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TEXAS LEADS NATION.

I believe there are more Soialists in Texas today than in ny other state in the Union and have good reason for the faith hat is in me.

The first big fact to which I will all the attention of our readers s that we have increased more han three hundred per cent over he Debs vote of 1908 with 59 ounties yet to be heard from. The official vote for Debs in 1908 s recorded in the World Almanac was 7870. The official vote for 1912 with 59 counties missing gives Debs 21,865.

When we add the returns from these missing counties it will be found that the Socialist vote in Texas will not be far frm the 30,000 mark and this in a state that according to the 1910 census has less than four million inhabitants —to be exact 3,896,5[illegible]

But this is not all by any means In no state in the n[illegible], east or west is voting made as difficult as in Texas. The old [illegible] restrictions that operate against the free use of the ballot [illegible] the north such as a year's residence in the state and three to six months in the county is operating in Texas and then some.

Fred Boer

For instance: In Texas you must first of all have a year's residence in the state and then you must register not later than January 31 of the year in which they hold an election. If you went to register on Feb. 1 or any day thereafter for the 1912 election you were politely shown the door in the courthouse where the registration takes place.

Not only this, but if you did get to the place of registration in the day time (which means that if you are a working man you must lose half a day or a whole day) you must, if in the city, have $2.75 in your hand to pay for a poll tax, or if in the country, $1.75, and if you don't pay this cash nine months ahead then you are disfranchised. You cannot exercise citizens right of franchise at the polls when election day comes around.

As a result of this iniquitous law the workers are disfranchised by the tens of thousands as this statistical fact will show:

The total vote of all parties cast in the guebernatorial election of 1910 taken from the Texas Almanac amounted to 218,813, or a ratio of one vote to every 17½. While in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New York the ratio is as one to 5 or 6. Of course women suffrage does not obtain as in California, Washington, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

And with all this difficulty the full story is not told. Texas is an agricultural state. Cotton is still king in the Lone Star. While the white ballots are being cast the white cotton is being picked. Thousands of men who hold poll tax receipts are compelled to travel from home to gather the crop for others. They can only vote in their home precinct and thus the traveling cotton pickers are disfranchised en masse.

Again 219,000 white renters have yearly contracts for the place on which they dwell. About election time they harness up their team and go prospecting for another place; many lose their vote in this way.

Need we wonder then that the proportion of voters in Texas is as one to 17½.

In spite of all these terrific drawbacks we polled 12 per cent of the total vote of all parties and Debs has beaten Roosevelt and Chafin and is within 408 votes of Taft, with 59 counties to hear from. Our comrade may take second place for the first time in any state when the final returns

And for all these reasons I believe I am right in saying that the old Lone Star State is the most [illegible] as it is the most [illegible] have more Socialists than in any other state in the Union.

The solid south has been broken. Socialism has made a majestic entrance at last.

Tear down the walls for Texas and her immortal program.

THE ELECTION OF WOODENHEAD WILSON.

For the first time in 20 years a president will enter the White House on the fourth of next March who was elected on the Democratic ticket.

As might be expected he is a bourbon of the bourbons and hates the working class with all the vicious venom that has ever characterized a pedagogic parvenu. For twenty years he taught in Princeton university and during portions of that time he sat in the president's chair of that college where snobbishness is the law with faculty and freshman and sophomoric diatribes against Union Labor and Socialism is the order of the day. For never one fleeting hour during Wilson's presidency has the spirit of modern scientific inquiry as to the source of wealth entered into the cimmerian darkness that enfolded the intellect of Princeton's president. But to the contrary he has with voice and pen denounced every effort of the worker to uplift himself. He has denounced the workers , unions, their press and their politics.. And when in the state of New Jersey twelve years ago an earnest man named Vrooman started a magazine in the interest of the initiative and referendum, no tongue was more bitter; no pen was more vitriolic than Woodenhead Wilson's in stigmatizing this Vrooman, the original progressive of Newark, New Jersey. Can the leopard change his spots, can the parvenu become a man, can the ignoramus become a scholar, can Woodenhead become clear as to the righteousness of labor's cause —obviously, no. But say some, "he is coached by Bryan." In that fact alone disaster faces the flatulent fool from Princeton. Bryan the soldier that never fought a battle, the leader that never led the same way twice and the farmer that never ploughed a furrow, the printer that never set a stick of type, the statesman that never passed a law and the leader that never won a victory for the people's rights. Bryan, the $50,000 a year hot air artist that resembles the banks of the river Platte on which he was born, that is 35 miles long and only one foot deep. Bryan and Wilson will go down in history as the Siamese twins of middle class intellectual bankruptcy.

And yet, we in the south, who strive for real democracy are glad of Wilson's victory. For 20 years the bourbon has plaintively asserted that if the Democratic party was in power in senate and house and the presidency, that the load would be lifted from the people's backs. Now they have all they have prayed for and darker than Egypt's darkness will be the days to come now that the Democrats rule. Nationally it will be russianized Louisiana multiplied 48 times so far as the workers are concerned. And then we will have the awakening in forest, in shop, mill, farm and mine. Then will the ex-proprietor be expropriated and the people come into their own.

And so we rejoice at the election of Woodenhead Wilson.

Vox populi, vox dei. The voice of the people is the voice of God.

DEBS FELICITATES THE REBEL.

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 18, 1912.

Dear Comrade Hickey:—The galley proof of your tribute to Wayland has been received. It is fine in spirit and tone, sound and comforting in its philosophy, and breathes the noble tribute of a comrade living to a comrade dead. Gene and I have read it with the fullest appreciation.

With thanks for your kindness and all the good wishes a good comrade deserves I remain

Theodore Debs.

MERRYVILLE, LA.

Keep away from Merryville, La. There is a strike on. The English directors of the Santa Fe Railroad are determined to destroy the Timbers Workers Union. Keep away from the State of Louisiana.

Governor Hall Stand Up and Answer!

Hallettsville, Texas, November 19, 1912.

Governor Hall. Louisiana.

SIR:—

I wish to call your attention to a matter that concerns the honor of the State of which you are chief executive. It is this:

On July 7th, 1912, a peacable parade of workingmen with their wives and children marched from De Ridder, La., to Grabow, from one saw mill town to another, for the purpose of holding an open air meeting in the interest of Brotherhood and Timber Workers.

Every incident about the parade and meeting breathed the spirit ofPeace; the men walked with the olive branch for an emblem and as if to give assurance to the doubting multitude they carried with them their wives, sweethearts and children — a hostage that was almost sublime.

The citizens of Louisiana in their ignorance of the murderous character of those against whom they had grievance led their weak women into a hail storm of bullets and they put the fruit of their marriage where they could be trampled on as you would chush a flower beneath your feet.

Having noticed this admitted fact please remember: This meeting was not held at the midnight hour when desperate deeds are perpetrated. It was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the peaceful Sabbath day while the ancient bells of the little churches had their echoes still whispering among the tall pines of Western Louisiana.

Never was a town so assaulted! Never did an invading army with banners come upon the foe with such weapon or dressed in such motley garb. The women with their starched calico and fans plucked from the palmetto tree and the magnolia; the men with corn cob pipes in their hands and dressed in patched but clean storeclothes and the children with the wild flowers that they,feeling a sweet kinship with, gathered along the way.

And so with their songs ringing out in the sweet Southern air this crowd with flowers in their hands descended upon the town of Grabow and when you counte to the last child they numbered scarce eight score.

The meeting started — the platform which afterwards resembled a shambles was a primitive wagon. The Speaker was A. L. Emerson, president of the Timber Worker's Union, a typical workingman, a son of the woods, and as clean and strong as the oaks that formed the background for this meeting. Into the earnest upturned faces of the men and women, who lived, toiled and suffered in the piney woods he looked and gathered inspiration. And thus started the tragic meeting at Grabow.

Then entered on the scene a thug, one of these things that is spawned by the underworld and lives only in proportion as he takes human life. Born of a debauch he curses the society that made his debauchery possible. He shouted: — How are you going to organize these people?" —

Note the answer of Emerson: — "By taking all the decent people here and assembling them in one union." Not a word about violence: Nothing said of the shot gun or the torch. However, the work of the thug was accomplished. An interruption had taken place at the meeting and from the Company's office a shot rang out, the bullet flew by Emerson's head and the Union man, who stood behind him dropped in his tracks his life blood weltering from a death wound in his chest. Then came a fusilade from the porch and offices of the Galloway Lumber Company and the men at the meeting fell like on a battle field. When the firing ceased three men lay dead and forty-seven were wounded, one of whom died later, and the meeting was hopelessly broken up by the thugs of the timber trust as the Sabbath sun went down.

