether there are Socialists on the election board or not, even if there are watchers, we want you to help carry through our plans in this respect.

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Trusting that we may have the prompt co-operation of every individual Socialist party official in Texas that reads this in our final move to balk the election crooks.

T. A. Hickey, State Secretary, Socialist Party of Texas.

N. B. — We also want YOU to do all in your power to see that every Socialist in your precinct turns out and votes November 3rd. Every vote cast now will count like ten votes two years hence. No excuse short of death should go to prevent them from voting. Bring them to the polls in wagons if necessary. Remember it is the immediate relief you want. Nothing will get it quicker for you than to roll up a big Socialist vote next November.

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A Muddled Donk Editor, Muddled Some More.

The Midlothian Argus
Mills County. W. M. Stanberry,
Publisher and Proprietor.
Midlothian, Texas, Oct. 2, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:—

We want to know here and we are going to know whether or not you are for them X county, democratic nominee for Co. representative, who proclaimed himself a Socialist in our issue of August 29th, is our nominee, Hayden Moore.

If you can say he is not, all right, we shall be glad. If you cannot or will not deny the fact we shall take it as an evidence of his political perfidy and act accordingly. There is no use to try to put one past us; we are going to the bottom of this matter. Thank ing you for a prompt reply I am,

Yours truly,

W. M. Starberry.

Here is our answer to above letter:

Hallettsville, Tex., Oct. 4, 1914.

W. M. Starrbery,
Midlothian, Texas.

My dear Sir:—

Your letter has the right ring to it. I just hope that all the Democratic push in every county in the State would have the same suspicion as you manifest it and do their nominee up at the election. Of course if I were the same away the "good democrat" that knew it would soon notify those most interested to swat the candidate and that the one fellow would be swated. As it now stands several Donks are likely to get in the neck. Things are exactly to my taste, so I'll let it go at that. Yours against 80 per cent Ferguson and the whole democratic push and for a real people's government.

T. A. Hickey,
"M."

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Put On Your Thinking Caps.

To the Rebel:—

Will you put this question up to the readers in one of your big issues. A real life and burning question that demands an answer from every reader. Readers think if you are capable of thinking. Use any means to get the wheels in your head in motion. Then get their noggins deep into your think tanks. Don't dismiss them until they are digested and have found a solution. Then give your answer at the ballot box on November 3rd. Why is it that millions of nation's workers after say twenty years of toil and labor go have not saved or accumulated enough in all these years to take one year or even a six months vacation? Assured of shelter food and clothing during a depression such as this that our impotent system has dragged us into. Why is it that hundreds of thousands of farmers and cotton raisers after say twenty years of toil and industry have not accumulated or saved enough in all these years to buy back one third of the wealth that they have produced this year?

Why can't they sit down, read the papers and laugh at the insane tactics of Europe? Think deeply and answer this.

Are these millions of workers and farmers miserable failures? Or is the system that condemns their destinies the miserable failure?

Exercise your intelligence and if you don't have the reasoning faculties to answer these questions involving the very lives of you and your loved ones, you are an imbecile and not capable of exercising the rights of citizenship. And for God's sake stay away from the polls and vote for the Socialist ticket. Don't shoot your real friends who have the welfare of your homes and interests at heart, that discerns the cause and remedy, with an ignorant ballot.

I hold that these millions of useful people are not failures. They have been defrauded. Even those who fatten on their toil tell them they are too efficient and have produced too much. The mass of them are the foreign trade.

Comrades get busy, make any sacrifice. Mark the articles in the Rebel and pin a half million copies in circulation and ask every rational voter who lays claim to an ounce of grey matter these questions at the ballot box. When you have done this you have done your part. So then it is up to the intelligence of the voter.

Art Mattson,
Lufkin, Texas.

Wants Cotton Mills.

Kirkland, Tex., Oct. 8, 1914.

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

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find 25 cents for which send me October 10th issue of the Rebel. This is a Socialist community I live in and I think this will be all I can give as I am very busy trying to get my farm work done and getting my cotton picked while the price is good so I can get a pair of shoes and a sack of flour out of a bale of cotton after I pay the rent and jinking. Farmers tell me that it is going to get still cheaper if it does I will have to drop off the shoes or flour and which I had better drop? I have a large family and need several pair of shoes and it takes a good many sacks of flour. They tell me the cotton mills have closed down and so cotton goods is costing the consumer more now than they did when cotton was 15 cents per lb. I think the thing for us to do is to get busy and put in a cotton mill in Texas to handle most of the crop as I think the farmers of the state would be willing to put in from 1 to 100 bales of cotton and take shares for the same. Just say one bale of cotton would buy one share as we have the cotton and have no money and we think would be a good time to start as we could get the experience help as they are all out of work except cotton that takes the profits and we could in a pinch like we are in now get a long without him and we could manufacture our goods we need and it would save freighting the cotton to the mills and the goods back.

