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THE RIGHT, NOTHING MORE NOR LESS.

(Jack London.)

The capitalist must learn, first and for always, that socialism is based, not upon the equality but upon the inequality, of men. Next he must learn that no new birth into spiritual purity is necessary before socialism becomes possible. He must learn that Socialism deals with what is, not with what ought to be; and that the material with which it deals is the "clay of the common road," the warm human, fallible and frail sordid and petty, absurd and contradictory, even grotesque, and yet, withal, shot shot through with flashes and glimmerings of something finer and God-like, with here and there sweetnesses of service and unselfishness, desires for goodness, for renunciation and sacrifice, and with conscience, stern and awful, at times blazingly imperious demanding the right—the right, nothing more nor less than the right.

MISGUIDED.

Incidit in Scyllam, cupiens vitare Charybdim.
He runs on Scylla, wishing to avoid Charybdis.

This aptly portrays the posture of the prohibitionists in their recent aggressive and altogether militant campaign against what they are pleasel to term the drink evil. The pro lays at the door of the open saloon all the ills that beset mankind. Seeing the effects of overindulgence in intoxicating liquors when the victim is a member of the working-class, they hastily and erroneously attribute to drink the cause of ALL the misery of the workers. No sane man will contend for an instant that whisky is a beneficial beverage. Individually the writer believes that there is no good office whisky can perform that pure water would not do a hundredfold better. Individually the writer abstains from intoxicating liquor in every form, even FOR SACRAMENTAL PURPOSES. If one hundred drinks of liquor are injurious one drink is injurious in degree. If whisky is the cause of evil the church should be the first to abolish its use and not with hypocritical smirk hide behind the Bible for vindication or justification of its use.

But to return: Seeing in the drinking of the workingman only the visible effects, the pro fails to see WHY the worker drinks. The drinking of the wealthy man is hidden from the gaze of the ordinary passer-by because of the fact that he does most of his drinking in swell clubs or in palatial houses of prostitution. The worker, not being able to afford these costly screens for his laxes of morality, is compelled to waddle home afoot or on a street car with HIS package, which in nine cases out of ten he has accumulated in some cheap saloon. The rich member of society seeks the seclusion of his club, and, when he has accomplished the loading of his cargo is transported either to his home or to a mansion de joie in an automobile and hidden from the gaze of the vulgar people.

But in neither case is whisky the CAUSE of the lapse of either. On the one hand, the worker is rendered dull-minded and hopeless by the drudgery of toil. On the other hand, the rich man is rendered insensible to the finer qualities of life by the incessant savagery of commercial warfare, barbaric. Seek ye, therefore, to remove the cause that compels men to seek solace in drink and the drink question will be removed from the body social. Abolish the capitalist system of exploitation and the wage system.

A Rebel.

Houston, Texas.

Renters' Union.

The names of men who are willing to break ground for Renters Union are coming in to The Rebel office in a steady stream. Each mail contains letters offering suggestions, giving names and asking for information. As might be expected there are no party lines drawn. Dems and Reps, and Socialists pros and antis are all coming across in one solid phalanx. This is, they say, an economic question to be settled NOW and deals with the question of whether they shall give bonuses NOW and whether crop shares and rents shall be increased or reduced. Politics is another matter to eb taken up in other organizations. The following letter is expressive of present conditions in Texas.

Haskell, Texas, Aug. 8, 1911.

Am with you on the renter organization. I think when the time comes that a renter has to move because he did not vote to suit his landlord, its time to get busy. I know of some that had to move because they did not vote the pro tickess. This happened in McLennan county. Can give the names of both parties if necessary. In this same county some of the landlords have been trying to organize themselves to the effect that the renter must furnish all tools and teams and give half. Can give names if called on. I want to see the renters get busy at once. They must be educated and will be.

Yours for the organization.

J. F. McClintock.

W. B. Doss, Bell Co. Sends in 21 Names and Best Wishes.

J. D Smith, El Campo, Texas: I am carried away with Renters Union idea. It must win. If the city of Fort Worth can condemn 3,000 acres of happy black land homes and turn it into a reservoir for the city's benefit; if that is legal why can not the State condemn Mrs. Taft's' Mrs. King's, C. W. Posts, and other enormous land interests that are held in unreasonable restraint of trade?" Yes, why not?

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R. L., Speeglenville, Texas: The idea has been in my mind for years. I live near Waco and would like to go and help start it.

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Jno. M. Green, Belcherville, Texas, writes a statesman like letter and raises some points worthy of the deepest consideration.

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F. C. Maher, Silver, Coke, Co., sends in a petition signed by 21 men to be forwarded to Gov. Colquitt asking him to come to the relief of the drought sufferers in Coke Co. At this stage of the game we fear tha the petitioning of an anti-governor would be as hopelss as petitioning Tom Ball or Joe Bailey. With 50,000 organized renters presenting a petition in boots or otherwise they would run to meet the drouth sufferers like a a runaway team down hill. According, gentlemen of Coke Co., I believe ther is nothing for it but to organize the Renters Union.

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Comes a renter from Oklahoma who writes the following sound letter:

Bradley, Okla., July 25, 1911.

Editor of The Rebel:

Dear Comrade: I just received a copy of your paper today. I think it the finest thing I have read. Especially your call to the renters to organize. We are preparing to organize up here in the good new Democratic state of Oklahoma, up here where Democracy runs rampant, where we have equal rights, to all and special privileges to none, where 160 men owns the land in one county and 2000 tenants cultivate it: the time is rather ripe to orgaaize this state in the next six months. We have the promises of $300 to start with. I know of men here that are done and have turned all their crop, and teams and tools over to the landlord this year to pay the rent.

I will close. Will send you a club for The Rebel in a few days.

Yours,

W. Wallace.

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M. Baker, Van Alstyne, wishes to organize right now.

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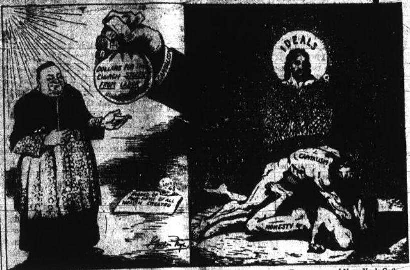
S. A. Beerd, Eagle Lake, Texas, heartily endorses move and wishes success.

Judging by the way the votes come in on Hick's proposition for limited ownership of land it can be truthfully said that with the proper organization work the state could be carried for limited ownership at the 1912 state election. Disorganized nothing can be done and then peonage for the vast majority of Texans will be as sure as God's sun wil shine. It is as if you had one million pounds of steam blowing off in the air it woul not move the wheels on a peanut roaster, but if that steam is organized in the boilers of a mighty locomotive then it will pull a freight train a half mile long. Accordingly write The Rebel if you are a land renter and want to organize. The time for action is now.

Further information as to developments will appear in next week's Rebel.

"Ten million dollars for peace!"—Carnegie. "Seven hundred millions for war!"—Congress. Come, Andy, don't be a piker!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—By courtesy of New York Call.

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

(Ella Wheeler Wilcox.)

Who is a Christian in this Christian land
Of many churches and of lofty spires?
Not he who sits in soft, upholstered pews
Bought by the profits of unholy greed,
And looks devotion while he thinks of gain.

Not he who sends petitions from the lips
That lie tomorrow in the street and mart.
Not he who fattens on another's toil,
And flings his unearned riches to the poor
Or aids the heathen with a lessened wage,
And builds cathedrals with an increased rent.

Christ, with Thy great, sweet, simple creed of love,
How must Thou weary of earth's "Christian" clans,
Who preach salvation through Thy saving blood
While planning slaughter of their fellow men.

Who is a Christian? It is one whose life
Is built on love, on kindness and on faith;
Who holds his brother as his other self;
Who toils for justice, equity and peace,
And hides no aim or purpose in his heart
That will not chord with universal good.
Though he be a pagan, heretic or Jew
That man is Christian and beloved of Christ.

THE ALCALDE CHRONICLE.

