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From the "Fat Buzzard."

"Jeff" Lewis, the fat buzzard of the Farmers Union, pukes the following in an attack upon woman's suffrage:

"We are opposed to the equal rights of woman — we want her ever to remain our superior."

The Rebel would like to know what the red-headed girl who writes the Buzzard's stuff, thought of this statement, when she remembered the good white women of Texas who are exploited in steam laundries for twelve hours a day alongside of negro women in Beaumont, Palestine, Dallas and other cities, or the women in the cotton mills who can not get the benefit of the 54-hour law because the Farmers Union and Commercial Secretaries vultures have blocked every move to that end. This same buzzard assisted by "Mutt" Radford and the rest of his crooked gang who Peckinifianly pretended to exalt women, then ask this question:

"Why is she weary of the God-given jewel of motherhood? Is it not a sufficient political achievement for women that future rulers nurse at her breast."

The answer is easy, Bux. The God-given jewel lacks in luster when the mother has to lay the child in the shade of a potbook or cotton mills while the queen bee is adorned with a train in the form of a fifteen foot cotton sack that sends her and the oncoming ruler to an early grave while the Buzzard is eating up Porterhouse steak and licking up liquor in the shade of Fort Worth cafes, paid for by criminal Commercial Secretaries.

If the Buzzard isn't very careful it is extremely likely that some of the mothers that are weary of motherhood because of conditions due to the treachery of him and his official bunch, may come to Fort Worth and horsewhip or tar and feather the fellow.

One of the ladies who might feel inclined to visit the Commercial Secretaries' annex otherwise known as the Farmers Union headquarters, writes a private letter to another lady who sends an extract from it with the following lead to it:

Editor The Rebel:—

Though I anticipate your big waste basket, I am inspired to write by reading a private letter from a mother of her first born.

You know that the common newspapers are filled with advice to farmers and a favorite prescription is in finding one that was a renter and succeeded in buying a farm, and the slogan:

"What one has done, others do."

Yes, I know one who bought on part credit and said: "I hardly know how I paid for it." But his father who had long owned the farm, mortgaged it. Then he let Jess have an amount greater than that which he had borrowed. That which comes easily is easily forgotten. I will mention a part of the letter from the mother:

"O, I had such pain! But I would have had pains anyhow, and I picked 150 pounds of cotton, and that night at 3 o'clock the baby came. I wonder if it had pains too."

The Rebel wonders if the buzzard had to go through this experience if he would spin fine phrases about the God-given jewel. We wonder what kind of a "ruler" she nursed when the child was stricken before it left the womb?

Is it any wonder that the Farmers Union is a corpse on the dissecting table of society today, seeing that it has been betrayed and sold out to the liquor interests and the corporations of the state who do not want the mothers of Texas to vote because they fear that in protecting their offspring they would hurt the bank accounts of the masters that own the Buzzard and his ilk.

The fine phrases about the God-given jewel of motherhood are just a lure for the unwary. The Rebel

A TEST OF SOUTHERN "CHIVALRY"

The deepest depths of degradation in legislative affairs in our country has been reached by the landlord-banker-liquor coterie who run the legislative forces in the Thirty-fourth Texas legislature. The veneer of Southern chivalry with which these legislative blackleg have adorned themselves has been removed from their hypocritical hides under the pressure of the Southern women who have struggled for a place in the legislative sun.

These ladies have been subjected to abuse in the legislature and in the public press that would bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of an east-side Tammany politician. When these sweet Southern ladies erected a tent on the capitol lawn their big flag was stolen by vandals in the darkness and when they placed in the elevator of the capitol a map showing the growth of woman's suffrage in the states, so it could be read by the legislators, it, too, was purloined by the "chivalrous" gentlemen who derive a large portion of their income from an exploitation of women in the cotton fields and factories of Texas that is as ruthless as that of the women who toil in Egyptian fields within the shadows of the pyramids.

The one great feature brought out in the debate was that which the Socialists have always stood for, namely that politics is naught but the reflex of economic conditions. If to give the ballot to some silk-clad dames who live on the hill, old ballot hoss predisposed upon a large property qualification, the landlords and bankers at Austin would have aped all the airs and graces of the men who sat at King Arthur's table when knighthood was in flower, when a man was ready to lay down his life for the possession of the lace handkerchief of a ladie faire. However the women were insulted and their property stolen because they demanded a measure of suffrage that would place the woman on the farm and in the factory on a par with the landlord's lady and the renter's wife on the same political basis. These women proposed that the usurer's lady and Julia O'Grady should be political sisters under their skins!

Hence the vicious bitterness displayed by these John H. Kirby's and their political stool pigeons in the capitol, which is correctly located seven blocks from the lunatic asylum, three blocks from the red light district, one block from the jail, two blocks from the biggest gambling house in the South, and entirely surrounded by the temples of John Barleycorn, all mute evidence of the reasons why the legislature fights woman suffrage.

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But let's get down to the fundamental reasons for the opposition to woman's suffrage. It lies in this: With perfect unanimity in every state in the union the predatory financial forces of the United States have opposed the ballot for women for the reason that they regard any increase in democracy as endangering their economic position. It was the Amalgamated Copper Company of Montana that for ten years kept the women of Montana from voting. It is the Standard Oil Company that has always placed the bar in the faces of the women when they requested the right to vote in the Buckeye state. Rats Wall Street, New York, or State street, Boston, and you will find without exception that every plutocrat and his family to the seventh generation meets the advocates of woman's suffrage with a face of flint. And so in the South it is the Ripley's of the Santa Fe, the Kirby's of the Southwestern Lumber Operator's Association, the bankers and planters and great landlords who are lined up with their northern brothers to not only prevent an increase in the number of votes, but to limit the suffrage by poll tax, residence, property and other qualifications.

There lives not an intelligent man in the South today, and The Rebel says this without fear of successful contradiction, who honestly believes that woman is not entitled to the ballot. It's the fear of democracy that lays its chill fingers around their craven hearts.

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Let's look at woman's suffrage another way, and ask ourselves what is the biggest argument in favor of it. It is this:

The day has gone when all women were tied to the fireside and wove and spun the cloth, cooked the food, and attended to exclusively domestic duties. The day is here when each woman bears eight million women, girls and female children walking to factory, mill, store, shop, school and office. They even go down the sea in ships. Scarce occupation exists in America today in which a feminine foot has not trod — and its owner made good.

Comes now the great question: Are not women then to possess political power to the end that their economic position be made safe? Shall not these women be allowed to cast ballots to say what their hours of labor shall be, or their compensation? Shall their industrial arm be tied to their side and not be allowed to strike a blow to remedy the most unjust condition that exists in America, that of penalizing women because of their sex and refusing to pay them an equal sum for equal services rendered? Yes! The greatest argument in favor of the textile profession and in a thousand other branches of our economic life that for equal service they are paid far less than the men.

Why then should not the women be clothed with the power of the ballot to remedy such a unjust condition? In this fact lies the whole sub of the woman's suffrage petition. All the petty piffle about "woman's place in the home", all the puerile patter about Adam and Eve, all the unctuous smirking of hypocritical rabes about the modesty of women being hurt by political contact, and all the prating about "Southern chivalry" when put to the economic acid test vanishes in thin air and reveals the clough hoof of the greedy beast whose heart and soul and mind is cankered by the dollar.

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Another economic reason for denying woman the ballot is that in Texas there are approximately half a million maids and matrons who are wives, sisters and daughters of renters and mortgaged farmers and are suffering from a system of exploitation from usurers and landlords that is greater than that of their sisters in the North. The girl that plants, plows, chops, picks the cotton, is a more exploited human being than her sister that works in the cotton mills of Massachusetts.

