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A. P. REPORTER IN ASIA

The Rebel has made a remarkable discovery that we are willing to turn over to the Smithonian Institution at Washington, D. C., without money or without price—a discovery that reveals in the most conclusive form the extraordinary idea that a great American institution can be put in. It is nothing more nor less than what can happen through the fortunes of such a giant war as we are going through and just because of the importance of our discovery we will not waste words, but hasten to tell you what it is.

It is nothing more nor less than the capture of an Associated Press correspondent by a pasha of the Sultan of Turkey who discovered the youth snooping around one of the royal harems within the shadows of the principal mosque in the city on the Bosphorus. It appears that the young man had been sent by Melville E. Stone, manager of the Asso. Press, to send in the usual "snoop" stuff that the 800 or more unfortunate subscribers have to dig through every day.

To boil him in oil, enclose him in "iron maiden", burn him alive in the name of Allah was the intention of the Sultan, when informed of the young man's arrest. With characteristic presence of mind that the A. P. men have got shown when caught spying around a union meeting, the A. P. man told the sultan through a trusted interpreter that he was a citizen of the far-off United States and the way in which he and his associates unexpectedly led to a hundred million people and did so until the methods of Munchhausen became a fine art.

The grand vizier, Omar Pasha, was quick to see in the light of the embroglio that the Kaiser was forcing the Turk into and which imbroglio they were rather glad to be into because of their hatred of the Russian bear, at once realized the usefulness of the prisoner. He was immediately assigned to work under a turbaned guard with a corps of translator on the Terjman-I-Afkin, a newspaper in Constantinople.

The wise old vizier made no mistake, because the copy turned out by the A. P. man is nearly as high class as that which the associates turned out over the Colorado-Michigan, West Virginia labor war. We quote from the issue of the Terjman-I-Afkin of December 6, in proof of our statement:

"The speech delivered by His Islamic Majesty William II last week from the throne set up in the old chamber of the French Parliament formed an unforgettable record of his deeds and prowess. Surrounded by the men he had conquered he offered his hand to be kissed by the ex-French deputies, who were much moved by the magnanimity of His Islamic Majesty."

"His Islamic Majesty," as applying to the kaiser, will be received with surprise by most of the world outside Turkey, which had not been informed that the emperor was a convert to the faith of Mohammed. As bearing on this point this Constantinople newspaper recently contained a dispatch to the effect that the people of conquered Belgium are becoming converted to Islam in large numbers and are changing their churches and cathedrals into mosques, while an item appeared in another containing this remarkable news:

"The harems of His Islamic Majesty William II and those of his officers are expected to arrive in Constantinople at the beginning of the spring. They will be escorted by ten of the most powerful British dreadnoughts captured by the Germans."

"According to a wireless telegram from Amsterdam," reads still another dispatch, the British government has sent 2000 asses laden with gold to the kaiser to ransom London from air raids."

The Rebel takes off its hat to this exhibition of American genius. The A. P. man is now laden down with more shekels than were the A. P. men of New England and New York who were exposed before the Interstate Commerce Commission when that body investigated the New York, Haven railway. He now has a harem of his own and while he is drawing the aromatic smoke through his nargileh surrounded by the veiled houris that are the pride of Islam, he continues to paint pictures for the followers of Allah while the fleets of the Allies are thundering at the gates of the Dardanelles just as his brothers are doing in the U. S. while the Socialists are organizing to solve the riddle of their employers, the American plutocracy.

Tell not The Rebel in mournful numbers that the days of romance are vanished, for the fiction of the Arabian Nights is born each morning on the news stands.

The Ferguson Tenant Bill.

The much heralded land bill of Banker Ferguson has passed both houses and is now the law of the state. It has gone through exactly as he wished to the tune of prolonged snickers and ironical cheers from the landlords of the legislature in particular and the state in general.

That this statement is literally true was seen when Mr. Llewelling a Dallas lawyer who misrepresents that district in the legislature, characterized the bill as a "roaring farce and "absurdity", a piece of "monumental foolishness" and a document not worth the paper it is written on. And yet, Donk-like, the gentleman voted for it.

This attitude of Llewelling is characteristic of the entire legislature. They voted for something that is the most absurd proposition ever foisted upon the people by the owner's oligarchy. The one thing they fear is the political lynching that awaits them at the hands of the vast agricultural population of Texas who produce the wealth of the state, and have been skinned worse by the interlocked parasites of the county square, than any like set of men outside of the haciendas of Old Mexico.

In case any doubting Thomas should read these lines we present this week portions of a typical rental contract for 1915 from a landlord in Limestone county sent to The Rebel by Mr. M. C. Richardson, of Bell county, which is one of the worst landlord-ridden counties in the state, exceeded only by Ellis and Hill. We quote a few of the provisions of the contract that clearly show how a landlord can evade the Ferguson law and yet make the renters' last condition worse than the first. I quote from the second paragraph of the rental contract:

"2. The party of the second part agrees and obligates himself to pay _____ to first party as rent or hire for said land used for cotton and sorghum cane. For the cane land he agrees to pay _____ Dollars per acre. From the proceeds of all cotton the tenant shall pay one-fourth (¼) of all moneys received for the same.

A glance at this paragraph will reveal to any man at all acquainted with Texas land conditions that the landlord insert a this clause so that the renter will plant practically all the land in cotton, because a renter would rather pay the legal one-fourth in cotton than an exorbitant cash rent for land sowed to other crops. This clause shows further, that the landlords even before the Ferguson law were raising more and more to the one-crop basis, and now the Ferguson law clinches it with the result that the much-talked of diversification is an irridescent dream.

Another clause reveals how thoroughly the renter can be skinned despite the famous Ferguson fake. It reads this way:

4 * * All cotton shall be ginned by _____ at _____ Texas, at the expense of the renter. Should said gin become unable from any cause said party of the first part or his agent shall designate gin to which all cotton shall be delivered and ginned.

This clause means that the tenant must pay for the hauling to the landlord's own gin or the gin of his banker or political friend; that the tenant must pay for ginning whatever price the landlord or his friends demand for ginning. This also illustrates how thoroughly sconined the renter is and will be. The renter has no choice of gins and the independent ginner can be run out of business.

Clause 5 further illustrates the despotic control of the landlord. It reads:

In case the party of the second part shall from any cause fail or refuse at any time to cultivate or gather the crop, or any part thereof on the land herein leased to him in good and farmer-like manner, the party of the first part or his agent shall have the right to cultivate the same cultivated or gathered at the expense of said second party, *it being hereby agreed that said first party or his agent shall be the sole judge of the manner of preparation and cultivation should disagreement arise.*

Then we get this which smacks of the feudalism of the middle ages.

Said party of the second part hereby binds himself not to permit any hunting or shooting of firearms on the premises of said first part, either by himself, his family, or his firearms.

And now read the tenth clause:

Said second party shall pay rent at the rate of _____ for horses and _____ for cattle and all stock over _____ horses and _____ for cattle. All animals over nine months old to be included in the count.

Under this clause the landlord can charge any price he likes for pasturage just as he can for chickens and turkeys as they do in Ellis county; and thus get his old-time bonus, Ferguson or no Ferguson.

Now finally look at this, which is, appropriately Clause 13.

12. Said party of the second part hereby obligates and binds himself to the party of the first part to the of Fifty Dollars ($50) for each and every violation of this contract or any clause of the same, and a landlord's lien is hereby acknowledged to secure payment of any forfeit that might become due as provided in this clause (No. 13).

After reading No. 13, please cast your eye back on clause 5 where it is set forth that the first party (the landlord) or his agent shall be the *sole judge* etc., and then you have a pretty fair idea of how a rental contract works out in the year of Our Lord, 1915, with the Ferguson land plank the law of the state.

