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Jeff and Mutt McLemore's Platform

The Texas Dunks placed more hands around their ears when they decked Jeff Mott McLemore, the anti, and Cyclone Davis, the man without a celluloid collar, as our representative at large in congress some two short years ago.

After an exhaustive research aided by the pundits of the Smithsonian Institute The Rebel is enable to find which of the gentlemen is entitled to the place of honor in the hall of fame that contains the pictures of America's greatest humorist. When Cyclone Davis shed his collar and attacked Jeff Davis and his adorned General Miles in the interest of our immortal democracy The Rebel thought he had won the palm. But later when the Houston congressman-at-large introduced a resolution that was laid on the table and never lifted we swayed from our first love and prepared to take up the cudgels for Mutt.

After long and careful consideration we come to the conclusion that our second conclusion was correct because it seems that Mutt McLemore has issued a platform that for clean, pure unadulterated humor beats anything that Bill Nye ever pulled off when he published the Boomerang over a livery stable in Wyoming. From this week's issue of State Topics, Houston, Tex., we find his announcement for re-election, subject to the anti-Democratic primary which will convene on July 22 in all counties where obnoxious citizens who have white skins and who have bought poll taxes the previous January may participate in and vote. The anti-Democratic ticket and there solemly promise that they won't change their minds until the following November which is a profoundly safe and sane proposition for who in blazes ever heard of a Donk having a mind.

Our Statesman who has Roosevelt, Ford, Bryan, Wilson and Charley Murphy backed off the map says the people are confronted with leading questions and he boldly steps in and lays them on the table as follows:

"1. I am for adequate preparedness, but for a preparedness only that would mean self-protection and not militarism.

This is indeed a stroke of genius and Mutt can secure an alibi from the Kaiser because that gentleman and his father, Von Moltke, and other hyphonated beings have preached the same doctrine from Sedan to Liege. This point should alone put the Cyclone out of the running. Now take off your hats to number 2, of Jeff's platform:

I am, as I have always been, unalterably opposed to the principles of state-wide and nation wide prohibition.

Not since Col. Mulberry Sellers proposed to sell four million bottles of rye wash to the natives of South America has there been anything better pulled than this because of its startling originality. He writes this at a time when the Democratic convention at San Antonio has split into component parts; one standing for nation wide and the other standing for state wide prohibition, while Jeff, bless his little heart, is for neither a nation wider, a state wider, a local option, or an other such fool thing.

Jeff goes on to say that he is in favor of a marketing bureau which all ordinary people believes is the province of the farmer himself. While some unfriendly critics have said he never labored he points to the facts that he is a friend of labor. He opposes woman suffrage which shows the deep trend of the man's mind because, he has written enough to fill the encyclopedia Brittieannia to show why he is a bachelor. He is profoundly interested in controlling Texas rivers and anybody that knows anything about Texas rivers, knows what an enormous job that is. And finally he believes that our commerce should go to all quarters of the world with which we are at peace and furthermore he is in favor of an open sea. So The Rebel says, Hurrah for the open seas. Up with Texas rivers as far as we can push them. Hurrah for the national preparedness and down with Cyclone Davis who has failed the democracy in its hour of need, for now it has been found that Jeff Mutt's vocabulary is bigger and wider than Cyclone's.

The Rebel stands for Jeff Mutt McLemore for president.

A GREAT SATIRIST.

A philosopher one time said satire and humor are so close akin that it is hard for the wisest to distinguish between them. How true this is may be found in a recent interview with John D. Rockefeller, Jr. He was asked why he wouldn't spend $10,000,000 towards cleaning up if not abolishing the horrible tenement houses of New York. His answer proclaims him a greater Satirist than the wonderful Irishman, Dean Swift, who wrote "Gulliver's Travels." What do you think he did? He threw a hook worm at the interviewer. In your doubt, friend reader, The Rebel hands you this wonderful reply as recorded in the Houston Post-Dispatch of recent date:

Proud of Hookworm Campaign.

"You probably don't realize," said he, "the work we have done and are going to advance medical science. The extermination of the hookworm disease, for example. It is believed that almost half the inhabitants of the earth live in the zone which is subject to this — did you know that? We believe it is the hookworm largely which has held back certain parts of the South. We think in driving forward this work we are doing a great service to humanity, as if we rid the city of tenements," smiled Mr. Rockefeller blandly.

The lady interviewer, after she had recovered from the shock and felt around herself to see if the hookworm was close, replied: Again we quote from the Houston Chronicle.

