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THE REBELS ARE PROHIBITIONISTS.

We want to prohibit child labor and save the girl. We want to prohibit child labor and save the boy. We want to prohibit girls from being forced to work for a pittance in department stores and save the young women of our country. We want to prohibit profit with all its attending robbery. We want to prohibit a 13c profit on a 15c drink. We want to prohibit capitalism. How about it Messrs. Ball and Rankin? Are you with us?

Five Minute Sermon.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.—Matthew 7:12.

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If all the nations were to suddenly become Pagan today. If all the bibles were to be placed on the roads and squares and a bonfire made of them; and after they had gone up in smoke, this text from Matthew was found in the charred remains of one book left out of millions, humanity would have in that one verse the basis for a world's philosophy. To the thinking man nothing is stranger than the fact that this verse, known as the golden rule—the basis of all Christianity—is the one verse that is continually trampled on by professing Christians of America; millions in number, every minute of every hour of every day of every year.

That statement is so strong, so vilely slanderous and full of menace if false, that it is my solemn duty to prove it, to the end that the reason be found for the destruction of the golden rule, the slaughtering of the rule laid down by the Christ.

The reason is as follows:

The economic system under which the people live is based on man made laws that are utterly destructive of the golden rule, for instance: the underlying fundamental economic law of this system under which we live is taught in every university of the earth. It is: "You must buy in the cheapest markets and sell in the dearest." That there may be no doubt of that statement a postal card sent to any college professor will be sufficient to verify it.

The second law is: That under this competitive system labor is a commodity. To illustrate: You never read about a broker's market, a lawyer's market or a minister's market or a banker's market, but you do read daily about a copper market, a coal market, a chicken market and a labor market. So we see that labor, which is stored up in the man is bought and sold as a commodity just like copper, pork or any other commodity, according to the law of supply and demand. The capitalist under this system seeks to buy labor as cheaply as possible; regardless of whether he sits in the front pew, builds the church, pays the pastors salary, sings the Doxology, visits the sick and buries the dead; because he is competing with his brother capitalist he must buy as cheaply as possible this commodity, labor power. Now if his competitor hires poor women to run his machines or till his land he must do the same. If he works up cotton in a mill his competitor robs the cradle and hires little girls, he must do likewise. So thus we see it is not a question of good or bad men, it is a question of perverse economic laws operating under a greedy, cruel un-Christlike economic system. It is not that the heart of man is bad; it is that the brain of the poor man is dulled to that extent that he is a commodity and knows no more about it than a chimpanzee in an African jungle. Hence he votes the old party tickets that stand for this system whose fundamental economic laws strike down the teachings of the Christ.

So now by going down to the bottom facts of this system we can see as plain as the shining sun that the golden rule is not lived up to, yes it cannot be lived up to while the capitalist system, based on rent, interest and profit lasts.

And thus, my brethren, we see the golden rule destroyed and the rule of gold established. We see the land and money sharks go up to the preacher on a Sunday morning after preaching is over and with a smug sanctimonious face say, "Oh yes, pastor that was a beautiful sermon on the golden rule. It is indeed the basis of our church. We must do unto others that which we would have others do unto us." Then, oh Brethren, watch these hypocrites on Monday morning when they say: "Do others or they will do you. Do or be done; skin or be skun; do the other fellow and do him first". What a generation of vipers they are; and who can doubt, but that if Christ returned today he would lash these money changers out of the temples as he did in olden time and would say: "This system is wrong. It must be destroyed and the Socialists, who are struggling to do so are the salt of the earth. Of such as they is the kingdom of Heaven."

WOODROW WILSON, STANLEY JEVONS, CHARLES W. ELLIOT.

The names that head this article rank highest amongst the educators of the English speaking world.

Prof. Wilson has for twenty years presided over the destinies of Princeton university.

Professor Stanley Jevons taught the youth of England who repaired to Oxford for learning the mysteries of classical political economy. For years he was the dean of that famous faculty.

Chas. W. Elliot presided for a generation over the affairs of Harvard, the alma mater of more distinguished men than any other university in the nation.

In his recent transcontinental speaking tour taken for the purpose of boosting himself for the presidency, Professor Wilson said: "For twenty years I have taught the students of Princeton that the initiative and referendum was a political heresy. It was not until I went out amongst the people that I realized the error of my teachings."

With the president of Princeton convicted as an ignoramus out of his own mouth The Rebel would ask.

"What kind of instruction does Princeton give the youth within cloistered walls?"

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When the world-wide panic of 1893 swept with devastating force over the nations, Professor Jevons facing the Oxford students in the "Polit" class said: "Whenever the sun spots become particularly prominent on the sun we always have a panic." Supporting this negro preacher theory of economics he went on to say: "The presence of spots on the sun interferes with the radiation of solar heat and thereby causes a drought in the Argentine republic; this drought causes the loss of millions of bushels of wheat to the world's market. This wheat is the lubricant that oils the wheels of commerce. Hence it follows that the sun spots causes panics."

Now in 1907 there were no spots on the sun and the panic was here just the same. It was due to the fact that owing to the operation of the law of surplus value the workers received but a small portion of their product, hence could not buy back their product, with the result that markets glutted and the panic was on. Accordingly The Rebel would ask:

What kind of instruction does Oxford give the youth within its cloistered walls?

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Charles W. Elliot, now president emeritus of Harvard, looked out from his lofty seat at the workers battling for a living wage for a higher standard of living, a standard that would give to their children the blessings of an education, something that was denied to them while their fathers were in an unorganized condition. Animated by corrupt intelligence or inconceivably stupid ignorance he looked on the drunken degenerates whom the masters hired and acclaimed them saying: "The scab is a hero." Afterwards he visited Milwaukee and after looking over the achievements of a Socialist administration he expressed a fervent wish that the Socialists would not try to "divide up."

Whereupon The Rebel desires to ask: What kind of instruction does Harvard give the youth within its cloistered walls?

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And then we would ask the same question of Yale, of Brown, of Andover, of Texas and so on until we search all the buildings that surround all the campuses of the nation.

The answer is ready: The education that the youth of America received in the universities does not flow from the well springs of scientific truth, but is contaminated by the oil, sugar, meat, leather and other capitalist endowments that a vulgar plutocracy bestows on the universities, where the generous youth is taught.

In the meantime The Rebel rejoices in the growth of the Socialist Intercollegiate Society and welcomes the day when the students will by a process of self education helped on by Socialist scientists drive the reactionary faculties into preaching the living truth.

Light Is Breaking.

CARDINAL GIBBONS WRITES THE REBEL.

In The Rebel of July 8 we published under a double column head a front page story of the Jesuits oath. As we explained our purpose was to head off an oncoming religious war. We took the position that ALL religious rows hurt to its very heart-strings the movement of the working class for freedom. To array workers against workers in religious controversies is now and always has been a collossal crime. Hence we joined the issue, published the oath threw our columns open to both sides and said:

"If the Menace has criminally libelled the Jesuit order there is a nice cool prison cell awaiting him and on the other hand if the editor of the Menace has told the truth then the Jesuits may prepare to pack up and leave the United States. And let me assure all our protestant friends that the Catholic men of the United States will be the first to assist in their departure."

We then sent the Rebel to The Menace, to Cardinal Gibbons, the head of the Catholic church in the United States and to the general of the Jesuit order at Baltimore. Cardinal Gibbons through his private secretary, L. O'Donovan, takes up the Menace challenge and denies that any such oath exists, brands it as a "fake", calls it a "calumny" and threatens that "some one will have to suffer."

It is now up to the Menace. Our columns are open. Free field for both sides and no favor. We want the light turned on and then with a square deal to both sides the truth will come out and the guilty punished.

All this means that the working class will not be split up into warring camps and then with clear minds we can turn our attention to the great problem of all, which is the industrial emancipation of the working class through the democratization of indurtsy.

Next week we expect to print the reply of the Menace to Cardinal Gibbons.

The Rebel feels proud of its work as this is the first time in America that the Prince of the Catholic church has broken silence on this stupendous question. Big developments may be expected to follow this new attitude of the Cardinal.