One of the most interesting exchanges that comes to our desk is the Alcalde Chronicle. It is published every Friday at Rusk penitentiary. Subscription price 75c a year. A prisoner named Jake McKenny is the editor and a very good editor he makes particularly when you consider the censorship as a matter of course imposed on him. His article on "Childhood" in the issue of July 14 makes me believe that he has not committed a very serious offense against the laws of the state. It is an awful pity he did not steal a railroad or Controller Bay, Alaska. Had he done so he would be in the senate from Texas or sending his brother over to the coronation of King George.

Don't you suppose Jesus would have taught the people along the lines of political duty if in that day the people had been clothed with political power and had been under personal responsibility in the matter of government, as today? In Bible days the sovereigns on the thrones did not escape the notice of religious teachers—not by a big majority! Why should not the sovereign voter in this day look at the point of Nathan's accusing finger and hear a noise like, "Thou art the man!"

The editor of this page is a Socialist because he believes in his very soul that every man able to work ought to work for all he gets, and get all he works for. Are you an old-party man for that reason?

Tomorrow belongs to Socialism. He is indeed a man of weak vision who cannot see that Socialism is nearer today than it was yesterday. It is not coming because the Socialists are here. The Socialists are here because it is coming.

THE MODERN MEDUSA.

In Greek mythology there is a story of a woman who grew in the place of hirsute adornment a cluster of snakes. She was called The Medu-sa. If one of the snakes were severed another one immediately took it splace. At last a hero went forth and slew the monster BY CUTTING OFF HER HEAD.

Capitalism seeks to destroy the snakes on its Medusan head singly, and without success. This is exemplified in the various reforms undertaken—prohibition, welfare work, rescue homes, insane asylums, various "cures," etc., and always and forever with the same results.

Socialism, knowing that the only way is to behead the monster, seeks to destroy with one blow ALL THE ILLS that flow from capitalistic production.

The recent campaign in Texas against the open saloon is a fair sample of this one-thing-at-a-time method. If prohibition had won in this state the results would have been of no MATERIAL benefit to the worker. In fact the pressure would have been intensified and the degree of surplus wealth in some other department that was lost in the production of the goods that would have been outlawed by the people.

And so, always and forever, Socialism holds the compass steadily to the pole star of RIGHT. Workers of all countries, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains and a world to gain!

A REBEL.

Does capitalism seek to reduce all to a common level? In the track-laying gang employed on the interurban between Houston and Galveston are white men, Mexicans, Italians and negroes. A boy called a "water-jack" carries a pail of water up and down for the men. All drink from one bucket and use the same cup. Well, Or, nothing.

Five Minute Sermon.

"Go to now, ye rich men weep and howl for the miseries that shall come upon you.

Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for last days.

Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them that have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Saboath.—James V-1-4.

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This intensely bitter denunciation of the rich is characteristic of the old work from "Kiver to kiver," as they used to say in the olden time.

James denounced the grinders of the faces of the poor because the hoarding of riches in contrary to God's laws and is so spoken of from Genesis to Revelation. In I Tim. 6-9 we read: It is "a snare which drowns men in destruction and perdition."

Again we are warned that it is "Easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

We also find that the piling up of riches is condemned because it gives its owner power to "rule over the poor"—Prov. 22-7. Accordingly we hear the exhortation: "Labor not to be rich,"—Prov. 23-4.

Do we not hear the same cry ringing out in Matthew 6-19: "Lay not upon yourselves treasures upon earth."

The Lord in another place thunders: "Woe unto you that are rich for you have received your consolation."—Luke 6-24.

Then we turn to the Psalms for proof of our contention and we read: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor."—Psa. 41-1.

Turn again to the Proverbs: "He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his maker."—Prov. 14-31.

Do we not know that the special work that Chirst came on earth to perfom was to preach to the poor: "He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." and then to see how well he carried out his stewardships we find that he preached it this way: "Blessed be ye poor; for yours is the kingdom of God."—Luke 14, 18.

From these scriptures we can readily see the attitude of the Lord in the question of piling up riches. What a mass of hyprocrites must we not have them in our great million dollar churches with their millionaire and billionaire pewholders! What a traversity on religion it is to see a Pierpont Morgan going to a great religious conference in Cincinnati this year and having a wire laid into the church so as to secure the latest quotatons from the gambling stock exchange! What a generation of vipers they are to be sure.

Is it any wonder the pastor's voice is silenced so that he gives literary essays instead of preaching the word. Out upon such hypocrites! "Your riches are indeed corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten and the rust of them shall be a witness against—for you have kept back by frand the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields."

NEXT WEEK'S REBEL.

Besides our usual big Rebel features: Hick's page; Five Minute Sermon; Get the Man and Renters Union News The Rebel will have a startling write up of Texas Political Conditions. Every body should have it. 50c a hundred. Order Now.

AS TO MESSMER.

To the Editor:

A recent Associated Press story dated Chicago says that Archbishop Messmer, bishop of the diocese of Milwaukee, of the Catholic Church, decries Socialism as something impure, unclean and immoral, and forbids and warns al "good" (?) Catholics away from the philosophy. Such outbursts as this on the part of the Catholic clergy are healthy signs of the times. They indicate to the careful student of events the fact that Catholics are listening to the message of Socialism, else these warnings would be unnecessary. And the Rev. Messmer is right in his deductions. Catholic laymen ARE listening to the message of Socialism and are flocking to its red banner by hundreds, yea, thousands. Slowly but surely the light of intelligence is breaking into the minds of those who through the centuries have been held in mental slavery by the machinations and flub-drubbery of the Messmers. They are beginning to see that the real mission of the Messmers is to hypnotize the subject while the Messmers are doing the political sleight-of-hand work which deprives them of all material benefits and comforts and even try to rob them of any god-given intelligence they may have or wish to develop. To the Catholic who believes and is sincere, once the REAL purpose and meaning of Socialism dawns on him, he understands that Socialism stands for all the ideals he holds most dear—honesty, sincerity and fair treatment of his fellowman. **Socialism essentially is an economic study and really has nothing to do with religion.** But it has to do with fraud and graft in whatever garb it may appear.. And when such intellectual highbrow hyprocrites as Messmer may be depended on to resent such unjust and cowardly attacks. The history of the Messmers from the beginning to the present is one long shameful story of intrigue, vice, seduction, murder, arson and immorality. He lights the way to the booty and shuts off the light when it is about to be discovered, or throws its light in the face of one who may seek to show it up in its true colors. Such outbursts as this last one of Messmer is similar to urning the light of his dark lantern into the face of the householder who has discovered him. He seeks to blind the workers as to his true mission by screaming immorality while he and his ilk practice every day of their lives the basest forms of immorality in the conduct of the affairs of their officers which is SUPPOSED but does not represent the ethics of Christ. But in spite of these Messmers with their intellectual dark-lanterns, the light of Socialism will break through their disguise and they will yet be forced into the light of reason and intelligence.

J. L. Jones,
Houston, Texas.

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[Last month we published an extract from a speech published by the Catholic Freeman's Journal of New York the oldest Catholic paper in America and delivered by the Hon. Chas. Russel of England in which he said: "I strongly object and protest against Socialism being fought by on wrong lines. It is fighting it on wrong lines to denounce it on the ground of religion and morality. The Rebel then issued a warning to the Messmers pointing out that Mr. Russel was right and that the Messmers as Mr. Russel also predicted would involve the church in a disastrous fight. Before the ink was dry on this prophecy the above letter was received that proved Mr. Russl and he editor of The Rebel was correct. Messmer might as well know that the Socialists will fight back and WIN. As the Catholic Journal and the Catholic statesman points out the Messmers are hurting the church. For all good Catholics The Rebel has nothing but respect.—Ed The Rebel.]

Don't forget that Socialists, even though they be employed by the Socialist party to work for the advancement of Socialism, are still under the capitalist system, confronted by its perils and subject to its temptations.

"Horse Sense vs. Hot Air," 25c postpaid. Address The Rebel.

