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WHY BEG?

The conduct of the Farmers Union executive officers since the birth of that organization has been a comedy of errors. These leaders have conceived it their duty to work through the landlord-usurer-politicians of the South and appeal for assistance to the Republicans or to whoever were in control in the north. As a result thousands of dollars have been expended in pilgrimages by these officials to Austin and other state capitols and to up Washington, D. C.

Up to this good hour all the officials have not a jot or tittle of evidence to show that they have to the slightest degree benefited the thoroughly exploited Southern farmer.

When they have lacked the money to go on a junket to the big seats of the mighty they waste time and money in correspondence to te powers-that-be.

The latest case in point is that of Mr. H. N. Pope, state president of the remnants of the Farmers Union, who has been writing to United States Attorney General Gregory on the matter of "bears" who depress cotton in price to their own financial advantage.

Could a more absurd position be taken by the executive of a farmers' organization? Can it be possible that in the year of our lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, President Pope does not know that Attorney General Gregory every hour since he entered office on the invitation has sat steadily on the lid, so far as Standard Oil is concerned in spite of the decision of the United States Supreme Court that has "dissolved" that corporation by judicial decree four long years ago?

Does not Mr. Pope know that the reason Standard Oil has not been dissolved and the hands of that trust taken from the throat of the people is due to the fact that Attorney General Wickersham under the Taft administration, McReynold and (later) Gregory of the Wilson administration have refused to enforce the mandate of dissolution ordered by the court in 1911?

Does not Mr. Pope know that if these various attorney generals had acted as ordered by law the Standard Oil conspiracy in restraint would have stopped long ago and the nation would have been in possession of its oil resources instead of private buccaneers who hold up a hundred million people for tribute on that great staple?

If Mr. Pope does not know these facts and they are known by every intelligent man in the nation, then by what process of fatuous reasoning does he approach Gregory to stop the cotton "bears?" Does it not logically follow that if Mr. Gregory refuses to act as the nation's policeman in the matter of Standard Oil after the conviction of the S. O. criminals, then he will likewise refuse to act against the "bears" who gain millions by robbing the cotton farmers of the South.

For the information of Mr. Pope The Rebel will show how thoroughly Gregory is lying down on the job. The following dispatch from Washington to the United Press written by its famous writer, Mr. Gilson Gardner, reveals in the most succinct manner how Standard Oil has made over a BILLION DOLLARS since it was "dissolved". He says:

Inflating With "Gas."

The need for the increased price of gasoline—a problem just undertaken by the federal trade commission—is not explained by the successful prosecution of Standard Oil under the Sherman anti-trust law. In 1911 the long suit against this concern came to a triumphant end. The U. S. supreme court declared Standard Oil a combination in restraint of trade as bad as ever contemplated by the men who drew the law. The court ordered it dissolved and turned over the job of dissolving it to the circuit court of New York, assisted by Attorney General Geo. W. Wickersham. The latter and the court did the job by dissolving each stock certificate into 34 stock certificates. Ownership was not disturbed. When the dissolution took place four years ago these stock certificates had a market value of $675,000,000. Their present market value is $2,925,000,000 Gasoline is now higher than it ever has been known to be. Thus the supreme court has secured for a loving people the benificent results contemplated by the Sherman anti-trust law. After the federal trade commission gets through investigating Rockefeller philanthropies it will no doubt make a little journey to the supreme court.

What kind of a bonehead must this Pope be in the light of the information obtained in the above? Does he think that the remaining members are utterly deficient in knowledge of legislative and judicial affairs in this country? Has he lived here for 50 years without knowing that the Democratic party is utterly bereft of character, and is he utterly deaf to the call for help from the farmers and workers of the nation?

If his head is solid ivory he had better wake up to the fact and resign. If he is just playing labor-faker he ought likewise to resign, because the people are on to him and all others of his ilk.

So there will be nothing doing from Mr. Gregory, and while the Democratic party rules in Washington and the South the farmers will continue to hang on to the ragged edge of poverty in the future as in the past, until they accumulate backbone enough to cease their begging tactics and instead push into power the party of their class.

A worker who does not pay his poll tax by January 1 in this golden year of hope for a great Socialist gain, is an enemy to his own flesh and blood. No excuse goes.

Coming Into Their Own

The Rebel rejoices to learn that this the the happiest New Years' week that the actual tillers of the soil in Mexico have had since Pizarro landed on our southern shores.

There are now more home owners tilling the soil as freeholders than at any time since the birth of the Mexican republic.

The Rebel rejoices that a large number of our nation's enemies who live inside the United States have lost an immense portion of their ill-gotten possessions. The editor of the Los Angeles Times the infamous Otis, who declared that the white women of the South raped the negro, is a heavy loser this good New Years' week. Mr. W. R. Hearst, the owner of more muzzled newspapers than any man in North America, is groaning today because he and his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, have been forced at the point of a gun to restore to the people millions of acres they secured from the unspeakable Diaz.

The soul of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is filled with agony because, after dread remorse that possesses it because of the murder of women and babies and men that died at Ludlow, he now finds that his Tampico fields are endangered and as a natural sequence the titles to his Colorado and other properties are under a cloud because of the awakening intelligence of the mass that the Mexican revolution foreshadows.

The Pearson and Lord Cowdray interests of England are now trembling in their stolen boots, because "A" means "B" and so on to "Z" with the result that the restoration of the community lands to the people of Mexico may wreck their fortunes not only in Mexico, but in the British empire.

The success of the rebels under Carranza means the death of the Cientifico and his hierarchic allies. It means that never again can the Jesuit play his part in the despoliation of the Mexican people.

There is another side to this picture, the side reflected from the waters of the Rio Grande on this side of the line. Will the 250,000 heads of families who are peon-renters in Texas, and the 97,000 in Oklahoma see it? is the question of the hour. In proportion as they see it, happier New Years will come to them and their progeny as the years pass. Shall they have to go through the storm of battle, bayonets and blood that the now happy Mexican freeholders have had to go through? must be answered soon.

The Rebel's makeup is an optimistic makeup and accordingly we are hopeful enough to believe that the 1,500,000 men, women and children who are renters on this side of the line will at least have as much courage and intelligence to take over to themselves the COMMUNITY LANDS of Texas that were their patrimony before they were divorced from them by corrupt Democratic legislatures, and to do this without the striking of a blow or the firing of a shot—in short through wise political action.

This, we repeat is the question of the hour, and indeed of the generation.

How well our comrades on the other side of the line have succeeded in their fight can be best understood by reading the following dispatch from Eagle Pass:

(Special to The Rebel.)

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 25.—Many wealthy Americans and British will suffer heavy financial losses by the carrying out of Gen. Carranza's agrarian policy in the States he controls, it is believed by Americans who have arrived here from Mexico recently.

This policy means the division of millions of acres of former "community lands" among the original owners or claimants or their heirs. It means, in a word, that hundreds of rich American, British and Mexican lords of the land will be stripped of their rich and fertile possessions. Most of these great landed estates were acquired it is alleged, by the illegal dispossession of whole communities of the poorer classes of natives. Their small holdings were taken from them with the knowledge and sanction of the Porfirio Diaz Administration and massed into estates of which some are almost as big as the State of Delaware.