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Springs to mind the question, (and, by the way I am writing this within twelve hours after Governor Ferguson's land plank the alleged panacea for the renter's ills went into effect), how can the renter be benefited by this bill in the light of the above contract which can legally be written today the same as it could one year ago?

It reveals in every line a system of peonage existing in the state that prevailed on the Mexican haciendas when Creel, Limantour, Terrazas and other Cientificos enslaved the agricultural workers of Mexico.

But supposing for the sake of argument that the contract written above would be declared null and void if the landlord charged too much for grain land, what cares the landlord who draws this contract. ALL HE WOULD HAVE TO DO WOULD BE TO DO EXACTLY WHAT JIM FERGUSON HIMSELF DID WITH HIS RENTERS IN BELL COUNTY — TURN THEM INTO WAGE LABORERS, and thus make the white men compete with the Mexicans with the result of an established wage of 75 to $1 a day, and board themselves. Add to this the fact that the landlord is empowered to take HALF THE CROP and make the renter pay all the expenses where the landlord supplies teams and tools.

Then come "robbinsaries" as is Kirby, and with the Ferguson land plank in full operation a man would have to be filled with opium until he could dream like De Quincy who could see a shade of difference between the white tenants of the Lone Star and the peons of Montezuma. In fact the condition of the Texans would be really worse, because, accustomed to a higher standard of living, he and his would all the more crushingly feel a standard that is lowering from day to day, and must continue to lower because increasing population due to the natural increase, and the increase from domestic immigration and the inevitable foreign increase at the close of the war, renders the Ferguson land plank as a remedy for the people's ills not only an absurdity, and an insult, but a menace to civilization, because its ultimate effect will be to maintain and intensify present conditions, until the situation arises where we, like the poor can say of Texas as he did of the farming proletariat of Europe:

Is this the Thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the passion of Eternity?
Is this the Dream He dreamed who shaped the suns
And rolled the blue firmament with light?
Down all the aisles of hell is its last gulf
There is no shape more terrible than this—
More tongued with censure of the world's blind greed—
More filled with signs and portents for the soul—
More fraught with menace to the universe.

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The Rebel wonders if his readers feel as he does about Mr. Ferguson. I believe that he is the most pitiable individual in the state of Texas today. After making a fortune through usury he has ridden into office by taking advantage of the trust imposed in him by the generous, good-natured, well-meaning renters of the state who were deceived by him, his rulers and his henchmen into the belief that his land plank would be beneficial to the renters and their wives and children.

To grossly deceive a million people who are desperately struggling to rear families under the frightful conditions that surround the tenants today is a cold-blooded crime that makes the decent man pause and wonder how low must be that type of mind that would buy even such an exalted office as governor at such a frightful cost — loss of honor, manhood and self respect.

I would not be in Jim Ferguson's shoes today for all the wealth of Ormus and of Ind. To betray a people is the cardinal crime and long after Jim Ferguson has retired to ignominious oblivion the law of compensation will keep working on him. The vengeance I would ask for him is that he may live to be a very old man so that every hour that passes will be tinged with increasing bitterness because of the remorse that must come to him for his perfidy.

He invites revolution. It seems almost as if he makes the peaceful solution of the land question impossible. He treads the path of the Mexican Cientifico. He has sown the wind; he will reap the whirlwind, because he and his landlord allies must answer this question:

O master lords, and rulers in all lands,
How will the Future reckon with this Man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake the world?
How will it be with kingdoms and with kings—
With those who shaped him to the Thing he is—
When this dumb Terror shall reply to God
After the silence of the centuries?

GET THE REAL ROBBERS.

While the Oklahoma legislature was in session last Monday it learned that some bank robbers had pulled off a big steal, and thereupon railroaded through a bill appropriating $15,000 for the suppression bank robbery.

This might have been a crude attempt at humor on the part of a Donk legislature one of whose candidates for governor, who was recently counted out, was himself a bank robber. But come to think about it The Rebel believes the Oklahoma Donks have method in their madness. They can get that $15,000 quick by getting hold of the bank robbers who work on the other side of the window and rob the tenant or mortgaged farmer with usurious interest until he doesn't know whether he is going north, south, east or west.

Say there's some class to that Oklahoma legislature. Every Donk or Republican that is in there has had to do directly or indirectly with the robbery of the Indians, and end of the book of the white man, otherwise they would not be sitting in the city where lag is more disregarded than any other city of the size in America, if not the world, with the possible exception of Port Said. If anybody doubts this we will show you any time from 75 to 85 legislators bucking the tiger, and fighting boone in the bootlegging joints of Oklahoma City, some of which is done within five blocks of the capitol.

If the legislators themselves have so little regard for the law how can they blame the yeggman?

The Rebel would suggest that $5000 of the $15,000 be appropriated to the federal secret service so as to provide a way for crossing the state line and investigate that poor fool tenant called Jim Ferguson that is now governor of Texas. He has robbed on the inside of the rail by charging eighty per cent, and The Rebel has shown by documentary evidence.

The moral of the whole thing is simply this: Our bunch of land robbers breeds another bunch. So far as The Rebel is concerned he just wishes to calmly state that he would sooner every "sony", mexican, an automatic and a black mask, and consort with a similar gang to pull off a bank robbing job by breaking in than to be the pharisaical, church-going, snave, leading citizen who is on the inside of the brass rails looking out for his prey at 80 per cent interest and whose highest ambition is to be a mover in the governor's chair in Oklahoma City just like the Paragon we have in Austin.

DIVIDING UP.

To those renters who are living on black-eyed peas and corn bread The Rebel can advise a way where by they can get the money: Go to Henry Ford's factory in Detroit, Mich., or Houston, Tex., and get a job. He pays $30 cash a week for sweeping floors and washing windows and from that up. Any man that works more than eight hours is fired instantly. At that he cleared $20,000,000 last year.

Come to think of it you may not get the job, but seeing that Ford, who is not a Socialist, believes in dividing up, what do you think if you will get Holy John, Carnegie, Mormon Fried, and a few more to divide up with you? It is only a matter of brains anyhow. Have you got them? If you haven't tell your wife you are a cur, vote in the Donk primary next year and then take a good drink of carbolic acid and say, "Here goes Daddy Dub!"

Capt. Vasilier of the Russian embassy at Washington died on March 8 according to an A. P. report. He spent a hundred million dollars for war supplies in America. That's the way the money goes. The peasants in Russia produce it, the war munition manufacturers in America eat it, while the American workers get it—in the neck.

THE POINT.

The poor white men in Texas are learning that their overlords are quite as willing to deprive them of their citizenship as they are to shut out the negro. Poor men in these days exhibit an increasing tendency to political indifference which disturbs the sons of the overlords. — St. Louis Dispatch.

The Enemy Within.

The Enemy Within has ever been anxious for a war because such settles on winners rather than any other social catastrophe that they feed upon while on their predatory way.

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The Enemy Within is an ancient enemy. He sat at the table with Lucullus in ancient Rome, but we who have to grapple with his prototype need to partionlarly concern ourselves with him as we know the beast under capitalism. It was he that suggested to Pitt in the British parliament that a national debt was an asset to a nation. He made a Rothschild possible and with the development of industry interest grew to such bounds that the Shylock of a Shakespeare's brain took on the lineaments of a Texas courthouse usurer.

Accordingly the volume of interest grows, and swells until the Enemy Within is able to levy tribute wherever the keels of the ships of commerce cleave their way.

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War is then made profitable. The Wars of the Roses, the Wars of Lancaster or the Thirty Years' War were not profitable, because the Enemy was then at war. But today the black flag with the cent. symbol blazoned thereon, makes the crazy kings topple their thrones while they order their myriads to the battle line.

