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CAN THEY REPEAT?

A discussion that is always on wherever thinking men meet ublesome times like these, usually resolves itself into the question ho is the greatest mind in Texas?" The reactionaries, strange as y seem usually name E.M.House, of Austin. As reaction generhas its say in this, the land of the bourbon, the discussion ends President Wilson's counsellor being the generally accepted man carries the intellectual laurels of the state.

There is always a strong minority who believe that another from North Texas, a great man of nation-wide fame, but who is s secretive in his methods as Mr. House is the man who wears the tieth century cloak of the Texas Richelieu or Talleyrand as you This man wrote me a letter last week that touched me to the hs of my soul and caused every inch of fighting fibre in my up to be on guard for the battle to come. He writes:

November 25, 1913.

Tom Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Sir:—

I appreciate very much your recent letter. I have followed land movement with a great deal of interest, having been conrably interested in that subject myself. Five years ago I wrote a s of newspaper articles on this subject, giving certain land barons usual dose of unshirted ——. So you see that before you got sledge hammer in operation I was working along with small tools.

THE SUCCESS OF YOUR LAND MOVEMENT IS APPAR T AND IT IS DUE ENTIRELY TO YOUR PERSEVERANCE D THE TREMENDOUS ORGANIZATION WHICH YOU VE THROUGHOUT TEXAS. WITH AN ORGANIZATION THIS KIND NEARLY ANYTHING WITHIN THE BOUNDS REASON CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND I WILL SAY TO U FRANKLY THAT YOU HAVE THE ONLY POLITICAL GANIZATION IN TEXAS WITH ANY ENTHUSIASM IN IT D WITH ANY COHESIVENESS.

It is needless for us to say to you that I read your paper with at interest every weeek. Likewise, "Home and State," which is official organ of prohibition, and Jeff McLemore's paper, the tto of which is "Blessed are the rich." All of these papers I have d aside so that when I get home I can take an evening off and go ough them.

I have been quite amused by the efforts of some of the Demotic leaders to snatch this land plank from your platform, just after have completed the demonstration of its strength, *and I will be rprised if some of hem do not take it away from you.*

I can advise you of but one thing to do in order to save your situation and that is: announce yourself for governor in the Democratic primaries on the Socialist platform. I feel absolutely sure that if you would do this you would poll more votes than you would at the general election and would run at least as good as second and in all probability first. I supposed that you were aware that there was nothing in the Terrell Elecetion Law which requires that you to be a Democrat in order to run in the July Primary..

This is the only way I know of for you to keep your fine feathers. Otherwise, I shall expect to see you, shortly after the July primary a well-picked bird. All of these fine ideas which you have been urging for the past five years and which you have been thinking out will be plucked from you, one by one, by the candidates for governor in the Democratic primaries.

Ever since I have known you, you have been going to the people, finding out what they wanted, assuring Democratic politicians that they did want it and allowing them to filch these new ideas from you. I will now wager you at least the price of three fingers, that before the campaign progresses much farther, they will have stolen this land plank from you and denounced you for an anarchist and liar for being so bold as to claim you have any title to it.

Your friend,

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P. S.—I will depend on you to keep my name out of print; because I am inside and know the game is framed in the interest of the landlords which looks as if it will reach fruition. While I can't help you, yet I want to prepare you for the Iagos of the Democratic party who have their knives sharpened for you and the land movement.

After carefully perusing this letter several times over in the office and again in the quietness of my little one-acre home while the Sabbath bells were ringing in the distance, I came to the question that a giant mind asked me viz: "CAN THEY REPEAT?"

By this I simply mean: That when the Greenback Labor party rose to large proportions in this state the Democratic politicians came like wolves among sheep and destroyed this radical movement in the South at the behest of International capitalism with American headquarters in New York.

Later on the Populist movement grew to astonishing proportions in all portions of the nation except Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and the New England states, and again the masses were deceived because the old party politicians pretended that they could enter our ranks and carry through our planks in their party, which was builded upon principles that, in the very nature of things, were opposed to the desires of the masses of the people.

And now in the twentieth cetury in the year of our Lord, 1913, we are being approached as our friend warns us from the same source. Read again what he says::

"AND ALL OF THESE FINE IDEAS WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN URGING FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING OUT WILL BE PLUCKED FROM YOU, ONE BY ONE, BY THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES."

The alternative is to, "go into the Democratic primaries with the Socialist platform." This is unthinkable. No institution, be it ecclesiastical or political can be reformed from the inside. It must be destroyed by assaults of earnest men and women from the outside. I would sooner cut my throat on the day that I was nominated on the Democratic ticket than be the choice of that primary and be elected Governor of a party that is the expression of Standard Oil nationally and the squeal of the landhog in this state.

It is worthy of note that the Demoicratic politicians never whetted their knives for the Socialist party in Texas until its sons, in both nation and state, had written the declarations in their platforms and their literature that he landhogs in general and capitalism particularly had to go. They never feared vague generalizations.

Now they proceed to steal part of our thunder and lightning, but thunder that cannot kill and lightning that cannot slay is worthless and hence we say to our friend who foreshadows the future in the able letter written above that the Socialist Party cannot be stamped Its sons will remain true to the principles for which they have so successfully struggled up to date and will so continue until the outward wall is stormed, the citadel of capitalism is crumpled under our assaults and universal freedom is the order of the day.

The Rebel repeats: The Democratic Party can not repeat its policy of dissimulation that won for the masters other days.

HELP ORGANIZE OUR GREAT REBEL LITERATURE ARMY AND SHOW THE DECEIVERS THEY CANNOT REPEAT.

SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO THIS GREAT ARMY ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS ISSUE AND ENLIST AT ONCE. WE WOULD BE MENTAL AND MORAL WEAKLINGS IF WE DID NOT NOW MAKE USE OF THE STUPENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS WE OURSELVES HAVE CREATED.

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cogdoches Co. Tex., Nov. 23, '13.
O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
ar Comrade:—
You will find enclosed Land Peon with 101 names. I did my t under the circumstances and t is all a mule can do. You will ays find me ready to do my t.
With best wishes to the Renter's ion, Hickey and E. R. Meitzen, remain
Yours until the fight is won,
W. H. Clark.

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rrant Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.
O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
ar Comrade:—
I will now send in my Land tition as I want it to get there by first as our postmaster deoys our mail as much as he can, I want to start it in plenty of e. You know I sent for a Peon just as soon as you started m, but I never could get it so ent for another one and I never it until a few days ago. A nrade in this county is beging to organize a Renter's Union and the renters are scared to th, afraid they won't get land. ase state through The Rebel ether or not land can be rented ough the Renter's Union, if so t ought to be encouraging.
Anytime you can use me let me w.
Yours for the revolution,
G. W. Blizzard.

Coke Co. Tex., Nov. 22, 1913
ar Rebel:—
We have about 100 voters in s district and have 84 signers the Land Petition.
Here's hoping you success in ur move to better this land quesn.
Yours truly,
J. D. Van Zandt.

I got these 125 signatures in Col county before I came down re, so will send them along. I sh I could have gotten more.
Long live the Socialist parer, he Rebel.
Yours for Socialism,
J. T. Cook.
ontgomery County, Texas,

Jasper Co. Tex., Nov., 30, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—
I send you my Land Petition with 31 names. I also have one at Roganville, but have written Mr. Davis for him to send it to me or send it to you as it would not make any difference as we got all the signatures we could get. I find most of the people afraid to better themselves in Jasper county. As I am a Rebel I can find out how they stand on conditions and I find where they stand so can give them direct action as we go along.
Yours truly,
G. C. Mumford.

Montgomery county, Texas.
November 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Find here enclosed the Land Petition you sent me with about 120 names. These were eager to sign but between 50 and 100 turned it down, in most cases they had nothing to lose but everything to gain. I got these signers while in town an hour or two at a time, as I am farming, I had my work to attend to, but I work for the cause every chance I get. I have tried to organize the county but it is the hardest proposition I ever tackled.
Oh, yes! you will notice in the petition I have captured the Hon. N. B. Hunt's name, certainly was glad to meet so bright a comrade. May his path of life be strewn with roses without a thorn is my wish.
J. F. Hauff.

Hidalgo Co., Tex. Nov. 25, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—
Here comes the list of 165 petitioners on the land question. I have done my best in this part of the state. Sad to say, my father died on the 23rd and was buried in the San Juan cemetery on the 24th. He was a Socialist and comrade in the struggle for liberty and justice. His death was by paralysis, his age was 84.
Yours for freedom,
G. W. Allbright.

