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An Interview With Judge Davis.

Last Wednesday afternoon under the broiling sun of the Panhandle, in the city of Memphis (Texas), before three thousand people, many of whom came from as far as Childress in the South and Amarillo in the North, I had a knock-down and gruelling fight for three hours over the question of Democracy — the genuine vs. the spurious brand.

My opponent was Judge John Davis, for twenty years a practicing attorney at Dallas, and candidate before the Democratic primaries for the highest office in the gift of the people of Texas, that of United States Senator. The Judge is one of the biggest men, physically, in Texas, standing six feet, five in his stocking feet, as lean as a panther, weighs 240 pounds, is 38 years old, and while he is a giant physically, he is equally as big mentally, compared with any member of the Democratic Party that I ever met. He is an East Texas product, born in the pine woods of Angelina county, and comes from the oldest Southern stock.

While we fought like wild cats, I am glad to say, after I have participated in a half hundred debates in Texas, (covering a period of twelve years,) the Judge is the cleanest Democrat I ever debated with. He cuts out all 'Free-Love', 'Negro-Equality' and 'Destroy-the-Church' lies that have been told about us. And not only that, *but he affirms that they are lies!*

After our battle, both thoroughly exhausted; we climbed into an auto and were driven 95 miles to Chilicothe. In the cool of the evening, while our car was burning up the ground, we leaned pleasantly back in the rear seat and it was there and then that I had this amazing interview.

DECLARES HIMSELF ON THE VITAL ISSUE.

"Now that as we have gotten to understand one another, after four joint discussions, I want to go into some questions that we have had not time to develop on the platform, because of the vast amount of ground that we have to cover in our discussions. I know that you are frank to the highest degree, and now that we have leisure I want you to tell me what you believe from the depth of your heart to be the dominant issue in Texas politics today."

Quick as a flash, the Judge replied:

"The dominant issue is of a two-fold character, two great issues in one, two issues that you can scarcelly separate; but you might bracket them together, and call them Land and Currency!

"The land must be freed from the vise-like grip of the speculator, to the end that the quarter of a million families, who are land renters in Texas, a number, by the way, which is increasing all the time, can secure title subject to real homes, and thus build homes for themselves and loved ones, on the land which is the gift of God to all mankind. When they secure this land, they should receive governmental aid through a system of credits. This is something that is recognized by the Danish, German and Australian nations. Why then should we Texans not see to it that our people receive financial aid to raise their roof tree, secure their stock, buy the necessary seeds and all the up to date implements that go with modern farming. Should we be wise enough in our day and generation to put through such an enlightened program, then Texas, that has the richest body of land within its borders of the entire civilized world, would develop a state that would be the wonder and admiration of all mankind. The rays of the Lone Star would penetrate to the uttermost ends of the earth. Inside of twenty years we would have twenty million people, and build an empire beside, which the empires of ancient Rome with all its splendor would sink into insignificance in comparison."

PROHIBITION NOT THE ISSUE.

"This is the broadest and most statesman-like statement I have ever heard from a Democrat," I said, "but will you explain to me now if you hold, as I do, although we may differ in detail, that Land and Currency is the issue in Texas, what is the reason that you have placed Prohibition in the platform and mention it in every debate that I have had with you so far."

The Judge's mind works with the rapidity of a Corliss engine, so without a second's hesitation he answered:

"I placed prohibition in my platform for the reason that I am a prohibitionist in principle and practice. I am 38 years old, born down in East Texas, where turnip-greens and clabber were my daily bill-of-fare in my father's house; and up to this good hour, (while I know you will not question my word), my pastor, my wife's kinfolks, partners and friends will vouch for the fact that a drop of intoxicating liquor has never passed my lips. I am a prohibitionist. That is why I placed a prohibitionist plank in my platform, and I want it from an inch square to world-wide.

"However, Mr. Hickey, you will notice that, ARDENT PROHIBITIONIST THAT I AM, I CONTENT MYSELF IN MY ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE WITH A SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT IS COMPRISED IN A SENTENCE AND TAKES TWENTY SECONDS TO STATE IT. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT I DO NOT REGARD THE PROHIBITION QUESTION AS ANYTHING BUT OF MINOR IMPORTANCE, AND IS SO COMPLETELY OVER-SHADOWED IN MY MIND BY THE QUESTION OF LAND AND CURRENCY, THAT I WILL NOT WASTE A MOMENT IN ADVOCATING IT IN THIS CAMPAIGN. WHETHER THE PROHIBITION QUESTION WILL SETTLE OR NOT, I DO NOT KNOW; ALTHOUGH I FEAR IT WILL NOT; BUT THIS MUCH I DO KNOW,— THAT WITH ALL MY LOVE FOR THE PROHIBITION CAUSE, I BELIEVE IN RELEGATING IT TO THE BACKGROUND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EVERY RENTER IN TEXAS SITS UNDER HIS OWN VINE AND FIG TREE, AND THE POVERTY, PENURY AND ILLITERACY THAT FLOWS FROM THE HOLDING OF FOUR-FIFTHS OF OUR STATE OUT OF CULTIVATION FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES IS SETTLED. I WOULD TO GOD THAT EVERY SALOON IN AMERICA WAS OUT OF EXISTENCE TOMORROW, AND I BELIEVE THAT EVENTUALLY IT WILL BE, BUT IT IS THE GREAT ECONOMIC QUESTION, THE QUESTION THAT GOES TO THE ROOTS OF THE HUMAN HEART, TO THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOME AND FAMILY, THAT IS THE QUESTION THAT WISDOM DICTATES SHOULD BE SETTLED FIRST, AND IT IS PRECISELY FOR THAT REASON THAT I FEATURE LAND AND CURRENCY INSTEAD OF PROHIBITION."

DANGER TO REPUBLIC.

I seem to be the only opponent, Judge, you have that also features land and currency, I remarked.

"You are right, sir. My other opponents are running on the question of PRO and ANTI, the endorsement of President Wilson's Administration, which administration, by the way, I heartily endorse, they do not go to bed-rock on the economic problems. They do not seek to ameliorate a condition that has resulted in placing sixty per cent of the people with but two per cent of the wealth and two per cent of the people with sixty per cent of the wealth. I repeat all five of my opponents deal with PRO and ANTI and similar trivialities, while you and I are struggling to remove the economic injustice that afflicts our people today, and renders our republic in a condition as precarius as ancient Rome before her downfall.

"When will the Democratic politicians get away from this PRO and ANTI fight, and come down to the real economic questions of the day?"

The Judge straightened himself in the swinging auto, his steely gray eyes flashed, and laying a lean sinewy hand on my knee he said:

"I am a Democrat by birth and training and tradition. I am going to stay in the Democratic party and make a fight for land and currency. I am so determined that the Democratic party must take up this issue that if some thoroughly representative Democrat does not take it up, I will announce for Governor in the next primaries on this issue, and by the God of my fathers, I will, with the assistance of my friends, canvass every nook and corner of this State and spill out what resources of finance and health that I possess to swing the rank and file of the Texas Democracy into a recognition of the economic question instead of the paltry, picayune measures that have distracted from the paramount fundamental questions of land and finance."

WHY HE IS INTERESTED.

My final question was: "How has it happened that you take such a tremendous interest in land?"

"Partly through reading Henry George and everything on the land question that I could get hold of since I saw the land question loom large on our economic and political horizon some years ago. Partly through observations that I have made while traveling through the State in the practice of my profession, but principally because of the fact that I was born the son of an actual farmer, in an old log cabin, down in our glorious old piny woods, and I had learned in a dim way, when a boy, that tenantry was an evil. And now that I am a mature man, I am going to grapple with the evil in the hope that before the Angel of Death closes my eyes tenantry will have been abolished from our State forever-more."