"I know. But the hookworm seems so remote somehow. The tenements are so human, so close to us, so directly to blame for crime and illness. It would be such fun rooting them out and putting little parks in their places and building new, clean, light homes."

To which Mr. Rockefeller replied: "You must remember the work the Rockefeller foundation is doing."

Then the lady interviewer jumped from the New York tenement question to Colorado and as she expressed it: "She was afraid that Rockefeller would ring the bell and have her thrown out." Her question was about the social life among the Colorado miners and whether in his recent visit he had taken part in a dance there. We read:

"I did," asserted John D. positively. "I'm very fond of dancing. When I was in Colorado I suggested having a dance at a camp. We had it, and it was a big success. When my wife read about it she wrote me that I seemed to be making myself more popular through my ballroom accomplishments than any other way!"

Understanding thoroughly that John D. Jr., told the truth about this matter and remembering that the dance was held actually over the graves of Ludlow Plains and the women and children that were burned at Ludlow on April 21, 1914. The Rebel would rise to admit who would doubt our statement that John D. Jr., is the greatest satirist of modern times. Now let every genuine Standard Oil Bailey Democrat in Texas vote the grand old ticket in consideration of the genius of Bailey's employer.

The Anti-Democratic party held its state convention in San Antonio last week. They are now known as hyphenated pros.

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THE SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION.

Imagine 800 delegates elected from 252 counties out of 253 in Texas (one county, Crane, has not one freeholder.) Then imagine 600 out of 800 delegates elected to put through what is termed the principle of prohibition.

Then if you are a Pro and live at the grass roots or at the forks of the creek somewhere imagine your feeling when you wake up after the convention is over and find that the 200 Antis had captured everything in sight from the "gallant 600."

The Idol of the convention was the life long Anti, Joe Bailey, and every time he mounted the platform voted from the body of the hall was nominated on a committee or cast a ballot the Pros rocked and swayed in an ecstasy of enthusiasm for the great Anti.

Then imagine the Anti governor, the man who made the black flag anti speech in which he declared he would hit all prohibition legislation with an ax, potted, fa wned and voted for by the Pros.

Imagine then 16 delegates elected to the national convention at St. Louis by the 600 Pros and figure your astonishment when you find that 13 of the 16 were Antis. Then figure of the four electors at large, three of them are Antis, and all elected by the Pros.

Imagine then the Anti-Saloon League wrecked so badly that you could not pick up the pieces in a sieve and the champion of the Anti-Saloon forces, Thomas B. Love of Dallas, decisively beaten for national committeeman.

Imagine the Rev. Dr. Barton, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, literally spat upon and reviled in this overwhelming Pro convention and grossly insulted from the platform by Joe Bailey when he dared him to say whether he would stick to his job or the Democratic party and did so amidst a hurricane of cheers from the Pros.

Imagine then Ulysieuis Quintis Watson and Jake Wolters standing behind the scenes pulling the wires and the Pros dance.

Imagine all this and multiply it a hundred times and you have a faint idea of the mental and moral degredation that the pro forces have sunk to.

No gentle reader, if you had of imagined all these things you would not be suffering from a nightmare or an over dose of opium you would simply be reading the record of the state convention of the Democratic party held in San Antonio on May 23-24 and as duly recorded in the daily press. In fact what is printed above might be termed a synopsis of the minutes of this great Donk convention, that is said by some old-timers to be the most sensational convention every held by the Democratic party in Texas.

Let us look at this convention from another angle. Of the eight hundred and odd delegates present there was not heard the voice of one actual farmer or renter and indeed it is very doubtful if there was one farmer or wage worker present either as delegate or alternate in the convention hall. And this significant fact appears that if we are to judge the convention by its officers, its orators and those who were elected as delegates, electors or national committemen at least 95 per cent were white handed, suave, polished lawyers

The national committeman about whom such a row was raised was Poindexter, a typical court house square landlord lawyer from Johnson county, and he ran against another banker insurance lawyer named Love from Dallas. The two floor leaders of the anti and pro forces were Lawyer Hanger of Fort Worth and Lawyer Ball of Houston. The principal orator for the pros was Lawyer Cullen Thomas of Dallas, who forgot his grabbing of the sites around the new postoffice in that town long enough to fight in the pro convention for the Anti cause: The principal orator and dominant figure of the convention, Joe Bailey, left his law office in Washington to participate in the fray; The next biggest figure, Eighty Per Cent Jim, who as a lawyer used to shave his clients before he started shaving notes. Of the 16 delegates to St. Louis 15 are lawyers and I am not sure of the sixteenth. The four electors-at-large are all lawyers: The chairman of the convention, Tese of Hillsboro, is a lawyer, also the secretary, Kirk of Houston, and the two big men behind, Wolters and Watson, fought from the trenches with law licenses in their pockets. R. L. Henry, the only United States senatorial aspirant who was present, is a lawyer and incidentally his air Democratic opponents who were not present are also lawyers if we include Brooks who is doctor of law and logic.