J. J. Campbell.

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Andrews Always Good.

Grandview, Tex., Oct. 5, 1914.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrades:—

Enclosed please find 25 cents for which send me 50 copies of the Campaign edition at one half cent per copy. I am a new subscriber, but can say you are getting out a great paper. We had Comrade Andrews at the Grandview Local Saturday evening and he is an able speaker and expounded of Socialism. We expect to organize a local here soon and believe there could be several organized crowds here.

The people are ready here as before for the philantropists' of Socialism. Hence I am counting on the Rebel.

Yours for Socialism.

Joe E. McDuff.

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Cotton Mills Wanted.

Mangum, Tex., Oct. 12, 1914.

Dear Tom:—

Was a piece on a State Cotton Mill as I believe that is the best thing we could do. I run a gin and I find every man I talk to is highly in favor of the State Cotton Mills. Have Meitzen and Noble to agitate that question as it satisfies. We have the renter's union to take it up and if we had a petition out it would take like the land petition.

Fraternally yours,

J. L. Noble.

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For The Cause.

Paducah, Texas, Oct. 2, 1914.

Dear Hickey:—

I wish to state to you that I am a Socialist from the bottom of my feet to the top of my pole tax and I wish to say that where I am located I cannot do very much to forward the cause of Socialism. I live 8 miles from the post office and in a thin settled region but will send you $1.00 to forward the cause of Socialism, use this dollar as you see best fit for the cause.

G. W. Pruitt.

We used the $1.00 for sending out campaign editions of the Rebel. — Go you and do likewise.—Ed.

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A Live Letter From A Live Man.

Buffalo, Tex., Oct. 17, 1914.

To Comrade T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

As many of the comrades have been given space in your issues, I feel it is one of the common herd, desire to give vent to a few of my remarks.

I have written R. L. Henry, Joe McAdoo and Woodrow Wilson, trying to picture to them the great distress that confronts us now but with all my pleas for relief, and the numerous other petitions that have gone forth, nothing has been done, and as I wrote R. L. Henry, "As long as we have United States Senators and Congressmen worth from $100,000, to $25,000,000 we could never expect any relief for the suffering producer, and I suggested that the states place a standard on cotton bales, and say that this must be wrapped in 12 lbs of cotton, which would create a demand alone for 180,000,000 lbs, and all bacon, hams, fertilizer, cotton seed meal, cake, bran, chops, rye and all other planting seed to be wrapped in cotton, otherwise a fine of ..50 per bag be levied. Nothing has come of this suggestion, I believe they that the Jute trust had spent their money lavishly upon the different departments of government, keeping well in view their own interest.

I have been chosen from this county on the Socialist ticket for Representative for the 23rd District.

My advice to all suffering farmers, labors and people who live by the physical efforts of themselves is to tear away from these models that have enslaved them and regardless of whether they voted in the Primary to vote with their class, for the reason that their representatives have broken their contract and even under the existing laws, a contract violated by one party thereby gives the other party the same right, therefore there is nothing binding in that fake contract, there is no question of violation of honor. That scarecrow has been used too long; the common herd have become alarmed as they have voted their representative from County Judge to President, and they have weighed them carefully, and they have not found anything, therefore, you today are unpledged. Our government had the power to give us peace and happiness and prosperity, sending children instead of ragged, starved and shivering, crying children, and half clad women, begging for bread, to wave of the gun-revolution, but resort to the Silent Revolution, vote for your freedom and the good of your children at the fact that in the future you will have peace and plenty, happiness and contentment.

The situation today is bankruptcy, all while our fat, well fed, and nicely dressed representatives smoke, orate and congratulate each other, and advise you how to eat less and wear less, while they have an increase in their salaries. You keep your children at school, some of them to the University. Why can you not send yours, of you can send theirs? If a man call you a scarecrow, send all of your cent, and let him have your fist in the face, but when he takes the last morsel of food out of your children's mouth, then meet him on the street and glad to meet you. All because you do not know what he does to you. Vote for the Socialist ticket in all public utilities, and the individual ownership of personal property, and when you own the factory, and the product of your clothes, shoes, hats, and wearing, then, and not till then can you hope to have your children, and yourself never starved, perhaps then you will think right and now that starvation is here, it is a fully, and if you do not do so, and you should be called upon to work to maintain them, the heart is full, but your paper cannot be filled with one article, therefore with these hurried remarks, I will close, hoping that you can give it space in your paper.

