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From Captains.

A FIGHTING PREACHER GETS 1000.

Dawson, Tex. Oct. 6, 1913.

Dear Rebel:—

I send you a few more subs to your valuable paper. I send 11 names, I have got 1014 nams on my petition and went around verv little for it has been that I can't get around a foot much, but I will see some of the strict brass collared Democrats, then we have it hand to hand, but I can handle them without gloves on. We are gaining every day.

Yours for the fight,
Rev. W. D. Farley, Route 1.

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HE IS ANXIOUS TO WORK.

Lamar Co., Tex., October 10, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.

Sir:—

Sometime ago I sent you 20 cents in postage stamps for land petitions, you only sent me one. Please forward me the remainder at once. I am securing names fast and want to place the other petitions in the hands of other at once. I am going to subscribe for The Rebel and will forward with other names soon.

Respectfully yours,
J. W. Cato.

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ANOTHER COUNTY HEARD FROM.

Hutchinson Co., Tex., Oct. 6, 1913
T. A. Hickey, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Please find enclosed a ten cent piece for which send me two Land Petitions and I will try to secure names. This county is thinly settled having only about two hundred voters in the county. The land is owned in large bodies by the wealthy class. I believe the farmers here will sign the petition when it is presented to them.

Yours in the fight,
J. A. Duppy.

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OWNS LAND AND GO WITH US.

Montague Co., Tex., Oct. 8, 1913
Dear Sir:—

Please send me two land petitions and I will get them signed up and send them back to you. I am an old man 69 years of age and have land of my own, but I am for the Renters.

Yours truly,
S. W. Dave.

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Throckmorton Co., Tex., Oct. 5, 13.
Mr. T. A. Hickey, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed you will find 5 cents for which please send me one blank —and Petition and we will start one in our part of this country.

A. J. Allison.

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LAND FOR THE POOR.

Nacogdoches Co., Tex., Oct. 9, 13.
Dear Comrade:—

Please find enclosed 10 cents for which send me two land petitions will do what I can for the cause of the homeless poor.

Yours for the fight,
J. H. Skillern.

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TWO COUNTIES CARRIED.

Bronson, Tex., Oct. 6, 1913.
Dear Comrade:—

Please find enclosed 10 cents in stamps for which send me two Land Petitions at your earliest convenience. One for San Augustine county and one for Shelby county.

Yours Truly,
John Murphy.

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HE KNOWS HIS BIBLE.

Johnson Co., Tex., Oct.6, 1913
M. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find ten cents for Land Petition for Johnson county. Please forward at once. I want to help the good work along and usher in the long looked for kingdom.

Your till the war is over.
D. W. Cline, 239, Royal St.

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DIDN'T LEAVE HIS STORE.

San Saba Co., Tex., Oct. 9, 13.
Mr. T. A. Hickey, Hallettsville, Tex
Dear Sir:—

I have on my petition 125 names and have not been outside of the store. I shall send the balance to different parts of the county just as soon as I receive some. Some parties say they will not trade with me unless I stop talking Socialism, so I just talk alittle more. It will all come out in the washing.

Yours for success,
Geo. W. Teague.

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A SOCIALIST JUDGE IN THE FIGHT

E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

I enclose herewith ten cents for two Land Petitions. Send one to my son-in-law, Oscar Vanderworth, New Ulm, Tex., and one to my address, R. 3, Rule Tex. If it will be possible at all I will go to the Socialist meeting at Waco at the Cotton Palace. I am glad that the Renter's Union Day will be held about the same time so that we can meet one another.

With best regards,
Henry Rinn,
Socialist Justice of the Peace, Stonewall county.

Come to Waco, Ye Land Rebels!

The great Land Petition continues to grow like a snow ball rolling down a mountain side.

This petition to the governor of Texas calling for a constitutional amendment that proposes that the more than one hundred million acres of tillable land held out of cultivation for speculative purposes shall be taxed to its full rental value, thereby causing this land to be thrown upon the market, the speculative price smashed and all to the end that the 250,000land tenants ofTexas and their families and dependants, amounting to over one million souls, shall be enabled to secure homes which under the present constitution of the state of Texas is impossible.

Last week we published an alphabetical statistical statement showing that there were 145 counties lined up for this great constitutional amendment and that there were 1370 petitions out with 385 captains handling them with 800 assistants. This week we publish a list of new captains to the number of 112, who have purchased 276 petitions in 77 counties, eleven of which are new counties, as follows:

Austin, Colorado, Dallam, Edwards, Gray, Hutchinson, Jim Wells, Motley, Potter, Red River and Wilbarger, making 156 counties altogether.

So the record to date stands like this: Total number of captains, 498; total number of assistants, 1050, making a total number of 1548 men and women circulating the land petition in 156 counties.

This is an amazing showing; this is now something new, the like of which has never been seen before in Texas. It demonstrates as nothing else can that the people of Texas are too intelligent to allow this terrific land monopoly to exist any longer. It is abundantly clear now that all that is necessary is the massing of these forces together in a thoroughly organized compact form, that will sweep Texas and destroy landlordism within the borders of the Lone Star State.

HOW TO PERFECT THIS ORGANIZATION WILL BE THE GREAT TOPIC UNDER DISCUSSION FROM NOVEMBER 7, TO NOVEMBER 11, IN WACO.

Then the most active and militant fighters for the destruction of landlordism in Texas will assemble in two great conventions; then the matter will be threshed out to a finish. If you are a Socialist you should not miss the great Socialist State Convention and Socialist Day, the latter coming on Sunday, November 9th in the Coliseum of the great Cotton Palace Fair.

If you have not yet seen the Socialist light but belong to the Renter's Union, which is a non-partisan, non-sectarian body, you should mingle with these men and women who have pledged their lives, their sacred honor and their fortunes that landlordism must be swept from the state.

To the man or woman who thinks, it must be a self evident proposition that no more important gathering has ever taken place in the South.

THE PRIZE TO BE FOUGHT FOR, AN EMPIRE GREATER THAN GERMANY OR FRANCE, IS THE GREATEST THAT HAS ENGAGED THE ATTENTION OF MEN SINCE FORT SUMTER WAS FIRED ON.

The destruction of tenantry and the establishment of a quarter of a million homes and thereby spreading the beneficent effects of education, culture, wealth and true Christianity in the place of ignorance, poverty, savagery and infidelity is a cosummation devoutly to be wished for and is the noblest ideal for which men and women can fight.

Inasmuch as all signs point to a great gathering during the Cotton Palace week I should point out to you what will result. The muzzled dailies of the state will be compelled to take up the great question of Landlordism and how to abolish it as some of them have already given an indication of doing. Notably the Dallas News, Farm and Ranch and the Farm Cooperator. Then the men and women who will take part in this great state-wide conference can so perfect their organization that they will move like an army with banners in a drilled and disciplined style in every portion of the state. This conference will strengthen their faith, renew their energy, increase their confidence, exalt their courage and inspire each and everyone present to ever greater efforts for the holy and sacred cause in which we are engaged.

Remember the eyes of the world have been turned toward us; our cry has been taken up even in Canada and the masses are stirring to action in every state in the South. Now for all these reasons:

MEET US FACE TO FACE IN WACO NOVEMBER 7, TO 11 AND WE WILL ORGANIZE THOROUGHLY TO SETTLE THIS QUESTION OF LAND.

HE IS PURE IRISH.

Cherokee County, Tex., Oct. 10, 1913.
T. A. Hickey, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Please send me blank land petitions at once. Will use energy in getting it filled.

Yours for Socialism,
J. J. Lowry.

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AN AGED PREACHER COMES THROUGH.

Lawson, Tex., Oct. 3, 13.
Dear comrade:—

Here I come again with some more subs to your valuable paper that is opening the eyes of many man. I have gotten 62 signers to the Land Petition and have not been able to get out any where for it has been raining so that I could not get out. I have no way of going except walking, and I am 72 years old. But when the weather settles I will try to get my booklet full. I have sent the other over in Limestone county. I am not able to do manual labor but I have sent you over a hundred subs for The Rebel, it has cost me some little for orders that is about all I can do but I have been in the middle of the road for reform since the "greenback party" and preached that doctrine. They call me the wild Irishman, but I am proud of my nationality, though I was born in Scotland.

Please send me some order blanks, and oblige,

Rev. W. D. Farley.

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THE WILL OF GOD SHOULD PREVAIL.

Sour Lake, Tex., Oct. 11, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Send me two land petitions for enclosed stamps. I am in favor of free land. When God made man he also made land for his use and occupancy and by all that's holy they shall have it

Yours fraternally,
Jas. Magness, Bx 144.

HEAR HIM SNORT.

Mt. Selman, Tex., Oct. 4, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Here is a dime, send me to the address below two Land Petitions. My landlord is ignorant of such a move so I want to stick the petition under his nose and hear him snort.

Fraternally,
G. A. Jones.

P. S.: Will gladly work for the Rebel taking subs if you will send me the cards, and will turn the money in when cards are sold.

G. A. J.

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HERE IS A MAN.

