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Rains County Usurers.

Usury to become respectable and of great civic righteousness in Rains county.

The Rebel is in receipt of the following which is self explanatory.

Emory, Texas, June 20, 1915.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrades:—

We have got the biggest kind of a fight on here. It's between the banks and the people.

The banks charge usury and fall crops were short and prices low and the banks forced the people to pay them their blood money, some of them they literally stripped of everything they had. Some of them went back on the banks for usury and they began to pay it back without suit. The claims came in on them so thick and fast till they had to quit paying back and now they are being sued and they are trying to get public sentiment turned against the ones that are coming back on them. They have succeeded in buying off the justice of the peace at Emory so I am told. They were to have a trial yesterday in precinct No. 3, but it was put off two weeks.

The banks are doing everything they can to win. The county papers will not publish anything on either side without pay, so the banks get their side of it published and the people do not. The banks at first seemed the Socialist party of the county of being responsible for this fuss, but the bankers went so far as to get up a resolution and pass it around and get all they could to sign it. Enclosed find the resolution as it is printed in the county seat newspaper.

Yours for success and victory in this fight.

Jesse Adams.

NOTICE

Point, Texas, May 22, 1915.

Whereas, a difference has been started, whereby the banks of Rains county are being charged and threatened with prosecution for violating the usury law and some of our citizens seem willing to sacrifice principal for the sake of a few paltry dolars, and whereas, such actions seem to be compromising with evil, misleading and unworthy our high moral standards of progressive citizenship, guarantee to all a square deal, therefore let no fair minded American citizen who has a true regard for equity, justice and the golden rule, put forth his hand or influence to violate his conscience and righteous obligation by demanding a portion of the spoils, but rather frown, discourage and abstain from such unrighteous practices.

Therefore, be it resolved by the undersigned citizens of Rains County that we hereby protest against such procedure and go on record as condemning practices characteristic only of pessimistic, undesirable citizens who exhibit a belief in destructive rather than constructive policies.

(Signed) (50 names.)

Usury, as far back as run the written records of the human race has been abhored and reprobated of man. We have seen apologies for the ten-per-cent a minute shark who operates among the poor upon the ground that he has been temporarily of assistance to them, but it remains for a noble and intrepid band of Rains county citizens to attempt to drag from the mire of the just contempt of honest men that which has been condemned by the laws of nearly every state and nation of the world and by the conscience of honest men.

Ordinarily the usurer in the commercial world stands about as does the pimp and the macereaux in the social world but for monumental effrontery and assinity the exquisite gem above takes the cake.

Can it be that an infamous lawbreaking nest of usurers can in a so called civilized state cause the signature of fifty fat-witted citizens to be placed upon it, knowing that the average prominent citizen is much like the Scotchman's monkey, "You hold Jocko and he'll bite me. I hold Jocko and he will bite you." His mental processes are of ice wagon variety and move slowly and that he often wakes up in his lowrisin what he likes in logic, and seems to have an inborn desire to follow slavishly the advice of every money lender no matter under what guise he appears.

Let us analyze this illuminating document. First it says that the banks of Rains county are being charged with and threatened with prosecution for the violation of the usury law. If the bank is not guilty why not prosecute the people behind this movement for libel or attempt to black mail Cesar's wife should be above suspicion.

Then comes this brilliant generality: "Some of our citizens seem willing to sacrifice Principal (principle) for the sake of a few paltry dollars. Who are the citizens whose dollars are going to be sacrificed? Again, such actions are wrong compromising with evil, misleading and unworthy of our high moral standard." What action has been taken, wherein lies the wrong? What high moral standard of progressive citizenship are being asserted? Who is guaranteeing the square deal in Rains county?

Observe again, this beautiful bunch of bunk, hog-wash, and redamontade: "Therefore let no fair minded American citizen who has a true regard for equity, justice and the golden rule put forth his hand or influence to violate his conscience by demanding a portion of the spoil, but rather frown, discourage and abstain from such unrighteous practices."

Who are the "pessimistic, undesirable citizens who exhibit a belief in destructive rather than constructive policies." If there is an undesirable citizen in the United States so profoundly ignorant as to be obtunded by the dope handed out by this moneyed banditti into signing such a resolution his neighbors should hire a blue-gumed negro to bite him, inasmuch as he was not strangled at his birth as should have happened.

Can it be possible that a band of peanut fanciers are afraid of bankruptcy, for they have no conscience. Have they suddenly acquired a case of cold feet after paying back a few paltry dollars, or does it resolve itself into the old old story of the slave and the master? The law in Texas is plain. It is unlawful by our statutes to charge usury. Only small peanut banks fear the law. Only great men like John D. Rockefeller, or great corporations tred under foot with impunity the laws of sovereign states so we find the small fry resorting to his pitiful and humiliating means of intimidating and fooling their victims.

The little banks should keep to their ordinary methods of exploiting the workers. They have robbed enough without stirring up the just resentment of those who earn their bread in the sweat of their face. The Rebel does not take pleasure in swatting small fry bankers and politicians with so many of the large exploiters of the people at large but feels it would be unjust to its readers if it passed up this beautiful example of the administration of the laws and that beautiful sense of civic duty displayed by this gallant fifty.

Can You Vote?

The Socialists are for manhood suffrage—are opposed to the poll tax; always fought it from the cradle and will soon follow its corpse to the grave. Whenever the masters of any country wish to forge new chains upon their slaves they first appeal to their better nature, such as the welfare of their children, civic pride, etc.

When Wm. McKinley was shot it was the third time within memory of man now living that the nation was brought to its knees. During the ensuing months no matter upon what expedition of party perfidy for pillage the Republican party might embark they wrapped themselves in the shroud of a murdered president. No such sight has been seen since the days when the Hussites stretched the skin of John Zizka on a drum and led their armies into battle and their enemies into rout by the rattle of the dead hero's hide. They passed the infamous Dick law, exclusion law, Naturalization law and a few other safe and sane measures to pull from the pigeon holes in the future and strike at labor. In passing the infamous poll tax amendment of Texas the donks appealed to the parental love of the working class etc., it was purify and ballot, increase the school fund etc., Mr. Henry Dubb took the bait and went out and hog-tied himself. Now the Donks are trying to pass more legislation to have the fat-witted hang themselves have proceeded to push themselves into a howling farce.

The last is ostensably to allow voters away from home to vote. It provides upon affidavit a voter can vote away from home—but with that ingrained habit of introducing "jokers" and their seeming inability to introduce or pass any simple direct and succinct measure that could be understood by a man born only once of martial birth they go on to say that they must swear that you have all qualifications necessary to become a naturalized citizen of the United States and "Hell has broke loose in Georgia."

As it stands now a working man may in the county seat by paying the tax collector a sack of flour buy a right to vote provided he can prove that he is docile and has remained hitched in one county six months. In the city he must pay a couple of sacks more and if he travels and has not this badge of servitude with him he must go back to his county to vote. (Many Socialists travel and must observe things.) If the law passes it will help them. On the other hand there are thousands of near-Socialists that it will bar. So you have it. One gang of the Donks are now coolly yelling that it's a trick of the booze element to corrupt the ballot; another gang says that it disfranchises a large band of noble and patriotic company who have always followed the band wagon and protected the pie counter who have only filed their declaration to become a citizen.

So far once the "Rebel" is placed in the position of the hen in the poem of that astonishing child who diverted the leisure of Scott'

"She was the most unusual clam
And did not give a single dam."

Let them have their Danny Brook fairs and they will probably before they get through convince the workers of the infamous character of the poll tax.

Price of Cotton.