Fraternally,

R. A. Noser.

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RENTER'S UNION

The Renter's Union will hold its Fourth annual convention at Waco during the Cotton Palace. The date will be Saturday, November 14th. Special rates on all railroads at the rate of about 1 1-5 fare. Full particulars as to the place of meeting and hotel rates will be published in the near future. Inasmuch as the renter has been hit harder than any other strata of the southern working class, it will be to our advantage to call attention to these men and women to be present at this convention that promises to be epoch making. If the renter does not organize then the gates of peonage will swing open for him if they have not already passed through the portals of Waco, remember the date, November 14th.

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If all the land in Texas that is tillable and is held of cultivation and amounts to over a hundred thousand acres were thrown open to cultivation shortly after Meitzen's election what would happen? Would it have any effect on the bread lines of the big cities? Write your answer to Hallettsville quickly.

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Pure leaf Tobacco, Sample Sets. Dr. Weaver, Wingo, Ky.

A PROPOSITION TO LIBERATE THE SOUTHERN COTTON FARMER.

(*Written for the Rebel.*)

It is now an established fact in the mind of every thoughtful man that the cotton raisers of the South can never expect any relief from their state and national "representatives." And, they only hope that I see it is to take into their own hands and exert their own strength in freeing themselves from the robbers of a vicious money power backed by its servants at Washington and the state legislatures. Any man with an idea above that of a mosquito ought to be able to see that the Southern cotton raiser can never hope to raise himself above that of a slave as long as he has to appeal to the vultures that prey upon his "staple" for they help to finance the product of his labor. The United States today is controlled by the national banks. They can get any kind of assistance from the National government that they may demand. They are the channel through which Uncle Sam loans money to carry on the business of the country. Take the billion dollars recently issued to those banks and see how they have used it. Look at the expense of many. Those banks get the billion dollars at 3 per cent interest on worthless security. There is not a farmer in the South that can go to any bank in New York and get one thousand dollars of his own money on the bond and security that the banks get it from the government at twice the rate of interest that the bank got it.

The government loaned this billion dollars to New York bankers at three per cent and took "stocks and bonds" as security. Now could anything be sold at their face value, advancing $125.00 on $100.00 of such stuff, and absolutely worth a hundred dollars? Yet to the farmers and take his cotton as security at less than its real value. Why? Here it is. The bonds issued to the government three per cent interest on the billion dollars which amounts in one year to $30,000,000. The banks now propose to use the banks money on his cotton at seven per cent, the farmer paying extra to cover the necessary expenses of making the bonds, and in four per cent profit to the banks $40,000,000.

Now I ask you why should the Southern cotton raiser take $40,000,000 of their hard earnings and give it to these banks? Why can not the government loan $40,000,000 to the farmer direct at three per cent and take his cotton as security instead of loaning it to the banks on worthless security? The government could do it but will not, because it is controlled by the bankers. But the cotton producers can run their own business just as well as the banks run theirs if they will. Here is the way. Let the cotton producers of the South organize what I would call the co-operative Cotton Association of America with a capital stock necessary to give the association the financial rating and credit by actual cotton producers on a par value of one dollar per share allowing no single holder to own more than five shares.

The association to be located at some central point in the South, and officered by a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer under the supervision of six directors all elected by the stockholders of the members of the association and subject to recall on a signed petition of ten per cent of the members of the association and subject to recall on a signed petition of ten per cent of the members of the entire membership for that purpose.

The association to control cotton warehouses at such places as may be required to take care of the cotton produced by its members and place them under the control of competent men, and sufficient for mutuous protection against mismanagement. When the producer places his cotton in the warehouse he will receive a receipt for each bale stating the weight and grade thereof and that receipt will be signed by the president of the producer and receive for it Cotton Certificates in denominations to suit his convenience bearing the inscription: "This bale has been deposited with the Cooperative Cotton Association of America" pounds of cotton (the number of pounds will be given according to the denomination of the certificate) and this certificate is issued against said cotton and will be redeemed with lawful money of the United States when said cotton is sold. Signed by the President and Secretary of the Association. The holder of these certificates can use them to meet their obligations just like the banks use "cashier's checks" to meet them.

With an organization of this kind the cotton producer would have some protection. The amount in dollars that the cotton producers of this country will be beaten out of this season would amply finance the movement I have outlined. It is estimated that there will be 15,000,000 bales of cotton produced this year. It is bringing at present about $30.00 a bale. It could be made to bring $50.00 a bale if the producer had the protection of such a movement as I have mentioned. The loss of $20.00 per bale on a 15,000,000 bale crop is the sum little sum of $300,000,000.00 to say nothing of the loss on cotton seed which, at present prices will lack at least $60,000,000 of bringing the producer what they would if he had some way of protecting himself against the game that is being played upon him. $360,000,000.00 is too much money for the cotton producers to donate to a lot of thieves to spend traveling in Europe while you and your wives and children are sweating in the summer and freezing in the winter in the cotton and you can stop it if you will. Now will you?