Crosby Co., Oct. 6, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

Find enclosed ten cents for which you will please send me two Land Petitions. I own my home of 160 acres besides some town property, I also believe other people would have homes. This is step in the right direction that will awaken the slumbering nation.

J. B. Miller.

TWO NOBLE WOMEN.

Poolville, Tex., Oct. 9, 1913.
The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrade:—

I am a woman, I am also a lover of freedom and justice. Therefore I am a Socialist through and through and think it an honor for men and women to stand firm for what they know to be right.

Jas. 4—17 says: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him is it sin!" I am a reader of The Rebel and think it is just fine and getting better all the time. Here is an old lady ready to do all she can for good cause, Mrs. L. D. Thornton, says: "Send her a petition booklet free of charge, as she is a widow 66 years old, homeless and without means but says she is not too old to work for Socialism." May this dear old lady live to see the flag of freedom waving o'er the land.

Yours for better times,
Mrs. L. Montgomery.

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THE REBEL AND THE LAND RESOLUTION.

Gonzales Co., Tex., Oct. 10, 1913.
To the Rebel Bunch, Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Comrades:—

The Rebel gets better each week and then some. It certainly has put the land revolution on in Texas. The Rebel is about the only paper in the South that is clearly unmuzzled and will beard the lion in his den and stand for land for the landless and homes for the poor. We have been so badly drowned out here for several weeks that I have not been able to do anything for the Renters' Union yet. But with good weather I will be up and able to go to work in about two weeks. I have succeeded in raking a club of four and will give the names on separate sheet.

Yours for Socialism,
S. D. Lee.

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TENANTRY INCREASING.

Foard County, Tex., Oct. 5, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

After looking over the list of captains for the Land Petitions I find Wilbarger county is not on the list. In 1910 this county had 555 farms operated by owners, of this number 244 were free from mortgage. The same year we had 873 farms rented against 253 in 1900. Send me one Petition book, I will get as many to sign it as I can.

Yours for success,
L. R. Stanford.

A HOME OWNER WANTS HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS.

Wilson County, Oct. 2 ,1913.
My Dear Mr. Meitzen:—

I am not a renter but own my farm still I heartily agree with the plans of organizing the renters. Please send me Land Petition. I want a petition and information how to organize the renters. Also send me next issue of The Rebel and oblige.

Yours,
W. J. Neyland.

WANTS AN INTELLIGENT MINORITY.

Navarro County, Tex., Oct. 6, 1913.
Editor Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

I am in full sympathy with the renters of Texas, you will please give me the names and addresses of the officers of the Renter's Union that was organized at Waco, Texas. Statistics show that 75 per cent. of the farmers of Texas are renters. Surely they can out vote the 25 per cent. that are now holding all the lands of Texas and fully arouse and educate all the renters to go to work, ge tup rousing big petitions to ur legislature earnestly requesting and demanding tht a law speedily be passed that all land held for speculative purposes be taxed so high that same will be turned loose at a low price and long time. Or making use and occupancy the title to the land. Surely there will have to be something done to give speedy relief to the toiling millions of mn, women and children who own no land and under the present system no hope of ever owning any on which to build a home. The greatest number is what I am earnestly working for. There are millions of acres of good land in West Texas held for high speculative purposes over which the wild coyote, the jack rabbits and prairie dogs roam at will, such land should be converted into peaceable, happy, prosperous, contented homes and will be when proper laws are enacted. Those who faithfully work for the attainment of said result will prove real benefactors of our race. Our lives will not prove failures.

Please send me a few copies of The Rebel for free distribution also copies of the Renter's Union Petitions.

Yours for a speedy reformation,
J. Taylor Allen.

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Eden, Texas, Oct. 4, 1913.
Comrade Meitzen:—

Please send the Land Petition. I am not a renter but will circualte the Petition.

J. F. Carey.

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HE WILL DO IT, YOU BET.

Justin, Tex. Oct. 6, 1913.
Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

Please find enclosed 25 cents in stamps to pay for four land petitions. Please mail to me at once and I will do the rest.

Yours truly,
B. B. Driver,
Secretary Local No. 1714.

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KNOWS HIS BIBLE.

Dodsonville, Tex., Oct. 5, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find 25 cents for which send me ten copies of the Land Petition, for I believe the Bible is true: Lev. 25:23, Deut. 23:19, Deut. 24:6, Osiah, 65:24, Ex. 18:8, Nehemiah 5:1-12, Ecc. 5:13, Tim. 6:9-17, Zep. 1:18, Jas. 2:1-10, Jas. 5:1-6.

Walter Bodenhamer.

HE IS WELCOME.

Riesel, Tex., Oct. 5, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

I am a poor colored man, negro by nationality, but I am in the struggle of poverty and if there is any god time by the people working then I am willing to go the limit. Of course that not very far, for this is a letter asking for information. In reading The Rebel I find a Land Petition with twelve blank lines, would it be legal and all right for twelve men (colored) of my community to sign it? Please write with instructions.

In conclusion I hope this is not a letter of insult. Success to the Renter's Union.

Yours truly,
James Woods,
Route 2, Box 73.

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THE PARAMOUNT QUESTION.

Hill County, Tex., Oct. 7, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texac.
Dear Sir:—

Please find enclosed 10 cents in stamps for two Land Petitions as advertised in The Rebel. We have no local here but have lots of Socialists and I am sorry for any man that is renting land that won't sign the Petition. I will get all the signers I can for I know the land question is hte greatest that confronts us today.

Yours until the battle is won,
A. L. Weir, Route 10.

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A SERIOUS QUESTION.

Denton Conuty, Tex., Oct. 7, 1913.
Halettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

I wish to say that I am getting along very well getting signers to the Land Petition though I have come across some people and some renters that can't see one inch from their noses, concerning their condition. It is a strange thing to me that some people are that way. Men that I have the least trouble in getting to sign the petition are men with the largest homes. I have got men that own nearly one thousand acres of land. And why a man that does not own a foot of land will not sign it is more than I can understand.

Yours truly,
J. L. Walker.

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CAN'T HOLD THE LAND HE OWNS

Proctor, Tex., Oct. 6, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Sir:—

I will send 10 cents for which send me two petitions and I will do every thing I can in getting signatures. People in this county are crying for something like that as the most of them are renters. I am not renting now, but if things go on in this way it won't be long until I will be, for the big man will force me to sell. With all the bond tax to pay and more coming on it makes it hard for a little man to own a home. Give us land petitions, not booze. Give us homes for the homeless.

H. M. Woolsey, Rt. 2.

New Captains.

Angelina county, Fred A. Wright, 1; Austin county, Oscar Vanderworth, 1; Anderson county, Charley Thomas, 1; Bosque county, J. M. Anderson, 2; Cherokee county, G. A. Jones, 2; Dr. J. J. Ely, 1; J. J. Lowery, 1; Comanche county, H. M. Woolsey, 2; Collingsworth county, Walter Bodenhamer, 10; Cottle county, J. S. Currie, 2; D. B. Evans, 1; Concho county, J. F. Cave, 1; Crosby county, J. E. Miller 2; Coryell county, J. D. Ingram, 10; Calhoun county, W. H. Smith, 1; Callahan county, W. E. Hensley, 2; E. B. Mills, 1; Collin county, J. S. Jones 2; Colorado County, Geo. A. Roth, 1; Cass county, T. J. Walton, 1; Dallam county, Harry Hardgrove, 4; Dallas county, Ernest Petterson, 1; H. K. Wilson, 2; Denton county, B. B. Driver, 4; DeWitt county, W. K. Mathews, 1; P. H. Dawson, 1; Dawson county, J. H. Marshall, 1; Eastland county, J. R. Turner, 2; A. N. Grinstead, 2; W. T. Ingram, 1; M. F. Rainey, 1; Edwards county, J. R. Baldwin, 2; Ellis county, R. Pipkin, 2; El Paso county, W. J. Mitner, 2; Falls county, Patsey Hughes, 1; Foard county, B. H. Hood, 1; Floyd county, A. B. Henry, 10; Fannin county, J. A. Chapman, 10; Gray county, S. A. Biggers, 10; Grayson county, J. T. Hunnicutt, 1; B. F. Hill, 1; Hill county, A. L. Wier, 2; Hod county J. F. P. Bannon, 2; Thos. H. More, 2; Houston county, W. H. Broe, 1; Henderson county, J. W. Nolen, 1; C. W. Rounsavall, 2; Hunt county, M. A. Allen, 2; Harrison county, L. P. Locker, 2; Hidalgo county, T. W. Harvie, 1; Hutcheson county, J. A. Dupuy, 2; Hardin county, Jas Magness, 2; Stonewall Co., Henry Rinn, 1; W. G. Hamilton, 2; Jones county, W. H. Crawford, 1; Jim Wells county, H. B. Morrison, 2; Johnson county, D. W. Cline, 2; Tobe McLeroy, 2; Jackson county, B. F. Ezzell, 2; Kaufman county, Ed Clarkston, 1; Knox county, W. C. Williams, 1; Lavaca county, J. A. Marsee, 1; Gustav Albert, 1; B. F. Johnson, 1; J. T. Lanehart, 1; Will Tolleson, 1; Leon county, J. W. Nichols, 1; Lamar county, D. E. Burns, 1; J. R. Cox, 2; Limestone county, R. L. Jernigan, 1; McLennan county, Geo. W. Morse, 1; J. P. Harrison, 5; Milam county, W. R. Dennis, 10; Motley county, J. R. Rone ,10; Montague county, J. P. Cliningsmith, 10; Navarro county, R. L. Murehead, 1; J. J. Prince, 1; R. D. Fleming, 10; Nacogdoches county, J. H. Skillern, 2; Palo Pinto county, J. M. Hemphill, 1; J. A. Hudman, 2; Panola county, S. A. Selman, 1; M. T. Barksdale, 1; Potter county, W. R. Paul, 10; Parker county, Mrs. L. D. Thornton, 1; Red River county, F. M. Watkins, 5; S. B. Coleman, 1; Runnels, county, P. E. Lunsford, 3; Mrs. M. C. Peek, 1; San Saba county R. A. Russell, 1; W. M. Smith, 3; Geo. W. Teague, 3; H. L. Richman, 1; Smith county, J. C. Johnson, 2; L. L. Stamps, 10; Sabine county John Murphy, 2; Somervile county, J. A. Wood, 2; Travis county, J. B. Graves, 2; Throckmorton county, A. J. Allison,1; J. M. Gardner, 1; Taylor county, W. D. Mitchell, 1; Tyler county, M N. Talley, 1; Uvalde county, D. A. Baker, 2; Wise county, Louis Tedder, 2; W. P. Groves, 10; Wilson county, W. J. Nyland, 1; Wilbarger county, L. R. Stanford, 1; Wharton county, Jno. Rasmusen, 1; J. C. Hooten, 1.

