For President—E. V. Debs, of
For Vice President—Emil Seidel,
of Wisconsin.

THE REBEL

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

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Letter of Acceptance

REDDIN ANDREWS
Texas Nominee for Governor

Comrades of the pending revolution:

For the second time you have expressed, by a referendum vote of the party members, your preference for me as candidate for the high office of governor of the state of Texas. I am not without profound sense of the honor conferred on me, nor do I lack the spirit of gratitude for the untrammeled expression of your choice of myself, and of your confidence in my integrity as a class-conscious Socialist.

The grand and rapid march of Socialism is tremendously significant. We are two years nearer the goal of our laudable efforts and the realization of our humanitarian aspirations, than we were in nineteen hundred and ten. I congratulate our comrades on what they have accomplished in the way of education, preparation and organization for the final overthrow of capitalism and the coming of the workers of the world into their rightful inheritance.

We can not overestimate the greatness of our task, and we must not underestimate the stubborn obstacles that impede our revolutionary progress. Our patience and perseverance are and will be, taxed to the utmost in our efforts to overcome the stupidity or stolidity of the public mind that has been influenced and perverted by the false and vicious political and economic teachings of the ages.

The doctrine of "vested rights", of the private ownership of the means of life, of the natural resources, of the machinery of production and of the means of distribution, is deeply fixed in the minds of the people, as the result of the sinister and one-sided teachings by the ruling classes. The schools, the press and the pulpit have largely impressed and emphasized that doctrine. Their baneful influence, which easily controlled the minds of the people during the dreary centuries of their ignorance, are to be counteracted. Our race has been brutalized, and righteous methods of government, advocated alone by Socialists, must be adopted and carried out in order to civilize it. The scientific student of political governments and economic systems knows greed, graft, bribery, thievery, hatred, wars, crimes, and debaucheries are the evil products of the brutal profit system that, for thousands of years, has played havoc with the nobler traits and finer sensibilities of mankind.

All governments since the dissolution of private tribal Society holding land in common ownership have been founded on injustice. The struggle from the worse to the better, and from the better towards the best, has been slow and painful. Organic and statute laws, which the people have had little or nothing to do with enacting or adopting, have been invoked by the ruling classes, who have always constituted but a small per cent of the human family, to suppress and keep in subjection the useful workers of the world. The ignorant and the thoughless can not comprehend the meaning of such a statement. The ignorant do not know, the thoughless do not think. In their ignorance and thoughtlessness we find the senseless and refractory hindrances to the progress of Socialism. It has always been thus with every movement that has had for its object the advancement, education, civilization, liberty and prosperity of the masses. But the obstacles can be overcome, they must be overcome, and they will be overcome.

Our time is ripe for the pending revolution. The education of the masses and improved machinery of production and distribution, render Socialism necessary and inevitable. In order to insure to the workers the full product of their toil, we know that it is absolutely necessary for them to own the tools, machines and natural resources which they use in creating wealth, and in providing food, clothing and shelter for themselves.

The people are growing in intelligence and their conceptions of human rights are developing. They are coming more and more to know that industrial conditions are unnatural and oppressive. They will not much longer endure the stings of injustice. If capitalism, a system of legalized robery, should continue its attitude of hostility to the rights of the producers of wealth; should continue to bribe legislatures to enact laws in its favor; should continue to influence the courts to buttress, with unjust decisions, its property rights; should continue to employ the army and police to uphold its possession of ill-gotten gains, then a long-suffering people will, in the near future, reach a point beyond which endurance will no longer be moral and manly. They will then strike for their rights. They will strike fast and hard. The teachings of Socialism and growing conformity to its demands, are the only things that will or can prevent the horizon from being lighted up with the fires of arson, and, the world from being deluged with human blood!

Ballots, not bullets, are the chosen weapons which the Socialists are seeking continually to use to effect a righteous revolution in the interest of the masses. We know that the revolution must have a deep and broad foundation in scientific education concerning our political, economic and industrial interests and relations.

The political parties for a long time, have been dividing the people of this country into two contending hosts, engage in biennial and quadrennial sham battles. They have no vital issues that separate them. They spend their time and energies in discussing questions in which the great majority of the people have no interest whatever; such as, monometalism and bimetalism; imperialism and antiimperialism; tariff, monopoly, trusts, and other fake issues. And thus are the poor thoughtless, misguided multitudes locoed, duped and hoodooed by the ignorant or designing political economists of the day! Their platforms are made up largely of meaningless and impracticable platitudes. They do not deal with the all-important subjects of food, clothing and shelter for the masses; of the army of unemployed and propertyless; of the protection of women and children against the iron clutch of Mammon; of the robbery of the people through class laws, the operation of which has made tenants of nearly 75 per cent of the farmers, and deprived nearly 90 per cent of all the people of homes; of the damnable crime of the white slave traffic; of the freedom of speech and the press which both old parties, here and there, take steps to suppress; of the rights of laborers who are brutally treated, kidnaped, imprisoned without due process of law, or shot down in cold blood; of the infamous Dick military law which unconstitutionally increases the authority of the president, and establishes, in this country, a military despotism; of the exploitation of the people by the banks and other trusts, for the checking of which they offer the methods of impossible regulation; and of other vital matters mentioned in the Socialist platform, the most perfect expression of political sentiment and democracy that the world has ever known.

It can not be truthfully denied that, according to laws passed by legislatures, state and national, and the decisions of courts, property rights are more sacred than the rights of human life. The Democratic and Republican parties advocate the doctrine of individualism which finds its most despicable expressions in competition and anarchy. They both support the doctrine of "vested rights", the private ownership of public utilities. They both, therefore, stand unquestionably, logically, inevitably and everlastingly for monopoly, tariff and trusts. Even against their wish and selfish interests, the Socialists are going to teach them this fact. The conservative and dark-age reactionary leaders may never learn this truth, but the "rank and file" of the parties will learn it. The masses are fast refusing to swallow any more of the unfit political and economic nostrums of the old dopemasters.

So, the signs of the times point to a humane and equitable adjustment of all governmental affairs under the administrations of co-operative commonwealths, governments of the people, for the people and by the people, for the first time in the long course of history. To prevent the impoverishment and degradation of men, women and children, we speak with authority, and not as the Scribes and Pharisees, but in the name of God and universal manhood, universal womanhood and universal childhood, when we say: Socialism *shall* come: co-operative commonwealths *shall* be established on this earth; the rule and ruin of Mammon *shall* cease from among men.

Gratefully accepting the position in which your expressed choice for the governorship of Texas has placed me, I plunge, with added zeal and increased enthusiasm, deeper into the battle for humanity. "Workers of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

Your Comrade in the Great Revolution,

Reddin Andrews.

Tyler, Texas, Aug. 28, 1912.

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Personal Note.

Dear Comrade Hickey:

I have complied with my promise, but I have had to do in a sort of confused and feverish state of mind. I have just finished it—1 p. m. I leave at 4 p. m. for Waco where I shall hope almost against hope to see again my dear old sister's face in life. She was the only mother that I ever knew. I wish that I could be with you and other comrades at the encampment, especially, since the encampment is at my home town. But my duty is to my sister, and with an aching heart I shall go this evening towards the setting sun, which may be to me the type or representation of the sinking life of one of the noblest and best and purest and most lovable of the women of all the ages.

Yours fraternally,

Reddin Andrews.

At Home, Tyler, Tex., Aug. 28, '12

CHURCH AND STATE

The politicians in the Catholic church from the highest to the lowest seem to be determined to drag the church into politics. Almost every Catholic paper in the United States is fighting the Socialist party and the Catholic laymen's orders such as the Knights of Columbus are moving heaven and earth against our party. The Southern Mesenger published at San Antonio, Texas, the latest Catholic paper to come to our desk bearing proof of the correctness of the facts outlined above. The Messenger says:

Campaign Against Socialism.

