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THE REBEL

The great appear great to us only because we are on our knees — LET US ARISE.

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A BLIND PHARISEE

(By Fonso Jounger, Waco, Tex.)

"Have you seen the glory of the nation in the public buildings at the capitol? Have you seen the miles and miles of flats side by side and mounted on top of each other in which the people of this country now live? Have you seen the housewives hanging out their clothes on the fire escapes? Have you watched little tots lean far out of the lfty windows looking longingly for what they know not of? Have you seen others pale faced playing games in congested streets in the midst of heavy traffic of steam and gas and electricity and horse power whose drivers are rough by nature and selfish by training? Do you think in this, our country, that of the fathers, we can continue to grow and multiply and raise our future children in flats amid environments now existing, and out of them grow any more Washingtons and Jeffersons and Lees and Jacksons. Oh, God, save us from ourselves."

The above quotation is from President S. P. Brooks of Baylor University in an article to the Waco Times Herald while he was touring New York State campaigning for Woodrow Wilson. Let's take this paragraph from this great educator, piece by piece, and examine and look into it and see if in it we see anything indicative of the trend of human thought, *and see* further if we can arrive at any conclusion as to where this line of thinking will lead us.

"Have you seen the glory of the nation in the public buildings at the capitol?" No but very few of us have had this privilege but we all know they are there in great grandeur just like we knew that beyond the ocean are great continents of Europe, Asia and Africa with their teeming millions of human souls and wonderfully georgeous and magnificent buildings. We of the poor who have to labor from dawn until dark three hundred and sixty-five days in the year see but very little of the grandeur of the world,either natural or artificial, but we know of these things and are continually asking why we may not see them and enjoy the good things put here by nature and created by industry. We have builded and others have inhabited but we are fast learning that whatsoever a man creates or produces to him belongs the product. Yes the meek and lowly hod carriers, the ditch diggers, the street sweepers, the farm laborer, all men and women have a burning desire—if it has not been crushed and murdered by this hellish system—to enjoy life, to see and hear and do great things, and that desire has prompted our people to place the reins of government in the hands of Dr. Brooks' party and woe be unto you if you hand them a stone instead of a fish. You must give them more than a dry crust for they have seen the dawn of a new day and will be satisfied with nohtnig less than the whole loaf.

"Have you seen the miles and miles of flats, etc." No few of us have seen these, but we have seen the miserable tenements quarters inWaco and other Southern cities, and the tenant farm houses of Texas and other states, in which our high ups would not allow their dogs to live. We are familiar with these miseries and some of us have learned, and others are learning every day, that this deplorable condition, in each case, is the natural offspring of the same parent; the profit system; and that the only way to end the effect—tenements and tenantryy—is to remove the cause—the profit system.

"Have you seen the housewives hang out their clothes on the fire escapes, etc." No, thank God, but very few of us have seen these things and [illegible] fear that if we could realize the awfulness of our condition, all at once this country would be rent and torn and "not one stone left upon another." We have not seen these but we have seen the Texas farm wife put out a big washing of coarse cotton clothes and hang them on the barb wire fence, cook dinner for a big family and make at least a half hand in the cotton patch all in the same day, and go home at night and after preparing the evening meal wrestle all night with a fretful babe and rise in the wee small hours of the morning more worn than when she retired for rest. We have seen her continue this round day after day and year after year and finally go down to fill a premature grave, the victim of this hellish insane system of society, as surely murdered by the brutal system conceived in the capitalist mind and given birth through its polygamous spouse, the Republican andDemocratic parties on whose hands is the innocent blood of the thousands who have gone down in the struggle against starvation in a land of plenty, and just as sure as David was not allowed to build the templ. because of having shed blood, just that sure will the Demo-republican party not be allowed to build the new structure of the people's government, but it will be given into the hands of a new party whose mind is alert and pure and whose hands are clean.

The Democratic party has vowed vows of reform to the people and they have trusted you again and great will be your reward if you hold sacred that trust but equally great will be your condemnation should you betray it.

"We have not seen the little tots leaning out of the lofty windows so but we have seen the youth and maiden 'neath the burning summer [illegible] from their labor and with questioning eyes gaze out across the fields and hills looking for the same thing the "little tots" were who were gazing from the lofty windows and that same thing is LIBERTY. For this the race has been seeking from time immemorial and which it has so far failed to find, but one day it will stumble upon the truth and then down goes the present insane organization of society with all the horrors pictured, and out of the ruins will grow the people's republic the cooperative commonwealth.

"Do you think in this our country, that of the fathers, we can continue to grow and live and multiply and raise our future children in flats amid environments now existing, and out of them grow any more Washingtons and Jeffersons and Lees and Jacksons?" We do not know whether we can or not but we are sure to grow more Debs, Seidels, Andrews, Smiths, Warrens, Hickeys, Haywoods, Ettors,Giovannettis, Sheppards (Not Morris) Russels and hosts of others who will go down in future history more illustrious than any of the heroes of modern or ancient times.

The future looks dark to those who have spent all their days on their knees before the sacred memory of our forefathers, looking back at the illustrious past thus failing to see the great possibilities of the future, for out yonder beyond the horizon looms up a new day in which woe and misery, penury and poverty, vice and degradation and all the inevitable results of an incompetent, inadequate, Christ defying and God cursing system shall have passed away and in its place shall have been born the New Order The Brotherhood of Man. We would not dishonor the memory of our *forefathers*, neither would we disgrace their teachings as do the Republicans the teachings of Lincoln and the Democrats the teachings of Jefferson, for they were great in their day; but they would have us arise and look to the great fight now dawning over the civilized world that is to banish want and misery and woe and poverty.

"Oh, God, save us from ourselves!" This expression is like unto the expression from President Taft when asked "What is a man to do when out of work and money and a family of little children and a wife at home hungry?" and he answered "God knows." No doubt he does and He is putting the answer into the hearts and minds of men and they are fast learning that we are not to ask God to "save us from ourselves" but with His help to put forth the effort to save ourselves from the capitalist class, the Democratic and Republican parties and the college professors and pulpit orators who use their high positions to perpetuate this yoke of bondage on the producers of all wealth.