ALL BUT NUMSKULLS.

Oran, Tex., Oct. 3, 1913.
The Rebel,
Hallettsville Texas.
Dear Comrades:—

I am getting along first rate with the Land Petition will soon have this precinct worked up. They all sign the petition except the numskulls.

H. B. Hurlburt.

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EVERYBODY'S DOING IT.

San Saba County, Tex., Oct. 6, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

Enclosed find a dime for two Land Petitions. Please send them to W. C. Roberts, Rou. 1, San Saba, Tex. I showed him The Rebel with the Land Petition and he gave me the dime to send for the petitions. I sent for one last week but have not got it yet. Everyone I have spoke to about the matter wants to sign it.

Yours for the death of the Donk,
W. M. Smith.

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THEY MEAN BUSINESS IN PALO PINTO.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Oct. 14, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

I am sending you enclosed price for two Land Petitions for which please forward to the above address at once and we will circulate over this county. We have in my community a 12 acre Socialist cotton patch, that is now ready to pick, will make two bales or more.

Yours for the revolution,
J. A. Hudman,

TRIUMPH THROUGH STRUGGLE.

"For life is not as idle ore;
But dug from central gloom,
And heated hot with burning fears
And dipp'd in baths of hissing tears,
And better'd by the shock of doom
To shape and use".—Tennyson.

Texas Notes,

(By E. A. Green, Sec., Rockdale, Texas.)

DINAH AND THE MACHINE.

(Soliloquy.)

Well, I swan! Jes read in dat Texumkana paper where Mr. John A. Currie was at Grand Saline Encampment in the interests of de "Machine."

Wonder what kinder "Machine" dat writer meant? Sewing machine, harvester machine, or crushing machine?

Some folkeses shore fraid of machines. Spec dat writer has "night-horses" two or three times nightly bout "machines."

I know whats de matter wif dat fellow. He don't like it cause Mr. John done told him at Grand Saline dat de "call" for "constitutional convention" was an *"unconstitutional call"*, and derefore and for dat reason Mr. John refused to sign it.

I knowed doggone well he wouldn't, but I also knowed dat he had no ill will toward de kumrads who did sign it, for he believes in ebery man doing what he thinks is right, and he shore gwinter do dat for hisself—anybody what understands Mr. John to be afraid to spress and act his opinion, shore "misunderstands" him. I knows dat he has left de pulpit, and den a $200 a month job (and his boss said he could come back) all jes cause his convictions outgrowed his perzishuns—Dat man will be found talking what he thinks is right till de "worm dieth" an de "fire am squenched" and de "machine" ob justice is running like a greasy cyclone.

Woa! By Golly! I know now what dat machine is—de "machine" ob justice dats what Mr. John was representin—"Go cordin to right"—"do justly"— If de Socialists hab a nishuative an referendum an recall, den use em — and don't run off an leave de "Machine" ob justice cause dey think its a runnin kinder wobbly.

If anything is wrong, right it in de "right" way. Two "wrongs" never did make a "right"— Mr. John is right bout dat I tel yer. When folkses begin to take matters in dere own hands and run right ober de rules gubnering de case right den dey left de doctrin ob de "kittle an de pot". I'm like Mr. John I don't believe it will do, brethren and sistren and kumrads. Command to right what we think is wrong. De "machine" ob justice am not broke.

It may sometimes git clogged up a little an some ob de wheels an bands an cogs an cranks git to slippin an a slidin, but we mustn't desert her. By Gum, we can't make a "machine" like her—adjust de bands, grease the cogs, level de wheels, screw down de cranks, and go at it cordin to written instructions dat come wif de machine, and then, you can jes bet yer, Mr.John will be wif you till "Hell an froze ober" on top.

Mr. John, he 'low he gwine to Waco to dat sure-nuff Socialist convention on November 10, an if he finds time he also gwine take in Socialist Day at de Cotton Palace on November 9, and dat great Renters Union and Land meeting day before dat. He hate to miss de greatest four-day jubilee de revolutioners ob Texas has ever had.

Yours lubbingly,

Dinah.

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SOCIALIST SPEAKING IN KNOX COUNTY.

John A. Currie, great Socialist speaker from San Antonio, will speak at the following places on the following dates:

Knox City, Saturday, October 25, 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Union Grove, October 26, 3 p. m.
Knox City, October 27, 8 p. m.
Benjamin, October 28, 8 p. m.
Truscott, October 29, 8 p. m.
Gilliland, October 30, 8 p. m.
Vera, October 31, 8 p. m.
Goree, November 1, 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Gillespie, November 2, 8 p. m.
Munday, November 3, 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.
Gillespie, November 4, 8 p. m.
League, November 5, 8 p. m.

At Gillespie and Union Grove he will speak on Bible subjects. Time will be divided with any other speaker.

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O'Brien, Tex., Oct. 10, 1913.

Comrade Dora Merts of Oklahoma will speak at:

Haskell City, Tex., Oct. 24, 7:30 p. m.
Rule, Tex., Oct. 25, 7:30 p. m.
Roshester Tex., Oct. 26, 7:30 p. m.
Weinert, Texas, Oct. 27, 7:30 p. m.

Comrade Merts is one of the ablest speakers it has ever been our pleasure to hear. Come and bring your wives and children, am sure you won't regret it. We urge our Democrat friends to come out and hear here.

Joe F. Hudspeth,
County Secretary S. P.

THE GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON OF CAPTAIN KIDD.

I apologize to landlords for likening them to thieves and robbers. I trust they will understand that I do not consider them as personally worse than other men, but that I am obliged to use such illustrations because no others will fit the case. I am concerned not with individuals but with the system. What I want to do is to point out a distinction that in the plea for the vested rights of landowners is ignored—a distinction which arises from the essential difference between land and things that are the produce of human labor, and which is obscured by our habit of classing them altogether as property.

The galleys that carried Cæsar to Britain, the accoutrements of his legionaries, the baggage that they carried, the arms that they bore, the buildings that they erected; the scythed chariots of the ancient Britons, the horses that drew them, their wicker boats and wattled houses— where are they now? But the land for which Roman and Britain fought, there it is still. That British soil is yet fresh and as new as it was in the days of the Romans. Generation after generation has lived on it since, and generation after generation will live on it yet. Now, here is a very great difference. The right to possess and to pass on the ownership of things that in their nature decay and soon cease to be is a very different thing from the right to possess and to pass on the ownership of that which does not decay, but from which each successive generation must live.

To show how this difference between land and such other species of property as are properly styled wealth bears upon the argument for the vested rights of landholders, let me illustrate again.

Captain Kidd was a pirate. He made a business of sailing the seas, capturing merchantmen, making their crews walk the plank, and appropriating their cargoes. In this way he accumulated much wealth, which he is thought to have buried. But let us suppose, for the sake of the illustration, that he did not bury his wealth, but left it to his legal heirs, and they to their heirs and so on, until at the present day this wealth or a part of it has come to a great-great-grandson of Captain Kidd. Now, let us suppose that some one—say a great-great-grandson of one of the shipmasters whom Captain Kidd plundered, makes complaint, and says: "This man's great-great-grandfather plundered my great-great-grandfather of certain things or certain sums, which have been transmitted to him, whereas but for this wrongful act they would have been transmitted to me; therefore, I demand that he be made to restore them." What would society answer?