The cotton farmer in the south finds himself facing certain indisputable facts. First the market is rigged against him and so that he cannot get anything for his product except enough to barely keep in existance. Second the Democratic party has deceived him and left them at the mercy of the speculators. Third, the price of everything he has to buy has increased in value, increased in price in proportion as his own commodity went down. Fourth, the price of land upon which he must raise his cotton has also soared out of sight through the manipulation of another art of speculators. And fifth, the money necessary to raise his crop can only be secured at usurous rates because of the manipulation of money by the banks, and the utter lack of farm credits that are in operation in other countries. Taking all these things into consideration the cotton farmer's lot is not only not a happy one but under present conditions it is a hopeless one.

Facing the stern facts it appears to the Rebel that the farmer should see his ways clear to revolt against conditions that become more unbearable each year. Let that revolt be safe and sane and sensible. See to then that the Land League is organized a hundred thousand strong and that the actual farmers be they mortgaged or be they renters seize the political power through the channels of the Socialist party which is pledged and sworn to destroy cotton, land, money, and all other speculators and thus place the farmer in full possession of the entire product of his toil.

God speed the day when the farmer will so act.

Clearer than ever before does it appear to the observing man that cotton prices are manipulated by the insiders and speculators—men who in the main have engaged upon a cotton field and actually could not tell the difference between a cotton boll and a chrysanthemum. When cotton gets into the speculators hands the price goes up. When it is out of the speculators hand the market sags down to 5 and 6 cents.

This is true of wheat and all other staples. The breaking out of the war found wheat in the hands of the elevator trust, which is largely a subsidy of the great railroads. The market was rigged and wheat went soaring up to $1.65 a bushel.

When the war broke out the cotton crop was still in the field, getting its great August sun bath Mother nature and the farmer in possession. The markets north and south were again rigged with the result that the bears instead of the bulls were in control and cotton sank as low as wheat went high.

With the passing of the months the famer under the coercion of the merchant who was in turn pressed by the banker, jobber and wholesaler, forced the farmer to sell as low as 5 to 7 cents per pound. Which was away below the cost of production, and yet strange to say, that when the market was seemingly glutted by the millions of bales of cotton that were forced upon it we found that once that the cotton was out of the farmer's hands the price went soaring up and beyond the ten cent mark.

Now that cotton is disposed of by the speculators the price automatically sinks until now the farmer is facing the wretched price of one year ago. Just as sure as the snows will come again this winter the old game will be played over again. Cotton in the farmers hands will go down. Cotton in the speculators hands will go up.

The cotton farmer has looked in vain for help to the Democratic politicians, who are in power in the cotton states and in the national government. In Texas a warehouse bill passed which had so many restrictions around it and was so expensive that the farmers generally turned continually from it and it has become a complete fizzle. The same is true of similar cotton legislation in all the cotton states.

The handling of the cotton question by the national government developed even a greater fiasco than that of the state legislatures. President Wilson, and his son-in law, the secretary of the treasury, declared time and again that all was well with the cotton farmer because they had helped in the creation of a pool to help him that reached the staggering total of $135,000,000.

But, alas, with the dreams of the men and women who pinned their faith to Wilson while they toiled in the sun to produce the fleecy staple. Such restrictions were thrown around the pool that it was nearly impossible to comply with all its provisions, when even if they were complied with the farmer would not take advantage of the pool because he would have to pay the equivalent of 27 1/2 per cent interest. And so again for the hundreth time the cotton farmer had been betrayed in the house of his friends.

SAM "SUSPECTS."

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is at last commencing to give some indications that he is learning to what lendth the master class will go. Speaking at an immense mass meeting called for the purpose of protesting against the arrest of the officers of the cloak makers union of New York. Samuel said:

"The murder of working men and women in Ludlow, Colo., gives me a suspicion of what capitalists would like to do in New York City. We ask no immunity for any member of Organized Labor who is guilty of crime; but, by the gods, we will insist that every degree of fairness and justness be given our people.

It is a pity that the Honorable Samuel only "suspicions" what the capitalist class of New York is ready and willing to do. Every well posted person in the labor movement should not "suspicion" They should know that the capitalist of New York are ready, willing and anxious to slay workers, men women and children by the thousands if by so doing they can increase their profits. The time for "suspicioning" is passed Samuel. The time for leaders who *know* is here.

"Send me 100 of the Anniversary number and The Rebel as long as this dollar will pay for it Hurrah! for The Rebel and its supporters. We are coming slowly, but surely"... is the tune of Comrade G. W. Gilmore, Kent Co. How many of you Comrades who read these lines are doing that much?

LABOR AND LAND

You do give us hard knocks. The report that women in San Francisco wait in line to register as prostitutes ought to strike the normal man like a thunderbolt. The best we can do with our girls, many of them bright, pretty, and good, is to cast them out into rain and poverty, and they must wait their turn at that. One writer says this sacrifice is necessary for the welfare of his growing boys; and this is civilization!

If there were no remedy the world should "come to an end" at once. But the remedy is absurdly simple: Opportunity; let labor use any and all vacant land and industry would need all men and women in production, and wages would rise, and no greater proportion of workers would go directly to the land than are now there. The owner of vacant land will rear up and shriek about his property rights. "The land shall not be sold forever, for the land is Mine" (saith the Lord). "Moreover the profit of the earth is for all."

Five Minute . . . Sermon.

Subject: The Land.

Texts: Gen. 17:18. 26:2-4. 28:3-4. 28:13-14. 35:11-12.

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One of the comrades has written in and called attention to the fact that the above "texts" were passed in the land sermons, asks why and says, none should be skipped.

Because of Matt. 18:16, I turn back to give these references, although they are not all distinctly separate. Not wishing to seem to *defend* is the only reason, however. They were passed *deliberately*, just as the average preacher or priest passes them.

Remember, comrades, that I am not going to quote every reference to the fact that the land was intended by "The Lord" to be available to all mankind. I could work along the Land question month in and month out, if such was adviseable. In fact if the preachers and priests were not blinded by the poposity of the landlords in the congregation, as well as by the teachings of their childhood days, they could not miss preaching a sermon against the landlords once or twice a year, to save their lives. I am merely skimming the *surface*, so far as the number of available "Texts" is concerned. We would never reach "rent, interest and profit," if I were to continue to hammer the reference to FREE land, available to all men—women and children—born and to be born.

Another reason that the "Texts" quoted above were deliberately passed, is that some of Comrade Moses' writings along this part of Genesis, do not sit well on my conscience. Not wishing to assail any of the records, or call too close attention to the fact that some of these texts do not tally with *Josephus' writings*, which are claimed by the Jews (who ought to know) to be the most exact in the found. I was glad to pass them over. In as much as it seems objectionable to do so, let's "go to it!" The comrade seems not yet to realize what Old Paul taught, in 1 Cor.13:11. Or it may be he is old and gone back to the things of his childhood.

We spoke of Old Abram's democrat tricks and the way his wife was humiliated just as some Southern women were humiliated before the war, and are still. If Gen. 16:12 were written of the present day, it would be as true as it is now in that. "And he will be a wild man. his hand will be against every man, and every man against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." A little further East and you can see that same thing even now. The "male nigger" waiting on his half brother, and just in proportion as he learns the wrong that was done his mother, he becomes "a wild man." Of course as long as his education is neglected, his opportunity for full understanding, this is postponed, but that day cannot be postponed much longer. The San Antonio Express had one of its "street-walker" brains write an editorial in its issue of June 19th., declaring Booker T. Washington a greater man than either Jefferson or Lincoln. When these "street-walker" brains get started there is no stopping them, for they have all means of reaching the eyes of the people and deny access to their columns to anyone who will not lick their political boots. In this instance they have pulled a "good one."

