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Land Question Squarely Up to Democrats

On the 17th of March in the Delphus Hotel at Dallas, a conference was held by the single taxers of Texas. Representative democrats from every portion of the state attended. The conference state was presided over by Houston's famous tax commissioner, J. J. Pastoriza. It lasted two days. It was one of the most enthusiastic and hard working conferences or gatherings that has ever taken place in this state. The proceedings were harmonious, from the drop of the gavel that called the meeting to order. Every man present paid his own expenses and worked without any hope of pecuniary recompense or other reward save that of knowing that he was a civilian soldier in a fight to destroy one of the great enemies to human progress and the advancement to civilization.

Rolled to the bone this is what the conference did:

First, organized The Texas League for the Taxation of Land Values.

Second, ordered that a petition be initiated to be presented to the state executive committee of the Democratic party next June, requesting it to place on the Democratic primary ballot of the July primary a request to the Democratic legislature next January to submit an amendment to the state constitution that now provides that no land shall be taxed more than 25 cents on the hundred dollars, the amendment to read as follows:

"Taxation shall be equal and uniform, as to property subject to taxation. Provided, however, that all forms of property which shall have been created by the labor of human beings shall forever be exempted from taxation, and that the state and all political subdivisions thereof, generally known as counties, cities and towns, shall assess for taxation only the rental of the unimproved value of land, irrespective of the improvements thereon, and the value of the franchise of public service corporations that use the streets or lands of the state or any political subdivisions of same, and shall be empowered to fix such a rate as to produce the revenue necessary to defray the expenses of the government, economically administered, in said state or political subdivisions of same."

Third, The League made what it terms a new declaration of independence. They termed it the declaration of economic independence. In a resolution passed unanimously they drew up seven indictments as follows:

1. Texas has 250,000 tenant farmers, with an annual increase of 5000 annually.

2. Seventy-five per cent. of the homes in the larger cities are rented or mortgaged.

3. Renters in the smaller cities and towns are increasing.

4. Wage-earners are restless and are rightfully demanding better pay and a higher standard of living. The menace of unemployment is constantly becoming more acute.

5. Taxes in Texas are high and the cost of living is going up every year.

6. Industry is hampered and the business men of small means is being wiped out.

7. Remedial and makeshift measures have proven failures — the menace of serfdom is eating into the agricultural industry of the state.

Fourth, they elected J. J. Pastoriza treasurer and appointed a committee to secure 40,000 names or twice the necessary ten per cent of the Democratic voters of the state attended. The conference state Election Law to place platform demands on primary ballots.

The conference then adjourned subject to the call of the executive committee. It is expected that several more meetings will be held in the near future as the campaign gets under way and gathers strength and momentum.

And so passed into history this conference that is destined to be historic and the participants therein will be proud to hand down to their children's children who will live in a landlordless land, a record of what their fathers did for the eliminating of the land hog.

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Having briefly sketched the work of the Dallas conference The Rebel deems it advisable to add to the story a large number of facts that will illuminate the situation as the hosts are drawing together for the onslaught on landlordism in Texas, its greatest citadel.

For many years the Single Taxer and the Socialist have flown at one another's throats, largely over the question of tactics. The Single Taxer wished the destruction of landlordism and the abolition of all tariffs and so did the Socialist. The Single Taxer almost to a man believed that these fundamental economic changes could be secured through the Democratic party. This the Socialist positively denied and with the Socialist position the Rebel is in most hearty accord.

With the immense economic development that has taken place within the past twenty years the correctness of the Socialist position has become ever clearer and in proportion as that economic development has gone on, so in proportion has the Single Taxer stepped closer to the Socialist platform. I believe I am fairly stating the case when I say that in the days when Henry George labored and fought, a waterworks was all that was embraced in a Single Taxer's definition of a "public utility." Now everything requiring a franchise is regarded as a public utility by the Single Taxer and therefore should be collectively owned. The chasm is being spanned and the Socialist movement is absorbing the Single Tax movement and soon there will be nothing between the two camps except a diminishing few who are parlor faddists.

Realizing this fact The Rebel after a prolonged discussion with Mr. E. R. Meitzen, candidate for governor on the Socialist ticket, decided that it was advisable for the editor to visit Texas' greatest single taxer, Mr. J. J. Pastoriza, Houston's finance commissioner. We did so and in Houston we mutually drew up the above amendment to the constitution which has just been indorsed by the statewide conference of the Single Taxers. It was there and then agreed that such a conference should be called on St. Patrick's day, but The Rebel as well as E. R. Meitzen decided not to attend the conference because confusion might ensue and the landlords might through their muzzled press make ammunition out of our presence claiming that it was a Socialist meeting.

Nothing could be further from the truth. They have never made enough steel chains in Pittsburg to pull me into a Democratic primary or caucus and the U. S. mint has never coined enough gold to make me vote a Democrat ticket, because I believe there is treason to the people in every line of their laws and there is corruption and deceit in the hearts of 99 per cent. of her statesmen.

Why then, this meeting with J. J. Pastoriza? might be asked. Just this: I am one of those who believes that every man regardless of what party he belongs to should aid in the destruction of landlordism while at the same time he remains loyal to his general principles and the ideals of the party he has espoused.

Mr. Pastoriza believes the Democratic party can be reformed. I don't. I believe it must be destroyed.

Mr. Pastoriza believes that the Socialist party goes too far in its platform. I don't. I stand by every line of it, but while we differ on platform there is no reason why we should differ on the principle enunciated in the National platform of the Socialist party in 1912 for the taxation of all land to its full rental value. And that is why the Rebel conferred with J. J. Pastoriza.

But there was still another reason. I wanted to see the Democratic party of Texas either plow or get off the row. I wanted the same joined. J. J. and hundreds of Single Taxers who owe allegiance to the Democratic party have learned from bitter experience that it is the landlord's hand that guides the ship of state in Texas from police justice of a wide place in the road up to the governor's chair. He is the man behind. He dominates every caucus, controls every primary, runs every convention, orders every judicial opinion and seeks by side-issues like prohibition to divert the minds of the masses from the one question — the question that is as vital today as when Moses slew the Egyptian in the land fight.

I know every prominent Single Taxer in Texas personally that belongs to the Democratic party. I know that they were good men, keen men, men of flawless character, but they were being deceived, betrayed and made monkeys of by the landlord-usurer combination that has made Texas a state of serfs. To encourage revolt within the ranks of the Democratic party of Texas was a logical step to take and for taking it I have no apology to make to anyone under the shining sun.

I know this statement is frank, brutally frank. The Rebel is one of those that does not believe in secret diplomacy, kitchen cabinets and midnight conspiracies. I am a diplomat with an ax and never learned in all the pages of history that I have scanned that any other policy redounded to the benefit of the common people.

The petition to the Democratic state executive committee published above our readers will remember was published in The Rebel last January. You will find this same petition in the form of a Socialist land petition in next issue. It will be noticed that this petition is to be handled by the Socialists of Texas and from the preamble setting forth its purpose it will be seen that we in no way, directly or indirectly, seek to approach the state executive committee of the Democratic party or any of its official machines. We want to secure the names of 100,000 citizens between now and election day in a petition to the next legislature requesting them to submit at once this constitutional amendment to a vote of the qualified voters of the state.

