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The Land Revolution Has Begun in Texas

The success of the Renter's Union Land Petition is beyond question.

Although it is but five weeks old, the petition is now being circulated in 108 of the most populous counties in the state by 208 volunteers, who have not less than 500 assistants. The names and counties are published in this article because we wish to give credit to the workers in this great cause and to illustrate to our friends, the enemy, that the land question is the biggest and livest question before the people today.

At the present rate of progress The Rebel believes that when the time for filing the petition arrives, which will be immediately after the first of December, over three hundred thousand Texans will have gone on record in a monster petition to Gov. O. B. Colquitt instructing him to call a special session of the legislature whose duty it shall be to prepare a constitutinal amendment to be submitted to the people requesting that all land held for speculation or exploitation shall be taxed to its full rental value, "all to the end that use and occupancy shall become the sole title to land in Texas."

A great many people sneer at this petition, The Rebel would like to call their attention to the fact that the right of petition is a blood-bought right ranking with the Magna Charta and the ballot. A people who will not and cannot petition their rulers is always a slave people, but when free men petition they place their rulers on record and destroy them at the first opportunity if they, the rulers, do not listen to their mandate.

The petition is an educational instrument. Since this petition was circulated thousands of men *have learned in Texas that they were Socialists without knowing it.* The eye-to-eye and hand-to-hand touch of our circulators with their basic position on land has caused the mists of prejudice to drop from the minds of those approached and they face the big situation face to face, namely: THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY WAS THE ONLY PARTY WHICH IN ITS PLATFORM, BOTH NATIONAL AND STATE, SET OUT TO SOLVE IN THE INTEREST OF THE MASSES THE GREAT FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND.

As our gallant army is already traversing one hundred and eight counties, gathering the signatures to this Land Petition they can almost look over the line that seperates Texas from Mexico and see the frightful loss of human life that is occurring in that old Republic and they know and even our most conservative friends admit that the basic cause was the fact that the land upon which fifteen million people dwelt had fallen into the hands of a ruling class consisting of about ten thousand families. Hence we ask ourselves:

"Have we on this side of the line the intelligence, the character and the spirit to settle this great question of land without bloodshed?"

That it will be settled one way or the other we know. We shall either have a revolution in the tenure of land at Austin by all the methods of peace that civilized men cherish and love or the revolution will come with men, guns in hand, trampling under foot with the iron sandals of war the last vestige of our civilization.

The legislature at Hermosillo, Sonora, Old Mexico. last month, amid a storm of shot and shell confiscated the landlord's possessions. In the states of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, Gen. Blanco partitioned the landlord's holdings among the peasants as is shown in the historic picture printed above, which we publish by courtesy of the Houston Post.

So the question resolves itself into this: How long can a quarter of million white Texans submit to the pains and torments of landlordism? How long shall their dependents numbering over a million in this Lone Star state be satisfied with the condition that make home owning—the dream of the white race—an impossibility? How long will they submit to representation by a legislature controlled by landlords that has become the laughing stock of the world as they daily, when in session, discuss petty superficialties that a seventh grade school boy might well laugh to scorn? How long, I say, how long?

There can be but one answer and that is *not very long.* Our cup of disappointment is already brimming over and we feel assured that when this land petition is circulated by a thousand volunteers as now seems certain, then the governor will, if the lamp of wisdom lights his footsteps, achieve immortality for himself calling together the legislature in special session and drive the land amendment through. Should he fail, every representative will be marked for the ax by an aroused people who realize that the so-called representatives stand between them and freedom, with the result that in the ensuing campaign they will be buried politically forever and the people will elect a new legislature who must, in the very nature of things, bow to their imperious will.

And thus lies the line of battle, my comrades. Fall in line, volunteer and be a soldier in the fight.

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Below we publish an alphabetically arranged list of the 208 captains from the 108 counties who with their 500 lieutenants are rolling up the monster Land Petition: We will publish the list again in a few weeks. Let us hope that your name will be on:

Atascosa county, John Scarbrough, J W Osborne; Angelina county, R L Basey, Clay Gibson, M L Shofner, J M Bowens, C C Capshaw: Anderson county, A Graser; Atascosa county S D Mann; Bowie county, J B Triplett, (County Secretary.) and E L Reed; Blanco county, F Giger; Baylor county, J C Boyd; Brown county, J M Aldridge; Bosque county, I P Mitchell, F H Dehn; Bastrop county E Pate; Baylor county G T Gleghorn; Bell county, G T Dugger; Bosque county, J M Veleto; Bee county, Thos F Hardeman; Calhoun county, T B Harrell; Collin county, F E Parkhill; Concho county, Buck Cravens; Coleman county, J W Stone; Cass county, S T Vaughan; Cottle county; R J Creamer; Calhoun county; J Jones; Childress county; D O McRae; Collin county, J M Wright; Comanche county, H Martin, W J Braswell, G L Teague; Calhoun county; H L Gurly; Coryell county; J D Ingram; Coleman county N L McBride, J L Stewart; Coke county, F C Mathers, W H Rogers; Cooke county, E J Evans; Coryell county, S D Thomas; Collin county; J B Leugh; Coleman county, J H Allen; Crosby county, A N Cowles; DeWitt county Pat McCord; Dallas county Percy D Quimby; Duval county, F A Hernandez; Dallas county, W T Creed E H Loutrel, J W Chenault; Delta county, F M Smith, A M Bowman; Dawson county, Jim Riggs; Dickens county, John H Shelby, O E Minnix; Denton county, J L Walker; Delta county, J Thos Stephens, H M Neal; Ellis county, J C [illegible], T C West, W J Ruggles, H S Langston; Eastland county, F Wilkerson, W S Witte, W C Henderson, E A Foller; El Paso county, T C Ruby; Erath county, W G Keith, H Martin; Fisher county, E D Scott, M N O'Brient, S P Brothers, J H Seaton, W L Solomon, H C Mooty, W D Young; Fannin county, S H Baker, J N Powell; Falls county, J J Carmichael, J L Goss; Fannin county W E Marshall, Y M Bledsoe; Grayson county C F Petite; Goliad county, Geo E Mitchell; Gillespie county, N W Terry; Grimes county, C R Long; Gregg county, R M Perdue: Guadalupe county, J W Schaefer; Grayson county, J A Duncan, J A Chapman, Mrs Mary P Whitley; Gonzales county, S D Lee; Hall county, D H Sheppard; Howard county, B F Chearis: Henderson county, G R Brooks, J W Hooper, A J Rasco, A J Jones; Hardin county, G W Trull; Hamilton county; J L Bright: Hunt county, J J Pass; Houston county, W R Stone, J B Sanders, S Y Dominy, J T B Calloway; Hall county, P M Bennett J I Meek; Hill county, F M Fulfer; Henderson county, D A Dodds; Hale county, W I Pool E C Brown; Harris county, F M Roush, J A Voth; Haskell county, J E Hudspeth, W C Newton; Johnson county, W C Garner; Jackson county, Arthur E Lovet; Jones county, Tom Jenkins; Johnson county, J A Graves; Jones county, H. S Smith; Johnson county, J W Pritchard; Karnes county, F A Hernandez, Prof Cardenas, Fred Thormaelen; Knox county, J S Finny; Kerr county, O Weltner; Kaufman county, W H Ray, A C Towery; Knox county, H B Cooper, H F Reese; Kaufman county, D J Holley; Leon county, F Turner, A L Tolbert; Lamar county, R E Page; Lavaca county, B J Mertz, John Persons, D W Doss, Will Tolleson, E O Meitzen, Dee Chambers; Limestone county, J H Slaughter; Leon county, W D Phillips, R E Wood; Liberty county, Hazareous Davis; Leon county, J W Hester; Montgomery county, B H Hubbard; Milam county, O G Coudrey, J L Jones, E A Green, W W Vinton, J F Carter; Mills county, T Cox; Mason county, Jim Windham; Menard county, W B Brown; Milam county, R S McGee, J M May; McCullough county, Chas D Cowan, C C Curry; Matagorda county, J A Wright, J E Vanderpool; Millam county, A Blankenship, J R Blocker; Mills county, D J Smith; McCullough county, G B Smith; Milam county, T J Allison; Nueces county, J J Pounds, C T Echols; Nacogdoches county, J H Case, W H Clark, L K Hallbrook, P Norton, Orange county, B T Godwin; Panola county, B W Stanford; Parker county, N A Brown, E Orelie, John Kearney; Panola county, N B Walker; Palo Pinto county, H B Hurlburt; Parker county, J E Montgomery; Palo Pinto county, T G Bay; Polk county, W W Cappar; Rusk county, W P H Wilson; Rains county, R B Clayborn; Runnels county Joshua Brewer, W Y Stovall, Ben Schroeder, H F Nutt; Sabine county, R E Bennett; Stoewall county, Carl Wolff, Bertha Baeer, J D Albin; Shelby county, E W Brice; Shackelford county, J M Mobley; Somerville county, J A Wood; Smith county, H S Morris; San Patricio county, H P Gleghorn; Shelby county, J W Mask E C Campbell; San Saba county, Geo W Teague, A Judkins; Tom Green county, W R Stone; Taylor county, C M Kelly,; Tom Green county, Robert Hadley; Trinity county, J A Phelps; Tarrant county, P L Pendergrass, L D Hall; Tyler county, J D Powell; Tarrant county, B C Bledsoe, L D Hall; Travis county, Geo W Lee; Uvalde county, D A Baker, B F King, E B Bennett; Van Zandt county, James G Wright; Wood county, B J Woodson; Wharton county, J C Smith; Williamson county, R F Hornsley; Wilson county, J H Lee; Wise county, A H Vaughan, Jas Bowen; Wood county, Bennett Williams; Wichita county, L G Teeters; Waller county, H V Robertson; Young county, J E Amason, R P Birdwell



The Land Revolution in Mexico.

