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THE GREAT APPEAR GREAT TO US ONLY BECAUSE WE AR E ON OUR KNEES — LET US ARISE.

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Died Last Night.

Written For The Rebel.

J. W. Godwin aged 60, died last night in the hospital ward of the county jail. The deceased had been adjudged insane some weeks ago.—Courier Light, July 25, 1913.

"*Died in County Jail Hospital.*

Thos. Goodwi n,an old time section foreman, died in the hospital ward of the county jail last night, where he was being cared for by the county. The deceased was 78 years old and had two sons in the county, one near Kerens, and the other near Purdon, but he was in the habit of traveling over the county a great deal, and his sons did not know where he was until advised of his death.—Corsicana Daily Sun, July 25, 1913.

The foregoing news items reveal, and conceal a story of shame. This old man was left alone on the hard bare floor of the prison cell, sick helpless, insane, sores and bruises on his body caused by lying on the floor, without proper bedding.

He died alone. Died alone in jail!

DIED FROM NEGLECT AND STARVATION.

No one to nurse him. No one to attend to his wants. His helpless insane condition, demanded a decent place to die in, and decent nurses to attend to his last dying necessities.

The county does not provide nurses for sick and dying insane prisoners. The condition of the old man after death was sickening to the last degree.

Thos. Goodwin died alone in jail. He had committed no crime. What was the charge against him. *Hs was insane. .He was a pauper.*

What was the standard of society towards him? Listen! "Damn the poor! Damn the old, they have no right to live, let them die in a prison cell, alone."

Damn the insane, and sick paupers, we will put them in prison cells, and let them suffer, starve and rot and die alone."

The daily papers in Corsicana can be depended upon not to expose the facts.

Brother Abe Mulkey wil pass this news item by without comment or exhortation. The exhorter has no time to waste upon "Old Section Hands."

The good ministers will preach and prate about Lazarus but will never mention the awful fate of old man Godwin.

The prisoners in jail dare not whisper the truth to the public, as greater afflictions than what they now suffer might follow an investigation.

The grand jury will meet and pass eulogistic resolutions upon the merciful administrations of the public officials toward the coutny prisoners and insane paupers.

The sheriff and jailer are not to blame, the county does not provide nurses for the sick and insane, nor allow enough to provide decent food for the prisoners, much less for the sick and insane.

The boosters will never see this news item or will forget it. Other more weighty affairs press upon them than to think of an old worn out ex-section boss dying alone from neglect, starvation and bruises produced from lying for weeks upon the hard prison floor. Insane? perhaps so! Who would not be under similar treatment.

The old section boss is dead.. He died in jail. He starved to death.

This occurred in Corsicana.

Corsicana has more pretended piety than almot any place in Texas.

Old man Goodwin, the insane, ex-section boss, died last night across the square from Brother Abe Mulkey's. Amen.

The Salvation Army pound the tambourines and sing holy songs day and night in Corsicana, but the Salvation lassies cannot collect coppers from the inmates of the jial, therefore the Salvation Army lassies let old man Goodwin die from neglect and starvation without salvation and covered with dirt and bruises and sores, alone insane in jail.

Brother Hudnall keeps the evening papers filled with the wonderful power and glory of the Lord, as manifested through his doings, but the Lord, and Brother Hudnall forgot the neglected, starved and dying old man in jail, who might have passed away in less misery had a visit been made to this place of sorrow and a suitable bed provided for this helpless old creature to rest upon, ice water to drink, decent food to eat and a nurse furnished.

Old man Goodwin is dead. He died in jail. His death was not from natural causes. He was neglected, cruelly neglected. He was only a pauper and insane. Dead in the charnel house of a Christian city.

Oh, religion! where is thy shame? Oh, humanity, where is ty charity? Oh, people, where is thy pity? Oh, God, where is thy loving mercy? Bah! you are all a fraud, a damnable fraud, to judge by thy fruits and conduct. Oh, pretended Christians; why do not your preachers and churches have a committee to relieve the suffering the insane, dying and helpless confined in your infamous prisons.

Mr. Sun, and Courier-Light reporters and editors; why do you not start agitation for better conditions.

Brother Mulkey, go sell thy automobile and a part of all you have and give it to the poor and follow the example and teachings of Jesus.

Salvation Army lassies, go to the jail and see conditions and see if you cannot relieve the sorrows of the helpless, aged, afflicted and suffering ones. Protect and aid the human body and life. Salvation of souls is a doubtful experiment, unless you can relieve the suffering body and help relieve hellish conditions of society and this will bring more joy, and be more glorious than sermonizing and singing on the street. Christians change your names and natures. Think less of greed, gold and fashion and more about poverty, misery, sickness and starving, helpless aged and insane. Quit building churches, turn your parsonages into homes for the aged, your churches, and Y. M. C. A.'s into asylums, for the insane and hospitals for the aflicted. Quit preaching prohibition and religious legislation and practice justice, mercy, charity and humanity. Old age is no crime, poverty is no crime, the insane are not criminals, and should not be left to die of disease, dirt, filth and starvation in jail with negroes and criminals, but without even a negro nurse.

The Red Flag of Socialism stands for justice, peace, charity and humanity, enlist under this banner and change conditions in Corsicana.

Humanitas.

GET THE MUN.

Experts in the treasury department in figuring on possible receipts from the income tax, estimate that there are ten persons in the United States who have incomes of more than 10,000,000 a year; fifty with incomes exceeding $1,000,000; three hundred with incomes above $500,000; two thousand having incomes over $100,000; ten thousand of over $50,000; twenty-five thousand of $20,000; seventy-five thousand with over $10,000; one hundred thousand with over $7,500, and two hundred thousand with over $5,000 a year.

This means that 412,360 out of one hundred milion people have a combined income of over $4,000,000,000. Of these 55,360 have an income of $1,300,000,000. That is equal to two cotton crops of ten million bales, each, or practically the whole of the cotton crop of the south for two years.

This is diving up the wealth of the country with a vengeance. They who rant against Socialists wanting such a division had better examine these figures a little, then join the Socialists in stopping the outrage.

The police department of Saint Louis, Mo., is working hand in glove with big business for the purpose of beating the waiters into submission. All the waiters are asking for is a nine hour day and $8 a week.

There is one thing that everybody in Texas agrees upon: That Holy John and the other Standard Oil chiefs will get their half million back in ninety days. Watch the price of oil go up. What suckers we mortals be.

Senator Paulus was flooded with petitions to the amount of thirty thousand names asking that the resolution receive favorable action, these petitions are on file now with the secretary of the State.

I promise you now that should you act with favor on this proposition that in less than sixty days, you will receive petitions containing over one hundred thousand names pleading for its passage, men from all walks of life signed these petitions gladly, saying, "Yes, we want actual home owners, and not renters."

Knowing that you should use every just and legal method to stamp out monopolies from Texas, and knowing full well that this condition of land ownership constitute a land monopoly of the most deadly character, I feel free to make this appeal to you. I am making it in the name of the homeless tillers of the soil in Texas, it matters not what their politics or religion may be.

Kindly advise me of your views on this subject and oblige,

J. C. Smith,
President Land Tenants Union of Texas.

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WILLING TO ORGANIZE.

Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Dear Brother:—

Your notice of Brother A. F. King's resigning the presidency of the Renters Union because he had joined the holiness sect, reminds me that right here in 400 yards of my home a holiness preacher who preaches and prays and sings, long and loud about the "Home Over There," "Sweet Beulah Land" "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day," and yet he is apparently contented with conditions, which force him to live on a poor sandy farm which he rents from a rich old Jew, who is monarch of a great survey.

A Socialist says to me. "There is no need of a Renter's Union, because Socialism will bring about the desired conditions." Sure thing, Socialism is the cure for all the evils of landlordism, but we are not able to have Socialism just yet, and we can organize the Renters Union and relieve ourselves of a great many wrongs growing out of landlordism and yet not have Socialism. "How?" says he. Why by pushing the land amendment through to submission and using small home owners and renters who are not Socialists to vote a tax to the full rental value on all land held for speculative purposes. We can use the small owner, for he sees plain as the noonday sun that the landlords are pushing him and his little one hundred acre farm off the map and while he cannot understand Socialism he knows and will resent speculation in land right now. There are a great many voters who can not see the light of Socialism, but are able to see the great injustice in one man owning more than he can legitimately use for his own support and he is ready to vote for the amendment. So my brother Socialist, you see if we had Socialism the locomotive engineers would not need any B. of L. E., neither would the retail merchants need to be so well organized and we would not need the Woodmen and other insurance companies for we would get the full product of our labor and then we would be getting what the good book says we ought to get. (Ecc. 3.13 and 5:18 I see several who want organizers and to those who live within 100 miles of Mineola that will get as many as 10 male members who will join and will pay my railroad fare, I will come down and organize them. Yours for the Renters Union to the end that landlordism must go. Up with you 220,000 renters and shake off the chains that bind you to the man with the land to rent. Get up, organize, organize and show that you are going to protect your interest and that of your wife and little overworked children with your

J. E. Hardie, Mineola, Texas.

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THE HOME BUILDERS.

Eustace, Texas, July 21, 1913.

Mr. E. O. Meitzen, Sec., R. U. of A.
Dear Comrade:—

I am pleased to be able to report that in Dallas July 18th, the Co-operative Home Builders Association of the R. U. of A., was successfully organized. The plan arranged and unanimously adopted and other necessary business was properly attended to, preparatory to the execution of the plan in soliciting for members. The purchasing of land, colonizing and the operation of co-operative farms and other social enter-

was made for us and no man or set of men have a right to get things in a condition so others cannot get their just share of it. Yet a small slice of pie is better than none, and it is coming. The California alien land law is the starter. A limit to the amount of land a man should own, and alimit in price at which it should sell would be a gain. It is just the same to rob a man of a home by trickery as to put the price so high he cannot reach it, and a land agent who will rob a family of a home is no better than a thief that steals their bread.

We have one of the best landlords here that can be found. He would be a Socialist if he did not own too much land. He says he is in favor of the government taking over the railroads and the express and running it with the postoffice business.

Last Sunday he discussed the lesson in Sunday school, and in commenting on the Israelites borrowing jewelry from the Egyptians and carrying it off, he said: "Why, they had earned it a million times."

He got most of the land here at the time of the Galveston flood that struck very hard here. He says he does not care to sell now at $50 as he may just as well wait a few years longer and get $100 an acre.