The correspondence between the editor of The Rebel and the Cardinal follows:

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Hallettsville, Texas, July 8, 1911.

To the Very Rev. Cardinal Gibbons,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:—A paper published in Aurora, Mo., is publishing and editorially commenting on an oath that they affirm is taken by a Jesuit when he is accepted in the order. The oath is such a vile production that I refuse to believe it is genuine. As you are the highest authority in the Catholic church of America I write you to ask for the genuine oath and then I shall publish it and thus have peace when war is promised. Already the oath has been published in the New York Daily Call and thousands of copies of it have been published in pamphlet form in Texas. I will be glad if you can attend to this matter at once because as good citizens we should keep down religious strife wherever possible.

I enclose a copy of my paper containing the oath and my comment on same.

Respectfully yours,
T. A. Hickey,
Editor The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

Cardinal's Residence Secretary's Office 408 N. Charles Street Baltimore, Md.	(Postmarked) Baltimore July 18, 6 p. m., 1911.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Cathedral, Balto. July 18

Mr. T. A. Hickey,

Dear Sir:—Since 1862 the Cardinal has seen this old "fake" oath printed again and again till he is tired of saying that it is a calumny that some one will have to suffer for when final justice is dealt.

Respectfully,
L. O'Donovan,
Secty.

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Controlled by Intellectual Harlots.

Long before the days when Charles Dickens wrote up the Daily Sewer, intelligent Americans have known that the biggest fake in the nation was the Daily news(?)paper. That their space is on sale to the highest bidder is true with scarcely an exception, That real news is suppressed, the truth distorted, unwelcome facts twisted, colored and killed is the regular order of business. This statement so fits in with our daily experience as to scarce need argument. However, I will cite two facts on a gigantic scale that will suffice.

First: For 25 years the bloody beast Diaz has been extolled to the skies by ALL the dailies in the land. He was the "father of his country"; "Mexico's savior"; "the empire builder"; "the grand old man," etc. etc., ad nauseum. Now there was not a cub reporter who lived in Mexico twenty days but knew that these stories of Diaz's greatness, goodness and patriotism was a lie, a filthy, dirty rotten lie, conceived in the degenerate brains of intellectual he harlots. The Dallas News, Fort Worth Record, the Carbuncle, the Pest and S. A. Excuse, the journalistic animals two by two, daily told these lies and thereby deceived the people. They made it possible for "God knows" Taft to shake the monster's hand at El Paso and enabled the bunch of Waters Pierce Oil politicians at Austin to denounce the insurrectos who were struggling for liberty. Russia was at our doors and these newspaper Münchausens labeled it Elysium. Inside of ninety days they have turned a complete somersault and the people now know Porfirio Diaz for what he is, viz: a low-browed grafter without character or courage, with the heart of a fiend and the education of a third rate Democratic politician. Why the stories of his greatness then? Simply this: Morgan, Guggenheim & Co. needed Mexican concessions and the Associated Press, through its national officials was controlled by the plutocracy; the officials saw to it that Mexico was "covered" by men who would write the news that the American plutocracy wanted.

Another instance of how news is suppressed leaked out recently. It seems that last summer at the annual meeting of the members of the Associated Press the news was told that during the presidential campaign of 1908 Mr. W. H. Taft paid a midnight visit to E. H. Harriman in Harriman's private car. The meeting between Taft and Harriman lasted from midnight until 4 a. m. An Associated Press man was on the spot and secured the story. It was without question the biggest story of this generation. The publication of it would have elected Bryan and in a measure some national history would have been written differently. The correspondent telegraphed the story to the New York headquarters of the Associated Press. Melville E. Stone, the general manager, killed the story and Taft was elected and still the innocent people buy their daily papers and possess a deep reverence for the "always reliable Associated Press." At a meeting of the members of the Associated Press some months ago the story of this journalistic crime was brought out and the further fact was established that Stone has a private wire running into J. Pierpont Morgan's office. This wire is used by Stone and Morgan for mutual stock jobbing purposes and the fact that Henry Taft, the president's brother, and Wickersham's partner has his office within a block of the wire makes the working of this inside game for these buccaneers easier than taking candy from school children.

These exposures caused a terrific row and Stone was about to be fired. He begged to be allowed to stay in his position for a few months longer on the grounds that it would stop scandal and save the Associated Press. The members agreed, but it now turns out that Stone has double-crossed his friends and refuses to resign. All this news had been beautifully killed until it leaked out and was published by the Chicago Daily Socialist.

It is as plain as a pike staff from the foregoing that not only are the individual capitalist newspapers corrupt but the source from which they get their chief supply of news is rotten; the pollution going right down to the dregs. Hence the man or woman who puts up their good money for any daily paper except an unmuzzled Socialist daily is buncoed and the owners of these papers are receiving money on false pretenses.

There is but one thing to do—boycott 'em!—boycott 'em!!—boycott 'em. Keep the foul things out of your homes.

Open Letter to Taft.

To William Howard Taft,
President of the United States.

Mr. President:—The profound respect that I feel for the exalted office you hold prompts me to write you on a matter of vital importance to yourself and all well-wishers of good government. That matter is this:

On every hand the news is being spread through the daily press that is controlled and subsidized by the great capitalist interests that you are steadily growing in popular favor with each passing day. As the editor of an unmuzzled newspaper and a man who has his ear close to the ground to catch the rumbling of popular approval or disapproval let me assure you that so far from your popularity increasing you are growing steadily more unpopular as each passing day dies in the sky. If the present trend of public dissatisfaction at your administration continues there is not the slightest doubt that you will be a worse beaten man than Horace Greeley when the ballots are counted on election day 1912.

Now the chief reason for this dissatisfaction is not so much that the great interests have backed you ever since your rise in public life; it is not the deplorable ignorance you have shown on the subject of economics as evidenced by your famous "God knows" reply in the Cooper Union in New York, it is not even the fact that the thoroughly discredited Roosevelt, the Political Dr. Cook, is responsible for your success and has pushed your fortunes ever since the day that he betrayed the people to "my dear Harriman," to Parsons of the sugar trust and later to Morgan; it is not even your steadfast support of the unspeakable Ballinger with his Morgan-heim Alaska connection, it is something more than all these and a thousand other capitalistic connections that is causing the universal distrust. To be brief, the great cause of dissatisfaction lies in your own immediate family; I refer to your brothers, Henry W.

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OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT TAFT.

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and P. C. Taft. The Cincinnati Times-Star Taft and the Taft of the Wall Street legal firm of Strong, Cadwallader, Wickersham & Taft. These Taft brother's names are inseparably connected with yours, Mr. President, and with good reason. H. W. Taft's law partner, Wickersham, is your attorney general and has been a wicked sham in every act and deed since the day he took the oath of office in March 1909.

It were foolish to imagine that Taft and Wickersham, attorneys for the sugar trust would cease to feel kindly to their employers when one of the legal family assumed the position of trust-buster in your cabinet.

And so I have waited and watched for the storm to break that would cause your political sun to set behind the clouds of universal public disapproval. The storm has come as might be expected by men who understood the psychology of the American people, it has arrived from an unexpected source. To understand this psychology I will relate a peculiar incident that occured when the great Socialist writer, Upton Sinclair, thrilled the nation with his story, "The Jungle", and thus made the pure food law possible. President Roosevelt invited Mr. Sinclair to lunch at the White House.

"You must be delighted with your success, Mr. Sinclair" said the president(

"No," Mr. President, "I am disgusted," said the Socialist.

"Why?" asked Mr. Roosevelt.

"Because I aimed at the heart of the American people and hit them in the stomach."

It was the revolting description of how the packers adulterated the food that made the people buy the book in multiplied thousands of copies.

And so today, when your brother's partner, Wickersham, at the behest of the interests, determined to get the scalp of Dr. Wiley, because he seeks to prevent the American people from being poisoned by the greedy masters who care nothing for human life so long as they get profits (this same gang that poisoned our troops when they went from their homes to the front to defend our nation's flag) the people revolt at this piece of treachery and as a result your term of office will end with the stench of the packer's poison around the chair that a Lincoln immortalized.