Do you wonder that I said above that the chill fingers of fear grip the craven hearts of the land sharks and usurers of the Thirty-fourth legislature when they think of what these maids and matrons of the cotton patch might do if they possessed the ballot and used it to lift them from peonage into a condition where they would be queens of the homes that they owned?

So when we have women exploited in industries, added to the women exploited on the farms, we lay our fingers upon the reasons why the "chevaliers" and "knights" of the "chivalrous" South, have sought to kill the woman's suffrage bill at Austin.

There are other reasons why the legislature balks. Because they are protagonists and evangels of exploitation of women, they are necessarily immoral. The working woman they seek to make their prey today just as the negro maiden was, when the New England traders exchanged the black human flesh for rum and beads; and then, when later, the progeny of the captive negro was sold from New England to this side of the Mason and Dixon line the Southern "gentlemen" proceeded to wreak their power upon the black maidens until miscegnation became one of the "chivalrous arts." If you doubt The Rebel we'll show you five million mulattoes.

Wherefore it has come to pass, before a Socialist ever raised his voice in the South or before a white woman, realizing the horrors of present conditions had raised her small voice against this rape of the virgins, these knightly gentlemen fought in the Southern legislatures against the increase of the age of consent for maidens, both white and black. They even refused to adopt some years ago in several Southern states the law placing the age of consent at 15 years. These fellows raped the cradle and weren't lynched because of their economic standing and their control of the legislature, and the press. They now oppose votes for women because they are afraid that the enfranchised women would jail them in defense of their immature sisters.

They reflect the troglodytic type of mind, such as thoroughly expressed itself in the reign of Charles II, when this curious act of parliament was passed:

"That all women, of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall, from after the passing of this act, impose upon and trap into matrimony any of his majesty's male subjects, by scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, or bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the laws now in force against witchcraft, sorcery, and other like misdemeanors, and that the marriage, upon conviction, shall stand null and void."

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Not satisfied with the control of the working women that the Southern "statesmen" could lay their hands upon, they have armed mutter's legal in the South so that the white women are not only deprived of the ballot, but the wives even of the "elder" statesmen are not allowed to dispose of their property unless as the behoof willy, and so true is this that even such a paragon of Southern womanhood as Miss Winnie Davis, the daughter of the Confederacy, was not allowed to dispose of one of her father's battle flags!

And yet men who profess to stand for the best that is contained in the spirit of the old Confederacy, stand under the arched dome of the legislative hall and tell the Southern women who plead for a voice in the affairs of state and equality before the law, and a vote to defend and protect it, that they will "protect" the women if they will only agree not ask that the mantle of the law drape their shoulders. As well might a Mormon elder promise monogamy or a Turkish pasha denounce polygamy and expect to be believed.

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The most regrettable thing about this fight against Texas womanhood in the Thirty-fourth legislature is seen in the attempt of the Old Regime to pit sister against sister. No less a shining light in the galaxy of Texas landlordism than Jim Wells, who by devious means, including the aid of gunmen, has secured acres that run into six figures in the territory west of the Nueces, has prevailed upon his wife to address the state senate at the moment while the air was still reeking with crooked arguments for the legalizing of race suicide gambling, which bill that body had just engrossed — something the women of Texas would destroy, did they possess a vote. He thereby placed this refined and virtuous lady in such an embarrassing position that can only be realized when one goes on John McCutheon's great cartoon, that shows an anti-suffragist lady standing in her reception parlor. The door opens and enter five characters who congratulate her stand against her sisters:

1. *Waste dancer.*
2. *Disekeeper.*
3. *Tinhorn gambler.*
4. *Corrupt politician.*
5. *Trust magnate.*

The shame and mortification of the lady of McCutheon's pencil can better be imagined than described and The Rebel has enough charity in his heart to believe that Jim Wells would not have placed his wife in such an embarrassing position, did he have wit enough to realize where he had placed her.

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The Rebel seems to make any argument for woman's suffrage. As well might an argument for male suffrage. We Americans are thoroughly agreed that the free ballot shall stay and the vast mass of American people believe that the female ballot shall come in all that the term implies. Already our sisters have captured the right to embroider their flag with eleven stars. That the other thirty-seven stars will follow, goes without saying, and when the flag that was stolen is recovered and completed, the most beautiful star in the constellation will be our own beloved Lone Star and our sisters will then know that Texas manhood has redeemed itself and Texas chivalry has become a fact that will live on and on, because,

"The woman's cause is man's; they sink or rise
Together, dwarfed or godlike, bond or free.
If she be small, slight-natured, miserable,
How shall man grow?
The woman is not undeveloped man,
But diverse."

LAND HEARING MARCH 16.

Judge E. O. Meitzen, ex-secretary of the Renters Union, has been subpoenad to appear before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, Mo., chairman, which body will hold public hearings in Dallas in the week commencing March 16. This commission has been appointed by congress to investigate the relations between capitalists and wage-workers and landlords and tenants throughout the United States. The Rebel is so far has been of the highest order. The Dawson, Colo., hearing in which the burning of the women and children at Ludlow by the Rockefeller thugs, and the complete control of the state government by the interests, was shown, and caused a profound sensation which was surpassed when the Commission met in New York and personally examined the Rockefellers, Morgan, Mother Jones, John Mitchel, John F. Lawson, and other nation-wide leaders of the contending forces of capital and labor.

After holding public hearings in the west and east this commission will hear in the South in the biggest city in the greatest agricultural state in the union, that possesses the largest amount of tenancy, the conditions that have led to the root of our industrial troubles. Interest and profit were two features that were taken up at the other hearings; and now the Commission proposes to get down to the question of land exploitation and very properly selects for its principal witness on the first day Judge E.O.Meitzen who is universally recognized as the best posted and most consistent advocate of the land worker, as his work in the Grange, Farmers Alliance, Knights of Labor, Populist and now the Socialist movement shows.

The subpoena from the Commission reads as follows:

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UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Washington.
Chicago, February 27, 1915.

Judge E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Honorable Sir:—

The United States Commission on Industrial Relations has set March 16 as the date for beginning its Dallas Hearing on Agricultural Labor, with regard to which I have already communicated with you.

You are requested to appear before the Commission on Tuesday, March 16, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Commission will be in session at the Chambers of Commerce, Dallas, Texas.

The government allowance for the expenses of witnesses is 5c per mile each way from the place at which they are summoned, and $2 for each day's attendance upon the Commission.

Will you please wire me collect, at Transportation Building, Chicago, when I may expect your sworn statement of presence on the date above indicated?

Very truly yours,
Basil M. Manly,
In Charge of Public Hearings.

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Other prominent witnesses who believe in use and occupancy as the sole title to land as the remedy for landlordism, will be W. S. Noble, secretary-treasurer of the Land League, one of the first land revolutionists in Texas; W. L. Thurman, another pioneer Texas land agitator, and T. A. Hickey, editor of The Rebel.

In connection with the foregoing it is worth noting that Mr. W. (?. Holman, spent three days in the little city of Hallettsville, last summer, gathering evidence for this big government investigation. Mr. F. A. Speck, another field agent of the Commission, made an appointment with Mr. R. R. Meitzen, Socialist candidate for governor and W. S. Noble, nominee for lieutenant governor and secured data on the situation in Texas.

Was it not Emerson who said: "Do your work well, and though you build your house in the wood, the world will make a beaten track to your door."