God has endowed a great majority of us with brains and the power to reason and only a few with saw dust; and the saw dust and wooden headed variety must get down and out ;and that power to reason is at work and we are seeing the efects pointed out by Dr. Brooks more clearly than he imagines we are. We are not only seeing the effects, but we are seeing the cause, and seeing both cause and effect we will soon be able to apply the remedy, which is the institution of *production and distribution for use instead of for profit* as at present and the substitution of cooperation in the place of wasteful competition.

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" It is not our purpose to criticise the distinguished educator for what he has said but rather to compliment him: for be it said to the shame of the clergy they fail to see any ill in the present suicidal conditions of society: yet while Dr. Brooks is grieving over the awful conditions of the city we want to ask him to stop and ponder well the awful conditions of our dear Southland wherein we have as evil results as we find in the cities. We are of the country, and the pupils under the doctor's charge are of the country, and we would say to him to help us pull the beam out of our own social eye and we may see more clearly how to remove the mote from the social eye of the cities both North and South. Let us be careful and try to avoid the chagrin of attempting to enter the senior class before we have finished our freshman studies. Make social conditions such that every man may own his home and be assured that tenantry and all poverty and misery that follows in its wake will vanish from our fair land, as the snow flakes before the noonday sun,, and every family will sit beneath its own "Vine and fig tree." Then it will be that the misery we see off yonder in the cities din and confusion will pass away.

The Swan Song of David J. Neill.

Back to the land for D. J. Neill the famous fearless fighter for the Farmers Union. Back to Eastland county's sand and cockle burrs and the fairy lamps of the glow worms and away from the white lights of the city streets in Fort Worth and Washington, D. C.

He sings his swan song in the Farmers Union's greatest organ, the Fort Worth Co-opeartor, thusly:

"In retiring from active work in the Union, it is meet for me to say that no man in the Union did more for the farmer and his cause than did D. J. Neill. I joined the Union in January, 1904, and was that night elected local lecturer. That month, at the first regular meeting ever held in that county, I was unanimously elected county lecturer, was again elected in 1905, and was elected State Lecturer at the Waco meeting held in August, 1905, and was unanimously elected again in 1906. I was unanimously elected President of the State meeting in August, 1907; I was again re-elected in 1908, and retired at the Galveston meeting amidst the acclaim of my countrymen, "Well done, thou faithful servant." I was glad I had seen the orgainzation grow until it had 160 county Unions. It was strong in numbers and its prestige was great. The leading men of Texas were forced to acknowledge that it was a great factor in every proposition affecting the interests of the farmers. The great city of Galveston had opened wide its doors to receive the State meeting. Every street was hung with streamers, "Hail, Farmers' Union! Welcome Farmers' Union." Galveston had arranged a great meeting and a program, and our boys were given the honored places on it. It was indeed a gala time for the Union and all its members were justly proud of their organization. But has it ever happened again?

"Friends, three short years are gone, swiftly bringing with it its changes. And where, Oh where is the grand organization that you had then? Have you the County Unions that you had then? Have you the Local Unions that you had then? Have you the membership that you had then? Has your organization the same prestige that it had then? Has it the same influence over the people of this State that it had then? Is it making the same clear-cut fight for the rights of the great common people that it did then? Does it retain that great living confidence of the people that it had then? No, friends it does not, and the people of this State know that it does not. Why? What has caused this change? Why, what has caused its power to wane? What has caused its membership to fall away and the Union to go the same way that all other farmers' organizations have gone? There must be something wrong with its management.

"Friends, for three years I have borne the most relentless persecution that any man has ever borne. I have been slandered in almost every County Union in the State. It was decreed a year ago by the "high rollers" that my wheat must be threshed. I was tried and condemned before the last State meeting without a hearing. The judge selected his own jury and proceeded to try me for what? Because I had warned the people that the Union was being turned over to the trusts and the interests. One "high roller" declared that they had come there to run the steam roller over me like Taft ran it over Roosevelt, and, by the eternal, there were going to do it. TWO days of the meeting were used on me, and they declared that they had money enough to stay there a month if it was necessary to do the job. Then they turned around and raised your dues one dollar a year in order to get money to run the union. How long can the farmers of Texas be deceived? How long will they pay tribute to this kind of a proposition? No wonder that the great body of the loyal, true membership is becoming disgusted and is falling away. No wonder that the Locals and the County Unions are dying out. The Union, my friends, has been carried through the charnel house and today stands by the open grave. Will it ever rise again?"

Read the above again, you students of farmers organizations, pay particular attention to the second paragraph. Notice the old warrior as he lays down his arms, fills the paragraph with interrogation marks. "Where is the grand organization?" 'Have you the membership you had?" "Has it the same influence?" "Is it making the fight?" "Does it retain confidence." He answers all these questions in the negative and then asks: "WHY?"

The Socialist alone can answer. This is why:

Newt Gresham and Nugent and Neill who were in at the birth of the Farmers Union while deploring the conditions that confronted the tillers of the soil were then ignorant of the basic causes that produced these conditions. For them there shone one word in the heavens of their hopes and that was REFORM. That the capitalistic system was here to stay they firmly believed, in their philosophy it was eternal. That a fundamental antagonism amongst economic classes existed they did not believe in fact or know.

Hence they invited into their Union, bankers, merchants, landlords newspapermen and lawyers. If they could harvest and market king cotton and have their "brother" capitalists give them "good prices" and beat down the bucket shop an dexchanges then all would be well and the sunshine of success would beam on their banners in a golden glow. But alas they overlooked the fact that there would be an inevitable clash inside the Union between the material interests of groups who were in different economic categories. Then—the pity of it—the cotton picker sat in the Union hall and found his "brother" resolving by majority vote that he should have his pitiful wages cut down to 50c a hundred for his exhausting toil and his women and children should suffer the same cut! They stabbed their brother and his kin in his presence and against his protest and expected their Union to live. This very act was committed in Neill's own Union in Eastland County and unknown to him there was written on that Union's wall the old letters:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

The rest is soon told. Neill travelled, lectured, talked and wrote. He went to his "brothers" in Washington, D. C., who dumped him as his brothers dumped the cotton pickers of Eastland and elsewhere. His organization fell into the hands of his capitalistic brothers; he was spat upon and reviled, cotton failed to go up and his organization chiefs are now boomed and exploited by the criminal Commercial Secretaries' Association. And so passes away the Farmers Union of the South! Gone as went the Grange, the Alliance and the Wheel.