Stonewall Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—
Enclosed find Land Petition containing 70 names, out of 72 people that I asked to sign. I would have a great deal more for you were it not for the fact that our county is sparsely populated and that there were several more petitions circulated through old Stonewall. As you know, I am the Socialist justice in this precinct, which is not surprising because everybody, including Hickey's kinfolks are Socialists here.
The Rebel has done a wonderful work and we will have the Renter's Union organized in this county at the first possible moment.
Fraternally yours,
Henry Rinn.

Liberty Co., Tex., Nov. 30, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—
I will mail the Land Petition to you with 84 on it. Couldn't get many as there are so many Henry Dubs' here, but I hope we will win.
Yours for the revolution,
Sam Tillison.

Nueces Co., Tex. Nov. 30, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—
Enclosed find the Petition with 68 signers, which is the result of three hours' work. We had, in the last county election several votes, but I've got more signers than there was that voted as some just didn't vote and others could not for the want of poll tax receipts. We feel good over our work.
Yours for Socialism,
W. L. Robbins.

Bosque Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—
Find enclosed Petition with 73 names. All the names in this neck of the woods. Hope we will be successful in getting the amendment.
Yours for the cause,
W. W. Reece.

Johnson Co., Nov. 30, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade and Co-Worker:—
I am herewith sending you the Land Petition with 47 names. This is all we could do as we haven't much time to circulate it, I hope hope the average will be better than mine was. The petition may not do any good, but it will show up the governor and the legislature, if they don't heed the call of the men of the soil.
Hoping the Renter's Union of America and all other labor movements all success, I am,
Fraternally yours,
Tobe McElroy.

Grayson Co., Tex., Nov. 27, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—
I have done all I could with the Land Petition as I have had some hard fighters to go up against. I am in a Republican stronghold and as I found this county full of these petitions I think it will be well represented.
Well, I have never seen anything arouse the people as the Land Petition has in this country and as it is started you cannot tell where it will stop. There is something doing now in this neck of the woods. We have got the landlords guessing what will be the next move. I think we will be able to get some Renter's Unions and some Socialist locals started here now in a short time. I am a renter and a cripple too, but when I get into the work I feel like I had two good feet. Just sent 4 subs to The Rebel and will send more soon.
Yours in the fight to the end,
J. A. Duncan.

Howard Co., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—
I herewith send in my Land Petition with 65 names on it. Am sorry that I can't send in more names, but it is the best I can do. Hoping that they may help the cause enough to get it through. Will endeavor to organize a Renter's Union as soon as possible.
Yours for the good work,
A. B. Morton.

Matagorda Co., Tex., Nov. 25, 1913.
T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—
Enclosed find postoffice money order for renewal of my paper, The Rebel. My postoffice was Ganado which you will please change to Palacios. I sent in Land Petition with 80 names. There are two more in the county one among the negroes. I will send for instructions on how to organize the Renter's Union, later on when I get acquainted here. I have talked to some about it and they talked favorably. I want to see if there will be a way in the future to make our landlord pay for having his bale of cotton hauled to the gin. They say it is customary for the renter to haul it.
Yours truly,
B. F. Ezzell.

Grimes Co., Dec. 1, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—
Herewith find enclosed Land Petition with 371 signatures. I have done my best with my opportunities for the noble cause of humanity, which you and The Rebel have initiated on the Land Issue. I am not a renter, but my soul warms for the blessed glad day when Texas will have no renters nor landlords—only home owners.
Yours for the revolution,
C. R. Long.

Dickens Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Dear Comrade:—
I am sending in the Land Petition. I am very much ashamed of it because it shows the standard of fools in this county. I expect that nine-tenths of Dickens county is owned by the Matador and Spur Cattle Company and these poor fool renters will not sign this petition. If you or Comrade Hickey could come to Afton some Saturday and make a speech in the street, for they will go to hear a Socialist speak, it might help matters.
Send these few names in for they are worth five hundred dollars a piece.
Yours for the land,
A. F. Kitchens.

Parker Co., Nov. 27, 1913.
T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—
Please find enclosed 65 cents for subs. On the 17th day of this month I got hold of one of your Land Petitions and up to this date I have 103 signers of which half of them are land owners.
Mr. Hickey come on with Bro. McElhaney's answer to Lemmons Book.
Yours for land and liberty,
R. W. Tuggle.

Baylor Co., Nov. 27, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Tex.,
Dear Comrade:—
I send you a few names on the Land Petition. I struck some renters that were afraid they would lose their job if they signed it. The manhood is killed in them. Some say that only war will relieve us, but you know how ignorance acts.
Yours for liberty,
. B. Crackrofft.

Tyler Co., Tex., Nov. 28, 1913.
T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Tex.
I will try to send my Land Petition in, for I don't want it to be late for we do want to have our names in the good fight. I wish I could have filled my book, but I was so busy that I just couldn't. I was picking cotton and grinding corn that I just couldn't leave.
Yours for freedom,
N. J. Smart.

Franklin Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
Dear Comrade:—
I have moved from Wood county to Franklin county, so I had bad luck with my petition. Did all I could under the circumstances.
O. P. Barker.

Falls Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Dear Comrade:—
You will find enclosed my Land Petition with 61 names.
Mr. W. N. Attaway will send another petition from Rosebud, Tex. Most of these names are small land owners that signed and all white voters.
Respectfully,
Patsy Hughes.

A NEW STATE SECRETARY.

The Rebel is in receipt of the following from our devoted Comrade, State Secretary E. A. Green:

Rockdale, Tex., Nov. 24 1913.

Dear Comrades:—

Bran new state secretary (female) arrived yesterday eve about five o'clock p. m. Mother and babe doing fine. Ed.

To the new arrival, on this mundane sphere of sorrow and trials, the entire staff of The Rebel extends the heartiest welcome and in doing so firmly believes that before the young lady has reached her majority the cause for which her beautiful mother and powerful father have so zealously fought will have ended in a glorious victory that will guarantee for her and all her sisters the security, peace and happiness that is denied to the vast majority of the daughters of the working class today. Here's to you, Ed, your good wife and the latest arrival.

WACO, YOU HAVE ENTERTAINED.

Waco you have been a host
In a manner which you little know
Because you was too much engrossed
In your capitalistic show.

Within your gates there has assembled
Amid the seething thoughtless throng,
The proletarian before whom monarchs have trembled
And customs perished that had endured long.

They came not clothed in fashion's gorgeous style
Nor heralded by the bugles thrill-blasts;
But upon each honest profile
Was written the struggle of its class.

And in this solemn conclave
From pomp and pretense free
There was fair warning to the knave
Prepare thou to flee.

Carl Rosson.

The "Rebel Videttes."

To the Rebels of Texas:—

It is not necessary to tell you that next year will witness the greatest campaign in Texas with the greatest issues predominating, ever seen in any state in the nation.

Nor is it necessary to point out that 500,000 tenants in city and country, and 200,000 small farm owners in Texas are on the verge of revolt as a result of the stupendous fight The Rebel and its Rebels have made in the past especially as to the Land Question.

Finally, you also know that these 700,000 exploited workers can be misled by the hypocritical old party press and politicians who under the pretense of favoring "reforms" will seek to guide into safe and sane channels this revolutionary protest against landlordism in particular and capitalism in general.

Mind you, we Rebels have done all of the work of stirring up these landless, homeless, exploited, thousands, without a particle of help from the outsiders. Not until we had shown to the world that our land program had struck the popular chord—not until the land revolution was well under way in Texas, did a single old party paper and politician begin to talk "reform."

Now, we must gather the harvest we have sown. We must not permit the stranger who has neither plowed, harrowed nor sown, to reap down our fields. The working class of Texas, is ours; the state capitol is ours—if we will only get our complete message to the people.

The Rebel has, it is true, about 18,000 subscribers and four times that many readers in Texas, but the old party press and politicians have twenty times that audience.

In order to keep what we have gained and to win what we are entitled to, we must be prepared to reach at least as many people as the opposition can.

THE REBEL MANAGEMENT, REGARDLESS OF CONSEQUENCES, HAS DECIDED TO DO MORE THAN ITS PART TO THAT END BY PROCEEDING WITH THE IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATION OF A GREAT STATEWIDE LITERATURE DISTRIBUTING ARMY.