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is reminded when reading them of the old saying: "When a vampire sucks his victim's blood he first fans it with his wings." The mothers of Texas will not be lulled to slumber by the wings man who bottled liquor. Haxthausen sent to the embryonic editor's

Some German Socialists tried to start a German Socialist paper in Houston. Misrepresentative Haxthausen feared competition with his cheese sheet. The prospective Socialist editor was working for a employer and tried to have him discharged. The employer was a good Dutchman and said: "Donnerwetter! You ist los mit my workman, Frank Schmidt? For why should bolities bother mit liquor bottling? Why?" And Haxthausen beat a quick retreat and Comrade Schmidt held on to his job.

The big Oklahoma special of The Rebel is going to be dandy. Get in on it now by ordering a bundle.

Who Elected Ferguson?

Like "Banquo's ghost the question of who put up the funds to elect Jim Ferguson will not down. Attorney General Looney has filed a petition in the courts demanding $25,000,000 penalty and forfeiture against the Texas Brewery for corrupting our elections One of the strongest documents in the petition is an affidavit from the late Adolphus Busch, the brewery king of St. Louis, that was written to his friends, Adoniaf Zane Cell in which he said:

"*I will not hind to give $100,000 EXTRA to give campaign fund.*"

From this document in the possession of the attorney general — and it will soon be a matter of court record — be can easily get a glimpse of the size of the gigantic slush fund that was poured into this state by the liquor interests to elect the nature from Temple. We have it directly from the editor of The Commercial Herald of Dallas, that Attorney General is authority for the statement that not less than ONE MILLION DOLLARS was turned into the Ferguson campaign fund by the state and national breweries.

This tremendous fact when grasped by the poverty-stricken renter or mortgaged farmer is enough to cause a political revolution in the state. With the low price of cotton and the increased cost in living staring him in the face, he is confronted by the fact that the governor to whom he looked for help and the legislature that he helped to drive into in his interest are in power today, because a bestial Bush gave $1 hundred thousand dollars extra after presumably giving another hundred thousand earlier.

How this slush fund was spent is well known throughout the state. The brewery personally knows of one man in Hill county who was what might be termed a mere Socialist, that is he never joined the party, but voted the ticket in the previous election. He was of good standing in his community, but due to hard times found himself in a financial tight. He was hired by the Ferguson forces for thirty days before the primary election at $3 a day and travel ing expenses, just to go around as a political "striker" and talk Ferguson's hard luck stuff while loafing as a Farmers Union man and all the time singing the praise of "Farmer Jim".

He was only one of several political strikers in Hill county and every county in the state had similar cards going through in buggies at the rate of $300 a month and expenses, all of them swearing that they were working in the interest of the down-trodden farmer and pointing out to Radford and Lewis and the Farmers Union officials generally as examples of how close was Ferguson to the man that filled the soil. Enough farmers swallowed the bait of these political confidence men with the result that the slush fund got in its work and Uncle Jim was elected, and the brewery and other interests were for the time being triumphant. In this connection it is worth mentioning that the farmers and renters had better keep a close eye on these political bunco sharpers when they visit your community next year, regardless of what respectable mask they may wear, and seek to decoy you into a Democratic primary. Just ask them where their salary and expense money comes from and ten to one you will find that it is from St. Louis by way of the financial and political brothel in Fort Worth known as the Commercial Secretaries Association with its Farmers Union official sister.

The Rebel has positive information that all Texas dailies are in possession of all the facts in connection with this million-dollar election steal, but for reason, that we can readily understand the muzzled press has suppressed the news. From week to week The Rebel will keep turning the light on the situation not only in the hope that the guilty responsible will be punished, but to the end that all decent men will be kept out of the Democratic primary next year.

Because of the high cost of living, the war and the low cost of cotton, a great many commission merchants in Texas have increased the salaries of county judges, district clerks and other officers. Hurrah for the Dunk!

HAXTHAUSEN OF HOUSTON.

Javes in Houston a son of the Vateyland whose first name is Augiust, whose second name is Haxthausen and whose last name will be "Dennis" and who represents the Houston Brewing and Ice Company and similar interests in the state legislature.

August has blown into print via the Congressional Record style, that is to say, he has had The Houston Post print the speech for him against woman's suffrage that he never delivered and was presumably written, together with some dope-inspired literary hack in the employ of the interests.

If men are lucky because of the opinion they have made, the same is equally true of women, for when Haxthausen attacks the sex they are to be congratulated, for even his own immediate female kin can find little ground for his defamation.

Haxthausen is that remarkable type of German known as the "Southern gentleman." His ideas are bounded by the Busch brewery on the north, a Hermann Sons state presidency on the east, the Houston Brewing Company on the South and a "Kneeshaft" (cheese paper) on the West. Nobody ever charged Haxthausen with any more intellect than the law allows, and with considerably less decency than is compatible with the ordinary conventionalities of life. This can be well understood when we recall to the Houston Post of February 26 that he refers to the ladies who to obtain the ballot, are making the cleanest political fight ever waged in Texas as "amazonian and abnormal" women. The lady whom the woman's suffrage bill invited as their guest to speak for their cause is referred to by August in stockyard language as "unsexed female."

The Rebel is glad that August does not represent the men and women of Houston. We are glad that the people published this interview under his own name because he looks an intellectual type of Bohemian. We are not in favor of the Socialist, that is he never joined the party, but voted the ticket in the previous election. He was of good standing in his community, but due to hard times found himself in a financial tight. He was hired by the Ferguson forces for thirty days before the primary election at $3 a day and travel ing expenses, just to go around as a political "striker" and talk Ferguson's hard luck stuff while loafing as a Farmers Union man and all the time singing the praise of "Farmer Jim".

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LAND PETITION.

The land petitions are almost clogging the local postoffice, coming in from every section of the state. The petition from Bandera last Monday showed over 20,000 names and the side of petition sheets still continue to flow in.

The mass petition will be presented to the senate committee on public lands tomorrow morning by W. S. Noble, of Rocklale, secretary-treasurer of the Land League of Texas. Mr. Noble says he may accompany with a request for prompt action at the session of the legislature, for "nearly all hand is pressed for time to act upon this great question if they are so disposed.

The success of this second petition reveals as thoroughly as it is possible to reveal a great fact, that 98 per cent. of the people want a change in the land laws of the land of use and occupancy. The first petition was carried from farm to farm, and from house to house, and street to street by 1788 men and women, an identical report of which, containing every signature and address of those who carried it, being published in The Rebel at that time. The report showed that 98 per cent. of those approached, after being thoroughly informed on the nature of the petition, unhesitatingly signed it.

The second petition, although not due to any organization as the first, reveals the same overwhelming sentiment for this drastic, epoch-making change in our centuries old land laws.

It is said by some cynical politicians that everybody will sign a petition for anything. But the use of these half truths that is the worst kind of a lie. Anybody will sign a petition for a thing they have a hack to carry an indigent old lady to the poor farm but when it comes to a petition that has teeth in it as the Land Petitions are, when it comes down to "brass tacks" the petition is carefully scanned and the Land Petitions show 98 per cent. signed and this is the record that the Renters, Union the Land Leagues and The Rebel have established beyond question of eye or pay.

Why then, do not the legislative wheels go around? Why does not the legislature act responsive to the desires of the people? The answer springs to the lips THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE.

The Rebel has shown in the two petitions grown out the work of the Renters Union and the Land League, indisputably as nothing else that has ever happened in Texas, that the people are going to have a change and are determined to publicly brand the misrepresentatives who refuse to put this constitutional amendment before the voters of the state.