I am willing and ready to do my part. All my time and the organization of the above movement if the cotton producers of Texas *will support me in the effort. What do you say?*

W. T. Flowers.

Tolbert, Texas.

The Rebel wishes success and good fortune to the scheme proposed by Comrade Flowers. It appears to us however that unless the renters of the southland are thoroughly organized that such a move can be crowned with any measure of success. We believe that it is only when a gigantic economic organization backs such a project success will be possible. Without the backing of the Renters' Union the plan is doomed to failure. We hope that Mr. Flowers will come to Waco next month and talk and present his proposal to the Renters' Union.

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THE GUBERNATORIAL TOUR

(Continued from page 1.

nuvature it began raining. The color doors of the courthouse being open on that side Comrade Mentzer promptly and audaciously took advantage of this fact by telling the crowd that he "guessed it would be alright" for them to come into the courthouse and adjourn hold to then in there. The crowd cheerfully followed him inside and hardly had they filled right the courtroom when the rain ceased and went through one of his speeches that "the speakers could use the county court room if they wanted to." The politicians saw the "handwriting on the wall" more than they could chew". This grudging invitation was accepted with a vim and there was only standing room when Meitzen finished and then Comrade Noble began in turn to rally and rail the hills on the ranks of the machine Democracy and the cheers of the crowd.

The spirit of some of the machine crowd was evidenced by the fact that while sitting on the hotel steps just before Meitzen began to speak Comrade Noble heard one of the bunch say in insulting tones that, "These d— fellows ought to be run out of town". Noble called the speaker to account and quickly that he "discarded and fell out of the game", as one bystander put it. However the mass of the crowd seem to be of a different kind and have had gotten next to the game of their political czars, thanks to the prompt and fearless stand of the Rebel and gubernatorial nominees for their rights. Needless to say the latter went away from that machine ridden town leaving behind a greater degree of respect and friendship for themselves and their party than was the case before coming there. They showed that they were equal to any emergency even to conducting in the interest of the common people "Irresponsible offices for which they have been nominated.

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The Rebel has an old fashioned habit of asking questions and it seems to us that the asking and the answering of questions are the chisels that carve the steps to the heights of civilization. The question that we now want to ask is this: Is there a man who will vote next month, so low in the scale of human intelligence as to believe that the Ferguson land plank will benefit the 219,000 renters of Texas as one lota?

ALLE SAME, HEATHEN CHINEE.

(Houston Post Special.)

Timpson, Tex., Oct. 10.—The men's class of the Methodist Sunday school decided this morning by a large vote to inaugurate the custom of wearing cotton goods altogether, and the members pledged themselves to further this scheme by wearing overalls and jumpers on all occasions. They are of the opinion that by so dressing a simpler and more economical style will be set and that it will be a custom which will be followed elsewhere.

Whoopee, Hurrah, go to it you Donks. You plant tools and supporters of a system that all same people possessing an ounce of grey matter per cranium knew spelled ruin.

Thus the hungry wolves of capitalism overtaken you at last and torn the rags from your back? Well there are others. Plenty of them, whoop-e go to it. When you can no longer buy an eight dollar hand me down suit you can save yourselves the humiliation of appearing in the garb of $2.00 set of overalls and jumpers if you and your class will simultaneously inaugurate the scheme of dressing together in the garb of peons. You can thus retain your respect ability and social standing. Capitalism is heavy to bear. Millions are staggering under the burden and thousands are ditching their loads just now.

Why even the masters are now in the ditch with their loads on top of them. And are announcing of their inability to the land of commerce even after a benevolent government has issued $800,000,000 and placed in their hands a similarly saddled banks based on their old worthless stocks and bonds which they could no longer dump on the suckers at the price which quotations had fallen to the lowest ebb. They got ashamed of them and closed the stock markets. Now if their masters are in nervous the fond after viewing the situation decided they could avert a revolution by letting their slaves wear the same duds or for pass time and diversion from the monotony of business stagnation while the masters of the same are divided from glorious opportunity of laying it all on the war.So go to it. Don your overalls and thank your Democratic state and national administration if you can be assured of that with a fair allowance of corn bread and spoiled bacon.

The labor party will also undergo the humiliation of dispensing with a better quality of dress and appearing in cottons. Our Democrats are not the fair sex. You refuse to recognize them as intellectual beings and deny them the right of franchise, planning a system to make them less than you do the negro. I wish that every self respecting white woman in Texas could read this article and inaugurate a war strike from the Red River to the gulf and from the Sabine to the Rio Grande and send you an ultimatum like this:

"We positively refuse to receive your attentions and entertain you until you acquire and display some evidence of intelligence. Hence forth our only alliance with you be on the same basis of wives and political equals. Not as inferiors and drudges. Give us the chance and assist us in sending to Austin and to Washington men, real men, men with intelligence and heart, not jumping jacks and imbeciles, who dance only when the metropolitan press and bankers pull the string. We want men get all which are redeeming qualities to their credit; the others should have the privilege of wearing cotton jumpers, and cotton overalls and planting cotton tall rabbits over the lands and prairies until the masters cheerful voice announces that he is ready to open the shop again.

