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rackmen's Organizer Railroaded.

George Andrews, the national anizer of the Industrial Track orkers of the world, is still in il in Waurika, Oklahoma. The ebel was misled into publishing a atement that he had been re ased. The truth of the matter he is in jail in Oklahoma and is ble to be kept there for some me to come. Gov. Colquitt rec nized the requisition from Gov. ruse of Oklahoma with the result at he was taken away immediate and will have to stay in jail until is old charge of illegal whiskey lling is disposed of. There is not shadow of doubt but at An rews has been railroade o that is activities as national anizer f the trackmen would c to an nd. Since The Rebel lished he story we have receiv letters rom many intelligent n who, iew the matter in that t. The ollowing from the edit f the Newcastle Register, one the strongest weeklies in T s, is ypical of many that we ve re eived:

Fred Boer

Newcastle, Texas, April 26, 1913.
T. A. Hickey, Editor "Rebel,"
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sir: Enclosed please find check for five dollars which I wish you would use as you think best in promoting the organization of the trackmen's union. If enclosure will do more good by being applied to the relief of George Andrews, why apply it there. There are no strings tied to its disposition whatever.

I am a democrat, editor of a democratic paper, but I belive that injustice should be crushed wherever it exists, and I know that the action of those whom you term "Capitalists" has been extremely unjust in this matter. Allow me with best wishes for your material welfare to subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,
Ben Johnson,
Editor Newcastle Register.

The Rebel would like to see a thousand men take the broad stand that Mr. Johnson takes and the result would be that this move of the railroad magnates to squelch the trackmen's union would die aborning. The old scheme of planting dynamite, which is always the first move of private detectives, is now being worked to still further discredit the trackmen, as the following letter from the secretary-treasurer of the trackmen shows:

Cresson, Texas, April 24, 1913.
Editor The Rebel:—

"In regard to the dynamite found on George Andrews, section: The man that has charge of the section while Mr. Andrews is gone started to his work on the morning of April 12, and out from town a piece he ran over something, stopped to see what it was and discovered it to be dynamite and the hand car had broke it in two. There were two strangers an ahead and the went to them and asked them if they had seen anyone put it on the track and one said to the other: "We had better be going." The railroad detectives came down and investigated the matter and the man said he believed it was placed to blow up the handcar or wreck the train, he did not know which. Don't know whether they found out who did it or n t.

Respectfully,
J. W. Maxwell,
Cresson, Texas.

Andrews writing to The Rebel from the jail gives this advice:

SECTION MEN AND SYMPATHIZERS.

The S. P. and Santa Fe Railway Companies' scheme to railroad George Andrews, your national organizer into the penitentiary must be prevented There are forty thousand section foremen in the United States, more than three hundred thousand section laborers that will protest against this unjust plot. Every section hand, every trackman will protest against it and stand by their comrade. Donations are coming in from all over the United States.

Every five dollars donated will send this message to 1000 more section men.

When every section man in the United States has been reached the balance is easy.

You will elect one local secretary-treasurer in every section gang; elect one division secretary-treasurer on every division; elect one state secretary-treasurer for every state; elect one secretary-treasurer for every railway system and one national secretary-treasurer.

Elect local, division, state, system and national grievance committees.

Donations will be sent to J. W. Maxwell, secretary-treasurer, Cresson, Texas.

Members of the Socialist party and all sympathizers of organized labor should come to the assistance of the Trackmen's Union in this fight. Bring up all the facts in this case to section men and section formen and bridge gangs in your vicinity. Probably no other body of men so badly need organization as these miserables who toil between the rails. The railroad conspirators should be beaten back and the way to do it is to organize. Put these trackmen in communication with The Rebel and with the secretary-treasurer of the union, G. W. Maxwell, Cresson, Texas. Send him 5c, a dime, a dollar or what you can for the good work and the spirit of human liberty will hover over you.

SOCIALISTS WIN IN THE BELGIUM STRIKE.

Every Socialist in America today, man, woman, and child, is shouting, cheering and dancing with joy over the news just flashed across the ocean that tells us that the Belgium Socialist Party and their labor union allies have gained a decisive victory over the king of Belgium, the Roman Catholic party and their plutocratic confreres, who denied to these workers manhood suffrage. By a system of plural voting the priests, bishops, nobles, land owners and capitalists had three votes to the worker's one. The result was that the Roman Catholic Party fighting for the king and against every progressive and humantariau measure, were uniformly successful in kiling the measures that the Socialists representing the workers, introduced in every parliament. Of course such a situation was intolerable and the result was that the Socialists conferred with their union brothers, (in Belgium, be it remembered, the Socialist party is but the expression of the labor union,) and as a result they determined upon a strike that would paralyze the nation. This strike was indeed a peaceful revolution. Instead of picking up guns the Socialists laid down their tools—the new method of warfare that William D. Haywood has manfully struggled for. And so ten days ago the workers struck four hundred thousand strong. Not a street brawl took place, not a sword drawn, not a shot was fired. The workers folded their arms en masse and won this stupenduous victory and thereby accomplished more in ten days than they could have accomplished in fifty years of parliamentary wrangling.

It appears to The Rebel that the final struggle between capital and labor that will end, in the expropriation of the capitalist class will take the same form as that adopted by our Belgian brothers. It is a weapon peculiarly adapted to Texas conditions as we will demonstrate in future editions of The Rebel.

In the meantime the Socialists of the Sunny South will send greetings to their brothers and sisters across the seas, who have so splendidly demonstrated the efficiency of the general strike through which they have laid low the king, parliament and the Catholic church.

A FOOL AND HIS HIDE.

Tom Clifford, the well known Ohio Socialist, has published a booklet containing 32 pages of socialist poems and songs. The following verses from one of the poems will give our readres a good idea of the value of this little booklet that only costs a dime:
Eight Point to go in.

Oh, the toil we lost and the spoil we last!
And the excellent things we planned
Belong to the fool who didn't know why,
And now we wonder why we didn't try
At last to understand.

But the fool will be stripped of his foolish hide
(Even by you and I).
We will then be ready to cast him aside;
The fool hath lived, the fool hath died!
Who is sorry—You or I?

No More Lying About Socialists.

From the first day that the Socialist movement commenced to grow in the South its editors, organizers, officals and membership generally have been viciously attacked by reactionary preachers, subsidized editors and tin-horn politicians. No lie was too dirty no slander was too foul, no charge was too vile to hurl at the heads of the devoted men and women who were struggling through the jungles and swamps of capitalist slavery into the broad open plains.

Virtuous women who would rank in chastity with the vestal virgins that kept the lamp burning in the temple, were stigmatized as free lovers; honorable men, who always walked the straight path of rectitude, were openly charged with desiring to rob their neighbor of his land and chattels and "divide up" the wealth of the capitalists. From pulpit and press and political rostrum these bourbon liars thundered anathena at the Socialists and declared that our success would result in a community of women, promiscuous intercourse, the destructon of the home and even the pillars of the temple of civilization would be pulled down by these awful Socialists.

Our northern comrades had no such attack to meet, because the movement was older in the north, was better understood and those antagonists whom we met on the stump or in the press, were men of intellectual strength; they knew something of history, of economics, of sociology, hence they pitched their fight upon a lofty plane.

Not so in the South. Here we had to meet the ignoramus and just because he was an ignoramus, he was as vicious as only ignorance can be. The Socialist books they read, they had not the capacity to understand; they tore sentences from their contexts to build their arguments; they took the statement of an individuals Socialist in a foreign land and made it apply to the entire Socialist philosophy; they figured that their readers and hearers were as uninformed as themselves and relied upon the ancient method of the professional slanderer, viz: throw mud enough and some of it is certain to stick.

To those of us in Dixie, who had to face these mud batteries, we believed that there was no depth of vileness to which these rascals would not descend, save and except one. We were foolsh enough to believe that when a man had shuffled off his mortal coil and passed into the shadows, into that bourn from which no traveler returns, that then the gates of the tomb would be a barrier against their vile attack and that the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead would be the signal and the sign that the family of the reparted would be safe from assault.

But alas for certain types of southern gentlemen. Before J. A. Wayland's body was cold in the grave these human ghouls attacked him, who in life lashed them with whips of fire because they were misleaders of the people and prostituted their meagre talents in the service of a debauched plutocracy.

Two papers led in this inhuman attack, The Yellow Jacket, a Republican paper published in North Carolina and the Remonstrator, published by a Democratic legislator in Oklahoma City. They said that Wayland had seduced a 16-yearold girl in his employ and then followed the famou stale that I will not sully the pages of The Rebel by repeating. Miss Edith Wayland, the daughter of the great newspaper man, rushed to the rescue of her father's memory. Criminal and civil proceedings were instituted whereupon Don Laws the publisher of the Yellow Jacket, the cowardly cur who assailed the dead man, felt his vaunted courage oozing out—Bob Acres-like—through his finger's ends. The yellow streak, as yellow as his Yellow Jacket, instantly appeared. He saw the jail facing him and he knew that in the darkness of the night in his cold prison cell the features of the dead man he followed into the grave to slander would haunt him every hour. He figured that there was but one way that he could escape and that was to write to the partner of the dead man and beg for mercy. Warren correctly refused and informed the thing with the yellow jacket and the yellow spine that the law must take its course. Laws' plea to Warren to write a letter that he would publish with the same display that he gave the slander and his promise of an editorial in which he would take it all back has been scorned and the result will be that before many moons has passed the yellow thing with the yellow spine will be on the inside looking out.

There are more gentlemen of the same stripe as Laws who will be attended to one by one. Mr. Lemmons of the Anti-Socialist Bandsaw, Austin, Texas, which is published from the press of the Firm Foundation, the leading publishing house of the Christian Church of Texas, will be next attended to. The Appeal states in its issue of April 26, that Miss Wayland's attorney, J. I. Sheppard, has been instructed to proceed at once against the editor of the Bandsaw as well as the following papers and the list is not yet complete:

Chandler Review, Chandler, Oklahoma.

The Alamosa Empire, Alamosa, Colorado.

The Earlsboro Messenger, Ellsboro, Oklahoma.

The State Dispatch, Burlington, North Carolina.

The Peoria Star, Peoria, Ill.