Murder had been done. Brutal murder as vile and vicious as murder can be and those who plotted and planned that murder are walking around free men today with never a fear of the gallows casting a shadow upon their lives. The reason for their serenity lies in their boasted statement that you are their friend and ally even as the New York police protected the murderers of Rosenthal. The statement, we refuse to believe until you have had ample time to act upon the facts in your possession, the facts such as I am calling your attention to now.

Now Sir, let us look at what followed the massacre.

A grand jury was hastily empanelled and they brought in an indictment against fifty-nine members of the Timber Workers' Union. For more than two months they languished in jail. Then came a lengthy trial that lasted for weeks. The State's case was shot to pieces and the jury returned a verdict of acquittal in less than one hour.

President Emerson and his eight comrades were no sooner turned loose than the other fifty men were freed on the resuest of the State's Attorney. Thus were the Timber Workers triumphantly vindicated after they were subjected to the acid test of Louisiana law; the test they stood full well.

Now comes the question, Sir: Who is responsible for this wholesale murder? What is the State of Louisiana going to do about it? Laws are on the statute books against murder; will the State's official proceed against the other parties to this crime? For be it ever remembered that there were only two parties to this riot. Both parties were organized. They were the Brotherhood of Timber Workers on one side and the Southwestern Lumber Operators Association on the other; A. L. Emerson, president of the first named, and John H. Kirby, of Houston, Texas, president of the second. Will your Honor instruct the State's Attorney of Louisiana to take cognizance of this fact? Will you, the governor of Louisiana call on the governor of Texas for the extradition of John H. Kirby and his associates? Will this step be taken as a means of removing this murder blot from the escutcheon of the State of Louisiana?

The Rebel believes that some such steps must be taken or other wise we witness a rape of the law. Accordingly, I respectfully call upon you as chief Executive of the State of Louisiana to take such steps and as will be necessary in the premises to cause the legal machinery of the State of Louisiana to be set in motion to the end Athat even handed justice be meted out to the parties of the second [illegible] responsible for this awful crime at Grabow, La.

Trusting that you will act promptly is this matter,

Very respectfully yours,

T. A. HICKEY,
Editor The Rebel.

DISFRANCHISED.

On election night I stood in the managing editor's office of the Waco Morning News and received an introduction to the owner, who by the way is also the owner of the Beaumont Enterprise.

"Did you vote for yourself today, Mr. Hickey?" queried that gentleman.

"No sir, I was nearly 200 miles from home when I made my last speech last night."

"Same here," said he, "I vote in Beaumont when I am there.

I then looked around the editorial staff. Quarles, the managing editor, could not vote because three months earlier he had left the Chair of Journalism in the A. & M. college; Mr. Harris, the editorial writer, could not vote because he had left his home in Austin where he was Associated Press correspondent to take a position on the Waco paper. I then went amongst the reporters and found that the majority of them were like myself and the editors and owner.

Then I returned to the hotel and found a dozen drummers sitting around smoking and talking of Woodenhear Wilson. None of them voted. On the sidewalk a well-known actor was vociferously shouting the praises of the Bull Moose and he confessed he had not voted in 20 years. All these men I met and talked to and I know there were hundreds of others in other parts of the city who were disfranchised on account of their sex.

Now I am told that it was once the custom, if not the letter of the law in Texas to allow a man to vote for state and national officers if he was unavoidably away from home.

Such a law should be passed by the incoming legislature and also the iniquitous poll tax qualification should be killed.

The right to vote should be as free from restriction as possible. Let us all work to that end.

FIRING LINE FLASHES.

Debs beat Wilson and balance. Every red reb vote straight—others chaotic, shot to pieces, E. E. Martin, Bangor, Wash.

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I am telling the comrades in California about the wonderful movement in Texas. They are delighted to hear of the growth of Socialism in the Sunny South. Mary Kules, Los Angeles.

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Capitalism or Socialism, which think you an informed unprejudiced Christian would look upon with favor? Think you that Christianity, can flourish best in Egyptian bondage and slavery or in the land of plenty. My heart quickly answers for fairness and economic justice. Luther V. Bates, M. D., Malone, Texas.

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We have been taking the Rebel for over a year and through its brilliant pages we have become full fledged Socialists. I like thousands of others blindly followed the democratic party until like Paul in Damuscus the scales have fallen from my eyes.

J. F. Gay, Waco, Tex.

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I consider The Rebel the best paper published and know you are doing more than any one paper published in the South for human progress.

W. L. Ridgeway,

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I am with you in the battle. Here is my second list of subs to show that I mean business.

J. H. N.

Fort Smith, Ark.

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There are great possibilities in Galveston county. Two years from now if we don't sleep on our rights we should have this great seaport for our cause

Dr. C. L. Smith.

Port Boliver.

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We are going to have a short mule crop for the nevt two years because we are sending all our jassacks down to Washington.

P. G. Zimmerman.

Jones Co.

TEXAS ELECTION RETURNS.

All the returns received at the Rebel ofice from our correspondents show that there has been growth—all along the line. The Dallas News of Sunday last tells us from the official record that Debs has beaten Roosevelt in the State and is within 400 votes of Taft with 59 counties to hear from. The News says:

Comparison of the Votes.

..The vote in the 186 counties thus far reporting for 1912, as compared with the vote in 1908, is given by parties as follows:

	1912	1908
Democratic	182,819	178,158
Republican*	22,273	50,579
Socialist	21,865	5,698
Progressive	21,179	
Prohibition	1,425	1,367
Popullist		844
Social-Labor	304	127
Independent		59

Canvassing is Slow.

In a number of counties the returns have not yet been compiled and canvassed and complete returns will not be available for several days.

It will be noted that in the counties reporting, Taft and Roosevelt together did not hold all of the republican vote polled in 1908, and that Debs more than tripled his vote of that year. A number of precincts in East Texas counties were carried by the Socialists, they electing justices of the peace and constables in these.

It will be interesting to watch the final re turns that will be canvassed on Nov. 28. It may show Debs in second place in Texas."

Since we published the full returns from 29 counties last week we have received the following reports from 12 other counties all showing a healthy increase:

	1912	1908
Rusk County	213	30
Jasper County	201	119
Young County	181	34
Jackson County	81	9
Jack County	219	106
Wheeler County	66	25
Robertson	62	32
Hamilton County	57	7
Leon County	266	33
Red River County	142	33
Blanco County	13	11
Wichita County	117	25
Dickens County	111	36

When the votes from the remaining 59 counties are heard from we are confident that the vote will approach the 30,000 mark and will show a 400 per cent increase.

In the face of this magnificent showing in Texas and all over the South with a milion clean cut votes cast in the nation the Socialists may well exult. The future belongs to our cause. It is for us to reshape society and solve the ages old problem of poverty. Could man apply himself to a nobler, bigger task? The answer is no. Then you Rebels get in the fight and sweep capitalism out of existence by 1916.

PROVISIONS WANTED.

It has been suggested to us that some of the Texas counties near the Louisiana line ought to send in to Merryville a carload of provisions for the striking timber workers and their families. Good idea. Let the comrades of Angelina or Cherokee or Anderson, or Leon or Harris or some such revolutionary county fill a freight car with provisions, bacon corn, beans, dried beef, corn meal, peas, potatoes, pumpkins, preserves—anything—and fire it through to Merryville to their gritty, starving brethren out on the firing line, and the result will be tremendous. See if it can't be done boys.

What is the matter with every Socialist local in the south sending these beleagured brothers of ours a ham or 10 pounds of coffee or some clothes. Every little bit helps. Pay the expressage. The timber trust has long ago abolished [illegible] down there. Send all moneys and provisions to Lee Lovejoy, Merryville, La.

Good God, but won't there be a day of reckoning!

The Bundle Brigade.

Twelve years ago the Milwaukee comrades decided to capture the cream city for Socialism and they did so.

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They tried a thousand schemes to reach the people with their message of emancipation as they saw it. They raked the country from Capt Cod to Cape Nome for speakers of ability, learning eloquence and power and withal the vote was small and stationary. Then they found that there after years of experience that there was one way that paid 100 per cent where other methods paid 5 per cent and that was a wholesale distribution of the written word on the printed page. So they organized the literature squad that covered the city of Milwaukee weekly. Every house was visited and not many years passed until the city fell into tehir hands.

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Today Texas is ripe for a similar campaign.