Courtesy Housto . Post

When General Blanco, in charge of the Constitutionalists in the States of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, confiscated 75,000 acres belonging to Felix Diaz he summoned the followers of his party from far and wide and allotted the lands among them The picture shows General Blanco in the act of signing the patents to the land The Constitutionalists propose to confiscate all the large holdings and divide the land among the people

From Early Skirmishers.

W. T. Alexander sends money for Land Petitions and Land Pamphlets.

J. C. Boyd, Baylor county: "Forward me a petition at once let me know what it cost for red cards."

E. L. Reed, DeKalb, sends for 10, stating that he wants to do active work to help to end Landlordism.

F. Turner, Leon county; "Send me a bunch of petition blanks to distribute amongst the land-cursed of this county."

W. T. Creed, Dallas county: "Send me two more petitions by return mail. I want them for two comrades. I am getting names right and left."

W. R. Stoneham, San Angelo, sends for two Petition booklets and says: I will try to get them full in this county.

B. H. Webb, of Quinlan, says: Please send me full instructions how to organize the Renters Union. I am ready to go to work.

W. P. H. Wilson, Rusk county; "Send me some Land Petitions as I want to send you a list that will show the landlords that we are alive down here in the sticks."

J. J. Dodson, Rt. 4, Cameron, writes that he is engaged in getting signers to the petition and has aroused considerable interest in the Renters Union and asks for information how to organize.

E. A. Green, Milam county; "Enclosed find 25 cents for which send me five Land Petition booklets. You will find all the boys working like beavers for the freedom of the land down here."

W. C. Garner. Johnson county; "Send me Land petitions and commission to organize Renter's Union. We badly need both in this county."

T. Cox, Wise county; "Send me Land Petitions and instructions for organizing the Renter's Union as we have none in this county."

N. L. McBride, Leaday,: I got my Petition all right and have been rushing subscribers to beat the band. While some of course turn me down find the majority eager to sign.

Buck Cravens, Concho county: "Enclosed find $1.25 for The Rebel and 5 cents for a Land Petition. We want this to go the Governor and find out where he stands on this matter of land taxation."

T. B. Harrell, of Port Lavaca, says: I am not a renter but own my own farm, but I heartily agree with the plans of organizing the Renters; I want a petition and information how to organize the Renters.

R. J. Goodson, Mineola, writes that he failed to get the Petitions ordered in time for the "Golden" encampment, so he got the Petition out of the Rebel and got 337 names anyway, which shows that "you can't keep a good man down."

Uld Young, of Fisher county, has things well mapped out. He sends for booklets for 5 different people and takes a good bath himself for further distribution which means that that county will be well canvassed before winter sets in.

C. M. Kelly, Taylor county: wants Land Petitions to cover his county. As the great poem, "The Fighting Race," says (speaking of Kelly and Burke and Shay;) "Wherever there is fighting, which is a grown man's work, there you will find my name" And true enough Kelly lines up for the fight for the freedom of the land.

Belton, Texas, Sept. 13, 1913.
Friend Meitzen:—

I am with you, heart and soul, on the renter proposition. It is the biggest, yea, the only real big question now up for solution in Texas. See my paper, the Belton Journal, next week.

O. P. Pyle,
Editor and Proprietor Belton Journal.

El Campo, Texas, Sept. 11, 1913.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas
Dear Comrade:—

You will find enclosed 50 cents for which send me that amount of Land Petition blanks. I expect to put one at every postoffice in the county. I have friends and comrades that will see that they are cared for. I will also have one or two in constant circulation during the fair this fall. I shall keep at it until I reach practically every man in this county. Will return them to you late this fall or as soon as we have given all a chance to sign it. I will also advertise it in our county papers and try to keep it before the people's eyes until all sign or give a reason for not doing so. I am making a good crop this year and I find that the more cotton I make the less money I get, after paying rent and picking and other expenses. When I balanced my books and found what slow progress I was making on my debts my heart sank within me. It is the most disgusting condition one can think of to be a poor renter and try to do anything or be anything against such terrible odds.

We must change this hellish condition and I see no way other than keep working along the lines we have started. Tell the boys out on the firing line that I will meet them in Waco again this winter and I will bring two or three more with me. In the meantime let us send Governor Colquitt over one hundred thousand names demanding that something be done for us.

J. C. Smith,
I am yours for a bigger fight,

J. J. Carmichael, Cass county; "There are two thousand men in this county who should sign this petition. I am going to do one man's part and see how many I can get."

Camp Verdi, Texas, Sept. 12, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

Herewith five cents in stamps for one Land Petition.

Here's to the Hickey-Meitzen "gang" that has put the county seat of Lavaca county on the map to stay.

Yours for a change,
O. Weltner.

Rebecca, Texas, Sept. 8, 1913
The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Find enclosed check for $2 for which send me seven sub cards to The Rebel and send The Rebel to R. B. Chambers, San Augustine, Texas.

I have taken fourteen subscribers to The Rebel and eighty-six signers to the Land Petition, without going out of my house.

Yours for a change,
J. A. Phelps.
(Postmaster.)

Big Springs, Tex., Sept. 10, 1913.
E. O. Meitzen, Sec.-Treas.,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

Finding how easy it is to get signers to the Land Petition and how slow it is to work the county with one book, herewith please find enclosed money for four more Land Petitions. I think it will be easy to get 1000 or more signers and I expect to send some of the petitions to my brother in Tarrant county and put him to work there. I think this a great work and enjoy it. It is funny to see the big land owners twist when I read the petition to them. Please send books quickly.

Yours in the fight,
G. F. Cheairs.

Davilla, Texas, Sept. 7 1913.
Editor Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.
Dear Comrade:—

I will send you a few more names for your paper and more coming when I get time. These were gotten in a little while. I was out with the Land Petition and every man signed except three, a doctor, a landowner, and a merchant. All said it ought to carry. Now if I had your cards I could get more to take The Rebel and would not have to pay for money orders. But I am not able to send money and take chances.

Yours truly,
J R. Blacke

R. J. Creamer, Cottle county: "I started out soliciting signatures for the Land Petition. To show the power of The Rebel I could tell in an instant if the man was a Rebel reader after I had placed the petition in his hand. He will only look at the heading and say: 'Yes, I will sign it.' Heaven grant that the Mexican slaves will win out in their bloody struggle for justice and that we can get justice without bloodshed."

F. E. Parkhill, Farmersville, sends for ten booklets and promises to shoot down on old Collin county with petitions, remarking that the Rebel is doing the greatest work of anything else in the world for the freedom and emancipation of the tenant farmer. "If we wait much longer they'll try to force a property qualification on us and cut off our vote. Watch!

Geo. E. Mitchel, of Goliad, says: Send me Petition booklet, Spanish constitution and full instructions how to organize the Renters Union. I have found an educated Mexican who will help to organize his people. Also send me Rebels of Aug. 30. I want to spread the Refugio county Rent Contract news. If that don't make the G. O. P. voters nothing will.

Hallettsville, Texas, Sept. 14, 1913.
My dear Mr. Meitzen:—

When I introduced the Land Amendment in the State Senate, where all amendments to he State Constitution originate, I had but a faint idea of the significance of the amendment and the great possibilities that it had for the welfare of the great masses of our people who live in the urban districts of the state. The immense interest that the introduction of this amendment created has caused me to make a careful study of the Land Question with results that have indeed surprised me. As a result of my research I am convinced that a landed aristocracy, more arrogant than that which exists in Europe or in old Mexico, is in the process of formation in Texas. If all sober minded people will study this great question, they will reach the conclusions that I have reached, the main one being that all land held for speculative purposes must be taxed to its full rental value, with the result that speculation in land will cease in our state.

It must grieve a liberty loving Texan to learn that a quarter of a million tenants who with their wives and children will number over a million souls are working within our state without hope of a home, which is the basis of our civilization. Those who strain themselves to abolish this condition are to my mind doing the noblest work that a citizen of our great commonwealth can engage in. I will continue to do my share as a citizen to see that this amendment to the Constitution becomes part of our organic law.

With my very best wishes for your success in this splendid undertaking, I beg to remain,

Your friend in the fight for the freedom of the land,

D. A. Paulus,
(Ex-State Senator; now Postmaster of

W. S. Witt, of German R. 5, sends for a petition saying "I want to cover them up at Austin with Land Petitions."

Mulkey and the "Darling Boys."