He tells of buying a piece of land about 17 years ago, and not a very large piece either, selling enough off it to clear $12,000, and still has some of it left.

We are just waiting for him to divide up with us. When the di vide is made I guess some lawyers will get the most of it, as is usua in such cases.

There is a cattle ranch of sever al thousand acres near here, and n talk of even renting any of it. Thi was inherited by the present own er. Better to be born rich than good looking.

What would you do with a peo ple that don't want to better thei condition? This place is full o them, and nearly all renters. I an planning to try to reach some o them, and I think a start is al that is needed. But it is hard t get the start.

G .Hosa Phat.

the result of the meeting with a re quest to publish same in The Rebe

I was also instructed to send yo the plan, by-laws, etc., with a reques that they be published in The Rebel

I will have the adopted plan pub lished in full in the next wek's issu of The Rebel. And I will suggest th those interested in the Renters Uni and the Co-operative Home Builde movement order 100 or more ext copies of this edition to distribu among your friends, also we shou have some extra copies laid away f future use.

The plan is written in the most si ple form and language—yet it seem hard for some to readily understa who have not given much thought the subject, and for this reason I ha been requested to write an explanati of the plan in as few words as possib and have same published in The Reb This I have decided to do later on, The Rebel will be so kind as to gi the space. But because of the limit space in The Rebel and the many i teresting and valuable news items th are of vital importance and its ma convincing and unrefutable argume for the grand cause of the Rente Union and humanitly in general, I not think it advisable to ask for much space even should it be willi to grant same, for Itake it that eve inch of space is worth more than g to we poor land bound slaves on t farms, and now that our work is o on the farm until gathering time a the encampments have begun, it see to be an opportune time to help bu up The Rebel and the R. U. of A.

The plan our local has decided o get our county organized is for e member of the R. U. who atends encampment at Murchison, beginni the 23,of Aug.to carry in their pocke pencil and note book and copies of T Rebel and agitate for the R. U., mak the land question and organization p

THE BEARERS OF THE LIGHT.

What though you awed Isaiah in the hollow of a tree, what though you hung the Nazarene upon Mount Calvary, what though the Sage of Athens did the poison hemlock take, what though your vile religion burned great Bruno at the stake—what though a milion martyred ones have gone your bloody way, their souls, ye wolves, you could not kill, they're with us still today! You think that now you'll hide your guilt beneath a saintly sham—for all your philanthropic gifts we do not give a damn! Your libraries and colleges, endowments great and small, your churches and cathedrals, we spurn them one and all! Your monster creeds and humbugs, your goblins and your hell, no longer on our quickened brains conjure their magic spell! Go—take them where you forged them, back to the savage night—we follow those you thought were dead, the Bearers of the Light!—The Melting Pot.

DEBS AND THE MAGDALENE

Dear Editor:—

Man's life is chiefly spent in work, very little portion otherwise. As a rule man is polygamus, very few are purely monogamous. It is not generally considered that this fact affects his business career. He can arise next morning, after a trip to a courtezan and report her funny stories to his conferees that is alright.

Now, while the facts are identically the same with a woman, that moment of animal passion is supposed to blight her whole career. She is just as painstaking, just as kind toward the sick, just as fond of children; yet all her good qualities are obliterated by one lucid moment's exercise of passion. There is a parable to this.

Belief in a particular religion at the moment a belief wipes out all sin. Unlawful sexual passion indulged in by a woman at that moment makes all sin. This is a joke that one surely damns, the other does not affect the damnation. In such the practice of the church is opposed to the teaching of Christianity.

I say, if as a man I am not pure I cannot expect a pure woman; this is logic and reason. If I am true to a woman I expect her to be true to me, but with marriage the past is obliterated. We have fallen women simply because we consider them as fallen. There is no more reason to talk of a fallen woman than of a fallen man. Debs stand is reason and humanity against the church of society. Supposing it is done from a political standpoint for public advertisement. What of it? Debs is before the people and that carries with it a duty the duty of placing strikingly before the people public issues. Debs has shown the way. Good luck to those who follow. A woman's a woman for a' that.

Yours hopefully,
Edward Wilkinson,
Driscoll, Texas.

The Searchlight, a stand pat Republican sheet published at Grayslake, Ill., is always warmly welcomed at the Rebel's desk, because in the Rebel office we appreciate lying when brought to a fine art. In a recent issue the editor says:

> The prevailing characteristic of every prominent Socialist in the country is that he would rather be at the head of a pitiful faction than to serve in a powerful body. "Rule or Ruin has been the slogan of each. Take Debs as a common example of them all. When he could not force the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen to accept his crass ideas, he seceded and organized the A. R. U. which went down in bloody disaster at Chicago. When the Socialist party refused to accept him at his own valuation he seceded and split it into two warring wings, impatient for good or evil. He made I. W. W. a jest and a by-word. Debs has been the hand maiden of failure.

The Rebel would just like to point out that Debs did not try to force the brotherhood of locomotive firemen to accept his ideas and when he resigned from that order in the Cincinnati Convention of 1891 the B. L. F. made him a present of a purse of gold amounting to $2,000. Second the A. R. U. did not go down in bloody disorder in Chicago as the record show that all the disorder came from the other side. Third, Debs never seceded from the Socialist party and hence did not split it into two warring factions. Fourth, he did not make and the I. W. W. is not a jest and a by word. Fifth, no sane decent man calls Debs a failure. Six lies in 18 lines is a first class record for a stand pat sheet. Who is going to beat it The Rebel would like to know!

STEALING LABOR.

"During the past two years at a cost of $46,000, we have constructed $266,497.76 worth of road. We know we could never get hold of enough money to construct these roadways with FREE LABOR."

Thomas J. Tynan, warden of the Colorado state penitentiary, in the American Motorist of May, 1913.

At this rate of "savinng" the whole working class will soon be in the pens and on the chain gangs.

It's no wonder that Denver objects so strenuously to free speech. But, they who ride over roadways built with stolen labor, out of the blighted lives of their fellowmen, they ride the way of Diaz.

Big Socialist Gains.

The Donks in the 18th senatoria district and particularly those of Lavaca county are still dazed at the immense increase in the Socialist vote in The Rebel's bailiwick When E. R. Meitzen, the business manager of The Rebel, carried the largest box in the county seat of Lavaca county an dthen proceeded to carry 11 other boxes with a tota of 747 votes an increase of 400 per cent. over the last election the old timers threw up their hands and said that this vote was the hand writing on the wall that presages the doom of the Donk before long

In the last election the Socialist party was second in the state beating the Republicans and Bull Moosers. In this election the elephant and the bull moose were so outclassed that they could not rally enough together to put out a ticket in the field. This is indeed a most cheering sign of the times. It indicates that from now on in Texas, but two parties are left to struggle for control of the state, the Democratic Donk and the Socialist Lion.

We must point out that our success was, to a large extent due to to the immense campaign carried on along the lines of National and State Socialist planks on the land question. The Rebel has not the slightest doubt that if we keep on pushing ou rnational and state attitude towards land to the front that the State of Texas will fall into the hands of the Socialist party as sure as the sun will rise. Let every fearless fighter for freedom take courage from this result and work harder than evrer for the cause we hold dearer than life.

The boxes carried by Meitzen were as follows:

VOTING BOX	MEITZEN	CLAR
Sublime	44	24
Hardy Sandies	8	4
Providence	7	6
Seclusion	15	0
Vienna	27	9
Creole	6	2
Ezell	45	20
Sweet Home	45	41
Williamsburg	17	10
Witting	28	10
Breslau	28	11
H'ville city hall	94	89

Covington Hall, the brillian editor of the New Orleans Lumberjack, is undoubtedly the greates paragraphist in the South. Here are a few gems from his last issue.

ITA EST.

"The editor that does tell the truth assails the strongholds of vice, is branded a slanderer or blackmailer and flirts with the shackles or cell. We boast of freedom and only know its meaning by a perusal of the dictionary. We subscribe to democracy and submit to autocracy.-

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Let them fight for the country who own the country! The working class possess nothing but rags, poverty and misery. If they fight to continue the present system, they are a lot of chumps!-

The spirit of revolution cannot be destroyed. It may be retarded, but it cannot be suppressed. It has throbbed in the pulse of every century. It has beat in the veins of every age. It has been th lifeblood of every great movement. It has been the instigator of all progress and development..

It is quite natural that the employers try to have it generally understood that sabotage means poisoning of soup, putting ground glass in bread, dynamiting buildings, and the like, so the revolutionists must at al. times emphasize the point that sabotage is not aimed at the consumer. but at the heart and soul of the employing class—the pocketbook

THE OLD MAN's FEE

(The following is clipped from the Boston Traveller. It is supposed to be funny, but is it? It is the capitalist system in anutshell.)

Some young men from Boston applied to an old fisherman up in the country to see if he could get some bait. He thought he could, and started off. Three hours afterward he appeared with a ten-quart pail full of angle worms. The boys were alarmed lest there would not be money enough in the the party for such a wealth of bait, but they put up a bold front and some one asked: "How much do we owe you?"!

"Well, I don't rightly know," answered the old man; "the ground is kinder solid an' the worms is far down, and it's been hard on my back to dig 'em, but I've half a mind to go fishin' myself tomorrow, an' if you'll give me half the bait we'll call it square."

Correspondence

WANTS LAND PETITIONS

Lake View, Texas, July 22, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

Please send me petition blanks for 600 names. I will storm the governor with that many names.

Yours for the Revolution;

L. V. Tull,

Lake View, Route 1, Texas.

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Editor of the Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas:

Say, Hickey, I am a four-year Reb, and cant stay hushed any longer. I wish every man on earth could read the Rebel, or at least as many of them as I can help get up. Now, they're organized here and I can't get the darn fools to take your paper (the donks, I mean,) but I fell on this plan to force it on them through you. For you know who they are and where they are and you can locate them through locals. Now, here is my part of the mony that will pay for 10 new 40-week subs at club rates, with the suggestion to you and a request to every subscriber. Send in your neighbors names with a money order and the The Rebel will do the rest. Let me say one more word to the subscribers of The Rebel: You will never have another in all the world that fights for labor like The Rebel, and if you don't help him educate the people then you don't want freedom yourself, and I insist that we all help swell the sub list. And now, Mr. Rebel, here is your money order with more if you want it, for the circulation of your paper means more converts.

Your true friend,

Fortune G. Gipson.