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We have succeeded in tripling our vote over 1908. We have organized over 100 counties and run sixty-five encampments. We have elected a large number of minor officials in this election. We have now secured in the South that remarkable thing called the respectability of numbers and never were the people so alive tothe truths that we Socialists have to tell.

For these reasons we would suggest to the militant Socialists of Texas that they take up in their locals the advisability of organizing a bundle bridgade in their localities. I say this with the knowledge that I have a lot of inside of information on various subjects, particularly the land question that will astound the State when published. Now is the time when the long winter days and nights are here that we should awaken the sleepers. Get busy then and district your locality. Put a live man in charge of a certain territory and see that the people read the truth as the Rebel tells it and it is the God's truth you may be sure.

It is worthy of notice that in these counties where the comrades distributed large bundles of the Rebel in the last campaign the vote showed astonishing gains. These counties are Harris, from 148 to 725; Angelina from 92 to 387; Johnson from 122 to 362; Anderson from 64 to 382; Henderson from 173 to 445; Milam from 289 to 488; Travis 66 to 265 (incomplete) Bexar 58 to 259; Runnells 64 to 206. These are a few of the counties who have proved how necessary the Rebel is to arouse thought and convince.

For these reasons we would suggest that you take this matter up at the next meeting of your local and see to it that an order is sent in to the Rebel for 100 lbs of mental dynamite so here is our price.

100 copies 50c; $5.00 a thousand.

TIME BRINGS SOME WONDERFUL CHANGES.

A father and son stood waiting,
Outside of an office, one day;
Awaiting a landlord's pleasure.
To ask him, if they could stay,
On his land another season,
There to labor and toil;
To eke out a bare existence.
While the landlord received all
the spoil
The lad turned to the father.
And asked will this always be so?
The father sadly answered.
My boy, I do not know.

Chorus.

For time brings some wonderful
changes
As onward through life we go.
Today the capitalist are in power
Because the workers are slow.
Sometimes you'll feel downhearted
Oh, don't it seem very strange?
Won't you rise up in November
And vote for this wonderful
change!

NEW MEXICO'S PAPER.

The Rebel has just received the first copy of a Socialist paper from McDonald, New Mexico. It is entitled the New Mexico State Socialist. The South west badly needed such a paper and we wish our contemporaryy a long and successful life. The light is being turned on everywhere.

FARM AND RANCH AND THE RENTERS UNION.

The Farm and Ranch semi-official organ of the Southern Landlords has a fairly good write up of the convention of the Renters Union in its last issue. It says:

"With an attendance of 112 accredited delegates, representing 28 counties in Texas, the Land Renters' Union of America held its second convention in Waco, Texas, November 8, 1912. The attendance might have been larger, but for a mistake in the announcement of the time and place of meting, many renters coming into Waco the day following, only to discover that the convention had adjourned and its eaders scattered.

"The meeting was characterized by a strong Socialistic sentiment on the part of the speakers, though there was present a minority who believed that the renters' movement would profit by practical problems arising in connection with present-day landlord and tenant relations. While this sentiment was present, the advocates of milder measures did not claim the attention of the house. The radical element were [illegible] on their feet,—and the [illegible] inated the conventi[illegible] The result was that not a construc[illegible] body. Only resolutions emphasizing bitter relations between landlords and tenants did pass.

"After questioning a number of observers and a number of renters who were present at the convention this correspondent came to the con- [illegible] no know how to go about putting their demands before the public, or how to create public sentiment in their labor. Like all bodies of people, organizing for the first time, they lacked leadership, and waited for leaders to appear. The only leaders who offered themselvs were men committed to the militant Socialistic program; consequently this renters' union, instead of doing something of immediate benefit, did the expected—the impractical. If the wiser and saner leadership had been present, if the landlords themselves had been there to help that convention would have assumed an entirely different aspect and a far suprior one. It might have been a really beneficial force in solving the land tenure problem which confronts the South.

'The renters took steps to strengthen their organization, and also decided to adopt a ritualistic program and in other respects take on the aspect of a secret order. They changed the constitution giving the county unions powers to regulate standards of rental contracts, and abolished the provision against a member of the union paying money rental. They determined to raise $5000 to carry on the work of organization, and also made it possible for negro renters to form separate unions. They denounced the the acts of a certain Central Texas landlord who, they claimed, had evicted tenants because of their political beliefs; they denounced the conditions of lumber workers in Louisiana as being unworthy of humanity and sympathized with conditions of renters in Mexico. They elected A. F. King of Mexia state president and reelected E. O. Meitzen of Hallettsvile state secretary.

Present at the meeting were a number of men prominent in the socialist movement, but not directly identified with the renters of farm land. These men addressed the meeting at various times.

"Despite the character of the meeting there are signs pointing to the strengthening of the conservative element in this union and for a program to express specifically the needs of the renters."

The only coment we have to make upon this write-up is to point out that it is rather strange that the renters felt there was something wrong and do not know how to remedy things when we read in the next paragraph that they strengthened their program, adopted a more ritualistic form, amended the constitution, raised funds, arranged for separate locals for negroes, discussed grievances, adopted up-to-date resolutions and elected [illegible]

We surely would like to know what other measures Farm and Ranch has to suggest.

FOR SALE—200 acres black Hallettsville, on public road, 75 acres in cultivation, 30 acres hay meadow, balance in pasture, good dwelling and outbuildings, [illegible] water. Easy terms. Apply to Ad Zappe, R. 3, Hallettsville.

QUIT THE MUZZLED PRESS.

Some people (who are not well posted on the class struggle) say, "we must take the capitalist papers to get the news"! To you who think this way, let me say; are you going to continue to take papers just to get the news that are misleading? After reading the capitalist dailies, you don't know what you have got so far as truth is concerned, for you have too often learned afterwards that the news you read were contradicted later by the facts in the case, so what do you gain by reading news on which you cannot depend? If you would give the same amount of support to the Socialist and Labor papers they would soon be able to give as much news as the present capitalist dailies and far more reliable.

Whenever you subscribe to a capitalist paper you simply furnish the ammunition with which the enemy crushes the cause of Labor. And thus you act the part of a traitor to the cause of your own class. In effect, your action of supporting the capitalist press does more injury to you and your own class than the act of taking a striker's place, which is commonly called scabbing. Remember, that the class struggle is continuous; and will continue as long as you furnish the ammunition to your enemy and, until the profit system is overthrown and replaced by a CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH.

It is therefore, quite plain and logical, that any member of the working class who supports the capitalist papers acts the part of a scab and a traitor to himself and his own class. That is, (next to voting the capitalist tickets) the worst kind of scabbing.

Comrades, let us all discontinue such actions. Take our support awaw from the enemies, press and give it to the Socialist and Labor papers. By that action we down our foe and at the same time raise ourselves. Then you will see the circulation of the capitalist papers take a sudden drop, and their power to do us harm, correspondingly diminish.

Let each and every working men act along the lines, above stated. All of you who are Socialists should agitate the matter in your Local meetings, you will get lots of support.

Instruct your delegates to the Central Labor bodies and all other meetings of the working class. Do all you can to get your organizations to act collectively and individually. Let every working man forsake the capitalist papers and support the Socialist and Labor press. In other words, let us all quit our scabbing and support those who help us.

Passing resolutions does not accomplish anything. We must act, with actions that speak louder than words, and the sooner the better.

Just think for a moment what a vast difference it will make when we— the working class —shall own and control the means that are now being used by the exploiting class, to turn public opinion against us, politically, industrially and socially.

Don't forget to do your part and to instruct your delegates in this matter. Go ahead, brothers, and carry out this program. Don't be held back and intimidated by the talk of corporation spies, and other reactionaries who carry Union cards in their pockets; but who lack the principles of unionism and manhood in their hearts. Brush them aside, and let us all pull together in this movement. The writer is going ahead and will do all he can whether you do your duty or not; and he will keep up this agitation until support will come more freely in the near future, so let every class conscious man do the same.

Now brothers, please listen. Don't simply read this and then go to sleep again, but act upon it, in your home, in and out of the shop or wherever you work; and don't forget your delegates at the next regular meeting and all subsequent meetings also. Keep it up! Be persistent! Keep on going [illegible] press is eventually taken out of the hands of our exploiters; then they will be shorn of one of the great powers by which they keep us in ignorance and slavery.

Show this article to every worker you know or meet, especially to every progressive one; and don't forget to inform your neighbors.

A "Red."

Rebel Lecture Tour.