As this fight develops it will attract national attention not only from land reformers of every shade and type, but also from citizens of all political beliefs. This for the reason that whenever the Texans get into a battle they fight longer and harder than the people of any other state.

Many elements play their part in producing this situation. One is that the population of Texas is the most American in the union. Climatic conditions and the traditions of the state helps develop a spirit of independence. Although it may seem to slumber for awhile when it is aroused it accomplishes big results.

Again, Texas is the greatest agricultural state in the union. Big cities are comparatively a negligible quantity. The 1910 census shows only one city that had reached the 100,000 mark. Sixty-five per cent of the population never sees a railroad track unless when they come to the county seat. For years, in and years out they never hear the sound of a factory whistle. They live clean lives in the open next to nature. The corrupting and enervating influences of the city they know not of.

It was from these farms that sprang the Alliance, the Grange, Wheel, Farmers Union, The Renters Union and now the Land League. It was this yeomanry that in spite of an infamous poll tax beat the Republican, Bull Moose and Prohibition parties in the 1912-1914 campaigns and thus twice in succession made the Socialist party the second party in the state. Once they are awakened on such a vital question as the land question they will go through to the bitter end, hence we advise champions of taxation of land values to keep their eyes on the Lone Star state.

Some people not acquainted with the situation in Texas might say that the issuance of two petitions will cause a division in the ranks of those seeking to destroy landlordism. A bigger mistake could not be made, because the men of the Texas League for the Taxation of Land Values can secure the required 40,000 names in 10 days in four cities of the state without ever touching the rural communities. These petitions will supplement one another and then by the great Jayohah the 35th legislature will face a situation the like of which they never met since Sam Houston sat as first governor of the Texas republic.

For the first time the foes of the land hog have met together although in different divisions for the same cause. They will be inspired to action not only because of the great fight they engage in but for the further reason that it will be fought out on the greatest amphitheatre on this continent if not in the world. In no other topographical division in any civilized nation is there so much tillable land held out of use for speculative purposes. We find 117,000,000 of arable acres out of the 170,000,000 acres that compose the state, fenced in—virgin soil, that has never been scarred by a plow going ever higher in price, although tens of thousands of idle but willing hands in both city and country are longing and wishing for an opportunity to turn the soil, produce wealth and raise a roof tree.

The protagonists of this land amendment know that the labor question will be in a fair way to be solved the day the amendment is adopted and countless thousands will be in a position to "go back to the land" in a practical way. They can never be dispossessed by land sharks and usurers. Not only this but the Texas advocates of the land amendment will be fired to extra effort by knowledge that the adjoining states of Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas will follow the light of the Lone Star almost over night and the principle of use and occupancy as the title to land will sweep like a tidal wave over the nation.

So now the lines are joined. The organization is formed. The program is written. The trumpet sound for battle is sounded. The cry of Down with Landlordism is being taken up in every portion of the state. On with the battle. On with the fight.

CONSIDER THE RICH.

There are not many of us who need to take the following warning of Prof. Scott Nearing, of Toledo, University, to heart, but it may be well for us to consider the other fellow once in a while.

"Let us consider the effect of riches upon the rich. First, it destroys initiative. All people have a natural creative impulse, a demand for self-expression, and the stimulus to that, with the resulting activity, develops the individual.

"You grow by activity, your will and your faculties, and activity depends on incentive. The first thing that riches do is to take away the incentive to work, especially in the second generation. It leads to inactivity, to defective social intelligence, defective moral fiber, lack of initiative and ambition.

"If there is one handicap in college it is wealth. I'd rather have a boy come to college under any other handicap.

"We can not serve Mammon. That way leads to physical, spiritual and social death. Poverty and riches have both got to go.

"What we, as a nation, want to work out is a system that will give us the largest number of happy and healthy human beings."

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THE CROOKED SENATE.

U. S. Senator Shields of Tennessee, is a Southern Democratic lawyer who represents in the United States senate the gigantic waterpower trust. This bunch of predatory thieves wishes to gobble up the flowing streams of the nation. They are part of the same powerful and selfish interests that have absorbed the people's lands, forests and mineral, coal and oil beds. By getting hold of the waterpower of the country they will practically be in control of the country.

The Shields bill gives this trust literally billions of dollars for fifty years without paying a cent for this stupendous utility. The conservationists made a hard fight but were hopelessly outnumbered by the arch grafters who make up the vast majority of the United States senate, one that is by the established record the most corrupt legislative body in the world.

As usual the Senators from the southern states vied with one another to curry favor with New England and other northern senators in loyalty to these robbers of the nation's public property. The vote stood 46 to 22 for the Waterpower and Electric trust, which makes 68 senators out of 96. The 22 absentees on this most important vote were cowardly frauds who were afraid to declare themselves one way or the other.

Not so with the Southern senators. They were extremely brave because the landlord-usurer trust machines of the south that control the Democratic party have already succeeded in disfranchising most of the working class of Dixie. That fine Christian statesman, Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, voted for the first time in two years and that vote was cast for the trust. Here are the other southern senators who voted for the despoiling of our country's resources: Williams and Vardaman of Mississippi, Tillman, S. C., Smith, Georgia, Simmons, N. C., Shields Tenn., Martin, Va., Hardwick, Ga., Clark, Ark., Broussard, La., Beckham, Ky., Bankhead, Ala.

Of the 34 southern senators only four could be mustered in defense of the people's rights. They are Reed of Missouri, Lee of Tennessee, James of Kentucky, and Sheppard of Texas.

This wholesale confiscation of the water powers of the people in the interest of the trusts proves again for the thousandth time that it is stupidity of the rankest sort to believe that United States senators represent states. Oliver representa the Steel trust, Smoot the Mormon church with its vast economic power, Gallinger the textile industries of New England, Brownsard the sugar and lumber trusts of Louisiana, Vardeman and Williams the landlords, usurers and railroads of Mississippi and so on.

The voice of the people can no more be heard by the aggregation of crooks in the United States senate that a jackdaw can be heard above the roar of a lion's cave. Fortunately several of the gentlemen who wear the U. S. Senatorial togs have been forcibly compelled to exchange that dignified garment for prison stripes in recent years. Let us hope that the day is not far distant when an indignant people convinced of their rights will cause this infamous 46 to shamble in the lock step in the federal penitentiary, where gates literally yawn for them. May Charley Culberson be alive to take his place at the head of the line in the fervent wish of The Rebel.

The leading Catholic organ of Vienna, "Chronik," says war is part of the divine plan. It is insane in the dailies, like this that enables The Rebel to understand why so many priests and preachers are tried and convicted for kissing servant girls for spiritual purposes.

Do you want to kill war? Quit voting for it.

"Socialistic" Convention

A convention of gigantic proportions was held in one of the biggest cities in Texas last week. By unanimous resolution it recommended that the postal savings bank functions be extended until it became a real bank for the people. The Wilson tariff bill was savagely attacked and resolutions adopted calling for municipal, state and national ownership of great industries. Jail sentences were recommended for trust magnates, and for days the convention discussed the advisability of raising millions of dollars so as to put the greatest trust in the world out of business.

"We did not know that there was a great Socialist convention held last week," our readers may say. You are correct my friends. There was no such convention held. It was the state convention of the Cattle Raisers Association, the most individualistic organization in this country.