THE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The name of this organization shall be the REBEL VIDETTES.
2. A member can be any good Socialist, whether red card or not, male or female, boy or girl.
3. Members will be expected to do a few hours' work at least once each month.
4. Their duty will be to hand a copy of the monthly *propaganda edition of The Rebel*, (or other literature) not less than once a month to every non-Socialist within a given territory, whether it be all or part of the precinct.
5. They may otherwise aid in the work of agitation and organization of the Socialist party, though of course subject to the orders of their local and county organizations *For instance their first task in this respect would be to see to it that every man likely to vote our ticket would pay his poll tax by February 1, 1914, and come to the polls election day.*
6. The REBEL VIDETTES will be officered as follows: Vidette captains will have charge of counties; vidette chiefs, of voting precincts and Videttes of portions of voting precincts. Only those will be appointed to thus take charge who freely agree to act.
7. Each vidette is expected in his rounds to collect enough funds to pay for Rebel Propaganda Editions at the rate of half a cent a copy; but for those unable to pay for copies we propose to establish a Vidette Fund, out of which to pay for free bundles to those who are willing to distribute but not able to pay for them.
8. The Rebel's first propaganda edition will be issued January 1, by which time we hope to have this army well under way.
9. If you wish to get in on this great movement in time to get well under way for the 1914 campaign, sign the attached application blank and send to this office. You will receive your commission, report cards and outfit as soon as we can get around to you.

Yours for victory,

E. R. MEITZEN.

Tear Off Here.

______________ Texas, __________ 191___

To E. R. Meitzen,
Business Manager of The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas,

Dear Comrade:—Enroll me as Rebel Vidette for following territory, in which I agree to hand to each non-Socialist at least once a m[illegible] copy of the Monthly Propaganda Edition of The Rebel.

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My voting Precinct is named __________________ and

Numbered __________________

My county is __________________

I can use __________ copies of the Propaganda Edition each month, until further notice.

I will pay for __________ copies, for __________ for which find $__________ enclosed, at the rate of one-half cent per copy.

Signed __________________

Address __________________

THE F. F. NOT A GOOD GUESSER.

The Firm Foundation says that the church will proudly stand when Socialism is forgotten.

If the Firm Foundation means the corrupted capitalist concern, it calls "The Church," it has another guess coming.

Socialism will come as the result of industrial evolution, capitalism is doomed, and with capitalism will die all capitalist institutons.

The function of all capitalist institutions is to support the capitalist system These institutions will have no funcion to perform when capitalism dies. Having no function to perform they must die.

The economic doctrine of what the Firm Foundation calls "The Church," of which it boasts, endorses legalized robbery. It teaches that "God ordained that one class shall always be ruled by another class." It believes in human slavery and degradation. It is the enemy of the working class. It gets its economic doctrine, not from the first century of the Christian era, but from the fourth; not from Christ and the apostles, but from Constantine and the corrupt ruling class of his age; not from Jerusalem, but from Rome. It was created, not to fulfill ancient prophecies; but to enable the corrupt ruling class to hide behind a commercialized church, in order that they might use the name of Christ to satisfy their robbery of the working class.

This is history, and, if the cowardly Firm Foundation will open up its columns, I'll take pleasure in furnishing the evidence, in order to enlighten its benighted editor and his ignorant readers. If he was informed on the subject, he would not assert that the capitalist concern that he calls "the church" will proudly stand when Socialism is forgotten."

Orthodox creeds always support the prevailing economic system. During feudal times "the church" stood with the feudal "lords" and upheld their "right" in the "jus prima noctis"—the "right" of the feudal "lord" to sleep the first night with every newly married woman who lived on his estate.

God "ordained" the "jus prima noctis" as long as the feudal system lasted, at least, so the preachers interpreted "religion." "The powers that be are ordained of God," and "the powers that be ordained the "jus prima noctis", at least so the preachers said, and they used this passage to quiet the newly married serf when his "lord" exercised his "right" and raped the serf's wife. The feudal lord needed that interpretation of "religion" and the preachers gave it.

On the same principle Luther and Melanethon interpreted "religion" to justify polygamy. The Landgrave of Hesse got tired of his old wife and married another woman. Luther and Melanethon promptly decided that Christianity sanctioned polygamy and the "lord" entered into polygamous marriage.

On the same principle "the church" today interprets "religion" to suit the ruling class. The ruling class rules the working class and the F. F. jumps to the relief of the ruling class and interprets religion to suit them. "God ordained that one class shall always rule the other class" is the doctrine of the Firm Foundation.

The master class, through interest, rent and profit, rob the working class "The church" jumps forward and interprets "religion" to endorse interest, rent and profit. It is the old, old story, the preacher fawns at the feet of his master. He has to do it to hold his job.

Such is "the church" which the Firm Foundation is boasting about. It is a capitalist concern not the Church of Christ.

Economic evolution means the coming of Socialism, the triumph of the working class, the overthrow of the capitalist class. There will be no capitalist class and no room for a capitalist class gospel and therefore the capitalist gospel of today will cease to be preached. It follows that capitalist class churches must die, the Firm Foundation to the contrary, notwithstanding. But this is not saying that Christianity will die. It will bloom and bear fruit when economic justice prevails, a thing it is not doing now.

What the Firm Foundation calls "the church" looks about like a blooded racer. The Firm Foundation and its gang of capitalist minded preachers may gnash their teeth and rave against Socialism. They are mere gnats on the bull's horn. They are like mosquitoes before a cyclone. They cannot stop industrial progress any more than praying to a Chinese Joss can stop an earthquake. They advertise their ignorance of history and of the forces that control Socialism and make themselves the laughing stock for thoughtful people. The economic doctrine they hold brings discredit to them and necessarily causes people of information to look with suspicion on their motives. "The church" they present with its abominable doctrine of human slavery, necessarily calls forth the contempt of intelligent working people. Large numbers of working people are quitting it. Increasing numbers will quit it. They ought to quit. No longer do the people heed their preaching as once they did. "There's a reason."

But the Socialist Party grows in numbers and power.

Can the Firm Foundation not see through the mill stone when it has a hole drilled through it?

Poor blind, capitalist minded preachers.

W. L. Thurman,
Sulphur, Okla.

RENTERS UNION

(E. O. Meitzen, Sec., Hallettsville)

Dear Brothers:—

Owing to the rush and overwork and listing the Land Petitions you will have to excuse me for making a very brief report only. As I write this 400 petition booklets have been received containing a total of some 30,000 names, and the booklets are coming in by the hundreds on every mail.

Conlen Grove local near Westover, Baylor county, was organized by the neighbor renters with 16 members with J. E. Hampton secretary and J. W. Walton president.

The inquiries concerning the organization are coming in stronger than ever, due, no doubt, to the agitation caused by our hustlers getting signers on the Land Petition.

Following are a few of the letters, which show the temper of those who are interested in our movement.

Cottle Co., Tex., Nov. 27, 1913.

E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Your Renter's Union supplies to hand, thanks for same. Will try to organize next Monday. For the enclosed 25 cents please send me its worth in Renter's Union catechisms, if you have them to spare and let me know what they are worth in quantities. I wish I had the money to scatter a million of them in exas and Oklahoma. There is more true genuine old time religion contained in that little booklet than was ever put into all the Sunday school catechisms since Moses was found among the bull rushes. I feel that the man that started the Renter's Union and is leading us out from under bondage of the modern Pharoah. The land sharks are deserving of as much credit as Moses of old.

R. J. Creamer.

Wood Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

Send two or three applications for Renter's Unions, the charters and two or three constitutions. I am going to do some more organizing soon. See Rebel for W. M. Casey's letter, write him about me I have written him a proposal to speak and organize for them Dec. 8, if they want me. I made them proposition.

J. E. Hardie.

Garvin, Okla., Nov. 24, 1913.

T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

We, the Socialists at Local Walker in this county, would like to organize and get started the Renter's Union. Will you please give us information how to get started and the comrades of exas, you have our heartiest congratulations for the energetic move you are making to better the renters condition.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Yours truly.

R. E. Minjen.

R. T. Walker, secretary Gainesville local Socialist party, writes for information on how to organize Renter's Unions locals. The fighting Socialists are getting busy.

COMRADES LOOK OUT.

We learn that a man by the name of Payne has been soliciting subscriptions in Oklahoma for the Rebel in connection with the Dallas Semi-Weekly News. We warn you to be careful as we have no connection with this individual.

WILL WILSON JAIL THE OIL CHIEFS?

The longer the Wilson Administration is examined by thinking men, the closer we find it to Standard Oil. This is not only true of its Mexican policy or lack of policy, but in every ramification of its affairs.

Months ago we asked if Wilson was going to jail the oil chiefs, who are daily in contempt of the decree of the United States Supreme Court issued on May 12, 1912, and the answer to our query is a silence as deep as the tomb.