Planned by the Ancient Order Of Hibernians (Catholic).

Hibernians have planned a countrywide campaign against Socialism which will include the circulation of literature exposing the fallacies of socialistic theories through every division of the order, which has branches in every city in America.

The methods to be employed in this anti-Socialistic campaign were fully discussed at the final meeting in Chicago of the national board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians before their departure for their homes.

President Regan said the contemplated war on Socialism was the greatest task ever undertaken by the order and that a comprehensive study of cause and effect would be made before definite action was taken. He said one of the main features will be an educational campaign among the American workingmen to teach them that socialistic doctrines are economically and socially unsound.

"We shall train and send out speakers among the people who will get as close to them as the 'soap box' orators", said State President J. J. Mahoney. We shall have a national lecture bureau, which will distribute literature in all the modern languages. It will be an attack all along the line, one in which our individual members will take a leading part, and in his daily life every Hibernian will be pledged to act in the way best calculated to preserve his individual freedom of his neighbor.

"We must make our people particularly those who come here seeking political, social and religious freedom, realize the full measure of the advantages they will enjoy here, as long as the American form of government is preserved and how Socialism would plunge them into greater oppression than that from which they fled. — New World.

The Rebel would like to ask these protestant preachers who have asserted that the Catholic church was backing the Socialist party what they think of this latest evidence of the hostility of the Catholic hierarchy to the growing Socialist movement.

BONZANO'S LETTER.

House of Representatives,
Washington, Aug. 12, 1912.
Mr. Thomas Hickey,
Walnut Springs, Texas.

Dear Comrade Hickey:

Your letter and enclosures have been duly received, and I have carefully considered the contents of both letter and enclosures.

I am sorry to have to say that it will be impossible for me to take this matter up at this session of Congress. Congress will, undoubtedly, adjourn the last of this week. I will, however, try and take the matter up the first part of next session.

With kindest regards, I am,
Yours fraternally,
Victor L. Berger.

The campaign tour of Comrade Emil Seidel, candidate for vice president, will be unique in American political history. He will be the first presidential candidate who during a campaign will have visited and spoken in each and every state in the union. Comrade Seidel will speak some days as many as eight times. In Connecticut he will tour a raft of towns by automobile and be busy from breakfast time till midnight.

A Governors' Red Special.

State Secretary Ed Green and his able assistant W. S. Noble, have mapped out a whirlwind campaign for the Socialist candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, that may result in 100,000 votes for Socialism in Texas this fall.

They propose to start the candidates at Mineola on Sept. 20 and speak them every day until election eve.

The idea is to put our candidates in organized counties where they can meet the people everywhere and give reasons for the faith that is within them.

A remarkable feature of this tour will be in the fact that there will be no opposition to our candidate, Governor Colquitt has gone to Colorado for a lengthy holiday. The "Bull Moose" without post offices to distribute is a joke and theRegular Republican organization is a farce. The pros have no general organization so the Socialists will have possession of the field with none to challenge them, none to dare.

It is expected that each county will gather all the locals together and make a field day of it.

The candidates will also make rear platform talks on the trains at each important stop as they go whirling over the Lone Star State.

The price to each county will be $25.00 a day.

For this sum you will get two speeches from the gubernatorial candidates, Reddin Andrews of Tyler, and T. A. Hickey, of Hallettsville.

You will also get free advertising including 1000 large illustrated posters; with cuts of speakers for the local papers. Also lots of literature to be distributed free. The speakers will pay their own hotel railway and all other expenses. Any balance left will go to the state organization fund.

Further, the only money the candidates will receive will be $4.00 a day each for wages.

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This is the greatest move that Texas has ever made to resch the multitude. Write at once to Ed Green, Rockdale, Texas, for particulars.

The tour will commence on Sept. 20 at Mineola and will run every day including Sunday until election day.

The following list of acceptances covering September have already been received by the State office:

Mineola, Sept. 20; Fort Worth, Sept. 21; Halsell (Clay Co.) Sept. 23; Wichita Falls, Sept. 24; Vernon Sept. 25; Quanah, Sept. 26; Wellington Sept. 27; Wheeler county, Sept. 28, 29, 30; Plainview Oct. 1.

September 22 is open to any acceptance along the Rock Island north of Ft. Worth.

It will be noted that nearly all the September dates are in northwest Texas. West Texas will be next to line up, then middle, East and South Texas. Toward the close it may be necessary to have the candidates speak twice a day with rear-end platform speeches to boot.

State Campaign Manager Noble will very likely accompany the governor's train to sell literature and assist in the speaking; perhaps others.

IT WILL BE A LITERAL TOUR OF TRIUMPH FOR THE WORKING CLASS OF TEXAS.

Don't fail to get in on it. The exact schedule of the governer's train and other particulars will be announced later.

STATE NOTES.

E. A. Green, State Sec.

Platform Leaflets.

The most complete platform leaflets ever issued by any party office, state or national will be furnished to the membership at the following prices:

	Per 1000
1 to 2000	$2.65
3 to 4000	2.55
5 to 8000	2.40
9000 and over	2.35

Express or freight prepaid on all over 5000. Remember these leaflets will be furnished at the above prices, with the state and national platforms complete, with the farmers program, the state ticket and your district, county, and precinct ticket, with pictures of Debs, Seidel, Andrews and Hickey, with the party emblem and union label.

These leaflets will make a hit anywhere. Let us circulate a hundred thousand of them before election day. Address all orders with list of your county and precinct candidates plainly written to this office.

N. B. The same leaflets without county and precinct ticket will be sent to any adderss at the rate of 30c per hundred, postage or express prepaid.

LAND PAMPHLETS.

The Rebel Land pamphlet will come off the press about the same time this copy of the Rebel reaches its readers. It is the most comprehensive document of its sort ever published in the South.

This all important question is treated from a Biblical, legal, philosophical, statistical and historical viewpoint. You must get this pamphlet if you would have your neighbor know where the Socialists stand on this question that is so vital to the well-being of the South.

Prices: single copy 10 cents. $5.00-100.

BONAMI, THE BLOOD-STAINED.

By Covington Hall.

"The votaries of the God of mercy and peace", said the poet Shelly, "have shed enough blood to drown all other sects on the globe," whereat the eminently Christian and respectable denounced him as "atheistic anarchist" and exiled him from England, which goes to prove that the last thing a hypocrite wants to hear is the truth. But all hypocrites are not confined to the British isles. There is an old "whited sepulchre" in Kansas City, Mo., one R. A. Long, head of the LongBell Lumber Co., whose record of leprous hypocrisy has has never been surpassed, either by the scribes and Pharisees of Juda or by the Philistines of Britain. This old Pharisee is forever on his crooked knees blaspheming the Carpenter of Nazareth with what the Carpenter hated above all things—lip tribute, tongue worship. Long's lumber company owns the town of Bonami, Louisiana. Bonami is French and means "good friend." Yet it was here that old grey-headed John McWilliams was given the "water-cure" by thugs and gunmen because he was "suspected of being a Union sympathizer." It was here that I saw men, white and colored, prevented from going to a meeting of the Brotherhood by being driven into their houses by gunmen. It was here that men were discharged and blacklisted for the crime of giving us a drink of water. It was here that men were fired on without provocation as they got off trains. It is here that the real workers are practically held as peons and driven night and day by a "slugging squad" composed of managers, superintendents, foremen, company suckers and deputy sheriffs. It was from here and Carson, La., which belong to the Central Coal & Coke Co. of Kansas City, Mo., we have every reason to believe, that the massacre of Grabow was planned. It was from here that President Emerson has received message after message threatening his life. It was here the massacre was first intended to take place. It is here, where all laws, even those respected by savages, have been suspended, where black-snake whips, clubs, pump-guns and rifles loaded with soft-nosed, copper-cased bulets have become the symbols of Christian civilization—it is here that prayer has reached the acme of hypocrisy for, be it known, all the Bonami thugs are a praying set led by a praying gunman. Here the meek and gentle spirit of Apostle R. A. Long seems to have flowered into purest perfection, here in Bonami, The Blood-Stained:

Jesus Christ.