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Just then the lights of Chillicothe loomed up out of the darkness, and I passed the next few minutes in silence, thinking of the man beside me and hoping that the day was not far distant when he will join that political party that has placed the land question in first place in Texas, and is beating down all side issues, such as PRO and ANTI, while we are marching with unfurled banners to our goal — THE FREEDOM OF THE LAND.

The Putrid Democratic Party.

Keep one political gang in power for 50 years hand-running and you will have what you have in the solid (bone) Donk South and in the Democratic state of Texas. The Democratic party is so rotten and a few corrupt insiders have such a stranglehold over it that a decent man might vote for the aggregation but that is all. Except by accident he cannot obtain a high office from that party. Should he happen to be elected to anything above a county commissionership he does not stay unless he becomes properly putrid. He is either knocked out by the ringsters or he just resigns in disgust.

Senator Hugh Harris has represented Bell, Coryell and Hamilton counties in the state senate of Texas. He is one of the best men that we have heard of in a high place of the Democratic party. He did not stand the dirty mess long, as is evidenced by the subjoined letter of resignation published in the Hamilton (Tex.) Record some 12 months ago. We reprint the letter so that it may be added to the record of every agitator who wishes not only to show beyond a cavil who the free lovers are, but to prove the necessity of a CLEAN SWEEP of the Augean Donk stables of Texas and the South:

Texas Senate, "The House of Lords."

Austin, Tex., May 8, 1915.

Hon. L. O. Peck, Hamilton, Tex.— My Dear Sir and Friend: Your letter of the 15th instant just releived and your every expression of confidence and friendship carefully noted.

My resignation was tendered March 18, just two days before the close of the regular session. No one will ever know the pain I have undergone since I entered upon my duties as state senator for the best people of God's green earth. Except my own blood relation, I have never loved, nor will I ever love, any people as well as I do the people of the twenty-seventh senatorial district, who honored me as men are seldom honored. You, of course, well know the great vote given me, especially in Hamilton and Bell counties. My friends swept my home county from 800 to 1,400 greater majority than was received by any one candidate in Bell county. Hamilton, everything considered, did as well, carrying every box but one.

I write these great expressions of friendship, not to boast, but merely to let you understand that I have not forgotten the signal honor and also to acknowledge my obligation to these noble men, my friends.

I know, my friends, some of them, at least, will think me an ingrate. I would as soon be considered a horse thief as an ingrate. But the die is cast. After careful consideration for sixty-six days and for sixty-six nights, the only thing left for me to do, as an honest man, was to resign and resign I did. For verily I say unto you, my good friend, the Texas state senate is no place for the true gentleman. The man who has truth and honesty as a heritage, and who has the "Golden Rule" as his guiding star, has but little show in the Texas state senate.

To be an ideal, up-to-date state senator, one must have lots of gall, very little brains, a fog-horn voice and plenty of hot airs and last, but not least, HE MUST BE A LADIES' MAN.

Now, Brother Peck, I will tell you a few of the things that compelled me to resign. In our caucus, January 12, a motion was made to allow each senator a stenographer for his own individual use. My vote was the only negative vote. We needed only ten, hence we hired twenty-one too many, or, in other words, we took $105 out of the treasury every day for help that we did not need.

This "clip" was kept up until we had over 80 empolyes to wait on 31 senators. The house has only about 40 employes. In other words, we are stealing for our friends, and the good (?) work is still going on, only getting worse, and unless there is a change it will require 1,000 employes in the near future to wait on the Texas state senate. Not one will say it is right. Not one will say he would run his own business in such manner.

Again, the decorum, or the lack of decorum, is enough to disgust any high-toned gentleman. In my life, I have been in some tough places, have been in places I am ashamed to think about, but in none of them have I ever heard so much noise, the state of bedlam that prevails at all times, nor have I ever heard in any place language more profane or vulgar than is common in the Texas state senate, alias "The House of Lords."

We have too many politicians and not enough statesmen. We have too many in the senate that want to go to congress and who play politics every hour of every day.

In conclusion, will say that I am not disgruntled, nor that I have not done fairly well. I introduced six bills and secured the passage of them all. I had the Central-West Texas Normal bill amended by including Hamilton and Coryell counties.

I will mail you a copy of the bill when free conference settles on the board to select locations. A part of the board [illegible] in original bill to regular session could not act, hence the governor re-submitted the bill and it has passed as originally drawn, except as to board to locate schools.

I will let you hear from me again just as soon as normal bill is completed. I beg to subscribe myself your friend,

Hugh Harris.

Senator Harris as good as charges that the Democratic Senators voted almost unanimously to establish at STATE EXPENSE a condition aiming at prostitution with the senate chamber, not to speak of the fact every senator gets a steno when one steno could serve six senators with ease.

The senator said many more things about this rotten state of affairs that have not appeared in print. Among these are two stories:

1. After every senator was provided with a female stenographer, Senator ——— received word that a woman relative was coming to Austin to visit him. He promptly swapped his pretty female stenographer for a male stenographer in the employ of one of the senate committees. When his visitor was gone he swapped back.

2. There are some stenographers that are innocent, in spite of unusual temptations, but usually they do not stay long. For instance, shortly after each senator was allowed a female stenographer, Senator Harris in the innocence of his heart employed a nice young lady from his district. However he soon saw that it would not do to retain her as he had to stand guard continually to keep her from being insulted by the senatorial LADIES MEN.

And the half has not been told. The Rebel leaves the balance to the imagination of the bonheaded worker who vote the Donk ticket because he has been told by these same cattle that the Socialists will "destroy the home."

"In England only one horror exceeds the horror of this war— it is the fear of another armed peace. If we get back to armed peace all its evils will be increased. And we shall not have peace but more war. 'Deliver us from another armed peace!,' " — Lord James Bryce of England.

"Jesus wept".—Must have had a vision of Billy Sunday goddaming everybody. — Don't blame him.

"MEXICO NOT THEIR COUNTRY."

The following extract is taken from a letter to Covington Hall by a friend writing from Washington, D. C.:

"You say the Texans are not rushing to the colors and, I may add, that this is the case the country over. Here in Washington, they have opened recruiting offices all over town, and the boys and men come and look in at the windows at the display, and move on. If you ask the average man today, as Mac is always doing, 'Why don't you go to Mexico and fight for your country?' they tell you that Mexico is not their country, or that they have nothing to fight for, which shows that they are waking up a little and that there are yet hopes of something doing. There is going to be hell popping when things do start and the Plutes are getting scared and worried."

And so runs all the news coming into The Rebel office. It took them three days to get Washington Artillery of New Orleans, 140 men, and then the Acting Mayor had to take the soapbox and they had to work every scheme and tell every lie imaginable to make good.

Mr Tenant P. Wage Slave: Did you ever see a Landlord or Capitalist with both legs shot off?

The Hosts are Gathering.

Luke North, the farseeing and fearless editor of Everyman (Los Angeles, Cal.) has something inspiring to say this month, as to gathering of the red hosts of America for the grand drive on Privilege in America. The fact assault is on the trenches of Land Monopoly—the parent of all monopolies—and it will be the entering wedge for the destruction of all other forms of special privilege. We quote the following from his leading editorial:

"A man is a man whether circumstance has cast him for a detective or a bond holder, and any man is liable to have a living heart—even anarchists, singletaxers, presbyterians may have hearts — Say we stretch the point to include republicans? Well—

Those who have hearts and intelligence that work in sympathy will enter the Great Conspiracy to guide the march of The Great Adventure to a Free Earth—

As the only base, and Only the Base, for a free manhood.