The latest to hand showing the intimate connection between Holy John D. and our Presbyterian President Wilson comes to us by way of Oklahoma. A man named Tucker, president of the Uncle Sam Oil Company, had a lease on the oil wells in the Osage Nation. Cato Sells, of Cleburne, who was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior by Wilson, has cancelled Tucker's lease and turned it over to Rockefeller. Sells thinks Tucker is a crook and Rockefeller, Archbold and Company are not. The fact that John D. Archbold et al are so crooked that couldn't sleep in roundhouse matters not to the honorable Cato from Johnson county, Texas. We guess this is the right view under this system; if the plastic hand of nature has placed the oil in the ground in Oklahoma who is better fitted to garner profit from that oil than the revered Baptist from Cleveland, Ohio. And then again don't you remember our Marx who said: "Under private ownership of industries in the very nature of things government reveals itself as nothing but the executive committee of the ruling class"

Three cheers for Wilson, John D., Archbold, Cato Sells and the oil in the Osage reservation.

Bell Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

Here I come with 160 signers wasn't able to do anything either from sickness. Well I find the most trouble among the landlords and the church members say its confiscation of the land. They forget its confiscation of labor. They claim to be Christians but they for get that land, air, sunshine and water are the gifts of God and that to corner either is a damnable sin, a sin thats not to be forgiven. I remember an old minister to my father in 1863; we had just read Lincoln's proclamation in which he said the negro would be free, father said: "why preacher said the Bank Bill had passed and that the Europeans would send her armies over and the south would be overpowered and the negro would be free."

Now listen, 25 per cent of the land owners and 75 per cent of the non-owners will vote her out just when the opportunity presents itself.

Three cheers for the petition.

J. W. Estes.

Brown Co., Tex., Nov. 22, 1913.

E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville Tex.

Dear Sir and Comrade:—

You will find enclosed land petition with about 50 names. I have all of my neighborhood and could have gotten more if it had been so I could have gone out. I have no way of going, haven't any conveyance, no horse and the rheumatism in one leg until I can't hardly get about and I am 63 years old and have to labor by the day for wife and me. I will do all I can for the cause and am doing all in my power for the cause.

It is an easy matter to get signers for the petition if I were able and had my way of getting around.

Yours for the right,

T. H. Griffin.

Please announce in this week's issue of The Rebel that John A. Currie, of San Antonio, Tex., will lecture in Bowie, Tex., on Friday, December 5th, subject "Christ's message to the masses," and oblige

M. M. Allred, Bowie, Tex.

BLACK LAND COUNTIES IN LINE.

Two weeks ago we published a call by Comrade Pipkin for funds and assistance to organize Ellis county, one of the greatest black land counties in the state. In this, the richest of all counties, the landlords have gone so far in exploitation that they refused to allow a renter pasture for a calf and to cap the climax they have refused to allow a renter to have a turkey at large, with the result that in this the richest piece of God's domain, they lariat the turkeys David J. Neil, the president of the Farmer's Union will describe the situation in The Rebel in the near future and will give names and dates and facts in substantiation thereof. Needless to say they want to organize and have employed Comrade Pipkin to do the work; he will do it to the queen's taste although not to the landlord's.

Another black land county, where the tenantst find themselves as badly handicapped as in Ellis county is Grayson county. That magnificent woman, Emma G. Kelsey, is working with might and main to arouse and organize the slaves there and with her comrades she wants to put Comrade Al Hopkins of Atoka, Oklahoma, at the indespensable task of organization at once. She is backed by the unanimous consent of the Sherman and Denison locals of the Socialist Party. She and her comrades desire financial assistance at once. Who will be the first to help in this great work? Send all you can spare to a fund to break into a black land district to Emma G. Kelsey, Sherman, Texas, or to R. E. Breedlowe, Ferris, Texas, or to The Rebel office, and remittances will be at once acknowledged. Remember the black land is the heart of landlordism.

REBEL SUBS.

Every man and woman that reads this issue of The Rebel is politely asked this question: Where in all the South is there a paper that supplies the workers with so much education and information The answer should come in the form of a club of 4—$1.

Mart, Texas, Nov. 14, 1913.

Dear Comrade:—

I send you under separate cover two copies of "our" bunch at Waco. You might let E. R. have one and the other you may keep with my compliments.

Kindly notify or make mention of you conclusions thereon in The Rebel as I told the comrades that an announcement would be made therein, giving my address to those wishing copies of "our" picture. Could not get whole crowd on the plate.

Success to you and all,

C. L. Vincent.

(The photo is O. K. Send for one.—Ed.)

Smith Co. Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.

Enclosed you will find postoffice order for $2.50 which is a remittance for the ten Rebel cards you sent me last spring. I have sold them all and here is your money. I pray for success to you and the question of land for the landless and homes for the homeless.

S. S. Webb.

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AT AMAZING LAND PETITION

guess that Land Petition was success.

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The figures will be about 1[illegible] by Dec. 15.

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E. O. Meitzen, Sec.-Treas. of the Renters' Union will carry the original petitions with him in bulk to present to the governor on that te.

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E. R. Meitzen, managing editor the Lavaca County Semiweekly New Era and Business manager of the Rebel will go along to cover the newspaper end.

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December 15th has been set apart as a special day for the organization of Renters' Unions throughout its entire jurisdiction.

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Democratic Party politicians in every portion of the state are expressing intense astonishment at the size of the petitions.

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There has never been anything like it in Texas. The prohibition petition of 1911 looks like a plugged dime along side it and the antis have nothing to boast of along the same score.

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The prediction of The Rebel, made over two years ago, that the paramount issue in Dixie was land not "personal liberty" or "booze" is now verified.

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If you give the people homes they will kill the liquor traffic quicker than a trip hammer will kill a fly.

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Miss Frances Willard was right when she said: "Poverty causes drunkeness instead of drunkeness causing poverty." The man that can't appreciate the force of the statement of this noble woman, who was the greatest apostle of temperance that America has ever produced, is either a grafter or an ignoramus, therefore Land for the landless and homes for the homeless; put the landless man on the manless land and the anti and pro will never vex us anymore.

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The Rebel was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland, where one of the greatest literary genius of the centuries wrote and preached in and around St Patrick's Cathedral. his name was Dean Swift. This is what Dean Swift said in his Gulliver's Travels: "Greater than any politician is he who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before." If the Renters' Union amendment succeeds in escaping the death intended for it, blades will grow where one is by the Donk politicians, then 1000 growing now.

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The Renters' Union holds out the fraternal hand of fellowship to their 75,000 card brothers in the Texas State Federation of Labor, who unanimously endorsed this amendment at their convention in Port Arthur last May. For it is written in the stars that when the city and urban worker comes together exploitation will dissappear like mosquitoes in the Panama Canal.

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What a peculiar happening. Senator Vaughan of Texarkana now Congressman from that district, pigeonholed the Land Amendment last April and now like Trelawney 100,000 people are asking the reason why.

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And the one thing that Donk politicians like Vaughan cannot understand is that if the Colquitt, the anti, follows the lead of Vaughan, the pro, and by some subterfuge or pretext that these politicians know well how to use, kills the desires of 100,000 people as expressed in this Land Petition, then like Banquo's ghost it will down but will, on the contrary, arise to not only haunt them but to blast their political aspirations forever.

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The politicians in the courthouse squares of Texas and the landlords in the big cities may as well understand that platitudes, phrases, promises and other piffle are thoroughly worthless in the light of the campaign of education that has gone on in the work of the Renters' Union and the Socialist Party. They must prepare to use and occupy the lands or get off the earth, that they are now encumbering with their useless presence.

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Please remember that the best men in 170 counties in Texas have signed this petition. We have statistically published a list of 135 counties and before ChristmasDay we will publish the names of each militant worker against landlordism in all this vast domain and photograph the petitions in bulk covering, as it does, more than nine-tenths of the population of the state.

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It is also worthy of note that while more than 1600 men carried these petitions in buggies, wagons, on horseback and on foot they did not receive five cents for their services and did it mainly to demonstrate their strength and belief in a nation-shaking cause.. What a marvelous exhibition of enthusiasm. Surely that cause must be a righteous one that enlists in its support such stalwart protagonists.

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The French used to say: "The King is dead, long live the King." These 1600 men and their ever increasing army of followers will say the same about the Land Petition, if the governor refuse to act upon this spontaneous mandate of the people.

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This Land Amendment is based upon the plank in the Socialist Party platform that declares that use and occupancy shall be the title for land. It is based upon the plank that says, that all lands held for speculative purposes shall be taxed to their full rental value. It is based upon the declaration of Blackstone that declares that the only title to land is that which is given in the holy writ where he gave dominion to man over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air. (Genesis 1-26-28). It is based upon Chancellor Kent's position towards land. It is based upon Herbert Spencer's position towards land as set forth in the 9th chapter of Social Statistics. It is based upon the position of Henry George and Carl Marx. With such an intellectual and moral foundation the Rebel would like to know what chance have the squirrel headed politicians and fat headed landhogs of Texas in the intellectual conflict that is coming.