Then they seized you and they
crowned you with a burning
crown of thorns;
Now, the masters bow before you
and a servile priest-hood fawns.
In a far and distant heaven, in a
dim and mystic shrine,
They have buried all the treasure
of the truth that was divine

II

On the cross they built for labor,
lo! they hanged you in the
night,
And the jeering priesthood cheered
it as a deed for good and
right;
But the workers gathered 'round
you, and the revolution spread,
And the priesthood and the masters
for a moment were afraid.

III

Down the high-road of the ages
marched your resurrected soul,
And the pagan powers trembled
as their strong hands lost control;
But the priesthood and the masters
they were ever full of
guile.
And they re-enchained the workers
with a bauble and a smile.

IV

Yea! they built you divers temples,
and they took you from
the sod
And set you up in heaven as an
Emperor and God;
And they read a mystic meaning
in your pure and simple creed.
To the foolish workers dying on
the battle-fields of greed.

V

'Round your white and splendid
altar they have reared a
ghastly pile,
Copied from the pagan masters,
imitations weak and vile,
Where they hide now from the
workers where tehy rave at all
who come,

VI

Superstition — blighted knowledge—prison
upon prison piled
And the brazen creed of profit—
thus have master-hands defiled
All the mighty work you fashioned
in the ages long ago,
When you led the hosts of labor,
and when labor loved you so.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions Adopted By Beaumont Trades and Labor Assembly.

Whereas, the recent history of the efforts of the timber workers of Louisiana and Texas to organize to secure for themselves and families a modicum of the freedom of American citizenship, is, from its first chapter replete with wrongful acts on the part of the operators and indeed little more than a record of repressive measures by the operators extending from personal persecution to the public calamity incident to the closing down of 30 or more mills, thus not only throwing their own operatives out of employment, but visiting a hardship upon the industry of the entire country — all of which was done with the un-American motive of preventing their employes from organizing for their mutual protection and welfare; and,

Whereas, the Southern Operators' Association has, by its acts thus publicly known and by its members confessed, taken extreme measures to retain its tyrannical control over its employes, thereby warranting the belief that it is at least open to the charge made by the Timber Workers of the World, viz.: That the Operators' Association was responsible for the tragedy at Grabow in which gunmen in its employ shot down a score of union men engaged in a peaceable demonstration upon the public highway, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Beaumont Trades and Labor Assembly that we hereby reaffirm our former expression of faith in the worthiness of A. L. Emerson, organizer of the Timber Workers of the World;

That we believe in the light of direct testimony and the physical facts that the workers were not responsible for the Grabow massacre of their own members;

That, regardless of their guilt or innocence, they are entitled to a speedy trial, hence we condemn the action of the court in adjourning for the summer vacation and leaving these men prisoners in surroundings that have been unsanitary and unhealthful, and which have been tardily condemned by the Louisiana state board of health;

That we extend to the workers and their dear wives and little ones our sincere sympathy and assure them of our confidence in their innocence of the crimes charged against them and of our belief that they are victims of a deliberate conspiracy to destroy them and their organization; and finally,

That we hereby convey to the press its correspondents and associations responsible for the vilely distorted news reports of the entire struggle between the Timber Workers and the Operators' Association this expression of our profound contempt for their veracity and pernicious mendacity.

Clemens Fischer,
F. S. Laurantz,
H. C. Marble,
Committee.

"No word has been more abused and misunderstood than the word 'Socialist.' The Socialist is not an anarchist, they are opposed in theory and practice. The Socialist does not propose to destroy the family, abolish religion or divide up property, nor does he seek to carry out his ideas by riot and bloodshed. In a single phrase, Socialism means public ownership of the means of production and working class control of the government; a chance to work for all who will, and to all wrkers the full value of their product. The typical Socialist is a rather quiet and thoughtful working man, serene in time of trouble and self-contained in the day of victory. He realizes that while he lives it is his business to help the world move. He considers himself an ally of eternal laws of nature and is proud to do his little part in the great cause." American Year-Book, Cyclopedia and Atlas.

All institutions of rule, law and order shall be Democratically produced and administered.

TIMBER WORKERS.

The Rebel is in receipt of the following letters from the Secretary and the President of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers.

Alexandria, La., Sept. 3, 1912.
Mr. T. A. Hickey, Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:

Please find enclosed receipt for $13.60 as follows:

Wells Fargo Ex. M. O. No. 290658	$1.00
New York Ex. No. 603	6.00
Check by Shields, on 1st. Nat. Bank Dickens, Tex.	6.10
Silver in coin mail card	.50
Total	$13.60

Allow me to say that the Rebel is gaining more notoriety than any paper in this fight. I hear more of The Rebel and its good work than any other source. The special edition given to the Timber Workers was the best yet. I for one admire the radical stand taken by you in this and all other important questions.

Thanking you for the great work you have done in our behalf and trusting that you will continue your fight through this campaign for us, I beg to remain,

Yours for labor's freedom
Jay Smith.

Fear not, friend Smith, that The Rebel will ever falter for a moment in this fight. Like some of our kin in the days of '61-'65 "we have done listed for the war" and we will be found at Appomattox with the sword in our hand.

The president of the Timber Workers from his prison cell at Lake Charles, La., writes:

Lake Charles, Jail, Apg. 22, 1912
Mr. T. A. Hickey, Halettsville, Texas.

Dear Editor:

We have just received a few copies of The Rebel's special edition for the Timber Workers. Their worth can never be known and the facts and truths they contain are unquestionable.

Please find enclosed five dollars ($5.00) for which is to pay for the one thousand ordered by wire this a. m.

We have a local here in jail both Socialist and Timber Workers. 83 Timber Workers and 56 Socialist. So you see we are alive if we are in jail. Time is going to tell that many Socialist are being made right now. Also the time is coming when men of your sterling worth and qualities will be recognized and appreciated.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for what you are doing for our cause. I say our and I mean every man living. Of course at the present time I may receive a greater relief than any one individual but the end is no more.

The boys here all send their thanks to you. The name of our Timber Workers local is Jail local No. 1. The name of the Socialist local is Jail Local No. 1—Bull and Beans.

I will close with a chart full of appreciation and best wishes for you and yours.

Yours to win or die,
A. L. Emerson,

P. S. Our local is buying the papers for distribution.

Lake Charles Jail, Aug. 26 1912
Mr. T. A. Hickey.

Dear Sir: The bundles of Rebel received O. K. Enclosed you will find check for eleven dollars ($11.00) for which please send me 2000 Rebels and start the subscription of the four names inclosed.

These parties came to me of their own accord and asked me to send their names in in a club of four

I am going to see if I can't get some more.

Yours to win,
A. L. Emerson.

P. S. Send my papers care Cline, Cline & Bell.

Lake Charles Jail, Aug. 20, 1912

Mr. Tom Hickey, Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Comrade Groves.

He asked me to send it to you. Here it is. Do as you think best with it. He had a good article in the Houston Chronicle last Sunday.

I am anxious to see the special edition of The Rebel.