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Memphis, Tex., July 19, 1913.

Dear Comrade of the Rebel:

We have just had Comrade John A. Currie with us who gave two lectures on the 2d of July which raised the ire in the donk, consequently great rumbings were heard. Much stirring about; going to do wonders. If our comrade dares to come back, ready to apply many of the up-to-date methods of dealing with Socialists and Socialism. But possibly the most wonderful that transpired was an editorial by our bright and up-to-date Senator Johnson8 (which editorial find enclosed). The Methodist preacher declared that we-uns endorsed private property which covered the system under which it is acquired. Oh, we were having a blooming time. Our arrangements were made, bills were handed out stating John A. Currie would speak Sunday, July 6, in Memphis, Texas. It evidently sent cold chills up their spines and froze their intelligence for when a written challenge was presented they refused to come across.

[illegible] bless our comrades, but to h—l with our representatives who can not back up their sentiments anywhere [illegible] everywhere.

I notice in my last Rebel you are going to print the land petition again. You did not say what it would cost. I want about three of the pamphlet form as I think they would be more handy.

Please settle the question that I asked above, for you know our enemies will take up anything they can use against us. And rest assured I will do all I can here.

G. W. Trull.

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Fort Worth, Texas, July 24, 1913.

Dear Comrade Hickey:

I enclose you clippings from the Herald of Weatherford published last Monday. They show what the Russian (American) have been doinag out there. West Virginia is not the only Siberia we have in this country. ComradeLane stayed with us last night and told us the story of his arrest and incarceration last Saturday. He went to Weatherford this morning to stand trial on the charge of blockading the streets by public speaking. The Salvation Army, patent medicine vendors, soap peddlers, demo-donks, pro or anti and anyone else with an axe to grind can have the freedom of our streets or sidewalks at any time with no one to hinder or molest. But the Socialists! No, no; it might break up the home, destroy religion, inaugurate a reign of atheism, free love and the Lord (i. e. of high finance) only knows what else might happen if he were permitted to speak.

I am glad our comrades over there stood by Brother Lowe unanimously. He told the city fathers he would sue them for $50,000 for fellow imprisonment, win the suit and spend the money to carry the county for Socialism. One man worth $500,00 told him that he would spend his last cent if needed in the fight for free spech. So you see, we are not all down and out yet. There is a little love of liberty still left—enough at least to light the fires when the time comes.

Comrade Lowe will send you the result of his trial soon.

Yours for the revolution.

S. J. Brownson, M. D.,

2423 Azle Road,

Fort Worth, Tex.

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Lohn, Texas, June 23, 1913.

Editor Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas:

As I am a subscriber to your paper and a believer in same am asking a favor of you. Enclosed you will find a letter from the war department to my son that is only fourteen years of age inviting and persuading him to leave a home and join the navy. Dear friend, would you be kind enough to answer it for me from a Socialist's view and a father and mother and send it to me that I may forward it on? These letters just keep cominng on. What does it mean? It makes my heart ache at the sight of one. I would rather see him shot down than to have him fal a victim ot such a degraded institution. It seems as though they can't be satisfied. On the 15th of November, 1910, they begged one of my boys to join the army and we have not heard from him for more than a year. 'Tis a sad thing to me. What have we done that we should be punished in such a way? We have always lived on the farm. Our children have been innocently raised. It looks like they are determined to ruin me in my old days. What can I do? Oh, could I only get one letter from my dear boy. Now, if they ever was to over-persuade this boy that is only 17 years old it would ruin me. What does it all mean? They are so cunning and sneaking they snatch our boys from us farmers.

Mrs. G. B. Smith.

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Kennard, Tex., July 19, 1913

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas:

Dear Comrades—I write you for advice. Through the Rebel, in which you have been so generous as to publish my ad., I have received about 60 requests for Socialists teachers, from a $1600 superintendent to the lowest. I have received but few teachers. Does the Rebel not reach the teachers, or what is the matter?

It seems to me that it would do the movement a great good to get the teachers into the party. I have reasons to believe that there are many Socialist teachers, but they think that there is no demand for them. Many have written me, but they have good good positions and will remain where they are.

Will you please advise me how to reach red card Socialist teachers: Will you please announce once more: Wanted, 60 red card Socialist teachers.

I have the letters to show that about 60 have requested Socialist teachers. Some have come through you, some through the state office, but mostly direct. They are mostly from Oklahoma and Louisiana. If I can get these 60 teachers I will be in a position to pay you for the ad. you have run so long. I also want to increase the circulation of the Rebel by using it as a supplementary reading in Socialist schools. Can you not devise some way by which you can reach the teachers?

I have been in teachers' institutes and summer normals for the past nineteen years, and I know that the teachers are very socialistic, but it seems that a very few of them will actually take out red cards.

I thank you for all you past favors, and hope that you can advise me as to how I can reach red card Socialist teachers.

Yours for a Socialist teacher in every public school,

W. O. Brannon,

Kennard, Texas.

P. S.—I am receiving requests for Socialist teachers in every mail.

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THE BONEHEADS' BOOK.

Arkinda, Ark., July 3, 1913.

Editor Rebel,

Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few things about the "Great Book" now in use.

The greatest book in use is the book of "they say"—on page I thought so—of this "Great Book" you will find any thing that you don't want to believe—the authors of this "great Book" are the father of ignorance and the mother of prejudice. And is embalmed in the ink of superstition.

The people that don't read anything but this book are to be pitied. And they cannot be convinced of a new idea when in an argument they are constantly refering to "this great book" on page of aforesaid.

For instance, those who oppose Socialism, and say the Socialists believe in negro equality, do not believe in religion, and believe in free love and want to divide up, that Socialism would destroy the home and the insentive and all such things. These people have never read a book on Socialism ,not even the platform. And many of them never heard a speaker, and if they have they didn't have enough gray matter to understand. There is a lot of queer things about the people that read nothing but this "great book." They are usually afraid to turn back when they start anywhere, are afraid for a black cat to cross the road ahead of them, usually believe in haunts and see ghosts on dark nights. They usually believe anything that Cap says and generally think more of the boss's wife and children than they do of their own. They are very sympathetic at times and easy to make cry.

The reason of this is an overproduction of hot water instead of brains. The people that read none but this "great book" are usually very patriotic and will scab on his fellow worker. They believe that we ought to have greater warships and standing armies, and that these should be used against the workers when they go out on a strike to better their conditions as in West Virginia:

Then survilest of the fittest men is un-
doubtedly wrong,
It preys upon the weak, and helps the
strong,
No man believes in this kind of rule—
Where the rich man's money can rob
the fool.

He is stronger in dollars, and also in
brain,
And 'I' can't see why this should win
fame,
Woman's virtue he robs because he is
strong,
And the poor ignorant fools can't see
that it is is wrong.

J W. Reinhardt,

Arkinda, Ark.

The temporal power of the Pope was broken in 1871 when Garibaldi and his red shirts entered Rome. No pope since that time admitted that his temporal power was gone until last week when his guards revolted. Commenting on this amazing fact that makes a land mark in history the Lumberjack of New Orleans, La., says:

POPE'S GUARDS REBEL.

According to the press dispatches the Swiss guards of the Vatican rebelled on the 22d instant, when their "demands" were refused. Three of the leaders were expelled. it is stated, and othrs left. Those leaving were accompanied to the gates by their comrades to the Marseillaise and shouts of "Viva Garibaldi!"

The Vatican was compelled to call in the Italian police and so ended its claim to "temporal sovereignty."

The old order is already dead. Industrial democracy is the only hope of the race.

THE PRICE OF A FARM.

Everywhere they are urging the unfortunate worker to go back to the farm. Just what this means is shown by Peter Radford, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, in a recent article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Under the caption of "The Price of a Farm" he uses the following language:

"Let us quote the price of home in the language of the farm. The price of a home is the toil of a mother with a babe in her arms, the rearing of children in poverty and ignorance, the mortising of a father's life into the timber of a structure and lowering the standard of society toward the primitive levels of civilization

cialists were raided and the books and furniture carried into the street and burned. A Socialist news stand on the principle street corner of the city was destroy d and the big meeting room of the Industrial Workers of the World, in the southern part of the city was stripped of its belongings, which were thrown from a second story window and gurned in the streets.

The police offered no resistance to the riotrers. Some of the officers said that all o fthe force was busy handling crowds attending the golden potlach festivities and no reserves were available to cope with the rioters.

Rioters Mostly Sailors.

Hat bands of the cruisers Charleston, Colorado and California were most numerous among the raiding sailors. A few uniformed members of the Washington Naval Militia joined in but citizens made up most of the mob. Actual destruction of property was carried on by uniformed men, including a number of petty officers. The damage is estimated at $6000. A report was widely circulated today that Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, in aspeech at the Ranier Club had taken the Industrial Workers of the World as his subject and had declared that they and all believers in the red flag should be driven from the country. Those who heard the address of the secretary, said it was exceedingly moderate and made no reference to any local trouble. Nor did he at any time mention the Industrial Workers.

Started In a Street Fight.

A street fight Thursday night at an Industrial Workers' meeting in which three marines were injured was the beginning of the trouble.

All day some sort of trouble had been expected. The rioting began before dark. At first only those sailors were engaged, but later the number increased to probably 300. The crowd continued marching through the streets until after midnight, waving American flags and yelling defiance at the Industrial Workers of the World.

What Daniels Said.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels said it would not be fair to ask him to discuss the outbreak because he knew nothing about it. Concerning his speech at the Ranier Club, in which he glorified the stars and stripes and condemned the red flag, he said:

"What I said last night concerning patriotism, had no refence to any local trouble In fact, I did not know anything about local troubles, if you have any. I did not mention the Industrial Workers of the World ,nor did I know that organization had obtained a foothold here. I confess that my brief talk on the flag was not made here for the first time but was a repitition from my recent address at Erie, Pa.

Admiral Reynolds Talks.

Rear Admiral Reynolds, commander of the reserve fleet, expressed regret at the outbreak, c which he had heard only indefinite rumors. The admiral continued:

"While I was at dinner with Secretary Daniels on the West Virginia word came from Chief of Police Bannick warning me that he feared there might be trouble between the sailors and the Industrial Workers. I at once sent a patrol of 30 men ashore armed with night sticks. They were instructed to round up such disorderly men as might be found and send them to their ships.

Millard Price, alocal Socialist leader, said the loss to his organiation would probably reach $6,000.