On Dec. 10th The Rebel will commence a short lecture tour through North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. On the outward trip from this office there are four dates open in north Texas and southern Oklahoma. First come, first served, write now. On the return trip as many dates as are applied for in the next 20 days will be filled in southern Oklahoma and north, central and east Texas points. The Rebel does not mind stating that he is after a mass of information as to land and organization conditions in this territory which is important enough for him to take on the burden of travel at this time. The subject that the Rebel will discuss will be: "The Old Land Problem in the New South; its Relation to the Socialist Movement."

Terms—100 forty week sub cards at 25 cents each for each lecture. The comrades hire a hall and we will pay all other expenses and supply plenty of advertising matter.

THE NATION WIDE STRUGLE.

Little Falls, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1912.

Aroused by the savage conduct of the police here and the illegal arrest and detention of forty-one strikers and organizers in Herkimer county jail, the workingmen of Utica have taken prompt action. The Little Falls Defense League was organized in that city last evening, composed of representatives of the Socialist Party, Industrial Workers of the World, Workmen's Circle, Italian Socialist Federation, Jewish Branch Socialist Party, and other working class organizations, for the purpose of calling attention to conditions in Little Falls and raising funds for the defense of the imprisoned men.

Mayor Lunn, of Schenectady, N. Y., went to speak for the men. He was quoting Abraham Lincoln when he was pulled off the platform, jailed and fined $50. Our comrade refused to pay the fine and so must stay in jail for 50 days for expressing his opinion and the views of Abe Lincoln.

That is north, now look at the West. In Bingham, Utah, over 5,000 men have been striking for better conditions for the last three months. No sign of settlement is in sight.

Gaze at the East.

In Massachusetts Ettor, Giovannetti and Caruso are on trial for their lives. They are charged with making speeches that it is said led to a riot in which a policeman killed a woman long after the speeches were made. The head of the Woolen trust was indicted for procuring lynamite. He is walking around free while the labor leaders are in jail for nine long months. That is capitalist justice.

Now look at the Sunny South. 58 men have been jailed for months because they were shot at and a number of their brothers killed and wounded. A number of witnesses were called for the defense. They testified, told the truth and the innocent men were urned loose. When they returned to their place of employment the Santa Fe Railroad, who owns the mills at Merryville blacklisted them. 1200 men struck in sympathy, the militia was called out and martial law was threatened altho the strikers were absolutely peaceable. The only reason that they were not shot down in cold blood is because the Socialist press is hammering away at the facts and exposing the would be murderers and notorious blacklisters.

And thus it goes north, south, east and west. The struggle between capital and labor. On which side do you stand. As of old it is true: He that is not with me is against me.

LINE UP FOR THE FIGHT

TRUSTEES.

All who want to organize a Socialist Teacher Agency, write W. [illegible], Kennard, Texas.

Trustees wanting teacheres will lso state.

Teachers wanting schools will so state.

SOCIALIST PILLOW TOP sets in beautiful designs, The party emblem, etc., best goods used. A good Xmas present. Price $1.00; 6 set for $5.00. Gladys M. Thomas,
120 East Ave, Elynaa, O. 3td5c

RENTERS UNION.

(E. O. Meitzen, State Sec.)

I am glad to state that activity all along the line is taking place. President A. F. King is planning to get in touch with a large number of sympathizers throughout the state.

Wm. A. Black, secretary of the Equitable Taxation league of Kansas City, Mo., writes that his people have about concluded that organization of the renters and small land holders will be necessary to give their measures any show of carrying by popular vote. He asks for information and blanks to go to work in that direction.

A. M. Whited of Tanglewood has been commissioned to organize in Lee and Burleson counties.

T. D. Blackwell of Leaday, (where people are ousted because of their political opinion) is organizer for Coleman county.

R. D. Miller of Hamby, has been appointed organizer for Taylor county.

Dr. P. E. Gold of Waco, will try to get the boys together in Falls county.

N. W. Terry of Llano, wrote for and received appointment to work in Llano and Lampasas counties. He is an old war horse with experience since Farmers Alliance days.

W. S. Noble of Rockdale, who has been organizer for the Knights of Labor, Alliance, Farmers Union, will begin work in Milam county soon adn likely in other portions of the state.

All members are urged to call on their secretaries for the proposed changes to our constitution, which should be voted on by each member "yes" or "no" and the result reported back to me by your local secretary not later than Dec. 1st.

Also take notice that we must complete our list of officials; calls for nominations having been also mailed. I hope and trust that enough of those nominated will agree to serve as somebody must do the necessary work of the organization.

Plans are about completed here to work in harmony with the plan suggested by President King. The Rebel has a widely distributed list of active workers who will be appealed to to do a litttle missionary work for the Renters Union. We must all do our part to help the cause along, because it is so very necessary that the poorest, most exploited set of farmers should organize in their own interest.

W. O. Brannen of Kennard, Houston county, writes for information as to co-operative farming.

A. J. Rasco of Eustace, and some of his fellow members, have evolved a plan for this purpose: with a view of becoming home owners later on. Anyone wishing more information should write to Bro. Rasco.

WHAT IS CAUSING RESTLESSNESS.

"Never since the civil war have we had such an entire transformation of the political stage, such a complete upsetting of the drama of national life, both of men and isues, as during the last ten years.

For this the problem of government regulation is chiefly responsible. Our country is undergoing such a sudden change of management as usually comes but once in a century, and the central idea in this change is the extension of the government control over all forms of business activity.

Are we to interprete this as an outbreak of hysteria, a momentary insanity from which the nation will soon recover to pursue its former paths? Emphatically no!

The era through which we are are now passing marks a natural, consistent step in advance, and, though, like everything else we Americans do, it is accompanied by some extravagance and excess, yet we are building a solid foundation for a more permanent, prosperous and healthy busines structure than has heretofore characterized our somewhat eccentric methods of money making.

The "regulative era" means that we are definitely pasing from the old order to a different and perhaps higher standard, to which our business and political system must be adapted, just as to the higher cost of labor, the greater expense of raw materials and the high cost of living. The permanenee of this new regulative system must be accepted."—By James T. Young, Professor of Public Administration, University of Pennsylvania.

We are unquestionably passing to a "higher order" and the reason is simple. When we had the ox cart and the stage coach for transporting goods and persons we could compete, all "make money" in an individualistic way When we have more than one million box, passenger, and Pullman cars on 235,000 miles of railway track then we have passed to the collective stage and when we are wise enough instead of attempting the foolish task of regulating these social tools privately owned we will regulate in the interest of all by collectively owning these social tools upon which 91 milion people depend for transportation. As with railways so with steel on which the cars run and coal which supplies the motive power and lumber on which the steel is laid and so an ad infinitum. The social ownership and democratic manufacturing of these things will give humanity the "higher order" that the professor speaks of and that will be Socialism

Clear the track for we are coming to that 'higher order."

WANTED—Permanent position of any kind in store, lumber yard, etc. Willing to work. Speak Bohemian and German, a little English; polite and intelligent. Inquire at this office.

A Socialist Watch At an Anti-Trust Price

A Magnificent Watch for Socialists Only

The Genuine Burlington Special Admittedly the world's masterpiece of watch manufacture, with the beautiful emblem of Socialism SPLENDIDLY ENGRAVED ON THE CASE BY HAND, direct to you on a staggering Anti-Trust Offer.

The Fight Is On! We are bound to win our gigantic Anti-Trust fight, even against the most overwhelming odds. We are determined that no price-boosting system, no "quiet" agreements to throttle competition, can or will stop us in our efforts to secure a fair deal for the consumer.

WE ARE DETERMINED to accomplish the introduction of our independent line of watches, even though we were obliged to fight a combination of all the watch manufacturers in the country.

WE WON'T "KNUCKLE DOWN" to selling systems among dealers, so we have decided upon an offer so overwhelming in its liberality that it has completely revolutionized the watch industry of the country. We call the great factories a trust because they have perfected a system of contracts and agreements with dealers which enables them to fix prices and control trade. We do not say that the Watch Trust is illegal. But we do insist that their system of "quiet" agreements and price-boosting contracts is very, very unfair.

SPECIAL OFFER TO SOCIALISTS

THE MAGNIFICENT BURLINGTON SPECIAL, our very finest watch, direct to you at the ROCK-BOTTOM PRICE, less even than the regular wholesale price.

No Money Down We will gladly ship to you on approval. You pay nothing—you risk absolutely nothing—not one cent—unless you decide that you want the great offer after seeing and examining the watch.