ATAVARS OF A REBEL.

A fat man said that he was Lord
when we lived in the red clay hills.
He had the pick of our womankind and
we gave him the cream of our kills.
One day I punched the marrow fat
from the bones of a big buck deer.
The fat man said, "Divide with me, or
I'll take your club and spear."
I shouted, "Hunt for yourself, or starve
as our fathers have decreed
That man should starve who would not
hunt, but stole another's need."
He started to call a thunder bolt to
strike me as I spoke,
But Icracked his nose and smashed an
ear with my staff of knotted oak.
The tribesmen came to his coward cries
and bound my hands and feet,
Then tossed me out on the jungle's edge
to be the tiger's meat.
I died, for I had hurt their Lord and a
grievous sin was mine;
But afterward they drowned him, having learned he was not divine.

When we were busy making bricks
'neath Egypt's torrid sun
An overseer struck a girl. I stabbed
him, tried to run.
They caught me and they killed me, but
the seaty bond-slaves cheered,
And later Moses led them out, since
they no longeh feared.

I was the unrepentant thief that saw
how Jesus bled.
I stayed by Henrik Hudson when my
sneaking ship-mates fled.
I planned the raid on the tea-ship's
hold that day in Boston town,
And later atop of Bunker Hill, a redcoat cut me down.
I rode ahead of the Klu Klux Klan
when the carpet-baggers came;
They hanged me for killing a constable,
and the boys said I went game.
Now I am here in a white-washed cell,
with the 'lectric chair ahead,
And it's just what I looked forward
to when I shot a mine thug dead.

HANDS ACROSS THE LINE.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Oct. 15, 1913.
Editors Rebel,
Comrades Hickey and Meitzen:—

Over these many miles of space let's shake hands. We have never met; we may never meet. we are brothers—working for the same common good. If it were possible for me to leave here now I would come to your state, arm myself with the petition blanks and stay on the ground until midnight of the last day of grace before the Land Petitions were to be turned the need of what you are doing in. In 1902 when I was for several months in your state, I felt now, although I had never heard of the Socialist movement at that time. When I first learned of the Socialists and found that they would give ownership of the land only to him who used it I said 'that will be a good thing for Texas. Now I believe it is going to happen, and even if it does not happen this or next year you have done the greatest work ever done for the homeless man of your state and have started a movement that will be felt throughout the United States of America.

John S. Coleman,
Local Sec.

REASONS FOR ORGANIZE RENTERS' UNION.

The one most important reason why every tenant in Texas should join and help organize a Renters' Union in his locality lies in the fact that, when we elect a legislature which will pass laws making use and possession the only title to land we must have class-conscious tenants on all the land now being rented to assert their rights to these lands and enforce their claims by force of their numbers.

Each and every tenant in Texas must be educated to know and to understand that all laws of morality, justice and equity entitle those who work the land to all the land they can work; that is their inalienable birth right; that is their duty to themselves, to their wives and children, to clearly and positively assert this moral right to the land and to be ever ready to fight for their rights.

This fight must be through a peaceful revolution in thought and action, while the masses are being educated up to what their rights are; but, after we out vote the grafters and attempt to set up our Co-operative Commonwealth, then it is our most sacred duty to spill every drop of our blood in defense of our new government.

Another very important reason why we must form Renter's Unions in every community in Texas is that we must use them as schools of Economics Determinism, in which every tenant and worker can be taught the materialistic conceptions of history so that all workers may understand that in all ages a few sharp, shrowd, unscrupulous persons have made the laws for all the people, that these laws were made to rob the workers and that they have robbed the workers of all ages; that, in order to stop this robbing, the workers must seize this law-making power and make laws which will protect them from these robber; and, then, by their superior numbers enforce these laws.

In order that the tenants of Texas may free themselves from the robbery of the landlords, and grafting supply merchants, they must be organized into Renters' Unions and vote the Socialist ticket—for Socialism not only does the political part of the job, but it is now being advocated by many millions of class-wise workers who are going to vote for it and work for it until it carries politically and then enforce it in every civilized nation on earth as well as in Texas.

Thus we must organize industrially and economically, through all kinds of unions, so as to be in a position to carry out the laws made in our interest when Socialism carries, as it is sure to do within a very few more years.

A man who does not want all he makes is a fool A father who is willing to work himself and his family from early morning until late at night every day and them give one half of all they make to some landlord as rent on the land that should belong to those who work it, is a base imgrate, unless he uses his brain and his brawn to change conditions around him. These landlords have schemed for ages to get laws passed so they can collect these rents from the poor workers who work the land. They put up their money to get men elected who will make the laws he wants made and he supports the courts because they uphold his unjust claim to these rents, interests and profits. His politicians, priests, prelates, preachers and teachers are all paid by these landlords and moneylords because they uphold this capitalistic system. The press, the forum and the schools are all made to teach these outrageous schemes of graft and everything that discriminates knowledge to the young, as well as the masses of the people are debauched and used as a means to mislead the workers. The whole capitalistic system and all its agencies is one huge scheme of fraud and graft. The workers are the victims of it all. They do all the productive work and produce all the really valuable things on earth, and all of these things should belong to them; and would and should be used by all the workers alone, if it were not for this damnable system of fraud and deceit.

After scheming like demons to keep their system of graft and greed in existence all these ages, we see these old hypocrites shouting themselves hoarse over the fact the workers are beginning to wake up and scheme in their own interest. They lie and misrepresent every workers' movement and use their press and their pulpits and their politicians to denounce Socialism, solely because Socialism is a workingmen's movement to end the robbery of the working people. Let them scream all they want to. Let them lie all they want to. Let them roar all they want to. Socialism is coming. The workers are waking up. We will no longer divide up all we make with a parasitic class who do no work and earn nothing, but who are grafting the workers out of nearly all produce under the damnable laws they have secured by bribery and corruption.

The Renters' Union is the first great step of the downtrodden of Texas for their own and their family's relief from the oppression of landlordism. These tenants must be organized industrally, into class-conscious, economically-wise Unions, in which they can act as a body, is one great army, ready to take charge of the land they now work as soon as the Socialist party wins and passes the laws necessary to give them the right to do so legally.

Yours forever,

James B. Goode.
Dallas, Texas.

Hale Co., Tex., Oct. 26, 1913.
The Rebel,
Dear Camrades:—

Here is my November 1st club, hope to come again the 8th. Would like very much to see the Rebel go the 100,000 mark. Will do all I can to help. We are all too busy to spare time to go the Convention and the comrades of our local have asked me to say to you that we want you to represent us as you think best and we pledge you our support in whatever you do. So go right to them as you think best and we will stay by you in the referendum.

I would be glad to meet you at Waco but am too tight pushed with work so will leave that work to you.

W. G. Hamblin.

THE CONDITION OF LABOR.

(*By Henry George.*)

The Application of First Principles.

God's laws do not change. Though their applications may alter with altering conditions, the same principles of right and wrong that hold when men are few and industry is rude also hold amid teeming populations and complex industries. In our cities of millions and our states of scores of millions in a civilization where the division of labor has gone so far that large numbers are hardly conscious that they are land users, it still remains true that we are all land animals and can live only on land, and that land is God's bounty to all, of which no one can be deprived without being murdered, and for which no one can be compelled to pay another without being robbed. But even in a state of society where the elaboration of industry and the increase of permanent improvements have made the need for private possession of land widespread, there is no difficulty in confronting individual possession with the equal right to land.

Land Values.

For as soon as any piece of land will yield to the possessor a larger return than is had by similar labor on other land a value attaches to it which is shown when it is sold or rented. Thus, the value of the land itself, irrespective of the value of any improvements in or on it, always indicates the precise value of the benefit to which all are entitled in its use, as distinguished from the value which as producer or successor of a producer belongs to the possessor in individual right.

To combine the advantages of private possession with the justice of common ownership it is only necessary therefore to take for common uses what value attaches to land irrespective of any exertion of labor on it. The principle is the same as in the case referred to, when a human father leaves equally to his children things not susceptible of specific or common use. In that case such things would be sold or rented and the value equally divided.

Our Proposal.

It is on this common sense principle that we who term ourselves single tax men, would have the community act.

We do not propose to assert equal rights to land by keeping land common, letting any one use part of it at any time. We do not propose the task impossible in the present state of society, of dividing land in equal shares; still less the yet more impossible task of keeping it so divided.