Why then this change of heart. Why does the proud cattleman who rides the range, monarch of all he surveys with cattle on every hill take such radical steps. Simple as a child's prayer is the answer, this:

"THE BEEF TRUST HAS BEEN GOUGING THEM.

Long and furious raged the debate. The Mayor of Texas' third largest city led off the fight in this way:

"You are not going to get protection in marketing your product by merely asking for it. You have to fight for that. You have to battle with mighty corporations; you are combatted with money galore; you have to be greedy enough of power to contend with."—Mayor Ben Campell.

He was followed by the governor of the state who as judged by expected pleaded for the packeries free as strongly as he plead for the New York life insurance companies on the floor of the state senate last year. We quote his speak words from the Houston Press:

"Before you take official drastic action, let's talk it over in a friendly way. We ought to be careful how we approach the marketing question. Let's do nothing to incur the animosity of the packers. Millions of capital is loaned to the cattlemen of Texas by the packers."—Gov. James Ferguson.

The Houston Press remarks that the mass of the delegates agreed with Mayor Campbell and disagreed with Ferguson.

The mere inexperienced delegate wanted to raise ten million dollars at once to build a packery of their own and compete with the beef trust, but the wiser ones, realizing how futile this would be after a long and strenuous battle succeeded in voting it down. They remembered the words of Colonel Simpson of Dallas, the great cattleman's lawyer, when a similar proposition was launched at a previous convention in Ft. Worth. Quoth the judge:

"You want to fight the beef trust do you? You want me to tell you what resources you need? Well here you are: You need 30 years experience in the business, between six and eight hundred million dollars, two thirds of the railways of the United States, both branches of congress the president and the supreme court and then you have a fighting chance to compete with the beef trust."

This advice was given over ten years ago and every year since that time has found the beef trust bigger and the cattleman poorer.

Need we wonder then that the mantle of individualism is dropping from the shoulders of the old-time Texas cattleman and the great convention without a dissenting voice announced itself Socialistic to the extent that it desired the nation to take possession of the beef trust. Here is the exact language of the resolution:

Would Take Ownership of Stock Yards From Packers.

Your committee recommends that action be taken to divest the packers of the ownership or operation of union stock yards, including terminals, exchange buildings, etc. at the large market centers.

Further from individualism and closer to universal co-operation moved the ministry convention of cattle raisers by unanimously demanding state and municipal ownership of abattoirs. The May-

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B. A. Okla. City—Sorry I can't accept invitation just now. Haven't had the pleasure of pulling a landlord preacher's hide for over a year. Those I have nailed to my barn door are moth-eaten now. I look forward to getting a couple of new ones during the encampments in spite of the fact that the stock is getting very scarce.

I. N. Albuquerque, N. M.—We stand pat. There is no more profit in that Villa was within 100 miles of Columbus. 2. No it is not a wild goose chase. The Columbus massacre was inspired from the same source as the Ludlow massacre. Intervention is what Wall Street wants and you could shoot a putty blower from the corner of Wall street and Broadway and hit the spot where the scheme was concocted. Read up on Yucatan, the harvester trust and its gun boats and you will get on the hot trail.

F. B., K. C. Mo. The area of Texas is 170,000,000 acres; 117,000,000 acres are held out of sale and that is why we are going to have and revolution in Texas.

M. R. Dallas, Tex.—The money lies in a panic that means a revolution. If you don't believe me I will throw the Dallas News at you. The more truth the less advertising; see The Rebel. That is the story in a nutshell. That is why we lost the Mexican adventure.

J. K. Denver, Colo.—There is but little doubt that Texas will be the first state in the union to solve the land question. The other states will fall over one another shortly after. Keep your eye on Texas.

J. A. S. Paducah, Ky.—To say the landlord is necessary to production is equivalent to saying that the potato bug is necessary to the potato. We recommend that you soak your head in the Mississippi for a half hour five times a day.

J. B. T., Los Angeles, Cal.—The history of co-operative colonies under capitalism is a history of failure. The Socialist party has nothing to do with co-operative colonies in any shape, form or manner. You can not beat capitalist society by drawing away from it and fighting another nature with your five fingers. In 120 years five colonies have seen the dreams of success, but in each case it was due to the fact that a fanatical religious impulse was behind it.

W. M. P., San Antonio, Tex.—Yes Willie, Billy Sunday does remind one of Christ. You can see they are so different.

N. M. Waco, Tex.—We can win the land. Why not? Goethe, the great German poet, once wrote: "What you can dream you can begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

G. B., Beaumont, Tex. — The land petition booklets are now ready for mailing. See announcement in another column of this paper.

or of Houston promised to help erect one in Houston to be owned by the city and will make a similar for the erection of similar abattoirs in every city in the state.

Because the packers controlled of immense financial institutions the erstwhile individualists took a still further step toward Socialism by demanding the extension of post-office banks to the point where they could loan money direct to the people at a low rate of interest. The denunciation of the Democratic tariff and advocating of jail sentences logically followed. Then after they showed how many cattlemen lost from ten to twenty dollars per head in spite of the fact that beef went up on the consumer and the packers made the largest profits in history last year, they were then in a mood to go home.

If they keep on progressing as fast as they have within the past two years it would not surprise The Rebel to see the 2,000 delegates that will meet in Fort Worth next year march to the hall bootled and spurred with a red flag at their heads and the massed bands playing the Marseillaise, the Carmagnole and then have the convention opened with the singing of the Internationale.

Great is economic development. Between its milestones are strewed out the ruins of the small producers. Large capital holds the center of the stage in America and will continue to do so until such time as our people are wise enough to make that capital collective.

And this is the moral we draw from the Socialistic moods of the cattle raisers of the Lone Star.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE FARMER?

(By Jennie Albano Meliche.)

Arthur B. Holder, an investigator for the state, tells us that the average value of a workingman's product in 1910 was $2,125 and his average income was $618, or 16.57 per cent of the value of his product. Government statistics tell us that the average worker created about $2500 worth of wealth in a year and that the average wage is about one-fourth or one-one hundred fifth of the $2500 created by the worker. Now if anybody is a worker the farmer is one. The applies his toil first to the soil and then he sells the product thus obtained. So he is a wage worker after all. For he is still his labor power just the same as any other wage workers. He creates that, on the average, $2500 worth of wealth yearly, he receives on the average $500 worth of wealth yearly.

This condition keeps him in poverty and ignorance. He feels the injustice of the situation and blindly revolts But blind revolts got him nowhere. He is still poor. He feels he is being cheated, consciously or unconsciously he senses that something is wrong, and that he is the "goat". But he doesn't know exactly where the trouble lies. In the words of the darky he does not know just "who frowed dat brick."

He is not clear in this thinking. He knows he is being robbed but he can't see that enemy, so he strikes blindly hoping to cripple his unknown foe. But instead of crushing the foe the misdirected blow but exhausts the farmer for he never lands on the enemy at all, since he never strikes in the right direction.

In some states he joins the Equity co-operative association and in other states the Farmers Union. But instead of co-operative associations for buying and selling, humanity and the farmers that he attack him, usually, so far, successfully. In other states he joins the Grange, and finds the co-operative Grange in the Vested Interests. In North Dakota he is rallying to the standard of the Non partisan League hoping to control legislation to his own benefit.

This League has had an amazing career. But a few months old it has a membership of nearly 50,000 paid up members all in North Dakota. It demands co-operative ownership of terminal elevators, state hail-insurance, rural credits and other things of value to the farmers.