The sailors in Seattle hired to maintain law and order formed themselves into a mob and burned $2,000 worth of Socialist property in Seattle last week. On the same night some man-of war's men in Galveston burglarized a store because they couldn't get booze. These crimes against law were committed while the sailors sang:

"My Country 'Tis of Thee."

The fact that these patriots don't own nine inches of real estate in the United States may have something to do with their crime. The Rebel believes that the fact set forth above is responsible for the young men joining the navy in the first place. We wonder if they can read this paragraph understandingly? The youth of America should only don a uniform when the owners of America agree to go on the battle line along with them.

The editor of the Anti-Socialist Band-Saw is lying awake nights figuring on how many days and

in any section of the United States by the Federal government

The only thing that will give the people access to the land at present, without giving anybody some special privilege is the social ownership and operation of considerable bodies of land.

We would like to add to the Appeal's excellent comment that Peter Radford does not write the stuff his name is signed to. He and the leading officials of the Farmers Union is owned body and soul by the Commercial Secretary's

ON WITH THE FIGHT—5

THE TEXAS LAND PETITION.

To O. B. Colquitt, Governor of Texas.

Sir:

We, the undersigned citizens of Texas, hereby join with the Renters Union of America in a petition to you to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to the State Constitution, providing for a tax equal to the full rental value on all lands held for speculation,—excepting homestead reservations only. And also providing that the legal voters of any city or county or of the State may by majority vote exempt certain kinds of property and place the burden of taxation on other kinds of property.

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LAND MONOPOLY.

Land monopoly, among the worst of all monopolies, exists in no place in Texas like in panhandle.

Wheeler county, though thinly settled, is cursed with this terrible monopoly. The most of the land is held out of cultivation for speculation. The price of land has jumped from $1.50 per acre to $20 and $50. The rise in prices does not represent wealth put on the land.

The Kill Ranch is located 13 miles southeast of Wheeler and consists of 22 1-2 sections with 35 rent houses. The present owner (Mr. Kill) has his home in Los Angeles, Cal. His headquarters, when in Texas, is Vernon. I am told that Kill owns a larger ranch than this one in Wilbarger county. This man owns flourmills at Vernon and other places. Thus Mr. Kill is well fitted up with the means of production and in position so he can rob his brothers of necessaries of life. The original price paid for this 22 1-2 sections was $1.50 per acre. The average price now is $20. Comrade Farris, who lives on this ranch has recently organized a renters union and a Socialist local. Farris is a live wire and will push the work of the renters union and Socialism. The comrades and renters in Wheeler Co. should come to his aid and help in the great work of organization. The Socialists of Wheeler county will have an encampment at Wheeler in September.

I understand that the manager of the Kill ranch, who lives at Wheeler is very much opposed to Socialism and the renters union, hence we are looking for another Leaday affair to occur in Wheeler county. The renters and Socialists may be forced to move because they wish to organize to better their condition and protect themselves against land monopoly. Isn't it strange that bankers, merchants and business men in general can and do organize without hindrance or molestation, but when the poor renters organize "the fat is in the fire"? They are cursed and abused and driven from the land. They are opposed by bankers, merchants, tradesmen, landlords and preachers. Right here I want to say that the religion of Jesus Christ doesn't dwell in the heart and life of a man who stands for landlordism or land monopoly, his heart is brim-full of ignorance and meanness and

the same basis. You speak of the "hog market" and the "labor market" in the same terms. We want no more of it! Too long have we with minds, hearts and flesh that can suffer, been treated with less consideration than money. The

Association of the state of Texas. Read Bowen's testimony before the lobby investigation committee in Washington last week and you will understand the game.

time has come when the welfare of our families—men, women and children—must be considered paramount to all that money means.

Our women and children need food, clothing, shelter and education, and we are going to secure those things for them upon our own terms—the terms of labor. We create these things, that is why we insist upon our own terms.

It is upon our shoulders, we workingmen, that the world rests.

And remember, we are many—we are in majority. We can shake you off our backs. You only appear great because we are on our knees. We are going to arise. We have stood your system of robbery too long already.

We are going to establish the Co-operative Common wealth, a system of the collective ownership of the means of life, a system in which robbery will be abolished.

You gentlemen, masters and captains of industry—

Get off our backs!—The Weekly Isue.

The following bunch of bunk was clipped from an alleged religious paper and published in last week's Literary Digest. The Rebel would merely say that conditions cannot improve in the mountain states in the South while land and industrial capitalists, who are usually interlocked hold full sway. Look at West Virginia for instance. We merely print the following to illustrate how stupid some of our reformers can be.

"The mountaineers do not need some one to build churches and give them; they do not need to have money turned into their county coffers from some external source; but they do need to have some forces at work that will take the sons and daughters of the people who live on the frazzled edge, wielding an influence that is retarding and often criminal, and give them a different point of view—make them over into co-operative allies instead of hostile enemies. Such boys and girls, as they return from a brief residence at a school like Berea, will exert an influence that will enter quietly into the lives of these honest, common folk who walk the middle ground and give them a wider horizon, raise their thoughts above the dead level of community thinking, develop in them the power of initiative.

"In response to our invitation children of the rudest families came over unbridged streams and long distances, and if we can take care of them now they will re-enforce every good cause in our land in the next generation."

The Rebel is pleased to announce that all danger of war with Mexico has passed. Colonel Jake Wolters has resigned from the military branch of the state government.

Don't forget the Trackmen's Union. Organize! organize!! organize!!!

Get some Rebel land pamphlets, 10 cents each, 3 for a quarter postpaid.

A SOCIALIST FLAYS HYPOCRITES.

To the many Christians over the land, who oppose Socialism, I would like to say that Socialism is not a religious move; it is a political move, and if the principles of Socialism so nearly approach the teachings of Christ that some of the good church people can't tell it from a religious move that makes it all the better, and as some won't fight it except for a biblican point, I am going to try in my very feeble way to defend it on that ground.

I know that a stronger Christian movement never prompted a human on earth more than the one that prompted me to espouse this cause. I know that I am just as sincere in believing that I am doing a Christian act in this as you are in your church work. I know, individually speakinng, that I am just as sincere as you, and so far as the organizations that we both uphold, you know as well as I that there is nothing more rotten, nothing more abominable, nothing wherein there is more double dealing and more crimes enacted than there is in some of the churches. Can you say the same of the Socialist party? I am not condemning you because the church is what it is. And now if you will prove to me that it will conflict with my Christian duties to belong to the Socialist party I will give it up. Prove to me that it is wrong to lift a hand for the benefit of suffering when I can do so without injury to me or mine. Prove to me that it is wrong and unchristianlike to apply a system that makes it possible for 10 per cent of the people of a nation to roll in idle luxury at the expense of the other 90 per cent who live in abject slavery. Prove to me from a moral or christian point of view that it is wrong to oppose a system whereby the rich are being made richer and the poor poorer through class legislation. Did Christ tell us to sit idly by and see our mothers, daughters, sisters and wives paid starvation wages and driven to virtual suicide? It may never be any of mine to meet this fate, but somebody's daughter is today paying the penalty of being born in this age of peonage. Did he tell us to turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor as they were being beaten and dragged to death by their master? Did he tell us that our duties to him were such that though we see our neighbors in dire distress, though we see our wives and mothers deprived of all earthly pleasure, plodding the cotton field of the South silently wearing their life away, though we see our boys and girls in the blooming age of youth, at a time when they should be able to see all the beauties of nature, when they should be allowed to look upon the wonderful works of God and learn to love and respect him, toiling ceaselessly, toiling for a morsel to sustain life for one more day, that they may be allowed a place to lay their head under the place that they built by their own hands, but owned by their master? Is your Christ one thatd emandsthat you refuse to raise a hand for the social uplift of the coming generation that they may be thereby better enabled to carry on the good work of Christ and better prepare themselves for that home in the sweet bye-and-bye?

Since you must bring up Christianity, does your bible teach you to sit with folded hands and see your brothers on every side cast on the rocks of financial ruin, when concerted action on our part would save them? Does it teach you to espouse a cause and uphold a system that is drivinng thousand to their death that some plutocrat may spread a $10,000 feast for his poodle dog? Does it teach 5,000 children must be deprived of one dollar's worth of food each that some woman that is no better than they may have a dress to wear for one single night? Does your bible teach you that one man can sit down and without as much as one day's labor accumulate millions while there are millions that must toil their life away not knowing today whereof the sustenance of iife for tomorrow will come? The bible tells us that the human race will become weaker and wiser. We have the weakness, and now let's take advantage of the wisdom to combat the weakness.

Take these facts that you know are true (although you don't care to admit them) and with the knowledge thereof combat our weakness for gain and greed through this knowledge and help to place this world on a better social plane. Help to make it possible for those who wish to go and wor hop God as they see best. Help to make conditions such that the coming generations will have a little tim to study the bible and its teachings.

The above are some of the things that are disclosed to you when you turn the searchlight of christianity upon us. These, our political ideas, are no t far behind your religious ones. The above alone is sufficient to prove to you that we are a band of Christian soldiers fighting for the rights of the weak and weary on earth that another star may be added to your crown up yonder.

Alvin Coker,

Co Sec Henderson Co.

THE SOCIALISTS OF SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA.

Will hold their Third Annual encampment at Duke, Oklahoma on August 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1913. Speakers tSanley J. Clark, Kate Richards O'Hare, W. L .Thurman and Geo. G. Hamilton, other noted speakers invited.

J. F. Miller, Mgr.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Don't send them unless you must, but be sure and send 1c stamps. They cost you no more and we can use them to a better advantage.

"The Texas legislature is like a bear garden," said Jones, "You are wrong," said Smith, "it's like a beer garden."

OUR REBS.

This week we make a slight decrease, but from the figures at hand we know that we will go up a notch next issue. This battle with the offs is surely enough to put gray hairs in the head of an editor who has to renew his list every forty weeks. Please look at the number of your label and see that your subscription does not expire. Renew at once because you can not afford to lose a copy of The Rebel. Now that the State of Texas has gone into partnership with the Standard Oil and not a paper in Texas will publish the facts we have decided to get them and when we publish them in The Rebel it will startle the state and your friends should be all in on the story which will be one of the greatest ever published in America. Send us a big club, do it now, or at least go on our list for four years for $1. Here are some of our hustling Rebs who come to the bat this week:

Reddin Andrews comes to the bat with some converts as usual.