The Democrat Record, Idabell, Oklahoma.

The Okemah Ledger, Okemah, Oklahoma.

Stonewall News, Stonewall, Oklahoma.

The Star Democrat, Ada, Okla.

The Grove Sun, Grove, Okla.

The Rebel has also forwarded to Judge Sheppard and Fred Warren a copy of the Katholische Rundschou, or San Antonio, Texas, the leading German Catholic newspaper of the South and the official organ of the St. Joseph Verein, that published a number of extracts from the Remonstrator's vicious slander.

The Appeal's brilliant lawyer is on the trail of a large number of other clerical editors. We wonder how many more he will sue? We would advise him to look into the half-dozen editors that the "Bandsaw" carries at its editorial masthead besides Mr. Lemmons. We would suggest that he look up the back files of the more or less "Reverend" Luke Robert's sheet published at Hollis, Oklahoma, and we sincerely hope that he will never stop until the last one of the lay and clerical slanderers of the dead are brought to the bar of justice.

To Miss Edith Wayland The Rebel extends his utmost sympathy for her sufferings at the hands of the defamers of her father'smemory and we tender our heartiest congratulations to her for the sptrited manner in which she has attacked his traducers.

To the multitude of men and women in the South who have for years borne the brunt of the attack of these slanderers The Rebel wishes to say that a new leaf has been turned in the story of our struggle for Socialism in the South. Side by side with our enormous vote last November comes the knowledge that our opponents have been hoist by their own petard and in the battles of the future they must meet us on the lofty plane of civilized discussion instead of in the mire and muck of character assassination and obscene slanders.

So close up the ranks, Rebels, the enemy is on the run; the battle will soon be fought and won and then we can all clasp hands across the grave of Wayland and see the sunlight of a better day for which he fought and struggled and died.

CHARGES MADE IN THE DEBS CASE.

Attorney J. I. Sheppard of Fort Scott, Kansas, preferred charges of official misconduct to the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C. against H. J. Bone, the United States attorney for the district of Kansas, in connection with the prosecution of Eugene V. Debs, Fred Warren and Sheppard. Bone is also charged with using his office to harass and persecute Warren, Wayland and Phifer. Post Office Inspector Chance has informed on Bone. It now looks as if the tide has turned against the persecutors of The Appeal and our comrades will be triumphantly acquitted and the drunken federal prosecutor will be punished for his crimes.

TENANT FARMERS IN OKLAHOMA.

Just as in Texas, tenantry is on the increase in Oklahoma as the following figures taken from the 13th census will show:

	1900	1910
Farms operated by tenants (per cent) ...	43.8	54 8
Farms operated by owners (per cent .	56.2	45 2

And so tenantry continually increases in Oklahoma as in every other state in the South. The moral is: Join the Renter's Union, vote the Socialist ticket and grapple with landlordism.

THE APPEAL WINS.

Federal Judge Pollock handed down the decision in the federal court at Fort Scott that practically ends the case against Debs, Warren and Sheppard. He sustained the demurrer in which the defendants set up the claim that the affidavits published were legal phraseology and although referring to obscene incidents were not of themselves obscene. This means the case will not come to trial on May 5, as the prosecution has no case left. Sheppard will now go after the Boneheaded Bone.

The California Legislature has been grappling with the alien ownership of land by Japanese. President Wilson has become deeply concerned over the fight and has sent his secretary of state, William Brennings Jyan, to California for the purpose of causing the legislature to rescind its action. This is what might be expected from the party of the Donk. What natural right has any alien, be he white or yellow, to monopolize land? The Rebel would just as soon a Chink or a Jap should monopolize land as a white gentleman like Mr. Rockefeller for instance, or Mr. C. W. Post of the Texas Welfare Commission. The Rebel doesn't give a whoop about the question of nativity of landlords — the scourge itself must be stopped.

An actual traffic in babies, ranging from $2 up is carried on in Boston, so says Mrs. Charlotte Smith, a social worker of that city. Mrs. Smith said that she bought infants and knew where more could be purchased at any time. "The idol of the home in the Back Bay," said she, "is a poodle dog. They run from $100 to $1000, while babies are being sold at from $2 to $10, depending upon whether they are blondes or brunettes."

The Rebel now expects to hear the Firm Foundation and other papers saying some nice sweet things about Socialists breaking up homes to these gentlemen we respectfully submit the above item clipped from the Dallas News of recent date.

25,000 textile workers are still struggling in Paterson, N. J., under the leadership of Big Bill Haywood. The strikers are arranging to send 5,000 of their children to New York. The mill bosses are trying to force the mayor to have Haywood expelled from the city. The workers are standing firm and expect to win the strike.

They are planting cotton patches all over Oklahoma so as to raise funds for the Socialist local and state organizations. It's not too late to do likewise in Texas.

A Belgian on the Belgian Revolution

(Writeen for The Rebel by C. De Smedt, Houston, Texas.)

In you edition of April 8th, you refer to the general strike the Belgian Labor Party has decided upon for April 14th. If your paper can spare me the space I would be pleased to give a little further information on the political situation in Belgium.

I have been involved in part of these struggles and consider it a duty, now that your paper has mentioned the renewal of the strife, to show your readers what is the meaning and the vital issue of these titanic fights, that have lasted now for more than twenty years.

Up till 1880 they had in Belgium what was called the "Census System," this meant those only were entitled to a vote, for lower house and senate, who paid the state, in direct taxation, the sum of about eight dollars a year. Direct taxation was revenue on real estate only. Under this system not 10 per cent of the citizens. entitled to a vote, had a right to go to the polls.

Two parties, up to that date, had been holding the power alternately the Liberals or anti-clericals and the Catholics or Clerical Party.

Up to that day there was no labor legislation and the word "workman" was unknown and never uttered under the dome of the Belgian Parliament building

The party in power took care of its friends, the government jobs were given as a reward to political tools and to helpmates of influential politicians.

The workman was an unknown quantity.

In 1870 was born the "Internationale." The Socialist thinkers, writers and leaders founded the International Socialist Party. It was the waking up, all over Europe, of the long forgotten and down-trodden workman.

In Belgium a few men took up the fight of the working class Among them Caesar De Paepe, the brothers of Defuisseaux, Anseele, Van Beveren and others. They were first despised, then ridiculed and soon persecuted. The mind of the workman was poisoned by the conservative papers, the names that are today written in golden letters on the frontispiece of our Socialist Co-operative buildings, were at that time, covered with mud and slime by those whose cause they were fighting. But the persecution, the jailing, the famishing system were the levers of upheaval.

The Socialist prophets had asked one question of the workman: Your Constitution says that all powers of the State are vested in the people. How is it that 99 per cent. of you workmen are disfranchised, have no right to vote are no citizens?

I remember Van Beveren, one of the pioneers of the Socialist Party in Belgium, stating to an audience of workmen the following crude fact, but fact just the same:

"A man who has made a fortune by keeping a house in the red light district retires from business and has a right to vote and you, honest toiler, working and slaving 14 hours a day for a salary barely sufficient to keep your family, you are disfranchised."

These ideas swept the country but the leaders of Catholic and Liberal parties for once agreed: No vote for the workman. Frere Orban, the powerful Liberal, shouted in Parliament: "They will never vote." Four years later workmen voted.

Frere was not even re-elected to the House and the working man has not forgiven but forgotten his name.

In 1884 things came to a climax, the workers, at last conscious of their power, put their ultimatum to the governing class, it was: "Each man a vote or a general strike."

King Leopold, who remembered the lesson given his grandfather-in-law, Louis Phillippe in France, dissolved the Parliament, new-

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SHAME OF GEORGIA.

Some well-meaning people with concrete skulls have violently denounced The Rebel from time to time because of our attacks upon the Donk legislature in the South. The Rebel wishes to say that we have nothing to take back and our only complaint is that our grasp of the English language is not strong enough to properly characterize, stigmatize and with words of fire lash the cattle that make up these bourbon bodies.

I am deeply concerned over the question of what state in the South, through its legislatures, sinks to the deepest depth of infamy.

Is it Texas, with its drunken and and pro legislators, taking up the people's time over the question of rum while shutting its eyes to the fact that four-fifths of the state is locked up in the hands of grasping landlords with the result that we have 250,000 tenants on the one-fifth of the state that is opened?

Is it Louisiana that is still working under the Code Napoleon and allows the most useful part of its citizenship to be denied freedom of press, speech and assemblage?

Is it West Virginia, where civil government was broken down and military commissions are established for the purpose of coercing the workers into peonage while the legislature is bought as openly as a housewife buys pork chops on Saturday night?

Is it South Carolina with its notorious Cole Blease sitting at the helm of the state and the legislature all primed and fixed to send him to the United States Senate?

Is it Mississippi, with its infamous poll tax laws, or is it Florida where the railroad kings and land sharks establish their convict camps under the protecting guns of the Florida legislature; or is it Georgia, the home of Tom Watson, who went back to the Democratic party like a dog to its vomit? Is it that state of Toombs and Stephens that must carry the stigma of being the most stupid, reactionary and bourbonish of all the Southern States? We think so and to prove it we will cite a typical case of the Georgia Bourbon's contempt for human life have been longer under that cover Ollie Taylor.

Three years ago a little boy named Ollie Taylor in the second grade of the public schools stole a bottle of Coca Cola worth five cents. The little fellow, a baby almost, for he was just out of the cradle—was arrested and in his childish ignorance acknowledged the theft. If he had denied it and stood a jury trial it is likely that no jury would have convicted the boy. The judge who tried the case sentenced the child to eleven years in the state reformatory or until he was twenty-one years old. Had he been younger the sentence would have been longr undr the remarkable Georgia statutes that cover this case. His parents sued by habeas corpus to compel the surrender of the son to the father and both the trial court and the supreme court decided against the father's rights as well as the boy's.

Over three years have elapsed since this child committed the "crime" and he is still a prisoner. Unless the governor intervenes and he has had plenty of time to intervene—this innocent boy will be deprived of the care of loving parents and a good home and will be associated with hardened criminals in the stockade and beyond all the good influences that a boy needs in the years that his character is being built.