It will undoubtedly exercise great influence upon legislation in the Dakotas for a time. Whereas the North Dakota farmer has been getting one fifth of his loaf it may be possible for the League to force legislation that will obtain for him one fourth or one half his loaf. This looks big to the fellow who all his life has been contented with one fifth of the product of his toil. He has been getting but a little of the loaf he produces so that and handing the remainder over to the capitalist class. No wonder he would be delighted with the idea of getting a full loaf. He got the whole loaf he would no doubt founder himself. The thing he would do would be that he should join with all other workers politically, seize the political power of the nation and demand the whole loaf. Not one fifth, not one half, but all of it, the full product of his toil. He would then be in a position to demand and to get it.

Farmers, be men! Stand upon your feet and look out upon the world in the eye, demand that which is yours, ALL of it, and VOTE to get it.

LIBERTY.

Arthur LeSueur, of the N. E. C. of the national Socialist party, and editor of the People's College News, runs the following quotation on the cover of his magazine this month:

Where Liberty rises, the virtue sinks, wealth increases, knowledge expands, invention multiplies human powers, 'and the strength and spirit the freeman rises among her neighbors as Saul amid his brethren—taller and fairer. Where Liberty sinks, there virtue fades, wealth diminishes, knowledge is forgotten, invention ceases, and empires once mighty in arms and arts become a helpless prey to freer barbarians.

Only in broken gleams and partial light has the sun of liberty yet beamed upon men, but all progress hath she called forth.

Shall we not trust her!

—Henry George.

LOCOED DONKS TELL TRUTH

(By Covington Hall.)

Washington (D. C.) press dispatches of even date (March 26) again prove and crucify the mouths of Democratic party leaders, that The Rebel told the truth when it charged that the Villa raid was engineered from this side of the "border."

Listen, to Senator Stone of Missouri, Donk floor leader in the Senate speaking: "An effort is now place Colonel Roosevelt's troops in Mexico and numerous sinister influences in Mexico—and I am sorry to say outside of Mexico—to excite the people of that unfortunate country, to mislead them, to impress them with the idea that the United States contemplates an aggression against their government and against the whole people to their great injury."

Still the Donk "floor leader" should not complain if, after falling into an open, un-ambushed trap (if he did) his party is under strong suspicion of dishonest conspiracy. He should be dishonest or such hopeless fools as to be incapable of handling the powers of government without endangering entire nation. They can sin on either horn of this dilemma, Senator.

Then listen to Senator J. Ham Lewis, the Donk's floor orator in the Senate, speaking in a resolution:

"Whereas it is to the authorities of the United States that funds and supplies are being furnished to the forces and following of Villa in Mexico from foreign countries, and PARTICULARLY UNITED States of America," etc. Then the resolution goes on to declare those furnishing supplies TO THE "guilty of actual treason within the meaning of the law against the sovereignty of the United States and its authority."

NOW, will the Donk Government, KNOWING that this is the case PUNISH AS TRAITORS, those responsible for furnishing and by delivering guns and ammunition to kill United States soldiers, OR, AFTER PUTTING UP THE LUMBER and MINES who are furnishing the funds and supplies to Villa?

Don't all you Donks speak at once. Let us KNOW your coward leaders WONT. You KNOW they will jam-a-few poor men like Hall, Chappel and their comrades in the infernos called the penitentiaries of Texas and the United States after pretending to a FAKE TRIAL but you KNOW they won't DARE to lay a finger on the REAL PIMPS, Donks, though they are "KNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES."

Oh, yes, we Socialists "were lying," when we said, "Judging these statements from your locoed leaders, you Donk Pellagrans and voters for some months YET ON to see your another COT-TON CROP TO BE STOLEN.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

In The New Era appears an account of the sale of $650,000 worth of Dallas county bonds, to a Dallas banking and bond company. If the bonds should run full length (40 years) the people of Dallas County will pay the $50,000 back and $100,000 extra in interest. This appears to The Rebel to be a shameless robbery for which the commissioners are not to be blamed. It is the result of the system under which we live. The unfortunate taxpayers and commissioners cannot help themselves except to vote to change the system.

In Germany and also Denmark it is the law that a man can be as naked as a rave, but if his neighbors testify that he has a good character, he can borrow money sufficient for his needs from the government at not more than 3 per cent — mind you without a particle of security.

The Socialist national platform demands that the national government shall lend money to states and municipalities without interest and and to wage workers and farmers at a very low rate. They point to the fact that the government is now issuing billions of dolars to private banks practically without interest that is later loaned to the people at from 10 to 2000 per cent. They think that the people's money should go back to the people via the postal savings bank and that the middle man should be cut out. It will mean money in your pocket, clothes on your back, God in your heart and protection for Mollie and the kids.

Is E. M. House a Socialist?

Joseph Chamberlain, one of England's greatest bourgeois statesmen, in a heated debate in the house of commons some years ago said when questioned about a certain measure he proposed had a socialistic tendency; "We are all Socialists nowadays."

In that Pickwickin sense we may place Colonel E. M. House of Houston, Tex. the president's close friend and adviser and his private ambassador to Europe, a one of the Socialist army. This startling news has come to us through the New York Sun and the Chicago Tribune by reason of the fact that it has been learned that Colonel House wrote a novel which was published anonymously in 1912 in which he arraigns the present system in the most scathing terms, predicts a revolution and points out that the government is absolutely dominated by 1,000 millionaires. The title of the book is "Philip Drue, The Administrator."

We quote from the New York Sun:

In the beginning of the book Drue, the hero, is pictured as graduating from West Point. On that day he is described as follows:

"He saw the civil institutions of his country debased by the power of wealth under the this guise of the constitutional protection of property. He saw the army, which he had sworn to serve faithfully, becoming prostituted by the same power and used at times for the purposes of intimidation and petty conquests where the interests of wealth were at stake. He saw the great city where luxury, dominant and defiant, existed largely by grace of exploitation — exploitation of men, women and children."

As for the "Christian religion of today" the Sun says he had this to say: "A religion almost wholly selfish and concerned almost entirely in the betterment of life after death.

The author tells of Drue's interest in social betterment, while a banker and a United States senator plan with the aid of 1000 multi-millionaires, contributing $10,000 each, to control the next presidential election; tells how the plot worked out and how the senator, relenting in his victory, repeats his story to the banker, who unwittingly has his dictagraph working.

The record is heard by the banker's secretary who, from patriotic motives, gives it to the press and starts a revolution. General Drue, with the revolutionists, defeats the regulars, and then puts his plans of reform into effect.

The epoch-making of these reforms is the chief aim of the book. A revolution was necessary, the hero announces after being dictator, "because of the cruel hand of avarice would have crushed out from us and from our children every semblance of freedom. If our late masters had been more moderate we would have been satisfied to struggle for yet another period, hoping that in time we might again have justice and equality before law. But they not only would have had a defective government, defective in machinery and defective in its constitution and laws."

After reading this splendid summary of conditions as they are with the red, revolutionary finale, it seems needless to clear in us Woodrow knew what he was doing when he appointed the Houston colonel to look into the Mexican situation. With much interest we read on to see what the hero would changes in the Judiciary saying:

"The United States therefore had the most complicated, expensive and inadequate legal machinery of any civilized nation."