Community Lands.

Most of the great ranches and farms which foreigners own are composed of former "community lands."

Various properties were purchased from their Mexican owners, who gave what was regarded then as good title to them. While no statistics are available as to the amount of land in Mexico that is owned by Americans, it is known to aggregate many millions of acres. The most valuable of these holdings are in the producing oil fields of the Tampico territory, where American and British interests are said to own and hold under longtime lease more than 20,000,000 acres. How much of this was formerly community lands cannot be learned yet.

There are several American-owned ranches in the States of Coahuila and Chihuahua having an area of 500,000 to 2,000,000 acres each. Probably the largest of these is the 3,000,000-acre property of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst in Western Chihuahua. The so-called Rockefeller-Aldrich syndicate owns a 2,000,000-acre ranch in the state of Zacatecas and several other properties of lesser acreage. Scattered all through the states of Sinaloa, Sonora, Michoacan, Vera Cruz and Chiapas are big ranches and plantations owned by Americans.

In the Hands of Governors.

Much of the work of putting into effect the new agarian plan will be left to the Governors of States it is announced. It ispurposed that an agarian commission be appointed for each State, with authority to divide the community lands now embraced in these big estates and apportion them to the poor people. Commissions of this character have been at work for some time in the States of Vera Cruz, Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Coahuila.

Gov. Jose Siurob of Guanajuato, who has recently appointed a similar commission, telegraphs: "The commission has for its object the restoration of community lands to their rightful owners who were illegally despoiled under the Diaz regime. In addition it proposes to divide municipal lands among the poor for the purpose of cultivation."

Gov. Siurob also mentions that he has established 1,800 schools in the state since he took office.

If the dividing of municipal lands is adopted as a general policy by the other States it will mean the providing of homes and agricultural plots for thousands of poor natives. Heretofore the municipal lands have been of no practical benefit to the people. For the most part they are capable of being made productive, nearly all of them being irrigable.

Ends Landed Aristocracy.

The consummation of the new agarian policy means the end of the agricultural aristocracy in Mexico. Its members were as proud and arrogant as the nobles of France before the Revolution; almost literally they told the peons to "eat grass." It is notorious that the landed aristocracy grew rich by favor of Diaz and his regime, yet they benefited Mexico not a jot. Most of these rarely visited their estates. They lived like magnificos in Europe, maintaining elaborate establishments in Paris and Madrid. They contributed very little to the support of their own Government, their lands being free from taxation. On the other hand, the poor and oppressed peon was required to pay a tax on every goat he killed for his own use out of his own flock, and in many other ways he was made to contribute to the revenues of the Government.

Besides dividing the community and other lands among the poorer element it is planned by the Carranza Government to place a heavy tax upon all unused land, and a somewhat lesser tax on land that is occupied and in actual use.

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It will be noticed in the above that our Mexican brothers have followed the Rebel land policy on this side of the line with painstaking care even to the point where they adopt our own phrasing, as is evidenced in the last plank which is identical in spirit with the Texas Socialist land plank.

The Democratic politicians of the South may now prepare to vacate their seats or be scourged out of political life by those whom they have long exploited and fooled.

THE LAND PETITION.

From the office of The Rebel in the past three years there have gone out two petitions dealing with the land situation in this state and requesting the governor and legislature to act on the land question in Texas to the end that the 117,000,000 acres of tillable land that is held out of use for speculative purposes be taxed to its full rental value.

As a result of this work the land has become the dominant issue in Texas and will remain the first question until it is settled and settled right. "Right" in this case means only what "right" can mean in a democracy, namely that condition of affairs whereby use and occupancy shall be the sole title to land.

Our experience with previous land petitions garnered from 178 counties in Texas and carried by 1800 men and women and duly listed in The Rebel has been that after a careful reading 98 per cent of the signers to the first land petition have stood unreservedly for it.

The Rebel believes that at least one hundred thousand adults in 200 counties in Texas will sign this petition in 1916, and thus compel every convention of every party to go upon record for the principles contained in this land petition under pain of utter destruction.

The Rebel will agree with any non-Socialist if the other parties in their state conventions accept the principle of use and occupancy contained in this petition and the Socialist party does not, he will agree to quit the Socialist party and support the party that accepts this vital principle to the life of the nation. They on the other hand must agree that if the party to which the owe allegiance repudiates this principle and the Socialist party accepts that they must come into the Socialist party for good and all.

Here follows the text of the petition. Booklets will be ready for distribution:

"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 applied to land shall forever be exempted from taxation, and that all the revenues of the State and political subdivisions thereof, generally known as Counties, Cities and Towns, shall assess for taxation only the rental value of land and the value of the franchise of public service corporations who use the streets or lands of the State or any political subdivisions of same, shall be empowered to fix such a rate as to produce the revenue necessary to defray expenses of the government, economically administered, in asid state or political subdivision of same.

CHARTER GRANTED.

The following postal has been received:

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3, 1915.
Mr. E. O. Meitzen,
Hallettsville, Tex.
Dear Sir:—

Charter of Socialist Printing Co., Hallettsville, Texas, was filed in the office of the secretary of state, this 3d day of January, 1916.

John G. McKay,
Secretary of State.

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The newly organized company will have important announcements to make in these columns next issue.

In Mexico before the Revolution the man with the money went scot-free even though he committed the worst crimes; while the poor devil was railroaded on the slightest pretext. The same is now true in Texas and the South. About time for a revolution here.

Pay your poll tax NOW.

The Right Spirit.

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 1st, 1916.

I desire to express through the Rebel my appreciation for the support given me in the recent election for State Secretary of the Socialist Party. I assure the comrades of the state that I accepted the nomination only in the interest of harmony and efficiency. And now that the referendum is concluded and Comrade Webb, of Cisco, is elected for our Secretary let us all give him our undivided support and thus help him to make us the best Secretary we have ever had.

No officer can give to his work the best that is in him when he is continually nagged and criticised in season and out of season.

Let us cease to magnify minor faults and unintentional errors. None of us are without our faults and it has been my observation that he who finds nothing good in his comrade is exceedingly short of that very desirable commodity in his own makeup.

We have great things to do this year. Things that require the united effort of us all. Let us rise above personalities and party bickerings and capture this good state for Socialism and thus emancipate the working man. The results of this political battle in Texas this year is of much more importance than are the results of the European war. Let us prepare to live.

Yours for Victory,
T. E. Foster.

Shellgaming the Farmer Again.

(By Covington Hall.)

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 30.—H. N. Pope, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, will leave tonight for Washington to confer with Secretary of State Lansing regarding the shipment of 1,000,000 bales of cotton to Europe, according to announcement made here today. The name of the country to which the shipment is to be made is withheld.

Farmers' Union officials stated early in December they had an offer to handle a million bales of cotton to a belligerent country, supposed to be one of the Teutonic allies.