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This is, has happened that, based on interest, the war is fought, and the chancellors of the exchequers of the various nations, like a negro crap shooter would throw his dime on the table, cast a billion at a time, and now, right nations are loaned to the warring nations, to finance their slaughter, and loaned with perfect SANG FROID because the Enemy Within believes that the present and coming generations will be as docile in bearing these new burdens as were those that have gone.

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America is now suffering more than usual because of the activities of the Enemy Within via the interest route, not only in the courthouse square or in the big cities, but because of the enormous amounts of money that are being taken out of the channels of trade in America to finance the war that is separated from us by an ocean.

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The Enemy Within desires a war. In these United States the most realizes that the patience of the American people at its exactions has almost reached its limit. Treason in time's sands is the crime of Ludlow; The oil with the Standard brand in the hands of Rockefeller maraunts that set fire to 29 women and children is ever before the minds of the masses. They can only visualize things in a broad perspective and Colorado will not be blotted from their minds.

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Accordingly the situation that faces the Enemy Within is this: How to quench the national rage about Ludlow? How to appease the wrath that was raised by West Virginia? How to ease the minds of five million people who live in Pennsylvania that is now an Indian trial inferno that is as bad as Belgium was before the German forces invaded Liege? How to quiet the exploited millions in New York, New Jersey and New England? And finally how to stop the growth of the land agitation in the South?

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These are the questions that the Enemy Within seeks to answer, and its votaries, counselling in their clubs, after the congressmen have come home from the capital, have reached the conclusion that the answer must be — WAR.

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It was not in a jocular mood that Roosevelt gave $10,000 of his Nobel peace prize to the uncomployed in New York and then called for a Loyal Legion of 250,000 men to be ready to go to the front. Roosevelt is notoriously known as the ablest henchman of the Enemy Within, — he is their Voice, their Spirit, if you can imagine the beast possessing spirit.

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Ask not The Rebel whether the war shall be precipitated upon us by the Montezuma route. Shall we go by way of Mexico into the Panama? Shall we invade Mexico through the Panama? Shall we make the Philippines and Hawaii the stepping stones for the War God. In short, shall we become as degraded and depraved and degenerate as were the people of Europe when the toesin was sounded on the first of last August?

The Rebel will answer these questions by saying: Ask the Enemy Within.

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What to do with the Enemy Within, the beast that has turned many states into an American Siberia? What to do with the Enemy Within, the beast that has corrupted our courts, corrupted our legislatures and established slow starvation upon eighty million Americans! Hung him? No, he is impersonal. Destroy him we must if civilization shall live. What then to do? Kill interest, rent and profit, for on such lives the beast.

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Fell in this and then the Enemy Within will spring war upon you and your children's children will groan and pack the load even unto the seventh generation.

A HOT NUMBER.

The Rebel has been bombarded with letters from all parts of the South about the big killing of Marshall in which ex-Priest William Black was shot and killed and John Rogers, a contractor, and John Cornbread, a bank cashier, are also dead. We have written to Marshall for details, that can not be secured because the Associated Slop-Press has failed to handle the story. For orthodox religious reasons the Dal.-Gal. News has failed to send a man to Marshall to cover the story just as for financial reasons they failed to send a man to Palestine and San Antonio to secure the story of how 26 men were blown up on the 13th of March, 1912. The Rebel printed the San Antonio story. The Rebel will print the Marshall story in next issue, that will give an entirely new light on the question: "Socialism and Religion."

You may depend upon it, comrades, 191 will be the hottest number that has ever come down from The Rebel press. Order it for propaganda purposes at half cent the copy, from ten to ten thousand.

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WANTED—Correspondence with Socialist landlords for the purpose of establishing resort for young men to work on farm and attend night school. Do not ask landlord to cut rent. Will be financial benefit to right landlord. Address D. J. Ridings, Yoakum, Texas.

—W. O. Bruggen, Druse, Texas.

A ROWIE COUNTY MILITANT

Carbondale, Tex., Feb. 28.

Dear Editor Rebel:

On your first call for funds for the defense of Comrade Goode I sent my little mite and now since I have read your statement of the use in the last Rebel I am going to make a determined effort to raise additional funds.

I surely trust all the thousands in Texas who claim to be Socialists will not allow a good old true and tried comrade to suffer at the bar of (in-justice simply for the lack of a few dollars. Just now there are three things in my mind which it seems to me every man in Texas who claims to be a Socialist ought to do:

First, he ought to subscribe at once to the Goode defense fund though it only be a thin dime.

Second, if not already a dues-paying member of the Socialist party, he ought to take out his red card at once and see to it that his dues are kept paid up.

Third, Be all means subscribe for The Rebel (the best paper in the South) and assist its Editor in cleaning out the state capital at Austin of its political skunks.

Yours till the job is finished.

—J. B. Triplett.

NOTICE—Want to know the whereabouts of J. B. Riley. Last heard from he was leaving Gonzales for Yoakum. Was married to Annie Bell Ridings.

"IN MEDIO STAT VIRTUS."

The above is the motto of the latest production of a would-be literary stooge of the union of Oklahoma. Freely translated it means: In the medium is the greatest virtue.

The motto of The Rebel is "The Great Appear Great to us Only Because We are on our knees — STAR UP AS BEARE."

Take your choice between the two mottoes. The contrast between the two is that one is a common place statement that anyone will accept and the other is a slogan of rebellion against the God Of Things As They Are.

The Rebel would not dignify the gentlemen who started a paper in McAlester, Okla., with the motto, above-mentioned, but for the fact that they are bidding for the support of the Socialists of that state. We have learned directly without question or contradiction that the bankers and landlords of Oklahoma have been willing to dig up for papers of this sort for the purpose of stopping the growth of Socialism in Oklahoma. In doing so they have not questioned whether it was Jew or Gentile, agnostic or atheist that look hold of the paper: Sufficient for them that somebody stop the rising tide. And so they wrote their checks.

The Donks established a press and speakers bureau in Oklahoma City in 1912, and got in touch with a number of publicity research crs, fellows who were without pulpits because they had mistaken a Jew or Socialist for a Christ to preach. They also got in touch with every country weekly in Oklahoma to whom they sent stereotype matter just as the Commercial Secretaries subsidized the Farmers Union officials of Texas to send out their stuff to elect Eighty Percent Jim.

But, alas for the scheme of the masters in this particular, it reacted a governor, but the Socialist movement enormously increased in both states!

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The wise ones that sign the checks to keep the slyster moving must realize, and both in Texas and Oklahoma they hopelessly lost. Consequently the anti-Socialist press of Texas, been Texas in Oklahoma City and the preachers have been discontinenced for the reason that every time the Democrat prefer that the Socialist in debate his hide was stripped in front of the multitude and the Socialist was shown.

Need we wonder then that the usurers, in Oklahoma decided to fire both of the alleged intellectuals and go back to the — the subsidized press and the pulpit!

One of the big things that caused the masters in Oklahoma to sever their connection with these prostitutes was the slander on J. A. Wayland perpetrated in Yatch, a Republican representative and editor of one of the "save-the-home" sheets called The Demonstrator. The dear old lady slander handed him into court after he had charged licentious crimes against her father.

After the court had found judgment against him, he and all his friends had to eat dirt by apologizing to the girl, and since then it is impossible to get up a debate on religious grounds, except where a Socialist speaker proves to meet a Donk preacher and whip him and take his Crazy-Jill hide and in return allow the poor devil a few dollars for meal tickets — just like the Salvation Army officers in New York pick up a tramp on the Bowery, give him a few drinks to stimulate him so they can use him as a horrible example of the effects of John Barleycorn.

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Can it be that the hierarchy of the Catholic church has had its wires crossed? It must not be aware of the horrible fate of its orthodox brothers of the Protestant persuasion who have had the sad experience mentioned above, otherwise it would call off the two poor Dubs named Locke and McCay who have issued a sheet like the Demonstrator from McAlester, Oklahoma, called The Reasonable Appeal. The Rebel learns that they are both members of the Knights of Columbus who have made the mistake of allowing this sheet to be issued without the IMPRIMATUR of the Catholic hierarchy.