I wil close with best wishes. All in good spirits here.

Yours to win,
A. L. Emerson,

Here follows Groves' letter:

Dear Emerson: Every honest man and christian sympathizes with you and your fellow-sufferers in your present trouble—who knows anything about it.

But unfortunately almost all the wealth and all the sin are allied against you.

Your "case" is a class-'case' otherwise there would be nothing of it.

Just in proportion as Socialistic or union economic reforms grow or are promulgated, laws, socalled are enacted to not only neutralize the effects of these reforms but to punish the reformers. This is truly a capitalistic age in which all laws are made strictly in the interest of the capitalist class, and are revered by the church as the acts of God.

Thus the politicians—both "anti" and "pro"—the preachers, the church and hell, are lined up against you, therefore, be assured that you are right. In the end right will prevail, but the human sacrifice must be great to win it. Texas has 5,000 state convicts and 47,000 county and city convicts and every one of them is a poor man, boy or woman. Our governors see to it that all old party criminals of wealth are turned loose, even when convicted by the courts.

Any business man in Texas worthy of commercial rating by Bradstreet and Dun may carry a "gun" and is immune from punishment. Any policeman or officer in Texas may shoot and kill a workingman and is also immune from punishment aye, from arrest, but it is next to life imprisonment for a workingman to be found with a "gun."

When you are freed again, as you will be, warn all that would agitate even in the kindliest way, that they may expect to get the worst of it as the price of their convictions.

Give them the old axiom: "The law is made to grind the poor and the rich rule the law."

Neels Creek local will remit to your defense fund soon.

With best wishes.

J. S. Graves,
Clifton, Texas, Aug. 18, 1912.

Hugh Moore, president of the Renters Union, is deeply indignant over the treatment meted out to his brothers in the piney woods. He writes:

Chilton, Texas, Aug. 24 1912
Editor The Rebel:

I see the hell hounds of capitalism have entered the Sunny South in the form of blood and murder and declared war on the Timber Workers of Louisiana and east Texas. What part is the Renters Union going to take in the matter? I for one am in favor of taking a part with them lending all the assistance in our power both morally and financially. The Renters Union must get together in all their unions and pass resolutions condemning the outrages committed on the defenceless workers at Grabow, Louisiana, when two noble souls got their lives sniffed out.

The interest of the Timber Workers are identical with the renters. If they have nothing to buy with where is the market for your farm products?

An injury to one is the concern of all!

United we stand—divided we fall. You renters need not think you are not in trouble. Its just not come your time yet. It may be your time next, the landlords have already tackled the renters organization in Missouri and Arkansas. So meet in your unions and pass resolutions and send to the governor of Louisiana and take up cllections for their defense and send to The Rebel.

Hugh Moore,
Pres. Renters Union,
Chilton, Texas.

To many inquirers I will say that the trial of Emerson and his brothers has been postponed until October. Full particulars next week.

LANDLORDS ORGANIZING.

The Sugden, Ok., Signal sounds a warning as follows:

A New Move.

"It is rumored that an association of landlord has been formed in this part of Okla. The intention is o defeat Socialism by re fusing to rent land to Socialists.

Won't some good citizen who is a renter, start the move by calling a meeting of the tenant farmers?"

(The calling of such meetings and the successful organization will mean the election of Socialist governors in the States where the organization takes place.—Ed.)

RESOLUTIONS ON ANARCHY IN THE SOUTH.

Whereas, at Grabow, La., recently were shot down twenty or more working men, some of whom were killed, and some of whom were mortally wounded, these men being on strike against unjust conditions in the mills at that place. And,

Whereas, The leaders of these striking working men have been arrested and placed in jail at Lake Charels La., And

Whereas, the employers and leaders of the men who did the shooting were also placed under arrest. And

Whereas, the men under whose orders the shooting was done were all discharged, and the men who did no shooting, but who were shot down instead, are still held in confinement in the jail at Lake Charles, with a charge of murder against them, while the murderers and assaulters of Labor go free,

Resolved, That we the Socialists of Biloxi, Mississippi, in meeting assembled, declare our horror at the anarchy of the Timber Trust, that is permitted to go unchecked in our beloved Southland, and that we denounce the same and deplore the supineness of those elected to enforce the law against the rich and powerful as well as against the poor and friendless, and we send the outraged workers our sympathy, and pledge to them such financial aid as we are able to give.

Resolved, That we urge upon the Socialists of our state to send such help as they can to the end that these men and their families may be provided against want, and that those against whom the Anarchists of Wealth have set their hatred, may have legal assistance in their fight for freedom and their rights under our laws and Constitutions — State and National.

Resolved Further, That we call the attention of the workers of the North to the fact that in the Democratic States of the South there is no more justice to wealth producers than there is in the states of the North. That in Mississippi the Soldiers are called out to suppress the strikers of the Illinois Central railroad — a corporation with many European stockholders —that our Governor has expressed himself against "Agitators" — the kind of course that agitate in favor of the wealth producers, not against those that agitate for the election of a Democratic Governor or a Democratic President —That in Louisiana Labor has been murdered, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross of gold, and no Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, or any other democratic saint has inquired into the foul preceeding nor denounced the action; that in Georgia, the land of "chivalry", a woman pleading for the child slaves of the Southern cotton mills has been driven from the platform by streams of water thrown by "gallant" firemen of the city in which she was speaking; that poor men landing in our cities without friends at hand, and with no money in their pockets, are liable under a vicious system of vagrancy law to arrest, fine, and incarceration in convict camps, there to be surrounded by armed guards, bloodhounds, and to be subject to awful punishments for faults or imaginary faults, and no one to lay a restraining hand on the will of the boss who orders the punishment. We warn the Northern working men voting the Democratic ticket this year under the delusion that Democracy is more friendly to Labor than Republicanism, that he is making the mistake of his life.

Resolved, that there is but one party that stands for the rights of those who produce the wealth of the world, and that is the Socialist Party, which when given power will see that these outrages stop, and that all wealth shall go to those who produce it.

Resolved, that Woodrow Wilson, who has no record of friendship for Labor; Taft, who has been aptly named the "Injunction King" against Labor; Roosevelt, who has loudly proclaimed the guilt of untried men, who were afterward proven innocent, and who has expressed a wish that he had the power to line striking working men against a dead wall, that he might shoot them, are all chips off the same capitalistic block, and we warn every working man, North and South, to place a solid vote against each and all of them.

Sumner W. Rose.

OUR REBS.

The offs are still bothering but the ons are filling us with hope It is a tussle between growth and a bad slump but we still are holding our own. If you all only understood how much good we could do with a list that would continuously grow you would drop everything else and come to our assistance. With the bundle orders we are hovering around the 25,000 mark and are looking to the time when with the cotton money in, you will keep us going at the rate of 1,000 a week. Think this over —you can do it. Here are some of our principal hustlers this week:

A. L. Emerson, 28; C. C. Rogers 4; J. Bell, 4; J. A. Page 4, J. B. Mitchell 4; J. W. Peebles, 8; G. W. Touchstone 4; Frank E. Simmons, Mose Hayes 6; L. C. Smith 4; C. M. McBurnett 4; J. M. Lawless 4; Neal Meadlock, 9; M. L. Cavallin, 4; H. K. Sehorn 5; Oliver Williams, 4; J. M. Killen 8; A. B. Cox, 6; J. H. Edwards 11; C. H. Brown C. C. McFerrin 4; J. R. Kersey, 4; Mrs. R. L. Paynor, 7; Theo. H. Moore 4; J. A. Hortin, 4; Mrs. G. W. Ferrie, 4; Conrad Glunz, 4; J. W. Durham 4; J. S. Koonce, 4; A. D. Miller 4; S. F. McFarlin, ; M. E. Jamison 6; G. L. Hise, 10; J. W. Lawless, 9; S. H. Culver, 10; M. D. Hearn 5.