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The above dispatch is taken from the New Orleans "Times-Picafune" and dispatches of the same tenor have been appearing on the front pages of our capitalist papers for the past several days. These hullabaloos clearly indicate that the Donk leaders are badly scared over the headway the fight for Free Land is making in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana and are trying to pan out some good plan whereby the can offer the Farmers "Something just as good"—— which will be, if the farmers are simple minded enuf to bite again, a great BIG LEMON, the same old sour fruit the Donks have been feeding to the "Loyal rock-headed donkocracy of Dixie" for something over fifty years now. They must take us Southmen for natural born suckers, alright, and we can't very well blame them.

But the facts in the case are that cotton is NOW worth fully FIFTEEN CENTS A POUND on the market (this according to a British Government expert about a month ago), blockade or no blockade. Further, it never was worth less than that price any time since the World war broke out. THE CROP OF 1914 WAS OUTRIGHT STOLEN FROM THE MEN WHO PRODUCED IT BY THE BANKERS AND GAMBLERS OF OLD AND NEW ENGLAND AIDED AND ABETTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, and all alleged Farmers' Union Officials on Earth cannot change that FACT. If the farmers of the South are fools enuf to again fall for being flimflammed out of the products of their toil by the worse than Judas Iscariots of the Democratic Party, I for one say they deserve pellagra, and worse, but there are lots and lots of signs that the Working Farmers of Dixie are in revolt from the Potomac to the Rio Grande and DON'T MEAN TO BE SIDE-TRACKED THIS TIME.

They are all fast beginning to realize that the fight for FREE LAND is the GREAT AND VITAL QUESTION that MUST be settled or that ALL THE FARMERS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL SOON BE TENANTS and their SONS AND DAUGHTERS PEONS IN THE MILLS AND FACTORIES.

Up and at them, Rebels! Crush the damned old Democratic Party and Landlordism out of the United States FOREVER!

PREPARE for LIFE and let the LANDLORDS, CAPITALISTS AND PLUTOCRATS DO THEIR OWN GOING TO WAR! Death to PEONAGE! Down with TENANTRY! Long live Industrial Democracy!

LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION.

Libertarian education, such as is now being offered by the People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas, cannot but result in incalculable benefit to the cause of the workers. Particularly is this true of a course in Plain English, which is a feature of the college curriculum, and which is offered to students at small cost. The college, having service as its ideal, is operated on a non-profit making basis.

Hundreds of letters from students of the college testify eloquently to the inspiration and power for good which these courses lay at the door of the workers of the world.

It is one of the first instances, if not the first, in the history of the world, where a great educational institution has been founded by, owned and controlled by the workers, which has for its sole aim, the imparting of truth to the wealth producers of the world.

The Bible says the usurer is no better than a murderer. We think so too.

PRESIDENT TO LABOR EMPLOYER.

(By J. L. Hicks.)

In his recent message to Congress President Wilson makes a very earnest call for 400,000 citizens to go into military training in order to "make the country ready to assert some part of its real power promptly and upon a larger scale, should occasion arise."

Then the president gets down upon his bended knees before the industrial kings of America, and in suppliant tones utters these awful words: "It would depend upon the patriotic spirit of the employers of the country whether they made it possible for the younger men in their employ to respond."

There you have it! The 400,000 young men might be boiling over with patriotism and a desire to go into military training, our country might be (for the sake of argumen) really in danger of invasion or rebellion, but the question, whether we would be "prepared" or "unprepared" to meet our foes, defend our flag and save our country would depend upon whether or not our plutocratic potentates might be patriotic enough to release for a short time their politically free and unfettered wage-earners from their tasks in the fields of industry. President Wilson himself says so. And in saying so he sheds a flood of light on a fact that millions of the toiling class have hitherto been slow to see, namely: that political democracy, in connection with industrial monarchy, is, for all except the industrial monarchs, the biggest humbug in the universe, not excepting the promise to the toilers that they can have "pie in the sky when they die."

If we had industrial democracy along with our political democracy — that is, if we had public ownership of the necessary industries so that the opportunity to work would be as free as the opportunity to vote — then the president might properly make his appeal direct to the citizens at large without mention of any class — they would all be of one class economically. But as it is, under private ownership of the industries, he must make his appeal to a numerically limited class of employers", who by reason of their ownership of the opportunities to work, are the only real and bona fide citizens, after all. In the light of the president's message to congress, hired people are not citizens when it comes to a showdown. Capitalism, as it is now known, forces the president to make his appeal for our country's safety, not to the fighters, but to the employers of the fighters — not to the patriotism of men, but to the patriotism of money.

Will the productive workers of America, who constitute a very large majority of the population, ever get their eyes open, combine their political strength while yet they may, and change a system of monopolized industry under which President Wilson is compelled to address his message clear over their heads, precisely as President Lincoln might have addressed a message over the heads of the black workers of the South? I still hope so.

Box 1107, Waco.

AN IMPORTANT BOOKLET.

At no time in the history of the labor movement in America has there been such wide-spread interest in a government investigation as is now being evinced in the report and conclusions of the Commission on Industrial Relations, of which Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, Missouri, was chairman. Washington is being besieged with countless thousands of requests for copies of this report.. The first edition published by the government has already been exhausted and efforts are now being made to have congress appropriate money to have its circulation meet the extraordinary demand.

To meet the demand for a digest of the facts contained in this epoch making report, a vest pocket edition, compiled by Fred D. Warren, wih a foreword by Frank P. Walsh, is being published by The People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas, oll of the vital facts contained in the Commissions Report are to be found in this little book. The language of the report remains unchanged in this digest. An index arrangement enables the reader to quickly find any fact of particular interest. The book sells for twenty-five cents.

Be a man just once and vote for Mollie and the kids instead of for a 50-year-old political machine.

SOCIALIST PEACE DELEGATION.

After planning a nation-wide campaign in support of Meyer London's joint resolution, (which provides that President Wilson shall immediately call a conference to bring or to hasten peace), the National Executive Committe of the Socialist Party has voted to send a committee of three to call on President Wilson and urge his support of London's peace resolution.

Eugene V. Debs, Morris Hillquit, and James H. Maurer make up the committee.

President Wilson will be called upon to give London's peace move his support as a matter of "common decency and humanity." This committee is further instructed to protest against the Democratic administration's subservience to manufacturers, bankers, certain business interests and other exploiters of labor, which are leading along the bloody path now being trod by the nations of Europe.

It was also ordered that official communication be started between the American Socialist party and the Socialist parties of the leading neutral countries of Europe with a view of having the European Socialists introduce similar resolutions in the Parliaments of their respective countries.

In this connection the following dispatch from Washington shows that the Democratic politicians are beginning to take notice of the move:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Congressman Meyer London's proposed mediation conference of neutral nations and the news that the Socialist Party is sending a delegation to President Wilson in its support has made official Washington uneasy.

The fact the whole machinery of the party is being brought into play in behalf of the peace movement has been brought to the attention of administration officials by the sending of the delegation to interview the President.

Mandate from Workers.

The names of Eugene V. Debs, four times the nominee of his party for president; Morris Hillquit, international secretary of the party for the United States, and James H. Maurer, member Pennsylvania Legislature and president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, have impressed the administration officials. These names spell a mandate from the wage-earners of the country. Not even the most self-satisfied politicians can afford to overlook it.