Then there is the story of Lot and his daughters, Gen. 19: 30-36. There was never a woman on earth who would deliberately choose a drunken father for her child. If old Comrade Moses wrote that tale, I know he slipped his trolley some way. Admitting the need for progeny as a defense against the wild beasts in those days, and the stronger racial instinct of women, the story still does not ring true. It may be Lot was a democrat and a republican administration was in power, or vice versa; it is still a bum explanation Moses could have said that Lot was an old pervert; that he was running a "swell" cafe; he should have even gone over into the "Land of Nod" and found husbands for the girls. That's the way he found a wife for Cain, Gen. 41: 16-17.

Old Comrade Moses, however, told one redeeming story along here, that showed the Socialist vote was on the increase. They respected woman; they cared for her.

In the U. S. there are over 7,000,000 women who have to work away from their homes. These women work six days a week; some of them, seven. Many are required to stand on their feet the entire day. No mercy is shown them by the brutal task-masters who work them merely for the profit of the idler. If anything was needed to show the Prayer-peddlers that they have the wrong interpretation of Comrade Jesus teachings, these two incidents would prove it fully. HE was the first man in all the world to speak a word for WOMAN; the first to insist she should be given treatment, other than as a chattel. Two centuries of the prayer-peddlers interpretation — misnamed Christianity — and women are more brutally treated than they were 3654 years ago, when Laban refused to make his own daughter arise for even a moment because "the custom of women is upon me," Gen. 31:35. The women support the prayer-peddlers; the exploiters of women have the high seats in the congregation. Why are the preachers and priests silent? Is it hard?

The Religious Editor.

LIKE FATHER — LIKE SON.

J. P. Morgan, the ranking head of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., was shot a few days ago in his Glen Cove home.

The morning after the shooting the papers announced that Mr. Morgan had answered the phone when the first inquiring were made, and assured his friends that he was virtually unhurt.

NOW the papers are exploiting his injuries and using great head lines to tell of the Doctors and the X Ray examinations and other alleged incidents, in the endeavor to work up sympathy.

He was shot by a crazy demoralized professor, who says he was endeavoring to persuade (?) Mr. Morgan to stop the war, especially the $100,000,000 loan that the British Ambassador was negotiating at the time. Rather than join the Socialists in an effort to stop the cause of war, this high-brow got a sixshooter and went after Morgan, who is as much a victim of the system we live under as are any of the rest of us.

Morgan is the worthy son of a worthy (?) sire. He is doing the same kind of tricks his father did before him; possibly a little less contemptible. Gustavus Meyer, in his History of the "Great American Fortunes", tells that the elder Morgan bought CONDEMNED rifles from the American government in the early days of the Civil War for $3.50 each. When, a little later, the army in the West was in immediate need of arms the great (?) financier sold the same CONDEMNED rifles to the same American Government for the sum of $15.00 each. Even the National Government balked at the dirty deal and refused to pay. The Supreme Court, however, promptly said that the debt was owing to Morgan and ordered it paid. As a consequence *your* money, in this way, was made the nucleus of the Morgan (?) fortune. Now the street-walker brains that the masters hire to fill the space of the daily papers, are busy working up sentiment for the same fortune that was stolen from the people. But these same street-walker brains are absolutely silent about the condemned rifles that are the basis of the family fortune. They are of the working class, these brains, and paid by the week. They are the most contemptible of the working class however, for they deny their brothers the information that is essential to an honest opinion of anything.

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WANTED — Correspondence with boards of trustees desiring Socialists teachers, and teachers wanting such schools.

W. O. Brannen,

INDUSTRIAL AMENDMENT TO U. S. CONSTITUTION.

The Rebel publishes below the first of a series of articles from the pen of K. E. Choate, top times candidate for governor of the Socialist Labor Party of Texas and the most prominent member of the Houston Typographical Union. Mr. Choate believes that the time is ripe for an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution of the United States, that would have for its purpose the transfer of the socially used plants of production, transportation, distribution and the land. He proposes that the Industrial Workers of the World with headquarters at Detroit, Michigan, shall be the agency through which the transfer of the property shall be made. The Rebel believes that regardless of what Socialists may think of the amendment it will produce a sound and healthy discussion and be of great educational value.

The Rebel believes that Mr. Choate and those who are working with him for adoption of this amendment make an error in fixing upon Detroit, Detroit I. W. W. as the agents who shall function in the transfer, however, that is a matter that can be thrashed out and decided before the amendment is submitted for ratification. What we need now is an enlightened discussion on the matter. Mr. Choate has agreed to send us 500 words each week on this subject. He desires a written debate and will answer all correspondence. He can be addressed care of composing room, Houston Post.

Here follows the first article written for the Rebel on this subject:

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A Revolutionary Amendment.

(By K. E. Choate.)

During the last two years the following has been before the membership of the Socialist Labor Party for discussion:

"1. All socially used plants of production, transportation and distribution, and the land, within the confines of the United States and its insular possessions shall pass into the collective ownership and control of the Industrial Workers of the World, headquarters Detroit, Mich.

"2. The Congress shall have power to enforce the provisions of this Amendment by appropriate legislation.

"3. This Amendment shall become effective on and after its passage."

The above was offered as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to be presented as a permanent platform of the Socialist Labor Party.

Under a ruling of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party this proposition will be taken up and disposed of at the National convention of the S. L. P. to be held next July.

The proposed Amendment was offered by the Texas S. L. P., and presented herewith for the careful and earnest consideration of the members of the Socialist Party of Texas.

It is proposed to form an organization to be known as the Industrial Amendment League, this organization to have for its purpose the furthering of the agitational work involved in the presentation of the proposed Amendment to the Working Class.

This League will indorse no political party nor will it recognize any political party. It will use political action for the purpose of recruiting the forces of Labor for the final overthrow of the Capitalist system of wealth production, which system lies at the bottom of all our social and economic ills.

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Since the rise of private property—that is, since the birth of the Iron Tool—the ruling class has always managed to erect between itself and the servile class which it robbed, a barrier; this barrier at different times and in different places taking such phase as the economic base demand.

To be successful of this barrier has always been in equal ratio with the ignorance of the servile class.

Just so long as the master class could keep the servile class in ignorance, just so long would the servile class refrain from attack ing the barrier. But when, through the upward march of the race, that time came when ignorance of the servile class disappeared and enlightenment came in relating to that particular barrier, an assault was made and the barrier came down.

Until today in this Twentieth Century we find the ruling class of America using a barrier made of itself and the working class, the highest expression of political action the mind of man has yet conceived—the constitution of the United States.

But there is a breach in that barrier, and the master class dare not close that breach, for if it does it will find itself sealed within a vault—the vault of an Industrial Autocracy, which would spell death to the bourgeoisie.

That breach is Article V. of the Constitution of the United States, which Article provides how that Constitution itself may be changed.

And for the first time in the history of the servile class it has placed in the hands a weapon it can use without incurring the danger of death.

Industrial Amendment to the Constitution of the United States will appear weekly. You are invited to join in this discussion, being as brief as possible, and yet let your criticism be as directly to the point as possible.

"WAR AGAINST WAR," POSTCARDS.

The post cards addressed to President Wilson, copies of which was recently shown in the Rebel columns, will reach those that have ordered them about the same time as this issue goes out.

Our linotype machine has been broken and other mechanical matters have added to the delay. Cards should reach those comrades who have ordered them by July 15 at the latest. Those who have not yet ordered them, should rush in their orders and flood the well fed force of the man who seems determined to have our brothers and children shot. The post card will be sent by hundreds of postal clerks, White House clerks, and other help around loafing headquarters of the politicians. They are bound to have some effect and if, as seems probable, the government is to conscript to get cannon-fodder for Rockefeller, Guggenheim and the other loafers who want the mines and the oil-wells of Mexico at the price of American blood, the fact that you had signed a petition to the President AGAINST the war, will have a great effect on the rank and file should one ever go to the trenches. Get busy with your orders and flood the President with petition AGAINST war, while the loafers are flooding him with arguments FOR war.