The Dallas delegation, which was the storm center of the fight had Lawyer Bailey, present mayor and millionaire insurance man and aspirant for governor two years hence. He was savagely fought by Lawyer Jim Collins of the Dallas delegation. The rest of the convention was of the same type as its leaders, officers and orators and elected delegates. In fact a careful scrutiny of the personnel of the convention would show that the only ones participating who were not lawyers were a pass boy who were not old enough and Pat O'Keefe, of Dallas who was made sergeant-at-arms, and danced an Irish jig whenever the big band played.

If an actual farmer or industrial worker, be he miner, oil driller, railroad man or engaged in public work should have shown up at the convention the moving picture men would have made a Charley Chaplin of him after he had been blindfolded, gagged and backed into this legal assemblage which styled itself the State Convention of the Democratic party of Texas.

Think of the state of Texas torn up over the regulation of an appetite, and then the regulators going false to the principle upon which they stood in a state where out of 253 counties 186 are entirely dry. Could not the principle of to eal option destroy the seven wet and the few semi-wet counties? For this they have torn a passion to rags. For this they have spilled oceans of ink and used forests of lead pencils but The Rebel and every intelligent man in Texas knows that in the nature of things the issue is a false issue introduced and maintained for the purpose of keeping the exploited masses away from the land question.

It was a clever lawyer trick. It was a clever banker trick and an exceedingly clever landlord trick and indeed if you can unite the words corporation and trick, the trick has already been consecrated by the blood of women and children who died at Ludlow under the order of America's greatest prohibitionist, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Some of the old time Rebel readers will remember that the first leading article in the first issue of The Rebel nearly five years ago carried a big double column headline that read: "THE FAKE OF PROHIBITION", and every incident from that day to this of major importance upon the political field not only in Texas, but throughout the entire south, shows the correctness of our position, which is that the prohibition movement in the Democratic party is nothing but a blind used by the lawyers and bankers and landlords to confuse the real issue which is the land issue, that and nothing more.

Long and hard have we toiled to carry this truth to the landless of the south. In the battling we have destroyed a Ramsey and a Ball and exposed a cheap Ferguson all to the end that the landless men of the south will organize on the industrial and political plain, to throw the harpies off their back that have wrecked their home and blackened the bright visions of their future.

For the fair pure white woman of the south and the honest men who are prohibitionists the Rebel has now and always nothing but the most profound respect. But just as in other days we warned them against the fallacy of expecting any hope for their cause from the party that by its record reveals itself as the pliant tool of the few who own the land, the currency system and the industries of the nation.

The Socialists of Texas may well congratulate themselves upon the fact that not one of them darkened the doors of the San Antonio convention. They are wise in their generation. Not from hurling within but by smashing from without can our great cause win.

The Republican party that now before the worlds' eyes was with the Democratic party as to which shall sink the lowest in hinge kneed obsequence to predatory wealth was from the moment when it was born as a third party, under the Oaks in Michigan, a tremendous power for the upbuilding of social and economic development until the day that Lincoln died.

Did these young Republicans stay inside the Whig party progress was impossible but by coming out and building a party of their own the advance of the race was made possible and so with the Socialist party of today. We have left the sinking ship of landlordism and we would scuttle it instantly if we could, but in the meantime we will rain shot and shell upon that black flag craft until with the Baileys, Fergusons, Balls and Thomases it sinks beneath the waters of our national life.

One of the great facts brought out by this San Antonio convention that must grip the heart and mind of every actual farmer and wage worker in Texas is that there was not as much as the whisper of a proposal to deal with the land and usury questions, either state or nation wide. True enough it is that there was state wide booze and nation wide booze, state wide woman suffrage and nation wide woman suffrage discussions galore, but why 117,000,000 acres of tillable land should be held out of cultivation in this state was not even dreamed of in all the conclaves and caucuses and open discussions in the convention. It is this vital fact that places the Democratic party of Texas outside the pale of modern statesmanship and reveals it for what it is—The voice of the landlord usurer group that has in the past and is now retarding the development of Texas, shutting its home seeking and promising its people and thereby making a bloody revolution almost inevitable.