There is a great lesson in this for us all. Just this: We must realize certain fundamental principles. They are: First, the owners of the means of life, land and social tools are the masters class. With them and the non owners there can be no brotherhood. The lion is not yet ready to lie down with the lamb, and hence the organization that can live and last is the one that says: Unite as a class and make your fundamental pinnacle demand the collective ownership of the things that are collectively used and the private ownership of the things that are private. On these lines the Renters Union is builded and hence it will never die until it has accomplished its mission, the emancipation of the workers that till the soil.

D. J. Neill, we invite you to a seat in the Renters Union, and the Socialist party.

Who Said Race Equality?

Jack Johnson, the champion pugilist of the world was in jail in Chicago charged with ruining an 18-year-old white girl. It is claimed that it was because of this affair that Johnson's white wife suicided recently. A number of white women have been in Johnson's cafe ever since he opened it. These women associated with the colored sports of Chicago who turned night into day in Johnson's hell hole. For more than a year Johnson had plain sailing because Chicago had a democratic mayor and a democratic chief of police and as usual these democratic worthies protected him as they always protected his kind. Johnson's downfall came when he secured a white girl from Minnesota. On the complaint of her mother the federal powers stepped in and the democratic politicians were powerless to save the black brute who was quickly jailed. The democratic politicians soon rallied and came on a rush to the relief of their colored brother. Albert C. Jones of 2969 Michigan avenue, one of the strongest white ward politicians in Chicago scheduled property for Johnson's bond which he knew he had deeded to his mother. Federal Judge Landis had him brought before him and for this crime sentenced him to one year in the penitentiary. Later Johnson secured bail and now we hear that he married on December 4, the white girl, Lucile Cameron. He went to the democratic court house in Chicago and the white county clerk issued the license for the nigger to wed the white girl. The white democratic officers looked on and the white democratic mayor, Carter Harrison, winked in unholy glee. All this occured in the democratic state of Illinois, where the democratic candidate for Governor, Edward F. Dunne, a fighting Roman Catholic, had just been elected 28 days earlier on the democratic ticket.

Can nothing be done to break the power of these democratic hell hounds who are practising race equality both north and south and protecting brutes of the Jack Johnson type. The Rebel believes that nothing can be done until the Socialist party gets the power and then by the destruction of the system of profit in commodities it will at the same time result in killing profit in white flesh.

In the meantime The Rebel is quietly watching and waiting for some pulpitless preacher in Oklahoma and Texas to write a few more lines on the dem[illegible] of this Johnson case we say the man who would pay any attention to the donks' howl for white supremacy should be bored for the hollow horn or examined for the simples. A glimmer of sense may enter their ivory skulls and they will understand that the solving of the labor question will solve the race question. Quin sabe.

HICKEY'S TOUR.

The editor of the Rebel will make a short torur commencing in Houston on December 8th. The tour is primarily taken for the purpose of securing data on the Land Question. The following itinerary has been arranged:

Houston, December 8.
Beaumont, December 9.
Port Arthur December 10.
Saratoga, December 11 and 12.
Palestine, December 13.
Tyler, December 14.
Mineola, December 15.
Princeton, December 16.
Gainesville, December 17.
Nocona, December 18.
Henrietta, December 19.

After the last date the Editor of the Rebel will be open for engagement in Oklahoma. He wishes particularly to meet men interested in the Renters Union and those who have land stories to tell. For particulars write this office.

A CHRISTMAS BOX.

Now is the time when everyone is thinking of making an Xmas present. What dou think of this idea. Get the names of 10 of your friends on a sheet of paper and send them to us with two dollars and fifty cents and we will see that they get The Rebel for forty weeks. If it pulls them out of their old rut and in eight times out of ten it will after forty treatments, they will rise up and call you blessed when the flowers are blooming in the spring. This offer is good only until Dec. 25.

JOE AND REBECCA.

Once more Joseph Weldon Bailey, alias "Oily Joe" is threatening to resign his seat as United States Senator from Texas, but the contemplated resignation is not to take place untille he shall have risen at his desk and exclaimed: "Once more into the breach dear friends! Listen to me, mark well my words and I will tell unto you the proper course to pursue if you would save this country from itself." Furthermore, though Joseph, not be of the coat of varied colors, but oil soaked, and with meal in the pockets, has very little left to hand back to the people of Texas because on Mar. 3rd, 1913, he must whether or no vacate the seat, and yet he ties a string to the would be resignation and makes of it a veritable "can -can," for now it is in sight and now it is pulled back into utter darkness. Here is one string: Bailey owes a debt to one R. M. Johnston, alias Rebecca Malinda, of the Houston Post, and this debt he purposes to pay by lending to Johnston the senatorial toga now temporarily in his keeping, but to make the loan of the toga except for a period too short to satisfy Johnston is a difficult matter, because Bailey must first make his speech and by the time that is made the Texas legislature will have met and, should Governor Colquitt, as per his declared intention, appoint Rebecca Malinda to succeed Bailey, the legislature might forsooth, in January, mercilessly tear the toga from the shoulders of Johnston and let some other citizen wear it until March 4th. This is what is causing trouble in fact wailing and gnashing of teeth in certain quarters. Every member of the legislature, acording to reliable newspaper reports, has been asked whether if Johnston is named to succeed Bailey, he as a member of the legislature in January, will vote to sustain Colquitt by permitting Johnston to stay in until March 4th. Evidently the legislators are not promptly responding favorably for the resignation of Bailey, effective at the close of the speech has not been wired.

With bated breath many an anxious soul is waiting to see what they may have revealed unto them by the knowing ones. Be it remembered that when Bailey, during the session of the 32nd legislature when his jaws were cuffed in the United States Senate, telegraphed his resignation to the governor of Texas, which telegram, however, it is said was never sent, Colquitt then governor as now did not say one word as to his preference for U. S. Senator, but said I will not accept resignation. Why did he then have no preference as now, why is he now so anxious to accept? Echo answers because he then will know that the legislature then in session would promptly elect ex-Gov. Campbell to succeed Joe and this of all things Colquitt did not propose to have come about. And now mark the prediction unless a majority of members of 33rd legislature in writing agrees to elect Rebecca Malinda to fill the unexpired term of Oily Joe, there will be no resignation and there you are, and the dear people are being made foot stools of—for benefit of favored few—Down with the oil can politicians.

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THE KIND OF PROPERTY SOCIALISTS WANT.