The earth shall belong to all its living people.

Paper titles to idle acres—there shall be none.

This is the single definite demand now focusing the strength of the Intelligent Minority of America (Europe is busy) — focusing it on California, Texas and Oregon, where bold, idealistic, unequivocal demands for a Free Earth are awaking the people from their long apathy toward tee First Vital issue of human fredom.

In Texas it it Tom Hickey with his wonderful weekly paper, The Rebel, who is stirring the murk of the "Donk" and bringing to quick fruition the long, patient, admirable toil of J. J. Pastoriza and his party of tax reformers.

Covington Hall of New Orleans and the songful, able little monthly, Rebellion, ceases the latter and goes to the land fight in Texas. He will sing his vigorous and musical songs in The Rebel. By all means read The Rebel (Hallettsville, Tex.) and in ordering it have them send the Special Yucatan edition showing how the people of Mexico are actually regaining their land. Then you will know why the Wall street armies must march into Mexico to preserve our "national honor."

Don't be artless. "National honor" means monopoly land titles with all the consequent wage slaveries and expropriations. What honor has a nation that gives sixty percent of its wealth to two per cent of its people and employs three million children in mills and mines?

In Oregon it is W. S. U'Ren, with his Land and Labor initiative measure already secure of a place on the November ballot and destined to be the Moral Issue of the political campaign in Oregon this year—and every year till the moral will of an awakened people shall express its abhorrence of human exploitation so definitely as to slay it forever.

In Oregon and Texas landward movements are essential parts of The Great Adventure, the the people of both states have scarcely heard the term—which is only a matter of five syllables, seventeen letters, three words. They are not good to eat, they will clothe no one, nor build a roof over any head—and food, shelter, clothing are the First and most vital human needs. Until at least the fair free opportunity to secure these in abundance has been accorded every human being, all forms and theories and isms are negligible—all other freedom is of no importance.

These seventeen letters of the English tongue which placed in certain order produce the rather picturesque and idealistic phrase "The Great Adventure" are not sacred, are not to be revered. Only human beings are sacred—their free chance for full life, growth, development.

The Great Adventure is a symbol—a nothing in itself. It has proved to have advertising value; it is sounding far and wide, and the calibre of the people who respond to it, who enlist under its banner, who give their time and cash and themselves to its undertaking might easily "turn the head" of one who should forget for a moment the heart it covers.

Let The Great Adventure never be mistaken for the thing or the end itself. Let it never be rated higher than a human need—than any need of any person. It is a form, a sign, a signal in the night, a means of gathering the Intelligent Minority to a certain definite possible work—the restoration of the land to the people quickly.

Let no one come to it who does not feel it the greatest urge of his life, find in its task the fullest satisfaction of his realizable desires—and let his work for it be much or little as the circumstances of his life make reasonably and agreeably possible. It will not flourish on driven toil, or grow true from aught that comes grudingly.

At any time or place let its name be dropped, forgotten—if that will help to open the land Immediately. A free earth is its aim, a free manhood its end.

If the people of Texas and Oregon shall regain their land, who cares whether they ever hear or heed The Great Adventure? Certainly no adventurer — none of those who are guiding its march—they, I am sure, will never mistake the symbol for the soul. Or, if they do, then may destruction overtake them.

A PATHETIC CASE OF PATRIOTISM.

Ever since the Wilson administration began preparing to law and order the Mexican people we were treated to a flood of pathetic piffle and pathetic articles describing the many pathetic scenes that occurred when the heroic militiamen tore themselves from the bosoms of their families and lit out to the Rio Grande to die for Rockefeller, Morgan & Co., *alias* "God and my Country."

But the most pathetic of all the stories is the story that follows below and which is taken from the New Orleans Times-Picayune of June 24. The "paytriots" who finally went to chipping in on the railroad fare of this bum hero, which fare amounted, we guess, to about $10, were among the richest of the New Orleans plutes, yet at last accounts they had not raised the $10. So we guess the patriotic painter had to walk to Greenville or is now in durance vile. We hope so.

Here follows the tale of the tribulations of a patriotic wage slave:

A peculiarly interesting case developed Friday when Sydney C. Evans, now of New Orleans, but recently of Greenville, Miss., visited Preparedness headquarters.

Mr. Evans was employed by a local painter and received orders to report to his armory at Greenville, Miss. He replied that he was ready to return to his command, Company C. Mississippi National Guard, but was without transportation to that city. He wired his company commander, Captain Fowler, and that officer answered that transportation was not available, and that he required him to get to his armory "some way." Mr. Evans next decided that he would try to be transferred in the Louisiana National Guard, but Adjutant General Scales of Mississippi declined to permit the young Mississippian to join the service of Louisiana. This broke down the last bridge that Evans could construct, and being without the means to get to his home company, he was threatened with court-martial should he fail to get there. The Illinois Central Railroad was appealed to, but the passenger department advised Preparedness headquarters that because of the operations of the interstate commerce law, it could not issue a ticket to the militiaman. As the preparedness fund had been raised exclusively in the city and for city preparedness, it was decided that his expenses could not be paid out of the preparedness fund. Several at headquarters at once "chipped in" and as soon as other patriotic men read of the plight of Mr. Evans it is expected they will send to Preparedness headquarters the few remaining dollars necessary for his transportation. The contributors were Frank B. Hayne, P. S. Morris, Hugh McCloskey, T. G. Bush, W. J. McNamara, L. M. Pool, W. J. Leppert, W. J. Porteous and Ed. Roddy.

AND NOW comes a demand for a battleship to cost THIRY MILLION DOLLARS, and from Senator Benjamin Tillman, one time leader of malcontents and undersirable citizens. If Ben had demanded $30,000,000 to take the babies of South Carolina out of the cotton mills and put them in the schools and playgrounds the Senate would have considered him crazier and more dangerous than ever and he would soon be shorn of the honors he won by betraying the cause of his people. Treason to principle means honor to parasites.

PAMPHLET ON MILITARY LAW.

Ever since publishing the matter we have been trying to get a supply of the pamphlet "Military Laws of the United States", finally writing to our lone Socialist congressman, whose reply is here given:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, D. C., July 6, 1916.

The Rebel,

Hallettsville Tex.

Dear Comrades:—

Replying to yours of the 1st instant, I will say that the pamphlet "Military Laws of the United States" is no longer at the disposal of Congressmen, and that the Government printing office informs me today that copies will cost $1.10 each.

I am sorry that you have been misinformed, heretofore, as to the pamphlet being free. Should you wish to buy them, address directly the Government Printing Office, Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Meyer London.

For general information we will say that we have one copy of the pamphlet and from studying its contents we find the following to be the main points:

"The army of the United States is divided into three parts.

1. The regular standing Army.
2. The organized Militia of the various states.
3. All able bodied males in the United States from 18 to 45 years of age.
4. These shall be called into service by the President in the order named, 1—2—3.
5. It is stated that if a call for volunteers does not get sufficient enlistments for any emergency the Reserve Militia shall be called out (i. e. everybody) a draft to take place.
6. It is positively stated when either the organized or reserve Militia is called out, it at once becomes part of the regular army, subject to all rules and regulations thereof.

Quite a lot of other matter pertaining to management regulation and rules governing the army are also enclosed, but the above are the potent points contained in the pamphlet.

The book which the department sells at $1.10 is written by some army officer and likely is written to rather hide the hideousness of the law than to point it out plainly.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REPORT.