The hero, also has distinct idea about federal incorporation; he directed that every corporation must have on its board of directors a representative of the laboring men who were to have in the section.

As for the railroad problem the hero had this to say:

"The railroads were built dishonestly. Money was made out of their construction by the promoters in the most open and shameless way and afterward bonds and stocks were issued far in excess of the fraudulent

So-called cost.

General Drue prohibits holding companies, directs that the nation and the State share in the profits of the Stock Exchange. As for stock markets and the like the author writes concerning them the following:

"Stock, cotton and produce exchanges as then conducted, came under the administrator's displeasure, and he inflicted his intention of reforming them to the extent of prohibiting, under penalty of the law, fictitious dealings either long or short stock, bonds, commodity of whatever character, or anything of value. Banks, corporations or individuals lending money to any corporation or individual whose purpose is was known to be to violate the law should be deemed as guilty as the actual offender and should be as heavily punished."

In an address to the people General Drue said:

"We have been living under a government of negation, government of the negative, with more power than any monarch, a government having a supreme power clothed with authority and power over all, or similar body; therefore we have lagged behind other nations in development.

"Our government, perhaps, is less responsive to the will of the people than that of almost any of the civilized nations. Our government, perhaps, is less responsive to the will of the people than that of almost any of the civilized nations. Our government, perhaps, is less responsive to the will of the people than that of almost any of the civilized nations. Our government, perhaps, is less responsive to the will of the people than that of almost any of the civilized nations. Our government, perhaps, is less responsive to the will of the people than that of almost any of the civilized nations.

"It is nearly impossible for the desires of our people to find expression in the law."

The framers of the old constitution lived in an atmosphere of autocracy and they could not foresee, at least they feared, the evil of placing such enormous power in one man's hands."

The author gives a striking picture of the political boss in these words:

"He was a fascinating game to Selwyn. He wanted to govern the nation with absolute hand and yet not be known as the directing power. He arranged to have his name appear less frequently in the press, and he refused to submit to interviews, laughingly ridding himself of reporters by asserting that he knew absolutely nothing of importance."

General Drue becomes interested in a new kind of warship with turrets that revolve, so much velocity that they fend off any shells that strike down.

There is not a word down in the book a new federal and state constitution.

The author goes into the international situation and in 1930 he describes Great Britian and Germany closely allied against the United States, with Germany seeking control of South America and England taking Africa, while Japan controls the Far East.

To counteract that situation General Drue succeeds in getting England to join hands in a world-wide policy of "peace and commercial freedom." He provides that the United States "give the Phillipines their independence under the protection of Japan."

Honor to House. He knows the game, and he knows that he has taken the wrong course to make the fundamental changes in government that he realizes are so necessary. With his knowledge of inside affairs he has nothing but personal ends to gain by being the man behind Wilson. He could do far more constructive work if he applied for membership in the Socialist ranks. He could help party and gave his energy to talents to the building up of the most revolutionary and constructive" in the United States, one which under his nose has captured second place twice in succession and is now by means of a revolutionary land policy liable to capture all the powers of government in Texas within the next four years. Then he would be sitting out on the capitalist steps with the janitor while within the red-earth Kremlin will be guiding the ship of state along the revolutionary lines that will win whereas at present he is torn and tossed in the curtains of Democratic secret diplomacy.

Two million Socialist votes this time says Benson, and we believe he is underestimating.

Another Awful War.

There are wars and wars, wars of defiance and wars of invasion, wars in Europe and elsewhere. Wars until the people are surfeited with the stories of them, yet also I am compelled to chronicle still another war that has been furiously fought out on the Atlantic seaboard, from Newport and along the gulf near Palm Beach, Florida.

The munitions used in this war are bees, relief funds, classes, relief funds and philanthropy. The generals is the battle are Mrs. John Jacob Astor, widow of the multi-millionaire of New York who went down on the Titanic, Mrs. John Astor, his first wife who divorced him, and Mrs. Vincent Astor, wife of America's richest young man, who is a son of the first man.

The three ladies have been furiously struggling for recognition as The Mrs. Astor, because it is understood is society that whoever is known as *The* Mrs. Astor will be the leader of society, the head of The Four Hundred. We learn from the Kansas City Post that Mrs. Vincent Astor will come out triumphant in the war because she plans to help the men employed by starting a store for men and women without work.

Far be it from The Rebel to become involved in this feminine warfare. Bullnecked politicians and husky cow punchers are as far as we care to go into it fight. However so pacific are we that fain we would make peace in this war. If the ladies will accept my services in this regard I shall travel to Florida or Newport and, after getting my pants pressed and my Panama blocked, I will call the three ladies into conference and make them a dignified talk something like this:

"Mesdames, forget it. Prepare the pipe of peace in the form of one of your dainty boxes of gold-tipped cigarettes. The war is over and this is why:

"All three of you have been unfortunate enough to marry into the most disputatious family in America. The founder of it and you all call him the founder, because you don't know where he was born and from whose loins he came—not a start in life by swindling Indians on Old Manhattan Island and elsewhere. He traded beads, booze and blankets for valuable furs and later New York real estate. He went bankrupt and started a bank, he robbed the widow and orphan, he cozened and cheated his neighbor, he committed every crime in the statutes that did not invite in the remotest degree physical danger.

"He was a coward in his heart and a crook in his mind, and when he died a little over a hundred years ago the people along ye Olde Bowerie in old Knickerbocker debated for sometime as to whether they should declare a holiday because of the Sunday and music and speeches, they would celebrate the demise of the old pirate. They compromised by staying away from the funeral and prayed that his soul was in a place hotter than Yuma.

"However, ladies as you know he left a number of city blocks and big farms where now stand the giant skyscrapers f New York and from that good luck to this there never has been an Astor to do one stroke of work, good, bad or indifferent. The women spent the pot of their honors and the men were helped on with their shoes and the reason, ladies, you know is very simple.

"New York stands at the gateway of the seas. From all over the earth people flocked to the metropolis and as Manhattan Island is only eight miles long and at its widest part is only three miles wide, their presence and real estate values continuously increase until it was found that land that was purchased for ten dollars an acre is now selling at $1,000 a front foot.

"This unearned increment has grown into hundreds of millions of dollars that are in the possession of the Astor family, the principal living member of which is an expatriate who has renounced this country and become a titled lord in England.

"Now ladies, please don't interrupt me until I have finished. The Astors received that wealth, they did not work for it, because they have earned unto themselves the wealth produced by the collectivity. They have passed into the silence of the Great Beyond generations after generations and left behind them not a single deed or act of merit that would make their name remembered. In truth and fact it is not ever respected.

"Where is the book they have written? Where is the song they have composed? Where is the picture they have painted? Where is the furrow they have plowed? Where is the tree they have planted? Where is the building they have built or the tunnel they have dug? Where is the formula they have given to science? Where is the star they measured? Where is the land they have explored? What art have they produced? What have they done? What have they handed to posterity?

"Ladies fair, you know the answer. They have only DONE their neighbors during the few fleeting moments in which their feet have combered the soil. Astor is the synonym for parasitism, they have always been intellectual paupers and crones in society's hive. Were a fifting inheritance tax placed on the Astor fortune and a tax placed upon their land values today you would not have been unfortunate enough to have belonged by marriage to the Astor clan and the Astor Waldorf and the rest of the tribe would probably be in a Bowery bread line or on Blackwell's Island, where small thieves and down-and-outs do dwell.