(Written For The Rebel.)

"The Evening Sun", of September 8th, contained an article from the gifted pen of "The Exhorter", upon, "The great scourge of immorality, that has been sweeping over America during the last three years."

We were told by all our Ministers, and the Prohibition speakers, a few years since, "that the open saloon was the cause of all our sin, immorality, insanity, and crime"; and that if the saloons were voted out of Corsicana, we would have a perfect Eden. The saloons were voted out.

Now listen to the story of Brother Mulkey. "Corsicana has 14,000 inhabitants, but in licentiousness we have fully 25,000." Brother Mulkey further says: "By our authorities setting apart a portion of ourd city tow mone, who have built themselves six big houses of ill fame, they have popularized the same sin, that caused the downfall of the ante-diluvian world."

Before the saloons were voted out, there were three houses of ill fame in the reservation. Now Brother Mulkey informs us there are "six big ones." Only an increase of 100 per cent. in 5 years. That is progressing some, is it not? —But in the wrong direction!

"But half has not been told." Brother Mulkey intimates, in the strongest terms; that the City Park, the Cemetery and all of our Public Schools Buildings are the favored haunts of the lewd.

Brother Mulkey says: "There is a monster peril, five times more terrible to *our men, and boys, women, and girls* to be fought, than the saloons, if the Red Light District is to continue existence".

"Poor Old Saloons", you were really not the worst peril in existence after all. *"Save our men and boys."* Poor fellows, they are so human and weak and helpless that they fall a victim to every temptation. All, all it seems have lost their moral manhood. But how? Don't all speak at once!

Why not save our girls, and women by making a reform campaign against the infamous lewdness of "Our Men, and Boys"?

Would the reservation exist 10 days, if it were not for the reckless, and disolute licentiousness of *"our Men, and Boys"*? Yes, save our men, and boys from temptation. Save them, but how?

Stand up Brother Mulkey and answer: "How many men and boys visit the Red Light District weekly"? There is a statute, Art. 23, City Ordinances; which reads as follows: "And any man, or boy, who shall visit, go into, stay at, or reside, or frequent any room, house, tent, or place, within the limits of this city, where any prostitute, or lewd woman shall reside, stay at, or inhabit, shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction therofe, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars." This ordinance or penal statute was passed in May 1893 at the instance of the only "Free Thinker" in the Council; and after the same statute against women could not be repealed. The above statute was passed, as an amendment to the law punishing women. In more than 20 years there has never been a complaint filed against any man, or boy for violating this statute. Why has not this law been enforced? Because the voters of the town would probably defeat any officer for reelection who tried to enforce it. The author of the law has personally called upon every city attorney during the last 20 years, insisted upon the enforcement of the same, and has always been given the "horse laugh" for his silliness in passing the law, and demanding its enforcement. There has never been a sermon preached in Corsicana demanding the enforcement of this statute, which might help save "our men and boys". The various law and order leagues have never once attempted the enforcement there of it. It is a dead letter on the statute book and its author has been laughed at, and ridiculed time, and time again, and jeered at for such statesmanship.

During the last three years we have heard and read much of the "Great Men's Religious Forward Movement" and "the Federated Church Reform Work". Corsicana has imported "wonderful evangelists" and "religious teams" and kept the religious pot boiling.

We have more than fourteen fine churches, fourteen fine preachers, far above the average, almost daily our streets have been occupied by street preachers and mission workers; we have no saloons; and yet during the past three years, Brother Mulkey informs us, "that a great scourge of immorality has been sweeping over America." Whence cometh it? What is the is the cause? Who are the responsible parties for it? How many fallen women have been, redeemed, regenerated, rescued, and saved by the universal panacea for sin in Corsicana during the past 25 years? Is there a single minister in Corsicana that can stand up and say that he has ever rescued, converted, or saved a single fallen woman during his entire ministry? If so, we will be glad to hear from him, and would like to know when, and where, and how he managed to work this miracle. Pass the recipe on to others.

Will not God answer the prayers of the ministers and church? Or do the ministers and christian ever pray for the fallen women? Will not your prayers save your men and boys? As this evil is increasing at such a wonderful rate in Corsicana, "What is your remedy?" "Persecution of the female inhabitants of the Red Light District?" Will you be silly and foolish enough to scatter the inmates over the residential portions of Corsicana, or drive them into the hotels, and rooming houses, diluting, rather than extracting the poison.

If our men and boys are led astray, who leads them? If they have no moral manhood, or have lost all they ever had, why not punish them or relieve them of desires that are evil? This can be done very easily, by any surgeon. Our boys and men must be saved at any cost. The cost would not be great. Who would quibble over the cost? But will our men and boys submit to the heroic treatment?

Are the women to blame altogether? Is there no censure for the baseness and lewdness of men? Are not our men and boys responsible for the Red Light District? Brother Mulkey says: "that the Red Light District can be destroyed at one third the cost of removing the saloons." What would our men and boys do, if destruction visited these places? Would they reform? Not much. If our men and boys would only reform and remain away from the Red Light Way, would there be any inhabitants there in a week after?

But Brother Mulkey warns us that the City Park, the City Cemetery, and the Public School Buildings are nesting places for the Darling boys, and naughty girls, and suggests another heroic remedy, which consists of the erection of two large Arc Lights at each Public School Building. As well cry, "shoo birdie, shoo!" Let the fathers of these naughty girls take a cowhide and shotgun, and cowhide the dear boys, and for the second attempt to become the victim of woman's charms, and making a sacrifice of manhood, turn loose a load of buck shot.

Now Exhorter, don't you know that the fallen women of the Red Light District do not frequent the Cemetery, the City Park and the Public school grounds? Don't you know that most of the men, and boys, women and girls that frequent the Park, Cemetery and School Buildings for immoral purposes are persons of reputed respectability, and many if not all are church members? Don't you know that the Cemetery, the Park and School grounds are frequented by a class that do not flock to the Red Light District? Is not however the Cemetery, the Park and Public School Buildings but the stepping stone to the lower level of the Red Light District? Only a few years since a very prominent society couple were caught in a disgraceful act in the alcove of one of our prominent churches. Is not the Red Light District but a very small spot in the immoral level of Corsicana? Did it ever occur to you Brother Mulkey, "that human nature is much the same the world over," and "that, when a girl reaches the level of the Red Light fallen from virtue and respectability to the lowest depths of degradation", and that nothing is left, but a choice between starvation, suicide or reveling in sin, for a few short months, until death will transfer her to the eternal resting place, for "saints and sinners"!

Did it ever occur to you, that "Joy Riding", formerly in buggies, of later years in automobiles, produce many occasions for the exhibition of moral weekness upon the part of "Our Darling Boys," to say nothing about the "awful girls" that mislead our precious sons into temptation and sin?

The Exhorter blames the great epidemic of licentiousness, that has swept the world in the last three years, more especially America, upon the "Dress Makers of Paris"; and to prove this hypothesis, he quotes as authority "Mr. Edward Bok in Collier's Weekly". How many Parisian dressmakers have there been in Corsicana, and how many dresses made in Paris are worn in Corsicana, and by whom worn? What man, or boy has lost his morality upon account of the Parisian costumes that have been worn in Corsicana?

Have not the "Demi monde of Paris" furnished the "fashions of the World" for hundreds of years? This no recent innovation, or monopoly.

Will you say, that the style of costumes adopted by the women and girls of Corsicana is responsible for all of the lewdness of the men and boys in Corsicana? This is a serious charge to make against the women and girls. Will you say that the styles of dresses worn are the inciting cause of passion in man and woman? What were the fashions in the days, when the world was young, and Adam and Eve were innocent? Shall Corsicana return to those days of old, when "far away Paris" did not furnish the fashion sheets and patterns for ancient female wardrobes!

Are you really serious in your contention, that "fashions are the cause of passions", and would the fashions that prevailed in early days in Eden be preferable to Parisian costumes now in vogue in America? Do the costumes that are worn upon mischievous occasions, by our bold girls, when strolling through the Cemetery, the Park, or Public Schools grounds cause the ruin of "our men and boys?" *God Save Them!*

We are inclined to the belief, "Fish Tank Parties", "Joy Rides" in automobiles and "moonlight strolls in the Cemetery, City Park and through the School grounds" by "Our Darling Boys" morally weak, and sinful as they are, in company with bold, audacious, designing girls, or women, who have no respect for the weakness of our men and boys, is more liable to be the cause of the ruin and fall of "our boys", than the fashion plates and designs of the Demi-monde of far away Paris, or even the alluring charms of the unfortunate victims of man's perfidy, that seek shelter, and their last refuge from the scorn of society, at the peril of becoming victims of the law, by seeking a residence in the Red Light District, the certain doom of death and disgrace.

We are also inclined to the opinion that "our sweet boys" and "noble youth" take after their fathers and not only inherit, but cultivate the habit of indulging every appetite and passion: and that "our men and boys" are more often the cause of the ruin of our girls, than are they the unfortunate victims of the wiles of womanhood.