H. C. Aldredge, Abilene, Texas.

My friend, would you really like to know just what sort of property it is that the Socialist proposes that the people shall own in common? I'll tell you, provided of course, that you keep the information on the square.

That Property which is the basis of the people's physical lives, land, together with that sort of industrial Property which can be operated only in a social or collective manner such Socially used instrument for example as the principal factories, mines, mills, railways, telegraphs, etc. This is the sort of property or capital which the Socialist would have the working class own as their collective, but non-divisable, non-sellable property. While this sort of property or capital, is not wealth of itself, yet human beings can neither create wealth nor produce the means of their own physical subsistence without applying their labor-power either to the one or the other of these two forms of property or social capital. Hence such property, though privately owned today is not privately but socially used and is, therefore, of a public and not of a private nature.

DEMOCRATIC NED.

(Sung to the tune of Casey Jones)

Come all you younders if you want to hear,
A story of the donks far and near,
They're a set of chumps from chumpville,
Never amounted to a darn and never will.

They hang around town and howl for good times.
They blow in their nickles and they blow in their dimes
Their purse, of course will soon grow slim.
And they curse their pal for robbing them.

CHORUS

Democrat man going to heaven,
Democrat man, I don't think,
Democrat man, going to get to heaven, well I don't think

Down through the nation come the bull Moose sled
Commanded by the pilot, Mr. Terrible Ted.
Well, Teddy gave his orders on the strict Q. T.
To show up the record of the G. O. P.

Just take on all the howlers from howlers camps
Just taken on all the bums and the railroad tramps;
Make them think you're worse than a wampus cat,
But don't forget to dodge the Social-Democrat."

[illegible]
Bailey called him out at half past four;
He kicked his wife out at the door;
He landed on the children with a stick in each hand,
Says, "I'm fighting for the freedom of the oily man."

[illegible]
He started on his mission to convert the land,
With a dime in his pocket and a Post in his hand
He didn't last long, but soon went down,
For a Socialist got him on the first go round.

Old Demo fought him like a Choctaw chief,
He read his paper to him leaf by leaf,
But the Socialist got him where the wool was short.
And he couldn't do a thing but heave and snort.

[illegible]
He saw his time was coming, he would have to pray;
He didn't know how to start it or what to say,
Says, Bailey won't you help me, Oh Lord too true
Well, a Socialist's got me and it's up to you.

They put him in his grave and they left him all alone;
They explained how he died on a big tombstone.
Says, "He did't have the heart disease and he wasn't too fat,
But he undertook debating with a Social-Democrat."

Old Democrat's wife was at home in bed,
When she got the telegram that he was dead,
Says she to the children, "Bless each little brat,
Your next daddy will be a Social-Democrat."

LEAVENING THE LUMP.

"A little leaven will leaven the whole," is a saying as true as is the magnet to the pole; and since Socialism has forced upon the "powers that be" the parcels post the leaven is at work and may within the near future bring about results such as Socialism advocates for the good of the world and they that dwell therein.

Years ago the great John Wanamaker, as postmaster general said the great express companies will never permit a parcels post in America, and had good reasons for so saying, but he did not know that Socialism was at work in efforts to get a little leaven into our U. S. government postal service. Well, we have succeeded in that direction, so keeping a shoulder to the wheel and turning in other directions then too we will get good results. Alexander wept because there were no more worlds for him to conquer. Socialists have no need to weep for want of something to [illegible] for the harvest is white and seemingly but awaits further action in applying the doctrine of Socialism, the only panacea for the many existing evils. Oh, for 5,000,000 votes and see the progress we would make.

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WHEN WILL THE SUCKERS SEE?

By W. S. Noble.

On Wednesday, November 13, an Associated Press dispatch appeared in the Houston Chronicle, to the effect that the Retail Merchants Association, assembled at Waco, Texas, had petitioned the railroad and commissioners, to stop the delivery of fruit, vegetables and groceries from cars; thus depriving them of the power to exact their tribute.

This dealing from jobber direct to the consumer without these holy buccaneers getting a part of the swag was more than they could stand. What a great bunch of liars this pious bunch who are the most respected members of lea ling churches are anyhow.. They prate about competition being the life of trade, then when they get up against the game, squeal as all crooks squeal and seek help to save them from their friends (?)

I have been telling you all over the state of the meeting in Ft. Worth when Mr. Aldridge of Dallas (now deceased) expressed himself so complimentary concerning you. Also told you how the Retail Merchants Association was formed, and how they thought you belonged to them. Honestly they think they are entitled to all you make, and any one who was not one of their bunch and would not hold up the prices by which you are robbed, was a mortal enemy and if they cannot meet him in fair competition they (owning the government of Texas) would call on their men Friday at Austin, to put them out of business. Hence we are not surprised that Austin was the first town in Texas to put a man in jail for selling direct from the jobber to the consumer.

Let us see; I live at Rockdale, Texas, which is in the very heart of a truck growing belt. Last summer when you boys in the cities could not buy tomatoes because they were so high we could not get a market and thousands of crates rotted in the fields.

It is the same all over the South. A few years ago when I was living at Eastland, Tex., we were paying six cents per pound for Bermuda onions. This made them so expensive we could not afford to eat them. Being called to Smiley, Texas, what was my surprise to find thousands of bushels rotting for lack of a market. One cent per pound was all the growers received when they could find a market. Upon further inquiry I found the express rate to Eastland was 90c per crate, thus making it possible to lay their onions down at my town for $1.90 per hundred-weight. The jobber could have made considerable money handling this commodity at three cents per pound, thus doubling the demand, giving the producer a market and enabling the people to have onions to eat.

And remember, this is no isolated case. Go to Alvin, Bullard, Jacksonville or anywhere they raise truck. You will find a like condition.

But what care these modern pirates? Once upon a time the robber barons built their castles on high hills so that they could descend like hawks into the fruitful valleys below to rob and pillage. What difference does it make if the robber's castle is turned into a business office? The new robber barons oppress and hold down the producers and consumer and rob them both.

On the very day the robbers were gloating over the fact that the "people would find the determination of the railway commission not to interfere would be a hollow victory," I purchased 50 pounds of cabbage from a car in Rockdale for $1.00 while the retail merchants asked $2.00, for the same quality and quantity. I purchased two bushels of apples for $1.50, while the retailers asked $3.00.

Thousands of others in Texas did as I did about the same time. Many children had fruit and vegetables to eat which at retail prices would have been prohibitive. Not this alone, but the demand for these articles was doubled, and the producer benefited.