J. B. Cleaver, El Paso county, Texas, fires in a big list and says: "Give us more dope on the Mexican situation, the people here are asking what will Priest Wilson do?" The Rebel may be wrong but it is our belief that he will order an invasion of Mexico in the interest of the oil chiefs inside of 100 days.

C. A. McPherson, Harris county, Texas, orders for a year with other Socialist papers. He runs a garage but thinks there is nothing swifter than The Rebel when it comes to catcaing up with the truth.

S. A. Enochs, Travis county, Texas, gets in line for a bundle order. That's a sure method of reaching the heathen.

J. W. Rhinehart, Little Rock, .pAA

J. W .Rhinehart, Little River county, Arkansas, orders 7 victims to be treated forty weeks each. As there are a great many sufferers from donkiils in Arkansas The Rebel is in hopes that Rhinehart will continue his good work.

E. S. Whitley, Nueces county, Texas, remits for eight. If there were many more Whitleys around that neck of the woods Mrs King would not be holding more than one million acres out of cultivation.

F. Thompson, Hopkins county, Texas, renews his sub. remits for a friend and orders sub cards. Five wires like him makes this world better

J. H. Smith, Jasper county, Texas remits for five, requests sample copies which have been sent, and thus a back fire has been lit behind John H. Kirby.

W. H. McNab, Denton county, Texas, who is no relation to the McNabb's that exposed McReynolds, remits for a club.

H. W. Daughters, Houston county, Texas brings six sinners to the mourners bench.

J. L. Walker, Denton county, Texas, sends a club in the interest of what he calls The Rebel, the Renters Union and the hundred thousand mark.

E. G. Bogard, Runnels county, Texas, sends in four converts to be worked over and remarks: "This kind of work i smore fascinating than coal digging in West Virginia."

L. P. Mosely, Jasper county, Texas, was so tickled to read about the immense growth of the Socialist vote in the 18th senatorial district, which is The Rebel's district, he walked right out and took 18 subscribehs in ashort while and remitted us the money saying: "Your great vote in the 18th district was a happy surprise and I am sending you these so that they may get a taste of the precious dope."

J. W. Smith, Comanche county, Oklahoma, sends seven sufferers for treatment and pleads with The Rebel to go to his encampment . Not being able to go to two places at once it is impossible for me to be there.

J. W. Ranson, Johnson county, Texas, remits for five and says they sorely need hTe Rebel in his county.

Wm. Edge, Jones county, Texas thinks that the Wilson administration will wind up capitalism and sends us one dollar for fou ryears.

W. W. Capps, Polk county, Texas, remits for five and says: "I am working for Socialism and The Rebel and social salvation."

S. O. Feltman, Ateka county, Oklahoma, used to live in Texas and brought The Rebel with him to his county and now desires to sow The Rebel down in that county.

U. V. Thomas, Knox county, Texas, goes on for four years, sends some other subs and says: "Yours to get on the inside of the good things of life."

Space forbids publication of any more letters and we have just room to mention a few old time sub getters:

J. B. Seaberry, M. J. Ruggles, J. W. McElyea, W. R. Wood, C. H. Skidmore G. W. Churchwell, J. J. Carmichael, Ida -andTeanrk.HArEilei *'utwithotherr8i West, W. P. Bickley, J. C. Reason, T. R. Wiltsie, J. Jones, G. W. Ruthevan, F. H. Williams, C. L. Goode, J. H. Nance George Andrews, J. N. Chapman, Frank Montgomery, C. I. Slaton, J. L. Mark, H. L New, J. R. Blocker, W. T. Hendrix, S E .Gordon, Chas. T. Watkins, B. B. Driver, D. W. Massay, T. J. Carter, Mrs. Ruby Idom, A. J. Colley, A. N. Grimstead, G. S. Boman, J P. Rachford, John H. Rasson, M. M. Pate, J. Allgood, Jay A. Lott, J. H. Rockinbaugh, William Lowery, S. T. Lee, C. H. Mohnkern, B. T. Lewis, J. K. Batler, W. I. Pool, S. D. Lee.

Did we have about five thousand rustlers like those mentioned above the state of Texas would soon fall into our hands.

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Watch The Rebel's great exposure of the oil conspiracy in the near future.

Renter's Union.

E. O. Meitzen, Sec.-Treas.,Hallettsville

Work, work, while you can, before the iron heel of landlordism presses you down and forbids you to organize as it attempts in so many places. I am sorry to say with some degree of success.

Read the stirring letters from Bros. J. E. Hardie and A. J. Rasco in this issue and take new courage. Don't delay.

The two new locals are: Sand Creek, Oklahoma, A. G. Whisenhunt, Price, Okla., sec., J.S.Harper, president, 6 members, organized H. G. Milner. Turnover school house, Tex., with Geo. Medlin, Gatesville, Star R., sec, 6 members, organized by a few of their own members.

That is right, don't wait for an organizer but go right at it. If you don't know how, write for information which will be gladly sent out.

That is what W. W. Slater of Clyde thought who writes: "Please send me full instructions for organizing the "Renters Union" and oblige." Go and do likewise.

G. T. Dugger of Maxdale, Bell Co., writes: I have got two locals ready to organize. He is organizer for Bell county.

W. R. Fields, sec. Flatt S. H. Rains Co. sends dues and says he will soon be ready to go to work and help organize his county more fully, also that his local is getting along fine. He recommends R. A. Campbell of Point R. 3, as fit for organizer who will go to Collin county to stir matter there somewhat as they are nearly all renters there who have got it in the neck badly some even having to live in tents. Some pay half of the crop, furnishing their own team and tools and others pay as much as $3.00 an acre bonus, (above the regular rent) to get a place at all. Hope the Collin county renters will help him to help them.

W. O. Holladay of Lehigh, Okl., wants information on organizing also.

J. J. Pounds of Bishop, Nueces county, has been sent a commission to organize in his county. He is an old man but full of youthful hope and resolution.

W. E. Scruggs of Lequire,Okl., wants to get busy and organize in his county.

Thos. Mudd of Harwood, will make an effort to organize first his neighborhood and probably other parts of his county (Gonzales).

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El Campo, Tex., July 26, 1913.

Hon. O. B. Colquitt
Austin, Tex.

Dear Sir:—

As you are calling a special session of the legislature to complete unfinished business, and to enact such other laws as you recommend, I beg to call your attention to another thing that is of vital importance to the people of Texas.

The condition I wish to interest you in is that which relates to the land and home ownership.

It is a deplorable fact that over sixty per cent of the farmers of Texas are homeless, with tenantry increasing at an alarming rate.

This condition of the homeless farmer is working a great disadvantage to the best interest and welfare of Texas, and is producing a lack of confidence in the general trade of our State that is already beginning to be felt.

It is setting man against man, in a never ending struggle, that promises to become more fierce as time passes.

The tendencies of this condition are evidently making toward the condition which now prevail in old Mexico, this condition the people of Texas will refuse to stand.

Where men's homes are so uncertain you cannot expect to develop men and women of high culture and attainments possessing all that which goes to make a state of prosperous and enlightened people.

Deplorable as this condition is, the remedy is easy and simple, though seemingly a little radical at this time. We have over One Hundred Million acres of agricultural land in Texas, that has never felt the touch of a plow, which is being held out of cultivation by its owners; this vast domain, if it was within the reach of the people of our State, would make this the garden spot of the United States, and the eye of the world would be turned toward us.

To dream of a Texas wherein all land is owned by those who use it and where all business is done with the utmost confidence, peace and harmony, is to dream of a State that is akin to a paradise.

Many methods could be employed to bring about this condition that would be in keeping with good government. Just how to proceed, I will leave to your judgement; but will say that something must be done before long. To give you an idea of how the people feel toward this state of affair, I will point you to a resolution, which was introduced by Ex-Senator Paulus of Hallettsville, Texas; this resolution would have placed a tax equal to its rental value on all lands that is hold out of cultivation. In less than thirty days Ex Senator Paulus was flooded with petitions to the amount of thirty thousand names asking that the resolution receive favorable action, these petitions are on file now with the secretary of the State.

I promise you now that should you act with favor on this proposition that in less than sixty days, you will receive petitions containing over one hundred thousand names pleading for its passage, men from all walks of life signed these petitions gladly, saying, "Yes, we want actual home owners, and not renters."

Knowing that you should use every just and legal method to stamp out monopolies from Texas, and knowing full well that this condition of land ownership constitute a land monopoly of the most deadly character, I feel free to make this appeal to you. I am making it in the name of the homeless tillers of the soil in Texas, it matters not what their politics or religion may be.

Kindly advise me of your views on this subject and oblige,

J. C. Smith,
President Land Tenants Union of Texas.

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WILLING TO ORGANIZE.

Mr. E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Brother:—

Your notice of Brother A. F. King's resigning the presidency of the Renters Union because he had joined the holiness sect, reminds me that right here in 400 yards of my home a holiness preacher who preaches and prays and sings, long and loud about the "Home Over There," "Sweet Beulah Land" "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day," and yet he is apparently contented with conditions, which force him to live on a poor sandy farm which he rents from a rich old Jew, who is monarch of a great survey.

A Socialist says to me. "There is no need of a Renter's Union, because Socialism will bring about the desired conditions." Sure thing, Socialism is the cure for all the evils of landlordism, but we are not able to have Socialism just yet, and we can organize the Renters Union and relieve ourselves of a great many wrongs growing out of landlordism and yet not have Socialism. "How?" says he. Why by push. the land amendment through to submission and using small home owners and renters who are not Socialists to vote a tax to the full rental value on all land held for speculative purposes. We can use the small owner, for he sees plain as the noonday sun that the landlords are pushing him and his little one hundred acre farm off the map and while he cannot understand Socialism he knows and will resent speculation in land right now. There are a great many voters who can not see the light of Socialism, but are able to see the great injustice in one man owning more than he can legitimately use for his own support and he is ready to vote for the amendment. So my brother Socialist, you see if we had Socialism the locomotive engineers would not need any B. of L. E., neither would the retail merchants need to be so well organized and we would not need the Woodmen and other insurance companies for we would get the full product of our labor and then we would be getting what the good book says we ought to get. (Ecc. 3.13 and 5:18 I see several who want organizers and to those who live within 100 miles of Mineola that will get as many as 10 male members who will join and will pay my railroad fare, I will come down and organize them. Yours for the Renters Union to the end that landlordism must go. Up with you 220,000 renters and shake off the chains that bind you to the man with the land to rent. Get up, organize, organize and show that you are going to protect your interest and that of your wife and little overworked children with your

J. E. Hardie, Mineola, Texas.

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THE HOME BUILDERS.