Are not the persons to whom you refer, as "frequenters of the Cemetery, the City Park and School Buildings for evil purposes, "your City's Young Sports and Bloods" and the "Society Swells", highly respectable, and piously inclined upon certain occasions, but merely to cover and cloak their evil reputations, or designs from the eyes of the wicked world? Are not the "Park, Cemetery and School gangs" recruiting agents for the Red Light Refuge Home?

When you begin your crusade and campaign to break up the "Red Light District," instead of disguising a man, as a woman in a mother hubbard, and setting this "man and boy, woman and girl catcher" in a dark corner of the Red Light District: how would it do to disguise a woman policeman as a man and let her be made exclusive detective of vice. Would she not discover and report more men and boys in a single night, than would a man policeman report in a month? It is not necessary to disguise any officer; all that is necessary to do, is to send an honest person to the Red Light District and let him report names and then let our city officers enforce the law against the men and boys. If Art. 23 City Ordinances was honestly enforced for a week as against the men and boys of Corsicana, there would not be a woman in the Red Light District, or if so she would be making her living at something else than a vicious life.

Begin the "clean up and reform campaign" on "our men and boys"; and have your city officers endorse Art. 23 and 24 of the City Ordinances. If our officers cannot see the men and boys in the houses of ill fame, employ a female detective and let her array herself in the "criminally prohibited costume" of a man, and pay her a dollar a name for each man and boy reported. Art. 23 of the City Penal Code has been as dead a letter since the day after it's passage, as is the sense of moral justice that generally prevails in our social life. Keep up your Vice Crusade by publishing the names of every man and boy found in the Reservation. Give them a thorough course of social ostracism for a period of six to twelve months. Do not allow any young man, who goes to the "Red Light Resorts", or who plies his nefarious methods and habits in the "Silent City of the Death", or on the City Park, or Public School grounds or buildings, access to respectable homes, or to associate with the virtuous and respectable girls of our city. Try the force, and effect of social ostracism, upon "our men and boys" and no doubt you will reform some one's darling blue eyed, or brown eyed boy. If God will not aid the Ministry and refuses to answer their prayers, and the officials will not enforce the law that applies to our men and boys, then let every parent arm himself with a cow hide and a shot gun and chase the "City Sports" away from our school grounds, out of the cemetery and city park. Our young society rakes are more responsible for the increased social rottenness, than perhaps any other cause. Condemn the policy of the parents, who permit their young daughters to go "Joy Riding", to "Fish Tank Parties" and "moonlight strolling through the cemetery, the park and school grounds" with boys, without principle, honor, or respect for woman's name, or virtue. Don't blame the saloons and the Parisian fashions of dress, for Father Adam and Mother Eve were pure, innocent and without sin, (we are taught), when only robed in golden sunshine, the silvery moonbeams, and zephyrs, until the hunger, and curiosity of Eve, caused her to eat an apple, become wise and sinful, and ever since then, man has blamed the sins of humanity upon the woman. Try practical common sense and justice and see if it will not prove of more lasting benefit and effect than the methods that are always proposed by "Our Great Moral Reform Leaders."

Do not hold up Abraham as a Godly man, for Abraham sinned with his wife's maid servant Hagar and hired out his own wife, Sarah, to King Pharaoh, and Abimelech; and was the first person, who ever engaged in the white slave traffic and speculated upon the virtue and barrenness of his wife, whom he passed off, upon the Kings as his sister.

Isaac followed his father's example and hired out his wife, Rebecca, to King Abimelech; and represented her as his sisteh. Jacob had two wives and sinned with all of his servant girls. Judah committed incest yith his daughter-in-law. David had six wives, before he debauched and appropriated Uriah's wife. Solomon had three hundred concubines and seven hundred wives, and yet all these infamous characters are held up to the present generations as Godly.

We surmise that the influence of the Church and Ministry would be greater, were not such immoral characters constantly eulogized as the most perfect children of God. We have never respected any of these old reprobates, and cannot understand how persons of moral nature can do so.

The enforcement of Art. 23, Penal Code, City Ordinances against the male population of Corsicana, will cause the female inmates of the "Six Big Houses" in the "Red Light District" to follow the example of the Arabs, who folded their tents and silently stole away. They will pass out of our City like "ships that pass in the night". Double Arc Lights at our school buildings will only cause more frequent moonlight strolls through our city park and cemetery. A cowhide well applied, or shot gun well aimed will be more effective. Each parent is responsible for the protection and moral training of his girls and boys. Let the parents prohibit the "Joy Ride" with moral vipers, the moonlight strolls through city park, cemetery and school grounds by their girls under the sole protection of unprincipled rakes of society, and there will be fewer recruits for the Reservation. Arrest every man and boy who is found in the houses of ill fame in the "Red Light District", fine them, publish their names and socially boycott and ostracise them from respectable society and see how much improvement we will have and how soon our boys will be reformed and saved. Let the poor unfortunates, who have been driven to the last refuge from the scorn of the world, end their miserable existence the best they can, until some means can be provided for them, to retire from the gaze of the world, and end their days in peace and honestly, if they can. These views may not be popular, nor meet with approval, but they are given to the public by,

A Free Thinker.

GET THE MUN.

The corporations of the United States last year turned over to their non-sweating owners in the form of dividents $4,000,000,000. We read:

The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for 1912 gives some information about the earnings of corporations which is interesting and important, so far as it goes. Some 288,000 corporations made returns, showing an aggregate net income in round numbers of $3,200,000,000. These corporations had outstanding $32,000,000,000 bonded and other indebtedness, on which, of course, some interest was paid; we are not told how much. Less than one fifth of the corporations reported a net income of over $5,000.

What the corporations really earned is a matter of conjecture. Most people will guess it was considerably over $3,200,000,000, because that is what they say it was; because there is no tax unless the net income is over $5,000; because bonds are sometimes issued to obviate the necessity of declaring dividends that do not look well in print and for other reasons which will readily occur to the uncharitable critic. If we may assume that the $32,000,000,000 bonded and other indebtedness paid an average of 2½ per cent interest, that would amount to $800,000,000, and added to the reported net income would bring the figure up to $4, 000,000,000.

The Rebel is in a position to assure its readers that there was not one renter or cotton picker in all the sunny South that got one simoleon of this vast sum and thereby hangs the main reason why we should all get together and organize a Renters Union and build up the Socialist party so that we can worship God, live clean and GET THE MUN.

The Donks have tried to settle the penitentiary question in Texas for twenty years. The results up to date are a blood stained bat, a dark cell worse than was the Black Hole of Calcutta and an exhibition of cruelty that would make a Torquemeda blush or a Catholic inquisition look like a children's play ground. What else could you expect from the Donk and the donkeys who support the Donk? Let us all now reverently kneel while Bro. W. P. Lane prays for prohibition, Dr. Rankin takes up a collection, and Jake Wolters receives a retainer of $10,000 a year for ten years to "settle the liquor question."

THE COUNTRY FOR CLEANLINESS.

On this page we publish a remarkable article from the pen of a brilliant man in Corsicana, who bids fair to put Navarro county on the map for the Socialist party as never before. We wish to call your attention to the two great facts brought out in the article: First, that the record in Corsicana shows that the law has been continuously violated for twenty years without the slightest comment from the powers-that-be in Navarro county. Second; that in spite of the strict enforcement of prohibition the brothels have increased 100 per cent. and this in the home of Abe Mulkey.

Fortunately the country districts in Texas are maintaining their usual high standard of moral cleanliness. It is in the cities that the tree of vice flourishes at all seasons of the year. Let us adopt the Land Amendment to the Texas Constitution so people can build and have homes and then the conditions about which our friend from Corsicana writes so eloquently will pass away to never return. The moral of all this is that landlordism and vice goes hand in hand.

REBELETTES.

Capitalism stimulates the incentive to lie and steal.

Socialism will give the children of the workers a chance.

Socialism will put love above financial consideration.

Socialism will protect the good, the beautiful and the true.

If brains were money the average capitalist would be dead broke.

War is a game where the cards are always stacked against the worker.

Texas has some of the finest professional political parasites in captivity.

The workers produce everything useful in the world, and in return get a bare living.

Capitalism makes this beautiful world a hell for the poor and a disappointment for the rich.

Why does the toiler live in a rented shack and the non-producer live in a mansion which he owns?

Why do we always class a silk hat and riches together? Why don't the workers wear silk hats?

Capitalism breaks up the home by driving the women and children into the mills and shops of the masters.

A master will spend thousands of dollars among scabs, phoney detectives, and strikebreakers before he will give it to the useful class who have produced it for him.

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.)

Oklahoma Notes

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

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES.

Debates.

The Comrades at Cordell report that Comrade Stallard took one of the Young Men's Democrat Club to a cleaning in a debate at that place. His opponent was so intensely ignorant that he said that the Socialist party proposed to do away with all private property. No exception to the rule, however, as they are all ignorant on the Socialist philosophy or they would not go against it.