Writing in the Chicago Tribune on the subject, Mr. Willis H. Hutson, a Chicago lawyer, says:

"We venture to assert that there is not one legislator in Georgia, or one judge on its bench, that, in his boyhood days, did not do many things worse than the taking of a 5-cent bottle of Coca Cola, and, if all of our childish offenses were to be punished with such inhuman severity, we would all be inmates of institutions, and there would be none to be keepers and guardians thereof.

"The sentence would have been beyond all reason had it been for thirty days with a child like Ollie, and when the operation of this law extended the time to eleven years it simply demonstrates the futility of human effort to make proper laws. Even the legislators themselves would have gasped if they had dreamed that the law they passed could or would have been carried to the extreme which the facts of this case demanded under its strict letter, and the law gave no discretion whatsoever to the courts. They had but one choice, the 'chain gang' or the reformatory.

"The age in a small boy, when he first becomes responsible and appreciates the character of 'crime' must, of course, vary with the child, and children so young that they might have no criminal intent whatsoever would be subject to this inhuman law and liable to be torn from their parents for many years, until completely estranged from them and robbed of all home influence, care and education.

"We believe this case to be one of the most aggravated instances of legislative stupidity that has ever existed in these United States, and I feel it is my duty to raise my voice against it, and I hope that the all-powerful public sentiment may be aroused throughout the country in such a manner as to make Georgia ashamed of itself and to compel the spedy repeal of this disgraceful statute."

We fear that the wish of the good Mr. Hutson that Georgia will become ashamed of itself is not likely to happen for some time. It is not that the citizenship of Georgia is any more debauched, degraded or corrupt than any other state that will keep Mr. Hutson's wish from being realized.

The trouble with Georgia is this: The Georgia Central and other corporate interests have debauched the legislature ever since the close of the war. There have been no real leaders of the people in Georgia, no men with depth of mind or solid conviction on matters of the general welfare of the citizenship of the state. Superficial shoulters like Tom Watson and corporation lawyers like Hoke Smith have molded the minds of the multitude and the result is that just as in Texas, the heighth of Georgia statesmanship is measured by the regulation of the individual's appetite.

There is but one hope for Georgia and that hope lies in the education of the masses of her citizenship, to the necessity of taking over industries of the state so that they may be run by all the people for the benefit of all instead of for private graft. At the same time they must destroy landlordism by taxing the landlords out of the state and until that is done we must expect to find little Ollie Taylors crucified by inhuman laws passed by the corrupt bourbons whose only aim in life is to listen to their master's voice that comes from the marts of the money kings in the East.

In the meantime, however, it would do no harm for all Rebel readers to write the Governor of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., asking him to pardon the unfortunate little fellow.

A NEW WAY.

There is a new way of winning strikes and The Rebel would request its readers to cast its eyes across the waters to London, England and learn the way they do it over there. Maybe we could do it likewise when the Renter's Union gets to striking properly in the South. We learn of the procedures through an article in the San Antonio Express of last Sunday. We read:

> **London, April 26.**— The waiters of London who have so dramatically constituted themselves into the Amalgamated Union of Hotel, Club and Restaurant Workers and have, at the prongs of a fork, held up all the big hotels in England, claim that they have discovered a new and most profitable weapon in labor difficulties. It can be reduced to a formula of four words, and it is this: "First strike, then negotiate." And the odd part is this—wherever it has been tried, it has won.
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> Take the case of Pagani's Restaurant—a place of meeting in London of all the most famous musicians and artists of the world. A few days ago, one of the union's officials turned up there with a courtly bow about ten minutes to 1 o'clock, just before the luncheon rush began, and asked in his most dulcet and respecful tones to see the manageress. Word came quickly—she was so sorry, but she was too busy and engaged. The union official was even more sad. At first the messenger from the manageress fancied he was so grieved that he was actually wiping tears from its cheeks, but when he turned about he discovered all the waiters lined against the walls, the cooks standing motionless against their tables, the elevator boys ranged idly against the doors. The handkerchief was a signal. The strike had began. Ten minutes later the union official departed with a suitable working agreement in his pocket signed by the proprietors. No bother, you see, no fuss. "First strike, then negotiate."

It is only a sap headed somnolent sod buster who will say today, we can't learn anything from Europe. Look at Belgium. The Renter's Union can learn information from every point. Get busy boys and boost the union now.

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Clarence Darrow has returned to Chicago after two years absence in California, where he went for the purpose of acting as leading counsel for the McNamara brothers at Los Angeles. Darrow is about the strongest philosophic anarchist in the United States and repeatedly clashed with Socailists in debate on the public platform. The Rebel mentions this just to keep the record straight as it seems almost imposcible to drive the fact that Mr. Darrow is not a socialist into the ivory skulls of our muzzled editors.

TEXANS ON TRIAL—WHERE DO YOU STAND?

As the Rebel is the only paper published in the south that circulates among the exploited renters at the forks of the creek and at the same time carries a message of hope to these disinherited ones, we feel that we are justified in asking you the question at the head of this article. We do so because we realize that the question must be answered thoroughly in the near future.

The reason why it must be answered is that in every department of commerce, in every avenue of industry, in every walk of life, labor is organizing. The honest homeless blanket stiff of the coast and slope, without a place to hang his hat, is now carrying a card. Unskilled laborers in all the big cities are joiniing unions; the section men on the railroads and bridge gangs have fallen in line; the negro boot blacks are proud to belong to an organization of their class; the Mexicans at El Paso have tied up the smelter; even the newsboys have caught the step of organization and the little rascals, God bless them, have gone on a strike in New Orleans and whipped the two biggest newspapers there in two hours.

The most progressive spirits among renters of Texas and Oklahoma are organizing, because they realize that without organization they are individual units in the battle of life without a hope or a chance. Wherefore the Rebel asks you who read these lines the question: *Where do you stand?* Have you got a card? Have you joined with your brothers for self defence? Have you got a home? If you haven't why haven't you? Don't you know this state is big enough to give you one? Don't you know four fifths of it is locked up in the hands of ravenous landlords.

Do you know what your brothers did last week in Belgium? Do you know they tied up that great nation and smashed the political power of the Catholic Church and won the greatest victory that labor has ever secured in Europe? Do you know that you can do the same thing in Texas? Do you know that with 250,000 tenants in Texas, that with 100,000 organized we could pull the other 150,000? Do you know what would happen then? Do you know the legislature would meet in hurried extra session and pass the land amendment? Do you realize that would throw the state open for legitimate settlement and when the smoke of battle cleared awey you would be sitting under your own vine and fig tree with Mollie and the babies? Do you realize that the Renter's Union has a tremendous program of education already laid out and that every school house in the state can become a civic center of enlightment for you and yours? Do you realize that this means thought, intellectual development, progress and all that goes to lift the man above the beast. If you know these things then you can answer the question: where do you stand?

On another page we publish a magnificient article on the Belgium strike which we submit to your serious consideration. Read there how these Belgium working men and their women struggle: read of the chances they took and then read in another column of their glorious victory.

Are you, the descendants of the men of the Alamo, not as good as the Belgiums? Have you no fight to make, no cause to struggle for, no flag to carry, no banner to plant on the furtherest wall; if you have then get in line. Write to Hallettsville for information about the Renter's Union and thus answer the question:

"WHERE DO YOU STAND?"

A DONK LEGISLATOR.

A members of the Thirty-third legislature was making a speech on some momentous question, and, in concluding said:

"In the words of Daniel Webster, who wrote the dictionary, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

One of his colleagues pulled at his coat, and whispered, "Daniel Webster did not write the dictionary; it was Noah."

"Noah nothing," replied the speaker, "Noah built the Ark."

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A woman in Fort Worth recently married her sixth husband, having been divorced five times. Husband number 6 received a divorce on the same day that his new wife gained her fifth divorce. They are both Democrats and yet some Democrats have the nerve to charge the Socialists with free love.

A BELGIAN ON THE BELGIAN REVOLUTION.

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elections were held and Congress convened with the sole mission of revising the Constitution and if possible granting the right of vote to all male citizens. However, these Congressmen were elected under the Census System, the majority was conservative and outside of a small number of progressive Liberals the new Chamber was composed of reactionary Liberals and Catholics. Deliberations dragged along. All bills, proposed by the progressives and granting the suffrage right, were rejected.

The working class, in the meantime, became restless, meetings, street processions were held and in face of the unwillingness of Congress the genral strike was decided upon.

Thousands of workmen left their jobs, the big factories all over this industrious country shut their doors, engines were mute, big smelt ovens fireless, a dreadful silence reigned all over the land.

The first days the workmen walked silent and aimless in the streets and squares. Then hunger came. Congress was still deliberating without result. The leaders of the working class had preached peace and calm but there were children at home, the women left the house and came on the street, asked their husbands why these well fed and well paid men in Congress let their children starve, and, from mute became vociferous, groups formed; in Brussels, the capital, where Congress was in session, thousands went to the government buildings, there a line of soldiers had been drawn and soon shots were heard, the riots had started.

King Leopold could hear the detonations in his palace, he could see the ambulances drive by again and yielded to the fear of losing his throne. He called his prime minister and in 24 hours a compromise was agreed to.

An amendment to the Constitution giving all citizens a right to vote was passed. However, and here lies the compromise between the conservatives and the progressives, this right was, if we can call it that way, adulterated by some further amendments. One supplementary vote was given to every married man 35 years old.

Two supplementary votes to every college graduate or every citizen paying about $5 direct taxation or taxation on real estate.

I cannot give you a complete analysis of this law as I have no documents at hand, moreover these amendments are so complicated that their enumeration would fill a good size book. Suffice it to say that the tactics of the conservatives had been to make a semblance of yielding but they kept the meat and only threw the bone to the dog.

The workman, good fellow after all, was satisfied and went back to the shop.

Pretty near thirty years have passed since this first battle. For all this time the Clerical reactionary government has held power in Belgium. The Clericals held and hold their power through this tricky electoral system

They have filled all government offices, the army, post-office, telegraph and railroads with their creatures. The judiciary is clericalised, no advancement in army or navy unless you are protected by the Church. Even business is under the whip of the Catholic Church. Any business man who would dare be independent and not attend mass every Sunday would be ostracised and be bankrupt in a month.