$2.50 a Month and for the world's grandest watch! The easiest kind of payments at the Rock-Bottom—the Anti-Trust price. To assure us that every Socialist will quickly accept this great introductory direct offer, we allow cash or easy payments, just as you prefer.

Write for the Free Watch Book

You should not buy a worthless watch, just because it is cheap. Nor need you pay Trust prices now for a top-notch watch. The free Burlington Book explains. THIS BOOKLET will quickly convince you, too, that you DO want an Anti-Trust watch—made in the independent factory that is not in the trust and is known for giving better quality and superior workmanship throughout; we will quickly convince you that the Burlington watch is THE watch for the discriminating buyer; that it is THE watch for the man or woman who wants, not the largest selling brand, which everybody has, but the BEST watch, the watch bought by experts, the BURLINGTON WATCH.

YOU WILL BE POSTED on INSIDE FACTS and prices when you send for the Burlington Company's free book on watches.

BURLINGTON WATCH CO.
Suite 196Y 19th St. and Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, Ill.

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Suite 1967
19th St. & Marshall Blvd
Gentlemen: Please send me (without obligations and prepaid) your free book on watches and a copy of your $1,000 challenge, and explanations of your cash or $2.50 a month offer on the Burlington Watch.

Name [illegible]

Address [illegible]

TEXAS.

E. A. Green, State Sec. Rockdale.

Returns reaching this office from various sections of the State indicate an increase in our vote of at least two hundred per cent over that of two years ago.

This is the time of year Comrades to perfect and strengthen our organization. You have produced and delivered to the masters the 1912 crop and will perhaps have a few months of more or less idle time. Let every one of you who can volunteer as an organizer in his particular neighborhood, agitate and educate, arouse your class brothers; in united effort lies the salvation o fthe working class Write this office for instructions, and blanks. Say you want to do something for the cause, we will help you, in every way possible. Let every one go to work, build up the membership in the old locals, revive the dead ones, and organize new ones in every place possible. Let's make a mighty effort to get every man who voted a Socialist ticket November 5th as well as all his female relatives into the organization inside the next twelve months. Let us hear from you, we must organize every county in the State next year. Get busy; anyone can organize a local, it's easy, we will render you every possible assistance from this end of the line.

Several of the speakers that we have been routing during the campaign are now idle, so it is the best time right now to put into effect those plans you have had in mind so long for a school-house campaign. Get together NOW, get a good speaker and have him to visit every school-house in yor county, making a special effort to organize at every place he visits. Speakers now available are W. S. Noble, John A. Currie, C. L. Kirkpatrick, J. W. Manney, T. J. Brown, S. M. Rich, M. A. Smith, Reddin Andrews, Oliver A. Phelps, ad others. Let us know, quick which one you want and for how long.

Ballots have been mailed to all locals and members at large for election-auditing committee. If you fail to receive them notify this office at once and they will be sent, balloting will close Dec. 10th.

Nominations for State Secretary-Treasurer and National Committeeman will close Nov. 20th. If you have not already made nominations for these important offices, do so at once.

B. H. Lauderdale reports the election of one officer in Stephens county. Also that Zimmerman has already opened the 1914 campaign in that county and is lecturing nightly to the largest audiences they have ever had.

Comrade R. E. Breedlove, of Ferris reports that only about one half of the Socialist vote polled at his box was counted. I've no doubt if the truth were known, that we polled forty or fifty thousand votes in Texas this year. There have been organized in Texas since January 1st, 1912 up to Nov. 14th, 503 new locals. Let's make it a thousand next year and clean out the grafters. On with the revolution.

Twenty-five thousand for Debs in Texas. Are you one of the pusilanimous pessimists who have been knocking the Texas program and prophesying the disruption of the party in this State? If so as Ameringer says. "You had better go away back and sit back."

Vote more than doubled in two years. Good, let's do it again, again and again. Say, comrades this is the way it looks to me now. 1914, 50,000, 1916, 100,000, 1918, 200,000, 1920, the finish of capitalism forever. Will you live to see it? Well, I should smile, unless you are mighty old or awful puny.

It will take work and sacrifice to do it though fellows. Are you with us? If so let me hear from you at once. We have a lot of idle speakers that ought to be at work. You know the terms, sit down now and write for one for as many days as you can make arrangements for.

The calls for nominations and ballots that recently went out from this office have been sent and in future (as long as I am Stat Secretary) will be sent direct to the local secretaries in organized counties. This is done because in many instances county secretaries, are not prompt in sending out to their locals such important matter, and we invariably get the cussing, and as wet get plenty of that, that rightfully belongs to us, we can get along very well without taking the other fellow's. Of course it puts more work on us here, but we've done got used to that now and don't mind it any more.

The following Comrades have been nominated for State Secretary:

W. O. Bickley, address not given.
Z. Giddens, Dallas.
J. C. Thompson, Texarkana.
J. C. Rhodes, Grand Saline.
J. A. Dougherty, Jasper.
T. H. Gatlin, Weatherford.
Richey Alexander, Grand Saline.
Belle Williams, Texarkana.
P. G. Zimmerman, Anson.
Nat Hardy, Dallas.
H. H. Edwards, San Antonio.
J. W. Conner, Houston.
M. A. Smith, Commerce.
Geo. W. Shear, address not given.
H. P. Hooper, Taylor.
Alice McFadden Circleville.
J. A. Freeland, Reese.
E. J. McKinley, DeKalb.
E. W. Hookings, Nash.
E. A. Green, Rockdale.
W. S. Noble, Rockdale.

The following nominations have been made for National Committeemen: S. L. Willyard, C. L. Drumheller, J. C. Thompson, M. A. Smith, J. C. Rhodes, T. A. Hickey, W. S. Noble, Geo. Clifton Edwards, Nat L. Hardy, Henry Rodelmiller, [illegible] Andrews, M. S. Graham, E. R. Meitzen, P. G. Zimmerman, Henry Faulk, S. M. Rich, J. R. Boyd, H. E. Schulz, J. F. Wellons, J. L. Swan, J. H. Silliman, C. E. Obenchain, D. T. Michener, C. L. Nugent. Local Marshall placed five names in nomination, thereby losing all nominations. Notices of nomination have been sent to all the above comrades. Acceptances will close Dec. the fifth.

CORRESPONDENCE.

More Help for Timber Workers.

Mineola, Tex.,
The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Rebel: Please find enclosed for 7 seven sub cards $1.75
For boys in jail Lake Chs... 3.25

Total enclosed $5.00

Please credit my acount for the seven cards and the other $3.25 is the cash on an open list which Mineola local has for the boys in jail. I made the first Socialist speech ever made in Hainesville Saturday night and there were thirty-five or forty out. Sold cards for Rebel and made up $1.50 which the local secretary will remit to Jay Smith direct at Alexandria.

Yours for the restoration,
J. E. Hardie,
R2, Mineola, Texas.

Holland, Texas, Oct. 17, 1912.
The Rebel:

The average land owner in Texas has promised to pay the land grafter from $75 to $100 per acre at 8 per cent.

A farmer of the same class said he would have to make arrangements to get his notes carried over next yaer. It is strange to me how this man will carry this load up to the polls and vote for the old party that put it on him.

But he is the man that opposes Socialism; God help him to learn where he stands. I know where I am but this poor man is so ignorant he thinks the Socialists wants to deprive him of his home. I think it is time for the average hayseed to read the other side of the question.

I. N. Burton,
Holland, Texas.

Editor Rebel:

The human authority which permits monopoly of both land and the medium of exchange are followed in due sequence by the rum shop, the brothel, the petty swindler, the hypocrite, the jail and the insane asylum.

It would be impossible for either Woodenhead Wilson, Teddy Roosevelt, or Fatty, the three acknowledged leaders and idols of this great American nation (?) to defend with written or oral argument that the rights of a few, because they held a paper title to mother earth, are greater than the rights of all to an equal share to the primary source of all wealth.

The paper title to land held either by the State or individual, becomes a legal instrument to rob, whenever such title gives to one a single foot of mother earth more than that one can individually and collectively use, and further that such use must in the nature of things be coordinate with the equal right of my neighbor whose right to life and happiness is altogether as urge nt as my own.

The State government or individual who denies this by force, is a robber and succeeds only because the slave yet admits that might continue to make for right.

E. H. Loutrel.
Dallas, Texas.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE.

(That William Cowper Brann was the greatest master of English that ever pushed a pen across white paper in the South is generally admitted except by some bigots whose hides he trimmed with the point of his pen. The following excerpt from one of his stories will give our readers on idea of his style. In this article he takes the position that it was Joseph that was guilty and not the lady. 170 of those stories including the Baylor College articles that led to his killing sent from the Rebel office for $3.30.—Ed.)