Stanley J. Clark everlastingly cleaned up on Wilkerson in a two days' joint debate at Wanette on Sept. 7 and 8. The hall would not hold the crowd that attended it and the applause given Clark demonstrated the fact that he beat him on every turn he made. Wilkerson's contentions against Socialism were fully explained by Clark to the satisfaction of all present.

Comrade G. G. Hamilton in writing this office gives the following account of the encampment held at Laverne on September 4:

"The Laverne encampment was a huge success. Though it was the first ever pulled off in these parts north and west of Woodward, the comrades did themselves proud and deserve great credit.

"H. Grady Milner pulled off a debate with a local champion. The time division was to be: Affirmative one hour, negative 1 hour and 11 minutes and affirmative 15 minutes. Milner opened in one hour and made a splendid presentation of the principles of Socialism. His opponent fell down completely and held the floor for only 15 minutes. God; the grilling that the "kid" gave the fellow was something fierce. A thousand people of all political parties laughed and howled their delight as Grady stripped the hide."

Notice.

To the Socialists of Cleveland county, Oklahoma. Comrades:

We have secured the services of the noted lecturer, Reddin Andrews, of Tyler, Texas. He arrived Septemebr 6 to stay as long as we want him. If you want one or more dates write me at once at Moore, Oklahoma, Route 2. Remember Comrades that we must perfect our precinct organizations to comply with the State laws and now is the time for the Socialists of Cleveland county to do this. We ask you to get busy and help do this so we can get out a full ticket for the next year.

Jas. W. Davis.

County Conventions.

Osage county at Pawhuska, Saturday, September 20, speaking by L. G. Baker.

Washington county, Bartlesville, September 27, speaking by L. G. Baker.

Canadian county El Reno, September 20, speaking by T. A. Harris.

Kingfisher county, Kingfisher, September 27, speaking by T. A. Harris.

Lincoln county, Davenport, September 20, speaking by A. E. Blackwell.

Okfuskee county, Okemah, September 27, speaking by A. E. Blackwell.

Statement of Indebtedness.

On Setpember 1st the party indebtedness is as follows:

Outstanding Checks.	
No. 1145, amount	$ 1.25
No. 1318 balance	80.00
Pioneer Debts.	
Emily C. Osborne	60.00
S. D. Wham,	468.00
Nat. Labor Syndicate	33.00
Local Tate,	20.00
Local Short Grass,	12.00
Milwaukee Soc. Dem.	10.00
M. Shadid,	10.00
Local Choctaw,	10.00
Jas. Nail,	10.00
W. P. Barnes,	10.00
Local Custer,	10.00
C. Workman,	10.00
Jno. M. Kerby,	10.00
J. T. Walker,	9.50
A. A. Bagwell,	7.00
Sam Hampton,	5.00
Wm. Phral,	5.00
H. C. Giest,	5.00
H. C. Diehl,	3.00
Geo. Thompson,	1.00
To H. M. Sinclair for wages,	32.50
To J. F. Kelly, Clark Claim	110.00
Total indebtedness, 91|13,	$864.25
Debts Paid Off During August.	
Balance on Check No. 1387,	30.00
Pay't on check No. 1318,	55.00
Total paid off in Aug, 1913,	$ 85.00

There remains to be raisedCom1ETA

There remains $345.86 to be raised by the Pioneer assessment of 5 cents and the income for the next quarter will practically clean it up and the dues automatically drop to 15 cents per month. It is the duty of every Comrade to get in back of this movement and clear the deck for next year's fight. If you will get them to pay up their dues even half as good as they did last year from now on to the end of the year, the indebtedness will be wiped out. Will you please back up your party organization or continue to be interested in it success and welfare.

Appeal Sub Cards.

The Socialist Day at the State Fair is fast approaching and at the present time this office has only got rid of 200 of the cards necessary to pay for the Warren date. If you Comrades will get busy getting subs for the Appeal and order them through this office we can turn the trick in a week. Suppose you try it one week We need the help of every Comrade in the State to meet the expenses of this mee and make it a success.

Fair Program.

Posters containing the line-up on Fair Day will be mailed to all parts of the State this week. It will contain the regular program, amongst which will be the speaking by Socialists as follows:

Geo. G. Hamilton, 10 a. m., in Theatre building, Fred D. Warren, 1 p. m., in the Live Stock building, and Judge E. S. Hurt and Stanley J. Clark commencing at 8 p. m., in the Theatre building. Camp grounds for the farmers who drive through is being arranged for on the grounds adjoining the Fair Grounds on the north.

Corn Cure: Removes corns, bunions and callousness without pain None better Price 15c; postage 1c Crescent Supply Co, Box 28, Chicago, Illinois

OPEN LETTER.

Hobart, Okla., Sept. 13, 1913.
Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—

The conflict in Mexico, I am sure you know, is due to the fact that the people that use the land are deprived of homes on land and the natural right to the free use of land by a few land speculators.

Peace is not possible nor desirable among the people who are fighting for life and land. It is not believed by any that know the situation that you will be able to effect permanent peace in Mexico or avoid a more fierce conflict in the United States, while the natural right of the people to the free use of land is prohibited by fraudulent land titles to a few speculators.

You have become president of the United States in the most critical period of American history. It is likely you will be forced to intervene in Mexico with the army and to subdue the rebellion of the people against peonage and serfdom. But this will not be in accord with your own ideas of democracy The same use for the army will be required in the United States in the near future. The people will not always suffer themselves to be disinherited. The land belongs to all the people and by the decree of the Eternal God, the people shall possess the land.

We are informed by one who knows the situation in Mexico, L. G. De Lara, that in Sonora, one of the richest states in the Mexican Republic, where the revolution is best organized, the large private land holdings will soon be divided among the people, according to the program of the revolution. That the owners of these plantations have fled to the United States for safety, leaving fields covered with crops in full maturity, the present rightful owners, with guns in hand ready to receive them should they return.

It is the democratic administration going down there to disarm these revolutionists who are armed to defend their liberty and lives and to restore these wretched landlords to legal but unrighteous possession of this land?

We are also informed by De Lara that "this rich and beautiful Sonora will be the first state of Mexico to establish the long, long expected, glorious and free Mexican agrarian democracy. THEN THERE WILL BE PEACE IN MEXICO." This beautiful, most holy and ultimate purpose of true democracy, I hope you will not try to defeat by the army of the United States.

Fraternally,
Thomas W. Woodrow.

"EUROPEAN LANDLORDISM IS GROWING APACE IN TEXAS.

(*Says Mr. Carter*)

"It is not generall known, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that an English syndicate which is backed by hundreds of milions of dollars, is buying up vast areas of lands in Texas

"Recently, I met one of this concern's agents. He had just completed a tour of eastern and northern Texas. He told me that he had closed deals involving more than two hundred thousand acres of land.

"'We purchase lands everywhere,' he said. 'We purchase vast bodies of acreage, we purchase desirable suburban propositions adjacent to rapidly growing cities and we purchase city lots in and around such cities.

"'This concern has, during the past few years, purchased vast areas of land in every country in the world. Land is the one safe, stable investment.

"'During the past three years our activities have been confined almost wholly to Texas.

"There is no doubt that the lands in Texas will become very very valuable during the next few years."

Rent, sacred rent. The landlord cares not whether it comes from the Texan rent-peon or the poor widow in the basement room of a slum dwelling, or the diamond bedecked mistress of a police protected bawdy house. It is rent, sacred rent.

WHY I AM A SOCIALIST.

I am a Socialist because I think it is more essential for all of the people to be properly clothed, housed, fed and educated, than it is for the many to pay the few for being on the earth.

Dr. G. B. Harris, Bruceville, Tex.

BY THEIR FRUITS, ETC.

Bruce Rogers, the brilliant Socialist writer and orator of Washington, has like most strong characters to lay aside his work because of attacks from jealous minded who seek to pick flaws in the party constitution or party officials for their own personal aggrandizement. After much experience he decided the best way to handle the knockers is to continue to do in the future as in the past, that is, keep up the war on Capitalism. Hence he wrote the following in the Everett Commonwealth, Wash., recently:

"*Everytime that I am attacked by enemies inside the party I always reply by raining still harder blows upon the Capitalist class.*"

Fortunately in Texas we have less knockers than any other state in the Union and this is probably due to the fact that we continually "rain blows" on the Capitalist enemy. Take the home of The Rebel as an illustration. In the senatorial race on the 19th of July we increased the Socialist vote 400 per cent and carried eleven boxes in our county, four in Colorado and six in Fayette county; then we waded in and put through the first Labor Day that was ever held in Hallettsville and it was a tremendous success. In the meantime we organized a Printers Union, a Renters Union, a Barbers Union, a Clerks Union and a Carpenters Union, with a Musicians' Union and a Trades and Labor Council coming down the line. This is the real constructive work and the Rebel's force is on the job all the time. E. R. Meitzen, business manager of The Rebel, was one of the principal speakers at the Park on Labor Day after the great parade closed. In the course of his remarks, which was intently listened to by a great multitude, he reviewed the growth of unionism in our county, as the following clipping from a contemporary shows:

E. R. Meitzen followed with remarks showing the rise and progress of Unionism in this county during the past ten years, how the farmers, granite cutters, printers, clerks and recently the barbers and renters had organized, and finally down to this day, when an application for a charter for a carpenter's union had been circulated until at the time he (Meitzen) spoke, it had 14 names and several carpenters of this vicinity not seen. Not only this he stated that the next step would be to organize a trades and labor council here, containing one delegate from each union, such council to act for the entire unions of the city aiding each other in their troubles and working together generally. He showed the need for those who do the useful work of the world to get together, since every other profession and business was organized.