When the interests wanted the shipping bill killed in Congress last month, they did not look for the political "black hand" in Massachusetts, New York or Pennsylvania. They came to the real, tried and strong right arm boys from the South, and they walked up and did the sand-bag act. Clark of Arkansas, Vardaman of Mississippi and Hardeman of Georgia, were the leaders. These gentlemen are simply disclaiming editions of Mc-Inerney of Louisiana, McLaurin of South Carolina and Joe Bailey of Texas. Whenever the Rainey Wills are in need of a real, great, senatorial bootblack, they call upon the senator from the Dunk South, and they never fail to get him on the job. "Chivalrous" South? Bah! No More.

Since the state senate voted to legalize race track gambling last week and killed the land amendment two years ago, and has for its chief intellectual light for several years, Ulysses Quintus Bossman Watson, a strong sentiment is under way to kill that worthless body. The Rebel says why do it is there on the political scrap heap that the United States will be placed alongside. All of which is incidentally in line with the Socialist platform from its earliest days.

A bill has been introduced in the Texas legislature by Mr. Wood in the manner in which some land sharks stole tens of thousands of acres of Wood land. The Rebel will venture a prediction that this company will never be probed until Socialist representatives in Austin will investigate the land office and then there'll be a large number of amen corner gentlemen playing checkers with their hats on they have not already beaten their way to Havana, Cuba.

Clark-Rebel Tour.

The Rebel is in receipt of letters each day praising the work of Stanley J. Clark on the platform and, strange to say, they come not only from the redeemed comrades but from old-time Southern democrats as a result of his scholarly presentation of things as they are.

The Rebel is deeply gratified at this result, and in the communication we would point out that Stanley J. Clark is able to work as never before, because he is first time that he has been endorsed by a genuine Socialist paper that is representative of the ideals and aspirations of the working class of the South whom he loves and for whom he has fought so well.

If the plat he has kept down because the most men of genius like another "Gene Debs he is model for the best work of the world and is therefore a poor manager for himself. Under the present arrangement with The Rebel he will to do his very best work that will be all-the-more enduring, as he will be spared from him from one to three hundred Rebel readers who left behind, to read, for the ensuing forty weeks, the paper that his made last year the best in the South and is doing more to turn people of the South to Socialism than any paper published this side of "the Mason and Dixon line.

Help Clark and The Rebel in this work, by ordering your cards now to be settled for by the time the lecturer comes.

ANOTHER CLARK MEETING.

Cameron, Tex., Feb. 25.

Dear Rebel—The Clark meeting was a decided success. Despite the fact that it was raining over Monday morning a good-sized crowd gathered in town to hear him and had it been pretty weather it would be a big crowd. Many would not have held the crowd. Many of the courthouse ring attended and were there to see the Socialist wolf Clark pinched them in the short ribs. "He is the best speaker I have heard in the convention of all who heard him. One old democrat was heard to remark, "he kept us there one hour and fifteen minutes, and I swear all though I had been there only fifteen minutes." Another one said "I have now concluded that Socialism is the only solution. And still another said to Clark: "You can make a planter to me than it ever was before."

We are going to have Clark back here again some time in the fall or spring. The Rebel could not plan. I want to request every Socialist in Milam county to get busy and help us sell our Clark cards, we have 100 to sell. Order your cards from me right away and begin selling them at once. Get them all sold and the money in hand by the time Clark comes so there will be no delays. Don't delay this matter, drop me a card at once and say how many you can use and I will send them to you.

To every Socialist in the state would advise the Rebel-sub-card plan. It is the best propaganda work in Texas today.

Paul Pierce, Co. Sec.

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Stanley Clark Dates.

Stanley J. Clark is taking two weeks off to attend to some personal business in Kansas. The Rebel headquarters during that time being at the St. Louis Hotel, Dallas.

However he will fill some dates in between, including a date at Fort Worth, to aid the boys there in their great city campaign.

Clark dates are called for in North, East and South Texas and if the Reds should bunch their dates in each section, so that they will not overlap.

We have loaned him to Oklahoma where he will match a joint debate on March 18 and 19 at Eufaula, a strong Socialist delegation will be present. Clark will also be accompanied by the Gospel Guide.

Better send in your Texas dates early, because he is being called for in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. These states are all trying to break into the Texas routing, but we shall give Texas the first shot. So send in your dates at once and remember that Clark is the best man on the stump today to handle the land and other questions pertaining to the South. The land work requires 100 sale, 25c each. He will storm the Danny Dubbs in your town and great good will result both from his lecture and the 100 sale.

PUNCH AND CHICKEN SALADS.

The following story, while not new, is of good local application now since Czarer Ferguson has allowed the $1500 chicken salad occasioned his friend ex-Governor Colquitt, and has paved the way for lots of chicken salad and punch for himself during his administration. The unfortunate renters that voted for him will appreciate the story of the darkey told below:

Editor The Rebel—

Jim Ferguson and his chicken salad cost millions, one of the Republican scalawag politicians, and the poor ignorant negroes of Alabama many years ago. Just after the war the Sagroes had the pleasure of voting the scalawag politicians into good fat offices, but the negroes were always left out.

A leading negro preacher died and went to heaven. He knocked at the gate. Saint Peter asked if he was riding or walking. "If you are walking then you can't come in here. The negro looked down the road and saw one of his political scalawag friends coming on he decided to go meet him and tell him his troubles. He said to the politician:

"You can't go dar into hebben." De good saint say nobibby kin come in dar wuh ridin' wahkin."

The politician said: "That's ellegant. I will go to the gate and knock. You get down on your knees and I will be ridin, and then we will both get into heaven."

The negro get down and the politician got on his back, went to the gate, knocked, and St. Peter said:

"Just hitch your donk outside and come in."

So the negro was left in the outer darkness howailing his lo.

Moral: Where has Jim hitched the tenant farmers of Texas while he is inporting the chicken salad and punch at their expense. Will some kind friend tell me the difference between the Republican and Democratic politicians! Will you Rubes and Danny Dubbs ever learn to vote for your very wives and children instead of voting for the landlords, usurers and other exploiters?

J. S. Jones.

A TYPICAL CLARK MEETING

Port Arthur, Texas, Feb. 17.

Stanley J. Clark has been with us three days and to say he has undeceived a portion of the people is putting it mildly, and we must have him again.

We had good luck with the sale of our cards and have arranged to secure him for two more meetings, next month.

J. H. Silliman.

SOCIALIST TEACHER'S AGENCY.

Seeks correspondence with trustees wanting Socialist teachers and teachers wanting such schools.

Sp W. O. Branes, Duno, Texas.

SUDAN GRASS SEED — 50cts per lb., 10 cts extra per lb. for postage on small orders. W. J. Kennedy, Rt. 5, box 58, Temple, Tex.

OLD MAN PERCAPITA.

A syndicate article of Commercial Secretary pleasing information that all as well so far as the wheat situation is concerned, accounting for the rise of *per capita*.

"Per Capita" is a great old scout with whom the Rebel is long acquainted. He works something like this:

Two men live in Tarrytown, N. Y. One is John D. Rockefeller and the other is a peasant. John has a billion dollars. Along comes the man with the Per Capita and says, dealth of Tarrytown is $1.5 billion per inhabitant and yet the pauper can't buy a ham sandwich if they were selling at a dozen for a cent.

So with this per capita report on wheat, to show that we will have no bread famine because we all have no bread famine because all have 5.5 bushels each—when we get it. There is nothing said about 5 cent loaves going at 7c and 16 ounce loaves cut to 12 ounces, nor about 70 cent grain sold by the farmers to the speculate who boost the price to $1.65 per bushel.

These things don't concern old Per Capita but demonstrates that figures may not lie but liars did figure and the Commercial Secretaries are one of the Figgeres.