Finding yourself in this serious dilemma I would suggest as a last resort that you fire Wickersham instantly; back off C. P. and Henry Taft; keep C. P. over with King George permanently if possible. Then read the Communist Manifesto and thus you will be prepared for the political cyclone that W. J. Bryan predicts when he says: "The Socialist party will sweep every state in the Union in 1916."

With deepest expression of heartfelt condolence,

I remain,

Yours commiseratingly,

T. A. Hickey,

Ed. The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

The Shiner Gazette says there are very few Socialists around Shiner. It does everlastingly beat the band how some country editors will knock their own communities.

Say, Mr. City Workingman, save up about two weeks pay, hire an automobile, and "drive" out the main thoroughfare of your town. Observe the palaces of the rich. Then go home and figure out why you build these luxurious home, furnish them, but do not live in them. For the first correct answer to the problem ye editor will give one swift kick on the seat of your intellect for not having discovered it sooner.

A Typical Renter.

Dilworth, Tex., July 20, 1911.

To the Rebel:—

That there is an urgent need for a renter's union may be seen in every county in the south. Here is a typical case from Gonzales county: Mr. T. N. Mudd is a man who has worked hard and honestly all his life. Three years ago he had to leave the railroad service because he passed the age limit. He had helped pile up millions for the railroad kings and in return received a bare living. Finding himself growing old and possessed of but $250 he decided to go "back to the land" to make a living for his wife and babies.

It so happens that there lives here a landlord named Jones, who owns 11,000 acres of land. Jones proposed to supply Mudd with tools, teams, feed, seed and garden spot and a house. He to give Jones half the crop at gathering time. Mudd agreed and went to work like a tiger cat. He took his wife and children into the work too. For three years they worked like galley slaves. They denied themselves all comforts of life. They ate the poorest food and wore the cheapest and coarsest of clothing. All this to the end that they might save some $1,600 that would enable them to purchase the tools, teams and stock that would enable them to reduce their rent $3 an acre.

After fighting the drought, the boll weevil and the bale weevil Mr. Mudd saw his way clear to get the necessities he needed for the $3 rent and thereby enable him to save a little for the old age that was swiftly coming upon him. But not so. A man named Green of Shiner, who owns most of the land within ten miles of Dilworth came around his land in a big touring car automobile and told his rent slaves that on account of the increased price of land and produce that the rent would go up to $7.50 an acre, while Mr. Jones raised his to $6.50 and the renter must supply tools, teams etc.

Thus the dream of securing something for the future fades from the mind of Mr. Mudd. He is at the same place he started, with the rent increased 50c an acre and he supply the tools, teams and stock or in other words he is fined $3.50 an acre for his industry and the toil of his wife and children.

To add to Mr. Mudd's comfort a catalogue from the Price-Campbell Cotton Machine Co., of Dallas, has inadvertently fallen into Mr. Mudd's hands and there he reads:

"Hundreds of leading citizens have testified to the practicability of the new cotton picker," and: "Last but not least it will save the Southern lady from the thraldom of being their own servants as it will make possible the placing of the woman in domestic service who is now drafted to the field to gather the cotton crop."

This is the future of the white women of Texas who toil in the fields to produce wealth for parasites. Like the negro women before the war your women are to be turned into household drudges for the white Southern lady. May God help the benighted wretches who read this too true story; a duplicate of which is going on all around him and who has not the spark of manhood in his shrivelled soul, and looks on at such a God cursed state of affairs and refuses to organize to stop it.

Get busy now. This is the time that tries men's souls. For the sake of your loved ones and your own character and honor ORGANIZE.

Organize now. Send your name and address to the Rebel. It will be kept secret. Another year may be too late. Peonage is on you. Fight back. Organize a renter's union and DO IT NOW.

W. S. Noble,

Ranger, Texas.

or c|o The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tx

Aldrich to Steal Treasury.

THE REBEL SAYS: GO TO IT NELSON!

Ellis O. Jones, of the editorial staff of Life, the famous New York weekly, is out with a pamphlet exposing a scheme of Joe Bailey's friend, Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, father-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to steal the U.S. treasury.

Comrade Jones in an illuminating advance notice of his pamphlet says that the scheme goes like this:

Aldrich's Big Bank Scheme.

Aldrich's proposed currency scheme is the most direct and astounding assault on the public treasury that was ever offered. It is to be brought up in Congress next winter. Its sponsors are now busily engaged in bringing it to the attention of the bankers of the country. They call this educating the people. As a matter of fact, however, they do not expect to educate the people. They want the people kept in the dark. They expect the people to take the word of the bankers and politicians that it is all right. They are encouraged by the calm reception the Aldrich-Vreeland Act of 1908. The public press is either silent about it or discusses details of the organization without mentioning the meat of the question. The bankers are already quarreling over the division of the spoils.

The act of 1908 only made steals possible in an emergency. It is now proposed to convert the treasury into a "vested right" by the charter of a "Reserve Association" for 50 years which is to be the sole depository of government funds without interest.

This association, consisting solely of national banks and with no governmental control whatsoever, is to have the right to create money secured by the flimsiest of commercial paper, to issue its notes which shall be legal tender for all government and national bank transactions. The whole credit of the government is to be turned over to private interests to make all the money they can. If there is anything left, the government is to participate in the profits.

The people, and especially the Socialists of the country should become familiar at once with this steal. I have prepared a pamphlet in which all the details are set forth together with notes emphasizing the principal points.

Pamphlet prepaid to any address for five cents in stamps to cover postage and cost of printing.

Ellis O. Jones, 17 West 31st St., N. Y.

After reading the above over very carefully I sent the following letter to my good Comrade Jones:

Hallettsville, Texas, July 20, 1911.

Ellis O. Jones, 17 West 31st St., New York,

My Dear Ellis:—I read with much interest the advance notice of your pamphlet dealing with the latest Aldrich steal. I must confess to you that it neither surprised nor angered me. I have known that such a move has been on foot for at least four years and now with the "God knows" gentleman in the white house the time is here to put the scheme through. But, my dear comrade, why should this move give us undue concern? If we could turn back the hands on the clock of time to the days when the apple blossoms bloomed at Appomattox we might get excited over this currency steal. However, the nation is nearly 50 years older and the plutocracy of which Aldrich is the visible tool has nailed down everything worth owning in a material sense. Now talk about a vested right in currency, why Weyerhauser has a vested right in more timber than stands in the entire 17 Southern States; Holy John has 93 per cent of the oil and its by-products; Armour, Swift and four allies have the meat; Gary, Schwab & Co have the steel; the Morgan-Rockefeller-Hill group have the railroads; Guggenheim and the Cole-Ryan group have 85 per cent of the precious metals; Duke, Ryan & Co. have 92 per cent of the tobacco, but why continue. Down along the line to coffins, chewing gum, needles and thread this Aldrich-Morgan-Rockefeller-Kuhn-Loeb set of financeers have the industries of the nation corralled; and so beautifully do they "get the mun" that three of the above mentioned bunch of financial buccaneers own a billion dollars each! Now, remember, my dear Jones, that all of this has been secured under the present monetary system. 150 families have control of 80 per cent of the nation's wealth and have their lines laid for the balance.

As it is with the industries so with the land. Within four counties from where I write C. P. Taft has 350,000 acres in one tract and in an adjoining county Mrs. King has 1,400 000 acres. Mr. Swenson of Wall Street has 1000 sections in another part of the state and there are a dozen other holders of similar tracts of land in Texas. Now what do the exploited, landless, toolless, multitude of miserables who are being driven nearer to peonage every day, care whether the counters with which these capitalist games are played are gold, silver ,copper, zinc, pig iron, mud or meal tickets? What do the poor devils care who do not see money from year's end to year's end on farm, in mill or mine or logging camp? They care no more about this money question than I do and I don't give three whoops in an orthodox hell whether Aldrich steals the treasury or the treasury steals Aldrich. This much I know, they have stolen all we have until we have not a darn thing left, except the virtue of our women and the rotten scoundrels are doing their damndest to steal that too.