Society, speaking by its proper tribunals, and in accordance with principles recognized among all civilised nations, would say: "We cannot entertain such a demand. It may be true that Mr. Kidd's great-great-grandfather robbed your great-great-grandfather, and that as the result of this wrong he has got things that otherwise might have come to you. But we cannot inquire into occurrences that happened so long ago. Each generation has enough to do to attend to its own affairs. If we go to righting the wrongs and re-opening the controversies of our great-great-grandfathers, there will be endless disputes and pretexts for dispute. What you say may be true, but somewhere we must draw the line, and have an end to strife. Though this man's great-great-grandfather may have robbed your great-great-grandfather, *he* has not robbed *you*. He came into possession of these things peacefully, and has held them peacefully, and we must take this peaceful possession, when it has been continued for a certain time, as absolute evidence of just title; for, were we not do that, there would be no end to dispute and no secure possession of anything."

Now, it is this common-sense principle that is expressed in the statute of limitations— in the doctrine of vested rights. This is the reason why it is held— and as to most things held justly—that peaceable possession for a certain time cures all defects of title.

But let us pursue the illustration a little further:—

Let us suppose that Captain Kidd, having established a large and profitable piratical business, left it to his son, and he to his son, and so on, until the great-great-grandson, who now pursues it, has come to consider in the most natural thing in the world that his ships should roam the sea, capturing peaceful merchantmen, making making their crews walk the plank, and bringing home to him much plunder, whereby he is enabled, though he does not work at all, to live in very great luxury, and look down with contempt upon people who have to work. But at last, let us suppose, the merchants get tired of having thir ships sunk and their goods taken, and sailors get tired of trembling for their lives every time a sail lifts above the horizon, and they demand of society that piracy be stopped.

Now, what should society say if Mr. Kidd got indignant, appealed to the doctrine of vested rights, and asserted that society was bound to prevent any interference with the business that he had inherited, and that, if it wanted him to stop, it must buy him out, paying him all that his business was worth—that is to say, at least as much as he could make in twenty years' successful pirating, so that if he stopped pirating he could still continue to live in luxury off the profits of the merchants and the earnings of the sailors.

What ought society say to such a claim as this? There will be but one answer. We will all say that society should tell Mr. Kidd that his was a business to which the statute limitations and the doctrine of vested rights did not apply; that because his father, and his grandfather, and his great and great-great-grandfather pursued the bussniss of capturing ships and making their crews walk the plank, was no reason why he should be permitted to pursue it. Society, we will all agree, ought to say he would have to stop piracy, and stop it at once, and that without getting a cent for stopping.

(To be continued.)

LAND FOR THE LANDLESS.

Slowly, surely, steadily The Rebel's fight for land for the landless is being taken up by the different newspapers in the state. The Farm and Ranch quotes the following from the Athens Review. The position taken by the Review is unassailable. It is exactly the position that the Socialist party and the Renter's Union takes. Read it carefully and tell me if you can find a flaw in its matchless logic, here it is:

LAND FOR THE LANDLESS.

There is one serious proposition this country has to meet soon. Statesmen should, if not already doing so, be trying to meet it. We refer to the landless man, or the homeless people. Every man is entitled to land enough to dwell upon. The present system, if carried to its legitimate end, denies that proposition. If one man or corporation can legitimately own a million acres of land, by the same law he or its owns this million, he or it can own all that can be bought. The amount of his or its means is the measure of what he or it may own. One child is born into the world an heir to 500,000,000; another is born into the world a pauper. Who will pretend to claim that the one deserves credit and the other censure for its condition at birth? No one. Who will say that the latter has any opportunity to contend with the former in the accumulation of land? In a few hundred years, and that is a brief period in the history of nations, the earth can and will be owned by a very few people. Does any sane man believe that a people, as intelligent as the American people are, and will be at that time, fail to see the injustice of such a condition? Cannot it be clearly seen that they will not permit such?

There are three things a man cannot live without, and they are air, water and land. Man had no hand in creating any one of these. Therefore he has no right to accumulate so much of either as to deprive his fellows of a chance to own enough for their own use. In fact, the man that owns the land controls the other two necessities of human existence. For a man cannot use the other two without land to exist on to use them. No man is a free man that does not own a piece of land. No people are a free people that do not own their homes. No people are a patriotic people when a majority do not own thir homes. All the disturbaces in this country now are raised by the homeless class. The Review does not know what the solution is, but it does know that if the true solution is not found and carried out there are going to be troublous times in this country of ours and the time is not a milennium off either.—Athens (Texas) Review.

People I tell you this Renter's Union Land Amendment is going to win as sure as there is a sun in the noon day sky.

It is the individual that counts in the Texas Socialist ranks, not a party machine. Through the referendum the rank and the file can make the party what they will. Get in and help work. If there is no Local in your community start one. The Socialist sentiment is taking deep root in the minds of the people and it is necesary to keep step with the army of the Revolution.

All our liberties are due to men who, when their conscience has compelled them, have broken the laws of the land.— Dr. Clifford.

LAND PETITION SNAP SHOTS FOR THE REBEL.

If you don't have more religion than brains sign the Land Petition.

The Land Petition is a prayer—let us pray.

I would be pleased to have the name and occupation of every one who fails to sign the Land Petition.

The way to test a person and see whether he wants to maintain free homes or break up the home is to present the Land Petition to him. If he signs he wants to maintain the home if not he wants to break up the home.

Impure and defiled religion, at the present time, is doing as much as capitalism in breaking up the home and maintaining those already broken up.

This world is in, at the present time, a state of religious, and political anarchy, because anarchy means confusion.

Religious competition is based upon economic competition, therefore to establish Christian union, for which Christ prayed, you must first get the workers to establish a union upon the economic filed.

Most preachers will thank God for religious competition as long as their bread and butter comes that way. Free the preacher economically and he will preach the truth on all questions as he sees it. Now he preaches to suit the economic interest of those who feed and clothe him.

Freedom and free homes are impossible without free land upon which free homes can be built, therefore sign the land prayer and help free the land at the present, for speculation and exploitation.

Do you stand for freedom or slavery? Do you want a few to own all the land so the many may be slaves of the few? If not sign the Land Petition and when the time comes to vote back up that signature by your vote.

A very big landlord of Texas has taken a mortgage on a man's crop for five year in succession, wherever he might raise one in Texas. The man last winter, was talking of moving to Oklahoma in order to get rid of the mortgage.

The lands of such men ought to be confiscated and given to the poor renters for homes. Sign the Land Petition and do something real religious.

You say "I have a home," very well; but what about your children's chance to get a home? You should sign the prayer and make it possible for your children to get a home; and besides this, don't you have some feeling for the 250,000 homeless farmers besides the thousands of others who have no home? Sign this petition and vote for the interest of these homeless people.

In and around the towns and cities in Texas there are many thousands of vacant lots now held for speculation. Sign this Petition and have these lots so as to force them upon the market for homes.

There are one hundred milion acres of good tillable land in the state of Texas. Sign the Land Petition and put this idle land in use.

Why does land values go up?
1st. Because of demand.
2nd. Because of land agents and real estate men.
3rd. Because of interest, rents and profits.

Sign the Petition and make a start to stop all this.

Watch the real estate men, the landlords, the merchants, hte bankers, the school teachers and preachers and vote how many sign the Land Petition.

Watch the high ups in the churches and those who pray long and loud for the God in Heaven to bless the "widow and orphan the oppressed and the distressed" and note how many of these very religious folks sign the Land Petition.

They pray the right prayer but to the wrong person. Their prayers should be directed to the Governor of Texas. If they pray to the right person and then back up their prayers with their votes they would soon get an answer to their prayers. Just as long as these hypocrites in the churches pray to the God in Heaven (or pretend to do so) and then get out and work and vote against the interest of those for whom they pray, the conditions of the widow and orphan, the oppressed and distressed will wax worse and worse.

I note with great pleasure that Polk county, my old home county, has four preachers who are Socialists. I hope they are live wires and will keep them hot.

John J. Moye,
Christian Preacher,
Wheeler county, Texas.

THE LAND PETITION.

The Dallas News of October 1, tackles The Rebel and the Land Petition in this fashion:

Renter's Union Activity.

Much notoriety has been given to the various movements throughout the country to give effect in a modified way to the single tax theory. The Rebel (Hallettsville) tells of another movement having a similar object in view. It says that one thousand copies of the Renter's Union Socialist petition are being circulated by 324 captains and 583 lieutenants in 117 counties containing three-fourths of the inhabitants of Texas, and it explains:

"Boiled to the bone, the land petition demands that all lands held for speculative purposes or for the purpose of exploitation shall be taxed to their full rental value, thus making use and occupancy the title to the land."

The law of Texas already requires "full rendition" of all property, and is being executed at least in some cases. The theory of these petitions seems to be that property should be taxed upon possible income rather than upon nonuse. It is evident, however, judging from the variable manner of enforcing the "full rendition law," that a simple declaration to this effect will accomplish little more than creating further variations.