Washington, July 10.—Every Congressman's secretary in Washington is working overtime mailing out copies of the final report of the Commission on Industrial Relations, 100,000 copies of which have just come from the government printing office under the resolution ordering that number as a first step to supply the extraordinary demand.

So swamped are Congressmen with requests for copies of this document that the Committee on Industrial Relations found it impossible to obtain more than a handful of copies for the use of former members of the Commission and others who were closely associated with the work. It is now apparent that the edition of 100,000 is totally inadequate.

"I have six requests for every copy allotted me," was the reply of congressman after congressman in politely but firmly turning down the Committee's request.

Every member interviewed asserted that never before had he known such a demand for any public document. Many congressmen tried to obtain extra copies from fellow members, but without success. Enough mail sacks bulging with copies of the report have left Washington within the past week to fill several mail cars.

An additional edition can be published at little extra expense. Any citizen who has written his Congressman for a copy of the report and does not receive it within the next two weeks should write his Congressman again, urging that another edition of the report be authorized.

You might as well give medicine to the dead as to seek to teach a man who has renounced his reason, said Paine in 1776. It still holds good.

Wonder what Christ would think of Christianity if he came back tomorrow? "Some" "salvation."

H. Moeller, an old Oklahoma Rebel, renews his allegiance to the army of righteousness.

ITA EST.

(By Covington Hall.)

If the Army and Navy should be "Kept out of politics", if "the flag" and "the uniform" are so blamed sacred that no one should dare to criticize the troglodytes flapping the one and filling up the other, WHY don't "our" goldbraided and bedizened Major Generals and Rear Admirals keep off political platforms?

Since when did an Army owe allegiance to anything but ITSELF? Has not the Army its and advance? From whence comes own economic interest to defend all emoluments and promotions in the Army, from itself or the people? Does not an officer get all he has from the Army? Are not all officers, therefore, vitally interested in ever-increasing the size of the Army and Navy and the appropriations for their maintenance? If you doubt that the Army looks out mainly for number one, itself, read up on the length and struggle of the Militia officers to get on the Federal payroll, where they have finally landed with both feet and all ten fingers. Of course all this pap has nothing whatever to do with the Militia Kunnels' undying patriotism; they'd die for their country "without money and without price" just as quickly as they would while drawing two salaries. Ask the Miners of West Virginia and Colorado if you don't believe this. THEY KNOW THE MILITIA.

"WHY DON'T YOU GO to some other country if you don't like the way we are running this one?" query the parasites. Because we mean to put YOU to work and then the country will be alright.

REPUBLIC NOT DEMOCRACY

The government of the United States, and of all the States, (curiously too, all our labor unions, including even the I. W. W., are republics and not democracies) is a republic and not a democracy. The distinction between the two systems is in this: A republic is a government of the people by *elected representatives*; a democracy is a government of the people *directly by themselves.*

In a republic the people are supposed to chose their best, brainiest and most honest men to represent them in the making of the laws under which they shall act; then, after they are elected, the representatives proceed to act for the people as they, the representatives, deem best; then if the people object too strongly to the manner in which their representatives are exercising the power delegated to them, the representatives declare the country in a "state of insurrection" and proclaim martial law and thus vindicate their right to rule the people they represent.

In a Democracy, thru the initiative and referendum, the people themselves exercise the law making power and, so, are unable to insurrect against an unpopular law; hence, by another referendum it is repealed, or becomes a dead letter by common consent. This is fine for the people, but, as it forces their representatives to go to work for a living, their representatives do everything in their power to block the establishment of a Democracy, especially of Industrial Democracy, which means the complete freedom of the people, the emancipation of labor.

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A Socialist first grade teacher with three years experience wants a school. Address: Prof. 1842 Liberty Ave., Beaumont, Texas.

35c gets the hottest Democratic paper in the U. S. one year. THE HORNET, Bx. 12, Fork, N. C.

WANTED — correspondence with t stees wanting Socialist teachers and Teachers preferring such schools.

W. O. Brannen, Bruceville, Texas.

BROTHER— ACCIDENTALLY discovered root cures tobacco habit and indigestion. Gladly send particulars T. S. Stokes, Mohawk, Florida.

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At Democratic Primaries, July 22

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Military Service as a Cure-All.

– *By Oswald Garrison Villard,*
(President of the New York Evening Post Company.)

In years to come, none of the many amazing phennomena of 1916 will, I am sure, cause greater wonderment than our recent discovery that universal military service is the cure-all for every one of our American ills.

Do we wish to defend our country? We have but to adopt the system of training every boy to be a soldier, and the problem is solved.

Do we wish to become industrially efficient? Then let us forget all about vocational training, but give every American a year under rams, and presto! we shall outdo Germany in scientific efficiency and management.

Is our youth lawless and undisciplined? Universal compulsory service will end that at once for all.

Is our democracy halting? It is the tonic of a democratic army that we need in which all men shall pay for the privileges of citizenship by a year of preparation for poison gas and of learning how to murder other human beings. Our meting pot is a failure? Then let us pour into it the iron of militarism, and it will fuse every element at once.

Finally, if we need an American soul and the war has suddenly taught us that this glorious country lacks a soul—it is the remedy of universal miltary service that is to supply our spiritual needs and give us the ability to feel as one, to steer towards our destiny as of one mind and imperialistically.

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It is so alluring and so entrancingly easy, the wonder is that we have never thought of it before. We saw it going on in France and Germany and Russia, but it seemed altogether repulsive in its forms. Americans to be conscripted? Heaven forbid! There rose before us the unutterable cruelties of non-commissioned officers and some of the officers visions of the thousands of men coming to our shores with hands mutilated to avoid the barracks with their open immoralities, their bitter hardships, the loss of three years of so many working lives. The "Red Rosa," Rosa Luxembourg, with her 10,000 authenticated instances of cruelties to German soldiers, inflicted by their own countrymen behind the screen of official authority, explained to us why so many young Germans emigrated before coming of military age. In speaking of the case of one soldier horribly abused at Metz, the "Red Rosa" declared:

"It is certainly one of those dramas which are enacted day in and day out in German barracks, although the groans of the actors never reach our ears."

At once the German army sought to prosecute her until it was announced that she would call 1,030 eye witnesses to grievous abuse of military authority in Germany's "democratic' army; whereupon the case was dropped.

In Germany, of course, universal service is not in the least democratic, savs that all must serve. Upon that we can surely agree. The autocracy rules the army, and the aristocracy is fortressed by it. More than one debate in the Reichstag has been enlivened by the bitter attacks by bourgeois orators against the favoritism shown to the Imperial Guards and to other fashionable regiments. There is even a caste within a caste, for men who pass through the gymnasia need serve but one year. Those whose fathers are too poor to educate them must give three years of their lives to carrying arms. The spirit of arrogance and aristocracy which the military life, with its duelling, its mediaeval code of honor, fosters is about as anti-democratic as anything in the world. When men, merely by reason of the coat they wear, deem themselves sacrosanct and especially privileged, even to the extent of running through civilians by whom they fancy themselves insulted, or by preparing to turn their machine guns upon their civilian fellow townmen, as in Zabern, it is obviously absurd to contend that system of which they are products smacks, save in the remotest, of anything democratic.