First 10, one cent each.
After ten, one-half cent each.

WE MUST, WE CAN, WE WILL, WE SHALL.

(By Lincoln Phifer.)

We MUST, because the world has need,
And no one else has hope,
Go forth to rescue man indeed,
And lift the fallen up.

We CAN bring good, since good is but
The natural, Godly way:
We CAN cast all this evil out,
And bring the perfect day.

We WILL, because if we do not
Wrong usage must destroy;
The vileness will the whole earth blot,
The struggle slaughter joy.

We SHALL prevail, doubt not at all,
For we but work with law;
When right approves, then wrong must fail —
'Tis what the seers foresaw.

We must, we can, we will, we shall,
'Tis with us now to save.
Fear not, all things shall be for all,
Life shall more meaning have.

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CLARK DATES FOR JULY.

Ira, July 17.
Snyder, July 18.
Gorman Encampment, July 19.
Pear Valley, July 20.
Fredonia, July 21.
Fort McKavett Encampment, July 22.
Mason, July 23.
Ponotoc, July 24.
Miles, July 25.
San Angelo, July 26.
Hamlin, July 27.
Chillicothe, July 28.
Newcastle, July 29.
(Encampment) Graham, July 30.
Weatherford, July 31.

TO THE REBELS OF THE SOUTH.

"I have saved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal" — Rom. XI. 4.

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I have saved to myself seven thousand men —
Ho! watchmen on Liberty's tower;
Oh soldiers for Truth in Humanity's cause,
Overcome by the enemy's power —
Hear ye the averment from Israel's God,
Whose justice shall ever prevail,
I have saved to myself seven thousands men
Who have not bowed the knee to Baal
Seven thousand men hath he saved to himself,
Each warior inured to the strain
And the toil of the conflict —unseen they shall come
To their work on the struggling plain.
Seven thousand strong they shall hasten in line,
Their leader the Captain of Light,
Unseen they shall haste, and with allies unseen,
To strengthen the forces of Right.
A strong wind shall blow from the east, and a host
Shall perish beyond recall.
A low blast of horns shall drift out on the air,
And the walls of a city shall fall.
A river shall turn, and a tyrant king
And his armored host shall be slain,
An angel shall call, and the crucified Christ
Shall rise from the dead again.
Unseen they shall aid on a mountain pass,
And a peasantry shall be free;
Unseen they shall give to a peasant maid
A marvellous victory.
Unseen on a meadow they shall stand —
No battle need there be,
But a quaking lord shall accord to a state
A charter of liberty.
I have saved to myself seven thousand men,
Says the Lord of the centuries.
I have saved to myself seven thousand men
To execute my decrees.
I have saved to myself seven thousand men
Think ye that earth's progress shall fail!
I have saved to myself seven thousand men
Who have not bowed the knee to Baal.
And still he shall save seven thousand men,
Of such as shall never quail;
Or whether in camp or the battle's surge
They shall not bow the knee to Baal.
And still he shall save seven thousand men
For the succour of those in distress,
And never the hills their storm allies shall come
To further righteousness.
And still they shall move o'er the continent,
And on to the struggling plains,
And still they shall strive, and their conquering strokes,
Shall sever the bondman's chains.
And still they shall strengthen the forces of Right,
And still they shall win the day.
And evil shall perish and wrongs be o'erthrown,
And justice shall conquer all way.

H. S. Goff.

DEAD—A HUMAN SPONGE

The administrators of the estate of John G. Wendel have certified to the surrogate court of Westchester county, New York, that the estate amounts between $750,000.00 and $20,000,000. There are no kids. The property is to be divided among four sisters.

The case is of interest because of the way the vast fortune was accumulated. It represents the accretions of an economic sponge, absorbing and absorbing until it was squeezed dry by death and its contents were duly noted by the law, says the Santa Rosa Democrat.

Wendel's business was owning real estate — not dealing in real estate, but just owning it. He is said to have held many high-priced Broadway frontage than any other man. He did not "make his fortune"; a sponge does not make the water it holds. The community made it for him. New York had been working for the Wendel family for years.

The basic principle on which the Wendel millions were built was "Never sell!" John Wendel himself said once, "In two hundred years or more we have not sold a piece of property in New York, and we never shall." Once he had to sell, when the city needed a piece of his land to make way for the Hudson tunnel terminal. He fought that with all his might. A sponge's ideal, of public duty are likely to be rudimentary. The sponge virtues are passive. The Wendels have always been pretty good citizens according to old-fashioned standards. They paid their taxes promptly, and they were never arrested.

Now old man Wendel has passed on, leaving his valuable real estate behind him. But not it goes for libraries, colleges, public parks or churches. Nope, all it goes to philanthropy in any form.

All through history, aristocracy has been based upon the ownership of land. The family holding on to its land longest — and keeping other people off of it longest — has been most honored. That is changing now. Economic sponges who soak up the value that communities by their individual and collective efforts put upon land, are losing prestige.

INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT CLARK DATES.

If you want Encampment date order two hundred cards. If two days are two hundred cards.

In ordering cards you have until speaker arrives to pay for them. But you should mail in small remittance when order is made, and then each week as the cards are sold.

Rebel office must be allowed to set the date. They will try to conform the date to the wishes of the local.

All places can't get Saturdays so don't demand them.

I make only one speech per day unless on special occasions.

No dates made on cash basis unless you accept one date on subscription basis.

If debates are wanted I must be consulted as to extra pay and propositions to be debated.

If you want Encampment date you had better contract at once. Dates are fast being filled.

Remember, the money is needed at The Rebel office as fast as the cards are sold, so don't hold it, but mail it to E. R. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Texas.

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ENCAMPMENT CIRCULARS.

Hallettsville, Texas, June 28, 1915.

To Encampment Managers:

Encampment Circulars, 15 x 22 inches, with picture of each speaker, your address; name date, and place, to suit YOUR Encampment Texas State Platform of Socialist Party printed on reverse side of sheet; at following prices; Cash with order (no C. O. D.)

1000 circulars, $7.50; 500 circulars, $5.25; 250 circulars, $4.50; 100 circulars, $3.50.

Adress all orders to,

The New Era Printing Company,
Hallettsville, Texas.

OUR REBS.

"Your article on the front page of No. 302 of The Rebel has caused me to subscribe for your paper. Every investigation of valuable franchises, leads into the Board of Trade rooms. ——— The question should be given more attention by our Party and every merchant that associates himself with the National Board of Trade should be driven out of business." This is the way Comrade Dr. W. M. McGregor, Pa., comes to the Great Religious Weekly.

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Comrade J. M. Pool, Walker Co., comes back with "the same old club of subscribers to the Rebel"; a club of six.

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"My sub. is not yet out, but since reading Benson's article in the last Rebel you may put my name in The Rebel-Pearson-Int. Review pot so I can read Benson's articles every month," is the way Comrade I. W. Nolen, Henderson county, arrives.

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"I feel like I am bound to have The Rebel, so here's the price. The Rebel is the best paper in the cause for the poor class of people," is the way Comrade J. P. Slay, Young Co., comes back to the field.

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A Rebel that is making use of the bundle plan, is Comrade C. T. Robin, Cottonwood county. Ordering more bundles he writes: "Some of the Comrades are not getting to work half time and one had his landlord tell him to move out because unable to secure work. All can go but the Red Card. Yours till the under dog gets on top." Such Comrades will finally win out for the cause. If other Comrades would be equally earnest, the day when any man could tell another to "move out" would soon be past.