This is the work that counts first last and all the time. When the workers find that the Socialists are the organizers and the mainstays of their Unions they will vote the Socialist ticket, because the good book says: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

What is the reason for the success of the Socialist party in the Rebel's own county? Why did E. R. Meitzen come within 15 votes of carrying the city in which he ran for senator at a special election on the 19th day of July? Why is Hallettsville, considering its size, the best organized town for Union labor in the sixteen southern states? We may not be sure of the answers to these quetsions, but we think it is because the Socialists down here are so busy organizing, writing, speaking and building up working class organization that they haven't time to engage in petty squabbles. The Devil always finds work for idle hands to do, therefore get busy. circulate Land Petitions, organize Renter's and other unions and Socialist Party locals, because the field is white with the harvest.

Ignorant people suppose soldiers are for the purpose of repulsing a foreign enemy. Soldiers are used for subduing workers by the force of arms, and driving them back to their occupation of creating dividents for the masters.

Mr. worker, is the soul of your daughter not as sacred as the soul of Mr. Fat's daughter? Then why do you vote for a system which forces your girl to the streets, while elevating Mr. Fat's daughter to the plane of idleness and luxury?

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
We wonder as we gaze afar—
If you were in earth's sorry plight
Could you keep on twinkling by night?

Capitalism digs pitfalls for the daughter of the worker. When she falls into them the narrow-minded father places all the responsibility of her downfall on her alone. He is a blind father.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR RENTERS.

Written for The Rebel by Jas. B. Goode, Dallas, Texas.

I want you farm tenants to join me in a little study of fundamental principles of life. In order to life, all human beings must have food to eat, water to drink and air to breathe. The air is free, no one can monopolize the air. It is nature's free gift to all living creatures. The water comes out of the earth or falls on it, so those who own the land can force you to pay for the water you must have or die with thirst in a few hours; but as water is so abundant and easily obtained in the farming portions of Texas, its use is easily obtained.

This then, leaves food as the one absolute human necessity to be considered, since the air is free and water is so cheap. But when we consider the fact that we readily give any and everything else on earth for food, when we are hungry, we soon discover that food is the most valuable thing in the world.

The value of gold, silver and precious stones disappears the moment we find we cannot exchange them for food. Money loses its power, wealth its meaning and stocks, bonds and deeds to land and machinery are worthless paper, the moment we make it impossible to exchange them for food, when we are hungry. This certainly establishes the fact that FOOD is the most precious thing on earth. This being the case, the owners and producers of food are and should be the richest people alive. They own and produce the one thing that all the rest of the people must have, or starve to death, and die in great agony, in a few days. If the owners and producers of FOOD formed a monopoly and refused to sell it they could get their own prices for it. They could dictate terms to the human race and soon own the earth.

Now, let us see who produces the Food used by the people of Texas: No sane man would deny the fact that very nearly all the food consumed in Texas is produced by the real workers on our farms and ranches and in our factories. These workers produce nearly all of our food and they should own it and enjoy great wealth. The farm tenants and hirelings on farms and ranches produce nearly all of the food used in Texas. Yet these tenants and hirelings are the poorest people in Texas. They dress in rags, live in shacks and very few of them weigh as much as intended for them to weigh, because they do not have enough to eat. Their families live in miserable huts, uneducated, lonely, half starved, helf naked, treated little better than the brutes around them.

Yet these are the people who produce the food of the people of Texas; who make the one thing all Texans must have or starve, the most precious thing in all the world— food for the human race. I wish I could get you farm tenants to understand this and then to understand that if you banded together in one great living, fighting, industrial Union— the Renters Union—that we could soon change these damnable conditions of farm tenants.

You farm tenants MUST organize; you must have a Renter's Union at every school-house in Texas. It is easily done. Talk it over and every Saturday night at your school-house; turn that school-house into a real social center. Take the whole family along. Get up some amusement to entertain the children; sing some songs; take the fiddle along and let the boys and girls dance; do everything in reason to make your meetings interesting to all who attend. Talk about your Renter's Union to all your friends. Tell them that as long as the farm tenants are unorganized the landlords and supply-merchants will continue to rob them out of all they make; that individuals can never protect themselves, as long as they stand alone, but the moment you get a Renter's Union in every school-house in your county that you can have *all*; farm tenants *refuse to pay bonuses, give extras or rent land from mean landlords*. Your county meetings, held once each month, can be attended by at least one delegate from each Union, who can carry a report giving the history of every land lord, in your neighborhood and these meetings can agree upon the *only terms* on which *any farm tenant* in your county will agree to rent land the next year.

You can blacklist every shack in the county and force *all landlords* to repair their tenant houses, or build new ones. You can insist on better schools and more of them. You can force recognition of your rights on your county officials and you can beat any legislator who refuses to vote for the laws you demand. Even three of four renter's unions at school-houses in your county will have a tremendous influence in your favor. Get busy and do it right now. Organize and fight for your rights.

Do not tell me that you cannot organize a Renter's Union at your school-house. *It's a lie!* I know better! You can do it, easily if you will try. Write The Rebel for instructions how to do it and send for 100 or more Rebels at half a cent each to distribute among your neighbors. This will start things. Call a meeting yourself, by getting two or more of your neighbors to agree to meet you at a certain hour at a certain place, to talk matters over.

If you fail to do this you are a coward. If you refuse to join a Renter's Union and fight for your rights and for your loved ones, you are not a man. If you do not make some move to better your own conditions in life them, I want you to know that I am ashamed of you. Such a damphool as you are is a disgrace on manhood. Even brutes will fight and even die for their young. Yet, you claim to be a man and still force your wife and children to work in the fields like slaves, for almost nothing, simply because they have a jack-ass for a husband and a father. Now, get mad, you ape, and go home and whip your poor wife and beat up your innocent little children, just because I am telling the truth about your conditions. Yes, you farm tenants make me tired and mad every time I think about the facts that you produce nearly all the *Food* used in Texas and let your own families go half-naked, half-starved and half-crazy, when if you had a lick of sense, you would join the Renter's Unions and soon be dictating to the world. Now stop right there where you are when you read this, and see if you cannot *begin thinking and acting in your own interests and working for your own loved ones, hereafter*.

A judge who never did an honest day's work in his life sits on the bench and tells some poor unfortunate that he belongs to an idle lazy, disreputable class.

AS TO COMRADE BLACK.

Rev. Bynum Black is the man who in a recent issue of The Rebel laid bare the rotten home record of Lemmons, the sky-pilot who fights Socialism.

The following letters from persons residing at the present home of Elder Black and the former home of "Rev." Lemmons shows conclusively the sort of man Rev. Black is:

Ravenden Springs, Ark., April 14, 1913.
G. A. Lambreth,
Dickens, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Yours of April 2, noted, have neglected answering, but will say in reply and I can answer for all the brethren here that Brother Black is a Christian in all respects that the word implies and I think the word Christian covers all that can be said of any man worthy of the name.

Respectfully yours in Christ,
Neal A. Fry.
Ravenden Springs, Ark., Apr. 13, 1913.

Jonesboro, Ark., July 23rd, 1913.
Mr. G. A. Lambreth,
Dunn, Texas.

Dear Sir:—

Replying to your letter of the 18th addressed to Mr. Marcus Berger, beg to advise that it is the writer's recollection that W. F. Lemons was of the firm of Lemons & Fehner, Rovenden, or Revenden Springs, Arkansas, and that they were indebted to Marcus Berger & Company, who were in business prior to 1906, in the sum of $500.00 or $600.00, which was unpaid.

It may be possible that Lemons was of the firm of Lemons & Fehner.

Yours truly,
Marcus Berger Grocer Co.
Per B. H. Berger.

Mr. G. A. Lambreth,
Dunn, Texas.

Dear Brother:—

In reply to your favor of the 2nd inst., will say, Brother Bynum Black is forty-two years old and has lived here and near here all his life, excepting fourteen months spent with his family in Texas. We can speak the facts and say that we know Brother Black and that he is considered a reliable man. He stands high with business men of all beliefs here and we do not think anyone here would call in question his honesty in all business transactions, being prompt to meet his obligations, truthful, sober and a man of recognized ability by both friends and foe He is too well known as a preacher to our brotherhood to need commendation from his home congregation, as he has traveled and preached in about eight states. He is well known as an author and debater, and his work in that line recommends him better than a page of words of praise from this church.