Arthur L. Mattson,
Lufkin, Tex.

P. S. Say you Rebel Dubbs get a negro back to hat you on the head with a yam potato and jar the wheels loose in your head then read the Rebel.

A. L. M.

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List of Available Speakers.

W. H. Wagnon, Tolbert, Texas.
Dr. J. A. Presley, Alvord, Tex.
G. A. Lambreth, Ira, Texas.

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W. S. Brice, Jr., Chaneyville.
Wm. Curd, Bardwell, Texas.
J. W. Pyburn, Bireme, Texas.
O. Clopton, McDade, Tex.
H. Grady Milner, box 312, Wichita Falls, Texas.
H. J. Brice, Woodsboro.
W. L. Thurman, Sulphur, Okla
Geo. W. Nicholson, Farmers Branch, Texas.
M. A. Smith, R. 4, Campbell, Tx.
Dr. O. B. King, 908 E. Lamar, Sherman, Texas.
Reddin Andrews, Tyler, Texas.

Oklahoma Notes.

(H. M. Sinclair, State Secretary.)

From this time until after election this office will continue to send out packages of the party literature to every precinct committeeman in the state. Every piece is of great importance and should be placed in the hands of the voters at once. It is all written for the present campaign, and will be a dead loss to the party if proper distribution is not made before election. Remember that this represents the sweat and blood of our comrades and the working class. It should be a pleasure for any class conscious comrade to devote his time to the work. It will carry Oklahoma for Socialism in 1914. The supply of the Red Book at the state office is exhausted. If you have more than is needed for your precinct let us know at once. We will send postage for forwarding to other parts of the state where they are needed. If the supply of literature is insufficient, write me at once. The state is ours for a little of this extra work. Let us have Socialism this Fall.

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Be sure that your precinct is to be represented at the general election with a Counter and a Watcher. Count and watch and watch and count and the state is all to the Red. Full and complete instructions have been sent to every precinct committeeman in the state. The office will be unable to answer questions relation to election matters of any length until after the Fight is won. Be sure that you are represented at the polls.

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Look out for the "bunk" that "Sour Hoob (Oge Bob) will spring at the last minute. Keep cool. Don't fall for any of the political tricks of the robber bunch. Watch and count.

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Comrades it is up to You on the firing line. Pump in and bring the state into the Red column. You are the ones to do the job, and it can and will be done. We have done all that we can from this end of the line. See that every red carder and sympathizer casts his vote.

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Speakers. Dates, etc.

Kate Richards O'Hare will speak in the interests of the Free Speech Defense in the Ninton Theatre, Muskogee, Okla., November 3rd, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m. Thomas L. Duie of Colorado, will speak at the following places: At Fleener school, Oct. 22, 8 p. m.; High Prairie school, Oct 23, 8 p. m.; Cleary, Oct. 24, 2:30 and 8 p. m. Everybody invited. Questions answered. H. H. Stallard will speak as follows: Canute, Oct. 23, 8 p. m., Cordell, Oct. 30, 8 p. m.; Frederick, Oct. 31, 2 and 8 p. m.; Mangitos, Nov. 1, 2 p. m.; Altus, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.

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Free Speech Denied.

Comrade G. F. McLester was arrested at Muskogee, Okla., Friday night October 30th, while speaking on the public streets. The authorities have arrested the following speakers in the course of the Free Speech Fight:—C. S. Crain, Socialist nominee for Congress, one; Charles Heiner, twice; W. D. Cain, three times; Comrade Jim Ryan has been arrested twice this week. We must win free speech for the party in Muscogee and Tulsa. Funds are needed at once. Send funds to Comrade Blanche Riebs, Treasurer Defense Committee, 803 North B. St.

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Last Minute Campaign Lies.

The state office has reliable information to the effect that the Democrats, in a desperate to keep down the Socialist vote this fall, have prepared a lurid attack on Socialists and Socialism to be distributed just before election day. The idea is to make these charges at such a time as will not admit of an answer before the polls open. The trick is as old as politics itself. Comrades throughout Oklahoma should be prepared to take care of such falsehoods if they appear.

On the other hand, the Socialist charges against the democrat and republican parties as well as against the present system were made early in the campaign. Every opportunity has been given to the champions of the old parties to refute or explain the acts of which they were specifically accused. More than that, the Socialists have waged a clean cut fight on principles of economics. They have not resorted to personalities or mud slinging. The Socialist party will take its place as one of the great political parties of the state, after November 3, with a campaign record of which no one can be proud but the Democrat and Republican bunco gang.