Eustace, Texas, July 21, 1913.

Mr. E. O. Meitzen, Sec., R. U. of A.

Dear Comrade:—

I am pleased to be able to report that in Dallas July 18th, the Co-operative Home Builders Association of the R. U. of A., was successfully organized. The plan arranged and unanimously adopted and other necessary business was properly attended to, preparatory to the execution of the plan in soliciting for members. The purchasing of land, colonizing and the operation of co-operative farms and other social enterprises, related to the farm.

Because of the scarcity of money among our people at this time of the year and other hindrances the meeting was small—nevertheless there were a sufficient number of representatives from different parts of Texas and one from Oklahoma, Bro. J. H. Scott, of Lebanon, Oklahoma, acted as chairman and Bro. J. I. Meek, of Newlin, as secretary.

The necessary officers elected for the C. H. B. Association were Bro. J. I. Meek, as secretary-treasurer and myself as general business agent.

I was requested to report to you the result of the meeting with a request to publish same in The Rebel.

I was also instructed to send you the plan, by-laws, etc., with a request that they be published in The Rebel

I will have the adopted plan published in full in the next wek's issue of The Rebel. And I will suggest that those interested in the Renters Union and the Co-operative Home Builders movement order 100 or more extra copies of this edition to distribute among your friends, also we should have some extra copies laid away for future use.

The plan is written in the most simple form and language—yet it seems hard for some to readily understand who have not given much thought to the subject, and for this reason I have been requested to write an explanation of the plan in as few words as possible and have same published in The Rebel. This I have decided to do later on, if The Rebel will be so kind as to give the space. But because of the limited space in The Rebel and the many interesting and valuable news items that are of vital importance and its many convincing and unrefutable arguments for the grand cause of the Renters Union and humanitly in general, I do not think it advisable to ask for so much space even should it be willing to grant same, for Itake it that every inch of space is worth more than gold to we poor land bound slaves on the farms, and now that our work is over on the farm until gathering time and the encampments have begun, it seems to be an opportune time to help build up The Rebel and the R. U. of A.

The plan our local has decided on to get our county organized is for each member of the R. U. who atends the encampment at Murchison, beginning the 23,of Aug.to carry in their pocket a pencil and note book and copies of The Rebel and agitate for the R. U., making the land question and organization paramount of all other issue. Take down the names and addresses of all those who seem interested and we'll promise to arrange for a meeting and see that they get an organizer when they are ready, or help in every way possible for them to organize themselves.

Those wishing further information in regard to the Co-operative Home Builders Association of the R. U. of A. will please write Bro. J. I. Meek, Newlin, Texas, secretary-treasurer; C. H. B. Ass'n of R. U. of A.)

A. J. Roscoe,
General Business Mgr.
C. H. B. A. of R. U. of A.

GET THE LAW; GET THE MUN.

There is no worse robbing in land than the abstract business. If you want to buy or sell a lot in the city you must furnish an abstract, and that on a $100 lot is likely to be $25. There should be a ten-year limit back of which an abstract need not go. The county should look after their "heirs" so there should be no need to go farther back.

Theories are good and right if they can be carried through. We human beings consider the earth was made for us, and no man or set of men have a right to get things in a condition so others cannot get their just share of it. Yet a small slice of pie is better than none, and it is coming. The California alien land law is the starter. A limit to the amount of land a man should own, and alimit in price at which it should sell would be a gain. It is just the same to rob a man of a home by trickery as to put the price so high he cannot reach it, and a land agent who will rob a family of a home is no better than a thief that steals their bread.

We have one of the best landlords here that can be found. He would be a Socialist if he did not own too much land. He says he is in favor of the government taking over the railroads and the express and running it with the postoffice business.

Last Sunday he discussed the lesson in Sunday school, and in commenting on the Israelites borrowing jewelry from the Egyptians and carrying it off, he said: "Why, they had earned it a million times."

He got most of the land here at the time of the Galveston flood that struck very hard here. He says he does not care to sell now at $50 as he may just as well wait a few years longer and get $100 an acre.

He tells of buying a piece of land about 17 years ago, and not a very large piece either, selling enough off it to clear $12,000, and still has some of it left.

We are just waiting for him to divide up with us. When the divide is made I guess some lawyers will get the most of it, as is usual in such cases.

There is a cattle ranch of several thousand acres near here, and no talk of even renting any of it. This was inherited by the present owner. Better to be born rich than good looking.

What would you do with a people that don't want to better their condition? This place is full of them, and nearly all renters. I am planning to try to reach some of them, and I think a start is all that is needed. But it is hard to get the start.

G .Hosa Phat.

Texas Notes.

By E. A. Green, State Sec., Rockdale.

TEXAS SOCIALIST ENCAMPMENTS.

Please keep in mind that the mammoth tenth annual Socialist encampment of Van Zandt county will be held at Grand Saline on August 18 to 23rd inclusive. Excursion rates will be secured over allth e principle railroads of Texas for this gigantic gathering. Some of the most prominent speakers in the South will be present and a good time is promised to all who attend. Don't forget the date, August 18th to 23rd.

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The third big annual encampment at Golden, Wood county, takes place on August 26, 27, 28 and 29. Fine shade and water. Good speaking and entertainment. Write for particulars to Mrs. J. L. Scroggin, Golden, Texas, County Secretary Wood County.

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Don't forget the great encampment at Lipan, August 6, 7, 8 and 9. Henry Ates of Weatherford is the manager.

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The third annual Socialist encampment will be held in Moffatt's Park, Gainesville, on August 11 and 12. Rhoades, Currie, Zimmerman, Miller, Presley and Bowle are the speakers. The time will gladly be divided with any representative old partyite that wishes to discuss with Socialists.

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The third annual Socialist encampment at Comanche, Texas will be held on August 14, 15 and 16. For all particulars write to G. L. Teague, Comanche, Texas.

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The comrades of Corpus Christi will soon hold their first encampment that has ever taken place in the Gulf Coast country. The dates are August 21, 22 and 23. E. W. Burke, Corpus Christi will answer all correspondence. John A. Currie will be there and the editor of The Rebel will do some speaking between times while he plunges in the sad sea waves.

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An encampment will be held at Princeton, Collin county, three days, August 13, 14 and 15; J. H. Monk, manager. For privileges write W. J. Sellars, Secretary, Princeton, Texas.

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Huntington, six days, August 5 to 10, inclusive. W. H. Wells, manager, Huntington.

Haskell, Texas, three days, August 4, 5 and 6. Joe F. Hudspeth, county secretary, O'Brien, Texas.

Glencove, three days, August 1, 2 and 3. J. M. Futrell, manager, Glencove, Texas.

At Charleston, August 6, 7 and 8; J. W. McCullough, A. M. Boman and R. M. Boman, managers, Charleston, Texas.

At Reese, Texas, August 4, 5 and 6; Eugene Etheridge, manager, Reese, Texas.

At Midway, Texas, between Belton and Temple,August 3 and 4; Roscoe Ferguson, Manager.

START A SUBSCRIPTION FOR BRYAN.

Dear Rebel:—

Referring to the statement of J. W. Bryan that his salary is insufficient to meet his expenses I would suggest that he is voicing the cry of some of the rest of us poor devils—but $12,000 a year, $1,000 a month—really I wonder what his system requires that mine don't—except grape juice. What does his wife need that my wife don't? What is he, in duty bound, to give his boy that my boy don't need? Of course there must be something, but we "commoners" don't understand. We need educating along that line. We have enjoyed "free America" so long it is hard for us to realize the *class distinction*. When he lectured in our city several years ago he told us that he believed that a man who earned a very large salary didn't have time to collect it, and the man who collected a very large salary didn't have time to earn it. He doesn't complain of collections. Vacations—well, most of the fellows of my gang spend their vacations looking for a job. Of course, I'm not saying that Mr. Bryan isn't doing that too—incidentally. But for the present I would say to Mr. Bryan, hold on to 'er Bill, don't get discouraged. We'll soon have free sugar and coon skins and then it will be easy sailing, even for cabinet officers.

I. C. Ruby,
Secretary El Paso Local.

Get busy on The Rebel land petitions, be a soldier in the fight.

Oklahoma Notes.

H. M. Sinclair, Sec., Oklahoma, Ok

The August 5th Election.

There are three propositions that should interest every workingman enough to go to the polls and vote.

One is a measure to favor the capitalists such as the Santa Fe R. R. Co., by having section 9, of Article 9, repealed so they can take over smaller railroads (especially the Oklahoma Central) and give them access to the rich coal lands in Coal and other counties. This proposition has been put up to the voters time and again and every time has been rejected by them, yet in the face of the repeated expression of the people on this line, the last legislature had it again referred. Organized labor has passed many resolutions against its repeal yet these Democrat politicians who claim to be the workingman's friend before election disregard their entreaties and put the state to more expense in order to serve their capitalist friends.

Vote "NO" on the repeal of Section 9, Article 9.

They pass a law pertaining to the mining of coal in which they again take sides with the capitalists or coal barons and against the ones who do the real work. They would have the miner to undercut the coal before shooting it off and in order to do so he would have to lay down in the water and filth and become suject to rheumatism and other diseases. The miners wage for 1912 according to State Mine Inspector's report is $1.68 per day. The same report says that each miner produces 2 tons of coal per day. The selling price of this coal is $8.00 per ton or $16.00. Now some one gets the difference. The miner don't get it. You don't either and if not ,who does? To comply with this new made law would force more work on the miner, cutting his wages besides putting him to greater risk of his life. If you work for what you get do your duty by your fellow workers and

Vote "Yes" on State Question 47 which is to repeal Section 18 of the New Mining Law.

The crowning feature of this last legislature is to reduce the board of Agriculture to 5 members which would be all right as far as we are concerned were it not for the fact that they would take the power of electing them away from the farmers and place it in the hands of the machine for the law provides that they shall be apointed by the governor. This means that the farmers get it in the neck and grafters get the grapes.

The deception they use in order to get it by is amazingly brazen for you see them pleading to cut down the board and reduce expenses, claiming that it is the first move to reduce the legislature in size. They make no mention of the appointeive power that follows but ask you to take your choice between the farmers and the Democrat politicians.