We propose, leaving land in the private possession of individuals, with full liberty on their part to give, sell, or bequeath it, simply to levy on it for public uses a tax that shall equal the annual value of the land itself, irrespective of the use made of it or the improvements on it. And since this would provide amply for the need of public revenues, we would accompany this tax on land values with the repeal of all taxes since they take from the earnings of labor, we hold to be infringements of the right of property.

This we propose, not as a cunning device of human ingennity, but as a conforming of human relations to the will of God.

State Revenue and the Law.

No sooner does the state arise than, as we all know, it needs revenues. This need for revenues is small at first, while population is sparse, industry rude, and the functions of the state few and simple. But with growth of population and advance of civilization the functions of the state increase and larger and larger revenues are needed. Now the raising of public revenues must accord with the moral law.

Hence:

It must not take from individuals what rightfully belongs to individuals.

It must not give some an advantage over others, as by increasing the prices of what some have to sell and others must buy.

It must not lead men into temptation, by requiring trivial oaths, by making it profitable to lie, to swear falsely, to bribe or to take bribes.

It must not confuse the distinctions of right and wrong, and weaken the sanctions of religion and the state by creating crimes that are not sins, and punishing men for doing what in itself they had an undoubted right to do.

It must not repress industry. It must not check commerce. It must not punish thrift. It must offer no impediment to the largest production and the fairest division of wealth.

Consider the taxes on the processes and products of industry by which through the civilized world public revenues are collected—the monstrous customs duties that hamper intercourse between so-called Christian states; the taxes on occupations, on earnings, on investments, on the buildig of houses on the cultivation of fields on industry and thrift in all forms.

All these taxes violate the moral law. They take by force what belongs to the individual alone; they give to the unscrupulous an advantage over the scrupulous; they have the effect, nay, are largely intended, to increase the price of what some have to sell and others must buy; they corrupt government; they make oaths a mockery; they shackle commerce; they fine industry and thrift; they lessen the wealth that men might enjoy, and enrich some by impoverishing others.

Yet what most strikingly shows how opposed to Christianity this system of raising public revenues is its influence on thought.

Christianity teaches us that all men are brethren; that their true interests are harmonious, not antagonistic. It gives us, as the golden rule of life, that we should do to others as we would have others do to us. But out of the system of taxing the products and processes of labor, and out of its effects in increasing the price of what some have to sell and others must buy, has grown the theory of "protection," which denies this gospel, which holds Christ ignorant of political economy and proclaims laws of national well-being utterly at variance with His teaching. This theory sanctifies national hatreds; it inculcates a universal war of hostile tariffs; it teaches peoples that their proseperity lies in imposing on the productions of other peoples restrictions they do not wish imposed on their own; and instead of the Christian doctrine of man's brotherhood it makes injury of foreigners a civic virtue.

(When the National convention of the Socialist Party met in Indianapolis in 1912 for the first time the Land Question was given the prominence in the Socialist movement that its importance deserved. A. M. Simons, Carl D. Thompson and T. A. Hickey helped to frame the magnificent farmer's program, which has since met universal commendation. It developed, in the course of the discussion, that the taxing of all land held for speculative purposes to its full rental value would place the Socialist Party, so far as land is concerned, very nearly in line with the Henry George doctrine of single tax. However, all the committeemen and the entire convention were clear upon the fact that the great mistake that George made was to try to get his land movement adopted through the efforts of the degraded, decadent, debauched Democratic party. However, it occurs to The Rebel that the views of Henry George on the condition of labor sould be placed before the Socialists of the South. Accordingly we are printing these chapters of the "The Condition of Labor," written by Henry George, and in future issues we shall continue to publish his views on this question.—Editor The Rebel.)

Answer to the Evils of Socialism.

(*Written for The Rebel by Elder W. J. McElhaney, of Lipan, Texas, to be published in pamphlet form after completion of the series. This is a clear, plain, powerful reply to the lies of a crooked "sky-pilot."*—EDITOR.)

I have before me a copy of a book written by W. F. Lemmons, of Tyler, Texas, called "The Evils of Socialism." Although this book was written some time ago, and I have thought since I first saw it that I would answer it, this is the first time that I have had time or opportunity of doing so.

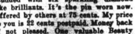
I am going to take it for granted that the gentlemen was honest in what he says in the book and while it would be impossible to answer every little fling at Socialism, we propose to answer the most important accusations.

OBJECTION ONE.

The first thing he accuses Socialism of, is that it is the very foundation of infidelity and Darwinism. Now we are going to admit that there are infidels in the Socialist party and especially among some of the writers on Socialism but understand, while a man may be an infidel and a Socialist that is no reason why Socialism is infidelity or akin to it. There are just as many infidels in proportion in the old parties as there are in the Socialist yet this does not commit these parties to infidelity. Socialists are

ANSWER TO THE EVILS OF SOCIALISM.

individuals while Socialism is a system. In regard to Darwinism, or the evolution of the species, Socialism is not responsible for this doctrine. Perhaps 90 per cent. of the highest schools and colleges of the United States and Europe are permeated with this doctrine; many of them teach it, and even a number of our theological schools accept it. These schools and colleges are under the system of capitalism. Then these men who advocate the Darwinian theory became Darwinians perhaps before they became Socialists, and every one should know that the great mass of Socialists in the world today are not of the college-bred sort, therefore they are not of the class of men that believe in Darwinism. The rank and file of the Socialist party is made up of workingmen, and 95 per cent of the Socialists today are neither Darwinians nor infidels. Now we admit that Darwinism is infidelity to certain creeds, but a man does not have to believe that man sprang from a monkey to become a Socialist. Now in regard to industrial evolution being the foundation or the basis of the Socialism of today. Socialists believe this; but not necessarily in the evoluton of the species. All men who have thought believe in evolution. In the manner and mode of production, we have evolved from the old saw blade reap hook, to the grain cradle, and from the grain cradle to the reaper, and from the reaper to the great self-binder and header and thrasher combined. We have evolved from the old ox wagon with its wooden spindles to the great mogul engine carrying its long trains loaded with freight at a rate of speed from 30 to 50 miles per hour; from the old spinning wheel of our grand mothers to the latest improved spinning machinery in which one girl 12 years of age can manipulate 500 spindles; from the old hand loom of our grand mothers to the modern loom, where one man can attend to 24 looms, weaving 400 yards each, every day. A thousand other things we could mention in the way of evolution; in production by machinery. All well read Socialists believe in and understand this evolution. On account of the great progress made with inventions and machniery, the few have monopolized the machines which are the means of life to the masses; control the price of raw material and the finished product so that the few are accumulating and piling up millions at the expense of the many. There fore the necessity of Socialism or co-operative ownership of the tools of production. We hope with this explanation that everybody who reads this book will understand what Socialists mean by evolution. Then, in this sense you are correct in regard to the theory that Socialism is founded on evolution, as we contend that the only solution to the trust problem is co-operative ownership of the means of production and distribution. Then, when properly understood, evolution is not the great bugbear, and is not so hideous as you picture it. Now understand we admit that a few Socialist writers carry evolution from Darwin up through all these processes, but Socialism itself doesn't do it, neither do the great army of Socialists believe it.



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I. Reed, Goreville, Illinois.

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Petition Letters.

HOMES MAKE CONFIDENCE.

Houston Co., Tex., Nov. 1, 1913

Dear Rebel:—

I am not a renter but I find that the most who sign my petition are small land owners. It seems that the people who have homes are more interested in the renters than they are in themselves. Why is it that the renters will not try to help themselves?

Respectfully,

J. P. Brannen.

P. S. Please announce in the Rebel that the Christian Socialist Fellowship of Baker Springs will meet at Pine Prairie schoolhouse the 4th Sunday in November. J. P. B.

BUSY.

Henderson Co., Texas, Oct 30, 1913.
Mr. T A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Here is 5 cents for a Land Petition to be send to J. R. Goodgame at Athens, Texas.

Got two subs but can't send them today, busy picking the Bankers cotton

C. J. Thomas.

San Saba Co., Tex., Nov. 4, 1913.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

The Socialist Local 1244 met here November 1, and elected me to attend the Waco Convention, so I shall be on hand if nothing happens and I will do all I can to move the Land Question to the front in the 1914 campaign, I am very anxious to see some changes in the Terrell Election Law. I was O. B. Colquitt's campaign manager in two elections in San Saba and he claims I was not second to anyone in the state.

I have 210 signers to my petition and you can bet a ten cent pair of socks we will be heard from in West Texas in 1914.

Yours for success,

Geo. W. Teague.

Wichita Co., Tex., Nov. 3,1 913.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed you will find 10 cents for which send me two Land Petitions. I will get as many as I can to sign it. If you have any literature or booklets to sell send to me and I will sell and returned the money, if I can't sell will send back. I also want some sub cards to The Rebel.