"Get-the-Mun" Story

[The Get the Mun Editor is gone to the great Grand Saline and Fort Worth encampments. So he republishes this week one of the greatest "Get the Mun" stories ever written. The author is the famous millionaire Socialist of Chicago Joseph Medill Patterson. It appeared in Colliers' Weekly. Read it to your family and friends and ask yourself what chance you have to get the mun.—Ed.]

Marshall Field's Will.

"Political economy confuses on principle two very different minds of private property of which one rests on the producer's own labor, the other on the employment of the labor of others. It forgets that the latter not only is the direce antithesis of the former, but absolutely grows on its tombs only."—Karl Marx.

Marshall Field of Chicago was, perhaps the greatest merchants that ever lived. It is justly believed of him that he abode by the laws of his community. He paid axes in Chicago on $40,000,000. And he made this $40,000,000, together with $100,000,000 more honestly—in accordance with the rules of the game as the game is now played.

It is very important to remember this, that of all the great capitalists Marshall Field best obeyed the laws. Because if it shall appear that his accumulation of one hundred and forty million dollars, or his disposal of that sum of money, has been a detriment to society, then it is plain that the fundamental defect lies in the laws of society and that the only way to prevent the recurrence of such detriment is to change the fundamental laws of society.

When, in the first month of 1906, Mr. Field died, two grandsons, Marshall Field III, aged twelve, and Henry Field aged ten survived him.

Marshall Field the elder directed that out of his estate $72,000,000 should be set aside in trust until 1954, when it, with its accumulations, should be turned over to Marshall Field, the grandchild.

The Conditons of the Legacy.

This $72,000,000 brings in an income of about $3,000,000 yearly. But young Marshall shall not be allowed to dissipate that income. He will receive outright $450,000 when he is twenty-five, again when he is thirty, thirty-five, and forty Aside from these quinquennial gifts the trustee is directed "to invest and reinvest one-half of the aforesaid net income for accumulation until the said grandchild shall attain the age of forty-five (45) years, if he shall live so long." Then the grandson is to obtain the compounded interest only, the principal not for five years longer.

If he dies meanwhile, the money is to be rolled up until Marshall Field III would have been forty-five and then divided among his heirs-at-law, most of whom are probably not born yet.

So much for one-half of this income from the $72,000,000. How about the other half? "The trustee is directed to retain and invest and reinvest for accumulation, adding the accumulation of income to the capital, of his said above share, until my said grandson shall attain the age of thirty (30) years."

After thirty, Marshall III is to get one-third of this one-half of his net income, after he is thirty-five he ih to get two-thirds of this one-half, after forty he is to get all of this one-half. When fifty he is to have all the accumulation upon the $72,000,000 together with the original $72,000,000. If the trustees are half-way intelligent and honest the resultant sum should be over $300,000,000.

It is difficul to estimate just what this accumulation will be, since special inside information will be continually at the disposal of the trustees. But Marshall Field, the merchants, knew the process of accumulation thoroughly, for he said: "I direct said trustee to take and hold all my said residuary estate in trust, to collect and receive all rents, profits and other income, and after paying the necessary expenses of the trust to apply net income and the capital as hereinafter directed for the use and benefit of my two grandsons, Marshall Field and Henry Field, now living, and their respective issue."

Splendid for Trustee.

"Said Trustee" is the Merchants Loan & Trust Company. The shares of the bank went up six points when the will was read.

The younger grandson is left, under a similar trust deed, $48,000,000, of which the trustee is to "invest and reinvest for accumulation" the income in precisely the same way outlined for his brother.

Henry's name is Henry instead of Marshall, so he now has twenty thousand people working for him instead of thirty thousand who are working for the older lad.

Marshall Field III's $72,000,000 is not in the sterile form of gold eagles stored in the vault. His money breeds and multiplies, for it is in the form of real estate, bonds and stocks, which are like interest-bearing mortgages; which are interest-bearing mortgages—mortgages against the labor of thousands of men. They are perpetual mortgages too; for, let the thousands of men work their hardest until they close their eyes in final sleep, still the children of these housands must go on working just as hard in the endless and hopeless task of paying off the mortgages.

"Endless and hopeless task"—unless Socialism comes. Socialism is seeking to arouse the thousands to denounce the perpetual mortgages held by the one, to pay not another dollar of interest on them, to refuse to transfer the hopeless debt to their children and their children's children.

An Industrial Crown Prince.

Marshall Field III was born into possession of his mortgages on the labor of thousands of men because his sagacious grandfather had managed, fairly and in full accordance with the rules of the game, to get possession of certain of the tools of modern production such as rolling-mills, railroad shops, locomotives, cars, land, both in the suburban and down town districts of Chicago, New York, and London, miles and miles of railroad rights of way, iron ore, mines, steamships, coal mines, forests, etc.

Marshall Field, Sr., also obtained from his community certain special and valuable privileges. He was one of the few who could supply Chicagoan swith electric light, telephones, and gas, with the attendant right to charge for these commodities three times their cost to produce. The laws of Illinois forbid the people of Chicago to supply themselves with these commodities co-operatively, though they allow Marshall Field to produce them by the co-operation of the laborers upon whose labor he held his mortgages.

When he died, Marshall Field, Sr., in full accordance with the present laws, transmitted to his grandson, in fee simple, these tools of production and these special privileges.

So from now on, rolling mill men must pay the two little boys something for the right to go into steel mills and produce steel; all switchmen must pay them something for the right to pull a switch on certain of the great American trunk lines; all engineers for the right to open a throttle; hundreds of business men, and therefore indirectly thousands of their employees, pay them for the right to do business in the downtown districts of London, New York, and Chicago; every Chicagoan who uses gas, electricity, or telephones pays them a tax.

A Big Contrast.

How much do the people, who now produce $3,000,000 for Marshall Field III, get for themselves for the work which nets him so much? The boy is a heavy stockholder in the Pullman Company, where labor is paid as follows: Blacksmiths, $16.45 per week, boilermakers, $17; carpenters, $12.38; laborers, $9.90; machinists, $16.65, painters, $13.60.

There are in the great wholesale stores now belonging to the Field children, over ten thousand employes, ninety-five per cent of whom get $12 per week or less.

The female sewing-machine operators, who make the clothes which are sold in the Field establishment, get $6.75 per week.

The female custom pants makers of the North Central States receive $7.84 per week.

In the North Atlantic States, female custom pants makers work twelve hours a day, seven days a week, and receive for this labor $6.51. Perhaps the firm imports some of its pants from the East.

The makers of socks and stockings are paid: Finishers, $4.57 per week of fifty-nine working hours; knitters, $4.75 per week of fifty-nine and onehalf working hours.

Marshall Field & Co. sell furniture as well as clothes. Furniture workers, $11.02 per week; upholsterers, $12.47.

The working people are paid by the hour instead of the week, so if a lay-off for sickness or slackness of work occurs the weekly wage is proportionately reduced.

No Wolf at this Door.

Marshall Field III receives $60,000 per week, the sum gradually increasing as the interest compounds. His brother Henry Field receives $40,000 per week, the sum gradually increasing as the interest compounds. In neither case is there a reduction for sickness or slackness of work. Neither of the boys work any hours per week.

In view of this situation, America is evidently not "a land of equal opportunity." Marshall Field III and Henry Field have enormously more than an equal opportunity, and in consequence thousands have considerably less than an equal opportunity.

But the most fundamental spirit of our laws upholds, maintains, and preserves this exact situation. So if such situations are to be prevented, our laws must be changed from their very fundaments.

It is particularly galling to these thousands of working people to feel themselves bound to pay their annual tribute to the two little Field boys. But from the dollar and cent stand-point, why was it better for the rolling mill man to be mortgaged to Marshall Field, Sr., whom he never saw, than to Marshall Field III, whom he never saw? Why was it pleasanter for the consumer of gas to pay taxes to Marshall Field Sr., whom he never saw, than to Marshall Field III, whom he never saw? Does the suburban resident thrive any worse now that he is paying rent to Marshall Field III than he did six months ago when he paid the same rent to Marshall Field, Sr.?