The first issue dated February 17, has supplied us with so much argument against the powers that be in officials circles, that we sincerely hope a longer life for the Reasonable Appeal, than had its Protestant brother, the Demonstrator.

We are, however, reasonably afraid that the poor thing can't live. The Dub sources won't subsidize it and the hierarchy won't father it. So like The Demonstrator it will go where the wood-bine twineth... but if its editors are good dogs and keep duly sober it is possible that we will use our influence to get Messrs. Locke and McCay positions in the state capitol cleaning spittons for Governor Fred Holt to spit in — and if the Socialist governor makes good and lands in their eyes, what's the difference?

Verily, verily I say unto you my people that a subsidized paper is the long, long way not only from Tipperary but from democracy.

OUR REBS.

The Rebel circulation is on the upward trend from day to day and the men at the forks of the creek, judging by their letters, seem to feel that the little old Rebel is getting better all the time. Here are a few notes from the Rebs on the firing line:

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Dr. J. Stidham, Dalby Springs, one of the veteran East Texas Rebels, writes: "Enclosed find $1.00 100 sub cards for Clark date."

R. N. Moyers, Harlingen, writes: "Send 100 cards for Clark and if we can get them sold in a hurry want him for three. We want him to organize a good local. Several Socialists in this ground here want Clark."

W. L. Allen, Gustine, writes for 100 cards for a Clark date.

A. Fleming, Falls county, sends a bunch of subs, and says: "Could have sold 1000 but for the poverty of the people. They all want The Rebel to find out what has hit them."

J. A. Bryant, Rockdale, sends for three sub cards, and says: "When a man has the money, it is easy to get him for a sub."

County Secretary Walter Baldwin, of Jefferson county, sends for more cards. He is going to put in money on the Clark.

W. D. Ingram writes from Emory, Tex., sending a bunch. He is returning home from a successful tour, reporting many converts.

Geo. Smith, Coryell county, orders sub cards and sends, an extra $1 to help out in the Goode case.

J. W. Cannon, Coushatta, La., fires in an order for subs.

Comrade Bessie Quatts sends in the names of several stokers after the truth from Caradan, Tex.

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Stanley Clark Dates.

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

However he will fill some dates in between, including March 6 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 unite a joint debate on March 18 and 19 at Elmore City with the strongest anti-Socialist debater in the South, Rev. W. Young, editor of the Gospel Guide.

Better send in your Texas dates early, because he is being called to Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. These states are all trying to break into the Texas circuit. Clark shall give Texas the first shot. So send in your dates at once and remember that Clark is the man to put the stump today to handle the land and other questions pertaining to the South. To get him only requires 100 subs, 25c each. He will storm the Danny Dubs in your town and great good will result. Read his picture and the 100 subs.

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The San Antonio Light commenting upon J. E. Ferguson's appointment of Peter Radford to a $2600-a-year position in the state government, says it demands that "it was time the farmers of Texas were getting next to Peter Radford." It is high time they do form the light that the farmers are next to this farmer-faker agent of the Commercial Secretaries and the "upper crust" are thoroughly are they grounded in their knowledge of Mr. Radford as all the boys round up the Farmers Union until it is only a shell. The actual farmers are joining the Land League of America, where usurers, commercial secretaries and dive-keepers cannot abide.

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During the strenuous years through which we are passing the Socialist militants of Texas with their backs against the wall, fighting for a place in the legislative sun against the biggest division of the financial oligarchy that rules the South, have learned by bitter experience that the greatest weapon in possession of the oligarchy was the muzzled press of the state — daily, semi-weekly and weekly. And of all the press there stood forth as the most dangerous the A. H. Belo publications. For laundry they were the highest type. Hence the problem has ever been in front of us: how to destroy the Dal.-Dal. News. The Rebel believes we have found the way to solve the problem, and that simply is to cut the Gordian knot by cutting the financial knot — in other words cut them heart and soul by cutting them at their pocket book.

And so we have arranged for and planned a systematic, prolonged, boycott against this institution. Little Carbondale it can be destroyed. It will be destroyed, and just as the drops of water that trickle through a giant dam indicate the weakness of the seemingly formidable barrier, so does the following letter which is typical of many that the Dal.-Dal. has received within the past month, indicate that the waters of public opinion are breaking against the Dal.-Dal. dam and will continue to surge against it until the fissure widens and the structure collapses. Here is the letter:

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Bishop, Tex., March 1, 1915.

Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Dear Sirs:—

Your letter of recent date to hand, stating you were very much surprised at my stating to cease for my paper which you had been taking nine years, having received it right from Dallas and one year from Galveston."

Want to say I won't spend my money for a paper that is muzzled and don't give the news. Last year you would not give the news of the Socialist platform and Mettner's speech of acceptance although the Socialist party was the second political party in the state.

I met one of your agents or travelling managers in Bloomington two or three days after the July primaries and asked him: "Why is it you would not print the Socialist platform, let alone of acceptance and candidate's picture?" He said it was for lack of space.

I told him that might be so—that you have space to print things of less importance such as Foster's weather bulletin, and also both Progressive and Republican platforms and even Leopold Morris' platform which was the standing joke of the campaign. When the paper was reversed and you had space on top of space to report his death, but never a word for the second political party of Texas."

Another thing, you use the Associated Press service, but you know as well as I do that it is colored where it is not falsified in the interest of capital. You had space galore for both Ferguson and Hall's speeches, but furthermore know that if they were telling the truth on each other, neither was fit to be governor, and if they were lying on each other they were still not fit to be governor.

Hoping this is a satisfactory explanation of why I will not subscribe for your sheet again,

Respectfully,

E. M. Golden.

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The Rebel is delighted to receive the foregoing copy of a letter that is typical of many that are pouring into the Belo offices since The Rebel has started its boycott campaign. We would be glad to publish similar letters in coming issues. Rubicon is crossed, the Gordian knot is cut, and from now on we expect to see many more men like Comrade Golden who will refuse to pay their good money for the support of the deadliest journalistic enemy of the Socialist movement in the South — the Galveston and Dallas Daily and Semi-Weekly News and the Dallas Evening Journal.

Socialists and all lovers of an unmuzzled press who insist on receiving daily publications, will in the absence of a Socialist daily subscribe for The Dallas Dispatch, the Austin Tribune, and the Houston Press, all of which carry the United Press service. You must understand they are not Socialist papers, but between the two evils it is only common sense to choose the least until such time when we have our own dailies, and semi-weeklies.

THE GOTHAM "DYNAMITERS."

The Rebel publishes in another column a dispatch written presumably by an Associated Press man in Turkey. We find on the front page of the daily papers that take the Associated Press service the story of how a man was arrested in St. Patrick's cathedral on 50th street and 5th avenue, New York, with a bomb in his possession, the fuse of which he had just lit, preparatory to blowing up the bones of the dissolute saint, like Archbishop Corrigan that were buried under the altar.

It looks to The Rebel very much as if this was a move on the part of the jollies "black hand" of New York to discredit the unemployed movement in that city. Two Italians were arrested by an Italian policeman, and fifty plain clothes policemen were in line in the church to assist in the arrest.

The Associated Press carries stories that Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan and others were to be blown up one afternoon which, in the nature of things, is non sensical. The only blow-up that is going to happen to them is a politician who is trying to wrench the Socialists party in power and then the aforementioned gentlemen and more of their type will take the industry in the penitentiary because of their crimes — crimes that are already ticketed and docketed, but are not within the purview of the law only because the authorities refuse to act.

We believe that John D., Sr. and Jr., and their pals must reply to Frank Walsh, president of the Industrial Relations Commission, in a different way.