Vote "NO" to change the Board of Agriculture.

Summary: 1st one is a slap at organized labor.

2nd; one is a slap at the miners.

3rd; one is a slap at the farmers.

In fact that is all they have done this last session, is to dig the working class and raw $6.00 per day salary, then talk economy.

Oh, you working class, Ain't it about time you were getting wise to the game?

Your chance comes on Tuesday, August 5th, 1913. Will you be there?

AN OPEN LETTER TO SECRETARY JEROBOAM DANIELS.

I have read your shabby, scurrilous denunciation of the believers of the red flag; and I must say that the utterance was not only quite uncalled for, but must have been an abortion from a contracted and disordered brain. That effluvial emanation would have been a discredit to any well-raised school boy ten years old, and would have added nothing to the character or tone of an ordinary cotton-field negro.

We have better men than you, according to my opinion—certainly more refined, serving life sentences in the penitentiary down here in Texas. Any man (?) who would take advantage of the office he happens to hold—not from any worth or merit on his part—to vent his spleen and spite upon his social superiors, is not only a coward, but is dishonorable, contemptible and vulgar.

If you have any sense of ordinary decency you will offer your resignation at once. The honest law-abiding citizens of a nation once boasting—'the land of the free and the home of the brave," ought to demand your resignation or discharge.

You, being at the head of one of the murdering departments of this government, why don't you proceed to drive them out? If you don't make some attempt to do it you are a *liar*; if you do, you are a *fool*.

R. M. Hamlin,
Crockett ,Texas.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas:

The Socialists of Galveston have a hall or reading room at 2207 1-2 Avenue E or on the third floor, room 12, Jack building. All visitors are welcome.

J. C. Lussler,
Sec. S .P.

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THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE WORKING CLASS.

(By Eugene V. Debs.)

There has never been a free people, a civilized nation, a real republic on this earth. Human society has always consisted of masters and slaves and the slaves have always been and are today, the foundation stones of the social fabric.

Wage labor is but a name; wage-slavery is the fact.

The twenty-five millions of wage-workers in the United States are twenty-five millions of twentieth slaves.

This is the plain meaning of what is known as

The Labor Market.

And the labor market follows the capitalist flag.

The most barbarous fact in all christendom is the labor market. The mere term sufficiently expresses the animalism of commercial civilization

They who buy and they who sell in the labor market are alike dehumanized by the inhuman traffic in the brains and blood and bones of human beings.

The labor market is the foundation of so-called civilized society. Without these shambles, without this commerce in human life, this sacrifice of manhood and womanhood, this barter of babes, this sale of souls, the capitalist civilizattions of all lands and all climes would crumble to ruin and perish from the earth.

Twenty-five millions of wage-slaves are bought and sold daily at prevailing prices in the American

This is the

Paramount Issue.

Let me say that the workers have but the one issue in this fight, the overthrow of the capitalist system and the emancipation of the working class from wage-slavery.

The capitalists may have the tariff, finance, imperialism and other dust-covered and moth-eaten issues entirely to themselves.

The rattle of these relics no longer deceives workingmne whose heads are on their own shoulders.

They know by experience and observation that the gold standard, free silver, fiat money, protective tariff, free trade, imperialism and anti-imperialism all mean capitalist rule and wage-slavery.

Their eyes are open and they can see; their brains are in operation and they can think.

The very moment a workingman begins to do his own thinking he understands the paramount issue, parts company with the capitalist politician and falls in line with his own class on the political battle-field.

The political solidarity of the working class means the death of despotism, the birth of freedom, the sunrise of civilization.

Having said this much by way of introduction I will now enter upon the actualities of my theme

The Class Struggle.

We are entering today upon a momentous campaign. The struggle for political supremacy is not between political parties merely as appears upon the surface, but at bottom it is a life and death struggle between two hostile economic classes, the one the capitalist and the other the working class.

The capitalist class is represented by the Republican, Democratic, and Prohibition parties, all of which stand for private ownership of the means of production, and the triumph of any one of which will mean continued wage-slavery to the working class.

As the Prohibition sections of the capitalist party represent minority elements which propose to reform the capitalist system without disturbing wage-slavery, a vain and impossible task, they will be omitted from this discussion with all the credit due the rank and file for their good intentions.

The Republican and Democratic parties, or, to be more exact, the Republican-Democratic party, represent the capitalist class in the class struggle. They are the political wings of the capitalist system and such differences as arise between them relate to spoils and not to principles.

With either of these parties in power one thing is always certain and that is that the capitalist class are in the saddle and the working class under the saddle.

Under the administration of both these parties the means of production is carried forward for capitalist profit purely, markets are glutted and industry paralyzed workingmen become tramps and criminals while injunctions, soldiers and riot guns are brought into action to preserve "law and order" in the chaotic carnival of capitalist anarchy.

Deny it as we may the cuning capitalists who are clearsighted enough to perceive it, or ignore it as may the torpid workers who are too blind and unthinking to see it, the struggle in which we are engaged today is a class struggle, and as the toiling millions come to see and understand it and rally to the politcal standard of their class, they will drive all capitalist parties of whatever name into the same party, and the class struggle will then be so clearly revealed that the hosts of labor will find their true place in the conflict and strike the united and decisive blow that will destroy slavery and achieve their full and final emancipation.

In this struggle the workingmen and women and children are rperesented by the Socialist party and it is my privilege to address you in the name of that revolutionary and uncompromising party of the working class.

Attitude of the Workers.

What shall be the attitude of the workers of the United States What part shall they take in it? What party and what principles shall they support by their ballots? And why?

These are questions the importance of which is not sufficiently recognized by workingmen or they would not be the prey of parasites and the servile tools of scheming politicians who use them only at election time to renew their masters' lease of power and perpetuate their own ignorance, poverty and shame.

In answering these questions I propose to be as frank and candid as plain-meaning words will allow, for I have but one object in this discussion and that object is not office, but the truth, and I shall state it as I see it if I have to stand alone.

But I shall not stand alone, for the party that has my allegiance and the party of emancipation, is made up of men and women who know their rights and scorn to compromise with their oppressors; who want no votes that can be bought and no support under any false pretense whatsoever.

The Socialist party stands squarely upon its proletarian principles and relies wholly upon the forces of industrial progress and the education of the workig class.

The Socialist party buys no votes and promises no offices. Not a farthing is spent for whiskey and cigars. Every penny in the campaign fund is the voluntary offering of workers and their sympathizers and every penny is used for education.

What other party can say the same?

Ignorance alone stands in the way of Socialist success. The capitalist parties understand this and use their resources to prevent the workers from seeing the light.

Intellectual darkness is essential to industrial slavery.

Capitalist parties stand for Slavery and Night.

The Socialist party is the herald of Freedom and Light.

Capitalist parties cunningly contrive to divide the workers upon dead issues.

The Socialist party is uniting them upon the living issue:

Death to Woge Slavery!

When industrial slavery is as dead as the issues of the Siamese capitalist parties the Socialist party will have fulfilled its mission and enriched history.

And now to our questions.

First, every workingman and woman owe it to themselves, their class and their country tetake an active and intelligent interest in political affairs.

The Ballot.

The ballot of united labor expresses the people's will and the people's will is the supreme law of a free nation.

The ballot means that labor is no longer dumb, that at last it has a voice, that it may be heard and if united must be heeded.

Centuries of struggle and sacrifice were repnired to wrest this symbol of freedom from the mailed clutch of tyranny and place it in the hand of labor as the shield and lance of attack and defense.

The abuse and not the use of it is responsible for its evils.

The divided vote of labor is the abuse of the ballot and the penalty is slavery and death.

The united vote of those who toil and have not will vanquish those who have and toil not and solve forever the problem of democracy.

The Historic Struggle of Classes.

Since the race was young there have been class struggles. In every state of society, ancient and modern, labor has been exploited, degraded and in subjection.

Civilization has done little for labor except to modify the forms of its exploitation.

Labor has always been the mudsill of the social fabric—is so now and will be until the class struggle ends in class extinction and free society.

Society has always been and is now built upon exploitation—the exploitation of a class—the working class, whether slaves, serfs or wage-laborers, and the exploited working class is subjection have always been, instinctively or consciously, in revolt against their oppressors.

Through all the centuries the enslaved toilers have moved slowly but surely toward the final freedom.

The call of the Socialist party is to the exploited class, the workers in all useful trades and professions all honest occupations, from the most menial service to the highest skill, to rally beneath their own standard and put an end to the last of the barbarous class struggles by conquering the capitalist government, taking possession of the means of production and making them the common property of all abolishing wage-slavery and establishing the co-operative commonwealth.

The first step in this direction is to sever all relations with

Capitalist Parties.

They are precisely alike and I challenge their most discriminating parisans to tell them apart in relation to labor.

The Republican and Democratic parties are alike capitalist parties—differing only in being committed to different sets of capitalist interests—they have the same principles under varying colors, are equally corrupt and are one in their subservience to capital and their hostility to labor.

The ignorant workingman who supports either of these parties forges his own fetters and is the unconscious author of his own misery. He can and must be made to see and think and act with his fellows in supporting the party of his class and this work of education is the crowning virtue of the Socialist movement.

GOD'S ADVICE.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of Bible class fame, indulged in some very interesting homiletics recently. His subject pertained to the value and cost prayer, and he related how at a certain crisis in his life, he prayed for four years, and God finally told him what to do.

Had Mr. Rockefeller stopped his sermon at that point we might have been sufficiently impressed by his experience in the value of prayer as to renew some of our lagging ecclesiastical affiliations. When, however, we reach his animadversions upon the cost of prayer, he is not so convincing. "Think," he says further along in his address, "of the great sums paid to lawyers and doctors for advice. Then reflect that God's advice is free."

But doesn't Mr. Rockefeller's own experience prove that God's advice is rather costly? He spent four years in getting advice in a certain crisis. Four years of an able-bodied man's time is worth several thousand dollars up. If, with unlimited leisure at his command, it took Mr. Rockefeller four years to get a little bit of advice, or perforce sandwich our praying in with a deal of scrambling for a modest lodge in some vast wildernessian apartment house? In other words, how long would it have taken Mr. Rockefeller to get that even a big bit, how long would it take the rest of us who must, peranswer if he had had to work daily for a living, if he had had to hook his dinner pail over his arm at sixthirty a. m. and run a race with a factory whistle?