Socialism says not; says it is no better to pay taxes to the old king in his vigor than to the young king during the regency; says that there should be economic kings no more than political kings; maintains that the industrial democracy must succeed the industrial despotism just as the political democracy succeeded the political despotism.

INGERSOLL'S TRIBUTE TO WOMAN.

It takes a hundred men to make an encampment, but one woman can make a home. I not only admire woman as the most beautiful creature that was ever created, but I reverence her as the most redeeming glory of humanity, the sanctuary of all the virtues, the pledge of all perfect qualities of heart and head. It is not just right to lay sins of men at the feet of women. It is because women are far better than men, that their faults are considered greater. A man's desire is the foundation of love, but a woman's desire is born of her love. The one thing in this world that is constant, the one peak that arises above all clouds, the one window in which the light forever burns, the one star that darkness cannot quench, is woman's love. It rises to the greatest height, it sinks to the lowest depths, it forgives the worst injuries. It is perennial of life and grows in every climate. Neither coldness nor neglect, harshness nor cruelty, can extinguish it. A womans love is the perfume of the heart This is the real love that subdues the earth; the love that has wrought all miracles of art, that gives us music all the way from the cradle song to the grand closing symphony that bears the soul away on wings of fire. A love that is greater than power, sweeter than life and stronger than death.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

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Every word of this beautiful tribute is true and were it multiplied a thousand fold it would still fall short of describing all that is represented in woman. Wherefore The Rebel asks why does the capitalist class and their politicians place woman on the same political plane as an Indian, an idiot, a convict or a Chinaman? Answers will be published in The Rebel when received.

State Movement.

E. R. Meitzen, State Secretary.

The Encampments.

The last encampment of the season will occur at McDade, Bastrop county, with J. C. Smith as manager. It occurs on Aug. 28, 29 and 30, and will be a rallying point for Williamson, Travis and other adjoining counties. Speakers will be Ward, Andrews, Noble, and others.

Managers Haggard and Osburn are making preparations to handle immense crowds at the Gainesville encampment, Aug. 25 and 26. Among the speakers definitely secured are Lee L. Rhodes, M. A Smith and W. L. Thurman. Beautiful grounds have been secured and the comfort of the thousands that will attend will be thoroughly looked after.

The McCulloch County encampment at Rochelle, Aug. 21, 22 and 23, will from all accounts eclipse the great success of the previous year. The greatest crowds and the best speakers ever assembled at one place in McCulloch county will be on hand. Among the latter are Andrews, Noble and Ward.

What is advertised as a big Socialist Camp Meeting with Rev. Andrews as preacher in charge" occurs at Buffalo Gap, Taylor county, Aug. 24, 25 and 26. There will be speakers such as Clark, Rhodes and others. R. A. Mercer is manager.

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Notes.

In a letter from Robert G. Martin, a well known young Texas agitator, we note that he has finished touring Oklahoma and will soon begin a route in Arkansas.

John A. Currie of San Antonio, will shortly begin a tour through the extreme southern corner of the state, along the Sap and the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico, provided enough dates can be secured. This part of the state is seldom visited by speakers and especially by such an able one as Comrade Currie.

The schoolhouse campaign plan will be taken up this fall as never before. Following counties have already arranged with this office to furnish speakers for from three to four weeks each: Cherokee, Cass, Anderson, Madison, Robertson, and others.

H. C. Covington is a new speaker who has been "stirring the animals" in east Texas of late, has organized a number of locals and has taken several hides from Demo politicians. Another rising young agitator is John A. Currie Texas will never suffer from lack of speakers, in fact we are supplying other states with them.

A very important national referendum will soon be submitted (Referendum C,) which is as follows: "That article 12, Sec. 6, be amended so as to read: The state committee shall pay to the national committee every month a sum equal to 2 cents for each member in good standing in their respective territories. Also that article 10, Sec. 6, (providing for a percentage of dues to be set aside for railroad fare of delegates to conventions and congresses) be amended by striking out ten and inserting twenty-five per cent. In short, if adopted, this amendment means that the national dues now being paid by the state organization will be reduced from five to two cents per member. In this state the three cents so gained would no doubt be transferred to the local or county organizations who can be depended upon to spend every cent they get for the real work of agitation and organization, instead of as is often the case nationally, being squandered for questionable purposes.

All of the eight amendments as proposed in state referendum A, were defeated in the referendum which closed Aug. 2, by majorities ranging from 30 to 200 votes. The smallest majority was on Sec. 1.

The heaviest vote ever cast on a national referendum in this state was recorded for National Referendum B. There were 604 votes its favor.

G. M. Bussel, Sulphur Bluff, reagainst the proposition and 130 in ports: "When I first began to distribute the Scout I had to persuade the people to read, but not so now. Now many of them ask me to be sure to see that they do not give out before I get to them. Already four or five have declared themselves Socialists and I have hardly begun to distribute."

M. A. Smith will fill dates as follows this month: Aug. 17-19, Birthright (Socialist picnic); 19-21, Mahoney S. H.; 22-23, Farmersville (R. 2); 24, Whitewright; 25-26, Gainesville encampment.

Lee L. Rhodes will speak as follows: Aug. 19 Whitewright at picnic; 20-21 Bonham; 22 Dodd City (R. 1.; 23 Lamasco; 24, Lannius; 25-26, Gainesville encampment.

Rev. Wm. Ward will speak at Brownwood, August 19 and 20; Noble at Voca Aug. 19; Rev. Reddin Andrews at Hamilton, Aug. 19. All will speak at Rochelle encampment Aug. 21, 22, 23.

New locals organized: Utopia, Uvalde county, Anna Johnson, Sec.; Branon, Lavaca county, Till Warburton, Sec.; Union Hill, Cass Co., J. B. Storie, Sec.; Liberty Hill S. H., Cooke Co., chartered by County Secretary Haggard, with C. B. Crabtree local secretary; Mexia, chartered by County Secretary Cayton; Alazan, Nacogdoches Co. organized by H. C. Covington with W. B. Johnson, Sec.; Elysian Fields, Harrison county, organized by J. C. Thompson with C. E. Lawless, Sec. Seven locals in six days is doing well.

Harris county comrades have formed what promies to be one of the best county organizations in the state with John W. Conner, of 3621 Willis St., Houston as county secretary. He is perhaps one of the most suitable men for the place that can be found and we feel sure that Harris county will be heard from with no uncertain sound. An effort is being made and will no doubt succeed to raise enough funds to allow the new county secretary to devote his entire time to party work. All that wish to help in that aim should communicate with Comrade Conner.

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Our Scouts.

Mrs. Edna Hollis, the alert scout in charge of Edgar box, DeWitt county, gets in her report rather late. However she has a very good excuse, as we understand that a new baby girl arrived at their home. The little scout has been named Eugenie Marxie, and the writer joins with a host of other scouts in bidding her welcome to this world and to our ranks.

W. H. Pritchard of Sedgwick orders a bundle of 100 August Scouts and 25 for 12 months. Twenty-five Scouts for one year cost only 70 cents; 50 for $1.25; 100 for $2.20 per year.

Finnie Shackles, one of the live Scouts at Blum, Hill county, reports: "When I went to work there were but two Socialists in my territory. Now I know of only three that are not Socialists."

Ella Weston is a new scout at Seadrift. By occupation she is a dressmaker, but decided to take the time to do the work as the male comrades were not doing the work as they should.

W. L. Mayfield, who scouts near Granbury, increases his bundle from 25 to 30 per month.

Dr. Chas. W. Watson, scout at Trent, reports for the month of July as follows: "280 handed out. Lots of poor people glad when the time emes for the Scout to come. Jackson Bright will assist me after this."

Chief J. J. Laws secures two more applications for Brown county: C. C. Cox and B. O. Musgrove, each in charge of 25.