The working people of Belgium have found out that they were done, their representatives in the Parliament have, for twenty years, levelled their protest against this system of iniquity and oppression, all to no use; the conservative party does not listen, will not learn, they have scorned, for all these years, the just demands of the people and today tired of waiting, ignoring the power of the directing class, the Socialist Party again puts its ultimatum. This will be the last fight, let us hope it will be a long one.

To understand all the self-sacrifice, all the sacred faith of the Belgian working man in entering this struggle it is necessary again to give your readers a few historical facts. The average wage, for common labor in Belgium, is 40 to 60 cents a day (American money,) skilled labor from 80 cents to one dollar. Meat sells at 30 cents a pound, other necessities cost about what they cost here. Only rent and clothing is cheaper. You will understand that, under such conditions, saving is one heroic task. And notwithstanding these facts 90 per cent. of the working people of Belgium have money in the Postal Savings bank. This is money of the workman as you cannot deposit an amount of more than $400 in the postal savings banks. Interest on this money is 2.50 per cent. per year.

No money can be withdrawn unless you serve a two weeks' notice, this is to prevent hasty withdrawals.

Outside of the postal savings bank the working class has thousands of benevolent societies or what they call "mutualities" subsidized by the government, next to all this the Socialist Co-operatives with a capitalization of over a billion dollars. It is unnecessary to give you the history of the Co-operative organization in Belgium, it is another too long a story and I guess sufficiently known; what might seem peculiar is the fact that, in a country where wages are so small and the cost of living so high, 90 per cent. of the working families have money deposited with the postal savings banks. The savings custom has been bred in the working class, it has been taught the children in public schools, it has been part of their education. Mr. Laurent, one of the best known jurists, and philanthropists, of Belgium has been the man who originated and initiated the working families of his country to the habit of economizing. For long years he went from school to school and preached his saving system. He encouraged every child to bring each penny to his teacher, the teachers would deliver a postal savings book to every pupil, if the child would bring a penny or even a fifth of a penny stamp of this value would be posted on his saving book. The passion of saving and let us even call it avarice is dormant in every human being, If a child has a few stamps on his saving book it will hustle to have more. Soon the parents learned saving from their children, and this system, adopted thirty years ago, has made from the Belgian worker a thrifty, parsimnoious people.

I have given you these facts so you would understand what the general strike is getting to mean for the Belgians. On the 14th of April 80 per cent of the workers laid down their tools, not for an increase of wages but for human rights.

The cry is today: "One man, one vote."

The clerical government has stubbornly refused. Every liberal representative in the House has urged the government to give the people the right of vote and do away with the plural system. The business people of Belgium do not want the strike and fear the disturbance it is going to bring all over the country. Ghent, the cotton manufacturing center, the city of flowers and shrubbery, opens its International Exhibition on the 14th., calls the world to come and see the wonderful collections of art, industry and floristry and on that same day, in that same city, 100,000 mill workers are going to leave the mills. King Albert will come to the opening ceremonies and all along his road he will find stern faced workmen, not a word will be uttered, not a cheer will be heard, but the king will find everywhere a mute protest against the iniquity of his government. The clericals have made their preparations since months, the few officers of the army whose anti-clerical opinions were known have been stationed in small towns where they can do no harm.

A higher officer, a free mason, has been requested, two months ago to send in his resignation; others have been pensioned. All officers are clericals now. However, the soldiers are children of the people, if the officers can rely on their men is another question, if these boys are going to kill their fathers, mothers, brethren and sisters is doubtful.

A typical incident occurred in the streets of Brussels about six weeks ago. A procession of workmen was marching to the Parliament building to bring a petition to the government. A red flag was carried at the head of the procession. At one of the crossroads a troop of soldiers with a major in command met the procession, the officer halted his men and ordered weapons to be put down, the workmen cheered the army. This major had to resign in 24 hours.

Notwithstanding all this the Catholic government remains obstinate, the Clericals know that if the single vote is granted they will lose power forever, disappear from the political scene and become minority in a country they have ruled for thirty years.

They have nothing to gain they do not hesitate to heap misery and if necessary blood on the nation On one side ignorance, iniquity, oligarchy, on the other side self sacrifice and the sublime fight for human rights.

The savings of twenty-five years the welfare of an industrious and sober nation will be annihilated in a few days and offered to the greed and obstinacy of a few reactionary autocrats.

Before closing this article it is necessary to insist on another fact which might be unknown to the American public. You might suppose and I guess most of your readers are convinced that this strike has been preached to the workman by the Belgian labor leaders and Socialist politicians. In this case it is the other way, the labor leader, the Socialist bodies fear this strike even more than the capitalist classes. As I told you before the Socialist party of Belgium has over a billion dollars invested in their co-operative system The Socialist party owns bakeries, dry goods stores, mills, drug stores, breweries, theatres, etc., all over th ecountry. All these establishments are flourishing, every necessity of life is sold at cost price and amusements and luxuries are given the workman for pretty near nothing.

The workmen have decided that if this wonderful "Colossus" has to be sacrificed they will not hesitate a minute. They are ready to lose their savings, they are ready to starve but if things come to the worst their immense co-operative capital will go down with them. It is no wonder that men like Anseele, Bertrand and others, who have given their lives to the making and success of these co-operative institutions fear this calamity even more than the capitalists fear the standstill of business and industry.

If there ever was a titanic struggle, they fea rnot ruin, starvation, the pangs of hunger but they are also ready to see their beloved ones, their wives, their little children, suffer and hunger.

Hats off for the Belgian workman, for this noble fight for justice and human rights.

STIRRING RESOLUTIONS.

The Socialists of Hunt County met on April 20 and adopted stirring resolutions condemning the prosecution and persecution of the editors of the Appeal to Reason. After deciding the main points in the conspiracy they say:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Socialists of Hunt county, Texas, in mass meeting assembled this the 20th day of April, 1913, believe that a time has come for the Socialist party to make a general protest at such usurpation of government as is here revealed, that the people may be awakened to the danger and that threatens them of returning despotism.

Resolved further; That we particularly appeal to all people regardless of our various political beliefs to help us, not for ourselves, but to the end of preserving for all the principles of "government by the consent of the governed," the right of free speech and free press and majority rule."

Resolved further; That these resolutions be offered to the general press for publication; that a copy be sent to the United States Attorney General's office, Washington, D. C., that such action as it deems proper towards the suits now pending may be taken, it being the avowed and unanimous sentiment of this body that we in nowise hold the preset administration responsible for what has been done, but we appeal to it in the name of patriotism and justice to right as far as possible the wrongs that have already been done.

C. E. Obenchain, Chm.
O. W. Sterling, Co. Sec.

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C. W. Post, the peanut king of Battle Creek and labor union hater, is now being ramrodded into the Texas limelight by Peter Radford, president of the Farmers' Union. Hasn't the armers union got a recall lying around loose some where or is it like Gomper's and the A. F. of L. national machine that wants recalls and referendums to apply to everybody but themselves.

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The Arizona legislature passed a full crew law and the Governor signed it. The Texas legislature killed the full crew law. Just another little evidence of the reactionary work of a Southern donk legislature.

Texas Notes.

Ed. A. Green, State Sec. Rockdale.

The encampments will begin about July 1st. Are you ready for yours?

"Dear Comrade: You can count us on the firing line from now on. We got three new members last meeting and will get more next meeting. We have arranged for a co-operative cotton patch. We intend to have public meetings on the days this cotton patch is worked, take our dinners and stay all day." So writes C. M. Presley.

"Dear Comrade:—I have lost my book in which I kept addresses, I had 75 subs divided between the Appeal, Rebel and Ripsaw, and I can't remember but few of the addresses. They were scattered from Angelina county to Austin and back to Comanche. If you see any kick about this please notify me, J. D. Wilson, Cresson, Tex."

Gonzales county is waking up. J. W. Peebles and others had Jno. A. Currie to give about 20 lectures recently. Comrade Peebles, who is about 80 years old donated $25 to the work and other comrades were liberal in their help. Some of the landlords in that section were talking of charging their renters a bonus this year. Comrade Peebles, who has several renters on his farm, notified them that they could use the land this year for one fourth of all crops. Comrade Peebles was a Baptist minister for several years, but was never sufficiently in sympathy with the poor to reduce his rent until he became a Socialist. Isn't it just awful what terrible mean old infidels Socialism makes of people anyway?

Reddin Andrews will speak at Murchison May 2, Athens 3, Reese 4 and5, Jacksonville 6, Neches 7, Jewett 8, Flynn and Leon county 8, 10 and 11, Tom Ball (Harris Co.) 12, and 13, Houston 14, Galveston 15 and 16. From there he will turn back north to Trinity Co. for ten or twelve days. Comrades in that part of the state please write at once for dates.

Jno. A. Currie will speak at Hillsboro April 28, Maypearl, under direction S. S. Dorsett 29 and 30, Corsicana May 1, Perris, under direction R. E. Breedlove May 2 and 3, Dallas, Sunday May 4. From Dallas he goes into Denton county under direction of County Secretary M. A. Anderson for ten days.

"Dear Comrade Green, on the account of the National Executive Committee our local has decided to quit paying dues, but I want no blanks on my red card, so find inclosed dues for four months which will tide me over until I can make another raise." So writes S. D. Philips, Rochester, Texas, Local Jud.

Comrade Philips shows the right spirit. Let us stay with the party and fight it out. To quit now would be the very thing the enemies of the party want.

O. L. Potts, secretary of local Bonanza writes: "The Socialists of Hopkins county will hold a La'or or Mayday picnic May 3 at Greenview schoolhouse. All Socialists in adjoining counties are invited to attend. We will have good speaking and an old time Hopkins county stew."

Chas. Perrone, local secretary Austin reports that their local is $35.00 in the hole on the National Lyceum course which they put on in that city. I am in receipt of a letter from another of the members of that local wanting to become a member at large, stating that the course had "busted" the local and that they were disbanded. Don't try to do too much at once comrades.

Have you planted that cotton-patch yet?

How about that Labor day picnic?

Are you going to have an encampment? If so wake up.

Keep your dues paid up. A blank space on a red card looks awful bad.