"There is no record to show that the Astors can make a living at anything else other than stealing door mats. So now ladies cease your foolish war and use your bright minds so that you can do something useful for society. That is the only life worth living. Parasitism of society simply sear the soul.

"And then again ladies it is worthy of consideration that just as the old woman sat beneath the guillotine in Paris in 1789 and knitted 23 stitches which was her method of keeping time while the heads of aristocracy dropped in the basket so is there another "23" about to be called for every parasite in this broad land.

"It may be thundered by the mob, it may be whispered in the gentle tones of peace, but coming it is and then it will be well that you are prepared for the change because landlordism is going and with it the Astor fortune."

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It is very likely, at this stage of The Rebel's speech the ladies scream and faint and The Rebel gracefully retires out onto the fashionable promenade and kicks an English butler in his padded pantaloons as he dexterously makes his exit.

A CHALLENGE.

The Manhattan Single Tax club of New York City, which is the largest club of its kind in the United States, has an ad in the Want Column of this issue of The Rebel. They offer to supply literature free to Texas farmers. In the letter accompanying the order for the ads, the secretary of the Club says that the Club wants to find out how many farmers in Texas are thinking on land question. Now go to 'em, ye actual farmers of Texas. These men in New York are willing to give you the information free of charge. You can get it for a postal card and not only that you can get 50 of your friends to send postal cards.

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THE AGRARIAN REVOLT IN DIXIE.

(By Covington Hall.)

That a great Agrarian Revolt is already under way in Dixie can no longer be blinked by the Lords of Land and Labor and the disfranchisement of the tenant farmers of Oklahoma show that, as usual, they are willing and ready to go to any extreme to prevent a peaceable settlement of the question, the Land Question, that lies at the very foundations of society, since man cannot live, move or have being without the free use of land, which means, the Earth and ALL Natural Resources, such as mines, waterpower, forests and fisheries etc.

For over a generation now, slowly but surely, this question, on which swings the life or death of Liberty, has been coming to a head in the Southern and Western States, where, from the very nature of things, the Capitalist and Landlord were forced to become—Plutocrat. That is to say the South and West the Industrial Corporations were forced to be both Capitalist and Landlord, Banker and Railroad Magnate, so that, in these regions, especially, the Industrial System represents nothing but a vast horde of Peons and Tenants, living on their lives, but the lives of their women and children, away for as pitiless an Oligarchy as ever robbed a nation of its manhood.

This being true, there is no law in Dixie today except the will of the "Interlocked Parasites" of the electric-lit towns and cities. Whole states are systematically and deliberately drained of untold wealth and their people reduced to rags and hunger for no other purpose than to keep in silken bondage the handful of Plutocrats and their hangers-on, a brood of reptiles that outrival the Patricians of Rome and their Praetorian Guards in opulent waste and cold-blooded brutality.

Down, down, down, ever deeper and deeper into the mire of degradation they have steadily forced the "Common People" of Dixie, white, black and colored into a condition of not less than 90 per cent of our people are Proletarians, that is to say, propertyless, and fully one half of them already Peonized, thralled under a system of slavery far more cruel than ever was the old, since unremembered, the Labor Contract, all service from the slave and at the same time denies owing him any duty whatever.

Under this bitter persecution it was only a question of time when this population, downtrodden by the hand-hungry Anglo-Celts, would turn upon its oppressors and DEMAND BACK THE EARTH.

This they are at last beginning to do and, the Plutocracy may compel its political chattel-slave, the Peonized Proletarian, to disfranchise every working farmer and wage worker in Dixie, they can do all, the secretary of the Club says that the Club wants to find out how many farmers in Texas are thinking on land question. Now go to 'em, ye actual farmers of Texas. These men in New York are willing to give you the information free of charge. You can get it for a postal card and not only that you can get 50 of your friends to send postal cards.

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TRAH FOR PREPAREDNESS!

New York, Feb 25. — The E. I Dupont de Nemours Powder Company earned a total of $67,840,758 during the year ending December 31, 1915, according to its annual report made public here today. This is an increase of $52,637,605 over the last year.—Press dispatch.

Two Hundred Thirty-one Million Three Hundred Sixty-three Thousand and Thirty-two Dishes of Ham, Eggs and Coffee Shot to Hell! That's right. Hurrah for "Preparedness" and Pellagra! — Rebellion.

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Against the Foe Within

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But prepare to defend yourself and your class by study of the law.

The Farmers of Texas and Oklahoma are organized, but they lack the trained minds and the skill to meet the fox on the legal field. Everywhere there is a crying need for men and women to fill this gap in the ranks of the farmers. Study Law. It offers you big opportunities.

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"I am just finishing up on Criminal Law and Procedure that is, the final examination on that study. The further I go the better I like the study, realize that it is worth many times the price I am paying."

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"I have been a student only three months, but I realize and know many things about rights I did not know before making a start with the Law Course. I heartily recommend the study of law to any man, no matter how hard he may be, who is improving mental caliber each day, and the educational advantages the Law Course are well worth the price you ask."

Names and addresses of above are in our files. They will be furnished to interested Applicants.

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FARM AND FOREST WORKERS UNION.

By-Laws.

Name —The name of this organization shall be the Farm and Forest Workers Union.

Purpose — To immediately better the economic condition of the Southern Workers and to aid in the establishment of the Industrial Democracy.

Officers — The Officers shall be: A General Segretary-Treasurer and a General Organizer. Their duties shall be strictly clerical and they shall have no governmental power whatsoever.

Strikes — The power to call or declare a strike shall rest entirely with the membership so concerned.

Dues — The Dues shall be 25c a month. The Initiation Fee shall be $1.50.

Duties — No member shall recognize another on the job or elsewhere as an F. and F. W. U. member, except in case of extreme necessity, and then the one so appealed to must respond to the be of his or her ability. Any member who violates his or her obligation will be held strictly responsible to the entire membership.

Locals —The local organizations shall be known as Local Unions.

Districts — There shall be one District Council in each State, and the Locals in a given State shall be connected with their respective District Councils, and the Councils to the General office.

We ask you to join us in the fight for Free Land, Free Labor and Industrial Democracy.

L. Williford, General Sec.-Treas.
Simms, La.
W. H. Lewis, Gen. Organizer,
Simms, La.
Covington Hall, Editor of Rebellion.

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NOTE — It has been decided that, for the present, the F and F. W. U. will act as an independent Union. Why not call a convention of the Locals of the Land League, the Working Class Union and the Farm and Forest Workers Union to assemble at, say, Dallas, Texas, during the latter part of November or first of December, 1916, to organize the *Agricultural and Industrial Union of North America!* This question has been asked me and I pass it on for consideration.

Covington Hall.

LAND PETITION BOOKLETS.

The Rebel has printed and has now ready for distribuiton the Land petition booklet. It is printed on good paper with a splendid written preamble setting forth the reasons for the petition. It will be mailed postpaid to any address at the rate of two copies for a nickle and ten for a quarter. If the Wilson prosperity has caused you to be short of funds do not worry. Send us your names and address and we will supply you free. The price we have placed upon them just covers the cost of production.

Let us see who will turn in the first order. We want to have them circulated in every county in the state so thoroughly that we can go before the next legislature with 100,000 bona fide names.