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Comrade Ralph Brown, Mo., pays a visit asking for a copy of No. 197 which contained the "Inside History of the Socialist Party". We still have a few hundred copies left.

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Comrade T. B. Lane, Callahan Co., sends for a three year guarantee of continuous numbers. He has wearied of lapses because of expiration and waste.

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One of the near-Comrades sends in a list with the request that if benefits be made, his name be left out. "I like to read The Rebel because I believe it is the true Gospel. I am not a Red-Card member, but I believe I am a half brother do more than you." This near-Comrade says, "I do not want these men to know who sent the paper. I expect to keep it going 'till they turn." How many are you looking after, OLD Comrade?

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"Wife and I are enjoy reading The Rebel more than I can tell you. We both feel that it is the great'st, best and most needed paper that was ever published. We are getting old; nearly three score years and ten. If we were wealthy or even healthy, we would sow the whole Lampasas County down broadcast with the good seed — Rebels. Though old and poor, we must have a few copies to plant, so send us 50 for the enclosed 25 cents. Your friend and Comrade in the fight to the finish" Geo. A. Benson, Lampasas Co. The above shows the kind of Socialists some people are. What kind are you? What do you sacrifice for such true souls as that old man and his faithful wife who give in their poverty that we may have a better world to live in?

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Comrade Stanley J. Clark was taken sick and missed the Jacksonville, Mt. Enterprise, Cushing and Bronson dates. The Comrades all report exceptional crowds and great disappointment. Comrade Clark has now recovered and is again at work. The Rebel is worst-hurt of all, but every one can realize the impossibility of foretelling sickness.

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To see how Rebel readers and Party loyalty go hand in hand, just read these extracts from a letter from Comrade Aron Moreland, Gonzales Co.: "Please find enclosed the small mite of 50 cents for my dues. I will give it while I have it. Times are hard, but I give it as free as Rockefeller takes a cold drink of ice tea in August. Sorry I haven't got a thousand dollars more to give. ——— King Comrade I thank you more than tongue can tell for your five minute sermons, for they are unquenchable fire and I never get tired of reading them. ——— I know you are not the faltering kind, but let me beg you never even think of fainting. If the lead seems heavy, keep up the fight just the same, for there are many hungry little children crying for bread and many others weeping for sons that have been riddled with bullets. Today is our time to hurry, for the fiends are already hanging their heads and pulling their hair when they think of the 1916 campaign. Come, Brothers, let us fight this battle, for when the war is over we shall wear the Crown." This is the Comrade who but a short time ago had a little baby arrive at his home and, although the doctors were howling about dull business, had no help whatsoever and had to be doctor, nurse and midwife while alone. Yet in all his poverty and distress he holds his Party membership. How many of you who read these lines are acting with the same loyalty and faith?

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With an enclosure for the Anniversary number, Comrade C. H. Clarkson, Rockwall Co., writes: "200,000 copies of this Rebel should be scattered over Texas alone. I have been so pushed with my crop I have had but little time, but my rush will soon be over I think, and then I want to get some subs. for The Rebel — the best paper published in the South."

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Comrade C. R. Long, Grimes Co., sings with his remittance: "I found a man today who had a quarter, but he lives in another county. But — he took the "Religious Weekly" with the quarter. He is one of those who have the knack of getting his fingers "in the good old summer time." Great and glorious is The Rebel in the noble cause of humanity." And so it goes on, and on, and on. A few always working and striving, while others lag by the wayside and talk. Which kind are you?

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Some of you Comrades with good jobs and doing nothing for the agitation fund, think over the following letter from Brown, Co.: "I see my subscription has expired. Will you please send the paper on to me. I have not any money now, times is so hard now. I don't want to miss a copy of the paper and will send you the money as soon as I get it." The Rebel is not publishing the name, because the poverty of a man should not be advertised. It is publishing the letter because that man should have his paper. We used to carry such cases. When such letters were received the sub. was extended and nothing said of it. At present, we are unable to do this. "Bad times" have hit us as well as others. Our only chance to care for such Comrades is through the agitation fund, and that is not what the fund was intended for. Not one Comrade at any point accepted the opportunity to help, in a manner worth mentioning. There is urgent need for funds of all kinds. Are you alive or dead?

Catch this one also Comrades: "The Donks have almost got me out of something to eat. Please don't cut me off from my Rebel. I can't do without it. With best wishes to you and your paper, Say, do you see the need of some assistance from those of you who can give? This letter is from Falls county where the ground is of the richest and the possibilities greatest if the loafers were just out of the game and the workers permitted to have what they produce. WILL YOU HELP?

WHAT PROPHET WROTE THIS?

And it came to pass as the people increased in number the rulers and chief men grew fat and proud, for they walked not in the way of the Lord, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

They gathered unto themselves the lands of the tribes and thus forced the people to labour and bring unto them the fruit thereof, so that the people hungered while they toiled in corn and the increase of the herds.

Now the people knew not the manner in which they were despoiled but moaned in misery from day to day.

Then came there a prophet sent of God, who spake unto them saying,

Hath not the Lord thy God given thee the land as an inheritance, with the command to subdue and replenish it?

Did not the Lord thy God, speaking through the mouth of His servant Isaiah, curse those who added house to house and field to field until there was no place for the people?

Arise therefore, gird up your loins, and demand for the usurpers the land which thy God giveth thee — that ye shall inherit it one as well as another.

Now when the rulers saw the people assembled in rebellion their blood turned as water in their veins, for they said — who can withstand the multitude when it speaks as one man?

But the scribes and overseers counselled that emissaries be sent among the people to sow dissension and lead them astray.

These came unto the people with alms and doled out charity and urged them to ask that certain tithes be lifted, that wine be not drunk and that they save their pennies and put them out to usury; and from the people they raised up some to the overseers and judges and these also did urge the people in like manner.

Whereupon the people drew apart into rival camps and their hands were lifted against each other, and thus came the rebellion to an end.

RING OUT.

Ring out a slowly dying cause
And ancient forms of party strife,
Ring in the nobler modes of life
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and
blood,
The civic slander and the spite,
Ring in the love of truth and
right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease
Ring out the narrowing lust of
gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of
peace.

ANY PERSON THAT CLAIMS TO BE A CLASS-CONSCIOUS SOCIALIST AND DOES NOT CARRY A PAID-UP RED CARD IS NOT DOING HIS DUTY BY HIS PARTY AND HIS CLASS. EXCUSES NO GO. WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY. WRITE TO THIS OFFICE AND LEARN THE WAY.

The boycott against the Gal-Dal News goes steadily on, judging by the letters coming into our desk from all parts of the state. Let the good work proceed until the bats and owls roost in the editorial rooms of the newspaper harlot.

NOW FOR THE POLL TAX.

The state office of the Socialist party has received information that a decision of the Supreme Court handed down on June 21, declaring that the Oklahoma constitutional amendment and the Maryland voters' qualification law restricting the suffrage rights of those who could not vote, or whose ancestors could vote prior to the ratification of the Fifteenth amendment to the national constitution, was unconstitutional.

Upon receipt of the information as to this decision, which was announced by Chief Justice White, a native of South (Louisana) and a former Confederate soldier, and which was also unanimous, the state secretary has consulted with attorneys with a view of taking such steps as will use this decision to destroy the infamous poll tax law of Texas.

The interest of the state office in this matter is not alone because of the disfranchisement of the negro in other states alone but because the genuine toiler, who is usually a renter is disfranchised to a large extent in Texas now, in the face of the Fifteenth Amendment of the National Constitution that says that the right of suffrage shall not be abridged.