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And never, save in Russia, was there a better illustration of the truth of our James Madison's saying that "large armies and heavy taxes" are the best known instruments for bringing the many under the dominion of the few. General von Falkenhayn, the present Chief of Staff and War Minister, was not altogether far from the truth when he said that but for the army "not a stone of the Reichstag building would remain in place," provided we assume that he meant to typify by the Reichstag building the present form of government in Berlin. No one need look further than the Russian system of universal service for complete reason for the failure of the Russian revolution that all enlightened men wished well. The truth is that men of noble spirit are in every land crushed by the whole system of compulsory military labor precisely as compulsory servitude, and not sevice, in the armies of Europe, he cannot have seen much of it or read the literature of the masses—the millions—who form the great bulk of the armies. Is it without significance that where there is universal service there are the greatest armies socialists? Yes, even in France, whose army is so much more democratic than that of German, whose officers and men are much more nearly comrades than anywhere else, the feeling among the masses against the whole system is still great.

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And those Americans who see in the French army a perfect model for ourselves would do well to forget neither the shocking revelations of graft which have come to life before and since the war, nor the depths of infamy sounded by the military in the Dreyfus case, nor the fact that General Boulanger came within an ace of upsetting the republic he had taken oath to preserve. But, we are told, Australia is democratic, quite like ourselves, and Australia has dedicated its youth to a training in arms with much resultant good in the present campaign. Why should we not be like Austalia? Surely, there is no militarism there. And look at Switzerland! Does it not point the way? Well, so far as the latter is concerned it does not. There is no comparison whatever between a little homongenous country of apout four millions — homogenous despite the use of three languages—with a small and extremely mountainous country to defend, and our own vast continent.

But in one respect, the Swiss system does set an admirable example to the United States. It allows no general to exist save after the declaration of war. Its highest officer is a colonel. No major-generals parade the country urging "preparedness;" no brigadiers bewail the terrible fate that will overtake Switzerland if her standing force is not doubled at once. Yet even in Switzerland, if report be true, there is an anti-army party-people who complain that their military business has become ominous ever since so many of the younger officers have been serving in the German army and bcome imbued with the spirit of the Prussian General Staff, just as, according to a prominent Australian speaking in a public meeting in London a few months ago, the feeling against the conscription of boys was so intense in Australia that a law compelling this servitude would have been repealed had not the war come just when it did. Perhaps the fact in ten years some 15,000 Australian boys have been punished for refusal to perform military service, or for minor infractions of discipline, a large proportion by jail sentences, may have had something to do with the growing feeling against it. As to its merits, there is the same difference of military opinion in regard to its work as is to be found in regard to the value of our own military forces.

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But let us grant, for the sake of argument, that there is solid worth in the Australian and Swiss systems and less militaristic danger than under any other. Would the same hold true with us? Australia is but a colony, unable to make war itself, controlled and protected by the power of the mother country's fleet. Switzerland by her geographical and ethnic situation and the scarcity of her numbers, cannot dream of wars of conquest. She is not a world power. She has no colonies, or oversea entanglements, or foreign alliances. How different is our situation! We have powerful military cliques, great aggregations of capital seeking outlet abroad and engineered by the same groups of privileged citizens who have been behind the Smx—Power Chinese loan, who desire to exploit the Philippines for our own benefit, who have set up in Nicaragua a government upheld today only by American bayonets, who desire commercially to conquer the remainder of the hemisphere. We have seen outbursts of jingo passion in 1849 and 1898 marked by stealing of other people's lands. The universal arming of the nation — what would it not mean in another such period of excitement under the rule of concienceless and time-serving legislators, or administrators, or by generals gone into politics, with eyes keen only for a nation's aggrandizement and viewing every question from the standpoint of a soldier!

History shows us clearly what it all might mean. Leaving aside the fate of the ancient republics, should we not recall what happened to the new-born French Republic? The nation rushed to arms, and out of the hurly-burly emerged the imperial figure which became the scourge of Europe. Such was the sudden transformation of a nation that but a few years before was imbued with the spirit of liberty, fraternity and equality, whose doctrines did permeate all Europe to its very lasting betterment. But this tide of good-will, this spirit of universal brotherhood, was conquered by the militaristic spirit and militarism until it became, not the great leavening and levelling influence it should have become, but a menace for all the world against which all the nations of Europe were compelled to unite.

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Now, we Americans, of course, think that nothing of the kind can happen to us — that we merely seek peace and to defend our own. Is it utterly without significance that our most distinguished Rear-Admiral goes up and down the coutry preaching that the American flag shall be carried at once to Cape Horn; that every republic to the south of us shall be conquered? Does it mean nothing that the Navy League demands that we shall take what they call "our rightful share of oversea trade" and seize upon land which has not already been pre-empted by other strong nations for colonies for the United States? Is it not true that we are already extending our government over the Caribbean by the force of bayonets?

We have 100,000,000 of people; we have neighbors on our borders whom we could easily crush if we chose. To the south of us a score of republics fear every military move we make. It is a historic fact that even before the war in Europe the menace of our rapidly growing fleet was urged in the Reichstag, in the British and the Japanese Parliaments, as the reason for further increase of their naval armaments. Any introduction of universal military servitude in the Western world would send a chill over the entire American continent and be viewed with alarm by the rest of the world.

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Has anyone in America who is advocating universal service yet computed the cost, direct or indirect, to the nation? If so, I have not seen it. Even on the dilettante Swiss and Australian basis, it would be stupendous. If carried out under Federal supervision, it would enormously increase our most favored class of citizens — our military and naval servants—and their pension rolls. Abroad, the conscripts receive only a few cents a day for their service, which is practically unpaid (in Turkey, even in war time, the soldier gets but 25 cents a month). Would our American youth stand for this when our National Guard has just now, by skillful political influence, succeeded in getting itself on the Federal pay roll — the first time that men have been so paid, yet remained important political factors in civil life? But we need have less concern with the financial costs and the creation of a dangerous military caste and the terrible burden of taxation than with indirect results.

For what those do not see who know that universal service is what we need to make patriots by the million is that the spirit of universal servitude, whether Australian, German or Swiss, makes directly against the American ideal, for it inculcates blind obedience to the will of others, subordination to those who are masters, not necessarily because of superior wisdom or fitness, but largely because of accident.

Heretofore we have always valued the American's self-assertiveness — yes, his refusal to recognize masters, his independence of thought and action, his mental alertness, particularly the happy-go-lucky Yankee initiative and individuality, as some of his best characteristics. We hated the servile obedience of the foreigner. Indeed, our whole American experiment was founded as a protest against certain tendencies abroad akin to those we are now asked to make dominant by means of universal service.

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What today —what single thing — would most quickly win for Germany anew the confidence of the world and make possible the immediate coming of peace abroad? What else but an announcement by Germany that hereafter she would forever abandon universal military service? The chief menace of her militarism, against which all the world is aroused, would disappear over night.

No, to lead the world alright, the United States ought not to be debating today whether it prefers the voluntary military system or universal conscription, but now rapidly it can induce the other nations by precept, by example, by enlightened leadership, to limit all armaments to the dimensions of police forces. Fortunately the European struggle bids fair to prove the futility of war as it has never been proved before. Fortunately, there is evidence in every land that the world is to be a different place when the soldiers return from the trenches. The reaction when it comes will have its echoes here, and will, it is to be hoped, find men marvelling how any Americans could possibly have espoused that which is the chief crop of Kings, Czars and Kaisers, and their militarists, and have even for a moment turned their backs upon the voluntary system which breeds enthusiastic followers of the flag, where conscription produces plutocrats and deserters, bounty-jumpers and Mock-patriots.

A FREE LAND SONG.

(By James E. Sanders.)

(Parody. Air, "Going For A Pardon.")