But what of that? What does this bunch of pirates care for the people, only as they can profit by them? What care they if your children starve, or the mortgage is foreclosed on your truck gardener's little patch? What cares he if mothers sell themselves to purchase food for their children. Want and hunger are pleasant to his selfish eyes.

When the banana market was crowded in New York, two ships anchored in the harbor loaded with bananas. If they pere permitted to unload their cargo would be so cheap that the retailers who had already purchased heavily would lose. So the importers were shown the condition of the market. The retailers purchased the two ship loads at a very low price, and in the sight of starving children the bananas were sunk in the ocean.

Think of the cruelty of the savages, but can the mind of man conceive of a sight more cruel than the sinking of these bananas while these half-fed children feasted their hungry eyes on them before they were consigned to the deep?

How long will you deluded farmers and city workers vote to keep this bunch in power. Arouse, learn the important lesson here revealed. Stand for your class interests.

Remember, first, these merchants have organized. Second, they took in consideration their class interest, we secured the election of their representatives to office which stand for the class that elected them

CAN YOU WORKING MULES SEE THE POINT?

Here are two classes of retailers engaged in selling to the consummers; but they have a different class interest. Hence the struggle.

The same class interest manifests itself between the renter and the landlord. [illegible] see the point and organize? I would like to say to you one last word, that class of men that have not the backbone and sense to organize will ever remain hewers of wood and drawers of water for others.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

Maryland: The Socialist vote in this state has doubled. The comrades are singing Maryland, my Maryland.

Oklahoma: Great interest is being manifested in this state over the approaching state convention. An autocratic state committee plus a "party owned" press has almost wrecked the movement. To preach democracy and practice autocracy is hell with the lid off.

Georgia: The Socialists in Macon have been very active in the unions recently. The union men have declared a boycott on the militia because of their conduct during the recent street car strike at Augusta when three citizens were shot down in cold blood because they crossed the dead line marked out by the militia.

Tenneesee: After doubling the vote the work of organization goes steadily on. May Beals organized South Pittsburg recently; Springs. ETA

Florida: W. C. Siegler organized locals at Jasper, Live Oak, Marianna, Chipley, Millers Ferry, South Port, Boinfay, De Tunick Springs, Milligan, Bakers, Milton, Bagdad, Millville, Paramo City and Greenhead. The state vote increased one hundred per cent.

Mississippi: Organizers Doyle and Rowls organized locals at Landerdal Station, Vaiden, Serepta, Big Creek, Moselle and Quitman. Vote increased over one hundred per cent.

West Virginia: A condition bordering on civil war prevails in this state because of the determination of the coal barons to peonize their employees, just as the lumber kings of the Louisiana and Texas are peonizing workmen. So, the game goes on in West Virginia. The Socialist party is backing the strikers to a man. The Labor Argus, published at Charleston, W. Va., has been sued for $150,000 for criminal libel. The editor was a delegate to the Socialist National Convention. This strike has resulted in more bloodshed than all the Hatfield-McCoy and other feuds that have ever taken place in the state.

Louisiana: The Timber workers are fighting heroically in Merryville where thirteen hundred men are battling against the Santa Fe railroad plutes.

Debs ran second in Calcasieu parish in which is located the mills of Grabow where the lumber operators murdered the innocent union men last July.

Texas: Ed Green, the famous State Secretary of Texas, reports the greatest year in the party's history. More members, more literature, more encampments, more votes, more prestige and enthusiasm. And then remember the movement is only getting under way. Watch her grow.

DEBS.

Debs is ill with lumbago in his home at Terre Haute. Bail will be instantly provided for him as soon as he is arrested on the trumped up indictment that the plunderbund has brought against him There is nothing to it as all decent people may know.

ECONOMIC DETERMINISM OF SOME PREACHERS.

The purpose of this brief article is not to offend the religious sensibilities of any reasoning, thinking person, but as near as possible to give an analysis of the early sacrifice and what it really meant.

The intention is to show that the actions of men in all ages have been largely governed by their economic interests. That the bread and butter problem was as vital in the time of Moses as it is today. The high church dignitaries at that time were no more averse to gain their living without working for it than they are now, and the way they went at it was sufficiently smooth and ingenious as to excite the envy of the modern green-goods artist or a king of finance.

In ancient times the priests and the rabbis always had God wrathy. According to these self-appointed soul-savers the sins of poor, weak humanity occasioned much divine tribulation and the only way to square themselves and to avoid this terrible wrath was to offer a sacrifice.

So the poor people were invited to bring to the altar their lambs, calves, goats, fowls or pigeons (small favors thankfully received) and there have them offered up as a sacrifice to appease an angry God. To gain this most desired end nothing was so effective as the sweet savour of good, sound, tender meat well cooked. So the "burnt/offering" was instituted.

The priests placed the lamb on the altar and sunk the knife into its throat, and as the blood ran down the sacrificial stone they informed the people that God was duly pacified for that day, but there was no telling about the morrow. That night those smooth gentry had lamb chops for supper.

By the Mosaic law nothing in the live stock line over one year old was legal tender. The invariable rule was that the lamb or bullock offered for the sacrifice was to be not more than one year old and "without blemish." These priestly epicures saw that no lumpy-jawed cattle were worked off on them. Old, case-hardened sheep and goats were strictly taboo, as it was just as easy to work soft marks out of tender meat as it was out of tough.

Furthermore, they saw to it that there should be no shortage of meat. In addition to the burnt offering there was also instituted the sin offering, the peace offering, the meat offering, the trespass offering and the free-will offering. It would seem after looking over the list that this free-will offering was intended for a joke. It would also seem that each individual priest was inhabited by a large, influential tapeworm.

The first five chapters of Leviticus gave a fair insight as to how the game was played. Leviticus 2:13 says:

"And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt, neither shalt thou suffer the salt covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt."

Not satisfied with buncoing a lot of credulous innocents out of all their young meat, this oily bunch of confidence crooks actually had the impudence to insist on their furnishing the seasoning as well. If a similar game could be worked today the priests would have Jehovah loving the sweet savour of chili sauce, tomato catsup and other high-priced condiments.

But the old timers never overlooked a bet. If the sinner could not offer a young bullock or a lamb for the sacrifice, then a pair of fowls or turtle-doves or a measure of fine flour were all welcome additions to the priestly pantry.