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The Democrat-Republican Bunco Game

The Oklahoma City Times, an alleged Republican daily paper, recently went into the hands of a receiver. Court proceedings brought to light the interesting fact that this paper has been owned and controlled by democrat corporation lawyers and editors. Among the stockholders are C.B.Ames, W. R. Gaylord, Roy Stafford of the Daily Oklahoman, G. R. Stone, capitalist, etc., to say nothing of a miscellaneous list of capitalists of all political faiths except the Socialists.

Here then is a paper that has for years kept up a pretense of great hostility toward the democratic party of Oklahoma. It has asserted that they are two distinct and opposite points of view politically in Oklahoma and that these political parties have nothing in common with each other. Financial loss however, brings to light the fact that the alleged fight of democrats against republicans in this state, is really a sham battle.

The case of the Times adds more proof to the Socialist contention that the democrat and republican parties are but two divisions of a common enemy of the working class in Oklahoma. Whichever of these two parties loses or wins is of but little real interest to the banker-exploiter class. They are victorious in their case. The worker cannot win anything for himself or his family by supporting the political party of the enemies of his class.

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The letter of state treasurer Dunlop to the banks of the state having state money on deposit, demanding the immediate payment of an "assessment" to be used for the election of Williams, has done the democrat party an infinite damage. It has done more than any one thing in the campaign to clinch the case against the interlocked parasites of Oklahoma.

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A million dollars carefully spent in organization would not duplicate the Socialist organization of Oklahoma. It practically every precinct of the state there are comrades who are doing systematic work for the cause. The vast amount of literature sent out by the state office is distributed by or devoted an army as ever fought for any faith.

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The closing weeks of the campaign are busy ones for the state office. The daily correspondence, always a big item of the day's work, is many times as heavy as in ordinary times. From every corner of the state come encouraging reports and offers of aid from workers who have never before existed in the Socialist cause. The mailing of literature alone is an enormous task. New charters for locals are issued every day. The state office is sure a busy spot.

ANOTHER PRAYER FOR WILSON.

Smiley, Tex., Oct. 12, 1914.

I want to tell you that 5 cent cotton and 10 cent sugar is making men think as they never have before and sugar on the free list at that. I honestly believe that this war panic will double our vote at this place. The working people are fast learning that the Doctor Hopes have been making extra pawn out of them and then raking the chestnuts out of the fire while they, (the workers), have been badly scorched for their many years. Well I haven't seen a capitalist dodger in the last week, but says: "I am happy in the belief that everything has been properly adjusted in Europe." One would naturally thinks so from the fact that the President of these benighted states set aside Sunday, October 4th to pray for peace in that unhappy country. I wonder if Mr. Wilson didn't know that there has been too much preying on the workers by the shirkers and that brought the war. I wonder if he thinks that God would sit quietly on his throne in heaven where all was perfect bliss and see his people murder each other by countless thousands and then vacate his throne and waddle off into Europe and order peace just for the asking? I wonder if Mr. Wilson knows that God makes words and rules them through the process of natural and harmonious laws and that men make governments and rule them through the process of greed? Mr. Wilson certainly knows that the rulers of nations declare war but he says the least of it from the fact that Mr. Wilson stands for the system that breeds war I am honestly sorry. Now I want to make a prophecy and if I am wrong in the prophecy I don't mind criticism. I see that Wilson will be called on to declare war with Mexico in less than one year. Possibly in less than six months. I say it is probable. Why? General Villa, the greatest man of all the brown race says: "Mexico for the Mexicans and down with peonage. Give the Mexicans an opportunity to educate themselves and develop the entire resources of their country and hold it among themselves and be free and independent and prosperous." Capitalism says otherwise. I guess Wilson is due to pray again.

S. D. Lee.

DERIVATION OF THE DONK

We received the following letter a few days ago:

Yoakum, Texas, October 14th, 1914.

Mr. T. A. Hickey, Editor Rebel, Halletlsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

A great many Donks in this city are feeling sore and in fact some of them are getting real mad because the Socialists of this community have applied to them the term "Donk". They raise up on their hind legs and swear that they are not Donks and they say that this is a word that should not be applied to any decent human being. Some of them claim that you originated this term of opprobium and that something ought to be done to you for hurting their feelings so badly. I am not surprised at their anger because this word has stuck and nobody speaks of Democrat here any more. The question that is always asked now is: "Did you go into the Donk primary?" or "Are you going to vote the Donk ticket?" or still worse, seeing that it comes from Donks on the fence, "Are we going to vote the Donk ticket next November?"

The children in the schools and on the streets are shouting "Donk". The sweet ladies in their homes, mothers, wives and sisters are asking about the Donk. In fact this term has got under the hides of the official bunch of this town. Now I want to ask you three questions. First: Is it true that you originated the term donk? Second: If not, who did? Third: How does it happen that the name sticks so well?