If it were not for the property qualification involved in the poll tax provision which unquestionably abridges the right of suffrage, within all the bounds of human probabilities the Socialist party of Texas would have polled 100,000 votes last fall with the result that numerous representative of the Socialist party would have been elected to the Thirty-fourth legislature and consequently land and other legislation would have been materially changed. The fight on the Gibson insurance bill would not have taken place and the land question would have been a great deal closer to solution than it is now.

Further announcements as to the fight that is now prepared on the poll tax provision will be made in the near future.

CAPITALISTIC SNAKES.

The Corporation Auxiliary Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, is a private detective agency that is circulating big compilations of nefarious business. The Rebel has received a copy of one of their documents in which they recite the strikes they have taken part in and helped in various parts of the country. In a letter addressed to B. J. Brettell of the Brettell Bond Mingo, Ohio, they close their communication with this illuminating paragraph:

In conclusion let us say a word regarding our industrial or community control service, which comprehends placing men in labor and political organizations with the idea of having them work up to be leaders, and with the object of writing history after somebody else has made it but for the purpose of making history by influencing or dominating that particular organization. This is a big proposition but by no means an experiment with us as we are doing this today for some of the largest manufactures in this country and there is absolutely no reason why, with the support of the coal operator it cannot be accomplished in the coal industry.

From the above it can be seen how cautious the workers should be as such snakes are anxious to worm their way into the organizations of labor. There is one consolation. They cannot work into the Socialist party of Texas because the bars are down and the windows are open and everything is done in the open light of day and the life of the organization is not in one central office. The excuse for the use of deceptive methods these snakes make before they can raise their head. Who cares for the pathway of decentralization safety lies.

I want to correspond with a lady between the age of 30 and 48 view to matrimony. Socialist preferred, widow or maiden lady. Address W. B. Davis, Route No. 2, Iredell, Tex.

SOCIALIST ENCAMPMENT.

From Hallettsville, New Era.

Despite the inclemency of the weather the Socialist encampment here began Sunday morning as scheduled and has gone through so far without a hitch of any kind. As the weather became more favorable the crowd steadily increased and from present indications today will see the largest crowd present that ever gathered here to listen to speakers of any political faith. There are a number of campers on the ground and up to this writing they continue to come. Had the weather only continued favorable this encampment would without doubt have surpassed all former efforts in this direction, however it cannot help but result in much good for the movement since the team of speakers are all experienced teachers of Socialism from the platform and have their subjects arranger that after one has attended these lectures he has had just that many lessons in political economy. There is no duplication of the subjects hence the audience is always sure to hear some new phase explained.

Clarence Nugent, Socialist party nominee for attorney general, made the opening address Sunday morning, his subject being "What Socialism Is". He explained every point so thoroughly that no one could fail to understand just what the Socialists want and how they propose to get it.

At 2:30 Mrs. Dora Merts lectured on "What Constitutes a Socialist". A number of our opponents who were present found out that they had the wrong idea of what a Socialist really is. A business man who has always voted the old party tickets said to the writer after listening to Comrade Merts speak: "If that is what the Socialists advocate I fail to see where it would hurt any honest man." (And it was a clear out explanation of what we advocate.)

W. S. Noble, candidate for lieutenant governor, spoke at night, but owing to the showery weather the crowd was not as large as it should have been when such an able lecture was being delivered.

Mr. Noble was the first speaker on the second day his subject being "The New Declaration of Independence", which was a very appropriate subject for the occasion. The new declaration declared in effect that if man is entitled to "Life, Liberty and the pursuits of happiness" as the old declaration declared him to be he is also entitled to the things by which the means of life is secured — the land, the machinery of production and distribution. He who owns my bread or the means by which I secure my bread owns my moral being. Therefore let us the workers collectively revolt against the land monopoly, and the private ownership of public utilities which denies us the right to the thing our labor has created and let us demand that these things be publicly owned and operated for the benefit of the public and not for profit to the end that man may have the thing, to which he has an inalienable right to — Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In the afternoon there were two speeches delivered, the first by W. D. Simpson, of Dallas, who discussed the class struggle from the dawn of civilization up to the present time and showed how inevitable was Socialism. Mr. Nugent, the second speaker, also spoke along similar lines.

In addition to speaking there is dancing, baseball and other things to entertain the numerous visitors.

R. J. Creamer, Chalk, Texas, writes enthusiastically about the Clark-Rebel meeting. He says that it is very easy to secure purchasers for Rebel cards. So say all.

The sale of Sub. cards for any paper is good; the sale of the Rebel sub. cards is better, for the reason that it carries the news of the State and, in addition, fights our battles in Texas all the time.

PROTEST AGAINST WAR.

The following action was taken by Temple local on war and this protest was sent to President Wilson:

Temple, Tex., June 27, 1915.
Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President of United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

War is the sum of all evil. We do not expect the butchers to end butchery. If the horrors of war are to be averted, you can largely help by acting at once, by instructing your new secretary of state to take no steps that will involve the United States in conflict and add to the slaughter now drenching Europe in blood.

In the event of an aggressive war, without first according us the right to vote on such war; we will positively refuse to go to such a war or lend our support either physical, moral or financial.

Our pledge is: "We refuse to slay our father, or slay your mother's son, or plunge a bayonet in the breast of your sister's brother. We refuse to slaughter your sweetheart's lover, or murder your husband. We refuse to butcher your little child's father.

"We refuse to wet the earth with blood and blind kind eyes with tears. We refuse to assassinate you and then hide our stained hands in the folds of the American flag."

We, the members of Local 1034 Socialist party, and sympathizers of Temple, Texas, having assembled in regular session on this the 27th, day of June, 1915, do hereby indorse the above letter addressed to Hon. Woodrow Wilson, as setting forth our protest against intervention against any faction whatever in Mexico, either on the part of this government or on the part of American Capitalists, who claim property interests in that land of sunshine for the poor, we believe that if left to their own course and free will that the Mexicans can and will realize their own freedom and rights, both political and economic.

ENDORSED: By members and sympathizers:

M. C. Richardson,
Sec. Local 1034, Socialist Party.

VOTE FOR YOUR CLASS.

A donkey governor once called a donkey legislature in an extra session to pass some futile laws to wipe some cobwebs off the people's money that they had earned by raising 6-cent cotton, but just before the big donkey brayed there had been a committee appointed to investigate the condition of the renters and working people of the State. The chairman of this committee reported that the condition of the renters was very bad in fact it almost, if not actually amounted to peonage.

Just as soon as the Donks in the senate met they devoted some of the time the people were paying them to a combination bawl against the chairman of this commission saying that he had misrepresented the condition of the laboring class of the state.

Now if those long-eared gentlemen will devote some of their time in learning the real condition of the poor renters and can tell the truth they will find that the land hogs of Texas have the poor renters in even place with the peons of Old Mexico. But you bet these same gentleman that signed this howl will not turn one finger to try to alleviate the condition of the poor. Talk about equity and justice to such cattle as the doughheads of Texas have to offer!

It would spot a man as a d——fool to think we will get any relief from the class of grafters that is sent to Austin to wind jam and tight boozе. It is the strangest thing to me why the working people and the farming element have the power to elect good solid men to offise and don't do it. Put a ten cent dide without a thimble full of brains up besides a good old honest farmer no matter how well qualified he is and the darn fools will vote for the dude every time and that is what hurts.

Yours for the fight.

W. M. Smith.

State Office Notes.

T. A. HICKEY, State Sec. Halletsville, Texas.

ENCAMPMENT DATES.

Team No. One.—T. A. Hickey, E. R. Meitzen, Arthur LeSueur: O'Brien—Friday and Saturday, July 9, 10 and 11.

Knox City —(LeSueur) July 11

Gorve—Monday and Tuesday, July 12 and 13.

Big Springs—Wednesday,Thursday and Friday, July 14, 15, 16.

Ellison Springs (Eastland Co.) —Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 17, 18 and 19.