THE RENTERS UNION.

E. O. Meitzen, Sec. Treas.

Alex Browning of Gorman, Eastland County, has been appointed general organizer for his district. He promises to have 10 locals in Eastland County represented in the Waco convention.

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The boys at the forks of the creek are awakening. A number of organizers are being apopinted each week.

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Jno. M. Young gets busy and organizes a local of 8 members at Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas.

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Frank Tudan, secretary of the Mexican local at Gonzales sends in the money for 16 new members this week.

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W. J. Green of Milburn, Okla., writes that as soon as the renters sell their crop which is about ready he expects to organize quite a few locals in his section.

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Now let every hustler for the Renters Union get busy so that we can pull off a tremendous convention at Waco on Nov. 8, 1912

ENGLISH SYMPATHY FOR ETTOR.

The following resolution was adopted by the Executive Committee of the British Socialist Party and forwarded to the national office by H. W. Lee, secretary:

"This meeting of the Executive committe of the British Socialist Party records its sincere sympathy with Ettor and Giovanitti, the noble leaders of the great and successful strike at Lawrence, Massachusetts who are imprisoned and charged with murder solely in order to avenge the defeat of the hypocritical capitalist sweaters of Boston. The British Socialist Party sends also its hearty greetings to their comrades and fellow workers of the United States and feels confident that their fine resistance to tyranny will ensure the release of these innocent champions of the oppressed wage-slaves of Lawrence."

SOUTHERN SOCIALIST NOTES.

J. Squires, is organizing in Delaware; J. E. Snyder in the South; U. C. Seigler in Georgia; H. F. Kendall in Virginia; C. J. Harold in Tenn.; W. L. Garver in Missouri; W. M. Doyle in Alabama and Thos. L. Buie, in Kentucky.

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Walter J. Millard, Sept. 4-9, Arkansas, under direction of the State committee.

Janet Fenimore Korngold, Aug. 26 Sept. 9, Arkansas, under direction of the State committee.

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Con Foley cleaned up Congressman Oscar Callaway in a debate at Comanche last week. The congressman is very much alarmed at the wonderful growth of Socialism in his district.

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WHAT COMES OF PLAYING THE GAME.

By Charles Edward Russell.

Proletarian movement can have no part, however slight, in the game of politics. The moment it takes a seat at that grimy board is the moment it dies within. After that it may maintain a semblance of life and motion, but in truth it is only a corpse.

This has been proved many times. It is being proved today in Great Britain. It has been proved recently and most convincingly in the experience of Australia and New Zealand.

In Australia the proletarian movement that began eighteen years ago has achieved an absolute triumph—in politics. Under the name of the Labor Party it has won all that any political combination can possibly win anywhere. It has played the political game to the limit and taken all the stakes in sight. The whole national government is in its hands. It has attained in fullest measure to the political success at which it aimed. It not only merely influences the government; it is the government.

To make the situation clear by an American analogy, let us suppose the Socialists of America to join hands with the progressive element in the labor unions and with the different groups of advanced radicals. Let us suppose a coalition party to be formed called the Labor Party. Let us suppose this to have entered the state and national campaigns, winning at each successive election more seats in congress, and finally after sixteen years in conflict, electing its candidate for president and a clear majority of the Senate and the House of Representatives. This would be admitted to be the summit of such a party's aims and to mean great and notable success; and it would closely parallel the situation in Australia.

Exactly such a Labor Party has administered the affairs of Australia since April, 1910. Its triumph was the political success of a proletarian game. What has resulted?

This has resulted, that the Labor Party of Australia is now exactly like any other political party and means no more to the working class except its name. Constituted as the political party of that class, it has been swept into power by working class votes, and after almost a year and a half of control of national affairs it can show nothing more accomplished for working class interests than any other party has accomplished. The working class under the Labor Party is in essentially the same condition that it has been in under all the other administrations nor is there the slightest prospect that its condition will be changed.

In other words, the whole machine runs on exactly as before, the vast elaborated machine by which the toilers are exploited and parasites are fed. Once in power the Labor Party proceeded to do such things as other parties had done for the purpose of keeping in power, and it is these things that maintain the machine.

On the night of the election, when the returns began to indicate the result, the gentleman that is now Attorney General of the Commonwealth was in the Labor Party headquarters, jumping up and down with uncontrollable glee.

"We're in!" he shouted, "We're in! We're in!"

That was an excellent phrase and greatly expressed the whole situation. The Labor Party was in; it had won the offices and the places of power and honor; it had defeated the opponents that had often defeated it. It was "in." The next thing was to keep in, and this is the object that it has assiduously pursued ever since. "We are in; now let us stay in. We have the offices; let us keep the offices.'

The first thing it does is to increase its strength with the bourgeoise and the great middle class always allied with its enemies. To its opponents in the campaigns the handiest weapon and most effective was always the charge that the Labor Party was not patriotic, that it did not love the dear old flag of Great Britain with the proper degree of fervor and ecstasy; that it was wobbly on the subject of war and held strange erratic notions in favor of universal peace instead of yelling day and night for British supremacy whether right or wrong—which is well known to be the duty of the true patriot. This argument was continually used and had great effect.

Naturally, as the Labor Party was now in and determined to stay in, the wise play indicated in the game upon which it had embarked, was to disprove all these damaging allegations and to show that the Labor Party was just as patriotic as any other party could possibly be. So its first move was to adopt a system of universal military service, and the next to oppress and overawe strikers, even undertake vast schemes of national defense. The attention and admiration of the country were directed to the fact that the Labor administration was the first to build small arms facories, to revise the military establishment so as to secure the greatest efficiency and to prepare the nation for deeds of valor on the battlefield.

At the time this was done there was a crying need for new labor legislation; the system or lack of system of arbitrating labor disputes was badly in need of repairs; workingmen were being imprisoned in some of the states for the crime of striking; the power of government was often used to oppress and overawe strikers, even when they had been perfectly orderly and their cause absolutely just. These with many other evils of the workingman's condition were pushed aside in order to perfect the defense system and get the small arms factories in good working order, for such the Labor Party had started out to play. "We're in; let us stay in."

The next thing to attest properly the true spirit of patriotism that burned and throbbed in the Labor Party was to send the Prime Minister and eighteen members of Parliament, at public expense, to the coronation puppet show. The prime minister was in fact, one of the bright orna ments of that precious occasion, and was universally admired as he pranced around in knee pants and other regalia. He is by trade a steam engineer, and for years lived by the work of his hands. He was said greatly to enjoy the gew-gaws of the occasion. I do not know whether this is true, but certainly he presented a sad and humiliating spectacle as a representative of the working class, and one that would never have been offered to the world except for the necessity of "playing the game." It would have been bad politics for the Labor Party to have appeared in the least indifferent to the childish and silly tricks of the coronation; hence it must leave nothing undone to show its loyalty lest our enemies get ammunition to use against us and we shall not be able to stay in. Nothing more absurd and degrading can be imagined than the participation of any Labor Party in such a spectacle, but such are the conditions of this game. If you start in to play it you must play it in the way that will win.

Meantime there remains this awkward fact about the condition of the working class. It is no less exploited than before. It is as far apparently, from the day of jusitce under the rule of the Labor Party as it was under the rule of the Liberal Party. What are you goin to do about all that? Why, there is nothing to be done about that as yet. The country, you see, is not ready for any radical measures on that subject. If we undertake to make any great changes in fundamental conditions we should be defeated at the next election and then we should not be in but should be out. True, the cost of living is steadily increasing, and that means that the state of the working class is inevitably declining. True, under the present system, power is steadily accumulating in the hands of the exploiters, so that if we are afraid to offend them now we shall be still more afraid to offend them next year and the next. But the main thing is to keep in. We're in; let us stay in.