A moving train is crowded in
Texas every day—
The Landlord shouts out "tickets!" for rent or move away.
When a quarter million people,
with families all aboard,
Says, "We have no tickets, mister; won't you please, sir, take
our load?
Our children work to earn their
bread, from early morn till
night;
Our liberty's in prison—they say
it is a sight—
We're going now to Austin to demand in thunder tones
To change the making of land
deeds, so we can have a home."

Chorus.

They were going for a pardon
That awful bitter day;
A pardon for their liberty,
Which had all but flown away;
They said their neighbor's children
Would all be mighty glad,
If they all could get some land
For them and their poor old
dad.
When the mighty throng reached
Austin, they marched in one
great band;
They went to the see the Governor
about title deeds to land.
They said, "We have no land nor
homes, no place to lay our head,
But we always voted for you,
now we wish that we were dead.
We want the legislature to change
the deeds to land,
So it can't be sold forever, like
the bible did command;
Just have it writ upon the deeds,
we want the land for *use*,
And if they don't, we're going to
fight and take the whole caboose.

—Chorus.

They were going for a pardon,
that mighty starving band,
To make USE and OCCUPANCY
the only title deed to land.
They said the Bankers and the
Landlords would all be mad as
hell,
But they didn't seem to give a
damn, for they all knew their
business well.

—Chorus.

BEHOLD THE lilies of Capitalism; they toil not, neither do they spin, neither do they farm, neither do they do any dying for "God and their Country," yet I say unto you that not even Solomon in all his glory had a cinch like unto one of these.

OIL AND HENEQUEN.

According to a New York dispatch of the 6|23|16 to the New Orleans "Times-Picayune," the Oil fields of Tuxpan and Tampico and henequen fields of Yucatan are to be seized first of all other proprties in case of war with Mexico, this declaration coming from "men at the head of large oil interests in the Mexican fields." One of the reasons given for this is that the Carranza Government derives large revenues from oil and henequen, though how Carranza is to derive a revenue, large or otherwise, from oil and henequen he cannot possibly sell or ship, the oil men fail to state. whole product, by employing wage labor. And HERE is where you slave-renters get robbed — it is the WAGE SYSTEM that has been missunderstood so long that it has enslaved and degraded humanity. According to best authority, the wage workers in all industries, only get one fifth of the value that they produce. The wage workers are forced to do all the work in the factories and then give up four fifths of the value so created to the proprietor of factory or mill. So, in either case it is a question of master and servant. The wage earners constitute the consuming market, practically speaking, the world over, and, as there is only one fifth paid into this market in the form of wages, how is it possible for the farmers to get any more than one fifth for the two thirds of his crop he has left after dividing with the landlord? This system takes all the farmer has left which only allows him one eight the true value of his produce. It is absolutely the wage system that is responsible for the want and suffering of the many and gives monopoly to the select few. Land tenantry and the wage system go hand in hand, both carry the slimy carcass of slavery. It was the wage system that made the holding free farmer of yesterday the tenant of today.

And remember, it is the wage system that is going to spread all over the agricultural industry in the near future, for the bankers, landlords will then be in position to fire you at any hour in the day and hire another "Christian"-wage slave to take your place on the farm just as is done in the

But here is a better reason still why the oil fields should be immediately seized; says the dispatch: "The British admirality is more or less dependent upon the output of the Mexican fields for fuel for its battleships. The stoppage of oil shipments from Tampico and Tuxpan would have a trmendous effect on the prosecution of the war." So you can clearly see that it is absolutely necessary for the party that gave the British government the tip that enabled it to arrest Sir Roger Casement and crush the Irish revolt to seize the oil fields, lest the battleships of its ally be more completely put on the rocks than they were at the battle of Skagerack. So the oil fields will be immediately seized, and for the further reason that our beloved fellow citizens, Rockefeller & Co., might lose a few dollars in profits and thus be prevented from sending missionaries to convert the heathen Miners of Colorado.

As for the henequen fields, the dispatch insinuates that these will be seized in order to assure the farmers a supply of binder twine. This news is indeed pathetic. It proves, once more, how dearly the "Democratic" party loves the Farmers—who farm the farmers—for it would never occur to this great party to refasten the death-grip of the Harvester Trust, on the henequen Farmers of Yucatan, Oh, no, — One can look at the large and ever-increasing number of freeholders in Dixie and, beholding how desperately the "Democratic" party strives to make use and occupancy the only title to land in the United States, know that this trust-busting guardian of the common people would never dream of destroying the use and occupancy laws enacted by the revolutionists of Yucatan. Oh, no. Behold how God helps those who help themselves—the oil and harvester trust for instance.

RESPECTABLE PARENTS.

The children had been studying English history and got round to the period of Henry the Seventh.

"Who was Perkin Warbeck?" one of the scholars was asked.

"Perkin Warbeck was a pretender; he pretended to be the son of a king, but he wasn't. He was the son of respectable parents."—Industrial Worker.

AGE OF BONDAGE HERE.

In all the "civilized countries of the world, the Plutocracy is working overtime bonding and bonding and bonding everything in sight and to come. Not a mile of public road and streets is built, not a schoolhouse, not a wharf, not a factory, not a railroad, nor anything else, useful or ornamental or otherwise, that does not call for bonds and more bonds, all of which are to bear interest until Gabriel blows the resurrection trumpet, and after then, if God doesn't call a halt on the "Law-anorder" crowd.

Europe is already swamped with a bonded indebtness (?) such as no one ever dreamed of seeing three short years ago and the United States and other American nations, tho supposed to be at peace, are also busy at the game of bondage.

On these enormous debts (?) the human race is to pay interest without a murmur; that is, to stand from the different States an exploitation no private group of Capitalists and Bankers would dare attempt to put over in their own name.

This is the situation the race is facing—to be compelled by armed force, in the name of "law and order" to pay to the Plutocracy thru the nations a larger proportion of the products of its toil in BONDED USURY than it is now paying under the guise of rent, interest and profit.

Will the race do it? So great an authority as "The London Economist," the leading Capitalist financial journal in the world, has declared in an editorial warning to the International Plutocracy in January 1915, that the race would not stand for it, that it could and would not submit to the frightful exploitation necessary to pay even the interest, much less the principal, on this ocean of bonded indebtness, an indebtness it had no voice in making, and which is most surely would REPUDIATE. "The Economist" further stated in this remarkable editorial, that all the indications pointed to revolutions following the World Was all over Europe. This is the opinion of the greatest capitalist financial paper in the world.

This opinion is correct. You, the Producers, cannot, even if you would, "buy out" the Plutocracy. It is *repudiation*, or slavery intensified a thousandfold. You are up against following Marx's uncompromising slogan, "Expropriate the Expropriators!" or submitting to the most merciless bondage man was ever called upon to endure. Where do YOU stand? For the Industrial Despotism or the Industrial Democracy? For the Plutocratic Servile State or the Social Commonwealth? For the age of Brotherhood of the Age of Bondage? There is no compromise—no "buying them out." It is Socialism or slavery—Industrial Democracy or social death for the toilers in the mills and the tillers of the soil. Up and at them! The fight is on—on with the fight!

I HAD A FRIGHTFUL dream. I dreamed that I was first given a dose of German "Kultur" and then handed a package of British "Democracy" and right on top of that somebody shot into me a hypodermic of American "Patriotism;" then just as I was going completely nuts and was wrapping myself in the folds of the Flag preparatory to jumping off the good old junk, "Christian civilization," somebody else grabbed me and haled me to a Democratic court, where I was prosecuted by a Republican District Attorney before a jury of my peer composed of Progressives and was finally sentenced by a Prohibition Judge and executed by the Burns Detective Agency for "Blasphemy against the Almighty Dollar." I woke up, however, just before I got to heaven (for which I was thankful) and found that the disturbance of my ego had been caused by the epidemic of Democrate prosperity I had been going up against for the past somewhile. That sure was a militaristic nightmare, but it will be as nothing to what the workers will suffer if they let the yellow legs win out.