The San Antonio convention shows the Democratic machine of Texas in all its nakedness both pro and anti, progressive and constrvative. They cannot make a disclaimer for their crime. They cannot talk about stuffed ballots and fake referendums. 800 delegates were present at one time in one hall and went on record by omission as the party of the landlord and usurer. In fact and person they were the landlords and usurers.

Would to God that the growing Land League of the south that has many veterans, had a million trained recruits, then the Democratic convention would have held its last state convention and if the relics of this last intellectual debauch dare show their faces in Texas they would be properly dumped in the Red River, the Rio Grande, the Brazos, the Trinity or the Gulf and R. L. Henry would have to open the way from Galveston to Waco to carry the carcass of a Ferguson or a Ball to their proper resting place.

Suppose the Love-Thomas-Sheppard-Barton forces absolutely controlled the convention, and then suppose this state was a dry as the uppermost ends of the plains in a prolonged drouth and that the nation wide prohibition law was in effect so that a wall were erected around all Texas from El Paso to Texarkana and from Higgins to Beaumont so that not one of the 4,000,000 inhabitants could take any more intoxicants in a year than a Chinese cooley: Would there then be one acre of the 117,000,000 acres in Texas held out of use for speculative purposes released? Would there be one new home built? Would there be one less in the ever increasing army of tenants? Would the 65,000 mortgaged farmers receive the slightest lessening in the load they carry? No, a thousand times no, and the fives of Poindexter and Love and Ball, Campbell and Barton, not to talk of the orthodox church of the south and the lives of Bailey and Eighty Per Cent Ferguson and Watson and Wolters and all the tribe and clan of the Democratic party, both Pro and Anti, that has brought Texas to her knees after fifty years of mal-administracion answers NO. Not one damn one of these rascals, Pro or Anti, have any solution for the frightful condition that beset us now. Down with them is the lesson of the San Antonio convention

Ferguson the Usurer

Mr. Arch Lingan, our candidate for congressman-at-large, has written to us asking for the Ferguson note that we published last year with the cotton contract appended that gave the governor the title of "eighty per cent Jim."

We are sorry that we could not oblige our able comrade for the reason that the note is now in the possession of the United States government, it having been handed in to the Commission on Industrial Relations when they held their historic meeting in Dallas last year, at the close of which Chairman Frank P. Walsh stated "that the commission found conditions in Texas bordering on a state of serfdom." However the note and cotton contract is better than we could put it because in the 100,000 copies of the Industrial Relations Report that congress ordered published recently, Mr. Ferguson's note will occupy a prominent place. For the benefit of Mr. Lingan and the scores of speakers who will be on the stump this summer for the Socialist party attacking usurers that run the Democratic party, we publish the note and cotton contract and we will give a five years subscription to The Rebel to the first man or woman who will figure out exactly what was the rate of interest that the poor Bell county farmer paid and the profit that Ferguson made. To sum up the problem you must work out; if you will read over note and cotton contract carefully you will find that the farmer has the money for 105 days.

Now read the document carefully and tell me how much usury and other profit Governor Ferguson received. Here it is verbatim:

(NOTE.) | No.
BELTON, TEXAS, May 20, 1905. | Due
On October 1st 1905 after date, without grace for | $11.25
value received, I, we, or either of us, promise to pay to the order of THE BELTON TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY, at their office in Belton, Texas, Ten Dollars, with interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from date until paid, and ten per cent. additional on amount of principal and interest unpaid for attorney's fees if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

T. E. Allamon.

Paid Sept-20.
B. F. Ea. Co.
By O. W. Sherman.

COTTON CONTRACT:

Due — Contract $ —

In consideration of services to be rendered to the undersigned, by JAS. E. FERGUSON, in aiding me to sell my cotton for the best market price in the fall of 1905, and, whereas, the undersigned has, or have, agreed, and now agree, to consign and deliver to the said JAS. E. FERGUSON, at Belton, Texas, one bale of Cotton by the first day of October, 1905, to be sold by him for account of the undersigned, for which service the said JAS. E. FERGUSON agrees to charge, and the undersigned to pay, $1.00 per bale on all cotton received from the undersigned, under said agreement, which said charge of $1.00 per bale shall include his commission and all charges on said cotton, excepting freights, bill of lading charges, all extra charges accruing on said cotton after being held for one month, and all expenses for putting unmerchantable cotton in merchantable condition; and, whereas, the said JAS. E. FERGUSON has prepared dition; and, whereas, the said JAS. E. FERGUSON has prepared himself and agreed to hold himself in readiness to receive and sell said cotton on said terms, the undersigned on his or their part to agree that if he or they refuse or fail from any cause whatever to consign to the said JAS. E. FERGUSON the said number of bales of cotton by the dates stipulated in this contract, in order to compensate him, the undersigned will pay the said JAS. E. FERGUSON, at his office, in Belton, Texas, $1.00 for each and every bale of cotton short of the number of bales agreed to be consigned and delivered to him as aforesaid; the said $1.00 per bale agreed by the undersigned to be the amount of actual damages for the refusal or failure on the part of the undersigned to comply with this contract, and which said sum of $1.00 per bale the undersigned promise and agree to pay to the said JAS. E. FERGUSON, in Belton, as aforesaid, on demand.