"How thankful we, who live in these latter days, should be that the female rape fiend has passel into the unreturning erstwhile with the horned unicorn and dreadful hipporgriff, the minotaur and other monsters that once affrighted the fearful souls of men—that sensuous sirens do not so assail us and rip our coat-tails off in a foul attempt to wreck our virtue and fill our lives with a fierce regret. True that he was hard beset by beer and beauty unadorned; but he seems to have been seeking the loaded 'schooner' and listening for the siren's dizzy song. Had Joseph lived in Texas he could never have persuaded Judge Lynch that the lady and not he should be hanged. The youngster dreamed himself into slavery, and I opine that he dreamed himself into jail. With the internal evidence of the story for guide, I herewith present, on behalf of Mrs. Potiphar, a revised and reasonable version of the *affaire d'amour*.

"Joseph was, the chronicles informs us, young, 'a goodly person and well favored.' His Hebraic type of manly beauty and mercurial temperament must have contrasted strangely with Mrs. Potiphar's dark and stolid countrymen. Mistress and slave were much together, the master's duties requiring his presence near his prince. Time hung heavily on the lady's hands and, as an ennui antidote, she embarked in a desperate flirtation with the handsome fellow, for Egypt's dark-eyed daughters dearly love to play fast and loose with the hearts of men. Of course it was wrong, but youth and beauty will not be strictly bound, the opportunity seemed made for mischief, and Mrs. Potiphar cared little for her lord—a grisly old warrior who treated her as a pretty toy his wealth had purchased, to be petted or put aside as pleasure.

"A neglected wife whose charms attract the admiring eyes of men may not depart one step from the straight and narrow path, but her husband's honor stands ever within the pale of danger. Let that husband whose courtstip ceased at Hymen's shrine, who is a gallant abroad and a bore at home, keep watch and ward, for homage is sweet even to wedded women.

"While Potiphar played the petty tyrant and exacted of his wife a blind obedience, Joseph sang to her songs she loved—plaintive tales of tender passion, of enchanted monarchs and maids of matchless beauty. He culled the fairest flowers from the great garden and wove them into garlands to deck her hair, dark as that lingering night which Moses laid upon the Valley of the Nile He gave her a thousand little attention so grateful to womankind and worshipped her not presumptuously, but with the sacred awe of a simple desert child turning his face to greet the rising sun. They were of the same age,—that age when the heart beats in passionate rebellion against cold precepts, the blood riots and flows like molten rubies and all life seems made for love, for day dreams golden as the dawn, for sighs and sweet companionship. What wonder that she sometimes left her lord to his heavy slumbers and crept into the cool garden where the handsome Hebrew boy; that they walked hand clasped in hand, beneath the tall palms that nodded knowingly, and whispered sweet nothings while the mellow moonlight quivered on the Nile and sad Philomela poured forth her plaintive song like a flood of lover's tears? All day long they were alone together,—those children of the world's youth, when life was strong and moral law was weak. Then the summer sun rode igh in heaven and sent his burnished shafts straight down into the white streets and swooning gardens when the great house was closed to shut out the blinding glare and in the cool fountains cast their grateful spray, what wonder that she bade him sit at her feet and sing the love songs of his native land. wild prototypes of those which Solomon poured from the depths of his sensuous soul to his sweet Rose of Sharon?

"Behold thou art fair, my love, behold thou art fair;
Thou has't dove's eyes, thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,
Thy breasts like young roes that feed among the lilies.
Set me as a seal upon thy heart, a seal upon thy arm,
For love is strong as death, jealousy is cruel as the grave."

TEXANS, ARISE!

You sons of the man who followed the hero Houston to the battleplain of San Jacinto, in freedom's name arise once more!

You Timber Workers and Tenant Farmers of the free-born State of Texas, hear and answer the cry your brothers are sending out from Louisiana. Be like them, the fighting lumberjacks, of Merryville. "dumb diven cattle" no more!

Arise! and organize the one big union, organize it,—organize it from the mountains of Oklahoma to the Rio Grande!

Now, today, on the farms, in the forests, the oil fields, in every industry, let every man on every rented farm and every rented job in the State of Texas get busy with freedom's mighty work. Be peon-sloves no more! Arise!

Arise! you working farmers, arise and organize the power of your class in Merryville,—go for steaiers of the land no more! Let not the landlord take your crops to swell his hoard of gold. Put your cotton into clothing and the clothing on your children's backs! Arise.

Arise! you railroad workers, arise! Go for the union-hating Santa Fe system, which is now fighting that single regiment of your class! Pay tribute to them and re-unionize them from one end of the continent to the other. Arise! show once again the splendid spirit of A. R. U! Fight once again as you fought with Debs in the days of old! Arise!

Arise! you Timber Workers, white, red, brown, black and yellow, Arise! in one solid mass; arise as one race of workers; Arise! around the regiment at Merryville Arise and join the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, the one big union of your class. Arise! Gather Do you like them,—fold your mighty arms as one and keep them folded 'til peonage is no more! Help the boys at Merryville to send this message ringing through the forests of the South: "Lumberjacks of Dixie, Rise! Rise! in the one big union, rise!"

Texas.

Arise! Arise! and let us hear,
The song of freedom, deep and clear
In Browne's name, in Crockett's too,
Right and justice calls to you—
"TEXANS, ARISE!"

Workers of the South, arise! Provision Merryville for the siege; make solidarity your watchword; your final aim INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY. ARISE! The fight is on; on with the fight! On! on with the one big union! Arise! Arise!

Covington Hall.

A WISE MOVE.

Lewisvile, Tex., Nov. 18, 1912.
The Rebel:

Dear Sir: Please send me the amount enclosed $3.00 in sub cards to the Rebel.

And furthermore if you will give me space in your paper would be glad to have you print a resolution passed by our local McCurley, Denton County, Tex.

The Socialists of McCurley local No. 1124 met on the night of Nov. 6, and the members of said local or any person agreed to donate a fund of six dollars to be placed in the treasury of said local to be used for purchasing subs to The Rebel and the Appeal to Reason; any person or member taking three cards must either pay for same or after sold return the money back to the treasury to buy more cards with. Any persou or member becoming dissatisfied for any reason can draw out his money at any time it is in the treasury..

Wish you would put this in your paper so other locals might take up the matter in like form.

I am yours for the revolution.
J. H. Calverley,
Secretary.
Lewisville, Texas, R3, Box 57.

WANTED—To know the whereabouts of one C. W. HALLOWELL. He is an optician and says that he is a Socialist. Any information leading to his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

Robt. H. Austin,
1tc Jacksboro, Tex.

RUSSIA'S RIVAL, LOUISIANA.

The State of Louisiana, not satisfied with arresting and tearing from their homes and families more than a half hundred working men and working farmers, with throwing them into jail and holding them for nearly four months, with denying to whole families of helpless children the support of their fathers, with the widespread misery it has caused on account of the Grabow trial, with the anguish and tears it has helped to wring from the hearts of women and children, still insists on appearing before the world in the role of a man-hunter for the Southern Lumber Operators Association.

The State of Louisiana still holds for trial, on "evidence" furnished by the Burns Detective Agency, it is reported, our organizers C. L. Filigno, Clarence Edwards and E. F. Doree, whom it has charged with attempting to intimidate and bribe witnesses," this though we hardly had money enough to pay for our meals, and we supose, from all we hear, the State ofLouisiana will go the limit and do its little best to send these organizers to the levees in order to appease the worth of the Real Southern Lumber Operators Association, and try to send them on the testimony of the most degenestate and Southern Lumber Operators Association, and try to send them away on the testimony of the most degenerate set of hirelings that ever polluted this or any other planet, the detectives, pimps and gunmen, the rurales of the Diazes of the Lumber Trust. The State of Louisiana ouly indicts and arrests working men and working farmers, acting on the theory, it would seem, that the Lumber Kings, the LandLlords, and their rurales can do no wrong, for, despite all the brutal outrages that have been inflicted on the Timber Workers and thei rallies, and despite their protests and appeals for protection under the law, the authorities of the State of Louisiana have never taken action, except against the workers. Even now it is silent when lumber companies are discharging men practically for obeying the summons of the court to appear as witnesses in the Grabow trial, yet we are told to "respect law," which, in Louisiana, has degenerated into nothing but the whim of a sawmill manager or a landlord's overseer. "By your works shall ye be known and by yoyur works shall ye be judged," is as true of the State of Louisiana as it is of any other Pharisee. The State of Louisiana, granting the workers no protection whatsoever, is yet seeking to entice working men and working farmers within its boundaries, and we say to them, "Lok well before you leap," for a State that allows a private ring like the Southern Lumber Opreators Association to outrage all the humanities in the war it is making to hold in peonage 50,000 workers, is either no State at all or is a despotism pure and simple, a land where you come but to be enslaved. 'Ware! you suckers who are preparing to bite at marsh lands and cut-over lands. Except your pocket book be fat and heavy with gold, there is no life, no right no justice for you in Louisiana. "Impartial justice" in Louisiana, especially in the "Impartial" parish of Calcesieu," that you can go free if you attempt to assasinate a champion of the workers, but if, like Edwards," Doree and Filigno, you attempt to aid in the work of organizing the toilers you will be thrown into jail and railroaded to the levees by the State of Louisiana, alias the Southern Lumber Operators Association. You Southmen, whose fathers followed Lee, Forrest and Jackson, in many a hard campaign, how long are you going to stand for this?

