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EDITOR JUSTICE,

Dear Sir: On page three of the Guthrie State Capital of April 23d, there appeared an article by Dr. W. L. Thurman. The article is so full of misstatements and misrepresentations of the Socialist party and its position that I desire space to correct them.

In the first place Dr. Thurman is absolutely without authority to speak officially for the Socialist party on any matter or question concerning our party. He is not a party officer or committeeman, he is not a candidate on the Socialist ticket, and so far as I am able to learn, he is not even a member of our organization.

As to the article itself, the statement that the Socialist party had officially declared against the adoption of the proposed state constitution was absolutely untrue at the time the letter was written and published. As is the practice of our party, the question had been submitted to a referendum vote of the party membership and the vote thereon did not close until the 29th, six days after the publication of his article. No man could state the official position of our party until the result of that vote was known.

The statement that the party would do nothing but a little local work and would not attempt to make a campaign was without foundation. We intend to nominate a full ticket—county, state and congressional—and to wage a more vigorous campaign than ever before. We will poll many times the 2,500 votes mentioned by Dr. Thurman, but they will all be Socialist votes. Those non-Socialist votes which "we can directly control" are a fiction of his imagination. We do not control, and we do not want to control, any but the straight class-conscious Socialist vote.

The sympathy and admiration expressed for Mr. McGuire is wholly a personal matter with Thurman and does not represent the sentiment of our party or the individual sentiment of any real Socialist.

These are unimportant, however, as compared with the false impression which the article leaves that the Socialist party is in sympathy with the republican organization as against the democratic, and that it is possible "through someone to get every good Socialist on the stump against adoption." This is undoubtedly a bid by Thurman for some of the republican slush money contributed by the capitalist interests and marks him as a grafter and a traitor to the working class and to the principles advocated by the Socialists. Thurman would have about as much influence in getting good Socialists on the stump for or against any proposition, as any other political Hessian, and that influence is nill. There is no power except the majority vote of the party membership that can influence our speakers and candidates. The position of the rank and file of the Socialist party is not determined by what our speakers and candidates advocate, but on the contrary our candidates

advocate what is determined by the rank and file.

I want to state officially, as State Secretary of the Socialist party, that our organization has nothing in common with the republican party, that we regard both the republican and democratic parties as enemies of the working class, and that we have no choice between them, opposing each of them without discrimination and refusing to trade, compromise or fuse in any manner with either of them.

In persuing the policy of always standing for what we consider to be for the interest of the working class we are sometimes found advocating something which one or the other of the old parties is advocating. When this occurs it is impossible that we should repudiate our own principles just because they are advocated by another party, but such advocacy of the same policy does not in any manner lessen our hospitality to, or change our position towards, such old party. We realize that when they are occasionally found advocating a good thing for the working class it is for the purpose of keeping recruits from our ranks, for purely partisan reasons or for the purpose of advancing the personal interests of some of its leaders. Never with a sincere desire to benefit the workers and lessen their exploitation by the capitalist class.

The support by the democrats, in the last campaign, of the Initiative and Referendum, one of our cardinal principles, did not prevent us from nominating candidates and opposing the democrats equally with the republicans. If the republican party declares against the adoption of the proposed constitution that will not prevent us from nominating candidates and opposing it equally with the democrats.

No honest republican who knows what he is talking about will claim that in the last campaign we intentionally favored the democrats, and when the present campaign is over no honest democrat who knows what he is talking about will be able to charge us with having intentionally favored the republicans.

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In justice to yourself, you should go to Davenport & Bentley's blacksmith shop for good work in their line.

We take the lead in fresh vegetables. Come and see us—Whitlatch & Reed.

"U. S." flour, 90 cents a sack, every sack guaranteed, at Riviere's.

It is my pleasure to please my customers.—Cline, the photographer.

For all kinds of Hardware and Implements see Thomas & Williams.

Croquet Sets and Hammocks at Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

BRYAN AND THE IDAHO AFFAIR.

Where is William Jennings Bryan in the battle that is now being fought between the workers and their exploiters for the lives of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone?