Now, Ellis, my boy, let me put you next to something. This currency scheme is a fake on the face of it. The wise ones behind it are going to get the people aroused as never before at the iniquitous money trust. Aldrich will be denounced from Bersheeba to Dan. Bryan will blow hos big bazzoo at $500 per blow. Paroxyams of excitement from the bustad, bankrupt middle class; and then while the big fight is on and the people are looking up at the awful melee the plutocracy will go through their pants pockets and take their last dollar in the old time way.

A similar stunt is being pulled off in Texas at this moment. A bunch of Senator Bailey's friends started a wet-dry-fight in this state a couple of years ago. Some honest people were played for suckers by both sides. The state has been torn up in a furious battle as to whether we are to be financially skinned alive in a dry state or a wet one. The attention of the workers have been attracted to this pro-anti row and both sets of grafters are laughing at the innocents that are battling over this non-essential.

So now, my dear Ellis, don't fall for this latest fake. Leave the good Mr. Aldrich alone. He and his crooked pals will take the last piece of cuticle off the hide of the disappearing middle class. And while they are doing so we Socialists will be educating, organizing and drilling the workers for the real fight and that fight will be to take the last dollar of social property that we as a nation socially need to prevent exploitation and promote civilization. And let me assure you that Aldrich, Morgan, Holy John & Co. will be lucky if they don't wind up in the penitentiary for life by the time we get through with them.

Yours for a clear road, a clean fight, no quarter and the expropriation of the capitalist class.

T. A. Hickey.

OUR WEEKLY LIMERICK.

A capitalist down in old Dallas
Had a heart filled with greed and
malice;
The widow he robbed and the people he jobbed—
Now he is as dead as a rat in his palace.

What's
The
Use.

Did you ever notice that your city banker never invites you to meet his wife and daughters, Mr. Farmer? You are welcome, more than welcome, to call on HIM at the BANK, but what do you suppose would happen if you should take a notion to thrust your hickory shirt, jean pants and muddy boots into the reception room ofhis palatial mansion? No class, eh? Well, only one — the ruling class.

"Get-the-Mun" Story.

"I tell you what," said the young man who had just broken into the retail business on the square in the county-seat "there's oodles of coin in it. About the time the cotton is marketed I'll be carrying the spondulicks home in flat cars. Me for the mun, not to mention the kale and the dinero. We all have as much chance as our fathers did to acquire the long green. Sure thing, dough belongs about where I live, on that street called Easy with the $$$ marks on the lamp post. You all hear me!"

The wise one laughed a short sarcastic laugh as he listened to this financial outburst. This nettled the embryonic merchant and caused him to say:

"I know your knocking talk too well. Consider it discounted right now, me for the yellow, boys. See!

"Come out of it" said the wise one, "you would not know money if you met it in the road. You, why concern you, you never saw any money. No sir, your money, like all you 10-cent millionaires, is in your mind and when you lose your mind, you are broke."

"While you are at it you might tell me now I am going to lose contact with the simoleons," said the young merchant disgustedly.

"Sure thing, son" said the wise one, "I'll tell you a story from Frenzied Finance." The crowd gathered around and the wise one began:

"When H. H. Rogers was the piston-rod of the great Standard oil engine in 1898 he figured on breaking into the copper business. He controlled 87 per cent of the oil of America and its by-products—gasoline and candles. He controlled, through the Elkins-Widener-Dolan-Syndicate of Philadelphia, the gas situation; then he figured that the next thing to do was to get control of copper, the staple that enters the largest into the manufacture of electricity. Then all he would have to do was place a meter on the sun and charge us all so much for sunbeams. Why not?

"Now, the big place where the most copper comes from is Butte, Mont. The big man on the hill of Butte was Daly. Rogers' agents got an option on Daly's properties for 39 million and he placed them on the market for 75 million dollars. The suckers bit and came up to the city bank, 56 Wall street, to buy the stock. For three days they stood in line, money in hand; green backs, yellow backs, certified checks and bags of gold. Sixty extra clerks were hired . At the end of the three days the 75 millions were paid in. The bank doors closed and a meeting took place over the first floor. Daly and his partners were there; lawyers of national reputation saw to it that everything went right. Checks were signed and certified, deeds were exchanged, vouchers passed backward and forward, all details were completed. Daly and his partners got their 39 millions; they all retired one by one, leaving no one in the room but H. H. Rogers and Wm. Rockefeller, then ensued the scene that Tom Lawson has so beautifully described, when H. H. Rogers, his face beaming with joy, walked over to Wm. Rockefeller, slapped him on the back, shook him by the hand and joyously exclaimed: "William, thanks to the good God, I have done one honest days work." Think of it my poor deluded friend, 36 million dollars in one honest day's work, thank God! You see he got the option on Daly's properties at 39 million and placed them on the market at 75 millions; a difference of 36 millions as witness:

	$75,000,000
	39,000,000
	$36,000,000

"Now, 36 million dollars in one honest days work, thank God, is what I call "getting the mun."

"Do you realize what that means", continued the wise one, spearing the small business man in the fifth button of his vest with his long fore-finger. "Do you realize that it means 360,000 bales of cotton at $100 per bale, or 720,000 bales of cotton at $50 per bale? Or look at it another way, census bulletin 150 shows that the average wage paid in gainful occupations is $437 per year. Let us say we get a thousand dollars a year. Then, if we don't pay our board, never get sick, refuse to buy clothes, fail to get married and have no children and save every cent of our thousand dollars per year, then all we have to do is to live thirty-six thousand years and we have as much money as Mr. Rogers cleaned up in one honest day's work, thank God. Witness again:

$1000 divided in $36,000,000, equals 36,000 years."

"I never knew that was the way the big fellows got the seads," said the business man. "They're sure smart."

"You bet they are" said the wise one, "and their smartest work consists in filling the muddled minds of the multitude with dollar marks and telling the poor fools that they can get the mun."

QUESTION BOX.

F. L. J., Fort Worth:—Foolish man, don't you know there are no Republicans in Texas except Cecil Lyon, Joe Bailey, some postmasters and "goose neck Bill", the nigger.

Dr. J. B. B., Millsap, Tex.—1st, Christ preached and practiced communism. 2nd, Trot out your preacher. 3rd, Right, no orthodox, latter-day denomination is mentioned in the bible. Now listen: Get your economics on straight and all will be well. Don't think I am running a theological weekly. I am helping to feed the multitude with the loaves and fishes in the sweet now and now.

J. P., Dallas:—Weight 184; full blood Irish; unmarried; no children, of course; age 42, white skin, brown eyes and red whiskers. Religion? None of your durn business. Anything else you would like to know?

C. H. J., San Saba:—Poem excellent, but unavailable thro' lack of space.

B. K. M.:—The man who works for a living and votes an old party ticket, if he thinks at all, thinks so crookedly that his thoughts are as straight as an S hook.

R. B., Tyler:—The man who goes to war is a fool. The Maine was blown up from the inside. It is a poor man's war and a rich man's gain. Read Isaiah 2-4 for the information you seek. The Socialist party is opposed to all wars. We fight not to fight.

Dr. W., Trent, Tex.:—Paper received and "adv" noted. Everything fine.

J. P., Ezzell:—I will go and take the hide any old time.

Bill:—What is the difference between a lady of the "400" and a renter's daughter?

Jack:—Give it up, what is it?

Bill:—Well the rich lady does not work, her father works the worker; then again the rich lady has a fifteen foot silken train behind her and the lady that does the work has a ten-foot cotton sack trailing behind her down the cotton row.

Jack:—That's good. I have got one for you. What's the difference between the fathers of the two ladies?

Bill:—It all depends. If the working lady's father votes an old-party ticket he has a hard hand and a soft head.

Jack:—Well, how about the rich lady's father?

Bill:—Oh, he has a soft hand and a hard head.

Jack:—Oh rats, you must be a Socialist.

Rebelettes.

By Gosh.