Hoping an early reply.

Your comrade in the fight against the Donks,

Patton McCord.

State Chairman Socialist Party, Yoakum, Texas.

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Our distinguished official from Yoakum who asked the above questions is advised that while the English language is the most flexible of all languages and yearly adds hundreds of words to its store the word that sticks, as you put it, and becomes part of the vernacular is rarely, if ever the product of one man's mind. Take the word, "Boycott" for instance. That word is now used many times daily in every portion of the globe in which many English speaking people congregate. It is a very expressive word. Those who have recommended the use of that word, in all that it implies, have many times found themselves landed behind prison bars. In Ireland alone not less than five thousand men and women have been jailed and fined because they propose a "Boycott", and yet thirty three years ago such a word was not known to the English speaking tongue. In this case the word sprang into life because a landlord, whose surname was Boycott, evicted several hundred poor tenants and the community turned upon him by refusing to associate with him or his family in any phase of social life. Thus we see that this most expressive word came into existence not from one individual but from the act of an entire community!

It is much the same with the word Donk. Let us examine into its genesis: Shortly after the close of the uneivil war, Harper's Weekly was one of the great periodicals of the north in fact its circulation was nation-wide. On its staff was a man who is now known as the father of the American cartoon, the late Thomas V. Nast. His pencil created have among those in higher places. It is generally believed that his cartoons of Boss Tweed, the Democratic ruler of Tammany Hall, who robbed the city of New York of millions, led to his imprisonment in Sing-Sing and smashed his corrupt machine. He was the potent force that fought the tiger of graft. During the administration of President Grant that rough soldier said in an interview, "You can always depend upon the Democratic party to do the right thing at the wrong time and the wrong thing at the right time." Nast put this phrase under one of his famous cartoons the following week and pictured the Democratic party as that poor, patient, stupid beast. The ass, upon which Jesus rode into Jerusalem. This characterization was so true to the record of the Democratic party that other papers copied Nast's cartoon. Within one month from the Golden Gate to the shores of Cape Cod the Democratic party was understood to be the party whose emblem was the afore mentioned stupid animal. Loud wails of indignation went up from the Burbon officials of the south who controlled the states that comprise the sunny south. Angry cries were heard from the greatest Democratic organization of the North, Tammany Hall, whose great leader was then wearing prison stripes which resembled the stripes of the Tammany tiger. The leaders of the Democratic party finding that this emblem was pushed upon them refused to accept it at first and swore with one voice that they would never recognize it. Nevertheless it stuck, because it was true, it was lifelike, and the vast majority of the people of the United States accepted the Nast emblem as the emblem of the Democratic party. Then the leaders of the Bourbon south and the reactionary north bowed down to the wishes of Von Popoli and accepted the beast of burden as an emblem. Thus it has happened in the northern states that the Democratic papers unquestioningly present their party as being representative of the blind ass, the burro or Donk.

Different is it in the South and for excellent reasons. In the South the Democrats have a brutal majority. Possessing this majority the southern politicians have evolved a ring rule in every county seat, in every city administration and in every state legislature in fact in the south they have developed a caste of officialdom that is just as strong as any other caste, be it that of the Hindoos of India or the imperial military Caste of Berlin or London. This caste puts on itself many trappings of pride and hence resent the idea that they should have their organization represented by an emblem so plebeian as that of the long eared brute. Nevertheless it is true, that while the ears of the Donk officials are not as long as the emblem of their party their heads are just as hard, their vision is as limited, their patriotism is as scant, their idealism is as vague, and their statesmanship (?) well here I pause, because I can hardly imagine a donkey possessing the elements of statesmanship, unless perchance, by comparison, we might approximate their relative worth. Anyhow, the rings that rule the "Democracy" of the south abhor the emblem that fits them so well.

This it has come to pass that when I started the Rebel nearly four years ago I found that it was necessary to describe these rulers of politics in the Southland. For obvious reasons I did not care to use the "shorter" and "uglier" word that is spelled with three letters in this case. But I had to call them a donkey because it was true to life and the record. Then inasmuch as all Americans are prone to indulge to abbreviation I cut out the "ey" and stigmatized the entire, debauched, banker ruled and landlord owned Burbon set, that ruled the south— as "Donks". Now then figure it up whether I originated the word or not. It is true that the Rebel has coined a word in the verbal currency, and that is also true that the credit lies with Nast, who first pictured the Democratic party, nation wide and state-wide as the party whose only fitting emblem was the poor, stupid long eared beast of burden and dot gum'em they had to take it. They are Donks.

The term Donk will live until the Democratic party is as dead as the Whig party, the Know Nothing party, or anyone of the other parties that are now interred in America's political graveyard. It is the mission of the Socialist party to bury the party of the Donk and if I make not a serious mistake, the interment will take place when the votes are counted on election day 1916. In the meantime in Texas we shall prepare the grave for the Donk on the third of next November. — T. A. Hickey, Editor of the Rebel.