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We are justified. Here, in Dixie, for 50 years we have known no law but brute force! The "Iron Heel" has been the "Element of the imagination" with us, for we have felt it on our necks. The very flag that floats above us is the emblem of our vassalage and servitude, and we are getting impatient of this servitude.

Yet we are not standing at the resurrection of the "conquered banner" and the recreation of Dixie into an independent nation, oh, no. The soul of The Rebel Southerns has caught a wider vision than that and thru the gloom of the hour of disfranchisement and the shadows of despair we are striving forward to join the other legions, fighting in the other States and Nations under the Crimson Flag of Freedom for Land and Liberty for ALL mankind.

If we return the agrarian cry in our agitation it is only because we have so long been on and of the land that the dear old Earth seems to us ever as an omnipresent Mother and all men her children.

Whyfore, we raise the cry: "Free Land and Free Labor
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State Office Notes.

W. T. WEBB, State Secretary, Cisco, Texas.

Fisher County Alive.

We had Comrade Mayfield, county organizer of Fisher county with us at Sylvester on Saturday 18 inst. He told some good Rebel stuff after discussing the Socialist platform and commenting on the money question, high and low interest, the land question, woman suffrage, liquor question, he captured ten farmers who reside in and around Sylvester and organized a local, of which we elected Comrade A. H. Ash as our local secretary. We are going to break away from depending on the capitalist system, and do our best to help destroy it, for we are tired of landhogism, unlawful interest, profits and rents, especially when the sunbrown, sun-burnt sons of toil produce everything. We want to get our shoulders to the Socialist wheel and elect men, farmers and laborers, that are not obligated and hired to the interest-profit run taking class. We have tried the Democratic party for over forty years and their promises of relief has always proved to be "windy emenesations of the mouth."

T. J. Callahan.

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Baylor County Crooks.

March 8, 1916.

I just wanted to give you a "dot" from this part. We had a committee to go before the county commissioners court, asking for the appointment of judges to hold the election.

The court admitted the law, but refused to comply. We went back to them. They said our men were "incompetent" that they did not propose for us to dictate to the court what they should do—admitted prejudice had something to do with it.

We made a point to ask for *some Democrats* and they refused to appoint. We got 1 in 16, and not 16 in 1. We are going to look into this.

J. M. Dobbins.

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Howard County Alive.

The Red Bloods of Howard county met in convention recently, and put out a full ticket. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and best attended ever held in Howard county. Look out for old Howard county this fall. If all signs don't fail she will be blood red. After the convention adjourned the writer started a subscription for a school house campaign and raised about $100 to start on. We are going to get the ball to rolling. Just keep your eye on us.

Yours for Socialism,

R. B. Thompson, Co. Sec.

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Covington Hall's Tour.

Covington Hall, of New Orleans, La., will begin a tour of Texas about the first of May. His favorite subjects are: "The great Fraud of the Democratic Party," "Might Is Right, or The Law of Struggle," and "Down With Preparedness and Pellagra" and others. He is the human trip-hammer. He knows how to wake up the hypnotized slaves of the new south. He is being routed by the Southern Lecture System (W. J. Bell, Sec.) Tyler Tex.

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Young County Stirring.

Local Newcastle has employed Dr. S. J. Greer, of Laverta, Colorado, to campaign in Young county during the month of March.

Greer is one of the best Baptist preachers in the field, and he will make all schoolhouses in Young county as fast as he can. Comrades can call or write the secretary at Newcastle. He is out for the cause of humanity.

J. E. Amason, Sec.

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Mills County.

To every Socialist in Mills county: You are requested to meet at Goldthwaite on Saturday, April 15 for the purpose of organizing the county and electing a county secretary. Every Socialist is invited. Now is the time to get at business.

Lewis B. Porter, Co. Organizer.

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W. J. Green, Muenster, Tex., writes: I'll be ready for the field work about April and would like to make a school house campaign for some county, and prefer Navarro county as that is my old home county if the comrades there desire to make such a campaign. My terms are $2.50 per day and expenses, and collections.

From Oklahoma Hamilton.

Snyder, Okla., March 21, 1916.

Mr. E. H. Moltzen,

Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:

One Mr. Witcher, who finished recently the job of organizing the Socialist Party of Texas (See last issue of "Nostrum") is now in this (Kiowa) county for the same purpose.

Witcher is evidently seeking to work up a movement of cheap preachers to run against the Socialist movement in the Southwest, and thus work the interlocked parties for all the graft he can. He is bold in his operations here—always in the company of the politicians, always hanging out at a bank when in a town.

I read your 15 minute reply to Pete Collins at Yoakum. Send me to say that for that length of time it could not be beaten.

We are just beginning to fight in Oklahoma. The Donks are scared to death. We shall carry many counties this fall and the chance for us to land everything in 1918. Will come back to Texas about April 1.

Your comrade,

Geo. G. Hamilton.

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FIRST DISTRICT.

To all Socialists in the first congressional district:

This week ballots go out for the election of a district secretary and all who fail to get a ballot can vote first and second choice on the names below and mail to me not later than April the 12th:

For District Secretary:

E. W. Hodges, Nash, Texas.

J. B. Triplett, Carbondale, Tex.

Fraternally,

J. B. Triplett,

County Sec. Bowie Co.

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Parker County Wax Meeting.

A mass meeting of the Socialists of Parker county is called to meet at Weatherford the first Saturday in April. The purpose is to strengthen the organization and to arrange to place a county ticket in the field. All Socialists are earnestly asked to attend and help make the meeting a success.

J. H. Martin.

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The Rebel learns that the state convention of Minnesota Socialist party, has endorsed Kingsdale tax and placed it in the state platform as a major plank.

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"WE" ARE IN MEXICO!

Also "we have put out a foder" to see if "The People" will stand for "us" to buy Northern Mexico for $300,000,000 in cash. "We" won't cost "US" anything. One third of what "we" stole from Dixie on the cotton crop of 1914 will swing the deal. But "we" won't even have to touch these "savings." Dr. Pearson, and "Lord" Cowdray, says, "we" requested, that the oil and mining interests will be glad to finance the filindfun. In this work, it seems, "we" put back Mexico up (hands up) against a steel wall and "persuade" her to sell. Then the U. S. issues $300,000,000 of bonds at 5 per cent interest. "We" "buy" these bonds. Then "we" turn em loose on money through the Federal Reserve Banks and use the credit of the U. S. to "develop" "our" Mexican "concession" now guaranteed to "us" "vested rights" and "sacred privileges." In the meantime, "we" will be drawing MILLIONS of interest on NOTHING and YOUR sons will be getting practice in Mexico that will enable them to teach you YOUR place if at any time in the future you happen like the Mexicans, to get it into your heads that "WE" are not your "God-ordained" Skinners and Rulers. Signed, sealed and delivered from the Most Holy Temples of The Golden Calf in Lombard Street, London, and Wall Street, New York City, under the hand and by order of the International Plutobund, by the grace of "our" Divine Trimvirate, the Kaiser Rottenschild, the Emporey Yuan Shi-Kai, and his Most Exalted Baptist Majesty, Caesar Lawn Dee. All who have ears to hear let them hear or get Ladlowed. Amen. Willson, Gompers and Company Pasin Assents for the protection of our interests and enforcement of "our" will. "We," "Us" and Company.