Capitalist newspapers (?) are throwing fits over the iniquities of the loan shark. Let's see! What varmint is it that kills and eats its young?

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Hey, you farmers, who are throwing up your hats and yelling for the recall! How many of you can vote? What good will the recall do the disfranchised men and women of these United States?

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Think this over: Do you suppose the bees would quit making honey if the beekeepers ceased robbing the hives? Do you think the workers would cease creating wealth if capitalism were abolished?

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The Houston Chronicle in an editorial recently referred to Gary's international steel trust scheme as socialism. Anything that is to deep for the brains department of the Carbuncle is labeled socialism. And it calls a heap of things socialism.

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It is a sight for the gods to witness the dignified and saintly posture of the Fort Worth Record in its attempt to defend the system of which it is a shining example. Bailey's gold dust twins are certainly being kept busy these days spreading the fertilizer.

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The difference between the Houston Post and Houston Labor Journal journalistically is the same difference that exists between—well the French form the distinction this way: Demimondaine, the mistress of a wealthy gentleman, a "kept" lady; coquette, a street walker.

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The real issue at stake in the anti-booze campaign was never brought out by either side. Ask the first pro or anti enthusiast you meet whether and in what degree it will benefit the working class. If he does not tell you that it will result in the abolition of the wage system tell him to go to Helen Hunt for his votes.

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Recently the chief of police of Houston issued an edict that no beer was to besold in that portion of the city where the sixth commandment is by law declared null and void. A delegation of the "madames" waited on his excellency the mayor. The mayor is a large stockholder in a local brewery. Before the edict outside bottled beer was sold. The edict has been revoked. Now nothing but local beer is sold. Respectfully referred to the Sage of Bottle Creek.

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A writer in the Houston Pest, beg pardon — Houston Boast — well, we'll get it right directly — Post — that's it, Houston Post, is exercised over the lack of provision made for children while their mothers are at work. Horrible, isn't it? Do you suppose this unco gude parasite ever thought of a system of society that would render the slavery of mothers unnecessary?

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Hon. Sam Bronson Cooper of Texas, democrat, draws a salary from a republican administration of $9000 per annum FOR LIFE. He is one of the supervisors of the port of New York. This creation of "lame ducks" by Roosevelt, Bailey and Taft is a new wrinkle in capitalist politics. When a servitor of the masters becomes so crooked that he can hide behind a corkscrew the Morganheims indicate their anxiety for his well-being and straightaway he is appointed to some lucrative position. And thus capitalism is creating another beautiful institution— the "kept" politician.

The Best Yet.

Next week's Rebel will startle the South. The best number yet.

The Features.

1. A Declaration of War for Texans.—The strongest article since Debs wrote, "Arouse Ye Slaves." It will burn, thrill and inspire.

2. An inside story of Texas daily newspaper policy from one of the chief capitalist editors, who lives less than a million miles from Dallas.

3. The biggest propaganda article published in a weekly Socialist paper in 10 years, entitled: "The Waste of Competition." It will startle the dullest into recognition of how this system wastes property and life, as badly as an army with shotted guns.

4. A stunning Five Minute sermon.

5. Limericks. Humor. Questions. Get the Mun story.

6. By Gosh has another great column.

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THE PHILADELPHIA REFERENDUM.

Philadelphia local of the Socialist party has initiated a national referendum that proposes to cut the national dues from five to two cents. Next to the abolition of the N. E. C. entirely or the reduction in dues to one cent this is the most sensible proposition that could be made. The motion may fail for lack of seconds, so we would strongly urge all locals in Texas to second the motion and notify J. M. Barnes, national secretary, 205 Washington St., Chicago, Ill., of your action. If the motion should pass the locals of Texas will have three cents more per member per month for local agitation.

In sending in your seconds do not fail to state how many members in good standing your local has.

SOCIALIST ACHIEVEMENTS.

Very often a man who is long on wind and short on information will ask the fool question: "What have you Socialists done or when are you going to do something"? In the light of the record we might reply: We have builded the one international organization in the world and we have reversed the teachings of history in all the reputable universities of the world. By the power of our organizations based on the brotherhood and solidarity of the worker we have beaten back the dogs of war and kept peace between the nations. We have united vast bodies of workingmen together in such a manner that they can clasp hands across the oceans and the seas. We have built up a world wide literature and developed a science of political economy. We are the main-stay and hope in the lives of millions of exploited workers in almost all the nations of the earth.

Not only can we boast of all these achievements for the mental, moral and spiritual up-lift of man, but we may claim to have rushed to the rescue of America in her hour of peril and by prompt work saved the Union and kept the stars and stripes in the sky.

Now this might appear to be too extreme a claim if it were not backed up by good authority. The conservative Saturday Evening Post holds to that extreme view in a very interesting editorial in a recent issue. The Post says:

"Lincoln and the Socialists.

"In his message to congress in December, 1861, Lincoln said: "Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if labor had not existed first. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration."

"Naturally this would have pleased Karl Marx, who was then an exile in London, engaged in writing Capital and in directing the growing Socialist-Labor movement. Our Civil War bore most disastrously upon England's great cotton industry, and well-to-do opinion there sympathized with the South. In a speech at Newcastle-on-Tyne in October, 1862, Gladstone declared that the Southern leaders "have made an army; they are making a navy; and they have made what is more than either—they have made a nation," which seemed to foreshadow recognition of the Confederacy by the English Government. Before the end of the year, indeed, such recognition was deemed imminent. Now Socialist history asserts that this recognition of the Confederacy, which would have been a hard blow to the North, was defeated only by the protests of the English workingmen in the mass meetings at London, Manchester and elsewhere, which were astutely instigated by Karl Marx, partly out of admiration for President Lincoln.

"Other history may shake its head rather dubiously over this extreme claim; but everybody knows that a great deal of all history is more or less dubious. We like the version that a bold, humane, true word spoken by Lincoln and caroming upon the brain of an exiled enthusiast on the other side of the world—of whose existence perhaps he had never heard—was really what saved the day."

And thus we answer those who ask: "What have you Socialists accomplished."

State Movement.

E. R. MEITZEN, State Sec.

The Texas Scouts.

Owing to the encampment rush we have not been able to push the scout work this month as we should, nevertheless the showing is good. New recruits are coming in every day and those already enlisted are doing their duty and reporting in a most gratifying way. Once this army gets in motion right, they will keep going of their own initiative and momentum, without any pushing from this or any other office. The rank and-file in Texas is learning to do things of itself without the aid of "bosses" or "leaders."

S. H. Nicodemus will distribute 200 Scouts in Taylor and will organize the work so as to cover the entire city.

C. D. Pierce will distribute equal quantities of German, English and Bohemian literature in DeWitt county near Yoakum.

We are receiving Scout applications from Alabama, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Sorry, we can't extend this work outside of Texas.

J. F. Green, the lone Scout at Wichita Falls is no longer "lone." Comrade Teeter has agreed to assist and others will help. All Texas cities will soon be under guard.

J. Stidham, Hughes Springs, writes: "Since Comrade Clark's speech here think we can organize —possibly two locals, and then I won't be alone in the Scout work."

W. J. Glasscock, Clinton: "Am moving to Greenville and will say that as a result of distributing Scouts seven more are now Socialists than when I started. Clinton box needs little agitation as 95 per cent there are now comrades."

J. T. Ray, Garner, local secretary and chief scout, writes: "We find that scattering literature is the cheapest and best way to make Socialists. If the drouth continues they will have time and will be in the right mood to study our doctrine."

W. F. Zuber writes: "Am poor, no prospect for a crop, have been sick for 18 months, so can't send money, but if you will send literature will see that it gets in the hands of farmers."—With brave spirits like these is it any wonder that our movement is moving?

Chief A. T. Gazaway enlists another scout at Como, Wesley Brown. He writes that the literature is "doing the work. I hear more talk about Socialism than ever before."

J. M. Pool will cover part of the New Waverly box, Walker county. He is a poor hard-working farmer who has come to the conclusion that Socialism is what the overworked farmer needs.