Hence, also, the Labor administration has been very careful not to offend the great money interests and powerful corporations that are growing up in the country. These influences are too powerful in elections. Nothing has been done that could in the least disturb the currents of sacred business. It was recognized as not good politics to antagonize business interests. Let the administration keep along with the solid business interests of the country, reassuring them for the sake of the general prosperity and helping them to go on in the same safe sane and conservative way as before. It was essential that business men should feel that business was just as secure under the Labor administration as under any other. Nothing that can be in the least upset business, you know. True, this sacred business consists of schemes to exploit and rob the working class, and, true, the longer it is allowed to go upon its way the more powerful it becomes and the greater are its exploitations and profits. But if we do anything that upsets business or tends to disturb business confidence, that will be bad for us at the next election. Very likely we shall not be able to keep in. We are in now; let us stay in and have the offices and the power.

Therefore, it is with the greatest pride that the Labor people point out that under the Labor administration the volume of business has no decreased but increased; the operations of the banks have shown no falling off; they are still engaged as profitably as of yore in skinning the public; the clearings are in an eminently satisfactory condition; profits have suffered no decline; all is well in our marts of trade. The old machine goes on so well you would never know there had been any change in the administration. Business men have confidence in our party. They know that we will do the right thing by them, and when in the next campaign the wicked orators of the opposition arise and say that the Labor Party is a party of disturbers and revolutionists, we can point to these facts and overwhelm them. And that will be a good thing, because otherwise we might not be able to keep in. And that will be a good thing, because otherwise we might not be able to keep in. We're in; let us stay in.

So stands the cause in Australia. But if anyone says to me that the heart of the trouble is some defect in the men that are the leaders of the Australian Labor Party I deny it. There are no leaders of the Australian Labor Party in the sense that American politics understand leaders. Whoever comes to the front in the affairs of the Australian Labor Party is chosen by a free vote of the members of that Party and has not pushed himself to the front in the manner to which American politicians are accustomed. And as for the men that hold cabinet positions in the Labor administration and therefore may be regarded as chiefly the advocates of the policy I have here outlined if we think that these men are at fault we shall make the greatest possible error. There sincerity is beyond question. They believe absolutely in working class government, they are personally above reproach, they represent a class of public men that for flawless honesty and purity of purpose is almost unknown in American public afairs; I wish we had a thousand like them in our government this day.

Nor is there any question about their ability. They are among the ablest of all executives. Every one of them, when he came into office, gave a notable example of efficiency by studying, simplifying and improving the operations of his department. The fault is not with their convictions nor with their intelelctual resources. The trouble is with the [illegible] started out to play. That game has always these results and no others. Whosoever starts to play it must play according to the rules and these are the rules. You sit at the grimy board to win. If you win you can win in but this way, by continual compromise and by continual sacrifice of your principles.

Most of these men are Socialists One of them, Senator George H. Pearce, now the able and efficient Minister for Defense, once delivered in my hearing the clearest and most concise exposition of the fundamental principles of Socialism that I have ever heard anywhere. They are convinced Socialists and they will tell you that their ultimate ideal is the Co-Operative Commonwealth—when the people are ready for it. And yet, sincerely and truly believing in th Socialistic theory, they proceed to play the capitalists' game, because they must play that game to keep in. We're in; let us stay in.

Meantime, how has the cause of Socialism progressed in Australia? Not at all. I would by no means disparage the efforts of the band of clear-sighted and able men and women that in Australia and New Zealand steadfastly insist upon the truth that nothing will ever be won by palliatives; but the great working population, carried away by the idea of winning political victories, is so far indifferent or hostile toward the only movement that can really accomplish anything. I know of but one other country in the civilized circuit where Socialism is so dead. The full attention of the proletariat is centered in the political success of this Labor Party. It will give no heed to anything else, and the few men that with clear vision and inspiration continue to insist that the only way to emancipate the working clas is to emancipate it are like the voice of one crying in the wilderness. If the capitalists had designed the very best way in which to perpetuate their power they could not have hit upon anything better for themselves than this. It keeps the working class occupied; it diverts their minds from the real questions that pertain to their condition; it appeals to their sporting instincts; we want to cheer our own victory, we want to stay in; this is the way to these results. And meantime the capitalists rake off the profits and are happy. We are infinitely better off in the United States. The Labor Party of Australia has killed the pure proletarian movement there. At least we have the beginnings of one here. If there had been no Labor party there would now be in Australia a promising working class movement headed towards industrial emancipation. Having a Labor Party, there is no such movement in sight.

(Continued next week)

MIGHT IS RIGHT

By Covington Hall.

Might was Right when Christ was hanged besides the Jordan's foam;
Might was Right when Gracchus bled, upon the stones of Rome;
And Might was Right when Danton fell, when Emmet passed away—
"'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, and the Gospel of today."

Might was Right when Spartacus went down in seas of blood,
And when the Commune perished in the selfsame crimson flood;
And Might was Right at Cripple Creek, at Grabow, Homestead—yea!
"'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, and the Gospel of today."

Might was Right when Parsons died, when Ferrer followed him,
When Cole's young life was beaten out in Spokane's dungeon grim;
And Might was Right when Pettibone went stagg'ring down death's way —
"'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, and the Gospel of today."

Might is Right when Morgan builds a hell 'round every hearth;
Might is Right when Kirby starves his peons off the earth;
And Might was Right when Dietz became Wolf Weverhauser's prey.
"'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, and the Gospel of today."

Might is Right when children die by thousands in the mills,
When jeweled hands reach down and take the gold their blood distills;
And Might is Right when maidens give their love-dreams up for pay—
"'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, and the Gospel of today."

Might was, it is, it e'er will be, the One and Only Right;
And so, Clan of Toil, awaken, O workingmen unite!
Unite! Unite! For Might is Right, 'tis Freedom's only way —
"'Tis the logic of the Ancient World, and the Gospel of today."

DEBS IN TEXAS.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10th E. V. Debs the Socialist candidate for the presidency will speak in San Antonio and on Wednesday the 11th he will speak at Beach's Auditorium in Houston.

The editor of The Rebel has been invited by the Houston local to introduce our distinguished comrade.

Inasmuch as Debs is in a class by himself on the platform and has [illegible] and all the other orators backed off so far that they would have to climb an 18 foot ladder to tie his shoe laces we can promise our friends a treat if they go to either city and hear our Gene.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

By John Mason.

"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

"Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Acts chap. IV. v. 32, 34, 35.

In the above quotation we have proof positive that the early church established and practiced communism. Late researches of historians prove that this same church of the early christians continued to practise communism for nearly 300 years; that it was bitterly fought by the governmental authorities because of its communistic program (that feature being regarded as a dangerous innovation by the ruling powers.—dangerous because it threatened to undermine and overturn all the then existing forms of governments.) But Constantine, emperor of Rome, early in the fourth century drew the electricity out of the revolutionary cloud by adopting the strictly theological features of christianity, making it the national religion, but rejecting its economical, social, practical features, (Communism), substituting "charity" in its stead. (This was the beginning of the Roman Catholic church). In other words he separated Christian theory from the only plan, scheme or conditions in which it could be socially practised.

And no christian church in later times, no one of the many sects into which that church is divided today (with only a few inconspicuous exceptions like the Shakers) has attempted to put religion into daily, hourly practise by adopting communism.