AGENTS

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY. Agents are wanted for the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, the Negro Slave who became a leader of his race. Douglass was a great orator, a great writer and a great man. Agents are wanted for the life of Douglass because the demand for the life of Douglass is great. Agents are wanted because the life of Douglass is a great book, well worth the price, $2.00. Agents are wanted because the life of Douglass is a great book, which will sell, because the life of Douglass is a great book, which will sell because the life of Douglass is a great book, which will sell because the life of Douglass is a great book, which will sell

State Office Notes.

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

From the Third Congressional District.

Murchison, Tex., Feb. 27 1915.

To the Socialists of the 3rd Cong. District, composed of the counties of Henderson, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Smith, Wood, Upsur, Grygg and Rusk:

I have been elected your Secretary. It is with a feeling of pride that I assume the duties of the first secretary of the Socialist party of the 3rd Cong. Dist. At the same time I realize the responsibility which rests on me. I will say that my record goes back to the days of the Farmers Alliance and Populism, and as I am 46 years old, you can see most of my life has been spent as a Rebel in disguise.

I think I understand the cooperative idea; I believe in doing things. You will find me a Socialist 365 days in the year, always on the job. I always carry a Rebel and Appeal cards in my pocket.

It is not my intention to interfere with the duties of the Co. Sec., I only want to cooperate with them and want them to cooperate with me.

Now Comrades, do you want to elect the next congressman? It is possible, in fact, will be easily done with the proper co-operation on your part. We polled 25 per cent. of the vote in the last election with no congressional organization and very little campaign.

It is my aim to thoroughly organize every county in the district and I don't intend to rest until this is done, or let you rest either, so you had as well get busy.

You can't accomplish much without organization; organization is the life blood of the Socialist movement. A body of unorganized men is only a mob and carries no fear into the hearts of the Capitalist Parasites. There are three factors that make Socialism grow, they are: Organization, Education and Starvation. We all are being furnished one of these factors free and it does look like we ought to put up the other two.

A great many Socialists don't realize the value of the red card, it is the emblem of universal brotherhood, the best insurance policy you can carry and costs only $1.80 a year. When the principles it stands for are enacted into law, it insures you a good living under decent conditions as long as you are able to work and when unable a pension in your old age. Now about the dues, you pay all the campaign expense of all the parties, the workers do this and don't realize it, but most every one of you can see the 15 cents dues in the local. Please remember that this 15 cents is absolutely necessary to keep our organization together, as we have no millionaires backing us.

Comrades, put some life in your locals, build them up, no use to holler oppression if you sit idly by and do nothing. If Socialism is what we claim it is, we will never do enough to usher it into existence. I feel encouraged over the situation, as the Democrats only polled 25 per cent. of the vote in this state election, leaving a great slice on the fence to be educated into Socialism.

Now I want to get in touch with every active Socialist in the district, no drones wanted at this office, they don't accomplish anything; but I want every active live Socialist to write me, tell me the situation around you, maybe I can help you. If you want a speaker and can pay for one I can send him to you or I can send him to you on the collection plan.

In conclusion, let me say, I want US to build up one of the biggest district organizations in the state and with your co-operation we will do it. I intend to visit every county in the district this summer and try to get the people to attend a lecture, and my services will be free. Some of us will have to make a sacrifice of our time, but I will carry literature with me.

Yours for Socialism in our day.

J. B. Lewis, Sec.-Treas.
3rd Cong. Dist.

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Comrade J. T. Wimberly, Silverton, Tex. writes that a meeting of all Socialists and sympathizers of Briscoe county will be held at the county seat (Silverton) on April 17, to perfect organization. He writes that never in the history of that portion of the state have the people been so ready for a change.

New Organizations.

Smith county (re-organized), J. C. Jones, R. 7, Tyler Tex.

Third Congressional district, J. B. Lewis, Murchison, Texas, district secretary.

Lott local (reorganized), Dallas G. Farmer, Sec.

Jefferson county, W. L. Baldwin, county secretary, 1083 Sabine St., Beaumont.

Thirteenth congressional district, Mrs. E. W. Carlton, 97 W. Hickory St., Denton, Tex.

Kortik local, Lavaca Co., organized by T. A. Secrest and Wm. Berkenhoff.

DeKalb local, Bowie county, organized by P. E. Gold, chartered by Congressional secretary Hughes.

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Hall County Organizing.

A. D. Shields, one old reliable of Newlin, Tex., writes: "We are going to organize Hall county and are courting W. T. Flowers to that end. He will speak at Lodge on the 5th, Lakeview 8, Finger 8, H. 10, Brize 11.

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Albert Hayhes, Bay City, Tex., writes: "Any comrade having a stereoptican machine and a few good slides that they are not using and would like to see them put on duty at once, write to me, at Box 715, Bay City, Tex.

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Another District Organized.

Denton, Texas, Feb. 23, 1915.

Mr. T. A. Hickey, State Sec.
Halletsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:

We are just returned from the whither we went for the purpose of organizing the Thirteenth Congressional district of the Socialist party of Texas.

At this meeting Comrade J. B. Stubblefield of Denton, temporary chairman, was elected congressional chairman; Mrs. E. W. Carlton of Denton, was elected congressional secretary; W. Z. Whiddon of Wellington, organizer; W. D. Keen, of Lewisville, G. Herd, of Frisco, and M. A. Anderson of Denton, auditing committee.

As soon as bond of secretary can be passed upon by committee, it will be forwarded to you. Altogether we had an enjoyable convention, and should have been pleased to have our state secretary with us.

With best wishes for all comrades and the onward march of our cause for which we are glad to strive, I am.

Yours comrade,
Mrs. E. W. Carlton,
Secretary 13th Cong. Dist.

LIKE MEXICO.

Says the "Houston Carbuncle, last week:" Are we getting so much like Mexico that our prosperity needs to be encouraged by devices that strongly resemble three card and roulette wheels." This in discussing the bill legalizing race track gambling just passed by the senate.

Sure Mike! We are getting so much like Mexico that we have three estates in the lower house, each of which have over a million acres. So much like Mexico that we have more land tenants than in any five states in Mexico. So like Mexico that the vast majority of the land renters know as little of fresh meat as does the barefooted, tight-panted, sombrero, sun-browned gentleman on the other side of the Rio Grande.

Sure, we are getting like Mexico, and Ferguson's land plank will not stead.

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Mrs. Dora McCarthy, Harleton, Tex., writes: "You have no idea about the conditions in Harrison county; of how young mothers with babies have to make cross ties for the railway companies to get bread, and just a very few clothes and no shoes on their feet. Some renters have bread once a week and many have to beg that. Some merchants have taken all corn and meat from the renter. Send Land Petition No. 2, at once, as I think we can get nearly five hundred names."

WANTED—Correspondence with Socialist individuals for the purpose of establishing resort for young men to work on farm and attend night school. No set sum handbard to cut rent. Will be financial benefit to right landlord. Address W. O. Brannen, Dresso, Texas.

HOW WE ARE ROBBED.

Mr. W. Beckstead, a prosperous farmer of Havana, Ill., who with his wife each year spends the winter with his relatives near Halletsville, was a caller at the caller the other day. We found the gentleman to be of a liberal, progressive mind and outspoken in his opinions. Speaking of the low price of farm products and the high price of everything the farmer has to buy, Mr. Beckstead said:

"The great trusts, combines and speculators that have the people of America on a death grip have held up the gathers farmer about like they are robbing the cotton farmer. Practically all of our farmers disposed of their entire wheat crop last summer at around 70 cents. Personally I happened to be able to sell mine at 80 cents. Regardless of how much the big newspapers and politicians proclaim the "prosperity" of the West, farmer the fact remains that the wheat was in the hands of the speculators and not the wheat growers, when the great advance in price came that has resulted in nothing more for us all than in higher price for food. The same thing is true of the cotton farmer who has been forced to dispose of his cotton at low prices and will, along with the rest of us, pay high prices for the cotton goods."