Yours truly,

G. H. Martin.

The Rebel:—

I am getting along as well as could be expected with my petition. A good many of the renters here are afraid if they sign the petition they will be rented out. I stopped a man yesterday in the road and presented my petition to him, and he said to me: "I am afraid if I sign that Mr. Landlord will rent me out." I will work for three cents a day before I will vote to please my landlord and I will stay with my class if it takes every drop of blood in my veins.

I am for the right, I am for the Renters' Union of America.

With best wishes to The Union, I am

L. J. Gorman.

Montague Co., Tex., Nov. 10, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

I have worked my precinct to a finish and here it is. There are 6 preachers, 2 doctors, 3 merhants, 1 druggist and the name with X to the right is a fine little lawyer. I tell them to back their signature with their vote and I believe they will. I am a share renter 53 years old, paralyzed in the right side of my head, but my tongue works pretty well and I preach Socialism everywhere I go. Will try to organize a local soon. We need a good speaker and have been trying to get one but not being able to pay one from a distance are waiting for one that might pass close by.

I am a brother in the fight to the finish,

Jas. Bowen.

Fannin Co., Tex., Nov. 2, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find 5 cents for which please send me one Land Petition as there have already been some circulated in this part of the county. But as I want to help the comrades push this thing send me one.

Yours for the fight,

Tom Hughes.

Cameron Co., Tex., Nov. 1, 1913.
The Rebel:—

Enclosed find $1.10 to go to the relief of Reddin Andrews and for two Land Petitions.

Every Socialist in Texas ought to come to the relief of Bro. Andrews. He deserves it.

Yours truly,

E. Hobdy.

Hall Co., Tex., Nov. 2, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Find enclosed 25 cents for which please send me 10 Land Petitions. This country is badly burdened with land lords and only two men have ordered petitions up to date. I live in New Mexico and am here picking cotton, but anywhere I go I'm in the fight to the finish.

Yours for the revolution,

J. E. Chastein.

P. S. Please give me the authority to organize a Renters' Union and if it is sufficiently remunerative I'll organize Hall county. J. E. C.

Palo Pinto Co., Tex., Oct. 31, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Sir:—

You will find enclosed one dime for which send me two Land Petitions. I will try this part of Palo Pinto county and see what I can do.

Please hand this Rebel card to the Rebel.

Yours truly,

S. O Davis.

Cherokee Co., Tex., Nov. 1, 1913.

Dear Old Rebel:—

I thought I had better get in this list of 10 in that they might begin taking their medicine. As I will not be in the country for some time thought I had better send Land Petition also. I have showed the petition on to 131 men of whom 126 have signed it, which I think should give our Governor cause to look up and think. Will continue to prescribe Rebel Tonic to cure Democratic diseases.

Yours for the emancipation of labor,

J. J. Lowery.

Erath Co., Tex., Nov. 1, 1913.

To the Rebel:—

Here I come with 10 cents for which please send me two of the Land Petition booklets as I am on that believes that no man ever had the right to sell one foot of the land. I am going to try to get some Rebel subs.

T. G. Waldrip.

Fannin Co., Tex., Oct. 31, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Please send by return mail 15 cents in petitions as I have call for them every day.

W. E. Marshall.

Wichita Co., Tex., Nov. 2, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

I cling truly for I have rebeled against the present damnable slavery system. To show my faith I herewith enclose $1 for four subscriptions with their names and addresses. I captured from the Donks also $1 for four more sub cards that I am going to keep going. I am one of six signers of today who signed for re-organization and will be sent to Ed Green tomorrow. Have been circulating the Land Petition and have about 100 names. Have clipped from the Rebel the petition and given 3 others in this section and will send them in soon.

Yours for Waco's greatest convention and on to victory or death,

L. H. Crow.

Matagorda Co., Tex., Nov. 3, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find Express money order for 60 cents for which send me one Land Petition and the remainder in Rebels, that contain a report of State Convention at Waco.

Yours for the revolution,

Albert Haynes, Sr.

Runnels Co., Tex., Nov. 1, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

I send the petition in. This is the best I could do with it and stay in the back of a restaurant and cook all the time.

Yours for freedom,

H. F. Nutt.

Grayson Co., Tex., Nov. 3, 1913.

The Rebel:—

Please send me four sub cards. I have no trouble to dispose of them and think I'm doing right because this business looks good to me. Would that I could put your paper in every man's hand and that he could understand it as I do.

Have 110 signers to the petition and can get a lot more yet. Have been very busy but can give it more time soon. I have only found four who would not sign it.

I am sending you a clipping here that I found and want you to skin this crazy man as long as you can find a place to skin.

I am, Yours for the right,

H. K. Wilson.

Erath Co., Tex., Nov. 1, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Please find enclosed 5 cents for the Land Petition booklet. Will get all the names possible on it by the proper time.

I have to say something about The Rebel as I think it is the best paper I read.

Yours for Socialism,

T. G. Waldrip.

San Saba Co., Tex., Nov. 4, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed find 5 cents. Please send me one Land Petition and instructions for organizing a Renters' Union, and watch us come.

Yours,

J. W. Barnes.

Haskell Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed please find Land Petitions with 151 names. We have not worked these as well as they should have been worked. I have been away from home most of the time trying to make something to live on.

Yours for liberty,

W. C. Newton.

Peerless, Tex., Nov. 30, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Comrade:—

I am enclosing land petition, I could have gotten many more if I had tried hard. I have been away from home several days. Every man signed out this number but one and he was not opposed to it.

Yours in the fight,

M. L. Davis.

Shelby Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Sir and Friend:—

I am sending you all the names I can get. I am not able to get out much but am doing all I can. I have other books out that will be sent in.

Yours for the revolution,

F. C. Campbell.

Coleman Co., Tex., Nov. 23, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

As the time is about up for sending in Land Petitions, I herewith send in mine. I am ashamed to send in so few signatures, but thinking that these few might help out some I will send them along.

Circumstances have been such that I could not get out as I would like to have done. This a hard place anyway. Several renters here or they seem to be afraid of the landlords.

Yours for the landless

J. W. Stone.

Travis Co., Tex., Nov. 29.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

As I had very little time to circulate the Land Petition I let an assistant have it, with the understanding that he was to circulate it, but upon its return I see he has failed to do so. Perhaps these few will be of some benefit.

Wishing the land movement and the Renters' Union success, I am

Yours for Socialism,

O. E. Arnold.

Dallas Co., Tex., Nov. 24, 1913.
T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

I come to renew my subscription to the dear old Rebel, also am bringing a club of four with me for forty weeks. Send me the Land Petition also I will see what I can do for ths is one place it is needed. On with the battle and be sure to stick to the cause.

Yours truly,

J. S. Yates

Tyler Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913

Dear Rebel:—

I have been circulating one of your petitions and have 160 names. There was about one in twenty that refused to sign it. If I had been able to have canvassed the county I would have filled the Petitions. I have done all I was able to do and I am 62 years old, but I am in the fight to the end.

Yours for the emancipation and brotherhood of man,

M. N. Tally.

Fannin Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find Land Petition with a few names. As you will see I did not get many, probably my own fault. I did not get to put in as much time circulating petition as I would have liked to, as I had to be away most of the time. Most of the farmers here are renters and they are the hardest to get to sign. This section had been pretty well worked tho as our old agitator, J. M. Cline, lives near this place and has been right on the job. The people are getting awake to some extent and quite a lot of interest is manifest in the Land question. Conditions are being made harder each year here, for the tenant class.

Out of 14 men in business here 4 signed. Out of 3 doctors 1 signed. I failed to ask 2 outfits, 1 blacksmith and 1 barber. We must keep up the fight.

Your Comrade,

Y. M. Bledsoe.

Wheeler Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Sir and Comrade:—

Enclosed find Petition signed by 88 citizens of all political parties this is strictly non-partisan representation. Had I been in a position to have made a close canvass I could have made it much stronger.

Respectfully,

H. M. Parrish.

Ward Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,

Dear Sir:—

I am sending you the Petition as requested. I have not had the time to see all the people as I have had to attend to the farm but one day and I am glad to say I only had one out of seven to say they would not vote for it.

Yours for the good of all,

J. J. Landers.

Navarro Co., Tex., Nov. 26, 1913.

Dear Comrades:—

I am sending you the Land Petition with 150 names. If I had any way of getting around I could have gotten more but I had to go around a foot and I am 72 years old but I did what I could for the cause. I have a good many reading the Rebel and it is an eye opener. When they read they know the right way.

Yours for the fight,

(Rev.) W. D. Farley.