MORE PERSECUTION.

Phil Wagner, publisher of the National Ripsaw, and the Melting Pot, and Henry M. Tichenor, editor of the last-named publication, have both been indicted by the Federal grand jury for circulating through the mail, "defamatory and scurrilous literature."

This action was based upon a cartoon printed on the front page of The Melting Pot in which the Rev. Billy Sunday was pictured as gathering in the shekels while gathering in the souls of sinners.

Now, as a plain matter of fact the publisher and editor should be given a gold medal for publishing the God's truth about this business. Billy Sunday is notoriously an evangelistic adventurer who goes to cities like Pittsburg, Wilkesbarre and Philadelphia and gets enormous sums that average $20,000 in each for four to six weeks' work, from the whore-monger and capitalistic class communities in consideration of him preaching everlasting hell fire to the poor Danny Dubs from whom the aforesaid whore-mongers, pharisees and publicans draw their surplus value.

Billy Sunday gets Sunday $100,000 to preach from Gen. 1:26-28, Levitieus 25:23, Neh. 5:11, James 5:1-5, Isaiah 51:64-65, or the Acts 4:33-35, and he would turn down the offer because he makes $200,000 every year by preaching from texts that are "safe."

We will hazard the prediction that nothing will come of this grand jury indictment. Tichenor and Wagner are loaded for bear and rearing to go.

TEXAS PIRATES.

Aries a man named John T. Smith, editor and proprietor of the Texas Capitol News Bureau at Austin, and says: "The Houston Oil Company has secured over 100,000 acres of school lands and the Kirby Lumber Company secured the rest of all the timber there. And then through John H. Kirby made an agreement to the Santa Fe railway."

The editor then goes on to show that Kirby and the English-controlled Santa Fe railway peonized the timber industry in the state where they abolished United States currency, housed them in shacks and robbed them in their robbisaries.

The Rebel is well aware of all these facts and has published them many times and now we rise to politely inquire why Mr. Smith does not quit the Donk outfit that made Mr. Kirby and his fellow-pirates possible?

Chas L. Hubbard Rickey D. Alexander

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

Explains itself.

The following letter sent to this office by Comrade McLeroy explains itself:

THE SOCIALIST PARTY
NATIONAL OFFICE.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 30, 1915.

Tobe McLeroy,
Grandview, Tex.

Dear Comrade McLeroy:—

Replying to your recent letter will say that I am not in a position to endorse officially the card signed by J. B. Barnett. The confusion in Texas undoubtedly knew the situation there better than this office can know.

Yours Fraternally,

Walter Lanfersiek,
Executive Secretary.

With reference to the above it may be said that only three locals — San Antonio, Waco and Thalia went on record as favoring a new election of party officers in response to our "Showdown" proposition and two of these locals expressly stated that they were satisfied with present officials but thought perhaps it might be best for the sake of harmony to have it.

In other words the membership is satisfied and so busy at work for the cause that it is paying no attention to a few pettifogging lawyers with their "Pinkerton" work.

The Fort Worth city campaign is in full blast. Stanley J. Clark and W. S. Noble, of Dallas, state national secretary of the Land League of America, is addressing immense audiences there this week.

Judge E. O. Meitzen, member of Hallettsville local, will be in Dallas Sunday preparatory to his appearance before the Commission on Industrial Relations which opens in Dallas the following morning.

A Socialist that is not a dues-paying member is like the salt that has lost its savor, or a light hid under a bushel.

Rusk County Meeting.

W. P. H. Wilson, county sec. retary, writes: "Please announce that the meeting of the Socialists of Rusk county has been changed from March 15 to March 20 that those that wish to aid me in the good work address me at Elderville."

In the Sixteenth.

Eastland, Tex., March 2.

W. S. Noble will campaign the Sixteenth district as follows:

Eastland Co. — Eastland, Mar. 13; Lone Cedar 15; Mangum 16.

Jones Co. — Mar. 17, 18 and 19, direction of County Secretary H. S. Smith.

Haskell Co. — Haskell March 20 (2 p. m.); Center Point 21, (2 p. m.); Sayles, 22, Rule 23-24, Jud 25; Rochester 26 and 27 latter date at 2 p. m.); O'Brien, 27, (2 p. m.); New Hope, 28; Dennis Chapel 30; Welbert 31. Unless otherwise stated the above are at 8 p. m. County Secretary Joe Hudspeth reports that large crowds are expected at these meetings and all are invited, especially our Democratic friends."

I will be glad to arrange other dates in Mitchel, Howard, Runnels, Coke, Concho, and Tom Green counties. Comrades in these points write at once.

W. T. Webb.
16th Cong. Dist.

We hope that all congressional secretaries will profit by the activities of W. T. Webb, the wide-awake secretary of the 16th district. When he took charge everything looked inert, but he kept hammering away patiently and persistently and now things are "ditdling" in the jumbo district.

County Secretary Paul Pierce Cauthron, Tex., writes: "Hope to be in fighting trim before long. Think we will have seven or eight local locals in the county before long."

Work in Bowie.

O. B. Kelly writes for charter application to reorganize local Bowie, also:

"Please announce that on account of illness Stanley J. Clark did not fill his date here, but on Sunday, March 21, at 3 p. m. he will be with us, his subject being 'The Man, Christ.'"

The militants are keeping quite busy at Denison and have put out a city ticket with a good chance of electing it. Nominees are: A. E. Pellerin for mayor, J. Karchmer for commissioner. They are carrying on a live campaign and will have Stanley Clark to help.

J. Karchmar.

J. L. Bright had a "debate" with a Donk preacher, Rev. A. Weems, Milam county, Saturday of last week. That is the gentleman who had agreed to debate and then backed down to the disgust of a large crowd, who however were well repaid for coming by hearing Comrades Bright and H. R. Williams throw 16-inch shells into the serried ranks of the Donks.

D. C. Lanier writes: "The members of Wellington local, quiet every second and fourth Saturday in the courthouse and all are invited to come and join in the work, and determined to pay up their dues and dues. Let's get busy and carry Collingsworth county for Socialism in 1916. Let everyone do his part."

W. L. Whiddon, of Wellington, the newly elected chairman of the 13th congressional district writes: "We had a fine meeting at Whitta Falls the 22nd and organized this district, going right into the fight. I have a joint debate on the 6th with a Donkocrat, and there will be a hide for sale. After then am going to push Rebel and Appeal, but prefer The Rebel as it is a home paper dealing with home conditions. My aim is to fight for humanity and for unity among ourselves, as we have all we can do to fight the enemy."

W. O. Brannen, of Druso, Houston county, writes: "Organized a local at Ratcliff and are getting things in shape to organize this congressional district, and getting out a full Socialist ticket before the next Dem. primary."

Many Nominations.

Nominations for state political candidates closed March 3. Never in the history of the party have local, taken so much interest in the nomination of candidates, and enthusiasm over the idea of early nominations to match the Democratic primary trap is running high. Some are under the impression that the nominations are required to place political candidates on the ballot. This is only required in the case of state party officers.

To the Comrades of the Thirteenth District.

It is with much pleasure we are reporting that the district organization of the Socialists has been consummated, as per our call of some time past, we met at the designated place, Wichita Falls, at 10 a. m. in Labor Hall, on Feb. 22nd.

It seemed most fitting that such a meeting should have been arranged to occur at same time and city as the Bankers meet.

It was most pleasant, the comrades' meeting and greeting, and fine harmony prevailed. Sonny, our Texas leader, declared the greeted the convention's not sitting for a month. Texas fully exemplified "How SWEET it is for brethren to dwell together in peace."

There was not one delegate sent but that proved himself a wise choice of his local.