Bryan has always claimed to make a specialty of defending the sufferers from injustice. He poses as the great Commoner, and has builded his political fortunes upon his sympathy for labor.

Today, in the face of the greatest battle for labor ever waged on this hemisphere, a battle which has involved every department of the national government, which has brought up the reserve batalions of capitalism and organized labor, on whose outcome depends the maintenance of all those fundamental rights of person for which Bryan has so often and so eloquently spoken, that "silver tongue" is stilled.

The pages of "The Commoner" find space for protests against oppression in every corner of the earth. But no word is heard against those who are trying to murder Labor's representatives in Idaho. It is the old story of the class-struggle hitting a trimmer. Bryan has long been cautiously balancing himself between the contending forces of exploited and exploiters. Here is a place where he cannot dodge. He must stand upon one side or the other or take refuge in silence. He has chosen the latter alternative.

Roosevelt has at least had the courage to take his stand with the murderous crew that is hounding these men to the gallows.

Bryan has crawled into the cyclone cellar (or under the bed) waiting for the storm to blow over. But this storm is not going to "blow over." It will continue to rage until it will have driven from cover every man who occupies a prominent position in public life.

Sooner or later Bryan will be compelled to take his place for or against the cause of the working class as incarnated at the present moment in the Idaho battle.

There is no place for an "innocent bystander" in this battle.

Now is the time to get Cotton Choppers' Hoes, Cultivator Sweeps, Cotton Scrappers, while our stock is good. Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

My motto is: "The best of work, please my patrons, and your money back if you are not satisfied.—Cline, the photographer.

Williams the grocer gives full weights and measures.

A woman lived for twenty-seven years in Colorado without speaking to a man. She must have done an awful lot of talking to her women acquaintances.

The Insurance Gasoline Stove is the safest stove on the market. Has self-acting valve. See them at Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

See Williams the grocer for all kinds of fresh groceries.

Have you seen that new Washing Machine at Thomas & Williams?

Cotton From \$50 to \$500 Per Bale.

My brother farmer, I want to call your attention to the fact that you might just as well be getting \$500 for your bale of cotton as \$50. The democratic politician tells you that by reducing the tariff he can cause an expansion in the demand for cotton that will serve to increase its price while reducing the price of everything else. If this be so, then I think I can tell you how to increase the price of cotton from \$50 to \$500 per bale.

The government reports go to show that about 50 per cent of the labor of this country is only employed a part of the year. The ease with which employers can break a strike with what the labor unions call scab labor, proves the existence of a very large body of unemployed labor all the time. My brother farmer this condition shows a contracted market for our product cotton. No condition can possibly exist without a cause. There are two causes operating to produce this condition. One is taxation and the other is town lot speculation. Taxation, as all democratic politicians are aware, serves to restrict trade and limit competition, while at the same time increasing the cost of living to the farmer. Because all taxes must necessarily come out of the product. The operations of the speculator in town lots restricts the production of wealth in cities, and causes idleness of both capital and labor.

The democratic politician is eternally telling you that he wants to revise the tariff so as to expand your market. His proposition only shows what an unprincipled rascal he is. You know the bible has been revised over and over. But, you also know that it is still the same old bible. The revisers have only tried to improve the language of God. Well, that is what the democratic politician wants to do to the tariff. He wants to improve its grammar and label it democratic, and he wants to rob the farmer while doing it. He is just as ignorant as a goat, he talks like a parrot and he is just about as honest as a fox, and equally as cunning.

He does lots of prating about the channel of trade and doors of opportunity. But his racket is all prate, nothing in it at all.

The channel of trade extends from your farm to all the cities and wealth is constantly

flowing back and forth. It also extends to England and wealth flows back and forth. But no such volume of wealth flows in the foreign part of the channel of trade as flows in the domestic channel of trade. The federal government draws 250 millions of revenue annually from the foreign channel of trade. But, while the federal government is doing that it is also drawing as much more from the domestic channel of trade, and in addition to that, every state in the union is also drawing millions, probably 800 or 1000 millions annually from the domestic channel of trade. In addition to this, every county in all the states is drawing revenue from the domestic channel of trade. The revenue drawn from the domestic channel of trade by the towns and cities is almost incalculable. Altogether the sum of revenue drawn from the domestic channel of trade by the politicians must reach the enormous sum of 5,000 millions annually. The democratic politician admits that the farmer foots the bill. Why does he not call attention to the disastrous effect this immense sum of taxation has upon exchange. I'll tell you. In the first place, all this huge sum of revenue passes through the hands of the politicians and their hands are pitched. The revenue sticks. It don't pass through very readily, and when it does pass through, it very often finds its way into the hands of their friends and their friends' hands are pitched, also.