You toilers of Ameirca and the world, will you allow the Lumber Trust and the Burns Detective Agency to wreak their spite and vengeance on Doree, Edwards and Filigno, on these fearless champions of your class

We know you will not allow this crime. Workers of the World, we know it!

Arise, ye Rebels! and set them free!

[illegible] the Kingdom of Kirby, alias "Empire of the Lone Star," alias "The Sovereign State of Texas," and likewise to the alleged "Sovereign States of Arkansas and Mississippi."

Strike!

A strike is on at Merryville, La.; all red-blooded workingmen will stay away from there, persuade all others to do likewise and send all the help they can to Lee Lovejoy, Secretary Finance Committee, Local Union No. 218, National Industrial Forest & Lumber Workers, Merryville, La.

Attention!

All Forest, Lumber and Tie Workers in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida and throughout the South are hereby called to action! Get busy! Orgainze your job! Organize it today! Send all applications and requests for information to Jay Smith, Secretary Southern District, Box 78, Alxeandria, La.

Don't bea peon!
Be a man!

Committee of Defense,
Brotherhood of Timber Workers.

OUR REBS.

Do you notice the Rebel this week is different from last week and it was different from the week before, herein lies the strength of the Rebel, nothing hackneyed, nothing state, always up to date with something new and new only in this that it is the truth that other papers will not touch because to do so would interfere with capitalist interests. Watch The Rebel every week from now on and you will find stories of truth that will grip and thrill you just because they are true and bring unmuzzled we can tell them. For instance next week we will run another San Antonio explosion story that will make the people of the South gasp with astonishment as they did when we pulled off that wonderful scoop last April. Now it is the part of wisdom to get your neighbor's eyes opened. You can do it best through the Rebel. Get him reading for 40 weeks for 25 cents and he will then rise up and call you a benefactor.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION —THE PRESS.

Lewis G. DeHart.

The Republican press of the country elected W. H. Taft by suggestion.

It elected Roosevelt— McKinley — follow the list backward as far as you like, Democrats or Republicans, suggestion won the day.

But, you protest, the Democrats suggested William J. Bryan. So they did; but not so fast and often as their opponents suggested the other man.

Again you say, the Socialists suggested Eugene Debs. Bless you, they did indeed, but compared to the rest of the press it was only a whisper beside the bray of a donkey. Still I will admit that several voters heard the whisper.

And now I seem to hear you say that the donkey's voice is so strong that a full grown yell would not be heard beside it.

Well, that's just what I wanted you to say. Tell me, dear dear friend of the despondent heart, do you know how to weaken a donkey's voice?

I'll tell you. STOP FEEDING HIM.

You are a workingman, yet you keep contributing to— keep feeding — the newspapers that are deceiving you. If you do not take a labor paper you are untrue to yourself and the working class.

The labor paper gives information from the view-point of the worker.

Are you taking such a paper?

THE FIGHT IS ON.

"The fight is on,— on with the fight!".
On with the battle for the right!
To hell with the statutes and with laws,
Made but to strangle Labor's cause!
"The fight is on, — on with the fight!"
On from the darkness to the light!
To hell with courts, in crime grown old!
To hell with justice bought and sold!

"The fight is on, — on with the fight!"
on from the fog-hung, starless night!
To hell with the thing still crying "Please!"
Down in the dust, there, on his Knees!

"The fight is on, — on with the fight!"
On with the One Big Union's might!
On with the Red Flag of the Free— the Free,—
On up the slopes of destiny!

Covington Hall.

BLACKLISTING SOCIALISTS.

Granbury, Tex., Aug. 29, 1912.
The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade: I want to announce that in the town of Tolar County of Hood, State of Texas, there lives a specimen of the genus Homo by the name of Jackson who sits in the amen corner on Sundays, pays the preacher to preach hell and damnation for the bigger portion of mankind, who has made it known to a comrade, Cosgrove by name, a farmer and fruit tree agent by occupation, that he (Jackson) does not want a Socialist to come under his roof. Shades of Hades! Cosgrove is a member in good standing in the same church with Jackson, both sit in the same church on the same Sunday and worship the same God or pretend to rather. Talk about Socialism being infidelic, what in the name of common sense would tell you call Jackson's conduct, angelic? If so give me infidelism every day in this life and hell hereafter. Comrade Cosgrove is a clean, respectable, well read and an all 'round gentleman, does not chew, smoke or swear and never drinks anything stronger than water—he is a renter with a wife and 9 children and trudges over these sand beds a foot, selling fruit trees, trying to supplement his farm income to make it feed and clothe himself and children; Jackson is a one-horse landlord living by a squeeze by squeezing his fellow man. Is it possible the law of "economic determinism" applies to a fellow's religious ideas? No, no, Marx did not have them guessed did he?

Hurrah for The Rebel!

Fraternally,
A. M. Dobbs.

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The above from Hood county is only one of a large number of complaints of similar conduct on the part of landlords that have come to The Rebel's attention recently. Another case I have just learned of comes from Collin county. A roller of pills in McKinney owns several farms near that town. He has recently refused his places Afor another year to three men, against whom he had nothing except this: They refused to be drilled around by the donk any longer. We are gathering the facts about this bilious pill dispenser and when we are ready we will say some things that will shrivel his sorry soul unless he mends his ways. This wave of persecution is spreading all over the state, Mitchell, Coleman, Milam, Collin, Hood, and Caldwell, are but a few of the counties in which these 10 cent Neros are playing their unchristian game. All this simply shows the immediate necesity of a powerful Renters Union that will by united action grapple with these and compel them to go way back and learn the first principles of manhood and nothing but a united front on the part of the renters will do this.

To those renters who hang back now thinking they are safe I would say: You have another think coming. If your brothers are victimized in one Texas county that spirit of terrorism will cross your county line and get you next. So organize while there is yet time Organize and show the people that you have brains in your head and courage in your heart. Organize for the sake of Mollie and the babies.

FREE SUBS TO THE REBEL.

A well-to-do friend of the cause residing in Fayette county, who has seen at first hand the great work the Rebel does for Socialism in any farming community where it is well-circulated, sent us $10 in cash this week with the request that we send The Rebel free for 40 weeks to any forty farmers in the state we may select. He says that the big gains in those Fayette county boxes where The Rebel and Appeal circulates was almost entirely among farmers. The average small town dwellers still think they are capitalists.

The Rebel makes, accordingly, the following proposition to local secretaries:

The first ten secretaries that send us a list of four names each, will get in on this proposition. Select the names of four farmers who you think will be benefited by a course of The Rebel and the paper will be sent to them without cost to you or them.

THE PRESS.

Frank Putnam sent me a personal letter from Hanover, Germany, last week; I learn that he will soon complete his work in Europe and will be back in Texas about January 15, 1913. He was employed by the commissioners of Houston to visit the big cities of Europe and report back to the city of Houston on the best methods that city should adopt for improving, beautifying and building for the future when Houston will have one million inhabitants. Judging by the articles he has already sent in his work will be tremendously successful. Just before Frank left for Europe he sent me his views on the press and its writers. He said:—

"Poor devils! the editorial writers hired by capitalist newspapers. They know—some of them—that justice, and truth and democracy and Christianity, require them to speak out for Socialism, but their hands are tied; they can only write what their masters order them to write.