"One thing is certain, this robbery of the people by many by the few has got to stop, and a change is coming because it must come. The common people everywhere are learning that. I have about lost hope of getting any relief through the old political parties, although I voted a Democratic ticket last election."

ITALIAN ORGANIZER.

Joseph Cortinaglional secretary-treasurer, advises us that Comrade C. Bartalini will be at Thurlow for the first of April and will remain there for a week or more. Italian comrades and sympathizers remain there for a week or more. Italian comrades and sympathizers in Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Temple and other cities, desiring his services will please correspond with the state office at once.

Pure leaf Tobacco, Sample 5cts. Dr. Wesson, Winnie, Ky.

OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH.

All intelligent people admit that the taking of interest, increase or usury on lands, houses, money, clothing etc., is condemned by the Bible in over a dozen instances; that the Bible also says: "He that does not work shall not eat"; that it condemns in numbers of passages the robbery of the poor by the rich.

Now the same people will admit that the taking of interest, increase or usury has been legalized by all the so-called Christian nations, that by means of interest, rent and profit usury on all things the working people, who comprise 90 per cent. of population are robbed and plundered of more than 4-5 of what they produce. According to census statistics it is shown that each worker produces an average of $2471 per year, and gets an average of $437 therefor!

The only real movement that declares that this robbery of the worker shall cease and that the enumerated Bible precepts shall be enacted into the laws of our land, is the Socialist party!

Now the question I wish to ask of Christians generally and priests and preachers in particular, is: Why don't you boldly advocate Socialism instead of fighting it, or standing idly by letting people outside of the church largely do the work?

Are you weak in your faith? You believe or claim to believe that the Almighty will let no harm befall those who are battling for righteousness and justice! You with this faith could do ten times as valuable a work for justice as could a mere human who relies only on his own strength and lacks this faith.

Why is it then that we find so little real courage among the FAITHFUL? "Oh ye of little faith!"

E. O. Meitzen.

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We are going to have woman's suffrage in Texas. The Rebel is glad, for many reasons. One of them is that the Enemy Within has always fought woman's suffrage. The other reason is that the women could not possibly make a worse condition of affairs than the men did — not even if they tried.

W. O. Brannen.

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If America is able to feed all the world why isn't she able to feed herself? Ask your neighbor this question and then get two bits for him for a forty-week sub to The Rebel.

SOCIALIST TEACHERS AGENCY.

Druso, Tex., Feb. 22, 1915.

Editor Rebel, Halletsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

The Socialist Teacher's Agency has now been organized about two years and has grown about 100 per cent. the past year. We think all teachers who have written us and also all trustees and especially do we thank The Rebel for its good words in our behalf.

We believe that we should hold a meeting of the members of the Agency some time this summer at some Summer Normal. Time and place to be determined by vote of membership.

All Socialist teachers should be members, as the demand for Socialist teachers is greater than the available teachers and yet many Socialists are teaching in undesirable schools at a lower salary than they might get and some Socialists do not try to capture the schools by electing Socialist trustees.

The first Saturday in April is trustee election day all over Texas and all Socialist should nominate at once one or two as the case may be or three or four if the school has seven trustees. And then proceed to elect these men. There should be no compromise to favor a Democrat because he is a good man or for any other cause. Each and every Socialist should go to the election and vote for Socialists and only Socialists.

Socialism can never be realized without the working people are educated along the line of government and economics and against capitalist ways especially war, which is bound to come if the war drug people can be made to fight each other and they have been taught to fight for thousands of years and will surely fight unless they are taught better. Who can teach them better than a Socialist teacher? When a Socialist teacher is in every school the revolution will come.

W. O. Brannen.

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The Rebel,
Halletsville, Texas.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT

(H. M. Sinclair, State Secretary, Oklahoma City, Okla.)

Socialist Bills Killed.

Another seven days of the session of the legislature gone by and there is no let up yet in the onslaughts upon the State Treasury. The appropriations continue to pile up at a heretofore unheard of rate. Democratic members who have been here before state that the present appropriation bills call for a larger expenditure than has yet been considered by any previous legislature. Nowhere is there a reduction.

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The usury question comes to life every few days. An effort will be made in the near future to force consideration of this vital matter.

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Four Socialist bills and one House resolution have been killed the past week and one Socialist bill passed by the House. Those killed were, the usury bill; the bonding bill, which provides that the state shall take over the banking business of the state and would save the citizens of the state over fifteen million dollars; the insurance bill, which provides that the State shall sell all classes of insurance; the free school book bill which provides for the publishing of school books in a state owned printery and furnishing the books to pupils free, also for the printing of state and county supplies; House resolution memorializing the United States Congress to pass a law for the U. S. treasurer to issue money direct to the State, counties and political sub-divisions of counties upon their bonds, and limiting the amount of bonds to be issued. The Socialists showed how much law would save the people of the United States over $100,000,000 yearly. They pointed out that these bonds were not used as security by corporations for currency issues made by the United States, Treasurer, and asked why this money could not be issued direct to the various branches of the government that voted the bonds and thus avoid the payment of immense sums of money in interest to the blood sucking profit takers. Only one speech was made against this resolution, and that by Rep. W. A. Durant. Mr. Durant warned the House that this resolution contained in it the elements to disorganize and revolutionize the present system of business and called upon them to vote it down. They responded nobly to the demand of their economic bosses and swatted the resolution hard. Only the Socialists supported it.

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The one Socialist bill passed to date is House bill No. 398 by McLemore and Wilson. This bill provides for the building of public warehouses by counties and subdivisions of counties, and cities and towns. While this bill is not considered as a very radical measure, yet it was opposed by some Democratic members on the ground that it was Socialistic. The roll call the bill was passed by a vote of 56 to 19.

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The Workingmans Compensation bill is still held up in the Senate. The forces lined up against this measure are so strong that friends of the bill have about given up hope of getting this much needed legislation through. Anyclass is foreboded to failure during this administration.

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Comrade Helen Keller insists that Socialism is the only way out of the present muddle. When she made that reply to a question asked her at Oklahoma City, the big audience applauded. There are certainly none so blind as those who cannot see that which upside plain to this blind girl.

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After the young Donks have proved that there is no exploitation in Oklahoma; that the so-called class struggle exist; that county seats are inhabited by parasitic anthropists instead of interbooked parasites; that the tenant farmer and other owners of the working class ought to be satisfied with the blessings they now have, they can then "smash Socialism."

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Some men roundly abuse our pirates of finance, both local and national, and talk disaudly of hard times, then let the matter rest. Others study the causes of the present ills, take out roll cards with the political party of their class, pay their dues regularly and look to the future with confidence. The stayer, the student, the worker, the consistent red carder and not the mouth revolutionists are bringing about the good day of industrial emancipation.

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Imitation is the sincerest flattery. An ex-student for the Catholic priesthood has started a paper in Oklahoma, the name of which is a pun on the name of the Appeal. This is the real and only Appeal complimented and advertised to its enemies. This organ is sticking close to the time honored "free love" and "breaking up the home stuff." It hasn't yet attempted to prove to the working class that they are fat and happy under the present system.