Keep handing your socialist papers to that boneheaded neighbor when you've read them. There'll be another election day bye-and-bye.

Those Hallettsville Amendments.

Hallettsville, Tex., April 26, 1913.

To the membership:—

We are pleased to note that on the whole the proposed Hallettsville amendments to the state party constitution of Texas are meeting with the approval of the membership, and we hope and trust that the required number of seconds will soon be sent in.

Even the most carping critics have nothing to say against any of the amendments except one. That one objection is where it is claimed that the proposed amendment to Article 6, Sec. 3, would abolish county organizations having less than a certain number of locals.

If those who raise this objection will read the amendments more carefully, they will find that county organizations will be recognized so long as they have one local in it; though they are not permitted to draw any of the state dues unless they have as many as 3 locals.

We submit, that by giving the counties 7 cents per member instead of 5 cents, and providing that a county must have a certain number of locals, we strenghten the county organization plan, for the simple reason that it will provide a constant incentive for county organizations to go above or keep from dropping under the required limit of locals.

It has been our experience in the past that many county organizations draw state dues from month to month but make no visible effort to increase the number of members or locals within the county, except sometimes just before a party election.

This amendment will stir up such counties to do something along the organization line at home, and we can not help it if there be some in such counties that object to being stirred up to do something.

This amendment is no experiment. The Farmers Union made a success of county organizations by providing a five local limit for instance. In any event it is worth a trial; but if the impossible should happen and it did not work we shall be among the first to move for immediately cutting out the local-limit provision. Fraternally,

Hallettsville Local No. 93.

A. C. Meitzen, Sec.

Oklahoma Notes.

H. M. Sinclair, Secretary
Oklahoma City, Okla., April

New Local.

Yonkers in Cherokee county, 8 members, W. P. Thomas, Tem. Secr.

Crop Report

Cleveland Local at Camargo in Dewey county, will put in 5 acres of cain for sorghum.

Motions.

By Branch Lamar of Hughes county, for resignation of Comrade Ameringer as National Committeeman has been seconded by the following branches and locals and will be sent to referendum of the membership: Gerty, Wetumka, Elk City, Greenleaf, Boswell, Aline, Sugden, Carter, Idabel, Elmore City, Stidham, Science Hill.

By Branch Lamar of Hughes county, for a mass convention at Shawnee, July 24-25-26, 1913, has been seconded by Gerty, Shawnee, Sugden, Stroud, Boswell, Fred Warren, Stidham, and Science Hill. This motion has received the required number of seconds and will be sent to referendum first Monday in May.

By Branch Lamar of Hughes county, for the placing of the occupation of nominees for party offices on the ballots has been seconded by locals and branches: Gerty, Wetumka, Greenleaf, Aline, Stroud, Boswell, Fred Warren, Stidham. The motion has received the required number of seconds and will be sent to referendum first Monday in May.

By Branch Elk City of Beckham county, that C. H. Armstrong, G. W. (Pap) Davis and Marvin Brown be reinstalled in the Socialist party has been seconded by the following locals and branches: Boswell, Carter, Madill, Idabel, Elmore City, Sayre, Fred Warren, Stidham and Science Hill.

By Branch Sayre of Beckham county, that G. W. (Pap) Davis and C. H. Armstrong be granted right of membership in the Socialist Party has been seconded by branches Madill, Isabell, Elmore City.

By Local Byars of McClain county, that C. H. Armstrong be admitted to admitted to membership in the Socialist Party has been seconded by branch Madill and Idabel.

Stallard's Dates.

The Socialist Chautauqua Asso. of S. W. Okla. have contracted with the Rip Saw Pub. Co. for 30 dates by Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare July 25 to Aug. 23, inclusive. They are routing Comrade H. H. Stallard for a series of propaganda speeches and to contract with the locals who wish to get in the circuit. Comrade Stallard's dates are as follows:

Lawton May10, Sterling 11, Cement 12, Chicasha 13, Marlow 14, Duncan 15, Comanche 16, Waurika 17, Sugden 18, Ryan 19, Walters 20, Headrick 24, Altus 25, Sentinel 31, 3 p. m., Port 31, 8 p. m., Cordell June 1, 3 p. m., Hobart 1, 8 p. m., Cotebo 2, Friendship 3, Carnegie 4, Anadarko 5, Lone Wolf 6, Granite 7, Mangum 8, 3 p. m., Bloomington 8, 8 p. m.

H. L. A. Holman.

Eufaula May 3, 3 p. m., Stidham3, 8 p. m., Stidham 4, 2 p. m., and 8 p. m., Pierce 5, Hitichita 6, Okmulgee 10, Bristow 17.

Dora Merts.

Stigler May 3. Comrade Merts will spend 6 days in Haskell county Those wanting dates should meet here in Stigler.

I. N. (Herdlaw) Johnson.

Wagoner May 3.— Comrade Johnson will spend one week in Wagoner county and speak at Vinita Saturday afternoon May 10.

Edna Helm.

Porum May 3 and 4, Muskogee county 6, 7, 8 and 9, Sapulpa 10.

Stanley J. Clark.

Paulus Valley May 5, Elmore City 6, Fillmore 10, Hastings 24 and 25, Castle 4

L. B. Baker.

Prague, Saturday afternoon, May 3. Comrade Baker will fill dates in Lincoln county for six days following his date at Prague.

PROGRESS OF EUROPE.

In more than one of the important countries of continental Europe the Socialists hold today the center of the political stage. The aspect of national and local elections, which is scrutinized most keenly, is the showing of the Socialist party. The parliamentary group most watched, and most feared, is the Socialist. It is difficult indeed to conceive how vast a place Socialism fills in the politics and every day thought of France, Germany, Austria, Italy or Belgium.

The progress of European Socialism is to be measured only in part by the swelling statistics of party membership. The figures are unquestionably impressive, but the developments of larger significance are those relating rather to the spirit, aim and trend of the Socialist propaganda.

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The Dalas Time Herald says: "Texas agricultural development has only begun, the soil has hardly been scratched." The Rebel would like to piously remark that the Times-Herald is half wrong and half right. It would be altogether right if it said that four-fifths of the tillable land of Texas has never been scratched at all and the other fifth has been worked to a frazzle just like the quarter of a million tenants who worked that land. If the editor of the Dallas Times-Herald will rewrite the paragraph with these added in he will be sane, safe and sensible.

OUR REBS.

The cry uttered last week for four-year-subs is already having its effect. We put on a large number this week. Our battle with the offs is on as vigorously as ever, due no doubt to so many of our hustlers being engaged in the crops, this, however, should not stop a real live Rebel from turning in a club every week. You will be glad to learn that our oil story has caused a tremendous sensation because it contains such a wealth of facts that President Wilson will be compelled to act or else stand publicly branded as a friend of the plutocracy. Articles like this educate the people and arouse them and if you will attend to the subs we will attend to the educating part of the fight. We increase 21 this week and we feel sure that when you read some of the land stories we have on the way we will increase by hundreds. Don't forget that bundles of Rebels are the best kind of propaganda. Send in your order bundles and you will never regret it.

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Here Follows Some of Our Marching Army of Rebs:

A. L. King, Runnels county, fires a club into our office and says: "We never miss the water until the well runs dry, and oh, how thirsty we were for that old Rebel."

W. P. Lackey, Stephens county, sends $1.40 for land pamphlets and says, watch us grow."

J. H. Monk, Collin county sends a club and tells of progress in the black land belt.

W. G. Hamilton, Texas county, Oklahoma sends in a big club and cries out: "Fire us your hot stuff."

E. G. Dunn, Van Zandt county, sends a club and says: "Its here where McPhole dapes the Dems. so send your hot shot to these heathens."

T. M. Cordell, Tom Green county, sends a club of 9. He remarks: "This makes The Rebel go to every family that gets mail at this office."

N. L. Anderson, Jones county, Tex., sends an order and yells: "The Rebel turns every man that reads it."

B. H. Gibson, Tarrant county, sends a $2 order and enlists in the big land fight.

J. J. Pounds, Nueces county, sends a club which makes 35 altogether for this Rebele hustler. He says: "I wish it were 3500 for yours in the most valuable paper in Texas."

C. O. Hughes of Milano followed J. H. Lee of Wilson county into the office with two bundles of scalps.

B. H. J. Thomas, Tarrant county, sends check for $3.25 for various things including The Rebel for four years and inquires if we cannot get Debs "Toward the Sunrise" in pamphlet form. We will try to later on.

John Lawrenee, Hidalgo county sends in a club and says: "Your land slogan and Industrial Union is all right."

R. V. Clermont, Bosque county, sends a club with prayers for The Rebel's success.

W. J. Morgan, Erath county orders The Rebel and with B. W. Thomas of Nacogdoches, Texas, who comes with eight prisoners he remarks: "You're a dandy."

David Russell, Marshall, county Oklahoma, sends $3.25 for 13 yearly subs Oklahoma is surely on the Rebel map.

The above are but a few of our militant hustlers who help make the wheels go round in The Rebel office and have sworn to stay with the fight until slavery has perished from the earth.

TENANT FARMERS IN ENGLAND.

The question of land tenantry is an international one. On the continent of Europe the question of tenantry has been daily discussed and even the stolid English rent slave is commencing to awaken. Writing of the condition of the tenant farmer in England the Farm Co-Operator of Fort Worth says:

> The need there is for more consideration for the tenant farmer is a matter that should be taken up at an early day, and pushed to the limit. At this time the tenant has no law that protects him in the least from the aggressions of the landlord who can dispossess him when it suits him. prescribing what he shall plant, and forcing him into a position where he has to sell his crop at a sacrifice. These are conditions that are too well known for argument, and a remedy should be outlined and worked out until at least justice is done to the man who under present conditions is but a slave to the owner of the land. Of course there are exceptions, but they only prove the rule, and should be taken as a pivot around which the laws should be made.

EMERSON BEATEN UP.

A. L. Emerson, the fearless president of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, was set upon by some hired thugs of Merryville, at a town called Singer, Louisiana. When Emerson stepped off the train the mob jumped on him but before knocking him down he succeeded in smashing the ring ring leader twice on point of the jaw.