Covington Hall.

Interesting Correspondence

The Rebel's articles on the land question and on single taxers are attracting nation-wide attention. Our business office is getting a swarm of letters and communications from leading land reformers of every state of the union. Some can be severely hit, but the majority are in the congratulatory vein like that from a New York friend (a leading member of the Manhattan Single Tax Club):

March 14, 1916.

Editor "The Rebel":

Your issue of the 11th inst. is as usual delightfully entertaining, particularly the article "Single Taxers and Single Taxies". You hit quite a number of the bulls with that article. How is it you have not received your "quietus" not by a bare bodkin but a Gatling gun from the "donks"? (You know it is a shame for a man of your talents etc., etc., to be wasting his time etc. etc., when you might be filling an office under the "donks.")

I do hope that every state platform of the Socialist party will have a land tax plank so that the single taxers will have little if any excuse for voting for either of the special privilege parties. As a matter of fact there are quite a number of Single Taxers who vote the Socialist ticket right straight through.

With the greatest admiration,

George Lloyd.

To which we replied:

"Thanks Brother Lloyd. I believe it is only a matter of a very short time when the vast majority of the single Taxers will be in the Socialist party. A true single tax Taxer can have no home in a party that is so notoriously corrupt as the one that has so fitting an emblem as a donkey.

Yours for the Emancipation of Land values from hell to heaven. T. A. H.

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Comes then Gladwin Bouton, secretary of the Manufacturers and Merchants League of New Jersey, with headquarters at Newark, N. J. He writes:

Manufacturers & Merchants Protection League, Newark, N. J.

T. A. Hickey,

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:

Charles E. Ingersoll, our Vice-President, has sent me the Feb. 5, Rebel; it is the best thing I have seen lately — as good as Luke Northcutt's poem, "Everyman."

I am right with you on almost every point, especially free land, no money, no "IS" no "greenbacks" Luke North's "Prayers for Peace and More Guns" is the best ammunition against the Peace seers I have read. I have supported Wilson so far, a disarmament candidate will get my vote this fall.

Are writing Pastorius about cooperation in forcing the land issue on the national conventions. Are sending to Senator Hughes, Mitchell and other A. F. of L. leaders your comment on Secretary Wilson's land and labor plan? That ought to be done.

Am sending Debs' "Ministers and Civic Morality" to our assistant rector (Episcopal) who is a dare-devil. Your leap-year advice about Bouck White is inspiring to me, who am a bachelor but not of material wealth. Think I will call on Bouck White, today in New York (if he is not in jail) and show him your words.

It is too bad we have to rip into the enemy as you do with Gompers. It is the system that's wrong, but it's the individual's fault too; and in view of the facts of ethics you show admirable restraint, which helps along real revolutionary changes faster than abuse.

Hoping to see The Rebel again, and wishing it all success, I am

Sincerely yours

Gladwin Bouton.

March 20, 1916.

We replied briefly:

Dear Comrade Bouton: I am pleased to learn that Mr. Ingersoll, the man who made the dollar watch famous, one of whose time pieces I will be compelled to carry until we inelenrate landlordism in Texas, is interested in this great religious weekly. I have supplied the principal trade union leaders with the article you mention. Am glad you are using Debs' article. Like yourself I am for the land, North. It is stuff like his that makes time pass in this stall old town. We have made land the dominant issue in Texas. There is no power that I can command that can make land, 1 in 1000 second place. After 25 years battling I am optimistic enough to believe that the land issue will be settled and settled right, and the first state to feel the beneficent effects of an equitable land tax will be grand old Texas that has lived under six flags and we are hemming, stitching and embroidering the seventh.

Wishing a speedy burial for the land hog.

Your friend,

T. A.

Space permits but one other letter and that is from America's most active Single Taxer, Daniel Kiefer, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Read it and let every word be well weighed—coming from whence it does:

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 18, '16.

T. A. Hickey,

Editor, The Rebel,

Hallettsville, Texas.

My dear Mr. Hickey:

We should like to be put on your exchange list for The Rebel.

Our Press Bureau work done in the name of the American Economic League, may be of interest to you. We enclose this week's service.

Don't you want also to exchange with the Chicago Public?

I read with interest your recent editorial "SINGLE TAX AND SINGLE TAXERS." While I have for sometime had a growing feeling that we have done through the Democratic party about as much as we can hoped for through it, it must be admitted that had Single Taxers been voting the Socialist ticket all these years, the result would have been the same. If Tom Johnson had been elected Mayor or Congressman Bailey, of Pa., on Socialist tickets they would have accomplished no more than they did.

On the other hand we have gotten through the Democratic party a reduction of the tariff. But unless the party will declare in favor of going further, and I am afraid they will more likely advocate going backward, there is no reason for preferring it. Our movement can no longer be looked upon affiliated with the Democratic party. There are lots of Single Taxers who do not vote the Democratic ticket and when we have the Socialist referendum there will be no need of worrying about what any party does or does not do.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

Daniel Kiefer.

In reply we said:

My dear Mr. Kiefer: Your wish as to exchanges has been complied with although we subscribed for The Public. I am glad you realize that you have a growing feeling that nothing more can be hoped from the Democratic party. I am sorry I must disagree with your opinion if Tom Johnson or Congressman Bailey had been elected on Socialist tickets. I think you overlook the fact had either of those gentlemen been elected on the Socialist ticket they would have produced more results for the reason that they and their fellow-officers would have used the different tactics of smashing from within, not instead of boring from within. The machinery of the Democratic party is in the unbreakable grasp of the landlord and usurers of the nation. We can not creep inside their fortresses and hope to convert them by pleasant words. We must organize an opposition to them, storm their forts and capture their government and in the meantime now as much dissension in the ranks as we possibly can. Remember it is the vote that is cast *against* them that dominant politicians of the dominant party respect, that forces them to give real concessions. For further elucidation of this idea see passages from Marx in the leading article in this week's issue which is enclosed under a separate cover. Very truly yours,

T. A. H.

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE IS MAKING GOOD.

The new school established at Fort Scott, Kansas, by Eugene V. Debs, Arthur Ladoux, J. H. Brown, Frank Cox, Kirkpatrick, and other leaders of the working-class movement, is steadily growing in attendance and efficiency. The school has been in existence only a year and a half, and they have already enrolled two thousand students. They now have ten courses: Law, English, Public Speaking, Elementary Arithmetic, Advanced Arithmetic, Elementary Bookkeeping, Algebra, Penmanship and Commercial Law.

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Here is a letter from Comrade Chas. E. Sapp of Sabine, Texas, who was one of the first to enroll in The People's College. Law Course:

Sabine, Tex., March 15, 1916

The People's College,

Fort Scott, Kansas.

Dear Comrades:

Having finished my installments on law course I will undertake to express my opinion of the course and treatment accorded me during this time.

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I cannot recommend The People's College too highly; enough cannot be said in its favor.

I will gladly answer any inquiries from anyone who will enclose stamp for reply.

Fraternally,

Chas. C. Sapp.

(Signed).

Never in our experience have the people been so restless, so ready for a change. Now is the time for a Rebel grapeshot.

In our contrite the man that destroys human life has a better chance of coming clear than the man that destroys property. Murder your devilish system properly is worth more than human life.

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Daniel Kiefer.

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