In addition to that, taxation yields protection to the merchant just the same as it does to the manufacturer. Merchants, especially big ones, don't like competition, and taxation restricts it. When imposed upon the stock in trade of the merchant it serves to freeze out the small competitor. If the revenue was drawn directly from the townsite the speculator could not operate and rents would fall, which would also serve to increase competition among the merchants. Men could not get rich speculating in real estate. Now, my brother farmer, here is what you ought to do: Compel all towns and cities to draw all revenue from their lots, thus establishing free trade between the farm and town. That will reduce the cost of your living by the sum of taxation. The impetus given to production by the destruction of town lot speculation would cause an immense expansion of the market for farm products. The consequent demand for clothing would send cotton sky high in short order. Because all labor in the cities would be fully employed producing things to give in exchange for your cotton. Under those circumstances, \$500 for a bale of cotton would be cheap. If I'm not right the democratic politician is the biggest liar on top of the earth.

Size up the town of Duncan and see for yourself if I'm not right. DENNIS LEAHY.

We are closing out some of our Queensware, and will have some bargains. Come and see them at Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

We have an enormous patronage which enables us to handle the freshest groceries at the lowest prices—Whitlatch & Reed.

See Starr for granite ware. His prices are the lowest in the city. Can sell for less money than any house in Duncan.

Go to the Palace of Sweets for lemonade and light-bread, coca-cola and chocolate cake, kind treatment and 45 cents in change. Ice-cream smeared or un-smeared, fruit or preserves.—J. B. Ballard, proprietor.

FUDGE!

I want to say a few words to the farmers. A short time ago we proceeded to elect a man to represent us in the making of a constitution. The bosses at Duncan wanted a county seat and they went to work to that end. They wanted a lawyer to work their scheme, but were afraid they could not deliver the goods. So they picked the most popular man among the farmers that belonged to the town ring. Then they put him up as an independent, so as to get what few republican and Socialist votes there was. They received the endorsement of the republican club of Duncan—for further particulars see members of the club. They begged the ragged, half-starved Socialists with tears in their eyes as large as biscuits to help them save Duncan. Most of the Socialists were on to the game. They read the indicator this way: The town ring wanted the county seat for the purpose of building up Duncan. Larger town means larger opportunity for grafters; it means a rise in the value of real estate.

Do you think for a moment that the town ring of Duncan were riding all over the country feeding the farmers taffy with a scoop-shovel, and in town getting down on their knees to the republicans and depised Socialists simply to get good laws enacted? Not on your tintype. We looked beyond the petty grasping politics of the town boomers and put a man in the race whom we firmly believed would do his utmost to help make a constitution that would protect the common people. We failed, but we have no regrets. We did our duty as we saw it, to ourselves, our neighbors, and to our God.

There are some two-legged things in Duncan that claim to belong to the human family, who say they will not vote for a Socialist because, forsooth, they would not go into the primary election and support the Duncan man. Now, wouldn't that make your stutterer palpitate? It simply means this: Because those men thought more of their honor, patriotism and truth than they did the dollar, I am opposed to them. Now, the man the Socialists put up was a member of the Farmers' Union; the other a member of the town ring of Duncan. One was run for the purpose of protecting the rights and liberty of the laboring class, the other to get a county seat for Duncan.

Two Farmers' Union men (good men, too) made speeches over the district to help the Duncan ring get there. The democratic club of Duncan put up several hundred dollars for a campaign fund. Now, I would like to know what benefit it was to the farmers for Duncan to get a county seat? Don't all speak at once. The way you voted shows you wanted Duncan to get a county seat mighty bad, but I will tell you like Peter told the Jews, I think you did this ignorantly, and if you repent and be baptized into Socialism, ye shall receive the gift of a good government, for this promise will reach your children's children.