S. A. Moore, captain of Brown county, is doing great work. He reports for July as follows: "Scouts in this county are doing finely; distributed about 1500 July Scouts, also several hundred pamplets and other literature, and about 20 Appeal and Rebel subs were taken."

Chief J. E. Langford writes: "Have enrolled two more scouts, J. B. Monroe and J. H. Stanford. Necessity precinct is now well covered."

WOODROW WILSON

The Western Newspaper Union of Houston inform us that we can have free of charge plate matter boosting Governor Woodrow Wilson. We respectfully decline the offer. Any man who presides over a university for 20 years, has the fake political economy of capitalism drummed into his student's heads, teaches the youth that the poor pitiful little initiative and referendum is a political heresy is obviously a fraud. He who was the bosom friend of Grover Cleveland for years. To make matters worse he is a member of the Democratic party. Nothing doing for the Governor.

A SOCIALIST'S MARCH

We have heard the sullen tramping of a hundred thousand feet,
We have marked the moneyed banners of our foes in full retreat.
We have followed where the fray was hot, and blessed that iron heat,
For we figh to make man free.

From the sun-embowered farm and muted forest they have come,
Like a flood of battered souls that froths between the lees and scum.
But now mutters through their swarms a dark, defiant surgent hum.
And we rouse to make Them free.

We shall see the shackles stricken from a million bleeding limbs
And that Cup filled with wine of life, which now with a gall o'erbrims,
And our crimson standard rolling o'er the shouts and prayers and hymns
Oof the best whom we make free.

Then, forever onward, comrades, till th eutmost goal is reached,
Till the tyrants' farthest fort is won, their final bastion breached
Till we establish that New Earth and Heaven the Hebrew prophet preached,
Till we make the last Thrall free.
—S A. Eliot, in Harvard Illustrated Magazine.

Note.—S. A. Eliot is a grandson of President Eliot, of Harvard.

In a speech recently delivered before congress by Uncle Joe Cannon in opposition to the admission of print paper into this country free of tariff duty, I find this indictment of capitalism: "The advertising bill of this country is placed at more than $500,000,000 a year. This is from the printing trade alone. Add to this the cost of electrical and mechanical advertising, and it is estimated that we are spending between $700,000,000 and $800,000,000 a year for advertising—to induce the people to purchase. So, my Democratic friends, advertising is one of the items in the high cost of living." Rather a frank admission, Uncle Joe; but under a capitalist system how are you going to dispense with this advertising, with its little bill of nearly a billion a year—about $40 for each family of five persons every year?

For the purpose of getting money to educate her daughter, Mrs. Minnie O'Herring of Chicago has sold the index finger of her right hand to Mrs. Reginald Waldorf of Philadelphia, who recently lost an index finger. Surgeons assured Mrs. Waldorf that a new finger from a living woman could be grafted on if one could be obtained, and no time was lost in advertising for the new finger. There was scores of responses, and finally it was found that the finger of Mrs. O'Harring was an exact duplicate. Now, what I want to say is that under Socialism, which is coming, no mother will need to have her finger cut off in order that her child may be educated. Things like that happen under government as administered by the Democratic and Republican parties.

All the creaures of the earth enjoy freedom of the soil—except man. When it comes to natural rights, the land renter is below any of the four-footed beasts or creeping things that God made. Government under Democrats and Republicans has put him there. Socialism comes to him and offers to lead him up to man's estate but he will have none of it. Comes to its own, but its own receives it not.

Renew your subscription to The Rebel at least two weeks before time is up if you don't want to miss an issue.

Rebelettes.

By Gosh.

You ask in apparent sincerity why the Socialists will not take half a loaf. The Socialist knows that the robbery of the whole loaf is taking place every day and he proposes to stop the robbery. It is not a question of half a loaf. The question is that the works retain that which is his: the full product of his toil. Nothing more nor less will satisfy him. Is this irrational? Is this surliness? Is it unreasonable for a person to have that which he created.

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Every woman who has a good husband should bring tokens of love to his mother.

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Now that the battle has been fought and won by the antis, you may prepare yourself to hear charges of robbery, displeasure at the outcome and threats of a continuance of the fight at the polls to oust the saloon. Those ardent supporters of prohibition refuse to see that the misery attributed to the saloon is misplaced. The abolition of the saloon would have about as much material effect on the worker as trimming the nails of a consumptive would cure him of tuberculosis.

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Lighten the struggle for existence: place food, clothing and shelter within the reach of every man, woman and child if you want to see the morality of mankind scoot to the century mark on the thermometer of life.

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The feeble attempt on the part of the sawmill workers of East Texas to organize a union along industrial lines has thrown all the millowners into a panic of fear. They are calling loudly to public opinion for help. They have enlisted the railways and the columns of the press—all because two or three thousand workers have sought to organize a union along industrial lines. True the organization planned is but a shadow of true industrialism, but even this is sufficient to scare these plundering lumber thieves half to death. A union organized along the lines of nation wide industrialism would finish them completely. Is not this a sufficient hint?

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A movement is gaining strength among the workers in the printing industry of the United States that will result in an industrial union sure as you're a foot high. Speed the day.

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Ball accusing Wolters of corruption of the ballot. Ye gods! Du Barry accusing Pompadour of unchastity!

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The position of the paragrapher or "funny man" on the average capitalist paper is relatively that of the court jester of feudalism. He seeks to cajole the worker and amuse his master. Fie upon you, men of mirth! Shame upon you, to thus prostitute genius to such a purpose!

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Britain has surfeited of its coronation festivities. Its people, maggot-like, fairly wallowed in the filth and ooze of capitalist exploitation of the workers.

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The antis, are devotees of the cash register; the pros, true to the sentimental gush of middleclass hyprocrisy. Neither knowing that the crusade against the saloon has for its base the fact that the saloon is becoming a drain upon the economic forces of society, and society, true to its historic nature, throws ahead of the disappearance of this waste the gleam of a great moral crusade. Vide: Cannibalism, savagery, feudalism, chattel slavery.

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The Houston Post might go pro; it might go anti-Bailey; it might cease publication; R. M. might resign from the National Democratic Executive Committee—BUT it would not print that Jesuit article that The Rebel ran last month—no, not for all the wealth of Indus and of Or!

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So long as the minds of men unfold it will be impossible for the minds of men to cencéive constitutions that posterity will continue to hold in awe.

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The chief work of the average politician is to convince the worker that he needs the politician. The chief work of the worker is to convince himself that he doesn't.

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

Mesquite, Texas, Aug. 6, 1911.

Dear Rebel: I have been reading your paper for a month and oh, how thirst for its coming every week! I was raised a Democrat and have voted a straight ticket ever since I was old enough and if ever I voted for a man in that party that has told me the truth, it has left my mind. But heaven being my helper, I shall never vote it again. Would to God that every man in the world could see as I see it now that Socialism is the only redemption for us. Am so poor that I have to place to make a shadow, but I will give every thing I have to see every man get all he makes and see the capitalists crushed. Let them work by my side only twelve months and I would give them hell. You can count on me to do all I can for the cause of the Socialist party.

Yours to fight the battle,
E. C. Murphy.

[God bless the Irish. They won't stand oppression long.—Ed.]

The express companies own nothing that is so valuable as their exclusive contracts with the railroad companies, by which they maintain a monopolistic schedule of rates. One of the parcels post bills before congress provides that the government shall buy these contracts or franchises of the express companies, and the price, according to the Saturday Evening Post, would be not less than a hundred million dollars. On this point the Post asks: "Is the government under any moral obligation to pay such amount to the express companies as a bonus before it enters into competition with them through the postoffice department?" Well, now, this question of moral obligation on the part of the government or the people toward the "companies" is a question you'd better leave alone, if you don't want to get into a place where you can't back out.

One after another the magnates are falling in line for government control of the giant interests through permanent commissions. Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, is among the latest. He goes so far as to favor a commission elected by the people and that's going some. But the magnates know that they can control the commissions, whether elected or appointed; and they figure that, as something has to be done, the profits they would have left under private ownership of the industries, after deducting the expense of controlling the commissions, would beat working for a living, ten to one.