And yet these same priests told the people that God was immutable, unchangeable, the same thousands years ago, the same now and the same thousands of years hence. If this be true, then why does not He demand the burnt offerings yet? Has He changed, or is it only priestly methods that have changed? When the old plan was in vogue it was in the day of trade and barter, no money was in circulation to any considerable extent. Now the priests get a salary or are paid in money in fees and therefore patronize the butcher shops.

In this day and age we offer up our sacrifces when the contribution plate is passed down the aisle. If you wish to offer the measure of a fine flour, or a pair of turtle-doves, just drop in a quarter. But if your sins are great enough to demand the sacrifice of a young bullock, then gently desopit a ten-dollar bill, thereby escaping the wrath to come.

B. J. Robertson.

OUR REBS.

It always happens that when a great campaign is over and a victory has been won that the tired soldiers rest on their arms. And so our Socialist soldiers of peace have slept in the trenches for the past two weeks. It was time you aroused for the battle lines are being formed again in the never ending battle that can only finish when, in the near future, the flag of the Socialist republic is raised over the capitalist. The South must take the lead in this battle for human emancipation. The Rebel is the big gun that shells the enemy's entrenchments. The Rebel has the artillery that captured thousands of prisoners, that made us win such a victory this election when our general Andrews looked in the eye of the Donk's general, Colquitt, and the other generals of the plutocracy were beaten hopelessly back. Now will you come up with the subs that will enable us to fight all the harder If so grab the sub-blank you find enclosed and fire it in and do it now.

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Dr. J. E. Cannaday, 302 Court Square, Sedalia, Mo.

References: Third National Bank, Sedalia, Mo.

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WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

Editor's Note.—"Truth" is the editorial caption of a Socialist-anti-Socialist magazine published in New York. Recently E. O. Meitzen of Halletsville, wrote to the editor asking him if he would print a reply to a particularly false and vicious article of Father Hannon. The editor of Truth was a friend of the late Gerrit Smith Miller. Mr. Meitzen permission to state his side of the case, but he and behold! the reply never appeared. Later he learned the comrade's reply on the ground that it was "too childish" to print. The Rebel leaves the readers to judge if it is "childish" or not:

"In your August issue there appeared an article from the pen of Rev. W. H. Hannon, combating Socialism, and as you so kindly permit me to show where in my opinion he got off the straight and narrow path, I here and now submit my protest.

Before I get through all pain-stricken persons who read this review will have to conclude that the Rev. must have thought that your motto to tell the truth, the whole truth, no prejudice, etc., of the Catholic church, meant that there was no other truth, and that anything could be said about Socialism.

I shall not take more of your valuable space than is absolutely necessary in assigning reasons for my propositions which will show where Rev. Hannon did not tell the truth or told a half truth and that is harder to refute than when the statement is wholly false.

1st. He says of the claim that Christ came to bring not peace but a sword that it is not to be found in the Bible.

He commanded those who add house to house and field to field and who eat widows houses.

He said "lay not up for treasures on earth" and in dozens of other places condemned the exploiters of the people. So for 300 years after Christ the taker of increase or usury was not permitted Christian sacrament nor burial.

Thus we show where No. 1.

2. He charges Socialism with being responsible for the utterances of Socialists and of Socialists alone who write many books on various subjects. He in most cases fails to cite the books and to show where the paper is which the supposed utterance appears. This is a very poor showing. Owen, Carpenter and Hegel were not Socialists, the latter ever a bitter opponent of Socialism.

A fair man would like to take up and discuss the fundamental principles and not chase off after "Will o' the wisps" and slippery matters like this. Why not discuss the platform and program which have been formulated by a convention of elected delegates and the ratified by a majority vote of the dues paying members of the party and consequently embrace our concrete opinion.

Strange indeed it is that I have so far not found a single opponent that has shown the fairness and manhood to discuss the platform.

Thus is No. 2 nailed.

I have not read all the books of Socialism or all the books on such subjects, but I know something.

3. He says the Communist Manifesto by Marx advocates the abolition of the family. This I emphatically deny. I find that on the charge brought then (1847), as now by our enemies that Socialists advocate community of women or free love, that neither has this rocky to make: "Community of women exists, as we have already existed, even not to speak of the communism prostitutes. It is ridiculous in the extreme to witness the pious horror which the Bourgeois(ie of capitalists) display on this point. Not satisfied that the wives and daughters of their laborers are subject to their will, they take an especial delight in seducing one another's wives."

You see it was then as now that the fellow who stole the horse himself was the loudest in crying "stop thief."

No. 3 is thus nailed.

He charges the Socialists with the revolutions in France, Portugal and Italy, which brought separation of church and state as in France. It charged with opposing the soldiers on the battlefield the last sacrament. Read the history of ill-fated Portugal he cries.

Yet it is a fact that the ruling forces in France, Portugal and Italy, are as bitterly opposed to Socialism as they are to the Catholic church and as that church is to Socialism. So I'd like to know what this has to do with Socialism.

Thus is No. 4 nailed.

5. He charges that when we get into power the church will be denied the right even of its very existence. Yet it is an historic fact that the Socialists of Germany assisted the Centrist or Catholic party to have abolish the anti-Catholic laws in Germany in the very face of public opinion and great efforts on the part of the anti-Jesuit sentiment. We stand now and everywhere for absolute liberty and oppose any class laws. The above case I put us to the test in that respect.

No. 5. is nailed.

6. The Socialists are charged to be unfit to raise their children and yet it is known that there are as few or fewer violators of the law in proportion to numbers of Socialists than of any other organization, the Catholic church not excepted.

It is a fact that all the inmates of our high officials in the United States had been raised Catholics. The assassin of Lincoln, Guiteau, who killed Garfield, Czolgosz, who shot McKinley, the man who shot Mayor Gaynor of New York and the one who murdered Mayor Carmichael of Chicago, and even the McNamara brothers, who dynamited the Los Angeles Times building were of that faith, and the Camorra trial in Italy disclosed the fact that one half of that bunch of cutthroats was an ordained Catholic priest. Yet I would not think of charging that organization with teaching murder. Why can't you be fair Mr. Hannon!

So No. 6 is nailed.

7. He charges that 500 million dollars is spent annually (1896) by the wage earners in drink and that "drunkenness and immorality are the chief items to blame that the statistical system for their misery." He fails to cite his source of information, but to cite his source of information but I will.