GEO. L. CROW.

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W. T. HOWELL, Prop.

T. J. Clark Killed by Jim Leftwich.

Jim Leftwich's examining trial was held before Judge Morris last Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Leftwich was charged with shooting and instantly killing T. J. Clark on the court house steps last Monday at noon. Mr. Leftwich entered a plea of self-defense and employed Gilbert & Bond as counsel. Mr. Leftwich swore in his own behalf that he had been told that Clark had tried to have him assassinated, and that ever since then he had been in constant fear of his life, and that when he glanced down the stairway of the court house Monday noon his first impulse was to defend himself, and that when their eyes met Mr. Clark made a demonstration as if he were reaching for his gun. That he (Leftwich) having an automatic pistol in his pants pocket, jerked it out and fired a fusillade down the stairway, and then walked down the stairway by the prostrate body and remarked to some men at the bottom of the stairs: "I am the man who did the shooting; it was only yesterday he tried to take my life." Then Mr. Leftwich found Tom Lilly and said, "Tom, I am your boy."

U. S. Marshall Lilly testified, that when he and another man reached the body of Mr. Clark it was lying prostrate on the landing between the first and second flights of stairs, gasping in the throes of death; that on examination they found that he had a Colt's revolver under his vest and between his pants and body; that it had not been fired but was loaded with five cartridges. It seems that bad blood had existed between the two men for some time; and that each of them were carrying a gun because he thought the other one was doing the same. Here is where we feel justified in saying, that if the six-shooter law was properly enforced, almost every killing would be avoided. There is but one purpose the six-shooter has and that is to take the lives of men. The value of a six-shooter lies in the fact that it can be concealed. If it were a well known fact that there was not a six-shooter in the country, a man would not be taking his life in his hands every time he reached in his pockets for his handkerchief. We think it ought to be a penitentiary offense for a dealer to sell a gun with a barrel less than half a yard long.

Cotton Choppers, Hoes, Cultivator Sweeps, Trace Chains and all kinds of Farm Implement Supplies at Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

Let me make your photos and show you that Duncan is equal to the best. —Cline, the photographer.

T. J. Starr brought prices on hardware down and is going to keep them down. Get his prices and save money.

What is the use of starving your children so long as you have money and Williams has groceries.

If you need anything in Tin or Galvanized Iron Work, go to Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

Do you know how to make your old furniture look new? Call on Thomas & Williams and they will tell you free.

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Nice office room for rent in the Howell building. See Dr. W. T. Howell.

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A quadruple gold-plated Roman watch fob will be given with each and every suit of clothes ordered in the month of May.—Willis Bonner.

Six-room house for sale. Good storm house, good barn, electric light and water connections. Price \$1900. Four blocks from post-office, two blocks from Methodist church. Three lots. Inquire at JUSTICE office.

Clothing Spreads Consumption.

Every man who wears convict-made clothing is infected with a disease more deadly than smallpox. Thousands of workmen are put in direct contact with tuberculosis because business interests make a profit from convict labor. "It is well known," said Edwin Wright, president of the State Federation of Labor, in discussing the convict labor bill, "that the penitentiary is filled with tuberculosis germs and that hundreds of men are confined there and that work on goods sent broadcast are victims of that disease."

Overalls and rough shirts are the principal goods made in the penitentiary. Great numbers of overalls for small children also are turned out. These, carrying the germs of disease, are sold to the laboring class and farmers and spread the white plague among the purchasers. —Chicago Daily Socialist.

Lawn Hose, Lawn Sprinklers, Hose Reels, Hoze Nozzles, and everything of the kind at Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

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Your money back at Cline's if your photos are not as good as you can get anywhere.

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Persons wanting homesteads in New Mexico, call on me. —W. F. McIntyre, Duncan.

We have a complete stock of Galvanized and Painted Corrugated Iron. Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

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Extra fine Seed Oats from the North for sale. For sample and price call at Thomas & Williams.