Comrades Herd and Whiddon proved themselves the orators of the occasion, and our stalwart Green did himself proud as a "pacificator", while Comrade Spurlin demonstrated himself a true Methodist by the presentation of systematic methods whereby record and trace of each comrade and "hopeful" and "probable" is kept as carefully as a teacher kept his term register of all pupils belonging etc., etc. We appreciate, and already our Local has adopted, Comrade Spurlin's suggestions.

In conclusion, Comrades, "Let's arise for the cause is calling, and we have dreamed too long. Let's prove we have buckled our armors, and forth for the cause have gone."

Any communication of inquiry or anything of moment or thereof to our cause will receive hearty and quick response from your Secretary. Comrades do not hesitate to command me for it shall be my highest pleasure to "do with all my might," any and all things I can and may for the cause we represent.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. E. W. Carlton, Sec.,
97 W. Hickory St., Denton, Tx.
February 27, 1915.

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ITALIAN ORGANIZER.

Joseph Cortinational secretary-translator, advises us that Comrade C. Bartolini will be at Thurber 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.

A POSER.

In this day when woman's suffrage is the talk of the hour, it is well to consider what effect giving the vote would have on the Bourbons.

"Suppose the lady loses her property, is she thereby disfranchised? If so, what is the use, she has voted when she possessed the property, herself or the real estate?"

In discussing this question the bad principle, consequently I believe that a lady who has property should have the right to vote." Comes then the question to these Bourbons:

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"Last year I had an ass and it was worth 5 pounds (@20). and I voted. Since last year the ass died. Now I cannot vote because I have not property to the value of five or more pounds. Now what I want Mr. Hamilton to say is this: Who voted last year? Was it me or the ass?"

Will some Bourbon get into Hamilton's shoes and answer Benjamin Franklin?

THE TARIFF RAG.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch states that hereafter the tariff will be a minor issue. What's the diff. General Harrison made it a major issue in 1880 when he said: "The tariff is local issue." The powers that-be, however, had to have some issue and it was either the tariff, polygamy or national prohibition. Now the tariff has played out and we look for prohibition to take the place because of the well-known promiscuity indulged in by congressmen and their masters, they will not do anything to have the Mormons alone. The Rebel must drop a tear on the grave of the tariff as he looks back on the last twenty years when the Populists used to sing:

Gently fold the tariff rag,
Also the bloody shirt,
They are of minor note
And fail to divert.

OH TEXAS LAND

Palacios, Tex., March 7, 1915.
Editor The Rebel.

Dear Sir:—Some days ago my little girl came home from school. Some of the children that day had given her a Ballad on Texas. That night she asked me to copy it for her, while she studied her lesson. I took it and read the first two lines which run thus:

Oh, Texas Land, Oh, Texas Land,
Snatched of old from the Tyrant's band.

I picked up my pen and began to write. When I was through I handed her the copy here attached. She read part of it, and she said:

"Why Papa, that isn't the way the song reads!" I told her that I could not help it, but that is the way it is anyway.

Success to your efforts.

J. R. Paulk.

OH TEXAS LAND.

Texas Land, oh Texas Land,
Snatched from the children's hands
By a legalized tyrant band.
Through scheming fraud and roguish plans,

Once the home of the free and brave,
But now the land of the tenant slave,
Where children starve and mothers pray,
While greed and graft holds full sway.

Oh, Texas Land, we so dearly love,
So richly blessed from heaven above,
But selfish greed has blighted thee
And dispossessed the home of the brave and free.

THE GRAIN ROBBERS.

"Dear Mr. Thompson." This is the way Charles Edward Russell addresses the editor of Pearson's Magazine in the public ownership of elevator trust, railroads and the grain situation generally. We wonder that he did not call him "Comrade Thompson" because the editor of Pearson's Magazine has taken Russell's copy and published the biggest story yet how these prices are manipulated up and down through the grain trust, the elevator trust, the railway trust, and the reason why loaves may go to ten cents in the big cities in the late spring.

"This may cause a revolution in New York and other great cities where a difference of a cent or two in a loaf is the difference between life and death. This thing of bread means, sometimes be cause when the proletariat came to Marie Antoinette and asked for bread, she said: "Why don't you eat cake" And the poor lady lost her head a few weeks later under the guillotine.

If you want to get the whole facts about the grain situation read Pearson's Magazine for April. (See our clubbing offer elsewhere.)

ANOTHER FARCE

The United States government is suing the Standard Oil Company, the Southern Pacific railroad and some other corporations for tracts of lands in California worth $100,000,000. The government will lose. It has always lost when it went up against Holy John. If you doubt this just ask why the Federal court decision dissolving the Standard Oil Company handed down in May 12 1912, has been converted into sanitary paper.

The Rebel will believe that Wilson is all to the good when he instructs Attorney Gregory, late out Austin, Tex., to get busy on the job. We know he won't do it, because he appointed his former attorney general, Mr. McReynolds, to the U. S. Supreme court after he failed to move in the matter for two years.

Take it from The Rebel that the question why Wilson does not pad the oil duke will haunt him to the day of his death.

There are some like the writing of B-bel.
While others swear by THE REBEL.
Now the rest of the bunch
Had best take a hunch
For the country is going to the debel!

(The above slipped past the censor.)

(JB.)

Untrained wives and ignorant housekeepers are blamed in large measure for the high cost of living by a New York municipal report on food and supplies. Now wouldn't that jar your mother's preserves? The woman is to blame as in the days of Adam.

STRAIGHT TALK.

Considering the large vote cast by the Socialist party the number of dues-paying members is woefully small. The Socialist party being a party of for and by the worker it naturally would look to the worker for funds to support both the political and economic movement. This led to the establishment of a dues paying system. One of the objections put forth by some is that five is to small a number to start a local with.

A local started with five good active members and increased to twelve is worth two started with fifty members and drop down to twelve. A local with an increasing membership keeps the interest of a community aroused while one with a decreasing membership does not. Remember "that from little acorns great oaks grow."

To the comrade who stays out of the local from any cause I must say that you are denying yourself your rights and that you are no better than your Democratic or Republican brethren. You simply have your vote and that is all You have no vote on the party platform, no voice in making its laws and managing its business and no say as to who shall be put on its ticket

Let us organize into a body that can compel attention and the larger the body, the more funds we have for educating the worker and thereby hastening the day of our industrial freedom. We should not sit down and expect the other comrades to do all the work. Someone has said: "Nature holds for each of us all that we need to make us useful and happy; but she requires us to labor for all we get." "Gem Bell" says said: "it is not votes we want but strength."

E. O. Wilson.

ABOLISH THE NUISANCE.

Eugene Debs suggests that the United States senate be abolished. "Gene is not original in his request, because as far back as 1876, high forty years ago—the abolition of the senate was a plank in a national platform of a political party and every year since then the sentiment against the senate rises because of the crimes of the senate.

The "courteous" gentlemen that make up that body delight to hear themselves referred to as "the greatest deliberative body in the world." The Rebel would rather hold to the opinion of Col. W. L. Crawford, of Dallas, who in the Bailey fight in 1908, said in our presence in Austin: "The United States senate is the most corrupt parliamentary body in the world. Three of its members have gone to the penitentiary during the last five years, and if all got their just dues there would be not enough left to have a quorum."

The state senates of the various states are in the same category. They have patterned it alike. Abolish the senate, though As long as we have capitalism it appears that we will have senates. But then again I am willing to lop off a rotten branch any time.

A TYPICAL OUTRAGE.

Wonderful is the mind of the Donk. The Texas legislature has passed the 54-hour law for women but exempts laundries and textile mills. As if a woman in a laundry or a textile mill did not have to work as hard as a woman in any other occupation!

Then again think of this: Cotton, raised in Texas where the legislature says women must work more than 54 hours, is then shipped to the North where women must not work more than 54 hours and is even shipped across the ocean where Lancashire women are not allowed to work more than 48 hours, but if cotton is used here at home then our women must be allowed to death.