Captain S. A. Moore has fourteen scouts at work in Comanche county, distributing at least 1100 Scouts per month not to mention lots of other literature. Comanche will be ours in 1912 if all signs do not fail.

The Scout for July was a week late, but hereafter we have arranged to have it out on time. The August issue will be an encampment edition, send in your orders now. Gainesville encampment will handle 5000.

Other applications: C. W. Wolfe, Duster, Comanche county; C. Lewis, Blackwell, Nolan county, 40; W. L. Northcutt, Marlow box, Milam Co., 100; A. E. Satterwhite and W. J. Langford, half of Lacasa box, Stephens Co., 50; Will Yaws and T. H. Mudd, Dilworth, Gonzales county, 100.

Encampment Notes.

Groesbeck will be greater than ever this year, with the following speakers: Reddin Andrews, M. A. Smith, J. C. Thompson and Stanley J. Clark. Dates are July 26, 27 and 28.

The Coleman county "camp" at Glencove July 26-29, will be a glorious success from all indications. Among the speakers are Rev. Wm. A. Ward, W. S. Noble and P. G. Zimmerman.

The first one just held at Ezzell was the political event of South Texas, the comrades clearing $10 over expenses which is a very good showing for a new place where no concessions were sold. Hickey, Noble and Ward were the speakers and both day and night crowds were record breaking.

Rev. Wm. A. Ward, of St. Louis general secretary of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, is making a great hit as an encampment speaker. His lectures on "Socialism of the Bible" seem to "take" especially well with Texas audiences.

Other encampment dates are: Gainesville, Aug. 25-26; Cooper, Aug. 15, 16, 17; Ellison Springs, Aug. 15-18; Rochelle, Aug. 21, 22 and 23.

Yoakum is arranging for a six-day "camp", with Ward as the principal speaker.

Grit, Mason county, is figuring on an encampment with Comrade V. J. Ponton pushing things.

The O'Brien encampment will be the "best ever," far ahead of last year, which is saying much. It occurs July 31, Aug. 1 and 2, with Noble, Ward, Zimmermann and others on deck.

The rallying point of West Texas will as usual be the old reliable Lueders encampment August 3, 4 and 5. Ward, Noble, Zimmerman, Clark, and others will be on hand to do the speaking and thousands will be there to do the shouting.

Grand Saline "camp" will without doubt break its previous splendid records. There will be reduced rates on four railroads. An unique feature will be "Woodmen Day" on the closing day (12th) which will be devoted exclusively to exercises of W. O. W. A confederate brigade reunion will also be held in the city during the encampment. The dates are August 7-12.

A grand time and a large crowd is expected at the first one to be held in Texarkana, from both the Arkansas and Texas side of the line. Among the speakers will be M. A. Smith, Miss Freda Hogan, J. C. Thompson, Lee Rhodes, and a number of others.

Fort Worth will have its first one Aug. 10, 11, 12, 13. Further particulars later, but we can safely say it will be great.

Cleburne will not be forgotten by any means, for it will be under the management of J. H. Preston, the same man that made such a howling success of the first 'camp' of the year at Blum. Dates: Aug. 3, 4, 5.

Notes.

June being a dull month, as usual, there was a slump in the receipt for dues. However, this month we hope and believe to get ahead of the game again. We must not have a "slump" boys, for just now before the cotton season opens we are carrying a considerable load in sending out literature free.

Locals organized the past week: Clute, Brazoria county, J. T. Haynes, secretary; Cotulla, W. D. Montgomery, secretary; Lytle Cove, Taylor county, D. F. Downing secretary; Poteet, Atascosa county, W. E. Blake, Sec.

The new local organized at Warren immediately prepared for literature ampaign by appointing J. F. Cox chief scout. Every local new and old, should go and do likewise. Literature will do the work when nothing else will.

W. S. Noble spoke three days at McDade under direction of Comrade J. C. Smith. One result is that an encampment was arranged for, first ever held in Bastrop county.

THE NEED FOR A TEACHERS UNION.

By Frieda Meitzen.

The teacher is the poorest paid of all skilled workers. He has as much work and as little recreation as any. He has a situation which has responsibility without the salary, consequently a leading question at the institutes and the normals is: "Where are the men?" and the answer: "Making a living in more profitable fields."

The most competent of our teachers use their talents to a much greater advantage in other occupations and the children, especially in rural schools, are often taught by utterly inexperienced grammar and high school graduates not out of their teens. The girls get married after a few years or develop into elderly single ladies with spoiled tempers boys that teach school, become high school principals or farmer-teachers in rural schools and the rest lawyers, doctors and the like. It is generally impossible for them to support a family upon their teacher's salary alone.

There must certainly be a reason for all this. If the Texas teachers deserve more pay, why do they not get it? Simply because they have never unitedly protested and until they do unite like the miner and every other form of labor has done they will suffer financially and the children educationally. And a teacher's union is practical because it has been tried successfully in Chicago and New York and Philadelphia. Not only was the salary increased, but the women were put on equal footing with the men teachers and pay is not governed by sex, as to a great extent it is in Texas today, if not by law, then by custom.

To a great many "Unions" suggest anarchy or somethin' else more or less terrible while really it is only the fraternal, co-operative idea (which the teachers already have to a great extent) systematically improved upon and put to a practical use, viz., since they do the work and know what they earn and should have (not only a better salary but better school facilities etc.) they should have a perfect right to demand whatever they as a body agree upon.

The better advantage toward enlightenment, which teachers have, is one good reason why this idea of working together for and demanding their rights should make great progress. If they do not help themselves no one will.

For the reasons set forth above, action should be taken by the school teachers of Texas. Surely the men and women who teach the young idea how to shoot should be as progressive as their brothers and sisters in the north. I will be glad to hear, either through the columns of The Rebel or directly to my home address, the views of Texas and Oklahoma teachers on the advisability of starting a teachrs federation.

Hallettsville, Tex., July 5, 1911.

Our Rebs.

W. M. Felker, Sunbury, Pa., 13 subs.

In spite of large numbers of offs we increase nearly 200 this week and are over the 2500 mark. We thought we were going to have a Texas paper or at least cover the South but the subs roll in from as far as Brooklyn on one end of the country and Arizonia on the other.

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J. D. Carsey, Voss, Tex., sends eight just to get his hand in.

C. M. Flynn, Gatesville, Ark., sends eight from Dan Hoganville.

Wm. J. Schultz, Napoleon, O., sends four from the Buckeye state

J. L. Hicks of Abilene, sends a bunch. He is an old reliable.

Dr. A. J. Jones, Cornish, Okla., wants my challenge to the Pros.

Frank Graham, Duluth, Minn., comes across with the needful for a club.

Madison Arnold, Coe, Tex., sends eight and says we look good to him.

H. C. Fulcher, Cusseta, Texas, sends immense list for sample copies.

Ed. Green, Rockdale, sends a club of four. More coming. Ed is Debs body guard.

W. S. Noble fires in twelve and promises 75 for next week when Bill will be at the encampments.

H. C. Bailey, San Antonio, sends four for luck as he starts off booming The Rebel in Oklahoma.

Peter Fitzpatrick from Dublin, Ireland and Stamford, Tex., sends a club and says The Rebel is the best paper in America.

A. Posock, Hamlin, Tex., sends six and shouts for 30,000. We are now going at the rate of about 18,000.

Boeer sisters, Brandenburg, Tex., sends the mun for five and promises more. These sweet ladies are real Rebels for the right.

W. H. Wherry, Phoenix, Ariz, sends four with more to go later to New York. Incidentally Wherry is my boyhood chum and is the oldest Socialist in the United States of America in active commission. I wish you all knew that Irishman.

Sam French, Palestine, sends a club and 42 names for sample copies. That's great, Sam. Would wish all Rebels would send in list of names of Socialists and sympathizers who want samples free.

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Taking one consideration with another we are delighted with success and will bet our lemonade that we go above the mark set, 30,000 by Jan. 1. Watch next week's Rebel for an idea of what a paper we are going to have.