Rev. Chas. Stelzle, Chairman of Committee of Twenty-one, Methodist Federation for Social Service, in his book "Why Men Hate the Church" says: "Of the 30,000,000 wage earners in the United States, 10,000,000 are unskilled laborers. Their average wage is $400 per year. Their average family consists of five persons. Their average yearly expenses are $600. Their average yearly income is $400. Their average yearly deficit is $200. Their average yearly debt is $200. Their average yearly interest charge is $12. Their average yearly total income is $388. Their average yearly total expenses are $612. Their average yearly deficit is $224. Their average yearly debt is $224. Their average yearly interest charge is $13.44. Their average yearly total income is $374.56. Their average yearly total expenses are $599.44. Their average yearly deficit is $224.88. Their average yearly debt is $224.88. Their average yearly interest charge is $13.49. Their average yearly total income is $361.07. 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The Texas Program.

(The following article was written for the New Century, Sulphur, Okla., by the editor of The Rebel.)

You ask me to tell you: "What is the Texas program?"

I can answer in these words: "Local self-government on American lines." Only that and [illegible] more; just local self government and all that flows therefro[illegible] States of North America. That is the Texas program.

Let me illustrate: [illegible] ys beyond recall we used to have two state committe[illegible] rst a regular state committee with representatives all [illegible]. In the nature of things this was unwieldly, inefficient, wo[illegible]ss. Then we organized a state executive committee that would have all the powers of a State committee during the time when the State committee did not meet. Just like the national committee and national executive committee of our party the small body met and ruled the State, while the big body was a joke! Just as the big national committee is a howling farce today: it is the small centralized body (the N. E. C.) that does the steam rolling and puts through its reactionary A. F. of L., Militia-of-Christ, Civic-Federation politics.

As might be expected the inevitable conflict ensued as to who was to control the small body. Forever get it out of your head that "fairness" or "equal rights" or any such phrases control where centralized power maintains. The powers that be that control the majority of the executive committee national or State always use that power ruthlessly to push their material interest to the front.

I digress for a moment to point out that the majority of the present N. E. C. that holds to Gompers' A. F. of L., actually went so far as to import an English "pure-and-simpler" against Haywood's protest in the last campaign who turned in a bill to the national office for a valet (a thing to pull on his pants) and then he had taxicabs and finally a neat sum for "gratuities to ship's officers." And then some more of the same order of which the party knows nothing, except that we have a deficit of $12,000 for the rank-and-file to pay. The deal to get this fellow here was made by the wealthy New York lawyer, Hilquitt, and pushed through by the Connecticut millionaire, Robert Hunter. Then to cap it all they have disfranchised the members of the party by slipping through a joker which makes it impossible for membership to amend the national constitution during the year 1913. And then by means of the national Lyceum bureau they have as I write, thirty-three organizers traveling around (with one or two exceptions) pushing their policies and maintaining their national machine. No wonder Gompers laughs, Belmont and Carnegie rejoice at the sham battle, pure-and-simple-unionism flounders about as the band plays "waltz me around again, Willie." This is but a fleeting flash of the ways the centralizers work nationally. Now to our muttions--the State.

An ambitious lawyer (we always have them) decided it would benefit his business if the office were moved to his city. He started a fight on the State secretary who had headquarters at Tyler and his pretext was that the Appeal to Reason had too much power in the State and Secretary Bell was pushing it. Then the fight spread as it always does. The State was circularized. El Paso, Houston, Galveston and Fort Worth together with 100 locals at the forks of the creek were pulled into a row to settle the affair of Dallas and Tyler. The result was the same as you are having now in Oklahoma, and as the party has had in 30 different states, to-wit: Confusion, pessimism, disorganization and despair, because locals in the state could not settle the rows that the officials created in a locality.

How to stop the trouble before the party was entirely wrecked was the problem. Some comrades who had long experience in such matters delved beneath the surface for the cause and soon found it. It was simple—just this: The Socialist party while preaching Democracy had an antiquated form of organization that practiced autocracy! Further the debauched democratic party that we had sworn to kill had a *more democratic form of organization* than we had; and be it ever remembered that the form of organization is the thing, it is the structure of the political body just as the bones are the structure of the human body. Then we decided to submit to a referendum vote of the membership a new constitution that would make our form of organization at least as democratic as the Democratic and then some. The proposition carried overwhelmingly and this is the cream of it:

1st. Absolute county and local autonomy.

2nd. Abolition of all committees on top (this means both State and State executive committees.)

3. No party-owned press of any description.

4th. Rotation in office (no State secretary to hold office more than two terms of one year each.)

These four planks are the life and spirit of the Texas program and now after nearly four years test of practical operation and experience the membership of Texas, would no more go back to the ruinous trouble breeding state committee than they would go back to the vomit of the Democratic party.

Let us analyze these planks of the Texas program:

The first plank, county autonomy, is a basic principle of democracy. It has always been fught by bureaucrat and tyrant, by king, pope, kaiser and khan. It is the *bete noir* of the rascal who would gather power to himself through kitchen cabinets and midnight conspiracies. It places power in the hands of the multitude and away from a corrupt clique. Under its beneficient rule a Hillquitt could no more conspire with his pals on the N. E. C. to smash the constitution than he could jump over one of his beloved skyscrapers in little old New York. County autonomy is the antithesis of centralized autocracy. Basically it means that with the county as the unit of organization the membership grows automatically into representative districts, senatorial and finally congressional districts all working autonomously and all the time the initial impulse from below up instead of from on top town. This is democracy on the political field and all else is mere leather and prunella—a graft for gongers to gull gudgeons with.

Strong language my friends? Yes, but remember this: It is on the lines of county atonomy and what flows from it as sketched above that the political structure of the United States is built. In Texas the Terrell election law absolutely prohibits all autocratic power, politically speaking, in a State executive committee. All their power consists of is naming the city and hiring the hall for the State convention. Accordingly to set up a foreign form of organization with autocratic powers to invade counties and fire locals and individuals in the name of Social-democracy is in the very nature of things a fraud on the membership and a swindle in the name of Socialism!

The second plank of the Texas program abolishing party committees on top is dealt with in the foregoing paragraph.