THE KINGDOM TO BE.

Written for the Rebel by Stanley J. Clark.

Spread the glad tidings to street and alley
Call the "low browed" to a feast and a rally
Ring the old bell that hangs in the steeple
Spread the glad news 'ore earth to its people
Seize the old bugle and blow 'till its tongue
Is heard by the ear that ever was dumb.
Swing on the string that's tied to the whistle
Force the mad world to stop and to listen
Scream with your engines 'till roiling are hushed
Let rustly old anvils join in the course
The people's awaken, the kingdom to be—
Is established on earth, the people are free.

Summon the mother who works in the field
Whose children are hungry and tempted to steal
Sing the glad song to the girl in a state
Whose choice is the brothel or death in the lake.
Go to the toiler who slaves in the mine
Tell the good story to those of his kind.
Gather the children from factories drear
Silence the wheels, let all of them hear
The prophet has spoken, the time is at hand
The meek of the earth shall inherit the land
The people's awaken, the kingdom to be
Is established on earth, the people are free.

Beat your old guns in shares for the plow
Ask not the rul ers if they will allow
Pruning hooks made of the sword at your side,
The lion and the lamb, shall together abide
The king and the courtier who fawns at his feet
Call to the judgement the people to meet
Force them to walk by the chastening rod
Held in the hand of the children of God
The wall has been erected the trumpet has blown
Each shall now reap what ever they-ve sown
The people's awaken, the kingdom to be
Is established on earth, the people are free.

A PEACE AIR SHIP.

Written for the Rebel.

I wish to donate my share up to $100 to build a Peace Air Ship, to fire torpedoes of Peace Literature into every fortress, soldier's camp and marching squadrons, until War shall be no more.

President Wilson's peace proposals have failed.

The prayers of the United States have failed.

Yet ninety nine out of every one hundred in Europe would like to see peace.

A larger per cent of the soldiers would vote for peace if given privilege to do so.

A Red Cross Ship is being sent by the United States, with help to care for the wounded.

Why not try to save them from shot and shell in the first place?

Can't stop it? — Let us see what has been done.

I wish to sketch from Geo. R. Kirkpatrick's book on war.

"In 1905-6 the Norwegian and the Swedish armies were ordered to the front to butcher one another. They were assembled at the national boundary. Tens of thousands of homes were desolate. Tens of thousands of the agony in the hearts of a multitude of women and children. Reporters were present from all parts of the world to flash the news of the butchery around the earth. The capitalist coffin trust was exceedingly glad, business was about to pick up. Gilt-braided commanders were about to shout: "Form! Charge! Slaughter! Butcher!"

"Everything was ready — it seemed. Then something happened.

No word was drawn. No cannon roared. No Gatling gun mowed down thousands. No wild cavalry charged. No hospital became a hell of cursing, groaning, screaming mangled men.

[illegible] one thing — the consent of the working class.

The conscripted Socialist soldiers in both armies, and the Socialists everywhere throughout both countries had passed the sign of working class brotherhood all through both armies, and through both countries: "We working-class men are brothers. Let us save our own blood and tears."

This international brother's cry was like a flash of lightning at midnight. The human race seemed to smile. The Swedish and the Norwegian soldiers mingled. These armed workers fraternized. Armed fire torpedoes embraced armed. They shouted and wept — for joy.

Proudly and promptly they refused to butcher and be butchered.

They settled it. There was no war.

When enough will go to work against this lie they will take courage. Will you be one of the fools as above.

J. B. Wall,
Orchard, Texas.

MR. FARMER DO YOU KNOW?

First. Why the United States government issues to the National Banks at a low rate of interest and on worthless security and will not assist you in protecting your cotton from forced sale at starvation prices?

Second. Why "our" government comes to the assistance of railroads in times of "distress" and cannot hear the piteous cries of your wives and children when the product of their labor is being forced to the market at one-half the cost of production?

Third. Why, the United States Government builds warehouses for the Whiskey trust and hires men to guard them, gives this trust three years time on the stored fire-water to pay the government the revenues on the stuff, issues the trust warehouse receipts upon which it can and does borrow hundreds of millions of dollars from the banks and absolutely refuses to assist you in holding your cotton for better prices?

I ask. DO YOU KNOW WHY THIS IS SO?

The answer is simple. You vote for men who "promise" to [illegible] but when [illegible] they represent the banks the railroads and the whiskey trusts and all you can do is to wait till the next election to be fooled again into the same old trap. How much longer are you going to stand for this order of things? The Socialist party proposes to assist you. Will you go to the polls at the coming election and cast one intelligent vote?

W. T. Flowers.