We shall have something interesting to say about this criticism in our next issue.

Open Letter to Firm Foundation.

Your columns are open to those who assail the working class movement known as Socialism. You allow your correspondents to assail the Socialist party with slanderous statements. But you will not permit me, nor any Socialist to reply to these slanderous, through your columns.

Recently you published a communication from W. F. Ledlow, regarding our encampment at Comanche Okla., in which he asserts that Mrs. O'Hara and S. J. Clark attacked "Christianity."

I at once wrote to you asking that you open your columns for a discussion of Socialism.

I also asked that you, or anyone to represent the Firm Foundation, discuss with me the claims of capitalist religion—a religion that endorses the robbery of the working class through interest, rent and profit.

To make it definite, I asked that you affirm that a church has the right to recognition as a scriptural institution while endorsing interest, rent and profit.

This states the position of the Firm Foundation. Why will you not open your columns and defend your position? Are you all cowards?

As stated in my letter to you, my reason for proposing such discussion is not that Socialists need to go to the Bible to prove that our position is correct, but because the defenders of legalized robbery are hiding behind a false interpretation of the Bible, on economics, in order to make the robbery look respectable. "Religion" is their mask. It is the sheep skin to hide the wolf.

In warfare it is always good practice to capture the other fellows gun and turn it on him.

That is just what we propose to do, in such discussion.

Open your columns to us. We will take the Bible and show that what you call "the church" is a capitalist machine used to pervert the teaching of the scriptures, on economics, and thereby keep the working class in ignorance, making it easier to rob them.

You cry out "Socialism is infidelity". We deny it. We are waiting to get into your columns to enlighten your readers on Socialism. Open up.

You cry out "Socialism will destroy the church". I reply you have no scriptural church to destroy. The church you are afraid will be destroyed rests, with one foot, on the rankest, boldest and most brazen infidelity the world ever knew.

Behind the padlocked columns of the Firm Foundation, it is easy to perform the stunt of asserting that "Socialism is infidelity."

Unlock your columns and I'll show you that the infidelity is in your own position, on economics.

The cry "Socialism and infidelity" is but the cry of the grafter hiding behind the name of religion. It is the old trick of crying "stop thief" to turn attention in another direction.

We demand that you defend your position on the claim of a church that endorses interest, rent and profit.

This challenge I have had published five times. It has gone before several million readers, but not one preacher has been found who will affirm that a church is scriptural that supports interest, rent and profit.

Here is room for debate. It is needed. It will interest and instruct the readers of the Firm Foundation. Open up.

The boast is that the church must "roll up its sleeves" and fight Socialism. We invite your attack. But open up your columns so we can get back at you. Don't be such cowards as to conduct a one-sided fight behind padlocked columns. That is disreputable.

Open the Firm Foundation to receive our side. We will publish, in full the discussion in a Socialist paper of equal circulation. Is not that fair? Will you do it?

I pointed out to you a year ago some of the falsehoods in Lemmon's book. You replied that you had never read the books quoted by Lemmon. I answer asking that you demand of Lemmon that he name the page and paragraph in Bebel's book, showing that Bebel holds that the "mother right is to be re-established" and that "it will make no difference who is the father of the child."

I demand of you that if Lemmon could not give you page and paragraph so that you could read it for yourself, that you, in behalf of justice, denounce his book as false through the Firm Foundation and quit selling it.

Lemmon can not name the paragraph, for there is nothing like it in Bebel's book. Yet you go on selling the lying thing. Do you call this honesty?

You claim knowledge of the scriptures, if not of certain writing.

Lemmon, in order to shield land grafters, declares that "Job owned a great deal of land". You know that there is not a passage in the Bible that shows any such thing. It is a lie. But you go selling the Lemmon book and allow it to be advertised in your columns. Is this honest? Is this the brand of "Christianity" that you are afraid "Socialism will destroy"?

Would it not benefit the world to destroy such "religion"?

You can get $50 on demand if you will furnish the chapter and verse that shows that "Job owned a great deal of land", and you can get $50 to find in Bebel's book a paragraph that shows that he believed that "the mother right is to be re-established".

Name chapter and verse in the Bible and page and paragraph in Bebel's book, and claim the $50, or, in the Firm Foundation, brand Lemmon's book as a lie.

When you want your $50, address your letter to "Secretary of Socialist Local, Sulphur, Okla. care of J. A. W. Cope.".

I need not offer any apology for their address.

W. L. Thurman,
Sulphur, Okla.

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THE LAND PETITION.

(NOTE—Send all petitions to E. O. Meitzen, Secretary-Treasurer, Renters Union, Hallettsville, Texas, who will transmit them in bulk to Governor Colquitt.

To O. B. COLQUITT, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

We, the undersigned citizens of Texas, hereby join with the Renters Union of America in a petition to you to call a special session of the legislature who shall be requested by you to submit to a vote of the people an amendment to the State Constitution, providing for a tax equal to the full rental value on all lands held for speculation—excepting homestead reservations only—all to the end that use and occupancy shall become the sole title to land in Texas.

Texas has 167,000,000 acres of land; 27,000,000 acres are improved Out of the balance there are over one hundred million acres suitable for cultivation—all held up by speculators, and the people are suffering from the scarcity of products, and high cost of living.

So we have four-fifths of the State locked up in the hands of the speculators while tenantry has increased 129 per cent in the last twenty years.

The State Chamber of Commerce has published that only two and a half per cent of the lands in the Panhandle are in productive use. It is overrun with land speculators—made worth much less to the homeseekers than when overrun by the buffaloes — or even by the hostile Indians.

East, South and West Texas are in as deplorable a position as the Panhandle.

This situation can only be grappled with and Texas turned loose for home builders by such a constitutional amendment

Instead a state of rebellious tenants we should have a state of patriotic home owners.

Realizing this to be true we respectfully ask you to heed our petition and act.

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Here follow the names. Booklets with strong card board cover containing this petition with ruled spaces for 500 signatures and with the petition clearly printed can be secured from this office for 5c each, 10 for 25c. Order now and go to work for more than 100,000 names.)

STATE OFFICE SOCIALIST PARTY, ROCKDALE, TEXAS, OCTOBER 6, 1913.

State Convention Referendum.

The following referendum is now being voted upon by the membership and all signs point to it being carried overwhelmingly if not unanimously.

RESOLVED, that a delegated state convention of the Socialist party of Texas be held in Waco, Texas, on Monday, November 10, 1913, 10 a. m., for the purpose of arranging for the coming campaign, under the following heads:

1. Taking steps to make the Socialist party's state and national position on Land the dominant issue of the 1914 campaign.

2. To discuss ways and means whereby the Socialist party's national farmer's program can be best brought to the attention of the 130,000 small farm owners and the quarter of a million land tenants in Texas, and draft a state platfrm for 1914, to be submitted to the membership for seconds in the regular way.

3. To take action looking toward the carrying out of the Socialist party's national resolution that says: "The Socialist party pledges its support to the renters and the agricultural wage workers in their attempts to organize to protect themselves from the aggressions of capitalism, and the employers in agriculture."

4. Taking action to aid and co-operate with the Renter's Union which meets in national convention in Waco the same week.

5. To discuss party organization matters, including the better organization of the organizing and speaking forces; suggest amendments to the state constitution that may be deemed advisable, and submit such suggested amendments back to the membership for seconds, which seconds, (as the state constitution prescribes) shall be sent to the state secretary.

Such convention shall be composed as follows:

1. One delegate at large from each local and one additional delegate for each five members in good standing on November 1, 1913.

2. Provided that any local increasing its membership 100 per cent. or more from the time this referendum is initiated (September 25, 1913) shall not be allowed representation for more than two extra delegates.

3. No voting by proxy shall be allowed.

4. Each delegate shall receive credentials from his local signed by the chairman and secretary of the local meeting, which shall be presented either to the state secretary or to the chairman of the credentials committee.

5. That the state secretary and two national committeemen be instructed to go to Waco two days before the convention convenes for the purpose of consulting the comrades of local Waco as to the securing of a hall for the convention, hotel rates for the delegates, and the drafting of an order of business and rules for the convention, the same to be submitted for adoption or rejection by the convention when duly assembled.

Now comrades get busy everywhere. IF YOUR LOCAL HAS LAPSED REVIVE IT OR ORGANIZE A NEW ONE IF YOU HAVE NEVER HAD ONE and remember what will happen at Waco during the Cotton Palace. Here is the line up:

On Friday morning, November 7, President J. C. Smith and E. O. Meitzen, secretary-treas. of the Renter's Union and the members of the executive committee of the Renter's Union will meet. Various leading orators will address a mass meeting that night.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 8, at 9 a. m. sharp the monster Renter's Union Convention will be called to order. The great conclave of Texas land revolutionists takes place that day.