Fort McKavett—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 20, 21 and 22.

Starkweather S. H. (near Goodlnoe) — Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 23, 24 and 25.

Fisher County—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26, 27 and 28.

Weinert — Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 29, 30 and 31.

Bonanton — Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, August 1, 2 and 3.

(August 4, open.)

Haskell—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5, 6 and 7.

Electra—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 8, 9 and 10.

Wellington—Wednesday,Thursday and Friday, Aug. 11, 12 and 13.

Vernon—Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 14, 15 and 16.

(Aug. 17, open.)

Burkett—Saturday,Sunday and Monday, Aug. 21, 22 and 23.

Brownwood—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24, 25 and 26.

Sweetwater—Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27, 28 and 29.

Team No. Two—Dora Merts, W. S. Noble, Clarence Nugent:

Brutlewlle—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 13, 14 and 15.

Santo—Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 16, 17 and 18

Wills Point—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 19, 20 and 21.

Murchison—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 22, 23 and 24.

(July 25, open)

Simms—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26, 27 and28.

Miller Grove—Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 29, 30 and 31.

Point—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2 and 3.

Tool—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 4, 5 and 6.

Frankston, Aug. 7, 8 and 9.

Palestine, Aug. 10, 11 and 12.

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C m rades are writing in for Encampment circulars to be sent them. The State Office lost money last year and is not going to print any this year. The Office is furnishing the best Teams ever sent to an Encampment in Texas and does not propose to have the same harping criticisms that were handed last year about the circulars, because a profit was not made.

Kate Richards O'Hare.

Bartlesville,Okla., Sunday, July 18th.

Eufaula,Okla. Tuesday, July 20.

Tecumsch. Okla., Wednesday, July 21.

Purcell, Okla., Thursday, July 22nd.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Thursday July 22nd.

Clovis, N. M., Saturday, July 24

Plainview, Tex., Monday, July 26th.

Hamlin, Tex., Wednesday, July 28th.

Weinert, Tex., Thursday, July 29th.

Fort Worth, Tex., Friday, July 30th.

Denton, Tex., Saturday, July 31

Cleburne, Tex., Sunday, Aug 1.

Athens, Tex., Monday, Aug. 24.

Golden, Tex., Tuesday, Aug. 34.

Then she goes to Arkansas.

Encampment Teams.

The Encampment teams are routed well into August; in fact Team One to the end of August. The Office desires to get dates in the north-west section for Team One, in early part of September along the lines of the Santa Fe and Denver.

For Team Two additional dates are desired in the extreme East and South-east and in the South and South-west. Especially in far East Texas is the work needed. If one county is unable to take dates let adjoining counties take joint dates and have the meeting on the county line. Along the line of the G. C. & S. F., Shelby, San Augustine, Jasper, Newton and Orange Counties, there is a field ripe for harvesting. Along the T. & N. O., Cherokee, Nacagdoches, Angelina, Tyler and Hardin counties are in like condition. Get busy comrades if necessary combining your efforts. While the masters of bread have taken it away from the very people that raised it, and the clothing and the lumber also, get the news to the people while they yet remember these democrat blessings Let the Office hear fm each of you that are RED enough to stay busy in the work of bettering the conditions of all. GET BUSY!

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Third Congressional District

Murchison, Tex., July 3, 1915.

The Rebel, Halletlsville, Tex.

Dear Comrades:

The Socialists of Murchison will hold their Fourth Annual Encampment on July 22, 23 and 24. Our previous encampments have proven great success; in fact this is getting to be one of the big encampments of the state. But this year will excell all past encampments.

We have secured State Team No 2, consisting of W. S. Noble, Dora Merts, and Clarence Nugent. This Team of Speakers has no superiors in the Southwest; if you have never heard them you have missed part of your life. The encampment will be held in a beautiful park shaded by stately oak trees close to the depot.

Come and camp with us and have a good time; take a vacation. you who produce all the wealth of the world, deserves a vacation. Plenty of shade and water, and all kinds of amusements on the grounds.

We are having a lot of banners painted and red flags made, and at 10 a. m. every morning we will have a big parade of the working class led by a splendid band. Don't miss this parade, or fail to join in the march.

Come and hear some of the ablest speakers in the State discuss the "Bread and Butter" question, the most vital question that confronts the workers today.

We will have a literature stand on the grounds where we will distribute free literature daily, and you can subscribe for any Socialist publication you may desire.

For further information, or stand rights, address

J. B. Lewis, Mgr.,
Murchison, Texas.

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All Socialists of Denton county are requested to be present in class meeting at Socialist hall in Denton, Sunday July 18th at 1 p. m. Matters of importance.

O. Crawford.
Secretary Local Denton.

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W. L. Gaines writes: "We will have a grand time at the Bomarton encampment Aug. 1, 2 and 3. The Dems are talking of getting Joe Bailey here then. The encampment will occur in the Dickerson pasture 2 1/2 miles south of Bomarton. Plenty of free wood and water, also free pasturage for teams."

SECTIONALISM IN SOCIALISM.

(Written for The Rebel by Lincoln Phifer.)

(Editor's Note. — The following splendid editorial article on conditions within the Socialist party might have caused pessimism to develop in some quarters a month ago. However the sweeping victory in the national committee for home rule and local self-government has rendered pessimism impossible and optimism a certainty. Before another year has rolled over our heads, the Socialist party will be an American Socialist movement to the core. The author is one of the oldest agitators in the middle west. Ever since 1890 he has been associated with Fred Warren, both on The Coming Nation and The Appeal. Literally millions have been charmed with the phrasology of "Pink." He has recently covered his connection with The Appeal to Reason. He writes us, however, that he is absolutely confident that the future belongs to the Socialist party. The Rebel hopes it readers will read this article as much pleasure and profit as we did.

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A year ago Socialists would have disclaimed that there was any nationalism in Socialism, yet today we find Socialists of various European countries, seeking to slay each other because with them the claims of nationalism are stronger than the claims of Socialism or universality.

Many Socialists in America will no doubt declare that there is no sectionalism in their propaganda, yet sectionalism has been manifesting in it from the first and is now beginning to overshadow all other aspects of the movement.

The modern Socialist movement is American in origin. In an attempt to unite three sectional and radical movements. First of these was an element seceding from the Socialist Labor Party, which had been confined to coast cities and to native born Americans. Second was the Social Democratic organization of Wisconsin, an interior German movement. Third was a western, rural movement, moulded by Wayland and Debs, from the Populist movement that preceded it. In the first national campaign waged by this amalgamation the sectional and racial feeling was so strong on the part of the two elements first named, that they refused to countenance the purely American element and maintained their independent organizations while merely supporting the same national ticket. Until two years ago the mid-continent German movement retained its distinctive German name, Social Democrats, though working with the Socialist party.

The eastern, city, German branch of this amalgamation, has from the first dominated the offices and politics of the party. Admitting that it has outgeneraled the west, and giving it full credit for sincerity in desiring to make the movement "scientific" — that is, speculative, after the German model — still its work resulted in suppressing the western and American expression of things to the extent that there has to this day been no farm policy adopted that was suggested by the farmers themselves.

It is quite likely that this sectionalism will be denied by Socialists of the east. That denial will be parallel with the denial of wrong capitalists — mostly resident in the east and all eager to secure special class privileges for themselves — that there is a class struggle. Socialists who have been intensely sectional from the start will inveigh against the retaliatory sectionalism that is even now developing against them, just as the eastern capitalists, after subjecting the workers to practical slavery, will and do declare that the stirring up of class feeling is wrong. But Socialists of the West — American Socialists, — remember with bitterness the many fights to fasten on them the eastern and German ideas, and the many times they were beaten in convention and forced to succumb to the city ways. They are sore over the assumption of power by a national committee when that power was therefore lodged in the Socialist body as a whole. They resent a committee secretary in place of a national secretary. They do not like the effort to locate permanent headquarters of the party in a big city without so much as consulting the membership of the party.