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Red is becoming a popular color these days. Ladies are wearing hats of the reddest sort of red. The man with a red necktie is becoming too numerous to mention. The "Red Book" of the Socialist party of Oklahoma is well under way. There is a decidedly red tinge to our Oklahoma legislature and best of all, there are 13,000 red jackets in the state and they are becoming more numerous every day.

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"Twenty Years in Oklahoma".

Comrade Marion Hughes, of Shawnee, has written a humorous history of what he has seen in the state of Oklahoma during the past twenty years. Like all of his books, it is full of fun from cover to cover but there is also a serious vein throughout that is well worth while.

Comrade Hughes remarks in his preface: "When I was out among the farmers and laboring people collecting the campaign, I saw their condition, I saw the shacks they live in and call houses, I saw the rags they wear and call clothes, I saw an army of men and women and children out in the cotton fields on hot days and cold days, picking cotton and then hauling it to town where they were met by the landlord and banker. All this I saw and a lot more and I thought I ought to write a book to cheer them up a little and to tell the world the truth about conditions in Oklahoma."

The Donks are properly taken to task and the Socialists are held up as the only people with a program or plan whereby the present scheme of things can be changed to the benefit of the producers of the state.

Bryan County Convention.

The next county convention of the Socialists of Bryan county will be held at Durant, May 10 a. m. at Carpenter's Hall, Durant. Comrades of the county are urged to be present as there is an unusual amount of important business to transact.

Durant comrades have a full ticket in the field for the coming municipal election and business is warming up already. Comrade R. W. Roland, of Silverhorn, writes that he expects to have the "Dur-ant Light" shining on April 10. The comrades of Bryan county are looking forward with interest to the first number of their home paper.

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Within the past few weeks the State Office has sent out quite a few letters to comrades who have neglected their local cards. Many comrades have received these letters whose cards were stamped up to date. This is due to the fact that the letters were mailed before the local secretary's report reached the State Office. The name, address and standing of every comrade who carries a red card in the state of Oklahoma is kept at the state headquarters. We can only determine such standing from the report of the secretary-treasurer of the local. Secretaries are asked to be especially careful about making early and accurate reports of membership and standing.

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Partisan Control of School Libraries.

Comrade L. A. Stanwood, of Stroud, Oklahoma, has been following with considerable care the moves of the school trustees of his city. He has noticed a plan whereby the children shall be given such mental food as suits the dominant political party of the state. Comrade Stanwood has the following to say about the matter.

"Not content with having removed about all the democrats from our public school system and with having made it a part of the party machine, Supt. Wilson now proposes a law by means of which his office can practically dictate the kind of reading matter that shall be placed in public libraries. The state superintendent is to make a list of five hundred books from which the school board shall select each year the books for their libraries. No working class or socialist books will be included, of course. But the minds of young and old will be fed on capitalist history and literature and fallacies of economics, ethics and politics will thus be established by law.

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Comrade J. Barnard writes the State Office to tell of the fine interest in local Star in Seminole county. The local meets every two weeks and new members are added each meeting.

Comrade Geo. Hamilton writes the office of splendid meetings and great interest in the Socialist movement in the western part of the state. He finds a steady drift away from the old parties, toward Socialism.

Motion by Local Fred Warren.

Local Fred Warren of McCurtain county reports that five motions which will be published in full in the next issue of The Rebel. The empire of McCurtain continues to do business for the Socialist movement.

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FARMERS EMANCIPATION LEAGUE OF OKLAHOMA.

H. Grady Miller, Sec.-Treas. pro tem., Hydetown, Okla.

Another real live local has been organized in Atoka county. It is Local Forest Hill, 11 members, Jim Stella, Hydetown, Okla., Sec. We look for other communities in Atoka county to follow their example.

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Comrade J. L. Howell, of Simpson, in Marshall county, writes: "On behalf of Local that you are secretary of an organization that proposes to collect usurious interest from banks in Oklahoma, I am a farmer and want to help push the plan for they have been robbed good and plenty here. I can organize this county if you want me to. I have one note that has $116 on it. The time has come when we MUST do something. The legislature will not protect us from the usurers." We have appointed Comrade Howell organizer for Marshall county, and we look for things to hum down that way.

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From Comrade J. E. Dykes, of Okataba, Muskogee county, comes the following: "I see in the Rebel that you are organizing a Farmers' League. Send me some literature. I am a class-conscious renter and want to help all I can in any way."

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Over at Dale, in Pottawatomie county, is a live Farmer who believes in organization. His name is James A. Flowers. He writes: "Enclosed is a copy of your constitution. I will show it to the Locals here and see what can be done." We have sent him all he needs in literature and hope we shall hear from him soon with a good live local organized.

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Comrade C. F. Hart, of Lindsay, Garvin county, wrote to us recently as follows: "Will you please send me all the information you can in regard to the Farmers Emancipation League of Oklahoma. I feel that there is a great place here to make a strong organization of determined men." We have sent him the information, etc., and are now patiently waiting for a good big local in his community.

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It is not necessary that an organizer be present in order to organize a local. The constitution is very simple in its language, and everything needful to a complete understanding of the aims, purposes, etc., of the league is contained in it. All that is necessary to organize is merely to follow its instructions, copy the pledge contained in it, and have five or more farmers sign it, and pay dues and initiation fee to end of quarter, and then a secretary to send it in. If you have not received a constitution, write for it.

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The publicity the League has received thru the Rebel has been augmented by a nice mention in the Appeal for the week of Feb. 20. At this writing, Feb. 22, we have received over 20 requests for constitutions, and we believe the rush of letters has just started. The league idea is taking like wild fire, and we are optimistic over its future.

A TENANT FARMER.

(Written for The Rebel, after hearing a Donk Democrat roster plead for "fair treatment of Texas Landlords.")

Way down in Sunny Texas
There lives a docile slave,
Divided up with the landlords,
Their approval he seeks to crave;
And he keeps the old root patched,
Fixes the fence up well,
His reverence for his master
No human tongue can tell.

He is "three-fourths clod-hopper"
And some "sand-hopper" too,
His age is forty-seven years,
His hands are calloused through;
Grinding toil he does not mind,
It makes the landlord smile,
And he did not have to move
For quite a long, long while.

See him down upon the knees
By his landlord-master,
"Plants trees and fills the washes",
To keep off all disaster,
Humble as a dumbed slave
Way back "thro de war,"
He's the most submissive fool
Outside of Arkansas.

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When election day comes 'round
He goes with his masters
(Patches on his old blue pants
Tug like mustard plasters),
He votes right with the banker,
And for whom the grafters choose,
Has free access to cheap cigars
And any brand of booze.

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He swallows democratic dope
And lots of pulpit rot,
Smiles and bows when the parson says:
"Be contented and obey his lot!"
He "sings up" the jingling coins
When collection plates are passed,
So the preacher 'll land him safe
On the "golden streets" at last.

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He says he's no Socialist,
And that we know full well,
For Socialists are blessed
With a heart a few hairs deep,
With the brain power in the dust,
Stints, scrimps and tries to "save",
Thinks he surely will get rich —
But he'll fill a pauper's grave.

Monroe Jones,
Bugden, Oklahoma.

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Stanley J. Clark, the South's foremost Socialist orator and debater has completed a written debate carefully with an open mind Socialist editor and chairman of Dallas local. We have read the debate carefully and with an open and believe we can say that Clark simply trimmed Mr. Smith. "Pitchfork" Smith is personally a genial character, but has shown the Socialists mistake of debating about Socialism, while ignorant of the subject. Some preachers get by in an oral debate when the Socialist speaker is of limited information and the preacher is long on abuse and the audience is not acquainted with the subject, but, alas for Smith! He writ the dogzone thing, put John Hancock to it and now his hide is nailed to Clark's door decorated barn door. The book is well-printed, 64 pages, and is sold by Comrade Clark, price 25c.