A Socialist School Teacher with 13 years experience in public schools of Texas and Oklahoma desires a school in a Socialist community.

J. A. Freeland, Reese, Tex.

Mr. A. Mutt: Did you ever see a Lumber King or Banker doing any dying for "THEIR God ($) and Country($)?"

State Office Notes.

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

Schedule of Davis-Hickey Debates.

Coleman, July 13; Hamlin, 14; Sweetwater, 15; Winnsboro, 17; Yoakum, 20.

Encampment Dates.

Sweetwater, July 13, 14, and 15; Charleston, 13, 14, and 15; Santo, 13, 14 and 15; Denton, 12, 13, 14, 15; Desdemonia, ———; Blue Ridge, 12, 13; Bowie, 17, 18, 19; Memphis, 20, 21, 22; O'Brien, 20, 21, 22; Siloam, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Rochester, 3, 4, 5; Cotton Plant, 7, 8, 9; Condon Springs, 14, 15, 16; Bonham, 16, 17, 18, 19; Jayton, 21, 22, 23; Bruceville, 21, 22, 23; Crockett, 27, 28, 29.

Wm. D. SIMPSON — Charleston Encampment, July, 14, 15; Bowie Encampment, 17, 18, 19; Siloam, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Cotton Plant, 7, 8, 9; Bruceville, 21, 22, 23; Crockett, 27, 28, 29.

ARCH LINGAN — Rochester Encampment, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Condon Springs, 14, 15, 16; Jayton, 21, 22, 23.

CLARENCE NUGENT — Rochester Encampment, Aug 3, 4, 5; Condon Springs, 14, 15, 16; Jayton, 21, 22, 23.

LOTTA BURKE — Rochester Encampment, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Condon Springs, 14, 15, 16; Jayton, 21, 22, 23.

E. R. MEITZEN — Denton Encampment, July 15; Bowie, 17, 18, 19; Mineola Aug. 1; Siloam, 3, 4, 5; Cotton Plant, 7, 8, 9; Bruceville, 21, 22, 23; Crockett, 27, 28, 29.

COVINGTON HALL — Charleston Encampment, July 13, 14, 15; Bowie, 17, 18, 19.

T. A. HICKEY — Sweetwater, July 15; Winnsboro, 17; Yoakum, 20; Mineola, Aug. 2; Siloam, 3, 4, 5; Bruceville, 21, 22, 23; Crocket, 27, 28, 29.

MARY B. KULES — Quanah, July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19; O'Brien, 20, 21, 22.

By postponing Jayton Encampment, substituting other speakers at Sweetwater and cancelling Memphis Encampment, the encampment team in west Texas, Lotta Burke, Arch Lingan and Clarence Nugent are left entirely without any appointments in July, after having their instructions to go to these encampments.

To make matters worse, no encampment committee whatever, and none of the Davis-Hickey debate committees (with two exceptions) have forwarded a cent of money on their obligations to the Lecture System Campaign Fund.

This leaves the Lecture System tied hand and foot, right in the middle of the campaign, unable to ask by circular or letter for appointments for speakers idle and on expense, and myself compelled to leave the office and work at my trade for subsistence.

If half of those under obligation to remit to the Lecture System had done so the whole state would be canvassed for appointments and every speaker speaking daily and an immense campaign in full swing.

If you want to unlock this situation order at once one of the speakers sending in the dollar that goes with each order. Order Lingan, Nugent and Lotta Burke at once. Comrade Burke comes from a distant state at great expense, expecting constant employment during July and August. Then order one of these speakers or Simpson, Hall, Meitzen or Hickey for days between encampments. Then you who engaged debates and encampments please pay up at once. I cannot buy postage stamps with gas and promises.

W. J. Bell, Tyler, Texas.

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J. B. Triplett writes that the district mass meeting that was called for July 8, at Clarksville, has been postponed until July 19, and will be held at the Mount Pleasant encampment at that time; the last named place being more centrally located.

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Floyd County.

W. D. Berry, county secretary, asks that all good Socialists meet at the court house in Floydada on July 15, for the purpose of putting out a county and district ticket.

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Kaufman County.

All Socialists of this county are requested to meet at the court house at Kaufman, Saturday, July 15, for the purpose of putting a ticket in the field. J. O. Barton, Secretary.

THINGS TO DO NOW.
This is Addressed to EVERY SOCIALIST.

1. Precinct chairman, call a precinct convention, July 15 (or before July 22) to elect delegates to County Convention. If you have no precinct chairman, get one quick. If he is asleep, wake him up.

2. See that your precinct convention nominates or ratifies nomination, already made for precinct political officers, filling vacancies on the ticket, and see that it elects a new precinct chairman.

3. County Chairman — Call a County Convention July 22, at which elect delegates to a State Convention and delgates to District Conventions of all Districts your county is in: Congressional, Senatorial, Legislative, Judicial or Supreme Judicial. If you have no county chairman, get one quick.

4. See that your County Convention nominates or ratifies nomination, already made for all county political officers, filling vacancies on the ticket, and see that it elects a new County Chairman. (Call a State Representative a county officer if his district is one county.)

5. Chairman and Secretary of County Convention: Prepare, sign and file with County Judge and County Clerk a report of nominations made by the convention for all county officers, stating where, when and how nominations were made. Report in same way precinct nominations.

Also, make report to the State Convention and to each District Convention of the delegates elected for such convention.

6. COUNTY CHAIRMAN: You are a member of EVERY DISTRICT COMMITTEE of every district your county is in, Congressional, Senatorial, Flotorial, Judicial or Supreme Judicial. If you and the County Chairmen of the other counties have not met, or by mail elected one of your number as DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, do it at once, with the County Chairmen of the counties in each district. If you can find no other County Chairmen in a district YOU ARE THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN.

7. DISTRICT CHAIRMEN: Call a District Convention for Aug. 26, in your Congressional, Senatorial or Flotorial District, and if you have men to qualify for Judicial office, call conventions in your Judicial or Supreme Judicial District. As all District Conventions are on the same day you can usually bunch all the conventions at the same place, one to follow another.

8. Chairman and Secretary of each District convention, prepare, sign and mail to the Secretary of State at Austin, a report of the nominations of your convention, whether Congressman, State Senator, Floater, Judge or District Attorney.

9. It is the duty of EVERY COUNTY CHAIRMAN to see that EVERY DISTRICT COMMITTEE of every district his county is in calls a District Convention to nomiate Congressman, State Senator, and Floater and Judicial officers where we have men to qualify for Judicial officers.

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The Socialist of Lavaca county will hold a three day encampment on Rocky Creek, six miles south of Hallettsville, in the central part of the county, on July 20, 21 and 22. Lavaca county is the home of the Rebel and at the last election over 30 per cent of the voters of the entire county voted the Socialist ticket. It is generally admitted that the Socialist will elect some of their candidates at the coming election.

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Notice Comrades.

Leland G. Baker, Socialist nominee for congress of the 12th district of Texas and J. A. Freeland of Reese, Tex., nominee for superintendent of public instruction, have formed a picnic team and are filling dates together or separately. Liberal terms for either single or doubles dates. For terms write Leland G. Baker. "The Singing Socialist," 113 Main St., Fort Worth, Tex.

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F. P. Parker reports the holding of a successful mass meeting at Centerville, July 8, at which time a complete county ticket was put in the field.