These anarchists are determined to destroy free speech and assemblage in Louisiana. As they have the state officials and governor on their side they stand a good show of succeeding unless the people arouse themselves and proceed to have justice meted out to this "law and-order" gang of anarchists.

The Rebel has no objection to our fellow editors clipping our stuff, but please give us credit for the same.

LIBERTY RAPED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

How are you going to describe the end of things? Kipling tried it and he said this:

"When the earth's last picture
is painted
And the tubes are all twisted and
dry."

Well sometime, about like then we will look back upon the tragedies of the Labor move in the United States and decide that the one bitter black hellholes inn the nineteenth century was the Couer D'Alene bull pens of Idaho in 1899 and the cool regions of West Virginia, where the law has broken down and the military in charge in 1912—13. Their homes are shot into at midnight by hired thugs. There the company owns the sidewalks, the houses, the mines, the railroads and everything in sight including the governor and legislature. Men and women are literally crucified. The heroic old Mother Jones has been before the military tribune several times and is still a prisoner. No man or woman who raises his voice against the coal barons is safe for a moment, in short Huerta in Mexico City cannot compare with the legalized assassins of West Virginia. As always happens in such crises Eugene V. Debs strikes the keynote. He follows the direct action line of William D. Haywood and the Belgium strikers by calling for direct action on the scoundrels. The Rebel is pleased to publish his call to arms, as follows:

> Prompt and heroic action will win. Nothing else will. This is an extraordinary situation and extraordinary measures are required to meet it.
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> Do not tell me about the red tape there is in the way. There are circumstances under which action alone is constitutional and when the spontaneous uprising of the masses alone will save the day.
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> The lawless freebooters who have ravished the constitution and inaugurated a reign of terror and assassination to enslave and brutalize the working class, have forfeited all claim to cent consideration.
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> There is a way to reach these outlaws and put an end to their murderous misrule, and no violence or bloodshed need attend it.
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> Had I the power, every mine in West Virginia would be shut down without another hour's delay and this would be but the beginning of a strike the feudal tyrants of West Virgini would remember to the end of their days.
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> West Virginia, under the robber rule of the coal barons, has for a quarter of a century been the breeding pen of scabs and a deadly menace to all other states, and now is the time to strike the blow, with all the power of the united coal diggers behind it, at the vicious system which has struck down constitutional law, established the drumhead court martial, strangled free speech, gagged the labor press, and made the bull-pen the symbol of its bestial misrule.
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> The miner who is not willing to strike to free Mother Jones from the bull-pen would not strike to save his own mother from being ravished. There are few if any such base degenerates.
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> The overwhelming majority realize what Mother Jones has been to them, and how their long-suffering fellow-workers in West Virginia have been pursued by cold-blooded assassins and their wives and children hunted down like wild beasts, and upon that issue they will strike as they have never struck before and win as they have never won before.
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> The miners hold the key to the bull-pen in which Mother Jones at eighty years of age is a prisoner from having fought their battles.
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> They have the power to set her free and if they allow her, seamed and scarred as she is in her life-long struggle to break their fetters, to die in a military bull-pen, her murder will be a foul and indelible blot upon their manhood and self-respect which will bring the blush of shame to their children through all coming generations.
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> Down with the bull-pen in West Virginia!
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> Let this be the battlecry for May Day, and a million red-blooded revolutionists swear to strike for Mother Jones and liberty!

Send all assistance you can to the Labor Argus, Charleston, W. Va.

One of the best features of Renter's Union is — that the man at the forks of the creek is learning that it is of great educational value. This is an era of education and the man who is not informed on matters that pertain to his welfare is not only outrun in the race of life but is outclassed in the eyes of his neighbors. The man at the grass roots and the forks used to sit on his porch and discuss crops, weather, prohibition and the latest divorce case among the bon tons. Now he is discussing landlordism, land monopoly and how to make four-fifths of the state of Texas to be opened up to bona fide settlers. In short he is studying that tremendous subject "How to Get a Home". When enough men and women discuss this question then there will be something doing in the South for humanity's betterment. All those interested should send a request for information to the national secretary- treasurer whose headquarters are at Hallettsville, Texas.

SABOTAGE.

That new and wonderful word that has caused so much discussion in Labor's ranks — Sabotage — looms up larger the more that the discussion rages around us. One of its strongest adherents suggests that Sabotage can be applied to the capitalist class by what he terms the "Open mouth" and he asserts that this is the best form in which to use this weapon. Knowing that commerce today is founded on fraud, capitalism's standard of honesty demands that the wage slave lie to every one except to his employer. He says an honest business man is a myth and an honest clerk could not sell the shoddy goods of the merchants, truth would spell financial ruin in every department of commerce.

If this is Sabotage, the mere telling of the truth about the business of the capitalist by his exploited wage slave, then surely Upton Sinclair was one of the greatest Sabotagists that ever lived when he exposed the packing houses in Chicago. We say this while leaving it to our yellow friends to point out that Sinclair was not on the payroll of the beef trust.

Should Labor adopt this "Open Mouth" policy, even the A. F. of L. craft unionists could more easily secure the closed shop. It would do the Rebel's heart good to see this form of Sabotage applied by wage workers everywhere. Just imagine the thrifty, patriotic Y. M. C. A. Capitalist who sold the "cork" preservers to the excursion boat company on the Hudson, each cork preserver consisting of six pounds of iron, with the result that when the steamer Grand Republic sunk in the Hudson River four years ago and the women placed these preservers around their bodies and jumped in the water, they sank like shot—imagine I say what an excellent thng it had been if these wage slaves who made the "life preservers" had told of the crime before the women were murdered?

The Rebel can fancy the exploited wage slaves at Homestead using the "open mouth" and telling how Carnegie, Frick, Schwab and Corey cleaned up millions by covering up the blow holes in the armor plate and selling the rotten junk at fancy prices to the U. S. Government, to protect the American battleships when they faced the foreign foe in deadly conflict.

What stories we could get of the poisoned candy and ice cream sold to school children; of the lumpy jawed cattle; of the manner in which food is prepared in restaurants; how fish *a la creole*, is smothered in red pepper to hide its stench; of the copperas acids that turns the peas into a color like Ireland's hills; of the fusel oil in the whiskies; the embalming fluid in the beef; the consumptive sputum in the bread; the alfalfa, arsenic and opium in the tobacco; the formaldehide in the babies' milk. These are but a few things that millions of people might learn by the principle of Sabotage being applied by the "open mounth."

While space almost forbids yet the Rebel must strain a point to say that ecstatic thrills would percolate up and down the Rebel's spinal column if we could hear the wage slaves of C. W. Post of Battle Creek and sawdust fame tell us how three quarters of a cent's worth grain is turned into a twenty five cent package. We would like to get "open mouth" data on this miracle; we would like to learn by word of mouth how burned grain cures appendicitis, as Mr. Post of the Texas Welfare Commission claims; we would like to hear that "open mouth" shouting how many rotten tires are on each section in America and how many lives are lost as a result; and then how joyous it would be if the engineers of the various roads would stand on the streets at the end of the runs and tell how they brought in No. 904 although it had a defective boiler, by means of putting bran and horse manure into the boiler so they could make the end of the run.

Any man with as much imagination as a chipmunk, can realize the benefits that flow from this form of Sabotage. As to the other 57 varities eveybody in America except Bob Hunter knows that the A. F. of L. practices them every day of the year; but sufficient unto the day. Let us all unanimously give three cheers for the "open mouth—tell the truth"—form of Sabotage.

(The Industrial Worker at Spokane, Wash. is running a series of articles on Sabotage. The "open mouth" form is described in the 13th article printed last week. Price $1 a year, 25c three months.)

HAYWOOD ARRESTED AGAIN.

William D. Haywood, the biggest man on the national executive committee of the Socialist Pahty, who has been leading the great silk mill strike in Patterson, N. J., has been arrested again. The following associated press dispatch in the Dallas News tells of the incident:

> Paterson, N. J., April 29.—Wm. D Haywood, leader of the Industrial Workers of the World, was arrested at Passaic today on his way here to surrender himself under an indictment charging him with inciting riots among the silk mill strikers. Ten thousand strikers had gathered here to meet Haywood and escort him to Fearing a disturbance, Sheriff Hadecliffe went to Passaic and took Haywood off the train.

The New Review of New York City will hereafter be a monthly, it will contain 64 pages and will sell at 10 cents a copy, $1 a year. The office of publication is 150 Nassau street, New York City.

By their strikes ye shall know them. Watch for the fourth strike of the Texas renters. We have won the first three. Percentage 1,000.

Rotten Teeth Foul Breath. Ugh!

Bad Teeth—Loose Teeth—Gum Disease—Foul Breath—All Due to Carelessness or Ignorance

Thousands of mouths like this are seen every day. The trouble is known as Pyorrhea. These soft, colorless, bleeding, foul smelling and spongy gums, loosened and decayed teeth can be made firm, strong and healty by

A SIMPLE HOME METHOD.
Stop despairing! Don't Give Up Hope of Saving Your Teeth.

A simple home treatment — the result of 21 years of research — will today bring you the relief and comfort you desire. Stop spending money with dentists who do not help you. Don't waste your money on drug store remedies that are invariably, as you knew, disappointing.

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If you are suffering with Pyorrhea, Rigg's Disease, gingivitis, gumboils, overlapping, protruding, receding, twisted, or loose teeth soft, colorless or spongy gums; if your breath is foul, if your teeth pain while eating; if you are subject to bad tastes — then, for your own sake, send for Dr. Willard's book and learn how easy his method is — how painless and speedy — how this simple remedy will quickly and permanently give you sound, healthy teeth.

Just sit down NOW and write Dr. Willard for his great book. A few minutes will convince you that his common sense, simple Home Remedy will cure your aliments. Don't wait! There is no pain connected with it. We have received scores of letters from people saying they would have given hundreds of dollars had they known of Dr. Willard's Home Treatment in time. Address Dr. F. W. Willard, E. 276, Temple Court Bldg., Chicago Ill.

A NEW WAY TO MAKE MONEY.