HICKEY AND ENCAMPMENTS

Comrades:—All joy in this vale of tears is tinctured with regrets. All the deeds that bring the greatest pleasure have their dark side as well as the bright. It is even so with the astonishing success of the Rebel. I am, of course, delighted, but then there is the dark side in this, that I am tied to my desk and will miss the pleasure of meeting the strong men and clean women with whom I have passed such pleasant hours at the Texas encampments during the past two years. I find it impossible to get away for a day. I must console myself for the loss of the treat I expected to enjoy in meeting my comrades, with the comforting thought that at the big desk in the Rebel office I can do far more good than out on the firing line in the old time way. When The Rebel has a 100,000 circulation I will leave my desk and go out amongst you all and we shall fraternize on the eve of the establishment of the Socialist republic.

T. A. Hickey.

Capital was made by labor. Shall the thing made say to him that made it, "Take this and be satisfied"?

Great Encampment edition next week. Order now—50c per 100.

HICKS' PAGE

Edited by J. L. HICKS,
ABILENE, TEXAS.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Since nature has provided more arable land than mankind needs for tillage, and since such land has been monopolized by a comparatively few people to the great injury of the many, the legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, enact laws that will limit private ownership and control of land to such amount as may be used by individuals and families in their domestic and industrial pursuits.

VOTE.

For Limited Ownership.

Against Limited Ownership.

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Every reader of the Rebel send in your vote to the Rebel office, If you want limited ownership run your pencil through last line. If you want unlimited ownership run through top line.

WHY FARMERS OBJECT.

In the initial number of this paper I called on the farmer readers to find out as nearly as possible the chief objections to Socialism among the anti-Socialist farmers of their respective localities, and write me. I here call attention to a few of the replies so far received.

C. E. Lawless, Elysian Fields, Tex., writes: "I have been doing all I could for Socialism since 1907, and have several converts on my list as a result of the literature I have handed out. The chief objection I now have to meet is that Socialism is irreligious. Some oppose it because it favors woman suffrage. Others say it is impracticable, while several other objections are urged that are too silly and senseless to be worthy of mention."

B. F. Arthur, Rt. 2, Rockdale, Tex.: "Dear Comrade Hicks: I send you a few of the more common objections to Socialism heard among farmers of this section: Farmer A— My only objection is woman suffrage. Farmer B— Socialists are too weak; they havn't enough votes. Farmer C— Socialists don't practice what they preach; whenever they do that, then I am a Socialist. Farmer D— My objection is, they want to take my little home and give it to someone else, and I don't believe in dividing up. Farmer E— They believe in free love and mixing up of races, which I am opposed to. Farmer F— Socialism has been tried and has always been a failure, so the Democratic party is good enough for me. Farmer G— I don't believe in trying something that's never been tried; it's bound to be a failure. Farmer H — I don't want to belong to a party where I have to pay dues; whenever I have to pay to vote I'll quit voting."

W.D. Samples, Blue Ridge, Tex., writes: "One very pious farmer says the Socialists all seem to have it in for the preachers. Another, a steward in the church, says they believe in a man having 25 wives if he can take care of that many. (This church stewart is a great admirer of Tom Watson.) Another steward in the church says if we had Socialism and he wanted to become a merchant, all he would have to do would be to kill some man who has a store and take his place. Another farmer says it would be all right if we could change human nature, but that this would have to be done. Another says that if Socialism was declared and old man Brown's renter should try to take advantage of it and refuse to pay rent, old man Brown would kill him. Another says it's the good Lord's will that it should be just as it is, and he doesn't think it ought to be changed. Finally, there is one who says that if we can keep Bailey and elect others like him and Bryan, they will give us all the reform we need. Now, Hicks, wouldn't all that set your cork to bobbin'?"

W. J. Morgan, Rt. 7, Dublin, Tex., writes: "Just received first issue of The Rebel, and am more than pleased with it. Oh, but it has a pair of editors who are going to give the old parties and their capitalist supporters trouble in Texas. I am in my 64th year and can't do much, but am going to enlist every subsriber I can. I have asked a few farmers about their objections to Socialism, and it seems to be nigger equality and the divide-up. I know one poor farm renter who says that under Socialism a man would have to go to the government even for the privilege of killing a chicken. I tell you, Brother Hicks, there are some hard cases around here to go up against."

W. N. Bradford, Rochester, Tex. Rt. 1, likes the new paper immensely, but is going to preserve the last copy of the "little old Journal" as a keepsake. He writes: "I have struck one man 79 years old who says that his one great objection to Socialism is the infidelity that seems to pervade it. He asked me what I thought about the Bible. I told him I believed all of it that I understood. He said: 'Uh, huh! I knowed you was an infidel.' Of course I asked him if he believed all of the Bible, and of course he said he did. I asked him if he understood all of it, and he said, 'No, I only understand the essential features of i.t' And then I pressed the matter and showed him that he was as much of an infidel as I was. Another man, of about middle age, said the Socialist were too weak, not only in number, but in mind. Others said they might be Socialists if they could understand how the Socialists could put their program in operation without hurting anybody or without war, or trouble of some kind. So that is about the gist of the objections that I hear in these parts."

Now, friends and comrades, readers of The Rebel, the above, taken altogether, constitutes a fair sample, obtained in the most direct way, of what we have to go up against in the farming districts of the south. There is a dense mass of ignorance to be shaken up, a mountain of misinformation to be digged down, and a religious prejudice to encounter that is indeed discouraging. But we can do our duty as best we may, and the God of evolutions and of revolutions and of right will be with us.

Recently there died in Houston a millionaire lumberman. His only heir, a son, is confined in an Eastern asylum for the insane. The office buildings, rent houses, mills and other sources of revenue of the estate go right along producing income.. Well, what of it? Only this: Where does the argument concerning wages of superintendence and directing ability come in?

They tell us that capital and labor should co-operate, but somehow they can't show where capital ever did any of the "operating." Labor is slow to catch on, but the laborer is at last asking where capital comes in for any of the product as long as he has all the "operating' to do.

DON'T LET THE WORKERS GET HOLD OF THE GUNS

(I clip the following highly suggestive correspondence from the Commonwealth, of Everett, Wash.)

Gig Harbor, Wash., June 20, 1911, Jas. McLachlan, Member Congress, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir — As you seem to be actually interested in the defense of the Pacific coast against the impending invasion by the Japanese, I submit for your consideration a suggestion, as follows: In view of the widespread fear of foreign invasion and the admitted unpreparedness of the west for defense, would it not be wise move for the government to supply each able-bodied citizen with a military rifle and necessary equipment, to be kept in his home; also furnish him with a stated number of cartridges for weekly or monthly target practice, and thus build up a reserve force ready for instant response to call, at a fraction of the cost of maintaining a standing army? Yours truly, Mrs. Alice P. Yarnell, Correspondent Local Rosedale, Socialist Party.

House of Representatives, U.S., Washington, D. C., Feb. 9, 1911. Mrs. Alice Yarnell, Gig Harbor, Wash.: Dear Madam — Yours of the 20th ult. was duly received. I have taken great interest in the defense of the Pacific coasts, but I am not quite ready to advocate the policy that you set forth in your letter. The government would never undertake a policy of that kind. Upon reflection, you can see that it might be very dangerous. However, I am in favor of all the high school boys becoming trained in military tactics. Very sincerely yours, H. James McLachlan.

Comment.

The so-called "progressive" Republican representative from California did not explain just how, why, or to whom such a policy would be dangerous. He might have been afraid the holders of arms would use their guns to defend themselves from the tyranny of an enemy nearer home than Japan. But he is in favor of high school boys being trained to the guns. Are high school boys so much more reliable, cool-headed or courageous than grown-up men? Would a bunch of reckless "kids" make better use of such arms than staid, sober, sensible men with homes and families to protect? Our public officials still seem to think that we must view matters through their official glasses and have no mind of our own.

Mrs. Alice P. Yarnell.