What the Socialist organization af the United States is saying to President Wilson, in sending this delegation to Washington, is construed here to be something after this fashion:

"We want you to know now that the working class of the United States is opposed to the whole militarist program. We want you to know that you cannot command the working class vote in 1916 unless you make a definite move to unite the peace forces of the world to stop the slaughter in Europe. You can stop the war if you set about doing it. The working class in every country in Europe will sympathize with and will aid your efforts toward peace. You have the biggest opportunity that has come to any American in half a century.

"But, if you refuse to act now, the working class in this country and in every other country in the civilized world will hold you responsible for America's failure to act. Hundreds of thousands of lives will be sacrificed because of your failure. Throughout the campaign this year the Socialists of the United States will point to your record, and by this record you and your party will be judged among the millions of the wage-workers.

"We have come in person, and quietly, to ask you to take now the first steps toward peace. We ask you to break the web of red tape in which secret diplomacy has tied the neutral governments. If you do not act, we shall take the issue to the American people, and you and your majority in Congress will hear from us."

That is the sort of challenge that the Wilson administration and ias State Department would avoid. But the Socialists have so dramatized their protest, by sending three of their biggest men to call at the White House, that the Democrats must smile and pretend that they are willing to discuss the question.

State Department officials are watching with interest the effort of the American Socialists to have Socialists of neutral European countries start an agitation similar to the one here. It is pointed out that the Socialists are strong enough in Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain, and Switzerland to bring up a resolution similar to the one introduced in Congress by Meyer London.

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE.

Greetings of the New Year to our Students, Comrades and Friends:

The custom of sending New Year's greetings to relatives and friends is of ancient origin and is today, for the most part, formal and perfunctory, full of cant and void of real sentiment. It is not in this spirit, nor in the conventional form that this message of greeting and love and comradely good will is addressed by the People's College to its students and friends at the threshold of the New Year.

The fraternal relation between the People's College and its many students, so eloquently expressive of the mutual confidence which binds them together in perfect comradery, without stern "authority" upon the one hand or degrading subserviency upon the other, marks vividly the distinction between the ruling class college of the past, where education, so-called, was restricted, misdirected, and for the few only, and the People's College of the future with its resounding revolutionary shibboleth: TRUE EDUCATION OF THE MASSES FOR EMANCIPATION OF THE PEOPLE.

Today we face the New Year with the highest hopes and with souls attuned to the music of spheres. The great work is begun at last and with the New Year comes the grey of dawn and the break o'day.

Nothing less than marvelous has been the brief career of the People's College and nothing less than thrilling and inspiring is its outlook for the future. Every hope has been more than realized: every expectation, more than fullfilled.

The People's College has indeed a soul—the virile soul of the social revolution—to animate its lofty purpose, fire its zeal and ardor, arouse its latent energies, and inspire its loyal legions to daring endeavor and noble achievement. It has but one aim and one end: The education of the worker and the Emancipation of the race.

Hail to the College of the People: The House of Light and Learning; The Holy Temple of Education; The Shining Beacon of Emancipation.

The unclean finger prints of no plutocratic pirate posing as a philanthropist defile the escutcheon of the People's College. Rockefeller and Carnegie hold no mortgage upon its freedom and shall never be permitted to stifle its voice or stain its honor.

The People's College stands upon its own Foundation! It is under no obligation, financial, moral or otherwise to any person or power on earth save alone the working class who own and control it, and to whose service it is consecrated with heart and soul and without shadow of turning until its world-wide and liberating mission is fullfilled.

Today the People's College sends on wings of light and love its message of greeting and congratulation not only to its own students but to all workers of the world. Here at last the door of opportunity swings open wide and there is now for the first time hope for the hopeless, cheer for the despairing, and the glad promise of sweeter world and a nobler destiny for all humanity.

The People's College is the fullfillment of Huxley's dream of long ago: "Universities should be places in which thought is free from all fetters and in which all sources of knowledge and all aids to learning should be accessible to all comers without distinction of creed or country, riches or poverty:"

To teach the truth, to ascertain the facts, to know how to apply knowledge to the every day problems of life, to understand human relationships and to place upon them the ineffacable stamp of divinity.

To develop the social spirit and the passion for social service; to free the mind, humanize the heart, and consecrate the soul.

To resist slavery and exploitation in every form, to aspire to freedom, the equal freedom af all, to strive for justice, to uphold the right, to grow strong in the sehvice of the weak.

To dare all things and do all things except the wrong, to be strong without fear, and brave without swagger.

To love our fellow-men with all our heart and serve humanity with all our soul.

To put an end to war and hate and inaugurate the reign of peace and brotherhood between all races and all nations throughout the earth—this is the high and holy mission of the People's College and the New Year's Greeting it sends to all its host of students, friends and sympathizers who have so loyally sustained it since the day of its birth and who will support it unflinchingly to the day of its fulfillment.

Your loving comrade and servant,
Eugene V. Debs.

Keep a political party in power fifty years and then wonder if there is graft, crime, corruption, in high places, and maladministration in every county in the state and in every state in the south. About time you were voting for a CLEAN SWEEP.

In England the Labor Party and others have started an agitation looking toward full rental value taxation of idle lands for the support of the government in these wartimes instead of taxing the workers. As soon as a program of this kind goes through everywhere, it will materially reduce the desire of the ruling classes for war and preparedness whether it be England, Germany, or America.

BUNDLE RATES.

Bundles of the Rebel can be had at the following prices:

	six months	one year
4 copies	$0.70	$1.00
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10 copies	1.50	2.50
25 copies	3.50	6.25
50 copies	6.50	12.50
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STATE TICKET FOR 1916.

The referendum for selection of candidates for state offices who are to be legally nominated at the state convention in August 1916, has been completed. The nominees are as follows:

For Governor:
E. R. Meitzen, of Hallettsville.
Lieutenant Governor:
W. S. Noble, of Rockdale.
Attorney General:
Clarence Nugent, Stephenville.
Comptroller:
W. T. Flowers, of Wellington.
Land Commissioner:
G. A. Lambreth, of Ira
State Treasurer:
W. J. Bell, of Tyler.
Railway Commissioner:
E. Bellinger, of San Antonio.
Superintendent of Schools:
J. A. Freeland.
Associate Justice Supreme Court:
B. H. Gibson.

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State Office Notes.

T. A. HICKEY, State Sec. Hallettsville, Texas.

Party Election.

Resulting in election of W. T. Webb, of Cisco, Tex., for state secretary, and Carl Rosson, of Palestine, for national committeeman.