Sunday, the 9th, will be Socialist Day at the Cotton Palace. At 9 a. m. the business manager and the editor of the Rebel will have a council of war with the members of The Rebel army. At 1 p. m. T. A. Hickey deliver an address on Land and Liberty in the large hall at the Waco Cotton Palace on the Fair grounds. Other speakers will be John A. Currie, Reddin Andrews, E. O. Meitzen and others.

On Monday morning, Nov. 10, at 10 a. m. the great state convention of the Socialist party will be held for the purpose of laying plans for the battle of 1914.

From the above it can be seen that the Socialists of Texas have an unparalleled opportunity to meet together and enjoy an intellectual feast. Never in the history of the struggle for liberty in Texas was such a program set forth before the membership. Committees will arrange for the cheapest possible hotel rates and reduced fares can be secured on all Texas railroads. Come as a Socialist, come as a Renter's Union man, come as a delegate, come as a visitor, come as a land revolutionist, come as a member of the second political party in the state and help us organize to the end that we shall soon become the first party. Come a running, come a jumping, come a leaping, come a flying, come a riding, come a walking. However you come, come to Waco on Nov. 7, 8, 9, and 10.

A CALL

To Lavaca County Renters & Small Farm Owners

We, the undersigned renters and small farm owners of Lavaca county, hereby call a county mass convention of all those who sympathize with and are interested in the welfare of the farm renting and small farming class of Lavaca county, said mass convention to be held in the county courtroom of the courthouse at Hallettsville on Friday, November 7, at 10 a. m.

The purpose of this convention is to discuss and adopt ways and means of calling a halt to the evil conditions that now beset the small farmer, and thus better the condition of the entire citizenship of Lavaca county.

The reason that impel us to call this convention are as follows:

1st. Over 60 per cent of the farmers of Lavaca county live on rented land; while over half of the farm homes are mortgaged; and the present small farmers can have little hope of seeing their children home owners; even now many deservtng hard working citizens are vainly looking for places to rent.

2nd. Land prices and land rents continue to go up, while the productivity of the cultivated soil continues to go down. This in spite of the fact that over half of the land in Lavaca county and over 80 per cent in Texas is held out of cultivation. This makes it more and more difficult for the renter or even the children of the small farm owner to secure a home

3rd. While we believe that most landlords are disposed to do what is right; yet, led by the example of their more selfish neighbors, they are imposing terms and conditions on their tenants that grow worse from day to day. We will here cite a few examples:

a) Money rent is now the rule where it was the exception; and where it once was $4.50 to $5, it is now from $6.50 to $9 per acre.

b) Share rent (formerly a third and fourth) has been increased to one-half all around, and in most cases a bonus of $1 per acre and more is demanded.

c) Colored renters are more and more taking the places of white renters (even on the prairie lands) because they live cheaper and work for halves or less and do not object to living in the poorest houses.

d) Renters are more and more subject to the orders of the land lords. They dare not vote at stock law, school tax, road tax or even in many cases at general elections contrary to the wishes of the landlords. We can prove where landlords have either threatened to throw renters out of their homes or else raise their rents if they dared to vote for certain men or certain measures. This is not speaking of being forced to trade at stores or gins that the landlords indicate, or of other tyrannical exactions.

Finally we submit that all of the above constitutes a present menace not only to the rights and liberties and lives of the six thousand small farmer families of the county, but also to the morality and progress and prosperity of Lavaca county and its citizenship in general. We believe that every good citizen should aid in forming an organization of those most vitally affected by the evils above set forth and respectfully ask all who are with us, to do all they can to aid us in making this convention a success.

(THE ABOVE CALL IS TO BE ISSUED IN LAVACA COUNTY WITH 300 SIGNERS. LET LAND REVOLUTIONISTS DO LIKEWISE IN EVERY COUNTY IN TEXAS. FIX YOUR COUNTY MASS CONVENTION DATE IN TIME TO SEND DELEGATES TO THE RENTERS UNION CONVENTION AT WACO ON NOVEMBER 8th.)

WORK FOR SOME PREACHERS,

Houstaon, Tex., Oct. 7.

To The Rebel:

Enclosed find clipping from the Houston Press—"Education for a Preacher." Please publish the same, it might mellow the hearts of some of the clericals who are so bitter against Socialism.

W. S. Wallace.

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EDUCATION FOR A PREACHER.

Editor Houston Press:

Permit me to express myself on what should be required of the clergy before they be given a pulpit.

First only fathers of families ought to be allowed to preach and then they must taken six months' course as a common laborer in a coal mine in some district that has the average conditions, and at the same time support his family from the income of his labor.

Second, he then should be required to work in a steel mill as a common laborer for six months, same conditions.

Third, he then should be required to work as a common laborer in a cotton factory, same conditions and terms.

Fourth, he then should be required to work in the hold of an Atlantic liner shoveling coal for 30 days, same terms.

Fifth, he then should be required to work 30 days in a lumber camp, same terms.

Sixth, he then should be required to serve three months as a waiter in an aristocratic hotel, same terms.

Seventh, then he should be required to support his family for 30 days without any job and he would soon be arrested as a vagrant, not having any visible means of support, and be sent to jail for 30 days. There he would study the gospel and teachings of Jesus Christ. After he comes out give him a pulpit in which to preach salvation to the people.

F. J. S.

TELEGRAPHERS AWAKEN!

T. A. Hickey, Editor Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

I read with one great round of joy the article in the last Rebel entitled, "The Telegrpahers Awake."

For a long time I have been trying to break into our magazine "The Railroad Telegrapher" with articles along this line, but it sems that our editor has effectly muzzled our periodical, against anything that savors of industrial unionism and continues to force down us a lot of rot about religion, moral-side of labor and the senseless metods of the A. F. of L. I have sent three difefrent articles to our magazine touching industrial unionism, and have yet to see one of them appear, or to receive the courtesy of a reply rfusing them. I do not accus anyone of dishonesty, but this is a protest against muzzled labor press. All labor journals should be free of censorship, and open for the discussion, by the organization's members of anything for their betterment.

Truly does our comrade say the railway corporations of the United States are organized, and stand as one against organized labor, and that i tsavors of delusion and folly for us in craft organizations to try to go out against them in a fight for justice. That this is a fact no sane person wil deny. Then why not federate into a democratic federation, or organize into one Big Union? It is like the cat playing with the mouse for a craft union to fight alone for justice, while his brothers in other crafts continue to work, or to state the plain unadulterated truth, scab on them. Scabbing is right for you cannot correctly name it anything else.

By continuing work they aid the corporation to whip back into subjection the striking organization and that is no more than the real scabe does. That this is an undeniable fact, no sane unionist can keep from seeing. Ishout for the democratic federation, One Big Union and the prying open of the mouths of the throttled labor periodicals.

That we are realizing the folly of the craft organization is apparent on all sides, we hear it buzzing on the dawn of freedom for the workers every day and hear the cry for the industrial organization. Lets have, I appeal to all telegraphers to instruct their delegate and chairman to open the Telegrapher, for the mutual discussion of the membership and for the immediate federation with the other crafts from section laborer on up. This is the only sane organization and we should work for it. Let's distribute The Rebel and the Appeal to all telegraphers.

Yours for the revolution,
Buda, Texas, J. D. Carmichael.
I. & G. N. Division No. 25.

The transformation of the crowd into the people — profound task! Is it to this that the men called Socialists have devoted themselves during the past forty years? A certain hatred of Socialism, very blind but very general, has raged for many years, and is still raging very bitterly among the influential classes. Let it not be forgotten that true Socialism has for its end the elevation of the masses to civic dignity, and that, therefore, its principal care is for moral and intellectual cultivation.— Victor Hugo.

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Oklahoma Notes

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

State referendum No. 6, resulted as follows:

To amend Section 5, Yes, 373, No 232.

To strike out Sections 16 and 17, Yes 419, No, 186.

To amend Section 19, Yes 584, No, 22.

To amend Section 29, Yes 564, No, 39.

To amend Section 44, Yes 546, No 54.

To amend Section 46, Yes 531, No, 77.

To amend Section 61, Yes, 527, No. 60.

This means that all local secretaries will make their remittances direct to the state secretary and not to the county secretary as heretofore. The dues still remain at 20 cents each member until the Pioneer debt has been paid off. The party debt has gradually been reduced until at the present writing it is $730. Now comrades; this is your debt and it must be paid, the sooner the better for the party.

The wasy to do so is to make it a personal mater and get all those non-dues paying Socialists in your local. Another good way is to get some of the literature from the state secretary, the total amount received from same to be applied on this debt.

Start a new local at your place, if there is none already established. All that is necessary to do is to send to the state secretary for an application for charter blank and upon receipt of same and th edues for the members on the list, I will send charter, supplies and instructions.

New Locals for the Week.

Racket in Pott county, 6 members, J. A. Bradshaw, Shawnee, Route 4, secretary.

Dark Corner, Marshal county, 11 members, J. W. Townsend, Woodville, secretary.

(Not given) in Choctaw county, 8 members, W. E. Roberts, Boswell, secretary.

Hamilton—Dodd Dates.