And there's still another pertinent question. We don't know what advice he received but could he have put it into effect without a plethoric check-book? We do not wish to be irreverent, either God or Mammon, in all these inquiries, but if Mr. Rockefeller's theological economy is worth reporting at length in respectable newspaper, it is worth pursuing to the bitter end.

Ellis O. Jones.

That Standard Oil officials say that they are not anxious to have Uncle Sam intervene in Mexico. If a fellow could buy a peaceful country like the United States or Germany and hold it absolutely what is the use in investing money in something as questionable as a South American revolution?

The Rebel at 25 cents for forty weeks is the greatest value in America.

THE ACRES AND THE HANDS

By Augustine Duganne

"The earth is the Lord's and the
fullness thereof,"
Said God's most holy Word:—
The water hath fish, and the land
hath flesh,
And the air hath many a bird;
And the soil is teeming all over the
earth,
And the earth hath numberless
lands;
Yet millions of hands want
acres—
And millions of acres want
hands!

Sunlight and breezes and gladsome
flowers,
Are over the earth spread wide;
And the good God gave these gifts
to men—
To men who on earth abide:
Yet thousands are toiling in poisonous
gloom,
And shackled with iron bands,—
While millions of hands want
acres—
And millions of acres want
hands!

Never a foot hath the poor man
here,
To plant with grain of corn;
And never a plot where his child
may cull
Fresh flowers in the dewy morn.
The soil lies fallow—the weeds
grow rank;
Yet idle the poor man stands!
Oh! millions of hands want
acres—
And millions of acres want
hands!

'Tis writ that "Ye shall not muzzle
the ox
That treadeth out the corn!"
But behold! ye shackle the poor
man's hands
That have all earth's burdens
borne!
The Land is the gift of a bounteous
God—
And to Labor His Word commands,—
Yet milions of hands want acres—
And milions of acres want
hands!

Who hath ordained that the few
should hoard
Their milions of useless gold?—
And rob the earth of its fruits and
flowers,
While profitless soil they hold?
Who hath ordained that a parchment
scroll
Shall fence around miles of
lands—
When milions of hands want
acres—
And milions of acres want
hands?

'Tis a glaring Lie on the face of
day—
This robbery of men's rights!
'Tis a lie, that the Word of the
Lord disowns—
'Tis a curse that burns and
blights!
And 'twill burn and blight till the
people rise,
And swear, while they break
their bands—
That the hands shall henceforth
have acres—
And the acres henceforth have
hands!

Our Rebel readers can gather from the following that the Socialists throughout the world are taking an intense interest in the land question. This is as it should be. Until the 1912 National Convention the Socialists never took a thoroughly definite position on land. Now we are awakening up all over the world and particularly in Texas. As well as swatting the industrial capitalist swat the landlord. Don't play favorites and watch us grow.

I am mailing you acopy of La Vanguardia (March 22nd, 1913), the Socialist newspaper of Buenos Aires, and of an election circular of the Socialist party; elections are on March 30th. In both you will notice that the first plank is taxation on land values, linked with the abolition of taxes on food and necessaries. The other planks are freedom of meeting and association, universal suffrage in municipal elections, reforms of conscription and court martial laws, disestablishment, a divorce law, and abolition of capital punishment.

ADDRESS TO THE UNCO GUID.

(By Robert Burns.)

Then gently scan your brother man,
Still gentler sister woman;
Tho they may gan a keenin wrang,
To step aside is human:
One point must still be greatly dark.
The moving why they do it;
And just as lamely can ye mark
How far perhaps they rue it.
Who made the heart, 'tis He alone
Decidedly can try us:
He knows each chord—its various tone,
Each spring—its various bias;
Then at the balance let's be mute,
We never can adjust it;
What's done we partly may compute,
But know not what's resisted.

WE ARE MOVING FROM ILLUSIONS TOWARD LIFE.

(Translated from the Spanish of Ricardo Flores Magon.)

We Revolutionists are not pursing a chimera; we are pursuing reality. The peoples nowadays are not taking up arms to impose on others their special Gods or their religions. The Gods are rotting in the holy books. The religions are fading away in the shadow of indifference. The Koran, the Vedas, the Bible, no longer dazzle. Between their yellowing leaves the Gods are passing mournfully, as the sun dies in the twilight of a winter day.

We are moving toward Life. Yesterday heaven was the people's objective point; today it is the earth. There are no more Crusaders, lance in hand. Allah's scimitar rests in the museum show-case. The hordes of the God of Israel are becoming atheists. The dust of dogmas is disappearing before the breath of the years as they go by.

Today the peoples are not in rebellion because they wish to adore on eGod rather than another. The great social upheavals to which religions gave birth have become petrified in the story of the past. The French Revolution won the right to think, but it not win the right to live, and to the conquest of that latter right the intelligent of all countries and all races today address themselves.

We have a right to live, the thinkers tell us, and this humane doctrine has found its way to the heart of the serf, as dew to the thirsty soil. To live does not mean, for man, mere vegetation. To live means to be free and happy. All of us, therefore, have the right to liberty and happiness.

Social inequality died, in theory when the rebellion of free thought killed metaphysics. It is necessary that it should die in fact. To that goal the energies of all free men are marching.

Hence it is that we Revolutionists are not pursuing a chimera. We are not struggling for abstractions but for material facts. We want the earth for all; we want bread for all. What though blood may run, so long as the victory benefits all and not a special caste!

Because of this the multitude is listening to us. Because of this our voice reaches the masses, shaking and awakening them. Because of this we are able to raise a whole people in revolt.

We are the people; but not the sad and mournful people of the Pharaohs; not the abject and servile people of the Caesers; not the people who were wont to clap their hands when Porfirio Diaz was passing by. We are people in revolt against the yoke; we are the people of Sparta, the people who were with Munzer in the proclamation of equality, with Camile Desmoulins in the tearing down of the Bastille, with Hidalgo in the burning of Granaditas, with Juarez in his upholding of reform.

We are the people, waking the full-fed from their gluttonous slumber and launching to the four winds this formidable phrase: "We all have the right to be free and happy." And the people, which no longer waits for the word of God, engraved on tablets to descend on Sinai, is listening to us. Beneath their coarse garments the hearts of the loyal are aflame. Into the black pigsties where they who manufacture happiness for those above them huddle and rot, a ray of hope is entering. The peon is thinking as he treads the furrow. In the bowels of the earth the miner is repeating that phrase to his brothers of the chain. Everywhere they are barkening to the eager panting of those who are marching to rebellion. A thousand nervous hands are fondling the rifle secretly; a thousand impatient breasts are counting as centuries the days which must elapse before they can listen to the manly shout—"Rebellion!"

Fear takes wings and is harbored by the vile alone. Fear is a heavy pack which the brave, ashamed to play the parts of beasts of burden, must unload. Packs make us bend the back, and the valiant wish to stand erect. If a load we must support, let it be the burden of the world and of a universe of responsibilities.

Submission! It is the cry of the vile. Rebellion! It is the shout of men. Lucifer, the rebel, is worthier than the submissive hireling, Gabriel.

Fortunate are the hearts in which protest takes root. Insubordination and rebellion! They are flowers we have cultivated all too little.

The timorous pale with fear and the conservative are scandalized when they hear our words; but tomorrow the timorous and the conservative will applaud them. The timorous and the conservative who today adore Christ were they who yesterday condemned and crucified him as a rebel. They who today are rearing statutes to men of genius persecuted them yesterday, loaded them with chains or threw them to the bonfire. They who tortured Galileo, and forced him to retract, glorify him today; they who burned Giordano Bruno alive, today admire him; the hands that tugged at the rope which hanged John Brown, were the ones that later in the Civil War, broke the chains of slavery; they who condemned, excommunicated and degraded Hidalgo, today venerate him; the tremulous hands that lifted the hemlock to the lips of Socrates, today are penning tearful defences of that Titan of thought.

Every man, says Carlos Malato, is at once a Reactionist and a Revolutionist, as compared with some other man.

To the Reactionists—the Conservatives— of today we are Revolutionists, but to the Revolutionists of tomorrow our acts will have been those of Conseavatives. Humanity's ideas as to progress vary all the time, and it is absurd to pretend that they are immutable, like the fossils of plants and animals.

But if those full of the fear of God, and the conservative, pale with fear and are scandalized by our doctrines, those doctrines breathe courage into the serf. The faces that misery and grief had marred are now transfigured; down the sun-burned cheeks the tears no longer run; countenances grow humanized; nay, better, they become divine, for they are animated with rebellion's sacred fire. What sculptor ever yet portrayed an ugly hero? What painter ever placed on his canvas the figure of a hero deformed? There is a mysterious light which inwraps heroes and lends them brilliancy. Hidalgo, Juarez, Morelos, Zaragosa, sparkle like suns. The Greeks placed their heroes among the semi-gods.

We are moving toward Life. It is this which is breathing courage into the serf, awakening the giant and causing the valiant to hold their ground. From his Olympus, reared on the rocks of Chapultepec, a Jupiter of vaudeville is putting a price on rebel heads; is signing with his aged hands sentences worthy of a cannibal, while his dishonored hairs bristle like the pelt of a wolf attacked by rabies. A reproach to old age this perverse dotard clings to life with the despair of a drowning man. Having taken the lives of thousands, he himself is struggling hand to hand with death to save his own.

No matter: we Revolutionists march onward. The abyss does not stop us; when the water is falling over the precipice it is most beautiful.

If we die we shall die like suns, diffusing-light.

If there is a crime against humanity that the Democratic officials, elected or appointed, has not been guilty of we would like to know it. It was in Georgia that they gave a little boy 11 years for stealing a bottle of coca cola and then proceeded to nail a girl's hands to the wall in the county jail at Atlanta just as Christ was nailed to the cross. It was in Mississippi last week that they allowed 25 convicts to be roasted in a locked cage. And now one of their pets has whipped an 18 months old baby to death. Kill the Donk. Here is the story.

BABY DIES FROM WHIPPING, CHARGE.

Fort Smith, Ark., July 8.—That the death of 18 months-old Harry Hicks in the Arkansas orphans' home in Morrellton, Ark., who died last Saturday, was due to a whipping, was the sensational charge that was preferred with the state humane society. Dr. E. B. Dillard, superintendent of the home, recently was fined $50 for beating the child, it being alleged he administered 23 lashes on his body.

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