LOCALS	Mrs. E. W. Carlton.	T. E. Foster.......	W. T. Webb.......	Carl Rosson	Total vote cast....
Lamesa	63	42	21	21	21
Lubbock	26	39	13	13	13
Colorado	25	20	9	9	9
Brandenburg	54	18	36	18	18
Grandview	15	10	5	5	5
Lone Cedar	15	10	5	5	5
Oran	12	18	6	6	6
Coalville	21	14	7	7	7
Lyra	144	96	48	48	48
Hamlin	42	28	14	14	14
Stamford	14	18	8	7	7
McKavitt	64	91	32	32	32
Santo	75	50	25	25	25
Foyal Flat	45	30	15	15	15
Starkweather	27	18	9	9	9
Corsicana	17	13	6	6	6
Gouldbusk	15	10	5	5	5
Miller S H	39	26	13	13	13
Santa Anna	17	16	9	7	7
Crockett	26	9	19	9	9
Tallwood	30	20	19	9	10
Pear Valley	15	5	10	5	5
Houston	42	36	30	18	18
Cotulla	32	21	10	4	9
Wichita Falls	17	15	10	7	7
Shiner	12	8	4	4	4
Hallettsville	57	27	30	19	19
Ezzell	18	12	6	6	6
Antelope	30	20	10	10	10
Blessing	18	13	11	7	7
Midlothian	15	10	5	5	5
El Paso	8	16	24	8	8
San Antonio	26	18	28	12	12
Eureka	23	13	12	8	8
Corpus Christi	6	12	18	6	6
Waco	6	15	15	6	6
Eastland	159	106	53	53	53
Desdemona	27	18	9	9	9
Palestine	40	20	60	20	20
Palava	17	17	8	7	7
Rotan	35	33	16	7	12
Tool	24	16	8	8	8
Pleasant Grove	18	27	9	9	9
Tyler	16	17	8	6	6
Mill Spring	10	20	30	10	10
Dry Creek	4	12	8	4	4
Athens	8	26	20	8	8
Snyder	19	14	9	6	7
Jacksboro	6	15	15	6	6
Miller Grove	3	9	6	3	3
Ennis	5	14	11	5	5
Glen Cove	9	11	10	6	6
Seymour	14	21	7	7	7
Brownwood	23	27	16	11	11
Kingsville	14	21	7	5	7
Thurber Boh	5	10	15	5	5
Dugan Chapel	18	12	6	6	6
Temple	48	32	16	16	16
Killeen	5	15	10	5	5
Tomball	17	35	50	17	17
Grandview (2)	11	11	8	5	5
Bonanza	19	12	11	7	7
Pine Grove	18	6	12	6	6
El Campo	18	12	6	6	6
Eaton Branch	6	12	18	6	6
Bowie	48	54	36	23	23
Wichita Falls	17	15	10	7	7
Farmers Valley	13	12	5	5	5
Wellington	20	40	60	20	20
Lockney	6	12	18	6	6
Blue Mound	7	15	20	7	7
Wheeler	9	18	27	9	9
Union S H	6	12	18	6	6
Electra	7	14	21	7	7
Hooleyan	6	16	14	6	6
Denton	19	36	29	14	14
Elbert	24	16	8	8	8
Huntington	42	15	27	14	14
Sycamore	6	12	18	6	6
Pike S H	18	27	9	9	9
McLewis	24	16	8	8	8
Hartburg	7	21	14	7	7
Marshall	20	33	37	15	15
Orange	21	14	7	7	7
Bronson	5	11	14	5	5
Lufkin	34	15	29	13	13
Beaumont	30	12	30	12	12
South Park	21	7	14	7	7
Mixon	18	12	6	6	6
Reese	22	23	9	9	9
Frys Gap	13	11	6	5	5
Fort Worth	30	54	66	25	25
Lott	40	26	30	16	16
Cleburne	48	42	36	21	21
Brownsboro	33	11	22	11	11
Big Rock	21	7	14	7	7
Murchison	9	21	18	8	8
MEMBERS AT LARGE					
Mrs M H Fulton	2	3	1	1	1
Joe F Smith	2	3	1	1	1
Mrs Gooch Smith	2	3	1	1	1
E T Haley	1	3	2	1	1
W W Woods	3	1	2	1	1
N P Yarbrough	3	1	2	1	1
J T Wimberly	1	3	2	1	1
H H Lowry	1	3	2	1	1
W D Hicks	1	2	3	1	1
T P Roberts	1	3	2	1	1
Curtis Green	3	2	1	1	1
Lewis Brownson	3	2	1	1	1
W H Cauthorn	3	2	1	1	1
Guy L Smith	3	2	1	1	1
W D Farley	1	2	3	1	1
Mae Jackson	2	3	1	1	1
J A Jackson	1	3	2	1	1
J A Wood	1	2	3	1	1
Floyd H Raines	1	2	3	1	1
Wm J Watkins	1	2	3	1	1
Chas B Loftin	3	1	2	1	1
Geo A Rath	3	1	2	1	1
W P Todd	1	2	3	1	1
P E Gold	1	2	3	1	1
Minnie A Noble	2	3	1	1	1
W S Noble	2	3	1	1	1
F A Hernandez	2	3	1	1	1
Aron Moreland	3	2	1	1	1
S L Beckcom	1	2	3	1	1
N B Hunt	3	2	1	1	1
Geo Norton	3	2	1	1	1
H L Whiteside	3	1	2	1	1
Mrs Ira Smith	3	2	1	1	1
N J Couch	2	3	1	1	1
A E Anderson	1	3	2	1	1
Alex I Soffer	3	2	1	1	1

NOTE.

All communications in regard to Texas party matters should hereafter be addressed to the new state secretary, W. T. Webb, Cisco, Texas.

MOTION TO AMEND STATE CONSTITUTION.

Lufkin, Texas, Dec. 26,1915.

All State meetings of the Socialist Party of Texas shall be called by referendum vote of the Party. Any member taking part in any so-called Socialist meeting, not called by referendum, shall from the time of such act forfeit his membership in the Party. Should his local refuse to expel him, the charter of such local shall be forfeited automatically. Such member shall never be re-elected to membership, except by State referendum.

Comment.

The membership has been harassed repeatedly by requests for signatures to call for "meetings" "conventions" etc., to such an extent, and by so many different non-members, that it is essential that the constitution be changed so that it will be impossible to continue such tactics without standing without the party lines. The Constitution clearly provides for calling Conventions, etc. Unless the party machinery is used individuals should be denied membership.

Introduced by Lufkin Local no. 600, Lufkin, Texas for seconds. Dec. 26, 1915. Members in good standing, 16.

J. H. Hendrix, Secretary.
Ben. F. Evans, Chairman.

Hall County.

Please announce for a Mass Meeting of the Socialists of Hall county on Saturday, Jan. 15 in Memphis. All Socialists are urgently requested to be in attendance as very important business will come before that body. This call made by authority vested in the chairman.

B. D. Sebring.

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Anderson County.

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 1st, 1916.

There will be a mass meeting of the Socialists of Anderson county at the New Labor Temple, in Palestine, Texas, on January 15th, (the third Saturday). The purpose of the meeting is to devise ways and means to more thoroughly organize the county and to prepare for the coming campaign. All Socialists are cordially invited to be present wether they are red-card members or not. This call is made by Palestine and Elkhart Locals. Let us get to work.

Fraternally
T. E. Foster,
Sec. Palestine Local No. 906.

Pay your poll tax NOW, this minute. Pay it if you have to sell the shirt off your back to raise the money. This is the only way to freedom.

ORGANIZE YOUR LOCAL NOW SO YOU CAN BE READY FOR THE GREAT 1916 CAMPAIGN.

A Socialist who is not an ORGANIZER is a dead one.

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Total Results.