If you are going to buy a Buggy or Surrey see our new patterns before you buy. They will arrive this week. Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

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County Announcements.

For District Clerk.

Chas. S. Albright is announced as a candidate for Clerk of the District court, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

For Sheriff.

H. L. Deaton of Comanche is announced as a candidate for Sheriff of Stephens county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

For Treasurer.

Clyde C. Coleman is announced as a candidate for County Treasurer of Stephens county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

For County Surveyor.

W. B. Dyer is announced as a candidate for County Surveyor of Stephens county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

M. M. Hightower of Loco is announced as a candidate for County Surveyor, subject to action of the democratic primaries.

For County Commissioner.

Mr. J. B. Mason is announced as a candidate for County Commissioner of Stephens county, subject to action of the Democratic primaries.

For County Clerk.

Burton Barnes, of Arthur, is announced as a candidate for County Clerk of Stephens County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

For Register of Deeds.

W. A. (Uncle Billie) Williams is announced as a candidate for Register of Deeds of Stephens County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

The Chance of Your Life.

All who are not taking JUSTICE, or want to send it to their friends for a year, give us 50 cents in cash; clubs of 5 or more for 40 cents each. This offer is positively limited to July 1st. We want 10,000 new subscribers, so we can issue the biggest and warmest weekly explosive for the money on the face of the earth.

Woods in the Wilderness.

The following quotation is clipped from a democratic patent medicine circular:

"Much is now being said relative to the steel trust turning out faulty steel rails thereby causing numerous deaths in railroad accidents. And in countries where no tariff tax exists it is said there are very few accidents. Thus the beneficiaries of the tariff become murderers in an indirect way, and those favoring prohibitive tariff laws are, to an extent, particeps criminis. Undoubtedly it would be better, too, if Andrew Carnegie would spend the price of a couple of hundred libraries in bettering his output of steel rails."—Duncan Eagle.

The above article is just part of an argument that would appear in every newspaper in the land were they actuated by the un-

conquerable spirit of patriotism instead of that treacherous incentive known as self-interest. Will Mr. Woods please explain to us, what in the name of God will keep wages from adjusting themselves to the new conditions the very day that the necessities of life are reduced cheaper by the removal of the tariff. Competition in labor will keep the wage-earner and the individual producer down to a subsistence portion of the products, just so long as we have competition in labor. Besides, we claim that there is no power under the shining sun that can force two corporations to cut each others throat, and that is surely what they would do were they to start a competitive war. If free trade were practical internationally, wages in America would either sink to the level of those in Europe, or the factories of America would sink out of sight, to spring up again where labor could be had the cheapest. Now, swell up and denounce this as a republican argument, it is nothing of the kind. It is just plain, unvarnished facts, and every man with as much foresight as a 22-rim-fire pistol knows it. But what disgusts us is, to think that the American workingmen will permit themselves to be divided on a subject that doesn't concern them in the least. Can't they see that whatever cheapens provisions also makes it possible for the unemployed man to bid lower on his job and stay in the limits of a subsistence wage? Won't the little child in the factory do the work of a man for half the money? Simply because they can live on less. We are drawing ever nearer the awful spectacle of a nation of working women and children, and idle men.

ONE of the "main squeezes" of the Clements-Lee Stock Company came in the other day and wanted some show bills printed. We gave him our prices, the same as we do to our customers, and this knight of the stage went boldly up in the air, swearing he could get the work done at some large shops he knew of for half the money. We just merely make the suggestion to people who spend their hard-earned dollars going to see these barn-stormers, who are so darned scared that someone will make a living and they won't get something for nothing, that there are hundreds of places in this country where you can get tickets to better shows than theirs thrown in with every five-cent glass of beer.

Frigid Ice Cream Freezers and Alaska Refrigerators go hand-in-hand at Gilkey-Jarboe Hdw. Co.

What is the use of starving your children so long as you have money and Williams has groceries.

Say, young fellow, are you looking for a first-class barber shop? Go to Ewald & McCarty.

If a farmer gets \$475 for his crop, and his expenses are \$500 while he is making it, how long will it take him to save enough money to buy a \$2,000 motor car?