Now let us look at the third plank the abolition of the party press. This fake is being foisted on the party in recent years in spite of the fact that from the birth of the party, the thing was denounced and the party membership warned against it (see proceedings of national Unity Convention, Indianapolis, 1901; National Convention Chicago, 1904; National convention Chicago, 1908) In taking this position the Socialist party knew and said correctly that all such papers inevitably fell into the hands of a clique who would run, rule or ruin the party. And it has been even so wherever the *experiment has been tried. The* party-owned press has ripped the S. L. P. to pieces until now all that is left is a few political neurasthenics and "Foxy Grandpa" holding down five typesetting machines from which coign of vantage the poor foolish "owners" can never dislodge him. A party-owned press accordingly is as foolish as a party-owned colony and indeed even moreso because the colony may be owned by its members for a while but the press is always in the grip of the clique that forms the committee in control. While capitalism lasts we must not have one paper speaking *ex-cathedra* but a multiplicity of papers, for as always in a multiplicity of counsellors there is wisdom.

To dwell longer on this plan were a foolish task because the veriest tyro in politics knows that to control the press is to build a bureaucracy and destroy liberty and ravish freedom.

The fourth plank, rotation in office, needs no defense from my pen. The president of the United States must bow to it, even Madero accepts it; the Farmers Union champions it; the Odd Fellows make it a cardinal principle; large locals of the Western Federation of Miners embody it in their constitution. Texas Socialists would not be without it and the national Socialist party carried it and was deprived of it on a pretext after a caucus of the big officials in the East. Rotation keeps new and fresh blood moving through the organization machinery. It is the lack of it that enables a Gompers to ride on the back of the labor movement like an Old Man of the Sea.

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These four planks then form the basis of the famous and thoroughly successful Texas Program that has stood the test of time!

Needless to say the founders of this democratic movement did not produce a perfect document in the beginning. It was only a Minerva that could spring full panoplied from the brow of Jove. But as time has gone on we have, without interfer ing with the fundamental principles above set forth, so amended the constitution that it is coming nearer to perfection all the time. For instance we have arranged to have the votes counted for State secretary and national committeemen by a special auditing-election committee (none of whom can be paid organizers, Socialist newspapermen or directly or indirectly connected with the state office) elected by referendum, who after canvassing the returns audit the secretary's books.

The secretary has had the power to appoint some organizers. Now it is proposed to elect the organizers by referendum vote.

We have provided that no man shall hold two party offices and thus after reducing the State secretary's powers to a minimum we will with the development of the party in Texas, that has just increased its votes 322 per cent and had its governor's candidate second in the race for the first time in America, proceed to perfect the congressional district form of organization and practially abolish the State office. From all this it may be observed that the conflict in any matter is not over persons, but over principles. Either decentralization is a great democratic principle or it is something to be avoided as a menace to our movement. One thing is sure if it is right, centralization is wrong and must be overthrown wherever and whenever it raises its head in our party affairs. And then after all we must remember that this Texas program has a nation wide purpose.

Already the skilled lawyers like Hillquit and Harriman are straining every nerve to make centralization secure. All the power of patronage is in their hands. All the power of the national office is now being used to keep their grip on the States. This is why you will find men paid by the national office at the Oklahoma State convention in December. Watch this prediction and know why the centralized powers in Chicago and New York are moving to this end.

It is a deep and crafty game that is being played at this moment The scheme is to keep the wheels of propaganda moving on Gompers' A. F. of L. lines for one thing and secondly to keep a great national party tied up through centralized committees in the hands of ambitious rich men like Hunter and scheming lawyers like Hillquitt and Harrimann.

Should they win then the spirit of genuine democracy will be assassinated in the house of its alleged friends and a hybrid "Labor party" take its place.

Should they be defeated then the spirit of genuine democracy will live and thrive in the hearts of men.

UP WITH THE TEXAS PROGRAM.

A POINTED REQUEST.

Hallettsville, Tex., Dec. 6, 1912.

Jno. M. Work, National Secretary Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade: In the National Bulletin of November 30 I read: "By a recent referendum in Michigan, James Hoogerhyde was re-elected State Secretary; Frank Aaltonen of Negaunee was re-elected National Committeeman, and James Hoogerhyde elected National Committeeman in the place of H. S. McNaster."

On another page of the same Bulletin I learn that Comrade Hoogerhyde has been employed by the National office to tour Michigan in the interest om the Lyceum bureau.

Some time since I learned through the buletin that Comrade Otto Branstetter had been elected national committeeman for Oklahoma and I find in the bulletin of Nov. 30 that he is now employed in Oklahoma in a similar capacity of Comrade Hoogerhyde.

I might mention other cases but the above are sufficient for my purposes, which is to call your attention to the fact that a motion from National Committeeman Noble of Texas was overwhelmingly carried by the committee which declared that it was reprehensible for National officials to be self-employers.

Accordingly I would respectfully request you to call for the resignation of the above mentioned Comrades (and others who violate this rule) from the National Committee or their jobs.

Fraternally

T. A. Hickey.

IMPORTANT NATIONAL MOTION.

I move that the National Secretary be instructed to notify every speaker sent out by the National Lyceum bureau that they must not under any circumstances advocate partisan policies of the Socialist party under penalty of summary dismissal.

Comment.

It is deplorable that such a motion should be necessary in a Socialist organization. The present situation demands it. Four men can select every speaker for the Lyceum and Hilquitt has tried to have one man place his imprimatur on all of them. Accordingly these men become agents of Hilquit-Gompers-unionism ideas or economic determinism is a myth. Industrial unionism (not I. W. W. alone) is the burning issue within the party. If the party machinery is used to further the ideas of a few officers then the Socialist party is a sham. Centralization produces this question hence the motion.

TIMBER WORKERS' FIGHT.

The Rebel is in receipt of the following telegram from the brilliant press representative of the striking Timber Workers:

Alexandria, La., 12—3—12.

The Rebel,

Hallettsville, Texas.

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Covington Hall.

You can bet the last piece of change you can beg, borrow or steal, that the Rebel will stay with you fighters against peonage in the piny woods until the end, be it what it may. Here is a fervent wish that the sympathizers with human liberty will load your fellow workers down with provisions so that you may stand the siege.

Editor The Rebel.

TO MY CORRESPONDENTS.

Write me and keep on writing but don't be sure that you will get an answer. It is not lack of courtesy on my part it is simply because there are so many things to do that something must fall short and it just happens to be my correspondents. Keep on writing anyhow and I may catch up.

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