State Secretary:	Points
W. T. Webb	1763
T. E. Foster	2060
Mrs. E. W. Carlton	2455
National Committeeman:	
Carl Rosson	1041
Total vote, 1053.	

Texas Lecture Bureau.

We have received the following from W.J. Bell, of Tyler, Tex., who is generally regarded as one of the best Socialist executives that the South has ever known. The army of speakers who have worked under him in the past realize this fact thoroughly and we have no doubt that they would be glad to co-operate with him. His efficiency as a lecture bureau manager is unquestioned and The Rebel wishes for our comrade unlimited success in his enterprise. A similar organization formed in Oklahoma has been largely instrumental in the success of Comrade Sinclair's handling of the state office. It is the common experience throughout the 48 states that the state secretary's hands are filled with the organizing of every precinct of the state and that the routing of speakers clashes with the work of the state secretary's office. We feel sure that Comrade Bell's plan will result in giving a tremendous impetus to the 1916 campaign. The letter follows:

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 25, 1915.

To the Rebel:

The first of the year I propose to inaugurate a Socialist Lecture System.

Neither Oklahoma nor Texas regularly route speakers from the state office and I am confident that I can systematize the work, cover the field thoroughly, and keep a large force of speakers employed daily in such a manner that it will be an inducement for them to employ the service of the system, rather than go it alone, and at the same time finance the system service so that it will be self supporting.

I know that an attempt to supply service of this kind was made in the past in Texas, and fell through. However I have thought it all out in connection with my past experience as former state secretary and we feel sure of the undertaking.

The speakers will be required to work in harmony with whatever state or divisional organization of the regular party they are in contact with, and organize locals of that organization.

They will sell literature and take subs for recognized socialist newspapers.

Only speakers who can deliver the goods, that is, who are in sufficient demand to pay for utilizing them will be routed.

Want to begin with Texas and Oklahoma and push into other souhtern states later. When the service grows to where increased office force is necessary, the increase of number of speakers will pay for the extra force necessary.

Speakers and comrades who are interested will write for my plans.

Fraternally,
W. J. Bell.

BAD COOKING A CAUSE OF DIVORCE.

In the current issue of *Farm and Fireside* is an article to prove that love and a well filled stomach go well together, but that hatred and treachery are born in an underdone steak. "Bad cooking is directly responsible for a large percentage of the divorce evil and much of the crime committed —in fact, it might well be classed as a crime in itself.

"A good cook is the greatest statesman in the country in the true sense of the term.

"Bank-examining is all well enough for its purposes, but the examination of cooks and kitchens is far more important. Of what avail are our pure-food laws if all food may be ruined in the kitchen?

"No one should be permitted to cook in any public eating house who has not been examined, found competent, and licensed; and bad cooking — such as now exists in many public places — should be a misdemeanor punishable by law."

"I remember that old Texas residents used to tell how they despised the Mexican as a whining beggar," writes William C. Owen. "To-day they denounce him as a lawless bandit. Under Diaz he crawled, a lifeless thing, the spirit crushed out of him. Today he is rising to his feet, hot with resentment; and what else could one expect."

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P. G. ZIMMERMAN DEAD.

The Rebel is in receipt of a letter from B. H. Lauderdale, of Stamford., a lifetime friend of our veteran comrade, P. G. Zimmerman, of Anson, Tex., whose activities for the great cause have been suddenly cut short by the grim destroyer. The letter follows:

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 18, 1915.

Comrade Hickey:

Good, faithful, brilliant Comrade Philip G. Zimmerman is no more. He was stricken at the prime of life at thirty seven years of age. He died yesterday at the Stamford sanitarium with a few of his life-long Socialist friends at his bedside, and was buried at Anson, Tex. this afternoon. His suffering was most agonizing during his short illness and he bore it all with bravery and patience most remarkable. His dying thoughts were of his countless, Socialist friends scattered over the United States and he was trying to dictate farewell messages to them until the end. No purer, sweeter soul ever lived than he.

An aged, widowed mother, two sisters, one brother and a host of friends and comrades are left to mourn the loss of this kind, gentle and revolutionary soldier of the common good, Philip Zimmerman.

Fraternally,
B. H. Lauderdale.

Phil Zimmerman, although he died before the worries and struggles of four decades reached him was one of the old agitators for Socialism in Texas. He turned his face toward the dawn while still in the early twenties and continued to struggle for the emancipation of mankind until the end. Phil Zimmerman was a man of spotless character who always stood four-square for the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth regardless of personal sacrifice. Believing in Socialism since early manhood he never for an instant turned his back on the foe or feared to meet a friend. It is the hope of theRebel that before many years have passed that thousands of comrades will make a pilgrimage to his grave and while depositing blossoms and tears thereon, they can say: "That which you worked for while living, Phil, has now come into reality."

THE HERNANDEZ CASE.

Mr. Clarence Nugent, of Stephenville, writing from San Antonio under date of December 30, says:

"The case of J. A. Hernandez will come up in Federal court in San Antonio next week. I have the assistance of able lawyers and I expect other forces will come to my assistance. Up to date the brunt of the fight has fallen on Comrade Noble and myself and devoted members of the Land League

"It appears to me that Hernandez should be supported by all lovers of Land and Liberty. Do what you can to secure the necessary funds to make a successful battle for this land revolutionist who is innocent of crime, but is being persecuted because he made a speech in a San Antonio plaza in the open daylight advising the Mexicans who live this side of the Rio Grande to join their American brothers in such form of organization that would give them and their posterity the freedom of the land."

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All funds for this purpose should be sent to E. O. Meitzen, Hallettsville, National Secretary of the Land League of America, who acknowledges receipt through these columns. All friends of liberty should donate something at once, as the money is needed now to make a successful fight for this valiant young Mexican comrade whom the Democratic city and county rings of Bexar county are seeking to frame up because they were afraid he would break into and take away from them the solid block of Mexican votes from which these rings derive their power.

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OUR REBS.

N. L. McBride, one of Coleman county's "true and tried" makes another raid and captures five.

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W. R. Bullard, of Parker county, takes four prisoners and orders more ammunition.

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R. B. Thompson makes another report from Howard county. This time it is a club of four.

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S. H. Tucker is marching on the enemy in Coryell county. He captured four the first skirmish.

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Jno. F. Hunt gave the Rebel yell and amde an attack upon the Rusk county donks. He took four prisoners.

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Bob Roberts, of Oklahoma, plays San Claus to five of his friends. He orders Rebel fireworks for them.

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G. W. Blizzard, who is everything that his name indicates, is busy blowing the Tarrant county donks the Rebel way.

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W. C. Greer, of Collin county, starts four political sinners off right by inducing them to take the Rebel cure.

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J. I. Fugate, late of Nolen county, but now of Live Oak county, is still on the firing line. He reports with a club of four.

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O. V. Woods, is another Johnson county Reb who believes in keeping everlastingly on the job. He fires 'em in four at a time.

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H. J. Brown is on the war path in Anderson county. He made two raids, capturing four each time, and is still marching on the enemy.

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S. E. Harris and J. S. Bartlett are believers in "preparedness" They do not want to miss an issue so they place their figures three years ahead.

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J. D. Nixon, of Oklahoma, places four political sinners in the Rebel camp for forty weeks discipline so they will be ready for real service by election day 1916.