Anyone who will send the answer to this problem, and a quarter with it, will receive the grand prize—a gallon of kerosine.

Just received, a shipment of wood box sled cultivators. Get one before they are gone.—Thomas & Williams.

Loyd has a new line of ladies' muslin underwear. Call and get his prices.

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ENVIRONMENT.

Environment means the influence of past, present and future surroundings. There is no such thing as "human nature" separate and apart from environment. We say "it is natural for a child to lie." If a child lies voluntarily it is because at some time during its life, before or after birth, its surroundings were of such a character as to fix a desire in its mind to lie, or because it sees, or thinks it sees, a necessity for lying to obtain amusement or bread and butter for the future.

If one desires to quit lying but does not do so, it is because the environments that produced the good desire are not as strong as those that produced the evil inclinations. To illustrate: If one's evil environments have been of a certain strength for a century, it will require a century of good and equally strong environments to remove the evil from his "nature," so-called, and place him in the same moral condition that he was in two centuries ago.

People who for centuries, have been accustomed to polygamy believe it to be right. In the sight of those who have not been accustomed to it, they think it is just awful bad. We, all of us, are by "nature," in the common acceptance of the term, the same, but our ideas are as opposite as day and night.

A child who, like his fore-parents, was born and reared in the slums, is a tough. One who for hundreds of years has been surrounded by moral environments, is sober. The children of Methodist parents are Methodists. The children of Baptist parents are Baptists. The reason there are exceptions to the rule is this: If a child of Methodist par-

ents joins the Baptist church it is because Baptist influence has been stronger than Methodist influence.

Men who have lived honorable lives and have been considered by their acquaintances as being almost perfect, are now dishonorable because their present and future environments by far out balance their past environments.

People talk of "human nature" as if it was a fixed principle, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unalterable.

Because man's environments have been evil continuously for centuries, thoughtless people believe that "human nature," aside from their past, present and future surroundings, is only evil.

And yet no sane person will fail to seek to improve their surroundings whenever possible to do so. Though man's environments have changed from one evil form to another; for centuries humanity has always obeyed and will always obey what is termed "the first law of nature," i. e. self preservation.

If A fleeces B, he does so because it is to his economic interest. If it will not benefit nor injure A to fleece B, he is not apt to do so. If it will actually injure A for him to fleece B, he is sure not to do so. If it will add to A's wealth and happiness to assist B, he is sure to do so. In this last act, A is prompted by the same motive that prompted him to fleece B in the first act, that is, SELF PROTECTION.

Now, I challenge the world to prove that the above illustration is not true.

Those who know it to be true ought to know that Socialism, if they know what Socialism is, is inevitable. Men have always done and always will do that which is to their economic interest, if they can, especially if it is

right. The day that workers learn that Socialism will benefit them, knowing that it is right and having the power to inaugurate it, that day Socialism will prevail and, that too, without changing "human nature" one whit.

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Davidson, Okla.

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C. H. RIVIERE

Leader in Low Prices

Duncan, Ind. Ter.

Farmers' Unionism and Socialism.

"I am not a political Socialist. But, so far as the Farmers' Union teaches, it is identical with Socialism. We all must inevitably drift to Socialism."

The above statements, made by Green B. Patterson, were heartily endorsed by W. J. Eason, president of our county Farmers' Union. Now, I want it distinctly understood that I am a Farmers' Union man. I think we should "build warehouses." As Comrade Crow said in JUSTICE of April 26, "It is the grandest and noblest non-political organization under the sun." Why? Because it is teaching farmers the necessity of co-operating in the distribution of wealth. Listen! If it never goes further—if it does not teach the great importance, the absolute necessity of farmers co-operating in the PRODUCTION, as well as in the DISTRIBUTION of wealth, it will never amount to a fizzle. Now, brother farmer, that is not saying more than Mr. Patterson did when he said, "We all must inevitably drift to Socialism."