The maximum speed limit for automobiles and motor vehicles on any public road, street or driveway in Texas, by an act of the legislature approved April 15, 1907, is eighteen miles an hour. Within the built-up portion of any incorporated city or town it is eight miles an hour, unless a greater speed is allowed by special city ordinance. To knowingly exceed these limits is to be an anarchist. For an officer to knowingly suffer these speed limits to be exceeded is to invite the recall—if we had the recall.

Capitalist politics give you a pound of promise and an ounce of performance.

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It is better to have ignorant pupils than ignorant teachers. Ignorant pupils are bad, but ignorant teachers are badder.

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Capitalist socieety enslaves a woman and then demands that she become the mother of freemen.

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Does crime pay? Ask the sheriff of a "prosperous" county.

TO THE MEMBERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

For years and years you have maintained your craft unions at great expnse. For years and years you have worked at your trade, paid your dues into the union and kept up the fight against—what?

Does it not seem strange that you should be compelled to organize to fight the very man or men you have been taught to believe have the same interest as you have in the plant?

Have you not often heard the phrase: "The interests of capital and labor are identical."?

This being so, why do you organize it on craft unions?

The reason you organize and the results of that organization are two vastly different things.

Regardless of the "identity of interests" gag you are organized to fight your employer (master.)

And what has become of your organization?

It has been officered by men who have turned the fighting ability of your unions against you. How?

By these officers forever preaching "Peace, Peace! Our interests are identical!"

Once and forever let it be understood that your interests and those of your master are not and never can be identical except that identity which exists between the lion and the lamb after the lion has eaten the lamb.

The reason and the only reason you hold a job is because the master robs you of your surplus labor power; robs you of the wealth you create over and above what it takes to feed, clothe and shelter you, your wife and children, or those who may be dependent upon you. If you received the full product of your toil you would not have to look to a master for employment.

You would own your own job. How?

Read and study the literature of your class. Then you will understand and know what to do without being told.

THE PRICE.

By Irwin Tucker.

As she dreams on the play with a tender face
My lady is wondrous fair,
'Mid the billowy grace of her foamlike lace
And the diamonds that glitter in her hair.

(They were bought by her sire with the half paid hire
Of the girls he had starved into shame;
That gossamer, spun like a web in the sun,
From the loom of the lost souls came.)

A placid prayer My Lady tells
As she bends in the pew's dark hold;
And the Cross that dwells where her white breast swells
Gleams soft with its rubies and its gold.

(They burn rich red with the cheap blood shed
On the teeth of a flawed machine;
Where the tired girls stand with their death in their hand,
And with never a guard between.)

Like a perfect flower my Lady grows,
Bowered well from the storm and the cold;
Her sweet soul glows like a priceless rose,
Whose petals fragrant honeydew infold.

(But the honey she sips with contented lips
Drained many a poor cup dry;
And the rich mold-heap, where her roots strike deep,
Is the hell where her stricken sisters die.
—Daily Socialist.

The Milwaukee legislature is controlled by the old parties, but the Socialist members, since adjournment, are proud of their record in pushing some good measures through in the interest of labor.

Our Rebs.

I just got back to the desk and was like my friend teeth-a-dore, dee-lighted to see that in my short absence the Rebs had broken all records up to date. It surely does look like 30,000 by Jan. 1 and then with all hands stripped for action we will go sailing into the 1912 campaign with such energy that when the votes are counted the Southland will have taken its place with the other sections of the nation in its march to the Socialiste Republic. Subs come in this week from as far north as Montana and as far South as Louisiana. The chief Rebel this week was W. S. Noble with 25, Reddin Andrews with 11 and then the rebs urged us with clubs of 8 till the office boy threatens to strike it he has to open any more

A. A. Anderson, Meridian, Miss., sends 4 including state Sec. of old Miss.

Ed Guylenband, Tivoli, Texas, sends four.

W. L Thurman, Coalgate, Okla., sends club. He is the old debating war horse.

P. M. Rabb, Elgin: "I went to church today and took four."

From the New Mexico border comes four via G. E. Wilson.

Frank Nolms of Stevens Co. sends six, says crops burned up and people discouraged.

H. P. Vest, Marlow, Okla., sends 8 from the land where The Rebels grow.

W. Blake, Poteet, sends 9 and says yours till Gulf freezes over and then some.

J. L. Hicks, Abilene, fires 8 with a smile.

J. M. Green, Belcherville, sends in big list for samples. Green was former secretary of Cotton Growers Union.

S. B. Kyle, Soldiers' Home, Cal., fought one war and now goes up with the old confederates for another peaceful one. He sends 8 Rebels.

C. M. Flinn, Box 65, Batesville, Ark., Believes in the intellectual dynamite and orders great quantities of it. Her him: "Can I get 600 copies of No. five to go to 24 working Socialists in bundles of 25 copies each to 24 different P. O. address?" That Rebel Flinn is surely shelling the woods.

Jno. Connor, Houson, orders 7 to start on the right road.

Ed Green, Rockdale, Milan Co., has broken all records in previous weeks This week he lets up slightly and sends twelve towards the 400 subs needed to secure a county column. Ed Gren and the comrades of Milan will be running their column soon.

W. B. Starr of Eastland, Texas, sends 7 with best wishes and promises more quickly.

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And thus they come in an ever increasing stream. It is a hopeful sign of the times. People are inquiring as never before and subs are easy to get. We put on over three hundred this week. Next week will be better just as The Rebel will be better. The Socialist party is growing as never before. Things look brighter. Everybody get busy and the good old Sunny South will awaken to form a new battle line, one for righteousness to be achieved through a genuine democracy.

If a man can be rich, as the world counts riches, without being an unjust burden upon others who are more worthy, then Jesus ought to have said, "A rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven."

If labor must serve the lords of th eearth six days, and then serve th Lord of heaven one day, where does Labor Day come in? I caught that while rading "Public Ownership," of Baltimore, Md.

The average charge by the railroads for handling a ton of freight has been found to be $1.08. The average charge by express companies for handling a ton of matter is $30.80.

A GREAT PAMPHLET.

The Rebel has received a splendid pamphlet on industrial unionism this week from the press of C. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. The authors, W. D. Haywood and Frank Bohn are masters of their subject. Big Bill Haywood in particular has learned the subject in the shadow of the gallows and at the point of a gun. The chapters on industrial slavery, industrial progress and industrial freedom are extremely good. The one weak spot in the pamphlet is under the head of an otherwise excellently written chapter on industrial organization. The flaw lies in this sentence on page 45:

"One union of all workers in one industry, all industries in one union."

Standing alone, by itself the sentence is all right and no Socialist could for a moment quarrel with the authors of it, but the mistake our good comrades Bohn and Haywood make lies in this, that they then go on to beautifully generalize on what industrialism can do for the workers, without telling their readers what the form of organization shall be that will produce the ideal situation of all industries in one union. If the authors mean that each industry shall have absolute autonomy over its respective internal affairs and that no other industry, either through national executive boards, papers, organizers, dues or otherwise can step in and interfere with the workings of that industry and thus leave the industry power to autonomously develop to the point where it can orderly join hands with other industries in the great crises that are coming, then the Rebel will strike hands with Haywood and Bohn and will be found along with them in the front rank on the firing line.

If on the other hand an attempt should be made to have ALL industries in one union with a general executive board on top, as with the Knights of Labor, the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliances, and the more recent I. W. W., then nothing but disaster to the workers can ensue in the future, just precisely as occurred in the past. It would appear indeed that it was time the atmosphere was clarified on this most important propostion. The rabble rout of freaks that swarm around a centralized organization, tese pseaudo scholars and hair-brained visionaries, who have never had any legitimate contact with the economic wing of the labor movement must be relegated to the rear. The workers who with brain and brawn live the class struggle must autonomously develop their organization in the light of the practical experience gained in the fight.