TO THE COMRADES OF WHEELER COUNTY:

I made a proposition to the editor of our county paper here to furnish him a certain number of subs for so much space in his paper, and he told me to just "cut my wolf loose," and he would publish what I wrote. I have been furnishing an article from one to two columns every week for about three months. He told me today that the Socialists were not sending in their subs as they should.

Now comrades, how can you expect him to give us space when you won't take his paper.

A great many will read my articles in his paper that won't read a Socialist paper at all.

Comrades, if you are interested in building up the cause in this county send in your sub at once. Get the paper and pass it on to your neighbor.

I am sending the paper to four myself and have paid for it.

I am hearing the snubs jeer and persecution of a mammon-worshipping world and hypocritical church member and cut myself from practically all support as a preacher pleading the cause of the workers. It looks like you could help just a little in the work that is so badly needed.

I could denounce Socialism and make a living preaching; but I am not going to do it, if they stone me in the middle of the road.

Yours for the work,

G. A. Lamberth.

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Lufkin, Texas, June 24, 1916.

I officially declare Comrade J. B. Truitt of Huntington, Tex., the Congressional Nominee for the Second Congressional District, without a referendum, as he was the only one that accepted. Comrade Ben F. Evans of Nacogdoches is the Chairman of this District.

Comrade Truitt is an able speaker, and any one wanting his services as an organizer will please write me. $2.00 per day and entertainment, he paying his own traveling expenses if in the Second District.

Yours Fraternally,
Jno. M. Yarbrough.
Sec. S. P., Secong Cong. Dist.

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W. H. Smith, county chairman of Van Zandt county, requests all Socialists and sympathizers to meet him in a county meeting at Myrtle Spring on Saturday, July 15.

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Smith County.

All Socialists are called upon to meet in mass meeting at the court house in Tyler on July 15. Now be on hand as there is some very important business to attend to. R. S. Keller, Co. Sec.

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Local secretaries and members-at-large in the 15th Congressional District will please make your reports direct to C. T. Echols, Corpus Christi, who has been elected District Secretary.

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Fourteenth District.

The live wire Socialist, J. T. Johnson, of Goldthwaite, has recently been elected Secretary of the 14th District. Local secretaries and members-at-large will please make your reports to him.

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Titus County.

Dr. I. T. Riddle of Mount Pleasant advises this office that the Socialists of Titus county will hold a three day encampment at or near Mount Pleasant, July 17, 18 and 19th.

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REVOLUTION.

Friedrich Nietzche.

There the gallows, rope and hooks,
And the hangman's beard is red;
People 'round and poisoned looks,
Nothing new and nothing dread!
Know it well—from filthy sources,
Laughing in your face I cry:
Would you hang me? Save your forces!
Why hang me who cannot die!

Beggars ye! who hate the tougher
Man who holds the envied lot;
True I suffer, true I suffer—
As to you—ye rot, ye rot!

I am breath, dew, all resources.
After fifty hangings. Why?
Would you hang me? Save your forces!
Would you kill me who cannot die!

OUR REBS.

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J. A. Chapman joins in the fight for land and liberty and sends in the names of six exploited brothers whom he says are looking for a way out.

J. P. Skelton, who is on the Oklahoma firing line all the time, reports again this week with a bunch of captives.

N. J. Green sends a club and orders six extra shells. The battle is getting warmer as the days go by.

J. K. Larue sends in six patients who are to be treated until election time and adds that he hopes the cure will be a lasting one.

J. P. Huffaker sends the cash to have ten friends treated for donkitis.

C. R. St. Clair sends in a club, orders literature and extra copies of the Rebel to use in his charges against the enemy.

J. P. Bryson sends a rush order for a bundle of the aniversary edition and six sub cards which are sure to be called for as soon as the sample copies he hands out are read.

D. G. Boone, 70 years young, whose heart is aflame with zeal for the cause, gets on the firing line this week and says that he is there to stay.

I. N. Woodhaus, an Alabama red, gets on the firing line again this week.

J. W. Smith, reports from Mississippi to let it be known that he is still in the fight for the cause of liberty and right.

C. H. Lloyd sends a club of five from Arkansas, and says he landed all of them in less than five minutes by just stating the Rebel's position on the land question.

J. H. Moore writes from Pennsylvania saying: Here are four subs to the Rebel as a result of reading a copy of the Yucatan edition.

C. K. Hart renews his subscription and orders a bundle to distribute among the Nebraska's comrades.

From the firing line comes reports from the following captains: Geo Lloyd, J M Johnson, W D Owen, P T Peyton, T J Parrish, A J Williams, B M Mullins, D G Jones, S W Snell, Aug Seipp, J W Morrison, Joe Heaslet, W C Garner, J J Kent, J H Leonard, W P Ray, J W Richburg.

LAND, TIME AND MAN.

For the benefit of the professor of economics and sociology let us compress twelve books of philosophy to twelve lines:

1. Land and time were not made by man.
2. Land and time are for the use of all mankind.
3. Man has no property rights in land and time.
4. Use of land and time creates value.
5. Values belong to those who used time.
6. Time improved by brawn or brain is labor.
7. Labor is the only true standard of value.
8. One hour of useful work is the unit of value.
9. Change "dollar" to hour and we have social justice.
10. The hour medium if exchanged could not get into the laws of parasites.
11. "The land shall not be sold orever.' — Leviticus, xxv-23.
12. Land could not be bought under the labor standard of value.

RICHEST MEN IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From Philadelphia Bulletin.)

John D. Rockefeller, $500,000,000; Andrew Carnegie, $300,000,000; J. P. Morgan, $150,000,000; Wm. Rockefeller, $100,000,000; W. K. Vanderbilt, $100,000,000; John Jacob Astor, $100,000,000; W. A. Clark, $100,000,000; H. C. Frick, $80,000,000; H. M. Flagler, $6,000,000; J. J. Hill, $ 0,000,000; John D. Archbold, $50,000,000. Four great fortunes are held by women through inheritance. Mrs. Russell Sage has over $85,000,000; Mrs. Hetty Green, $80,000,000; Mrs. William Henry Smith, $70,000,000, and Mrs. F. C. Penfield (who was Anne Weightman Walker), $60,000,000. These figures are estimates only. Of course, information of this kind cannot be obtained with absolute accuracy.

GETTING TIRED.

Clarence Dubose, political staff correspondent for the Gal-Dal News writes from Greenville, Tex. June 24: "So far this year political interest has been at a low ebb and many candidates for high office have been speaking to mere handfuls." That refers only to the state candidates of the Democratic party. The Socialist speakers are having the greatest crowd in the history of the movement. The people are getting tired of hot air and piecrust promises and are turning in droves to the only party that represents the interests of the toilers.

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Westmoreland	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.00
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Craddock's Fine Old Corn	[illegible]	4.25	[illegible]
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Good Rock & Rye and Peach and Honey	2.50	3.65	7.00
Good Blackberry Wine and Cordial	2.50	3.65	7.00
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Guckenheimer	4.50	6.25	[illegible]
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Sherley	5.00	7.00	12.00
Old Ripy	[illegible]	7.00	12.00
Old Kentucky Comfort	5.00	7.00	12.00
Joel B. Frazier	5.00	7.00	12.00
Green River	5.00	7.00	12.00
I. W. Harper	5.00	7.00	12.00
Mum's Extra Rye	5.00	7.00	[illegible]
Old Saratoga	5.50	7.50	13.00
Old Forester	5.50	7.50	13.00
Old Jordan	6.00	8.50	[illegible]
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