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There is one thing that The Rebel is absolutely sure of and that is that when the powers-that-be cause the hands to play, "Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," or "My Country 'Tis Of Thee," that I'm going to hot foot it to my humble home, grab my Winchester or some other arm, kiss my wife goodbye and go to the front to kill the enemy whoever he is provided, remember that "provided" that John D. Rockefeller, Jr. walks along side of me and apologizes and is willing to pension the widows and children that were killed and then turned in Standard Oil at Ludlow on the 28th of last April. If the damn scoundrel insists on staying out of the firing of 26th Broadway, N. Y., I ain't going to fight. Would you?

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The Rebel is advised that the Donks will have some most momentous issues for the 1916 campaign, such as: "How sick is Charley Culberson, and why?" "Why did Joe Bailey not pay for his salad and punch," "Is the bat going to be resurrected?" "Why didn't Ferguson put up a bonus for quadruplets, instead of triplets, and is not the Democracy suffering since most of the coming generation is born singly?" Yes, the Donks are surely preparing a broad and highly intellectual campaign for 1916.

THE KILLING AT MARSHALL.

The Rebel is sorry that it was not able to give any details about the Marshall, Texas, (Harrison county) grand jury in the case of State vs. C. F. Hall, who was charged with the murder of John Rogers, a prominent contractor and the wounding of C. F. Copeland, a leading banker, and both members of the Knights of Columbus, who had first shot and killed Wm. Black, an anti-Catholic lecturer.

We would have been able to do so if the Associated Press had not refused to handle this big story.

As a result the people of the South today outside of the immediate vicinity of Marshall are not aware of what has happened since the big killing in the Marshall Hotel.

Mr. Hall who shot Copeland and Rogers, was not indicted by the grand jury, but the five men, all Knights of Columbus, who entered the room of his friend, Black, for the purpose of intimidating him because of an anti-Catholic lecture he had delivered the night before, were indicted. Needless to say the community is deeply stirred over the tragedy and will be for many months to come.

The Rebel deplores the killing at Marshall, because of the effect that it manifests, the sign that we are still in the raw and bloody-bones stage of medievalism when women were burned as witches and men were placed in the stocks because they did not agree with the very certain preachers dotted i's and crossed t's.

Did these men have as much sense as God gave them, they would have listened to anti-Catholic lecturers who believe that the pope of Rome is a menace to American institutions, and that he is aiming from the meeting quietly and summed up in the silent watches of the night the indictment that the anti-Catholic lecturer had drawn.

On the other hand, if some representative of organized labor in whose veins the hot blood was boiling because of the picture in his mind of the women and children burned at Ludlow, denounces the greatest layman in the Baptist church, John D. Rockefeller, what better than to do than to hear him out with patience, pester him with questions, if he permits it, as is the rule in organized labor circles, and then go to your peaceful home and think it out.

It should appear that the pope of Rome is meaning your liberties, arrange for adelante with a representative Catholic — not with Tom, Dick, or Harry who may be inflamed with phrases or rum — but some man whom the Catholic church will endorse. Take your wife down there, bring your children, and let thousands assemble together under the free air of heaven or in a great tabernacle, and with unprejudiced minds listen to the intellectual struggle. Men are not business men, bankers or contractors, and you have the idea in your mind that you have accumulated millions and that the Baptist was right in allowing a condition to develop in which women and children are burned, then get your anti-Union representative to meet the accredited representative of organized labor, and, again, under the stars or in the church or under a mammoth tent that would cover a great circus, see the mental contest between the two champions. You will listen for four hours if necessary. The kids, may yawn or fall asleep in their mother's lap and you will stand on your toes as the intellectual battle rages — and the kids won't suffer anyhow. And, remember, you will not be a cipher in the multitude because you will meet your brothers on the streets the following day and you will continue the intellectual fight and in all this threshing of the mental grain the prejudiced chaff will be blown away by the ensuing hot air.

Following this program the ignoble spirit of prejudice fades away and the masses learn the truth.

Look at another side of the picture: No just cause has ever been defeated by discussion, and no just cause ever lost because of the violence used by its opponents. The men who tried to prevent Mr. Black from speaking at Marshall by invading his room with guns and who lived through the experience are now in a mood to recognize the profound truth.

It was the late Mayor Gaynor of New York, himself a Roman Catholic, who, when a young Irish European trip some years ago, related in an interview a talk he had with a policeman in London who had killed three other Bobbies. "I had saved the life of a speaker on Trafalgar square who had most violently attacked the queen.

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"You didn't agree with that speaker said?" asked Mayor Gaynor.

"No," said the policeman. "I knew he was lying, but I had to see to keep the peace and it didn't hurt the ole lady anyhow."

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Thus spoke the spirit of tolerance, which is the spirit of civilization. And so true is this, that fortunate is the cause that in its inception is not by bullets and by blood and by the murderous voice of a mob. Contrarywise a cause that has to defend itself with mob violence is ready for assembly's scrap heap, because violence is its defense and the protagonists of the new cause are marching toward the rising sun.

Let us hope we may have no more killings like that in Marshall in Texas and that the working class will realize that their enemy is not the hierarchy domiciled on the banks of the Tiber, with its hatted subordinates in Boston, New York and Baltimore, who make alliances with the ecclesiastical representatives of Protestant churches, whose leading prelates are financed by the Baptist, Rockefeller, the Episcopalian, Morgan, the Methodist, Forgan, the Presbyterian, Frick and the atheist Carnegie, all of whom are mere agents of the Plutocracy. But the Enemy that directly affects their bonus, their families, their comfortable homes is within. Within, the plutocracy that owns privately the social necessities of the nation and who smile in their sleeves when they get the workers to fight over the routes that shall be taken to the many mansions and the golden streets and the Fruits of their labor.

Strive with the Hyrcanian tiger in his lair.
Wrestle with the half-starved lion for his prey.
But touch not the wild fierce fires of religious fanaticism.

LIQUOR NOT THE CAUSE !

The Honorable J. H. Gambrell, who has just lost his $3000 a-year position as superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, indites in Tom Love's organ, Home and Health, the following paragraph of surdity, implying as it does that to abolish liquor would mean to abolish poverty:

"If for one year, the South refrained from all alcoholic drink, it would save far more than the total decline in the value of this year's cotton crop."

The Rebel in his calmest inwater moments arises to inquire "refraining from all alcoholic drink" will make a nation prosperous, why are not the Hindos the most prosperous people in the world, for verily they have not touched alcohol since the first rajah listened to the philosophy of the Yogi? Why are not the Chinese the most prosperous people of the world, because, forsooth, alcohol is as foreign to them as porterhouse steaks are to a Texas renter? Why is it that the lazzaroni of Italy are as temperate as dogs and live like dogs? Why is it that when Ireland, famous for its love for potheen, was sobered in 1847 under the influence of Father Matthew's temperance crusade, she was stricken even worse than Belgium has been by the forces of the Kaiser? And this is true because in 1847 she lost through starvation two million people out of her population of eight million. Finally, if the abstaining from alcohol will make a people prosperous why are not the Texas tenants the most prosperous people in the South and the nation, because they are the most temperate class of people in the nation?

The Rebel believes that it is within the bounds of possibility that the Humble Gambrell had imbibed too much grape juice

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Two farmers walked around the county square of Hallettsville last week, one a Bohemian and the other a German. Said one: "Der old parties is no good. Dey jawers so loney around our tiges, but don't put en in se stomick." The Rebel would like to know if that isn't the God's truth.