Marlow, October 13 and 14.
Lindsay, October 15 and 16.
Pauls Valley, October 17 and 18.
Snyder, October 20 and 21.
Cement, October 22 and 23.
Chickasha, October 24 and 25.

Garvin County Convention.

The Socialists of Garvin county are hereby called to meet in Pauls Valley on Saturday, October 25. All Socialists are urgently requested to be present.

J. C. Odom,
Route 2, box 81, Temp. Sec.

Woodward County.

I want to get the name and address of a live and willing Socialist in every voting precinct in Woodward county, who will help perfect the precinct organization where he lives. This is work that must be done and one man cannot do it legally. Write me at once, J. R. Brown, Woodward, Route 4, County Chairman.

Comrade Thos. L. Buie.

Comrade Thos. L. Buie, of Colorado, is in the state filling dates on terms of literature sales, collections and entertainment. His work is valuable at this time in Oklahoma, because of his understanding of the need of organization and his way of presenting it to the comrades. Address him care of the stat eoffice.

He is highly recommended by Comrade Dan Hogan, of Arkansas, Ida Cullery, state secretary of Arkansas, and Fred D. Warren of the Appeal to Reason. You will do well to get one of these dates at once.

STATEMENT OF FAIR DAY.

Receipts.

Collection at Warren meeting	.$ 82.79
Sale of literature and buttons on the ground	84.44
Sale of buttons on pillow raffle	8.80
Sale of buttons and literature at ofice	12.90
Cash donations to secretary	34.00
Total receipts	$222.93

Disbursements.

Drayage literature, to Fair grounds,	2.00
Drayage, literautre from Fair grounds	2.50
Drayage, literature from depot to office	.50
A. E. Blackwell help, 2 days and nights	7.00
Pell Mitchell, amount out on pennant order	5.00
Auto hire for Warren,	5.00
Entertainment for Warren	1.50
Printing tags, ribbons and leaftets	19.75
Printing Warren posters,	21.00
Mailing Warren posters,	18.00
Stickers for Warren posters	7.00
Cloth for flags and decorations	6.65
Large flag and poles	4.00
Sticks for small flags	5.00
Freight on literature	10.95
Express on literature	2.16
Express on Warren's cut 2 ways	1.00
Mucilage and brushes	1.25
Telegrams to The Appel and Pell Mitchell	1.15
Ribbons for collectors and committees	.50
Two trips to fair grounds, (arranging things)	1.20
Total expenditures	-123.11

Netted from fair day which has been applied on the party debt, -99.82.

I have on hand a quantity of literature which has been attained at no cost to the party membership and the entire amount realized from sale of same will be applied on the party debt. I ask each local to raise a fund and get a quantity of this literature.

Look over these literature bargains and get busy at once.

647 (combination for 15 cents each) each containing one copy of Usurped Power of the Courts, by Benson, How We Are Gouged by Baker, Should Socialism be Crushed by Hunter, and one each of the following leaflets: Catholic Defense of Socialism, Digger in the Earth, Government by the Few, Labor Movement Here and Abroad, Legislatve Program, Our Political Parties, Private Property, Rising Tide of Socialism, Why Socialists Pay Dues and Workman's Compensation. This combination for only 15 cents prepaid.

A RINGING LETTER.

Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Sec.-Treas. Renter's Union,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Esteemed Sir and Friend:—

I notice the Land Petitions is circulation here in this county. There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to the meaning of Petition. You understand that farmers here in West Texas can cultivate a great deal more land than can be cultivated in the east. Some have force enough to work three and four hundred acres and I understand the object is to get a law enacted to tax all land to its full rental value, provided said land is held for speculation or exploitation purposes. But inasmuch as use and occupany would be the sole title to land it doesn't debar an individual of all the land that he or she can use, provided such land is cultivated by party in question and in no way used for speculation. Som seem to think that all land held by individuals cultivated by party in question and in no way ushed for speculation. Some seem to think that all land held by individuals over and above a homestead (200 acres) will be taxed to its full rental value. But I infer that such is not the case, provided said land is not for speculation or exploitation in other words any farmer will be entitled to as much as he can cultivate.

I am glad to see the Renter's Union gaining headway so fast, for in united action is the only hope for the working class, in all industries and the Renter's Union seems to have a genuine class conscious ring to it. No greater effort was ever put forth than the effort to free the land in Texas for the hundreds of thousands of renters. It is a disgrace to our boasted civilization. Yes, a disgrace to humanity for the 225,000 citizens of the great lone star state and their families to till the soil by the sweat of their brows and pay rent at all, to say nothing of the exhorbitant rent they have to pay. Where each individual has inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The so-called land of the free and the home of the brave.

Those are grand words and convey a grand meaning if realized, but to the 225,000 tenants and hundreds of tohusands of wage workers, under the present condition of affairs where the renters are burdened with exhorbitant rent and the wage worker so low, that it is by rigid economy that they get a miserable existence, to them such words are nothing more than hot air.

The renters have taken a grand step in the right direction, but there is something more than a start needed, we have hundreds of thousands of citizens in all walks of life that believe in freeing the land but we should not for one moment think the battle is won for speculation in land has been one of the greatest grafts of modern times and to perpetuate this graft the speculator and big landlord, to a finish, will fight us. They are well acquainted, understand their class interest, well organized and ready for the fight. On the other hand the renters are not thoroughly organized and only about 75,000 other union men have endorsed their petition and to take the working class as a whole they are not thoroughly organized and not educated along this line as they should be and therefore not ready for the fight, and have a very short time to make preparation, as public sentiment is now ripe for a land issue in Texas.

In my humble opinion the paramount need of the hour is not less than 100,000 Rebel subscribers and to get that number every one regardless of his politics, should get busy and not stand back because he does not belong to the Renter's Union or some other organization or because he is not a Socialist or because he is not a Democrat, but every one shoulder to shoulder for the greatest need of the hour for the freedom of the land a God given right to all men. In urging subs for The Rebel I do not mean not to support all papers that make the fight for the homeless and systematically distribute litrature and systematically distribute literature on the land question not by the dozens but by the ton. The way to win in the great cause is to educate the people for it is for the lack of education that untold thousands are homeless and almost deprived of everything that makes life worth living.

THE TARIFF BILL.

The new Tariff Bill will soon be ready for the President's signature, and the country will, for once, be saved from the demnition bow-wows. Of course, profit takers will get just as big profits as before. of course, the workers will be robbed of the greater portion of their labor product. Of course, if the cost of living should go down, wages would take a tumble, as they are always kept at the point of mere animal subsistence; no account ever being taken of periods of unemployment. Of course, our profit system will increasingly continue to grind out the unemployed, the hobo and bum; white slavers and prostitution; poverty, crime and misery. But never mind, in some way, the new Tariff laws will save the country. Perhaps the miracle lies in the fact that the tariff on stale peanut hulls was lowered about 28 per cent.

I also have 1074 extra copies of Usurped Power of the Courts, 985 Should Socialism Be Crushed? and 473 of How We Are Gouged. Any four of them 15 cents prepaid.

Also 150 Allen Benson's famous Book; "The Truth About Socialism," at 25 cents.

The net proceeds that will be realized for the party on sale of all the literature is $216. Is it worth the effort? If so; get busy right now. Let's get in shape for the big fight next year.

Yours in the revolution,
H. M. Sinclair, P. O. box276.

Communist Manifesto.

The bourgeoisie keeps more and more doing away with the scattered state of the population, of the means of production, and of property. It has agglomerated population, centralized means of production, and has concentrated property in a few hends. The necessary consequence of this was political centralization. Independent, or but loosely connected provinces, with separate interests, laws, governments and systems of taxation, became lumped together in one national code of laws, one national class interest, one fronties and one customs tariff.

The bourgeoise, during its rule of scarce one hundred years, has created more massive and more colossal productive forces than have all preceding generations together. Subjection of Nature's forces to man, machinery, application of chemistry to industry and agriculture, steam navigation, railways, electric telegraphs, clearing of whole continents for cultivation, canalization of rivers, whole populations conjured out of the ground—what earlier century had even a presentiment that such productive forces slumbered in the lap of social labor?

We see then: the means of production and of exchange on whose foundation the bourgeoisie built itself up, were generated in feudal society. At a certain stage in the development of these means of production and of exchange, the conditions under which feudal society produced and exchanged, the feudal organization of agriculture and manufacturing industry, in one word, the feudal relations of property became no longer compatible with the already developed productive forces; they became so many fetters. They had to burst asunder; they were burst asunder.

Into their places stepped free competition, accompanied by a social and political constitution, adapted to it, and by the economical and political sway of the bourgeois class.