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J. H. Nance is another Oklahoma Reb that is doing his part to help carry Oklahoma for Socialism in 1916. He remembers the Rebel again this week with a club.

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W. T. Roberts, who representes the active wing of the Rebel army in Mills county, took four prisoners while making his last raid for the year 1915.

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L. H. Conner is another Oklahoma Rebel that believes in a bigger and better fight for 1916. He starts off the New Year with a club of four.

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Dr L H Maddux, of Falls county, encloses a club of four and apologizes by saying "I am not well today." Look out donks when the old doctor gets on his feet.

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Eugene V. Debs, the Rebel of Rebels, places his figures another year ahead and encloses an extra fifty cents to have the Rebel sent to "some workingman who needs it."

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A. F. Suther renews his allegiance to the Rebel and its loyal army in their righteous war on preparedness," and says that he has five boys that he didn't rear for cannon fodder.

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Hampton Steele, son of the late Alonzo Steele, last survivor of the Battle of San Jacinto, is a valued soldier in the peaceful revolution for Land and Liberty. He sends in a club of five and predicts a hot time in Limestone county for the donks this year.

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Rev. A. D. Smith, of Hereford, is another minister that is fighting for the rights of the toiling masses. He renews his allegiance to the Rebel and adds "Your paper is indispensable to every person wishing to keep posted on actual political conditions in Texas."

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J. A. Axsom, McMinnville, Ore., orders the Rebel sent to persons living in three different states and adds: "My paper is read by more than one. A live and very interested Socialist thinks it too far from home to be of value here. I tell him the work you are doing is just why they should support your paper. I shall visit you again in the near future with a club." We have no objection to being showered with clubs like the Oregon comrade handles.

THE NEW STATE SECRETARY.

W. T. Webb, of Cisco, Eastland county, visited Hallettsville last week for the purpose of securing the books and effects of the state office of the Socialist party which has been transferred to his home town. Comrade Webb was elected by the largest first-choice preference vote ever given a state secretary in Texas. With 1053 members voting in the election he received 1763 points.

Comrade Webb has been a member of the Socialist party for the past 14 years without a break in his membership. He was charter member of the first local organized in Eastland county, if not in West Texas, at the time E. B. Latham was state secretary. He is 38 years old, married, 6 children, and by the way, his bright wife is a devoted Socialist for the past ten years and has been of great assistance to him in his work for the party. The good lady will assist him in the immense task of building up the membership during the campaign year.

Comrade Webb is a native Texan. He first saw the light of the day on a farm in Brazos county about 80 miles northwest of Houston. He had a common school education and except for a couple of years when he worked as a clerk in town, he has been a farmer, and is the first farmer to become state secretary in Texas. He has served on many important committees and has been delegate to every state convention. A year ago he was elected congressional secretary for the Sixteenth district and his splendid work as such made him the logical condidate for state secretary.

Comrade Webb owes his nomination to the fact that he has worked tirelessly as a private in the ranks, as local secretary and organizer, as committeeman, as county secretary and later as congresional secretary, so that the next step was to logically make him state secretary, because the membership realized he had been faithful in little things despite boycotts and persecution by those whose economic interests he had assailed. This is the way the Socialist party of Texas builds up its organization, there being no pull or influence used for promotion. Nothing but the record of good work accomplished for the cause is ever taken in consideration by the membership.

The party is in the most harmonious condition today that it has ever been in since its birth. With the united membership working faithfully with him, there can be but little if any doubt that the party will now graw by leaps and bounds under the skillful work of W. T. Webb of Eastland county.

AS TO ADVERTISING.

The Rebel is desirous of publishing a seven column weekly in the near future. We believe that from seven columns we will go to a six page weekly and with that growth there will come more power to us to fight land and liberty.

We have published more papers with less advertising than any paper ever issued in the south, but we realize that without advertising under capitalism it will be difficult for us to grow. While promising our readers that we shall not publish fake ads, or ads of doubtful quality, we would ask our readers' co-operation in that they, whenever ordering any product published in our columns that they make a rule to mention the fact that they have read the advertisement in The Rebel. We also request that they give our advertisers the preference over any other business.

J. M. Shanks is putting up a fight for liberty in Liberty county. He reports again this week.

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Oscar Rice, who is on the firing line in Johnson county, reports the capture of four again this week.

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A. M. Williams believes in keeping a good thing before the people. He is pushing three-year Rebel subs with success.

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W. A. Headrick sends patients from Hopkins county and requests that we administer to them in large and unbroken doses.

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J. Swensome is still on the firing line in old Leon county. He reports again this week with four scalps.

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Peter Fitzpatrick, one of Jones county's reliable Rebs, renews his allegiance to the Rebel army and orders nine sub cards. Comrade Fitz believes in "preparedness."

From a Donk.

Fella sitizuns and soshalists in pertickuler, i wont tu adress yew on ivry thing en gineral an nothin en pertickuler, jest the same ez awl good Dimycrats oraturs doo.

Fust an fo'most i hearbi renue mi alleedgence tu awl the sackred prinsupals, now ixistin' ore hereinafter to be promullgated, of the glorioes Dimycratick party, whither i kan kumprehend thim ore knot.

Next i wont to korreck the dad-blasted clandur that the grand Dimycratick iz a kaptalist party. Whi mi frends, nearly awl that vote the Dimykrat tickit are workin peepul. The more Dimykrats there are, the more wurk there iz to due, theirfour the Dimycrat party iz a wurking party. Mi friends, put your vote wher it will elect sumbody, dont thro your vote away.

Nuthing gives me and uther leadin' Dimycrats sich a payne in our stummicks as tu see a wurkin man a votin of the Soshalist ticket.

i am fur preparedness fur iny emergensy. Holy writ say that there will be wars & rumors of wars till Christ comes. Christ aint come yet theirfour we are in dainger of war. in all my 32 yeers i never seen so much dainger of war theirfore we must have the bigest kind of army even if we haft to rezort to universal conscript-service i mean, of all men up to 31 yeers of age.

And we must have ez many 18 millyun dollar battleships ez possibule, to them that object to sich a hi price, i wood remind them that us Amerikans aint no "cheap Johns."

i did not know thet i hed becum fameons ez a Sosholist-buster till the other day whin i ray, eceived a summons frum His Excellency down at the kaptal; es i didn't hav the price of a ticket, i had to sell sum of the old woman's chickens to go on, well i arrived O. K. i went up to the Kaptol and hiz Excuulency tuk me into his private office, so he sezs "Hank i am powerful glad to see yew, i thot i had the sosholists dead and buried when i made the anti-bonus law, but they have cum to life and i am afraid they will capture the state in the neer future, so i want your advice how to head them off."

So i sez, "Jim you are rite in bein' alaurmed about the growth of sosholism, if the blamed sosholists keep on growin' our private property will be in danger," when i said that, Jim shivered, "and if the sosholist ever git in the majority our government may hafter resort to the Police power of the nation to protect its citizens and preserve its existence so in order to head off Sosholism we got to fix the common working man in the head so he won't have a desire to vote for sosholism.