Today representatives of opposing denominations often meet in joint discussions, varying in length from one to ten days, and quibble and split theological hairs for many long hours in regard to the proper mode of performing some rite, such as baptism, each representative contending that his church is *The Church*, the only rightful successor to the apostolic church — that his church in its rites, methods and practises is identical with that of Peter and Paul — and yet, neither of the debaters would dare to charge the church of the opposition with its failure to practise communism which the early church deemed so essential to practical christianity. Neither opponent could afford to hurl this charge at his adversary for he knows that the charge applies with equal force to his own church.

Now communism is not socialism. In a communistic society there is practically no private property; all things are held in common. Under Socialism those things which are privately used, such as dwellings, furniture, vehicles, horses, etc. — in short, the home and all that pertains to it — will be privately owned; and those things only which are publicly used, and in which there is exploitation of the workers, will be publicly owned, for the aim of Socialism is to abolish profit, rent and interest in order that each worker shall have the full social product of his toil. Public ownership will go just far enough to attain the object sought and no farther.

But here is the fact that we wish all Christians to see: *Socialism and Communism are both based on the principle of co-operation; both are the antithesis of competition. Under neither Socialism nor Communism could the unholy trinity — profit, rent and interest — live for a day.*

Competition is unchristian. It breeds inordinate selfishness, hatred and fraud. Competition is industrial war, and war is hell.

It is useless for Christians to pray "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as in heaven" and continue to vote for the present competitive system of government. God's will cannot be done on earth while the system of competition and exploitation endures.

Vote as you pray.

THE ENCAMPMENTS.

Next week's Rebel will contain an inside review and write-up of the encampments. This will be valuable reading as we expect with our experience of this year to run 150 encampments next year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Is This Fair?

Editor Rebel:

I have a question to ask and it is this: Is it fair to have two prices for our speakers doing campaign work?

The Northern comrades going out under the direction of our national office are to get, I understand, five dollars a day, three dollars a day being allowed for hotel bills, and all railroad expenses paid.

Now that is liberal, rather too liberal, considering what is offered to the Southern speaker. Here Comrade Snyder is authorized to hire five Southerners to speak in our territory, but they are tied down to just fifty dollars a month each, and not a dollar allowance for hotel bills, and their railroad fare must be paid out of that fifty dollars.

The question I want to ask is, is this just?

Are our Southern speakers so deficient in understanding of Socialism and so lacking in oratory that they are not worth what Northern speakers are worth? If so, why are they used at all?

At Hattiesburg, when Comrade Snyder stated the terms to me, I told him that if I could devote my time exclusively to Mississippi, for the sake of the good I thought could be done in the state, I would accept the offer. But he said I would also have to go into Louisiana and Alabama. I then told him that fifty dollars would probably not more than pay my railroad fare. He said that was all he was authorized to offer. So the matter ended.

I believe that after this campaign is over, that this matter should be adjusted, and all our speakers and organizers should be paid what they are worth, or at least, in proportion to what others are paid. Those that are not worth anything, should not be used at all.

Four years ago nearly all the increase in the vote came from the Southern states, and next November will not be behind the North in percentage of increase, and I predict, will be ahead. We deserve more consideration at the hands of the national organization.

Fraternally,
Sumner W. Rose,

Biloxi, Miss.

When I read the Rebel this morning the heading of your paper "Breakdown of Law In America." It made me very sad to think of where we had come to at last, and when we were ever going to change these things as they now exist. The above question arose in my heart. 'Why we have these conditions?"

And at once I recalled what happened all over Texas last July and that was that the many thousands voted to continue this state of anarchy. And then again it was not the capitalists that did this thing but it was the rank and file of poor men that have placed those in power again that will continue these conditions.

Now don't blame capitalism for we are the only ones that have brought them into existence and now to show our stupidity many have voted at that primary above mentioned to fasten this awful condition of anarchy on ourselves for another two years. In this state at least I thank God I did not vote at that time nor will I ever vote for any other only a Socialist.

J. J. Stanton,

Clarendon, Texas.

WASTING THE SOIL.

The National City Bank, N. Y. issues the following warning about the waste of the soil:

"There is only one possible source of relief from this threatening situation, and that is by raising the productiveness of our lands through more intelligent and scientific culture. There is no known limit to the possibilities of nature, and our average production is far below the results of the best practice. The average yield of corn per acre in this country has never reached 30 bushels but once, and that was in 1872. The important question is, if we have gained nothing in the cultivation of corn in the last forty years, how fast will it be possible to revolutionize farming methods in the future?"

If the Rockefeller gentlemen will tell us how this can be accomplished, while the tenantry system lasts The Rebel will be pleased.

DANGER AHEAD.

By Eugene V. Debs.

The large increase in the Socialist vote in the late national and state elections is quite naturally hailed with elation and rejoicing by party members, but I feel prompted to remark, in the light of some personal observations during the campaign, that it is not entirely a matter of jubilation. I am not given to pessimism, or captious criticism, and yet I cannot but feel that some of the votes placed to our credit this year were obtained by methods not consistent with the principles of a revolutionary party and in the long run will do more harm than good.

I yield to no one in my desire to see the party grow and the vote increase, but in my zeal I do not lose sight of the fact that healthy growth and a substantial vote depend upon efficient organization, the selfeducation and self-discipline of the membership, and that where these are lacking, an inflated vote secured by compromising methods, can only be hurtful to the movement.

The danger I see ahead is that the Socialist party at this stage, and under existing conditions, is apt to attract elements which it cannot assimilate, and that it may be either weighted down, or torn asunder with internal strife, or that it may become permeated and corrupted with the spirit of bourgeois reform to an extent that will practically destroy its virility and efficiency as a revolutionary organization.

To my mind the working class character and the revolutionary integrity of the Socialist party are of first importance. All the votes of the people would do us no good if our party ceased to be a revolutionary party, or came to be only incidentally so, while yielding more and more to the pressure to modify the principles and program of the party for the sake of swelling the vote and hastening the day of its expected triumph.

It is precisely this policy and the alluring promise it holds out to new members with more zeal than knowledge of working class economics, that constitutes the danger we should guard against in preparing for the next campaign. The truth is that we have not a few members who regard vote-getting as a supreme importance, no matter by what method the votes may be secured, and this leads them to hold out inducements and not at all compatible with the stern and uncompromising principles of a revolutionary party. They seek to make the Socialist propaganda so attractive— eliminating whatever may give offense to bourgeois sensibilities — that it serves as a bait for votes rather than as a means of education, and votes thus secured do not properly belong us and do injustice to our party as well as to those who cast them.

These votes do not express socialism and in the next ensuing election are quite as apt to be turned against us, and it is better that they be not cast for the Socialist party, registering a degree of progress the party is not entitled to and indicating a political position the party is unable to sustain.

Socialism is a matter of growth of evolution, which can be advanced by wise methods, but never by obtaining for it a fictitious vote. We should seek only to register the actual vote of socialism, no more and no less. In our propaganda we should state our principles clearly, speak the truth fearlessly, seeking neither to flatter nor to offend, but only to convince those who should be with us and win them to our cause through an intelligent understanding of its mission.

There is also a disposition on the part of some to join hands with reactionary trade-unionists in local emergencies and in certain temporary situations to effect some specific purpose which may or may not be in harmony with our revolutionary program. No possible good can come from any kind of a political alliance, express or implied, with trade-unions or the leaders of trade unions who are opposed to socialism and only turn to it for use in some extremity, the fruit of their own reactionary policy.

Of course we want support of trade-unionists, but only of those who believe in socialism and are ready to vote and work wih us for the overthrow of capitalism.