You can make lots of dollars selling Pure Fruit Candy; so if you want more money than you ever possessed, write me, and I will help you start in business. I am glad to help others, who, like myself, need money. People say, "the candy is the best they ever tasted,"—therein lies the beauty of the business. The candy is eaten immediately and more ordered. You don't have to canvass; you sell from your own home. I made $12.00 the first day: so can you. Isabelle Inez, 218 East Liberty street, Pittsburg, Pa.

SOCIALIST TEACHERS AGENCY.

I will not assist a teacher unless he carries a red card, paid up to date in the Socialist Party. I have reason to believe that others not Socialists are trying to get information. Therefore to save much correspondence I wish to announce that The Agency is now ready for business and all teachers who want information are asked to send their "red card" to me so that I may identify them as Socialists. Of course their red card will be returned at once.

W. O. Brannen, Sec.
Kennard, Texas.

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THE AMERICAN MOVEMENT

By Eugene V. Debs.

Thousands of falshoods were coined and circulated by the capitalist press, shifting the blame for lawlessness and crime from the instigators to innocent men; the leaders were arrested without charge and jailed without trial, headquarters were broken up, a special grand jury was sworn in expressly to indict, a notorious capitalist union-hater being made foreman, and a hundred other flagrant violations of the law and outrages upon justice were committed in the name of the law to defeat justice and enthrone corporate rapacity. The venality of capitalist government never made so bold an exhibition of itself. It was scandalous beyond expression and shocking to the last degree. Every department of the federal government was freely placed at the service of the railroad corporations and Republican and Democratic officials vied with each other in cheerful and servile obedience to their masters.

When the government and its capitalist lackeys had completed their service as corporation scavengers, General Miles, the military satrap, like a vulture stuffed with carrion, pompously exclaimed at a plutocratic banquet in honor of his gallant services:

"I have broken the backbone of this strike."

Such sublime heroism in such a holy cause, Grover Cleveland, Nelson A. Miles, et al., will not be forgotten nor remain unrewarded.

The "Coming Nation," started at Greensburg, Ind., by J. A. Wayland, in 1893, was the first popular propaganda paper to be published in the interest of Socialism in this country. It reached a large circulation and the proceeds were used in founding and developing the Ruskin Co-operative colony in Tennessee. Later Mr. Wayland began the publication of the "Appeal to Reason" and it now numbers its subscribers by the hundreds of thousands. It is not saying too much for the "Appeal" that it has been a great factor in preparing the American soil for the seed of Socialism. Its enormous editions have been and are being spread broadcast and copies may be found in the remotest recesses and the most inaccessible regions. The propaganda thus organized by Mr. Wayland, for which he has peculiar genius, and carried forward and enlarged constantly with the aid of a corps of able comrades has been and is a source of incalculable strength in promoting education among the workers and building up the beneral movement.

The periodical and weekly press so necessary to any political movement, is now developing rapidly and there is every reason to believe that within the next few years there will be a formidable array of reviews, magazines, illustrated journals and daily and weekly papers to represent the movement and do battle for its supremacy.

The last convention of the American Railway Union was the first convention of the Social Democracy of America, and this was held at Chicago in June, 1897, the delegates voting to change th erailway union into a working class political party.

The Railway Times, the official paper of the union, became the Social Democrat and later the Social Democrat Herald and is now published at Milwaukee in the interest of the Socialist party.

The Social Democracy, the evolution of unionism crushed by the weight of despotic power, was the logical extension and expansion of the American Railway Union, and the direct outgrowth of the great industrial uprising known as the Pullman strike and the brutal tyranny and relentless persecution that followed it.

The General Manager's Association pursued the American Railway Union with fiendish ferocity, determined to stamp out the last spark of its life, and as a *result*, when the few surviving delegates met in national convention in the year named, the last ever held as a railway labor union, the American Railway Union, loved and respected by labor, and feared and hated by capital, was metamorphosed into the Social Democracy.

At the national convention which followed a year later, in June, 1898, a split occurred, one wing adhering to the colonization scheme, making that the chief end of their movement while the latter abandoned the colonization feature and struck out for political action as a working class party. The latter was known as the Social Democratic Party and progressed rapidly from the start, while the former soon exhausted its resources and passed out of existence.

The Socialist Labor Party, in which internal dissension had been brewing for some time, divided into separate factions in July, 1899, the anti-administration faction uniting with the Social Democratic Party in the following year, giving the united party the name of the Socialist Party, the name it bears today.

In the brief summary of the development of the American movement much has had to be omitted for want of space. To sketch in outline merely, with the hope of stimulating to further reading and study of the history and literature of the Socialist movement has been the purpose of this brief treatise.

Scarcely, however, can reference be omitted to the helpful influence of the popular pen of Robert Blatchford, the author of "Merrie England" and other works on socialism in all the world. Hundreds of thousands of copies of "Merrie England" have been sold and given away and the demand still continues. The work of Mr. Blatchford is especially adapted to beginners. He has the rare faculty of making himself interesting to the workingman and working woman, addressing himself to them in their own simple and convincing fashion. Robert Blatchford and his writings have contributed materially to the spread of Socialism in this coutry and are justly entitled to the grateful acknowledgement of the American Movement.

Reference to Karl Marx, Ferdinand Lasalle, Frederick Engels, William Liebknecht and August Bebel, the titans of revolutionary socialism and their contemporaries and successors, need not be made in these brief pages, nor to the socialist classics which are so well known and may be read in all languages.

The immortal shibboleth, of Marx: "Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains—you have a world to gain" is the rallying cry of the class struggle, the inspiration of the working class and is heard echoing and re-echoing around the world.

The Socialist vote in the United States shows a steady and, all things considered, satisfactory satisfactory progress of the movement.

In the national election of 1892 the Socialist vote was 21,,164.

In 1896 the vote was 36,274.

In 1900 the Socialist Party cast 87,814 votes and the Socialist Labor Party 39,739 votes, a total of 127,553 votes.

(Since this was written the Socialist Party in the 1912 elections polled over 800,000 votes.—Ed.)

Since the election of 1900 there has been greater activity in organizing and a more widespread propaganda than ever before. In the elections of the past it can scarcely be claimed that the Socialist movement was represented by a national party. It entered these contests with but few states organized and with no resources worth mentioning to sustain it during the campaign.

It is far different today.

The Socialist party is organized in almost every state and territory in the American union. It members are filled with enthusiasm and working with an energy born of the throb and thrill of revolution. The party has a press supporting it that extends from sea to sea and is as vigilant and tireless in its labors as it is steadfast and true to the party principles.

The Socialist party stands upon a sound platform, embodying the principles of Internationl Socialism, clearly and eloquently expressed, and proclaims its mission of conquest on the basis of the class *struggle*. It tactics are in harmony with its principles, and both are absolutely uncompromising.

Viewed today from any intelligent standpoint the outlook of the Socialist movement is full of promise—to the capitalist, of struggle and conquest; to the worker, of coming freedom.

It is the break of dawn upon the horizon of human destiny and it has no limitations but the walls of the universe.

What party strife or factional turmoil may yet ensue we neither know nor care. We know only that the principles of Socialism are necessary to the emancipation of the working class and to the true hap*piness of all classes* and that its historic mission is that of a conquering movement. We know that day by day nourished by the misery and vitalized by the aspirations of the working class, the area of its activity widens, it grows in strength and increases its mental and moral grasp, and when the final hour of capitalism and wage slavery strikes, the Socialist movement, the greatest in all history—great enough to embrace the human race—will crown the class struggles of the centuries with victory and proclaim Freedom to All Mankind.

THE BANKERS, THE CHURCH AND HUMANITY.

In another column we print an extract from a sermon delivered by one of the leading ministers of the Episcopal church, in which he points out that Morgan blocked all efforts of the Church to get in line with modern industrial conditions. The great financiers control the Church and as the Bible says: "The ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's crib". Thus it has happened that when the great rubber workers strike occurred in Akron, O., the leader of the capitalist mob was an Episcopal clergyman. We hope that he is in as much trouble as the following press dispatch would indicate:

Prevey Sues for $50,000

Frank M. Prevey, a leading light in the Socialist party and Akron rubber workers' strike leader, has brought suit for $50,000 damages against the Rev. G. B. Atwater, an Episcopal clergyman, and five other members of the Citizens' Welfare committee, charging them with having conspired to force him to leave the city and to interfere with his civil, political and personal rights.

The law suit follows an interview held with him by the Citizens' Welfare committee on March 12th, when the committee gave him to understand that he was an undesirable citizen and arranged for a further interview for the following morning at 9 o'clock.

Frank Prevey is a well known jeweler and a thoroughly respected citizen of Ohio. He has lead a stainless life but in the eyes of this Episcopal clergyman he committed the awful crime of assisting the down trodden for which that great social revolutiodnist. Jesus died. The Rebel would merely inquire, is it any wonder that the working class are deserting the orthodox churches?

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

There is a capitalist on Puget Sound near Seattle, who has recently become demented and by the time the ink is wet on this issue of the Rebel we shall probably hear the sad news that he is in a padded cell. The Rebel feels this way because this gentleman who owns large lumber possessions alongside Weyerhauser and other timber thieves, sends us the following card finely printed on first class stock:

Are You a Christian?

Is it not true that the Christian Religion is based in its application on the Golden Rule?

Would any act contrary to the Golden Rule be Christian?

To be worthy of being called a Christian, would it not be necessary to at least try to apply or follow the Golden Rule?

When you give as little as possible (commodities or service) and take as much as possible from your Brothers, are you even trying to apply the Golden Rule?

Can a Christian knowingly vote or in any other way help to perpetuate the present system when its very basis, competition, is un-Christian?

If this is a Christian nation, worthy of the name, how have our Christians been voting?

Have they been voting to perpetuate a system whereby it is physically impossible to even try to be a Christian?

What is it that governs the actions of men, their Christian belief or their Economic interests?

What function are all Churches performing in Society today?

With freedom of choice, would not every man or woman do right rather than wrong?

When men or women who are merely physical beings, do wrong, is it not from the force of Economic pressure?

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

C. A. J.

The fact that no sane capitalist would send out sane stuff like this, is the cause of the Rebel doubting his sanity.

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"The Sledgehammer" is the name of the latest southern Socialist paper to come to our desk. It is issued from Bartow, Florida. The price is 35 cents a year. It is published semi-monthly and contains lots of good reading matter.