It is not my purpose to attack any man or to impugn anyone's motives. The most I am doing is to state facts that are felt but not often expressed, wholly without passion, in order to point out the reasons for the slump in party vote and the general apathy that prevails among Socialists.

In general, then, it may be said that the American, the western, the country movement have hitherto been the votes and enthusiasm, while the eastern, the German, the city movement has dominated party management and the work of propaganda. Country Socialists have never favored the things that have been interpreted to mean hostility to religion and laxity in sexual matters, but they have been foisted on them by city and foreign statement until the country membership has been placed in a position of perpetual explanation and apology. Country Socialists have never cared for the union fight in which the unions were as guilty of violence as were the employers, all in a struggle for wages, but they have loyally supported the contests thrust on them in the belief that it would bring Socialist votes — generally without realizing the hope. Country and American Socialists have expressed their socializing propositions in the land, transportation and money planks first crudely devised by the Populists, but these things have been ignored and hooted at as "unscientific", while the whole fight has been turned into city and eastern demands for modification of the wages system.

The one great spokesman of the western, the American, the country element was the Appeal to Reason. The attitude of the Socialists to this radical, American paper is shown by the fact that they have sent a German, greater than that of any Socialist paper in the whole world. For years the Appeal dominated the situation because it was able to rally Socialists to a fight on capitalism, and thus check internal dissension. But after a time it was found that even the Appeal was fighting chiefly on strike or union or wages propositions.

The effect of the capture of the movement by the east and by the German has manifested in the falling off of the vote from 900,000 to 600,000 and the failure of scores of Socialist papers. The only states that have shown substantial gains have been Texas and Oklahoma, western, farming states, in which the centralized form was discarded for local self-government.

Perhaps Socialists in the east were as sincere as we were. Their mentality cannot be questioned. But they certainly have not understood the west, they do not know America, and they have the wrong conception if they think they can fasten on this people centralized or imperialistic rule under the name of Socialism. It was impudent and tyrannous to seek to force the German methods and statements on America. Sooner or later they were sure to be repudiated if Americans were sufficiently independent and free to be true Socialist. Then, the domination of the city idea inevitably brought the fight into union demands, to problems of the wages system, rather than straight socializing propositions. But this is not the worst of it. City and union domination of Socialism actually strayed Socialism into support of that sectionalism which has for fifty years subjugated the farming population of the west to the manufacturing and transportation centers of the east. The rulership of Colorado by Rockefeller from 26 Broadway was one piece with the rulership of the Socialist movement from New York City. Without intending to do so, Socialism, because of its sectionalism and provincialism, has become an ally of the very forces it has meant to fight, in subjecting the most virile people and the largest body of land in America to a little ruling class, located in the northeast.

Against such conditions revolt was inevitable. Wave after wave has rolled in protest from the west — American and real Socialist propositions, such as resolutions for woman suffrage, for prohibition, for direct legislation, for mothers' pensions, for various things that struck beyond the mere city and union propositions — only to be met by a ruling east and turned back from the Allegheniss with disdain. But these waves show the American spirit. They are a warning that it means to conquer the ruling oligarchy of the east and establish real Americanism and true socialization in this land. Because it comes from the west, they of the old ruling section will denounce it as sectional sin. But it is rather because the east has dominated things with rough hand for decades that the protest is coming. And it would have come had there been no war and no panic. This is the meaning of what some call a crisis in Socialism. It is not a crisis. It is a revolution — the very thing we have desired and been cheated of. It may smash old methods and old idols, but it is the real thing. It is the only thing worth while, now, and it may be trusted just so long as it remains virile and revolutionary and American in spirit.

STATE PLATFORM SPECIAL.

So may of the comrades have asked that the State Platform be republished, that either next week or week after, The Rebel will publish the last Texas State Platform complete. The many comrades who have written and asked that this be done for them, will please rush their orders in at the earliest possible moment. Speakers are great workers and effective in their several ways, but the voice of the Party membership, as expressed in our platform is superior to any speaker; for IT IS SOCIALISM. The speaker voices his ideas in conformity with the Platform; the Platform is the majority expression of the membership, and their present view the things necessary to bring Socialism and freedom.

To the several comrades who have asked for a sermon covering the teachings of Comrade Jesus on Land we will say that they will be embraced in the same issue as the platform. The Religious Editor (Comrade Arch. Lingan) promises a sermon that will show not alone by Comrade Jesus' WORDS that the Socialist position on land is correct, but to multiply the words of the Gentle Comrade by HIS VERY ACTS, showing the same thing. Words and acts of Jesus showing our Land demands to be true "Christianity;" the Platform to show that we have not "departed from the faith." Let the prayer-peddlers dish out the landlord's idea of Jesus; we will show the "TRUE FAITH."

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15 cent books:—Work's "What is so and What Isn't."

20 cent Books—Still have a lot of "Platform Text Books" at 20 cents, original price 25 cents. This book contains the platforms of all the political parties with which the nation has been cursed, since the formation of the Republic. If you want to know about the parties which the masters have handed out for you to play with, while they walked off with the land and clothing and comforts the workers produced, it is worth reading. If you will compare their fol de rol with the Socialist party platform (also included in the book) you will wonder what sort of monkeys our fathers were, not if they were monkeys.

A supply of "Progress and Poverty", by Henry George, has been received. These are on sale at twenty-five cents per copy. This is the first time in the history of the country a single-taxer's book, that it has been possible to buy at such a price. The book makers in this country have been able absolutely to shift the burden of what they have kept the price high. By buying in Europe we are able to offer it at twenty-five cents, and paper, printing and binding could not be duplicated here for twice the money. "The Foundations of Freedom" being a 158 page book of excerpts and quotations and The Land and The People, is also being offered for 25 cents and anyone desirous of reading and studying the single-taxer's idea of the last way to free the people need the book.

"War, What For?", by Kirkpatrick saved one more Mother's boy from the possibility of death. It is a book of the uniformed human-butchers of the master-class. A sister Comrade wrote for something to take her boy's mind off the idea of enlisting and wrote for advice. We sent her a copy of "War, What For?" and she writes us that it was the finished reading it to her son he was not only cured of the lust for human blood, but all one was left the boys in his chum and the two boys, when she wrote, had a class of other boys who were studying hard toward being proof against the war bug, susceptible to the glitter of the uniforms of the professional butchers of humanity, that will sell at 30 cents for this book and fail to enlisted the murder fever we propose to return the money on return of the book.

25 cent books—Spargo's "Common Sense of Socialism"; Spargo's "Principles of Scientific Socialism."

50 cent books—"Congressional Campaign Book 1914". If you want a condensed encyclopaedia of data on all questions, get in the book. Every local should have one for information on all subjects of interest today.

The State Office will order any book you may want and advise you on any matter as to what you should read on any line of thought on Socialism.

STATE TICKET FOR 1916.

The referendum for selection of candidates for state offices who are to be legally nominated at the state convention in August 1916, has been completed. The nominees are as follows:

For Governor:

W. S. Noble, of Rockdale.

Attorney General:

Clarence Nugent, Stephenville.

Comptroller:

W. T. Flowers, of Wellington.

Land Commissioner:

G. A. Lambreth, of Fra.

State Treasurer:

W. J. Bell, of Tyler.

Commissioner of Agriculture:

Jas. B. Goode, of Bailey.

Railway Commissioner:

E. Bellinger of San Antonio.

Superintendent of Schools:

J. A. Freeland.

Associate Justice Supreme Court:

B. H. Gibson.