Dallas Co., Tex., Nov. 30, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find land booklet. I have done the best I could under the way I am situated. I have a large family and it takes all of my time hustling to keep them from starvation. I have been without land for several years because I was an agitator.

Well I lived on the line of Rockwall and Dallas counties and now I have moved over into Dallas county.

Yours for the land fight,

Fred Smith.

Bowie Co., Tex., Nov. 27, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Here are 20 names on the Land Petition. I am sending it in and if it is not too late send me another, the negroes want one and I never knew it until yesterday.

Your for the toilers of the land,

A. J. Walker.

Runnels Co., Tex., Nov. 27, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Enclosed find a Land Petition which was handed me some three or four weeks ago. But owing to the fact that I have been sick with the Grippe and there being so many petitions circulated in this community, I haven't gotten many signers, only 91.

Hoping that others have done better than I have and that the aggregate may reach into the hundreds thousands, I am

Yours truly,

J. E. Tomlinson

Ellis Co., Tex., Dec. 1, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

I am enclosing the two Land Petitions containing 221 names. I had to carry two petitions because some of the renters was afraid for the landlords to see their names on the petition. So you can see the renter's freedom is limited even if he does live in free America. I say down with wage slavery.

Yours for success,

W. J. Nutting.

Harris Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

Find enclosed Petition with 20 names which I have secured in this community. I have not had the time to travel over the country but these are the names of legal voters of this box. Most of them own their farms but were willing, and some were really anxious to plant their names for the benefit of humanity. There is but one name on the list with whom I experienced any difficulty in persuading him to sign petition and it took all the argument at my command to convince him. The joke of it all is that he owns only 10 acres of frog pond and he's been worked to the limit by the land speculator of this country. It seems that some people will learn anything.

Yours for more homes,

J. A. Voth.

Comanche Co., Tex., Nov. 29, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

While I am owner of a good farm I see hundreds that have no homes; good honest and hard working men that have no homes and I think they are entitled to a home. I am doing all I can for the great mass of the people. I am 75 years old and am socialist from the top of my head to the sole of my foot. I send Petition with signers. I would like to send more but I lost my petition and it rained on it and ruined some of the names. When I reported that I had lost petition another was gotten up. You will see some of the names on the other that is on this both gotten at Proctor, Tex.

Three cheers for the Rebel,

A. R. Randall.

Knox Co., Tex., Nov. 23, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

This petition together with two others been circulated in our immediate locality or district and the territory has been thoroughly canvassed and in obtaining the 71 names contained therein I met only five refusals all of which were renters. Two of them were preachers.

Yours for free land,

B. T. Pye.

Now is the best time of the year to plant fruit trees, flowers and shrubs. Write for the 1914 Tree Book of Griffing Brothers, Port Arthur, Tex- tfc.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

This is a day designated as "Thanksgiving Day" and I have observed much cant and hypocrisy in the public press concerning the things for which we should be thankful. But when I pause a moment to think of the real condition of the great majority of the human race, I must be frank with myself and with whom I associate and tell them honestly that I see no occasion for assembling in the churches and other public places and pretending that the measure of prosperity has been so great that it becomes our duty to indulge in a lot of silly maneuvers in order to show that we are not forgetful.

I know that in this very hour when well fed and well clothed preachers are indulging in high sounding "phraseology about the prosperity of our nation, that a vast majority of its useful workers are struggling against the blighting influence of poverty, filth and disease, and were they disposed to go to the churches where these pretenders are "spouting" they might be permitted to enter but a smile of sarcasm would be their welcome because their "appearance is questionable" to say the least of it.

One writer, Dr. Frank Crane, in the Houston Chronicle refers to these "have-nots" as presenting a special illustration why the few who have should be thankful for the blessings they enjoy.

I have no hesitancy to declare that I hate a system or an order of society where the few have cunningly appropriated unto themselves the wealth that the many have created, and then with characteristic selfishness proclaim this as a reason for being thankful to an all wise and just God

What! pray tell me, have these poor struggling millions to be thankful for? Is it their poverty and their want; their misery and their ignorance; their degraded minds and their slavish souls? If these conditions are occasions for thankfulness, then upon the altar of thankfulness must perish every noble impulse that has adorned the human breast; and civilization itself become the victim of this silly practice. No, my fellow workers it is not thankfulness but thoughtfulness that should move you to do battle against the injustice that impedes the progress of humanity, and until such time as you supplant thankfulness with thoughtfulness, these pretenders will live in idle luxury upon the proceeds of your toil and appeal to your credulity to maintain a system whose injustice has long since become apparent.

Carl Rosson.
Palestine, Texas.

IT'S NOT CONFISCATION.

Grayson Co., Tex., Nov. 8, 1913.
Comrades of The Rebel Staff:—

I am truly glad to see that you are making the Land Question, the leading issue. To my mind it is the only great thing to do to reclaim the land for human society and it only because privately controlled by fraud and graft.

I seriously object to any comrade saying confiscate the land. It matters not how we become the controllers of old mother earth there is no confiscation to take your own. It matters not by what method anything was taken from you; stolen, bought, given or how, just so when you come upon it and take it, it's yours. So with the Land Question, it has been given, stolen, and taken from society and become a burden on society by the present manipulation. When we, as a people, become intelligent enough to know that nature formed it and its own by nature's gift then and not until then will we take our own. There is no such thing as society in common confiscating the land, because it belongs to society by nature and canot be confiscated. Whoever heard of a man or set of people being so simple as to speak of confiscating what is theirs. Let's conform to the laws of nature. Let's take and use the earth righteously thereby doing righteousness in the earth. The kingdom of God is within men.

Dr. O. Banks King.

Haskell Co., Tex., Nov. 27, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

There is a poor teant here working on the halfs who says the socialists are made of the last rakings of the cities. This same ignoramus fool is just out of a city. He has been a daily laborer for several years and if he tells the truth he is out of his place. He ought to make an application for membership. Don't you think so?

G. W. Pruitt.

Oklahoma Notes

(H. M. Sinclair, Sec., Oklahoma City)

Buffalo, schoolhouse in Bryan county, 7 members, W. A. Moss, Caddo, Secretary.

Doby Springs in Harper county, 5 members, C. C. Doby, Doby Springs, Secretary.

Smithville in McCurtain county, 6 members, Robt. A. Higgins, Smithville, Secretary.

Gracemont in Caddo county, members, A. A. King, Gracemont, Secretary.

Naples in Grady county, 5 members, S. A. Ogle, Naples, Secretary.

Pollard in McCurtain county, members, W. H. Helfin, Pollard, Secretary.

Hubbard schoolhouse in Coal county, 6 members, J. W. Hubbard, box 157, Coalgate, Secretary.

Independence in Harmon county, 7 members, C. E. Trimble, Vinson, Secretary.

Middleberg in Grady county, members, D. Smith, Middleberg, Secretary.

Reuben Wright, Chester, Oklahoma, member at large.

County Conventions.

Kiowa county at Hobart on Sunday, December 14, 2 p. m.

Tillman county at Frederick Sunday, December 7th, 2 p. m.

Johnson City in City Hall at Tishomingo on Sunday December 7, 1 p. m.

Cleveland county in courthouse at Norman, Saturday December 13 at 1 p. m.

New Motions.

Motion by Local Pleasant Grove of Seminole county.

That Local Sulphur re-instate Chas. W. Norton.

Chairman, A. H. Grall.
Secretary, E. H. Johnson.

Adopted November 5, 1913.

Local Pleasant Grove has 8 members in good standing.

Motion by Local Durant:

That Section 5 of the State Party Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Every local shall pay to the state organizer as dues an amount equal to ten cents per month for each member, five cents of which shall be applied as National dues and five cents as state dues.

Chairman, H. M. Shelton.
Secretary, J. Rowland.

Local Durant has 19 members in good standing.

Adopted by Local Durant at its regular meeting held in the city of Durant on the 23rd day of November, 1913.

Wharton Co., Tex., Nov. 20, 1913.
The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

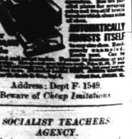
Dear Comrades:—

I am sending you a sample copy of "Land" a single tax which is started solely to pull the great throng of disgusted Democrats back in to the party next year. I don't believe it will get out a half dozen issues, but if a few of the leading Democrats such as Mr Cullen Thomas should get behind it, it might do something. It says it is a Democratic paper and will make its fight in that party. It endorsed Woodrow Wilson and W. J. Bryan and of course all the rest all the way down to the lowest down thug and labor hater in Texas.

You had better look the paper over, a glimpse of its big full page ad of itself will give you a clear understanding as to its motives

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Smith.



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