"So what we Dimycrat statemen have got to due is to give the workingman a kapitalistick ambition, as long as they know there aint no chance for to get ahead they are likely to be deceived by sosholism.

"So what has got to be dun iz to get 'em to by cheep land in West and East Texas on 100 yeer credit, then get Don Dominguez to show 'em how to make 100 bushels of corn to the acre and then we will have sosholism dead as a dodlebug for 2 or 3 generations," Jim sez, "Hank I used to think you was a born fool but now I know better. I'll jest act on your suggestion, so the first thing I'll do is to take a spin to Wall St. to day and put your plan in operation. Good by Hank, I am certainly glad you give me that tip

Well i was just about to leve when Jim called me back, "Say Hank, I have just discovered the biggest graft in seven states, Why that fellow Hickey collects $1.75 from every member of the sosholist party in the state." Then we both agreed that was simply horrible.

Well, az i am nearly winded I will close with this one thought, that is don't ever harbor one thought in your brain of being sosholist for if it was ever proved on you, you couldn't even be elected as dog-catcher in Texas.

Hank Dewberry.

(Reported by Grady S. Ferguson, Belton Texas.)

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Let the people own the banks and put a tax to the limit on land held for exploitation, and we shall have made a gigantic leap forward to freedom. Then follow up with collective ownership of all means of life now owned by the trusts, and the revolution is complete that will regenerate the nation. That in a nutshell is the Socialist program.

EAT HORSES.

The Rebel learns from an Associated Press dispatch that the board of health of the city of New York has decided that for the first time in the history of the metrouolis that the working class can eat horse flesh.

The old horses that under the old rule were destined for the bone-yard, can now be fattened up about thirty days before death, regardless of whether they have glanders or not and be sold from the butcher's stalls as nourishment for the coming generation.

Why not?

What is more appropriate than that a Democratic mayor in a Democratic city through a Democratic health board should make an order that will enable people who have voted for them to either eat rotten horse flesh or starve to death.

All working men who voted the Democratic ticket are hereby advised by The Rebel that this is done in the metropolis of the na tion under Democratic Mayor Mitchell's rule while a Democratic president in Washington smiles benignly upon the burned sacrifice of Old Dobbin.

But The Rebel hopes on this New Years' Day that the good wives of workingmen and farmers who will vote the Donk ticket next year will carefully and prayerfully consider as to the ways and methods of securing a divorce otherwise their progeny will inevitably eat horse flesh.

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Land reformers throughout the nation mourn the passing of one of the noblest souls in the land tax movement, Mr. H. F. Ring, of Houston. His entire life and even his fortune was spent in furthering the cause he loved. Had he cared to indulge in the selfish scramble he could have had any office in the gift of the people of Texas, but he "preferred to serve in heavan rather than reign in hell." Itwas he and Frank Putnam that drove the first nails in the political coffin of Joe Bailey by exposing his crooked oil connections. He was not lined up with the Socialist cause but had he lived we believe that he would have become one of us, as he had the heart of a Socialist.

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A referendum proposed by parliament comes before the voters of the entire Australian Nation the early part of December. If this referendum is passed the Australian government will be empowered to take over and operate all trusts and monopolies which may be considered detrimental to the public welfare in private hands. Voting on this referendum is compulsory.

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Prior to the revolution the common people of Mexico paid all the taxes while the landed aristocracy escaped taxation. In the last analysis the same thing is true this side of the line. About time for a revolution here?

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Covington Hall writes from Louisiana: "Got the best Land Taxers here alive on the call for the Land Battle and, I'll have Louisiana in line with old Texas for free land, free labor and liberty before the year 1916 ends."

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If the Mexican peons had nerve enough to fight *physically* for freedom, why haven't you Texas-Oklahoma peons grit enough to fight for it by peacefully organizing and voting?

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Little bank robbers are again active in the state of Oklahoma. The big bank robbers are also active but the Law is potecting them while it runs down the little fellows.

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The court machinery in the Sunny South is part of the political machine that holds the worker in its iron grip while the landlord-usurer big business clique goes through his pockets.

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A worker who does not pay his poll tax by January 1 in this golden year of hope for a great Socialist gain, is an enemy to his own flesh and blood. No excuse goes.

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The Union Star is a live new Socialist farmer's paper in Brookneal, Virginia.

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The South Leads

The South leads the nation in illiteracy. The South leads in legal anarchy. The South leads in landlordism and tenantry. The South leads in the world's greatest robbery of the producers in a single product—cotton. The South leads in official crookedness, skulduggery, violence and ballot-box stuffing. The South leads in child slavery and inadequate labor laws.

This is not due to the fact that the people of the South are bad. On the whole we have the best and sweetest women and the noblest men in the world. It is because the unspeakably corrupt machine misnamed the Democratic party has had a stranglehold on the South for fifty years, thanks to the "bloody shirt" and "negro domination" bugaboo.

No less a historic character than General Arthur P. Bagby, of Hallettsville, Tex., the last surviving brigadier general of the Confederacy, now in his 84th year, told the editor of this paper within the past week:

"There has been no Democratic party in the South since the close of the civil war. The thing, called the Democratic party is neither democratic in principle or virtue."

The Socialist party is the first determined movement since the days of Populism that has for its purpose the breaking of the stranglehold and turning the Sunny South back to the working people thereof.

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POVERTY-SICKNEES SYNONYMOUS.

Major General Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army in an address delivered before the American Civic Association at Washington on New Years' eve told the scientists that they were running against a brick wall so far as improving the general health of the people was concerned, unless they saw to it that there was a general raise of wages througout the entire United States.

The famous physician pointed out that the reason the government was able to clean up Panama until it became literally a health resort ws because the government paid the highest rate of wages.

One of the good signs of the times is that the fact General Gorgas pointed out has become understood in every part of the United States if not in the entire world. The Socialists were the first organization in the world to point out this tremendous fact. We proved it as far back as 1848, and now it is becoming generally understood that the Socialists are the only ones who can solve the problem of poverty.

The Rebel's New Year advice is to get into the organization and build it to the point where we can seize the public powers and thus eliminate this dread scourge from the face of the earth forever.

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SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

The success of the New York Single Tax Conference last month that closed with a dinner in the Union Square Hotel has stimulated a number of single taxers in other states to hold similar conferences. This we glean from the Fels Fund Bulletin published at Cincinnatti, O. We understand that the Single Taxers of Texas have, as intimated in the last issue of The Rebel, taken under discussion the question of holding a conference at Dallas in the spring. Those attending will undoubtedly be members in the Democratic party who wish to incorporate in the state platform of the Democratic party a plank taxing all land to its full rental value.

To these gentlemen The Rebel respectfully refers the 1916 plank of the Socialist party of Texas.

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OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION.

The largest and most harmonious convention the Socialist party of Oklahoma has ever held occurred on the 28th, 29th and 30th of December in the state capitol building at Oklahoma City. At the conclusion of their deliberations the delegates returned to their homes with the full determination to destroy landlordism and usury by electing the entire state ticket next November.

Land and Usury were the principle subjects discussed, all the delegates being satisfied that the plan of decentralization as operated in Texas and Oklahoma shall continue as the form of organization in the future believing it will be as successful as in the past.

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