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Granite City, Ill., April 16.—At yesterday's municipal election the Socialists re-elected Comrade Marshal E. Kirkpatrick as Mayor of Granite City by a majority of 300 votes. C. L. Burton (Socialist) was elected to the City Council.

THE GREAT OIL STORY.

The story of Standard Oil published in The Rebel last week caused a statewide sensation and we are advised that the eastern press will take up the facts contained therein and force to the front the question that The Rebel raised, viz., "Will Wilson Jail the Oil Chiefs?" At the present moment Wilson is not giving any evidence of a desire to move in the matter and his United States Attorney General Mc Reynords, is as silent as a clam. Richard G. Maury, the criminal district attorney of Harris county, Texas, has returned from New York after after serving the papers on the oil chiefs in the state anti-trust suits. Mr. Maury complains of being followed by detectives everywhere. The Houston Chronicle quotes him as follows:

Mr. Maury stated that he has been followed around by three men for some time and that they have been trying to get information about his private affairs from his personal friends. He stated that they were constantly about him while he was in New York City and other places and that they are still following him here in Houston. He also says that even before the petition in the trust cases was filed in Hunt county, a copy of it was stolen from his room in Austin.

Mr. W. H. Gray has returned froom New York where he accompanied Mr. Maury and to Washington, D. C. where he sought to stir up the national administration to take action against the oil chiefs who are in contempt of a decree issued last year by the United States Supreme Court. Mr Gray complains of being followed day and night by Standard Oil detectives. The Rebel wonders when the big policeman of the United States administration, the Attorney General will move on the oil kings' entrenchments. In the meantime, Rockefeller, Archbold and his associates are getting ready to pay all fines by pushing up the price of all oils, refined and unrefined, up to to the highest point known in thepast twenty years. If Wilson don't act the people will, as in the past, pay the freight. The Rebel will have something important to say on this question next week.

THE REBEL LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

Comrade E. Pate, Elgin, Texas asks us to send the address of our lawyer and his terms. His address is The Rebel office and his terms for answering questions or giving information is $1, for which you will also receive a year's subscription to The Rebel.

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The comrades of McKinney, Texas wish to start a co-operative paper and wishes the necessary bylaws and documents. We shall attend to this at once.

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A. F. C., Palestine, Texas: The 19th section of the Bill of Rights states that no man shall be depriv- of his liberty or immunities but the courts starting with the renowned John Marshall have usurped nearly all of our constitutional rights under the dicta of public policy and police power. Our last vagrancy statute is very comprehensive and includes consorting with prostitutes. You will probably find the information against you reads, "On information and beliefs" and if a warrant were issued for you they could arrest you lawfully. You would in order to accomplish anything have to show conspiracy. See Joske case in Supreme Court of Texas.

EVERYBODY WORKED WITH FATHER.

Last year my children (the oldest being 13 years old) and I worked 130 acres of land, 32 in cotton. Did all our work and some on the outside. Made 12 tons of maize, 2000 bundles of sorghum ,1 8bales of cotton; gathered it all and picked 10 bales of cotton for other people. The Socialists ran me for representative; I answered calls to preach at funerals, perform marriage ceremonies, preached every Sunday held meetings after crops were laid by, held six debates in which I defended Socialism; stumped nine boxes for Socialism, served as school trustee; helped to settle two fusses; visited my mother-in-law; and these hypocritical anti-socialists are telling it all the time that the Socialists won't work and that I had quit preaching and gone off with the Socialists. God help them.

G. A. Lamberth,
Dunn, Scurry, Co.

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In the city election held in Eldon, Mo., last week the Socialists elected two aldermen and failed to elect the third by fourteen votes.

ANOTHER LABOR LEADER ARRESTED.

Carl E. Person, of Clinton, Illinois, editor of the Strike Bulletin, of the System Federation was arrested by United States Marshal Fairchild last week, charged with sending "libelous, scurrilous and defamatory matter through the mails that was calculated to reflect injuriously upon the Illinois Central Railroad Company."

The facts that led up to the arrest of our brother are as follows:

Five different crafts on a number of railroads, the principal ones of which were the Harriman lines, have been striking for better conditions for the past eighteen months. Untold damage to life and property has been caused by the Wall street money kings who are determined to crush the unions on their various systems.

Readers of The Rebel are familiar with our story of the San Antonio explosion, in which we pointed out the manner in which twenty-six men were blown to pieces in the S. P. shops at San Antonio through the ignorance of scabs, who took the strikers' places. The Rebel just escaped arrest at that time for the exposure and now our brother editor is arrested for calling attention to the manner in which President Harahan was killed with some of his big associates through a railroad wreck at Kimundy, Illinois. The editor of the The Strike Bulletin has told the truth about the matter, but it is the truth that hurts and cuts and stings and makes large holes in the pocket books of the financial moguls who own the Illinois Central. Needless to say the jailing of Editor Person will not stop the publication of the facts that show how dangerous it is to ride on the Illinois line, as long as the strike is on.

That I mean this can be shown by me telling you why I would not ride on the Harriman lines. Honest people, I'm scared stiff as this incident will show: The national committee of the Socialist Party will meet in Chicago on May 11. The editor of The Rebel is national Committeman from Texas. The shortest and best way from my home to Chicago, where I must be on that day, is via Houston, New Orleans and then into Chicago. But I tell you people I'm plum scared so I'll have to go around by the Katy or some other road. What's the use of a man being a national committeeman and editor of a great religious weekly like The Rebel, if his wife is a widow, so I'm telling all my brother committeemen to go to Chicago by air ship or some other safe route but for God's sake to keep away from the Harriman line and particularly the Illinois Central, which is now in far worse shape than the famous road that made old Arkansas famous.

So here's to you Carl Person in your prison cell. You won't stay there long and you've saved my own and many other lives because if it were not for you I might have ridden on the road that even carried its own president into the silent tomb.

EL PASO SMELTER TIED UP TIGHT.

On April 10 six hundred Mexicans went on strike against the El Paso Smelter at El Paso, Texas. The strike is being ably handled by Fellow Worker Fernando Palomarez, who just finished serving one year and one day for violation of the neutrality laws. He is assisted by Fellow Workers Dorame and Lomas and the strike secretary J. M. Ybarra.

The strike demands are for an eight hour day, 20 per cent increase in wages, discharge of the head surgeon of the company and no hospital fee to be paid by the men.

The plant is completely tied up and large meetings are being held. Palomarez, who is leading the strike, states that the winning of this strike will be the means of organizing large unions of Mexicans all over Texas and the South.

The families of the strikers must be helped, so all readers are asked to show their international solidarity by forwarding funds to J. M. Ybarra, 309 E. 5th street, El Paso, Texas.

Labor papers plase copy.

THE CURRIE LECTURES.

On account of various conditions that make it impracticable to begin the lectures at this time, it has been deemed best to postpone the Currie stereopticon lectures until later in the summer. Due announcement will be made when the lectures will be again taken up.

Rebel Lecture Bureau.

RENTER'S UNION.

E. O. Meitzen, Secretary, Hallettsville, Texas.

Again we can report the organization of several locals in Oklahoma by H. Grady Milner, who is working the fourth district. One is in the Bethel community and the other is Lebanon, another is Burris No. 1, near Utica, with 8 members. H. Grady, Milner, wrote for charter applications, constitutions, etc., as he says he has done the preliminary work that will reap the harvest in the shape of quite a number of other locals in the near future.

A. J. Rasco, of Eustace, Texas, writes that the votes are all in and the first meeting to organize the Renter's Union Homebuilders Association will be held at Dallas, Texas July 18th next. A circular letter outlining the possibilities of this movement within the Union to get a home paid for n a few years at a price about equal to the rent you have to pay annually is in preparation. Write for full particulars, all who are interested and who is it among you renters that is not, or shall not be interested?

F. A. Hernandez, the efficient Mexican agitator of Nordheim, has arranged to have the constitution printed in the Spanish languge as he intends to reach the vast multitude of Mexican renters that live in the southwestern part of our great state and possibly New Mexico, Arizona and other states.

A letter from a local secretary in the rice belt asks how to harmonize our demands as to renting, with the conditions in that section, the same question has been asked as to the truck growing section. And to save time and postage and at the same time reach even those who are yet in duobht as to this matter will cite that while the original declaration of purposes covers th egenral rent conditions and appears to force all rent to the third and fourth oasis a change was made in the basic law at our second State meeting and adopted by a majority of the membership by referendum vote, which gives the Unions in each county the right to fix a scale of rent. See sections 28, 29 and 30, Article V, new Constitution.

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Dr. George Chalmers, of Richmond, in a sermon on Christian standards on life at St. John's Episcopal church declared that J. Pierpont Morgan had not gone to Heaven. He said:

"In the Episcopal church, Mr. Morgan controlled our house of bishops. For years he has prevented our church from declaring her position on the great social and industrial problems of our age, so that the Episcopal church is at the fag end of things. Our church will never progress till about twenty-five rich corporation officers and retired financiers and aristocratic gentlement who at present control our church join Mr. Morgan."

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If your sub expires this week put 50 cents in an envelope and send in for your renewal for one year, or get a slip of paper and send in your name with three others for 40 weeks at 25 cents each.

ECZEMA

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ECZEMA CAN BE CURED TO STAY

When I say cured, I mean just what I say C-U-R-E-D, and not merely patched up for awhile, to return worse than before. Remember I make this broad statement after putting twelve years of my time on this one disease and handling nearly half a million cases of this dreadful disease. Now, I do not care what all you have used, nor how many doctors have told you that you could not be cured—all I ask is just a chance to show you that I know what I am talking about. If you will write me TODAY, I will send you a FREE TRIAL of my mild, soothing, guaranteed cure that will convince you more in a day than I or anyone else could do in a month's time. If you are disgusted and discouraged, I dare you to give me a chance to prove my claims. By writing me today you will enjoy more real comfort than you ever thought this world holds for you. Just try it. and you will see I am telling the truth.

Dr. J. E. Cannaday, 802 Court Square, Sedalia, Mo.

References: Third National Bank, Sedalia, Mo.

Could you do a better act than to send this notice to some poor sufferer of Eczema?