Tortuous is the logic of the Donk. Better kill the dam beast with the Socialist bullet.

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OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT.

(By H. Grady Milner, McAlester, Oklahoma.)

COMMENTS ON THINGS DOING IN OKLAHOMA.

Farm Organizations in Oklahoma.

The need of a real live fighting organization has been keenly felt by the farmers of Oklahoma, as is evidenced by the various sporadic organizations which have recently sprung up over the state. The pioneer in the field was the borrowers' protective league, which two years ago had nearly 7,000 members, and for a time was of great benefit to the victims of usurious interest. As a result of its activities, the banks of Lincoln and Pottawatomie counties were compelled to come through with thousands of dollars of usurious interest.

In Atoka county last fall there was organized at Harmony, Butler, Lane and Bentley schoolhouses an organization for fighting usury, and for co-operative buying in the membership, now nearly 200. For awhile it seemed that this organization would do something, but I understand that no dues were ever paid, no constitution was ever written, and that the more revolutionary members are now in favor of merging with the Farmers Emancipation League, which now has two fine locals in that county.

At Prairie Dell schoolhouse, in Haskell county, the farmers and farm workers' protective association was organized, during October, and was incorporated under the laws of the state. The purpose was, according to the constitution, to encourage and promote farming and promote the interests of farm labor; assist in the improvement of farm products and farm labor; assist in the improvement of farm products; encourage tenant farmers and farm laborers to own and improve farm homes, etc. Strife over the appointment of an organizer broke out, and I have not heard from the association since.

At Turkey Creek schoolhouse, near Hennessey, Kingfisher county, the Turkey Creek community club was organized. Its object is to promote the interests of the farmers, socially, morally and financially. I have before me as I write a letter from its president, Ben Thorne of Hennessey. He says: The object of your league seems to me the very thing all farmers should take up, and every county in the state should be organized, for the purposes set forth in the paper." * * * Send me a copy of the constitution, as I hope to induce our club to embody them in our constitution and by laws and take up the work you are intending to do."

In Okfuskee county, at Weltay, was organized the farmers co-operative association. Its aim is to secure back money due under the usury law of Oklahoma, and get the farmers to co-operate, for their betterment. I have just had a letter from one of the members, J. H. Self, who believes we can get that organization into the Farmers Emancipation League.

It is to be hoped that each of these organizations will eventually align themselves with the Farmers Emancipation League. Neither of them, of itself, can hope to be big enough to solve the farmers' problem save in a local way. The things that the farmers of Oklahoma are against are statewide; they include some bad laws, and must be reached thru a statewide organization. To organize statewide publicity, and baskets of it, The Farmers Emancipation league has covered every point that these organizations seek to cover, both briefly and attractively, and in addition it has for its friend, such staunch players as the Rebel and the Appeal to Reason, to say nothing of several county papers that have offered us the use of their columns. The foundation for a powerful organization has been laid, the machinery is running smoothly, and we believe that the emancipation of the Oklahoma farmer is in sight.

The Prohibition Fake in Oklahoma.

Our friends, the democrats have in the national field, no issue. They have in the state of Oklahoma no issue. Their national issue, the tariff, has been disposed of, and the president congratulates himself and his party on the fact that the present congress has fulfilled every one of its platform pledges, leaving them to hunt a new issue on which to run in 1916. In the state the only issue has been "the good man" and it begins to look as though that issue is a dead one, since the present legislature is playing the wild with some of the "good men." For instance, the house a few days ago passed resolutions preferring charges against the insurance commissioner on the grounds of moral turpitude, etc. and the senate will take up the gentleman's case right away. Among the testimony was that of a former insurance man who insisted that some of the men who are now in the legislature, have at times past, sold their votes in favor of the admission of certain insurance companies into the state. The investigating committee has summoned Mr. Watson, corporation commissioner, a little matter of ten tons of coal which, it is averred by some, was not paid for but was a gift from a Potean Coal company. It is also averred, in Mr. Watson's behalf, and by the president of the coal company, that the coal was to have been paid for, but that they forgot to charge it, 10 tons of coal being such a small matter with them.

Yet, a political party that has nothing for the voter, must have some "burning issue" in order to fool him, and having themselves eliminated the only issues that they had, it is up to them to find a new one and find it P. D. Q.

Shrewd observers believe that they have already found the issue. They assert that the prohibition fake is to be dragged out into the line-light and predict that the national platform of the democratic party will contain a plank calling for nation-wide prohibition, and that the workers will be asked to take part in a great moral reform, and that the workers of Oklahoma will be asked to align themselves on the side of the democratic party for the consummation of this reform.

That there is reason for this belief is evidenced by the Flying Squadron of the prohibition party now touring Oklahoma, along with the other states. They have visited most of the large cities of the state, and the prohibition forces are getting active.

The democratic party has never had an original thought. Nor have they been successful enough to swipe their ideas, while the iron was hot. The "psychological times" which now afflict Oklahoma have swept the scum from the eyes of the workers, and we believe that they are now wise to such tactics. It makes no difference to them if they are sinners sober, or whether they are drunk when the hide comes off. It is the skimming they are trying to stop now. We believe the initiation of the prohibition fake into Oklahoma politics will result as disastrously for the party that introduces it, as it did to the Tom Bull forces in Texas.

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In a recent issue of the Oklahoman there was a statement from a prominent democrat who seemed very worried over the Socialists in the house voting one way, and the Socialist in the senate voting another. It is not surprising if they did. Bills that were acceptable in one branch of the state legislature were offers so changed when they reached the other that no self-respecting Socialist could vote for them.

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We would tell what the Socialists are of Oklahoma has done for the farmers but — we quit running the first of the year. Besides, we don't want to print this column blank.

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Just to get the "goats" of the Socialist members of the state legislature, the democrat party has played a mean trick on the tax payers of Oklahoma. A resolution was up recently to submit to the people of the state a referendum to change the constitution so as to abolish the county courts. The Socialists voted against the bill. There was a difference of one vote and it being the administration's pet scheme, a machine follower was given the floor. He changed the motion a little, and, it said the Socialists one or two members changed, and the people will now be burdened with a referendum. Not having seen the bill we are in no position to comment on it, but there are six Socialists up there who have seen it, and as they voted against it, I know that it must be bad. Practically every court in the state is now behind with its business, and it seems to us that, if we in must have courts, they should retain this one. If they wanted to abolish courts, by abolishing the system under which crime, we Socialists would say: "Go to it, Bill, we are with you."

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The Reasonable Appeal, the new anti-Socialist paper at McAlester, is having hard sledding creating an interest in its subscribers. So far it has created no stir in the troubled waters of Jeffersonian democracy, and no Socialists have been letting its ravings go unheeded. We were in hopes that it would get something started; that it might get some of these capitalist politicians and preachers stirred up until they would get on the run with the Socialists. It seems that this was a foolish dream. The aforesaid capitalist politicians and preachers know when to let well enough alone, and are confining their fight against Socialism to the places where the Socialists cannot answer them.

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Young Democrats to Fight Socialism.

The young men's democrat bunch met recently in convention at Muskogee, and, as usual, played politics. The Pittsburg county delegation went with the avowed intention of electing a McAlester man state president. They claimed that the "Pittsburg City" bunch of the young donks had monopolized this office, and that it was time for the rest of the state to keep it out on the cushions. We have plenty of capable young Socialists ready to climb into the ring with them any time they say the word.

We rather believe they will carry on the fight by importing more Tom Bulls. We hope they do. Peter has done a great work for the Socialist party. At McAlester, Durant, Chickasha, Oklahoma City, and other points in the state he has made more Socialists than a Loyal McAlester took the wise view of the matter and when we had notice that he was coming, we resolved, that since he would not debate, that we would not advertise him by challenging him, nor would we pay any attention to his ravings.