John L. Fry, Elder,
Noel A. Fry,
L. G. Hogan,
B. W. Ladymon, Elder.
W. H. Ladymon,
C. C. Hogan,

Texas Notes.

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

TEXAS STATE NOTES.

Ed. A. Green, State Secretary, Rockdale

The encampments are nearly over, the nights are getting longer and cooler, now is the time to get busy together and get your organization in shape for next year's campaign.

Stephenville, Erath county, will have an encampment September 25, 26 and 27, for concessions or information write C. Nugent, Stevenville. Stanley J. Clark, Jno. A. Currie and other prominent speakers will be there to entertain the crowds.

Rockdale, Milam county, will probably pull off their annual encampment about October 1st, having postponed to this time on account of drouth im summer.

Elder W. R. Loden, of Soda, Polk Co., will organize that county and get it in shape for the 1914 campaign. He writes that there are three other preachers in his county who are Socialists; sure all honest preachers are embraceing Socialism just as fast as they learn what it stands for.

Jno. A. Currie visited the state office Monday, September1. He was on his way home from the encampments. He reports all encampments attended by him as very successful, and Socialist sentiment on the increase in all parts of the state. He will return to the northern and western part of the state about October 1.

Comrade Jno. B. Yarbrough, of Lufkin, calls for Reddin Andrews for about ten days in Angelina county.

Rev. Comrade G. A. Lamberth writes that he is at home now but will get out again soon. He orders a nice batch of literature which he will sell en route.

W. S. Noble has just spent six or eight days speaking in and around Dayton, reorganizing Dayton local and getting the boys to work in earnest down there.

The railroad men are learning to vote for their own interests mighty fast of late, proof of which we have just received in the form of an application for charter from Longview signed by thirteen railroad men, two carpenters, one farmer and one M. D.— J. P. Abney, secretary. This application was marked "self organized". Longview has long been considered the toughest hole in Texas, they have mobbed speakers there and fought the introduction of Socialism in every way that was honorable or dishonorable. Now look here if seventeen live ones can get together in Longview, I want to know what's the matter with your burg? Get busy, be a live one, get organized.

Comrade R. A. Patrick informs us that the Marshall local after a relapse of several months duration is again alive and well and preparing to make the plutes howl louder than ever in 1914.

M. D. Bowls, of Gainesville, writes a very encouraging letter from that place stating that their encampment was a greater success than they had dared hope for and that Socialism is gaining fast there.

The Renters Union and the Land petition is going some. Many thinking this office is in some way connected with same write us for information and petitions. Please send inquiries concerning R. U. and land petition to E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville.

We are just in receipt of a letter from the Ripsaw Lecture department informing us that we can get Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare thirteen dates in Texas during the month of November on a basis of three hundred sub cards for each lecture. The cards will cost you $75.00 you sell them for 25c each getting all your money back, get the lecture free and the influence of three hundred Ripsaws coming into your neighborhood for a whole year. We must secure the full thirteen dates to get her, so get busy at once and see who is first to send the money for the three hundred cards.

Comrade Debs will not be able to get into the state before about January first. However, when he comes we are going to try to arrange for him to visit as many small towns where he has never been, as possible. He will come under the direction of the Appeal. Terms and so forth will be announced later.

Get busy and get the members of your local to pay up six months or a year in advance while money is circulating, if you don't they will drop out after awhile on account of not being able to raise fifteen cents.

COMRADE BRICE ON THE ROAD.

Sinton, Tex., Sept. 10, 1913

Dear Hickey:—

Will you do me the kindness to announce that I expect to travel and lecture over Texas on Socialism and the Bible, three lectures at a place. First; "Reformation, Preparatory for Reconstruction." Second; Second, "The Time When Every Man Will Sit Under His Own Vine and Fig Tree. Third; "The Coming Kingdom."

Let the comrades write me at Sinton, Texas, and I will arrange dates. I am well konwn over a good part of the state as a preacher.

Respectfully,
J. W. Brice.



COMRADES LOOK.

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H. J. Taylor.
2te Mobeetie, Tex.

"IF MY MA WOULDN'T CRY AT NIGHT."

Bud McMaster. By Wayne Arey

"Say, mister, won't you give me a job?
I'm not very big, I know,
But I'd try mighty hard to earn my keeps, if you'd just give me a show.
I'm Bill McMaster's youngest boy—every one calls me 'Bub,'
I don't want to work, but I guess I must, 'cause we're gettin' short on grub.

"I'd rather go to school and learn and be president some day;
And maybe I'll get there if I try, 'cause Lincoln he started that way.
Things is pretty tough at our house and my ma looks awful bad,
An' there ain't no pie in our cupboard, 'cause there ain't no work for dad.

"Dad used to work at the iron works, where they make the big machines,
He says the works is sold to a truss—I don't know that means.
The only truss I know about is the truss dad always wears,
He hurted hisself at the works one day a-carryin' shafts upstairs.

"My sister is in the city, in a hospital there they say;
Ma wanted her to come home to us, but the fare was too much to pay;
They say she has consumption, and I guess she's goin' to die,
And, I tell you, mister, it's pretty tough when you hear your mother cry.

"When you wake up sudden like at night out of a dandy dream.
That you was eatin' pie and cakes and peaches and ice cream,
And you sit up straight and listen till you hear the sound once more,
And you know it's your ma a-cryin'—it makes you awful sore.

"Right here in the throat where you swell, and you shut your eyes up tight
And lie awake and listen the rest of the blessed night;
And your ma comes in and kisses you, and she calls you 'her mannie dear,'
And something hot falls on your cheek, and you know that that's a tear.

"Say, mister, I read in a paper about a man somewheres
That paid two thousand dollars for a couple of old oak chairs!
And another got ten thousand for lickin' a man in a fight!
Say, I'd lick ten thousand fellers—if my ma wouldn't cry at night!

"My brother Sam he'd help us, 'cause he was always good,
But there's a strike in the mines where he works, over at Hazelwood.
They struck for higher wages and I heard a man say today,
'The soldiers is goin' to Hazelwood and there'll be hell to pay!'

"Say mister, when I'm president I'm goin' to make a law,
And folks 'll say that I'm all right and the best they ever saw:
It'll be that every honest man can get work every day,
And kids like me kin eat pie and cake and go to school and play.

"And sick girls in the city, they can come home and get strong;
And miners what go out on strike—they won't be doin' wrong
And folks'll cheer and call out loud: 'McMaster you're all right,
An' we'll vote for you for president, so our mas won't cry at night!'"

THE APPEAL AND THE REBEL.

To The Rebel:

Why is it that you are silent on the fight that The Appeal is putting up against the brutal methods the government is using to secure workingmen to murder other workingmen?

The Appeal has never engaged in a more noble fight or one that is more dangerous. I say hurrah for The Appeal and if the plug-uglies that are running this government succeed in knocking out the little fighting machine it will spell their finish as sure as day follows night. Turner's article ought to awaken the sleeping cattle if anything will.

I realize that you are doing as great a service for the cause as The Appeal (according to circulation) but when one leading paper jumps into such a noble and dangerous fight every publication that desires to put down corruption and aid in elevating the human species, should let the world know that they are backing hem in their fight. I prize The Rebel above any paper that I am reading, but regret not seeing any note in its columns of The Appeal's great fight. In reading the last two issues of The Appeal I have been made to feel my own weakness and shortcomings. Wayland went into **THE CAUSE** a few years before. I did and a younger man than myself. He made a name that is known the world over, while I am not known outside my neighborhood. I tried to stay with a degenerate church that was dead, dead, dead, and at the same time work wih he liveliest movement in the world has ever seen. Result—little doing.

I say, few recruit! Get busy, and in after years you will not regret the half service you have rendered the GREAT CAUSE.

W. H. Howe,
Blanco, Texas.

(The Rebel has always been a friend to the Appeal, as the record shows. However, The Rebel is covering the southern field while the Appeal covers the national field, though we stand ready to back it in its big fights.—Ed.)

A fellow in Chicago, named Bent, has now taken the place of Post, of Sawdust fame, by advertising his piano business by attacking Union labor. Post worked the game to the limit and lost. Mr. Bent will find that he will be the chief figure in a Post Mortem financially.

WHO IS BREAKING THIS HOME.

The Rebel,

I have just received a letter from an old friend, an old Virginian, an ex-Confederate soldier, a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member in good standing of the M. E. church South, who has twice in life succeeded in building himself up to a well-to-do retail merchant, one of which times he was the real owner of two good sized general stores.

He finally went the way of nearly all of this class of traders and having married the second time, his wife made it so unpleasant for him he had to leave the house, although his two youngest daughters were yet not "sweet sixteen." After his business reverses he was not able to furnish his second wife with much spending money so all his efforts to make her happy and contented with her lot as a poor man's wife were only signals for a "fuss" so he left home and left her all they had and went to Florida and settled on a garden spot his son owned. He lived there, raised a crop of good things to eat and then the rains came and overflowed and ruined everything and only left the house on dry land. He had to vacate, went back home and had a room at the old home for fourteen months, during which time he clerked in a store, but the son of the merchant starved out in New Mexico and returned and was given the job, my good old friend had been holding down at a small salary.