The American Federation of Labor, as an organization, with its Civic Federation to determine its attitude and control its course, is deadly hostile to the Socialist party and to any and every revolutionary movement of the working class. To kowtow to this organization and to join hands with its leaders to secure political favors can only result in compromising our principles and bringing disaster to the party.

Not for all the vote of the American Federation of Labor and its labor-dividing and corruption-breeding craft-unions should we compromise one jot of our revolutionary principles; and if we do we shall be visited with the contempt we deserve by all real Socialists, who will scorn to remain in a party professing to be a revolutionary party of the working class while employing the crooked and disreputable methods of ward-heeling politicians to attain their ends.

Of far greater importance than increasing the vote of the Socialist party is the economic organization of the working class. To the extent, and only to the extent, that the workers are organized and disciplined in their respective industries can the Socialist movement advance and the Socialist party hold what is registered by the ballot. The election of legislative and administrative officers, here and there, where the party is still in a crude state and the members economically unprepared and politically unfit to assume the responsibilities thrust upon them as the result of popular discontent, will inevitably bring trouble and set the party back, instead of advancing it, and while this is to be expected and it is to an extent unavoidable, we should court no more of that kind of experience than is necessary to avoid a repetition of it. The Socialist party has already achieved some victories of this kind which proved to be defeats, crushing and humiliating, and from which the party has not even now, after many years, entirely recovered.

We have just so much socialism that is stable and dependable, because securely grounded in economics, in discipline, and all else that expresses class-conscious solidarity, and this must be augmented steadily through economic and political organization, but no amount of mere votes can accomplish this in even the slightest degree.

Voting for socialism is not socialism any more than a menu is a meal.

Socialism must be organized, drilled, equipped and the place to begin is in the industries where the workers are employed. Their economic power has got to be developed through efficient organization, or their political power, even if it could be developed, would but react upon them, thwart their plans, blast their hopes, and all but destroy them.

Such organization to be effective must be expressed in terms of industrial unionism. Each industry must be organized in its entirety, embracing all the workers, and all working together in the interest of all, in the true spirit of solidarity, thus laying the foundation and developing the superstructure of the new system within the old, from which it is evolving, and systematically fitting the workers, step by step, to assume entire control of the productive forces when the hour strikes for the impending organic change.

Without such economic organization and the economic power with which it is clothed, and without the industrial co-operative training, discipline and efficiency which are its corollaries, the fruit of any political victories the workers may achieve will turn to ashes on their lips.

Now that the capitalist system is so palpably breaking down, and in consequence its political parties breaking up, the disintegrating elements with vague reform ideas and radical bourgeois tendencies will head in increasing numbers toward the Socialist party, especially since the greatly enlarged vote of this year has been announced and the party is looming up as a possible dispenser of the spoils of office. There is danger, I believe, that the party may be swamped by such an exodus and the best possible means— and, in fact, the only effectual means — of securing the party against such a fatality is the economic power of the industrially-organized workers.

The votes will come rapidly enough from now on without seeking them and we should make it clear that the Socialist party wants the votes only of those who want socialism, and that, above all, as a revolutionary party of the working class, it discountenances vote-seeking for the sake of votes and holds in contempt office-seeking for the sake of office. These belong entirely to capitalist parties with their bosses and their boodle and have no place in a party whose shibboleth is emancipation.

With the workers efficiently organized industrially, bound together by the common tie of their enlightened self-interest, they will just as naturally and inevitably express their economic solidarity in political terms and cast a united vote for the party of their class as the forces of nature express obbedience to the laws of gravitation.

CLARENCE NUGENT.

Clarence Nugent, the son of Judge Nugent, the populist leader who was elected governor in 1892 and was counted out by the Donk Dems with the assistance of the negro leaders has joined the Socialist party.

Clarence Nugent is now practicing law at Stephenville, Erath county and is our candidate for congress from his district.

Foley, Clifford and others who heard him rank him high as an orator. Let us congratulate ourselves on such a valuable addition to our ranke and hope that his eloquent voice may be heard from many stumps in this campaign.

LONGSHORMEN'S STRIKE.

Wars and rumors of war are rife in Galveston. The occasion is the termination of the yearly agreement between the shipping companies and the Longshoremen's union. While God is usually on the side of the strongest battalions I am saying a silent prayer for the men with the cotton hook.

DEBS AT HOUSTON.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 24, 1912.

Editor: Eugene V. Des, the world famed and one of the five "star" orators of the world will speak at Houston, Texas, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1912 at Beach's Auditorium.

Admission free. Mr. Debs is the Socialist candidate for president of the United States. In his opening campaign address at Chicago which took place at Riverview Park, covering 40 acres, the crowd was estimated by acres, 40 acres of people. Besides between 50,000 and 75,000 could not get into the park. Excursion rates on all roads entering Houston on sale so as to allow arrival at Houston Sept. 11, good till the next day. All desirous of hearing and seeing this notable orator should take advantage of the occasion as Houston has been allowed one of the only two Texas dates, the other being at San Antonio. on September 10th. Mr. Debs' dates are limited on account of the vast amount of territory having to be covered between now and November.

Yours very truly,
E. B. Hadsall, Chr.

ARCHBOLD; ROOSEVELT;

Vice President Archbold of the Standard Oil Co. has testified before a congressional committee in Washington last week that his company gave $125,000 to the Roosevelt campaign fnud in 1904.

The Rebel would like to see Doe Rankin and other clerical hypocrites write a few brief words in his paper explaining how the oil pros gave so much money for corruption in the old parties. It appears that the Rankin-Cone-Ball type of leader can only see the crooked dollar when it comes from the crooked brewer. How about the crooked oil, steel, R. R. and Lumber pros? Information on this timely matter will be gladly received by The Rebel.

THE STRIKING SHOPMEN.

On Sept. 30, 1911, the Federated Shopmen employed on the Harriman lines struck for better conditions. The total number of men that went out was 35,000 and in Houston, Texas, 1200 men laid down their tools. From that day to this not 1 per cent of the men scabbed. Debs wil have something cheering to tell them when he speaks in Houston on Sept. 11 at Beach's Auditorium.

Burkville, Texas, July 20, 1912.

The Rebel Hallettsvile, Texas:

I am submitting to you something that has been agitating my mind for several days. Here is my proposition:

"I think a good pamphlet to make votes for the Socialists would be to put the farm program of the Socialists, on a sheet in two columns, one for national and one for state; in another column the republican farm program, in another the democratic program. The two latter will not take up much space. We want to show the farmers on one sheet what the different parties propose to do for him. I will take a thousand. Let me hear what you think of if you believe it worth while, comrade."

T. P. Roberts.

O'Brien, Texas, Sept. 1, 1912.

To The Rebel:

Please publish to the members of the Socialist party of Haskell county: "You are requested to meet at Rochester on Sept. 14, at 1:30 p. m. to arrange for our county campaign and employ a speaker. All county candidates and local secretaries are especially requested to be present."

Fraternally submitted,
D. R. Brown, Co. Ch'm.
Joe F. Hudspeth, Co. Sec.

I consider The Rebel the best paper ever in Texas. I have been here since 1855. Been in politics 40 years. Never asked for an office in my life. With 100,000 subs to your paper the dems would never elect another governor after November.

W. A. Smith,

WANTED TO KNOW the whereabouts of Ben Franklin Meitzen, age 27, 5 ft., 11 in. high, large dark eyes and dark hair. Left Sanitarium at San Antonio Aug. 26. Notify E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Texas.

WANTED—A school to teach in a Socialist neighborhood by a Socialist teacher who is experienced and who holds a first grade certificate. Address W. A. Wilcox, Duncan, Oklahoma. 1t

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