"Why, Comrade, if Socialism were the wildest, most impossible dream man ever dreamed; if it were doomed, as a governmental system, to certain and utter fairure when tried, it would still be vitally necessary to the people's welfare, becaues it is the only means in sight by which they can regain freedom of speech and press. Their capitalistic corporation masters, having grabbed the earth and the tools of production and transportation, and having legalized their steal, now gag the people's press and close the mouth's of the people's most famous orators with bribes of office or of handed down prosperity—crumbs from the master's tables

"The young giant Socialism comes declaring war on the capitalistic system. It comes to establish again a free press in this country and to make men of ability free to speak the truth from the platform.

"The Rebel, the only really free newspaper of general circulation in all Texas, is by reason of that fact worth more to the people of Texas than any amount of new invested capitali would be. Without vision the people perish—that is, they lose their freedom; and without a free and honest press, free to tell the people the whole truth about life—they lose their vision, and with it their freedom.

"You Rebels all, get in behind this paper; extend its circulation. Make it, as you can, the most powerful engine for freedom that was ever set up in Texas. And God knows Texas needs such an engine, more than any other stae in the union."

And Frank knows whereof he writes. Therefore push Teh Rebel to the 100,000 mark, do it quickly and see real democracy grow.

A DEMOCRATIC DONK.

Comrade Thos. W. Woodrow of Hobart, Okla., met a donk in debate in Montague County, Texas, recently. Woodrow writes The Rebel:

As an illustration of the wisdom of Texas Democracy, I will state this incident: When I said Socialism is partly inaugurated now, for the postoffice system has been socialzed and there was a time in the United States when it was not so, and that when under private control it cost 25 cents to send a letter and the service was unsatisafteory, he yelled out a fierce denal and said: "I am an old man and do not remember when such was the case; we object to northern men coming down here to teach us such falsehoods. When he said this, the democrats in the audience cheered lustily.

When he made the statement that Socialism teaches "nigger equality" and mixed social intercourse with negroes, I reminded him of the fact that there are over 2½ millionm copper colored children i nthe South, not one without a democrat for a father; and that when equal opportunity is retsored to all, so that all classes and races will rise to the social status that nature has fitted them, it is not "nigger equality" that my brilliant opponent fears but "nigger superiority." But I assured him that when the hindrances to moral and social excellence are removed so that whites and [illegible] of life for which nature has fitted them. I think it is probably true, that my opponent will be able to fill a social satus above the average negro, while no doubt some of them will rise above him in mental endowment.

THE SOLID SOUTH BROKEN.

For the first time in the history of our party a permanent state organization was perfected in every Southern State and as a result every state showed an increase in vote and membership. The five big states showing votes that ran into five figures were Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Florida and Arkansas This vote shows clearly that the solid South has been broken at last and from now on the infamous party of the Donk will have to meet a genuine democratic party such as is the Socialist party.

The crimes of the democratic party against the workers cry aloud to heaven for vengeance and it will be meted out in due time. No longer will the dissatisfied worker have a choice of the hybrid elephant and donk but on the contrary the lion of Socialism will be in the political arena to meet and devour them. On then with the work of agitation, education and organization. "The field is white to the harvest." And "if the reapers are few" let us make them many

Below is the vote from the 16 southern States:

	1912	1908
Alabama	2600	1399
Arkansas	13000	5842
Florida	15000	3747
Georgia	637	584
Kentucky	8200	4185
Louisiana .. (official)	5100	2538
Maryland	4500	2323
Mississippi (official)	2100	978
Missouri	30000	15431
North Carolina	500	345
Oklahoma (official)	41647	21779
South Carolina	200	100
Tennessee	5000	1870
Texas ....(official)	25000	7870
Virginia	800	255
W. Virginia	8000	3679

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

By George Murray

"Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."—New Testament.

Once, at the self-same point of time,
Two mortals passed from earth;
One was a king of caste sublime,
But base the other's birth;
And each had led a stainless life
Amid this sinful planet's strife.

Upward the spirits took their flight
Enfranchised and elate,
Till soon they reached the realms of light
And paused at Eden's gate,
Where, waiting them, with joy they see
The Fisherman of Galilee.

He oped the Gate, one lustrous stone,
And ushered in the King,
While the poor peasant, left alone,
Heard songs of welcoming
And strains of harps, divinely sweet,
Poured forth the Royal Guest to greet.

The music ceased, the Heavenly Guide
Flung back the gate again
And bade the peasant at his side
Join the seraphic train;
But strange to say, no Angels sang,
No harps through Heaven symphonious rang!

"O Saint revered!" the peasant cried,
"Why chant no choirs for me
But for yon Monarch in his pride?
Am I less dear than he?
Can aught but equity have birth
Here, in high Heaven, as on earth?"

"My Son,' the Saint replied, "thou art
As dear as kingly clay;
But men like thee of lowly heart,
Come hither every day—
While Dives at the Gate appears
Once only in a hundred years!"

TEETH-A-JAR.

The worst has been told: 'Gene Debs beat Bil Taft 8 to 1 in Illinois.—Fort Worth Record.

And did you peruse the Texas returns. 'Gene ran neck and neck with Taft and Teddy in the [illegible] chase.—Houston Post.

Cheer up, Rebecca Merlindy, the worst is yet to come. When Woodenhead makes a worse fizzle than his next door neighbor—Cleveland then Gene will beat the donk in Tex as as sure as the sun shines on the gulf.

THE LAND QUESTION.

It is the biggest question of the day, anywhere, anyway, anyhow it is the one thing that people want to know about. Do you know? I don't mean do you know what land is selling for in your vicinity. I don't mean what you are getting for your crops or how much you are renting for whether its half or third all round; nor do I mean intensive farming or dry farming or irrigation. I mean what do you know about the question in its depths, its fundamentals? Do you know what Blackstone says about land or Chancellor Kent, do you know what these legal giants said? Do you know what Spencer, the great synthetic philosopher wrote about land? Are you acquaitned with the prophets and the new testament teachings on land? Do you know what the Socialist party's national platform says? or what the Socialist program is on the question of land? Do you know what the Renters Union says on the subject and what they have done and are doing? If you do, all right. If not read Hickey's great 32 page pamphlet on the subject. Just off the press. Eloquent, inspiring, clear and forceful. Read it and you will know whether we are drifting and what we should do to solve this great question, that is now pressing for solution in the Southland and all over the nation 10c the copy, $5.00 a hundred. Agents wanted. Order now.

E. R. Meitzen,
Business Manager The Rebel.

STATE ELECTION RETURNS.

Galveston News.

Although Roosevelt held second place in the Texas election returns received on the night of the election by a slight margin over Taft, official returns which The News has received from 186 out of 244 organized counties gives second place to Taft, third to Debs and fourth to Roosevelt. However, if the vote for these three candidates in the remaining fifty-eight counties maintains the same relation to the vote for the republican and Socialist ticket of 19.8 as it has in the counties heard from, Roosevelt should finish third adn Debs a close fourth.

Candidates for the presidency in 1912 were: Wilson, democrat; Taft, republican; Roosevelt, progressive; Chafin, prohibition; Debs, Socialist; Reimers Social-Labor. In 1908 they were: Bryan, democrat; Taft republican; Watson, populist; Chafin, prohibitionist; Debs, Socialist; Gillhaus, Social-Labor; Hisgen, independent.

Comparison of the Votes.

The vote in the 186 counties thus far reporting for 1912, as compared with the vote in 1908, is given by parties as follows:

	1912	1908
Democratic	182,819	178,159
Republican	22,273	50,579
Socialist	21,865	6,698
Progressive	21,179	
Prohibition	1,425	1,367
Socialist-Labor	304	172
Poulist		844
Independent		59

The fifty-eight counties from which returns have not been received in 1908 bave votes to the electoral tickets as follows: Democratic, 38,578; Republican, 14,023; Socialist, 1,172; prohibition, 267; Social-Labor, 49; Populist, 159; and independent, 56.

Canvassing Slow.

In a number of counties the returns have not yet been compiled and canvassed and complete returns will not be available for several day.s

It will be noted that in the counties reporting, Taft and Roosevelt together did not hold all of the Republican vote polled in 190; and that Debs more than tripled his vote of that year. A number of precincts in East Texas counties were carried by the Socialists, they electing justices of the peace and constables in these.

PADGITT.

In the [illegible] remember that Mr. Tom J. Padgitt of Dallas has not yet settled with his renters at Leaday, Coleman Co. He says in effect that they must get off his earth because they don't vote his ticket. Do not purchase anything from Mr. Padgitt until he grants his renters political free-

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