A similar movement is going on before our own eyes. Modern bourgeois society with its relations of production, of exchange and of property, a society that has conjured up such gigantic means of production and of exchange, is like the sorcerer, who is no longer able to control the powers of the nether world whom he has called up by his spells. For many a decade past the history of industry and commerce is but the history of the revolt of modern productive forces against modern conditions of production, against the property relations that are the conditions for the existence of the bougeoisie and of its rule. It is enough to mention the commercial crises that by their periodical return put on its trial, each time more threateningly, the existence of the entire bourgeois society. In these crises a great part not only of the existing products, but also of the previously created productive forces, are periodically destroyed. In these crises there breaks out an epidemic that, in all earlier epochs, would have seemed an absurdity—the epidemic of over-production. Society suddenly finds itself put back into a state of momentary barbarism; it appears as if a famine, a universal war of devastation had cut off the supply of every means of subsistence; industry and commerce seem to be destroyed; and why? Because there is too much civilization, too much means of subsistence, too much industry, too much commerce. The productive forces at the disposal of society no longer tend to further the development of the conditions of bourgeois property; on the contrary, they have become too powerful for these conditions, by which they are fettered, and so soon as they overcome these fetters, they bring disorder into the whole of bourgeois society, endanger the existence of bourgeois property. The conditions of bourgeois society are too narrow to comprise the wealth created by them. And how does the bourgeoisie get over these crises? On the one hand by enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces; on the other, by the conquest of new markets, and by the more thorough exploitation of the old ones. That is to say, by paving the way for more extensive and more destructive crises, and by diminishing the means whereby crises are prevented.

The weapons with which the bourgeoisie felled feudalism to the ground are now turned against the bourgeoisie itself..

But not only has the bourgeoisie forged the weapons that bring death to itself; it has also called into existence the men who are to wield those weapons—the modern working-class—the proletarians.

QUESTION BOX.

A. J. C., Houston, Texas: The membership is now voting on the question of whether we shall have a state convention of the Socialist party on November 9th, in Waco, Texas. This motion will undoubtedly carry. It is a good idea to get together and hold a conference on the eve of the greatest campaign that Texas has had since the war.—It is also a good idea to organize all the new locals you can before Nov. 1, so the representation at the convention will be all the larger.

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J. K., Ft. Worth, Tex. The National Convention of the Renter's Union will open in Waco on Saturday, November 8, 1913. The following day the Socialists will gather from all parts of the state to celebrate Socialist Day in the big hall at the Waco Cotton Palace Fair. The Editor of this great religious weekly hopes to meet you that day and snatch a quiet moment from a busy day to talk over old times.

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R. L., Abilene, Tex.: Meet me face to face at the Cotton Palace, Sunday, Nov. 9th, and I will tell you all about it. In the meantime, rest your soul in patience for verily the enemy is on the run.

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A.R.W., San Antonio, Tex.: Land will be the great issue in the 1914 campaign. It looks as if Lane will get the nomination on the Donk-Pro ticket. The Donks ranks will be split on the question of booze. The Socialists ranks will be united on the question of Land and Capitalism. It will be a beautiful fight between the Dem-Donk and the Socialist Lion. It's a grand thing to be living these days.

THE HEART OF THE MASSES.

(George Howard Gibson.) .. ..

Deep in the heart of the masses the spirit of manhood is moving,
Quickening by social constraint and stirred into strenuous action;
Grouped by the power of oppression and driven perforce into loving,
The workers are forming in ranks and fellowship swallows up faction.

Tyranny challenges manhood; and fellowship grows into fineness;
So shall the hidings of power be brought to a wonderous unveiling.
Fellowship, fineness and might, the trinity make of divineness,
Masterful, working perfection joined to the forces unfailing.

Not from above can be looked for the spirit of comradeship needed;
Society sinks, or is saved by the masses despised and rejected.
And better the rage of a pople whose grievances shown are unheeded—
Better industrial war—than tyranny always accepted.

Scathingly hot is the scoring a class giveth now to its traitors,
When never were manhood and meanness in contest so desperate meeting;
But struggling, a lover of lovers seems always a hater of haters,
And better were brotherhood passion than brotherless, heartless competing.

Stern in their manhood and loyal must be the class that would master
The forces gigantic of evil, the lords who so long have distressed us;
Fear not their strength or their fierceness, dram not of social disaster
When for the poor and the weak they are striking the hands that oppressed us.

The man—the divine—that is in us we we show in our outward relations,
Our visible growth is the growth of bodies with brotherhood spirit;
The kingdom shall come to the landless, to all the oppressed of the nations—
And when they shall stand by each other, as equals the earth to inherit.

—Progressive Journal of Education.

YE SOVEREIGN AMERICANS.

Less than eighty thousand individuals, estates and corporations own about twenty-five million American homes and home sites, while we have more than seventeen million homeless families in Amehica. The 80,000 represent less than half a million people, while the 17,000,000 homeless families represent about 85,000,000 people, out of a total population of 93,000,000 in the United States. The strangest thing about this outrageous condition lies in the fact that the homeless hordes cast about 16,000,000 votes for the political parties and policies on which rent, interest and profits are based, yet these 16,000,000 continue to vote for the parties which have made the under which they have been robbed of their home, their happiness and their country. Of all the fools that ever lived or died the working class voters of America easily lead the list. They are natural born damphools and seem to be glad of it.

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SCANDALOUS CONDUCT OF DONK OFFICIALS.

The Rebel has repeatedly pointed out that the average bourbon official of the party of the Donk is a calloused brute without heart, brain or spirit save that which he possesses because of the slight authority that beholds during his term of office. There is no crime in the calender that they will not commit in the name of the law. In the big cities they are associates of thieves and panderers and graft on the red light districts. In the smaller towns they stand in with the powers that prey and are able assistants of the landlords and small capitalists generally; they are useful to the class that owns the means of life as cogs in the Donk political machine. With feelings of intense loathing and disgust The Rebel publishes below two affidavits that show how Donk officials work in landlord-cursed Collin County. After reading these affidavits in which it is clearly set forth that these officials almost carried out another black hole crime like the one in which eight negroes were smothered in Fort Bend county recently, surely all right thinking men will see the necessity of burying the Donk in the gubernatorial campaign of 1914. Here are the affidavits:

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The State of Texas
County of Collin | Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. H. Saddler who after being by me duly sworn says upon oath: "I am 19 years old, I live in Collin county, Texas, and about 2 1/2 miles N. E. from town of Princeton.

On the 3rd day of October 1913 the city marshal of said town of Princeton phoned me to come to town, that is phoned to my uncle to tell me to come to town; I started at once through the mud a foot; the city marshal and deputy constable met me about one and one-quarter miles before I got there and said they had me charged with selling whiskey, and I walked on with them and asked them if they had any papers and they said no, said that they did not need any as they arrested me on suspicion; I went on to town with them and told them that I was not guilty and they said I might as well plead guilty, that another boy, Jim Clay, had turned me in, and I told them I was not guilty and would not plead guilty but that I would make any kind of bond they wanted me to make and they said they could not accept any bond and they then, over my protest imprisoned me with another 18 year old boy and another man in an old ice box about 5 by 6 by 8 feet, and the only place for air was a hole not exceeding one square foot which had bars made of wagon tires across it, took up half of the space or more. I plead with them to leave the door open that we would smother to death, if they didn't. I told them then to bring me some fans, if they would not open the door and they waited about three-quarters of an hour before they brought them. However, I had to ask three times before they brought them. They put me in about 2:00 p. m. and the other two were put in there about 10 a. m. that morning and kept us all there until 4 o'clock p. m. I kept telling them I had to have more air or I would smother; about one hour after they put me in they came and opened the door for about 2 or 3 minutes and then closed it back up again and we suffered worse than before; the said ice box was wet and when they took us out I was almost smothered. I asked for bond again and my friends were there ready to give it or put up the money, but they refused and brought me on to McKinney and lodged me in jail until the next day about 4 p. m. The county attorney after investigating the matter a few minutes ordered me turned loose and said there was nothing against me. No complaint, information or indictment were filed against me at all and they held me all that time without any warrant or any other writ whatever.

W. H. Sadler,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this October 6, 1913.

T. C. Andrews,
Notary Public of Collin county, Tex.

The State of Texas, |
County of Collin, | Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared W. L. Salter, who after being duly sworn says upon his said oath; I live in Collin county, Texas about 2 miles northwest from the town of Princeton. I was in Princeton on October 3, 1913 when W. H. Saddler, Jim Clay and Will Recer were imprisoned in an ice box about 5 by 6 by 8 feet and the only place for air was a hole about one foot square and about half of that space was taken up by broad iron bars across it; I heard the prisoners complaining of being hot and smothering; the officers went over to them but would not heed their request; after the prisoners asked for fans two or three times they finally got them fans and left the dor open for 2 or 3 minutes; then closed it and went back over in town; the prisoners kept begging for air and they all tried to get their heads to the litle window, but it was not big enough; and in about 20 minutes the officers came back and opened the door for about a minute or two and then shut it and the officers then went to a little show and when the show was over they came back and took the boys to the car and carried them to McKinney and when the boys were taken out of the ice box they were wringing wet with sweat and looked pale with heat; there were about 100 people in town and I heard a great number of them complaining at the manner in which the officers were treating the prisoners. I am in no way related to any of the parties.

W. L. Salters,

Witness:
H. M. Penland.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 6th day of October, 1912.

T. C. Andrews,
Notary Public, of Collin county.

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