A paper named "Gospel Advocate" said some time ago that Socialism was the "most futile, the most arrogant, ungodly, blasphemous, altogether the wildest attempt at self-government the annals of human history have ever known." Then "Gospel Advocate" goes on to say: "Today — are we dreaming? — it has become an immense international political party, the greatest of all political forces, and is growing so swiftly, forging ahead by such leaps and bounds, that it is impossible to give any accurate statistics from one year to another. Thirty-five millions of voters is no overestimate. Their influence or actual representation has invaded every legislative assembly; they have pushed themselves into the representative bodies of every constitutional government ...... It is a fire that began with a spark and has leaped and burst into a roaring flame that envelops the globe."

"Ordering the working class to go to war with present firearms is like ordering a working man to make a gun load it, dig his own grave, crawl down into it, and there scream, 'Hurrah for death!' and then shoot himself."—"War —What For?" page82.

WILL THE CO-OPERATOR PLEASE CO-OPERATE?

"The mission of the Farmers Union is to solve the problem of production and distribution," says the Farm Co-operstor, of Fort Worth.

The Co-operator doubtless has reference to the production and distribution only of such things as are raised on the farm, in which case it is hereby submitted that this problem cannot be solved independently and apart from problems growing out of the production of necessary things made elsewhere than on the farms. Your farm production is held down because, to begin with, the renters and wage workers in your own branch of industry are too poor to buy what they need of articles, the raw materials of which were raised by themselves on the farms. The same is true of the wage workers in the mines, mills, factories, and in all the other branches of industry. To the extent that they are able to buy and consume articles that originate on the farms, only to that extent can the farms respond to the demand. No use for producers to plant, cultivate and gather crops for market if consumers are too poor to go into that market and buy. So in this way production is held down, and we have twelve million bales of cotton where we should have thirty-six million bales.

Can you figure out how the farmers alone, as one division of the working class, can solve this problem of farm production? Will the 20 to 40 per cent of landholders surrender their surplus holdings to the 60 to80 per cent of renters, so that these renters may spend for domestics and sheetings and other cotton fabrics for family use, the amounts they now pay in land rents to the landlords to enable the "lords" to buy more land? If the landlords won't do this, how can the farm workers, to say nothing of all other workers, ever get more able than they now are to buy and consume the products of the farms? And the landholders will never do this of their own accord, and nobody can blame them, so long as the bondholders, the coal and iron barons, factory moguls and railroad magnates are protected by the paper titles that give them power to exploit.

Let me say again that Socialism is the only solution — a taking over of the government by the people, and then the taking over by the government of all means of production and distribution, thus putting the owners in the same class with the workers, and the workers in the same class with the owners. Why shouldn't these two classes be one?

The farm workers alone can't do this. They must be joined by all other workers who are working for their victuals and clothes — mighty poor victuals and clothes at that, with no guarantee as to how long even this sorry job will last. But the farm workers can do the major part of it. When the farmers began en masse to get behind the old Populist demand for government ownership of public utilities and a volume of fiat currency commensurate with the needs of business, things happened "right now". Bryan happened. But Bryan can't happen that way any more. And when the farm workers begin en masse to join the workers in all other branches of industry in the demand for collective ownership of all the means of industry, then, Brother Co-operator, the problem of production and distribution, not only of farm products, but of all other necessary products, will be nearing its final solution. Tell 'em so, brother. It's in line with your life work, your mission on earth, and it won't hurt you. Tell 'em so.

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WHERE SOCIALISM STOPS.

The cardinal issues and foundation principles of Socialism may be stated in four general propositions, namely:

1. The collective ownership and democratic management of all things collectively used and the private ownership and management of all things that are in their nature private.

2. Every person who wants to work shall have opportunity to work.

3. Every worker shall have for his private use the full social value of his product.

4. Every worker shall have a voice and vote in determining the conditions under which he works.

Now, let us suppose that a man has availed himself of the above opportunities, and by so doing has obtained a sum of money corresponding to the full social value of the product of his work, does Socialism even pretend to venture a suggestion as to how he shall spend that money? Nay, verily. That's not in the philosophy or plan of Socialism. He may spend it as he pleases — for booze or for Bibles — so far as Socialism is concerned. With reference to labor and its reward, when the worker gets all that is coming to him, right there Socialism stops. It is not concerned with the manner in which he may choose to spend his earnings. Those who want things so ordered that he shall not have opportunity to spend his earnings for alcoholic liquor, and those who want things so ordered that he shall have such opportunity, should do their campaigning along those lines in organizations formed for such purposes. The Socialist organization deals with the question of whether the individual shall have something to spend, and not with questions as to how he may spend it.

In a spread-eagle speech at San Antonio on the 4th of July Louis J. Wortham, representative in the legislature from Fort Worth, said: "Socialism would reverse the doctrine of the fathers, and have the government support the citizen and not the citizen make and support the government." Under Socialism, Mr. Westham, the government will not be one thing and the people another, as now. We have talked and written of the government and its affairs, and of Uncle Sam and his affairs, until the superstition has become fastened upon people's minds that the government and the people are two separate quantities, existing apart from one another and having no necessary relation one to another. This is the trus capitalistic idea of government and the people. The Socialistic idea is that the people will own the government and will really be the government, so that it would be in the nature of a solecism to speak of the government as one thing and the people another. Under Socialism, when the people support the government they will be supporting themselves. Now, in supporting the government they are robbing themselves and prostrating themselves before a Juggernaut whose name is **graft**.

You anti-Socialist renter—you vote against being looted at the muzzle of a six-shooter, but you vote in favor of being looted at the muzzle of a land title. Unless you can explain the difference so your wife could understand it, you ought to rise up as bravely against the land title method as you do against the gun method. You don't get home with all the goods in either case.

If labor can't accomplish results without being financed by private capital, the question is still open — Who "financed" Adam?

THE LAND OF CANAAN.

In a blind and bungling effort to swat Socialism to its death in the Brownwood country, "A Citizen", in the Brownwood News of recent date, said:

"God in his wisdom, had the land of Canaan divided into twelve parts to the twelve tribes, and each one gave every head of a family, widows included, a part of the land in absolute ownership."

All right! That sounds pretty good. Come on with your Canaan proposition. It beats what we now have in this country. "Every head of a family including widows." That was dividin' up some. Are you willing that the land of America shall be divided up on the basis of this land of Canaan "divide-up", which you cite as an argument against Socialism? That's the old-time religion on dividin' up land, and it's good enough for me.

But do you say that the land of Canaan was divided only among God's chosen people — the twelve tribes? Oh, well, that tribe business played out long ago, and we don't let government decide who are God's people in this day, and who are not. We are supposed to be living and transacting business under an old document that says, "All men are created equal," and unless that doctrine is out of harmony with God's will and purpose, then, if the Canaan example has any bearing on the American situation, God's divide-up would give every person land to till, free, who might want to till the land for a living. And wouldn't that be right?

Better mind how you quote the Bible if you don't want to preach Socialism.

BIBLE COMMUNISM.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." — Acts 2:44, 45.

That was not Socialism. It was communism. It was dividing wealth according as each individual had need. Socialism would divide it according as each individual capable of earning had earned. Some of those believers might have been lazy loafers who were needy because they had not worked and tried to make what they needed. Socialism provides nothing for such as they, except the opportunity. Equality of wealth is not an object of Socialism, further than such equality may result from equality of opportunity. Equality of opportunity is the very first tenet of Socialism. And collective ownership of the means of industry alone can guarantee such equality of opportunity. What more does an honest man want than equality of opportunity? What less can a self-respecting man be satisfied with?

In the spring of 1906 I sent out return postal cards to 50 reliable farmers living in different parts of this (Taylor) county. On those cards I printed this question: "How much of the labor which produces and gathers cotton crops in Taylor county is usually performed by women, and by children within the scholastic age? Give your own estimate, based on observation." I received 39 of the cards back, and the average of the answers was 53 per cent. Is it any better in your county? If not, then every 100 bales of cotton that Abilene and your town and Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture boast of would be 47 bales, but for the labor of women, and of their little children who ought to be in school. It will take government remodeling of our industrial system to change this sort of thing. What does either of the old parties propose to do about it?