My friend inquires if he can get a clerkship in a store here—either grocery or gent's furnishing goods. Salary no consideration. He also states that his oldest son is selling automobiles in San Francisco, his youngest son cooking on a boat on the Pacific ocean, his oldest daughter married to a telegraph operator, half the time out of employment, another daugher is in the government service in Idaho, another a stenographer is in Kansas and the other grown daughter has a short term school at $57 per month, in Oklahoma, but away from home, while he, himself, and second wife and two little girls are at their little town while he serves the town as city treasurer for practically nothing and they live off of the meagre savings of his children neither of whom has a permanent job, yet all of whom serve the same master, Capitalism.

Now since my friend is an old Virginia Democrat and seems determined to die in the wool and the Donks all tell us that, "Socialism will break the home" will you kindly put it up to some of their Big Guns to tell us what further destruction Socialism could bring to this old soldier's home?

A Virginian, Mason, Odd Fellow, ex-Confederate soldier and a Methodist, all in good standing; a gentleman, sober, energetic and educated, healthy and of a sound mind, a Donk out of employment desiring a master, at the age of three score and ten. I would send him The Rebel but he is a "transient" hunting a job and of course disfranchised and then he stands a thousand good chances to get on the "rockpile" as a "vagrant" and were he arrested with a Rebel on his person he'd be an "anarchist" so Hickey, what you can suggest will be accepted as final.

J. E. Hardie.

A REAL PREACHER.

Soda, Texas, Sept. 1, 1913.

Editor The Rebel

Dear Sir and Comrade:—

I am not a subscriber to your red hot publication, but will say that I wish to be and wish others to be, so if you will please send me a bundle of sample copies I will get every subscriber possible. I admire the way you handle your enemies, the Capitalist class, and will say that we are making arrangements for an encampment next summer and we sure want you here for three or four days. We are working to carry the county for Socialism next fall and to help carry the state.

I have heard some say that The Rebel and other Socialist publications attacked the preachers and churches too much. I am a preacher, but I do not object to it, for a preacher that would fight Socialism should be rebuked openly and I am glad that you are doing your part. I say give them the devil, for they deserve it more than any class of men in the world. And I say that any man that claims to be a minister of God's word and fails to lift up his voice against the present system of government has utterly failed to do his duty. And furthermore any man who claims to be a minister of God's word and opposed Socialism is a miserable hypocrite and an injury to the cause of Christ on earth and I am able to defend my position by the word of God and if the preachers who oppose Socialism don't believe what I have said it won't take me but 30 minutes to uncover their rottenness and prove to the world that they are he children of the Devil. While, no doubt, there be some that don't understand Socialism, yet they are responsible for their ignorance and not me or the Socialist Party for we have tried to teach them.

(Elder) W. R. Loder.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Rotan, Tex., Sept. 5, 1913.

Editor The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

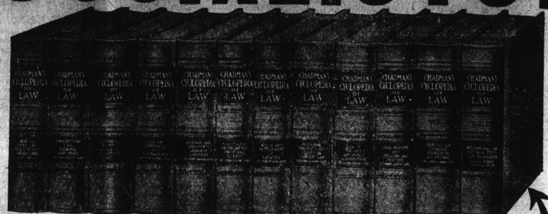
I certainly enjoyed the privilege of listening to you speak at the encampment at Comanche, Texas in July.

Having just read where the cotton farmers have for sometime been trying to devise means to diminish the crop, I can tell them in a very few words, that is, just force all the children in the scholastic age in school nine months in the year and that will fix it. Don't you think so? Let us work to that end Comrade, help us to make a compulsory school law and then force them there. Then the cry of over production will cease in the cotton crop.

If you agree with me and have space in your paper (The Rebel) you may publish this. It may cause some one to think and that is just what we want you to know.

Mrs. W. St. Clair.

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KINDNESS TO HUMANS.

(In reply to an article on "Kindness to Animals" published in the Fort Worth Star.)

I believe in humane treatment to all animals and want them all treated right, so much so, that I do not think it right to even cage the bird that God intended to go free, the white mice, monkeys, etc. I also want the horses to be treated right and well fed, but when a man feeds a horse better than he does himself and family, and that is all the way he has to go anywhere I believe something is wrong. I think he should be allowed to drive it just as he pleases and not have to try to please some old rich woman that has all the money that he and many others worked for. Talking of jailing a man that made a horse break its gait. What about a child that has to break its back in the cotton field, 16 hours a day 4 or 5 months and drag a load besides and does not get a vacation nor a Sunday's rest, not half enough to eat, and wears rags and when it is hot they blister and when cold they freeze half to death. I have gone through with it all myself and *not one millionaire's* wife wanted to send me off for a vacation. I was not the only one. There are millions of them today and no millionaire asking to have it stopped, and we old tired mothers never get a moment's rest until after dark when the babies are all in bed. That is the only time I get to read a line or two in my shack, for the use of which, I give one third feed and one fourth cotton, a shack that Mrs. Jacob Erhlich would not allow a cat or dog to stay all night in. When it rains every floor gets wet; when the wind blows it goes clear through and Mrs. Jacob Ehrlich think it's good enough for we toilers. I think the toilers should have all she has that she did not work for. If we could get what we worked for we could go to the seashore once in a life time any way. I know a girl 16 years old that had not been away from where she was born, in her life, and has always worked hard, picks 300 pounds of cotton in a day. They own a team of mules, two cows and a run down wagon and they wear rags; work sixteen hours a day all the year, yet he is a Democrat, afraid of the Socialist party, says it is a dangerous thing. I would like to know how it will hurt him and his family. I also have a sister-in-law (married eight years) that has never been on a train in her life, and her people live in Oklahoma; she lives 4 miles from Rotan. My brother is a renter, has two teams and two cows and is a Democrat to a finish and gets hot with me because I am not a Democrat and will not visit me because I am a Socialist. I guess he will be hot at me for speaking at Comanche, but I am not tied to him. There are but a few Socialists in this country.

Mrs. W. St. Clair.

KANSAN ROARS FO.. R. U.

Xenia, Kans., Sept. 12, 1913.

Comrade T. A. Hickey:

Allow an old Tennesseean to speak to the renters of the Lone Star state. They have it in their power to bless, not only Texas, but the world of laborers, if they will exercise a little common horse sense. Go into the Renter's Union; then vote for the only party on earth that can give relief, the Socialist Party. The other parties have been tried and unless a man is a non-compus mentis he ought to see that things go worse all the time. I consider the Renter's Union a great lever to crush landlordism and the Editor is giving some wonderful blows. The writer is 75 years old, a greenbacker, a People's party man, up to 15 years ago, now a red-card and a red-hot Socialist as well as a minister of the gospel 50 years. Col. Dick Maple and myself pray the same prayer, only he uses cuss words that the ten commandments do not allow. Sometimes I beat him as did King David where he said: "Lord send them down to hell speedily." Oh, laboring people, exercise your God-given rights.

H. L. Dimang.

TO ALL SECTION FOREMEN AND SECTION MEN.

I propose to tell you why I am a union man.

Because I propose to protest against any man or set of men stealing my right to health, home and happiness.

Because I want plenty of good "grub" in my craw, and I want to see my fellow men enjoy the same blessing.

Because I am not afraid to line up with my fellow workers and make an honest demand for that which is ours by heritage.

Because I want to see every man, woman and child have plenty to eat, plenty to wear and plenty of time to enjoy it.

Because I am opposed to filth and ignorance and in favor of health and knowledge.

Because I think more of an honest heart under a ragged shirt than I do of a block-headed bloat with a bank account.

Because a union man is never disrespected by any one, except a lot of red-eyed rounders with more money than kindness.

Because when I pay my dues into the Union I realize that I am stirring some "thickening" into a bowl of soup for some poor, hungry woman or child.

Because I had rather be unpopular with a lot of double-chinned dough-heads than to show the white feather to my fellow workers.

Because I believe it is better to give than to receive, and by being a union man I am giving my influence and money to those who deserve and should receive it.

Because I am in favor of more bread and less brutishness; more pie and less pomp; more cozy cottages and less criminals; more soup and less superstition; more health and happiness and less hell and hellishness; more honest women neatly dressed and less foolish women over-dressed; more live loving husbands and less dirty drunken drones.

Because in union there is strength, and in strength there is knowledge, and in knowledge there is health, and in health there is happiness, and all sensible people want to be happy.

W. L. Cash, Hamlin, Tex.
Secretary Trackmen's Union.

As The Rebel predicted last week the sergeants and guards, who were in charge of the Harlem convict camp, where eight negroes were done to death through ignorance last week, have been acquitted. The doctors say they didn't have enough air, which is something like the Irishman's testimony that the man died of shortness of breath. The Governor says that not only they didn't have enough air, some poisonous gas was introduced into the black hole as well. God help the working man who votes the ticket of the Donk. His wife should divorce him on the grounds that he is mentally unsound.

The motto on our flag is not "Liberty is a Natural Right," but "Liberty the Mother of Order."—(Tucker.)