If the young donks are ready to scrap Socialism, we say, go to it. We have been trying to get you to that point, and have been trying to get you to come out in open discussion. We have no fears as to the outcome.

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"Cruel economy", Bill, is that motive which causes the Oklahoma state legislature to spend $100,000 passing a law to inspect the homes of the overworked honey bee, bumble bee, and tumble bug.

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Peter Collins said at McAlester that the men who formulated the literature of Socialism were not working men. Eh, Peter? Did Jesus say that he was a coallow tail coat, and preach in a $5,000 church like some of the capitalist ministers of Oklahoma?

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Who was it that passed the law which lets the bailiff of the state rob the farmer through usurious interest? Who was it that failed to pass the landlord's lien bill? Who was it that has practically turned the working class of Oklahoma over to the sharpers? Who was it that failed to pass any laws in the interest of the farming class? Correct, Bill, it was the democrats. What in — — do you vote for them for?

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I agree with the working man who says the system is good enough for him. It is really too good — he should starve.

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Do you think the democrat party of Oklahoma can reform? She really did. Some she didn't. She has given you the best men she had to her shop. There were all "good men" and they cannot reform. Give them up. They've done as good, they've done us plenty.

FARMERS EMANCIPATION LEAGUE OF OKLAHOMA

H. Grady Milner, Temp. Sec.-Treas McAlester, Okla.

From James Dotterer, Tiawah, Rogers county, Okla., we receive the following: "Hail and Greetings! the birth of the Farmers Emancipation League. I would like to see the constitution and such other information as will assist in organizing. I am a farmer, holding down 110 acres of land, living on my own farm, and I believe in usurious interest. Am waiting for the emancipation of the working people."

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"Send me the constitution of the League, and full information on how to organize a local. I am much interested I put my money where my mouth is." writes Comrade Joe Griffin, a real rebel of Lebanon, Marshall county, Okla. When anything is to be done for the betterment of the farming class those Marshall county boys are there with both feet.

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"Please send me a copy of the League constitution," writes Comrade J. L. Hogue, of Messer, in Choctaw county. "We certainly need something of that kind in this part of the country." Right you are, Comrade Hogue, and we don't expect you to help us put it there.

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"I am for the Appeal that there has been a revolutionary league organized in your county. I must say that the farmers of this state are surely in need of such an organization. Will you be so kind as to send me constitution? I wish you big success." So writes Comrade A. A. Reynolds, of Chapelle, Blaine county. We know from past experience that Blaine county farmers are wide awake and thoroughly revolutionary. Comrade M. E. Gregg of Homestead, Blaine county, also requests constitution.

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"I notice you have organized a new league for the betterment of the Oklahoma farmers. I follow that for a living, and would be pleased if you would send me a constitution. If there is any class of people in the world who need help, it is the farmers. If there is anything I can do to help the league along just let me know, and I will do my best so far as I am financially able." That letter, which has no right name to it, is from Comrade J. E. McLendon, of Colbert, Bryan county. We need hundreds of such men in the state.

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"I have just seen the notice of your new league, which I believe is just what we want and WANT BAD. I will do all I can to get an organization here." This from Comrade Segardus, of Lone Elec, Major county. We believe he means business and look for an early organization there.

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Another Marshall county farmer, Comrade J. O. Jones of Shay, gets into the work with this one: "Please send me constitution of the league. I want Marshall county organized. I think we can organize it." From the way these Marshall county boys have been writing us, it looks like Marshall county will be the banner league county of the state.

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We farmers need something done at once or something will happen. I have been in all the reforms since the greenback party, and still I am a poor wanderer, and my heart is for the freedom of the farmers and the workers. I will not rest till death claims me. Success to your league. This is from F. E. Henry, of Norman, Cleveland county. We need such workmen in the league.

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"I heartily endorse the aims and principles of the Farmers Emancipation League," writes Comrade F. N. Huthinson of Mt. Vernon, Ark. "I am a member of the Socialist party and the Farmers' union, but the union is not revolutionary enough for me—I see the need of your plan." We believe the league will suit him to a dot.

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We have had requests for commission as organizers from several counties in the state. In as much as the organizer must be members of the league, we have no informed them, and just as soon as we receive their application for membership, we shall appoint them.

Just to give you an idea how the league is getting before the farmers of the state, we are giving here the sources of the requests for constitutions which have been received since the writing of these notes, and also the number of requests from each county: Atoka, 1; Blaine, 2; Bryan, 2; Choctaw, 1; Cleveland, 1; Coal, 1; Craig, 1; Comanche, 2; Comanche 2; Garfield 1; Haskell 1; Harper 1; Kingfisher, 1; Kiowa, 1; Le Flore, 1; Garvin, 1; Major, 1; Marshall, 3; Muskogee, 2; Noble, 1; Oklahoma 1; Pottawatomie, 3; Pushmataha, 1; Rogers, 2; Woods, 1; to say nothing of a batch from out the state, one from Canada and other places.

But it is not the sentiment in favor of the League that will make it the most powerful weapon the farmers of Oklahoma ever had. It is ACTUAL ORGANIZATION that must take place. I get in every mail letters from men here and there who are up against the real thing. A man phoned in from Atoka the other day that a bunch had grabbed all the stuff he had, just came and took it, and he was unable to pay a lawyer to help him get it back. Had there been a live local in this community, and it had taken the matter up, the local could saved his stuff. But all the members together could have seen that he got justice. It was to give the farmer an industrial organization to fight just such injustice, as this that we organized the league, and if you are in sympathy with it, and want to help, it is a vital force in Oklahoma let me urge, and then set about getting a local organized in your neighborhood.

If you want to help the League now when it needs help most, get a local organized in your community. Get your neighbors to join with you, initiation fees and dues to end of this quarter and join as a member at large. We have been at work here organizing in getting constitutions, paying postage, etc., and hyperhelp NOW will count more than later. The publicity we have been getting has placed the league well before the farmers of the state, and now that we understand our purposes, let us all get to work in earnest to make the league a power for good. All of us pulling together we can make the league a powerful factor in the fight for the farmer's emancipation.

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It is not necessary to have an organizer in order to get an organization in your community. The constitution is simple, and so is the information necessary. All you need do is to get five men together, elect a secretary, pay dues and initiation fee and have the secretary send it in. I find that when a farmer once understands the league he will join without any persuasion. If you haven't seen the constitution write to us and I will send one, also any information you want, I will gladly give.

GET THIS.

Say that old man Marx must have been right! Tell you why. He said:

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LET US ECONOMIZE.

Is it not a fact if everybody would diversify and economize we would not have the cry of hard times? asked a Donk the other day. Said we: "This is a double question. As to the first part, 'Diversify'" — diversification is possible as long as we have landlords and usurers who regard cotton as a money crop. As to the second part of your question: How can we economize when we have nothing to economize with?

Now suppose we all had something to economize with after the landlord and usurer gets through with us: We would instantly have a lower standard of living according to an economic law that is as unchangeable while this system lasts as the law of gravitation. That law works this way: The cheaper men can live who sell their labor power as renters, farmers or wage laborers, the cheaper they will sell themselves in the competive labor market whether it will be in the industrial market in the city or the agricultural market in the country. The more they can economize the cheaper can they live and he who can live the cheapest, will underbid the place over those whose standard of living is higher and consequently demands more. The result is if the capitalist class continually practices economy on a statewide or an individual scale, the law of competition drives them ever closer to the Egyptian cotton farmer (the fellaheen), the most "economical" farmers in the world and after centuries of "economy" it would require the Commission of Industrial Relations backed by a body of the United States Marines in the nation to tell the difference in the standard of living between the "economical" Egyptian farmer and the "economical" peon of Chihuahua of the Terrazas state.

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