During one of his able speeches at our recent county union meeting, in speaking of the spinners buying cotton direct from the producer, Bro. Patterson said: "They do not care how much they have to pay for cotton, but they want to KNOW how much they will have to pay." What! Is it possible that the spinners had as soon pay 20 cents for cotton as 10 cents? SURE. Don't they set the price on cotton goods? Don't those who wear cotton goods pay the price? What difference does it make to the spinners? If there is any difference to them, they rather prefer high-priced cotton. Because the more money they invest, the more profit they make.

Brother farmers, as long as the tools that manufacture cotton goods belong to others, and they have the power to say what we shall pay them for the goods, just that long our noses will be kept to the grind rock. "The spinners are compelled to have our cotton." That doesn't alter the case a particle. The rich can live without our cotton longer than we can live without their steel, for instance. They dress in silk. And the machines that manufacture silk cloth could run on and us poor devils could go naked.

High-priced cotton means not only high-priced cotton goods, but costly machinery of all kinds that the farmer and manufacturer uses. It is another phase of competition. Competition must be abolished and co-operation, in the fullest sense of the word established, if wealth-producers are to receive justice. Under competition, when one class succeeds another class fails. When one man rises another one falls. When one man or class of men rises, it does not even necessarily mean economic prosperity. The case in hand is positive proof. We rise, in the sense of securing what we term a "good price" for our cotton, but it does not benefit us financially, because everything that is used in producing

cotton and manufacturing cotton goods, rises accordingly.

Brother farmers, answer me this: Are we any nearer out of debt than we were when cotton sold for five cents per hundred? I have put this question to many audiences, and the universal answer has been "NO!"

Wage-workers have often demanded and received higher wages, but the cost of living has invariably advanced in the same proportion, or more.

Whenever one class of workers succeed in their demands, they not only fail to benefit themselves, but they positively injure all other workers. When plow manufacturers are compelled to give their employees higher wages, the price of plows advance, and farmers suffer accordingly. When farmers secure a high price for cotton, all who wear cotton clothes, suffer accordingly.

Now, do not understand me to say that I do not believe it necessary for all classes of laborers to organize. Competition forces us to unite. But I am trying to teach my fellow-workers the way of the Lord more perfectly.

To show how utterly impossible it is for all individuals and organizations to succeed under competition, let me give a simple illustration.

My wife sells from \$2.50 to \$5.00 worth of butter every week. Suppose every woman in eight miles of Davidson placed that much butter on the market, weekly. To whom could the butter be sold? "Ship it," you say. Well, suppose every farmer's wife in eight miles of every town should place that much butter on the market, weekly. Then what? There is an independent living on the farm, if one knows how to properly manage it, provided, marked the expression—PROVIDED NOT MANY KNOW HOW. When the price of any commodity goes very much above the cost of production, many go to producing that commodity, the market is soon glutted, the price declines and hundreds go busted. It cannot be otherwise under competition. Under a co-operative system goods would be produced for use instead of profit, and when as much as is needed is produced, the production of that particular commodity would cease until what had been produced was consumed, and, in the meantime, those who produce that commodity could assist in the production of other commodities, or go to see the folks and eat peaches.

There would be no panics, no busting, none needy and none greedy.

All Farmers' Union men are half-breed Socialists. Though many of them are not aware of it.

All of us who have given the subject proper thought know, as Mr. Patterson does, that we must "inevitably drift to Socialism."

It is our only hope—the only possible remedy. The lightning struck the top of a sycamore tree just above a squirrel. While the lightning was following the grain of the tree, the squirrel ran directly to its root and reached the ground first.

The Farmers' Union, like hundreds of other reform organizations have done, may go with lightning speed in her noble efforts to reach the root of injustice, as long as she follows the old, crooked grain she will one day discover that the tree grows up faster than she runs down.

Socialists, like the squirrel, are making a direct run for the root of all political and industrial corruption, which is PROFIT, and though would-be reformers have thousands of

years the start of us, we're going to reach the ground in safety first.

I am by Farmers' Unionism and Socialism like I was by the woman who is now my wife and her half sister. When I met them I fell in love with the former—wanted to marry her at once, and liked her half sister. I like the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America because it is one-half truth. But I love and am married to SOCIALISM because it is the truth, the whole truth, so help me God.

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