An industrial organization based on any other lines is the wildest rainbow chasing and that enables the Gompers and O'Connells to sneer at the makers of "the 12 signs of the Zodiac."

The Rebel looks for an immense circulation for this pamphlet. We believe now that the importance of this matter has been brought to the attention of the authors that in future editions they will still further strengthen an otherwise excellent work by taking a decisive stand on the question of industrial autonomy.

Industrial Socialism, 64 pages, 10c. C. H. Kerr Company, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Rankin is boosting Tom Ball for governor. Won't somebody put up some extra fire escapes around the capitol and increase the fire department in Austin. This kerosene bunch will flood the capitol with Holy John's oil before they get through.

The Rose Door
The Story of a
House of Prostitution
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CHARLES H. KERR & CO., [illegible] CHICAGO

HICKS' PAGE

Edited by J. L. HICKS,

ABILENE, TEXAS.

HAVE YOU VOTED.

Have you sent in to the Rebel office your vote on the proposed constitutional amendment for the limiting of land ownership? When I wrote up that form of amendment my object was merely to offer a suggestion that might put people to thinking, but since we have it started, there is no reason why it should not be pushed upon the legislature in a manner that would force the solons to get squarely on one side or the other of the question of land monopoly. If you have not sent your vote to The Rebel office, send it in at once. And if you have not the copy of The Rebel containing the form, simply write on a piece of paper,

FOR LIMITED OWNERSHIP.

AGAINST LIMITED OWNERSHIP.

and scratch the one you don't want, leaving the one you want unscratched. By this move we can force the awful injustice, iniquity, inequality and inhumanity of land monopoly upon the conscience of the entire country, and set everybody to discussing it.

Vote, vote now, and get your neighbors to vote, and send your votes to The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

The best equipped printing office in the world is the government printing office at Washington. And just think! this printing office belongs to everybody in the United States, and what's everybody's business is nobody's business! How does it happen that this government printing office, being public property and without competition, has become the best office in the world, when there are private printing plants capitalized at many hundreds of thousands of dollars, under the the fiercest competition, that have not attained such perfection? Will the man who says Socialism will will kill incentive please explain it?

A news item from Marshall, Texas, says: "All the employees of the Pacific Express Company here have made new applications for positions with the Wells-Fargo the same as if they had never been at work for the old company." Now, suppose the new employer were the Co-operative Commonwealth instead of the Wells-Fargo Company, would not this transfer be just as easy, as frictionless, as little attended with convulsions, catastrophes, cataclysms, paroxisms and pandemonium, so far as the workers are concerned? And who but the workers amount to anything?

"Dancing on Sunday is a heinous offense against society, but street cars, where men and women are indecently crowded together, are the pride of the city, as indicative of a hustling, bustling, busy, enterprising population."—Public Ownership, Baltimore, Md.

Allan Benson, in Pearson's Magazine, wants an answer to this: "When the people are considered worthy to elect men for judges, knowing little or nothing about them, why should they not have the power to recall these same men when they DO know something about them?"

Did you ever hear a rich old guy who started on the farm in early life with nothing, boast about hom he made all he's got by his own hard work? Ask him next time if he ever hired anybody or rented land or a building to anybody or loaned money or other things of value to anybody at interest. If he's rich, you can floor him with those questions.

SOCIALIST INK.

When the writer fo the heavy editorials in the Dallas News wrote the following, he, consciously or unconsciously, dipped his pen in Socialist ink:

"The producer gets little for his offerings and the consumer pays much. Whether any of those who form the connecting link between them levies an extortionate tribute for his service we do not know. But even if none of them does, even if all of them can demonstrate that they are only fairly rewarded for the respective services they perform, the fact remains that there is some superfluous service performed. The system of marketing is, in a word, wasteful, and it is a waste to which not only the producer but the consumer contributes."

Yes, friend News, the capitalist system of distributing the world's necessaries come high, but—we won't have to have it much longer.

Indications now point to a big cotton crop and a slumping and tumbling of prices. Under the capitalist system the farmers can't build up prosperity for others except by digging their own graves. Same way with each class of producers in the whole field of production. Under a co-operative commonwealth, under a thoroughly socialized system of production and distribution, an enormous yield of cotton would be a benefit and a blessing to those who work in the cotton industry, the same as everybody else.

Why should not the veterans of sixty years and over, who have fought to save this nation with hoes, plows, axes, hammers and saws, spindles and looms, sewing machines cook stoves and wash tubs, and other weapons and implements in the war of industry —why should they not have pensions the same as the veterans who fought with rifles, swords, bayonets and othehr weapons of fratricidal war? Our Socialist congressman, Victor L. Berger, is pushing that question upon the attention of all America, through his old-age pension bill, recently introduced.

"The brains and the actual operators of this crime are in custody. I will state positively that we were after the men who did the job, and we have got them right here under arrest." That is the first remark of Detective Burns on the McNamara case on his arrival in Los Angeles recently. Will our "very best people," who have been scolding the Socialists and union labor element for seeking to acquit the McNamaras before trial, now scold Mr. Burns for thus seeking to conviet them before trial. No, our "very best people" won't do anything of the kind. Why? Because, to tell the truth, they lack a great deal of being our very best people.

Pasadena, Calif., is a city of 40,000 popualtion. It contains more wealthy people than any city of its size in the world. During July, 1911, there were 48 babies born in Pasadena. Health authorities there say that 2,000 babies per month would be a small enough allowance. Socialism alone can save Pasadena.

In a section of country that has no industry except farming, every man ought to be farming or doing something that will contribute to the good of the famring interest. But is it that way?

OLD BREWER BUSCH.

"Adolphus Busch, the old alien brewer, who has fattened for more than a quarter of a century off the women and children of Texas, and grown immensely rich at their expense seems to have settled down in the belief that he owns Texas."—Home and State.

As to his being an alien, many of our "very best people" are of alien descent and do not live in Texas. And as to his fattening off the women and children of Texas, so have hundreds of rentlords' railroad officials, owners of saw mills and oil fields, and stocks of merchandise other than liquor. Yes, Busch has grown immensely rich, but there is a grocery firm in Abilene, and a hardware and implement firm, and a cotton oil firm, and perhaps other firms, ony one of which could buy all the booze that the "old alien brewer" ever sent to Abilene from first to last, and have money enough left to buy all the votes in Taylor county that are for sale. And mind you, 53 per cent of the wealth of these firms was made by the labor of women and children in the cotton fields, as ascertained by actual reports furnished by Taylor county farmers themselves. I heartily agree with Home and State that Brewer Busch has no moral right to the means by which he "fattens off the women and children of Texas." Socialists to a man are in favor of closing the opportunity by which he is thus fattening. Those Socialists who are not in favor of closing such opportunity by direct prohibition are in favor of closing it by society taking over the entire liquor making and distributing business and keeping for itself what good there may be in it, instead of letting the "old alien brewer" get it.

Now, Brother Rankin, are you in favor of cutting off the opportunities by which rentlords and other lords of wealth are "fattening and growing immensely rich" off the women and children of Texas? If not, then how can you expect us to believe you are sincere in your protest against the fattening of Adolphus Busch at the expense of the women and children of Texas?

A SOCIETY MAN.

Why should not society as a whole be self-owning and self-governing?

Suppose a man should act as society acts. He would wear on one foot the most delightfully soft and comfortable shoe that could be made, while the other foot would be bare and forver sore and bleeding from contact with rocks and sticks and thorns.

One hand would be covered with a velvet glove and would hang idly by his side or rest in his pocket, while the other, uncovered, would be brown and scarred and calloused from grasping and wielding the implements of industry in order to prolong his life.

What would you think of a man who would treat himself that way?

But society treats itself much worse—so much worse that the above is merely a suggestion.

If you, as an individual member of society, were the foot within the soft shoe or the hand within the velvet glove, you would have no complaint to make against society, would you?

Neither has Rockefeller, Carnegie, Morgan or any of their class.

Are you one of their class? Which foot, which hand, do you represent? And how much longer are you going to keep things in fix by voting the tickets of the old parties that have gotten things in this fix?

Nominee of the Troglodytes, William Humbug Taft. Ditto of the Cave Dwellers, Woodenheaded Wilson.

HOW THINGS ARE DOWN ON THE FARM.

Dear Comrade Hicks:

At the time you first made your call for a statement of reasons why anti-Socialist farmers object to Socialism I thought I would write and give you a few of my experiences but kept putting it off. It was with much interest that I read the replies you published in The Rebel.

I will say that in my personal work I have met almost every one of those silly and freakish objections. There are numbers of people who still put forward those timeworn and time-dishonored excuses for not being Socialists, but I do not believe any large percentage of the people are influenced by them, and I think that all the time, space and effort usd in answering them are wasted, with the exception of an occasional biting paragraph or witty remark when something happens to justify it.

The thing that has got to be done to reach the mass of the farmers is to wake them up. They are asleep. They are simply not interested in politics. They have got to make a living, and this takes all of their time. These men—most of them—do not read enough to have a clear vision of anything except what they come in daily contact with; therefore, whn you get higher in politics than the election of a sheriff they lose interest. I have heard dozens of them say that in voting in the Democratic primary they scratched everything off the ticket above county officers, and I have heard more say that national politics did not make any difference to them; that they saw no difference between the Democrats and the Republicans, and did not see how anyone else could change things. Can they be blamed, since they have been fooled so often? You cannot reach these men with theory, no matter how beautiful or how logical it may be, and you cannot alarm them or stir them up with stories of graft and corruption, no matter how stupendous or how brazen. You have got to get down to things that come into their daily lives and give them facts about crop mortgages, rent bonuses, courthouse rings, promissory notes and the cost of producing cotton, and the retail profit on dry goods and groceries.

These men are thinkers. I know we Socialists sometimes charge them with not thinking, but I tell you the Texas farmer is a thinker. But he is forced to think of making a living for the present—of finding food and shelter for his family now, and educating his children. When Frank P. Holland called a convention to consider the establishment of social centers in rural districts, one boy wrote and told of conditions on the farm. He said that he could not read at nights, as they had to save their coal oil. Now, I am in a position to know that this is nothing rare. Farmers and their wives spend their waking hours thinking about how to save on oil, and even smaller things, and how to make over old things and cut down expenses in every imaginable way.

Now, what's the use talking surplus value, or reciprocity, or currency reform, or even the glories of the Co-operative Commonwealth or the religious beauty of Socialism, to the man that must study economy in matches and soap and old plows and hog feed?

This religious objection does hurt, and hurts bad; and the fellow that turns the soap box into a pulpit for the purpose of preaching freak religious doctrines, is just as dangerous as the one that makes it a platform for the expounding of atheism. The agnostic has no right to theSocialist movement as a channel for his propaganda; neither has the Christian, or the Spiritualist, or any other "ist".

I have written at greater length than I intended, but hope you may use it on your page. By the way, let me say that "Hicks' Page" in The Rebel is a power in the propaganda work.

Yours for the Revolution,

Nat L. Hardy.

Loraine, Texas.

OTHER PAPERS.

Lovelicks and Lectures, Candy and Caustic, Roses and Rawhide.

The Free Press, of New Castle, Pa., under the heading, "Texas Has Some Sense," comments on the action of the state supreme court in sustaining the principle of the initiative referendum and recall.

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The Coming Nation, of Girard, Kansas, hands out from its felicitious editorial pages this rare bit: "The nerve of the man that will talk about the identity of interest between the employer and the employed is hard enough to crack nuts on."

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The Houston Labor Journal says that "the ground is the original source of wealth." Then why on earth does not the Labor Journal support the only political movement on earth that offers to every person on earth free access to this "original source of wealth?"

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Welch's Weekly of Wichita, Kan., says: "Senator Sutherland of Utah is an aristocrat. He frankly advocates the theory of superior brains. He believes some men are fit to rule, and that the rest ought to be governed for their own good."

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The New Times, of Minneapolis, says that "government reports show that the high cost of living i sstill going higher." Too bad! And what makes it worse down this way, the high price of cotton at this writing is going lower mighty fast. "Vote 'er straight!"

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The Dallas Laborer says that "when there is praise of government activities by capitalist papers, one ought not to be misled." That's a wise hint. When your old-party paper begins to say that the city ought to own this or that public utility, you may easily find a chip with a whole nest of bugs under it.

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The Farm Co-operator, of Fort Worth, says: "No man can succeed by being simply a machine capable of performing so much labor." Well, he must either BE a machine or OWN a machine. So in order that each man may succeed, each man must own a cotton mill, a flour mill, a saw mill, a shoe factory, and all other machinery necessary to make what he needs. He must either own this machinery, or else work for those who do own it and receive wages. And in the latter case he is simply a part of the machinery. The only way for everybody to succeed, Cap'n, is for everybody to own the machinery.

Germany expelled a French Socialist for making speeches against war. "This matters little," says St. Louis Labor, "because there are still nearly four million Socialists whom the kaiser is bound to tolerate, whether he likes it or not."

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The California Social-Democrat of Los Angeles, prints the following, which is good for your scrap book: "The United States now has three-quarters of a million Socialist voters. In 1887 the Socialist vote in the United States was 2,000; in 1892 it was 21,000; in 1897 it was 55,000; in 1902 it was 223,494; in 1904 it was 409,230; in 1908 it was 424,483; in in 1910 it was 604,756; in 1911 it was probably greater than 750,000. In 1912 it should go over 1,000,000.

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In the Pioneer Exponent, of Comanche, Tex., Judge Russell says: "We do not know whether McNamara is guilty of dynamiting the Times office in Los Angeles or not; neither do the men who are trying to screen him from the penalty of the law; and we should all have confidence enough in our courts to leave the administration of the law in their hands. To do otherwise is to invite and countenance anarchy, with all its catalog of crimes." But, Judge, looky here: while there are men trying to screen McNamara, there are others trying to fasten conviction upon him in advance of the courts. And you, Judge—you censure and criticise only those who are trying to screen him. Now, just why is this?

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Farm and Ranch quotes Harry F. Kohr, in Technical World Magazine, as follows: "We must take the tenant by the neck, if necessary and force into him a little knowledge of, real farming. We must assure him long tenancy conditioned, of course, on good behavior. We must teach him soil conservation to maintain the productivity of his (his) land; we must teach him seed selection to increase his yield; we must teach him diversified farming to lessen the chance of loss; we must teach him the value of good roads and we must pump into him a sense of pride in appearance and achievement, and top it off by inculcating a little public spirit." Teach him all things except that every bale of cotton he pays for the use of land is a bale of cotton of which he and his family are legally robbed. Don't ever let him find that out!

The American Photo-Engraver says that "the business man must choose between the evolutionary trade union and Socialism." I am not sure that it is altogether a matter of choice with the business man. He may have to take what's coming, along with the rest of us.

The Minneapolis New Times says: "On one of Chicago's greatest capitalist newspaprs most of the editors and reporters are Socialists. If these men could write what they really think, they would make the Appeal to Reason look like a Sunday school sheet. But these men have wives and children. These men are slaves."

Same up north. The New Times, of Minneapolis, Minn., says: "A recent agricultural paper advises the farmer to beware of allowing the banker too much privilege in handling his crops this poor season, lest the banker come out prosperous and the farmer without the farm. What nonsense to give a farmer! Has not the country bank the upper hand of loaning business? Can the farmer do anythinng but play the banker's own game, dull season or not? The farmer, to escape the dangers threatening him, must be a Socialist; he must know what Socialism is, and how it will save him. He cannot save himself alone."

Are you getting wealth without paying for it? Then I couldn't ask you to be a Socialist. You've got a better thing than Socialism offers you. But maybe you are paying for wealth without getting it. In that case I beg you to become a Socialist, for Socialism offers you something better.