All amounts which may be owing at any time by the undersigned to the said JAS. E. FERGUSON, and all dealings and transactions between the said JAS. E. FERGUSON, and the undersigned, shall be adjusted and payable at Belton, Texas, and the non-payment of any amount of said indebtedness to the said JAS. E. FERGUSON, when due, shall, at his option, at once mature and render due immediately the whole of said indebtedness to him, and render due immediately the whole of said indebtedness, or to become due in any manner on every account, and said indebtedness shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum after maturity until paid, and ten per cent additional on amount of principal and interest unpaid, for attorney's fees, if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

Witness My hand at Belton, Texas, this 20th day of May, 1905.

T. E. Allamon.

NATIONAL SOCIALIST ELECTION.

Adolph Germer was elected National executive Secretary of the Socialist party by a majority of 2,586 in the referendum just closed. Anna A. Maley, John M. Work and John Spargo received the highest majority of the total vote cast. The National Executive committee just elected, will take office July 1st and will be composed of Victor L. Berger, Morris Hillquit, Anna A. Maley, John M. Work and John Spargo.

The National Executive Committee will meet on July 1, to draft a national platform which will afterwards be submitted to a referendum vote. It is unfortunate that all the five members are from industrial centers and the south has not a representative on the committee. None of the five either by voice or pen have ever shown that they are acquainted with the land question. We shall watch with exceeding care that a proper land plank is presented to the committee for adoption. It might be advisable to suggest to the committee the necessity of having some authorities on the land question such as A. M. Simmons and Pat Nagel or H. O. Meitzen in conference on the subject. The N. E. C. when drafting the platform should take into consideration the fact that the south today is overwhelmingly agricultural and it is planks dealing with handicaps and usury that appeals to the Southern people.

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ANNIVERSARY EDITION.

Allan L. Benson and Geo. R. Kirkpatrick, our standard bearers in the presidency with Eugene V. Debs, Kate O'Hare, Covington Hall, E. R. and E. O. Meitzen and other famous writers will have special articles in the Rebel when we celebrate our fifth anniversary with a hundred thousand copies on July 1. The locals have commenced to order heavily already.

The Democratic convention at San Antonio of the Anti-Democratic party was thrown into a condition of frightful excitement when the news spread through hall like lightening that an actual farmer was present. Flip-flop Hill and Colonel Joe Bailey, who butted into Jim Ferguson, knocked over Tom Ball and jumped a straddle of the miscreant. After the initiate man was pried loose from his enemies it was found that he was a briefless lawyer from Bastell county who had just completed a course of journalism in the Texas University of Texas and consequently could not be identified by the legal bunch. Flit Flop is sorry he struck a brother.

HOW TO NOMINATE LEGALLY

(KEEP FOR REFERENCE.)

Cisco, Tex., May 25, 1916.

To The Socialists of Texas:

With the nomination of such great standard bearers as Benson and Kirkpatrick, Debs and Meitzen and Noble, with the tremendous national and state campaign already in full swing, accentuated by the soul-inspiring victories and gains in the city elections of Schenectady, Milwaukee and Chicago, it would be anything short of a crime if your county or district did not have full tickets in the field.

So that there may be no excuse left for any county or precinct where there is so much as a corporal's guard of Socialists from swinging in line with the tremendous political campaign that is now on in Texas, with the membership increasing as never before, we submit herewith complete instructions on how to legally nominate precinct, county and district candidates:

County and Precinct Candidates.

Many counties have already held mass meetings and put out county and precinct tickets. This is a good idea, and we hope many more counties will follow suit, as this serves to keep near-Socialists out of the primaries. However, legal formalities are required before the names of such nominees can be placed in the official ballot next November. We will explain them in detail so that anyone may know how to proceed.

1. The first thing you must have is a county chairman and a county executive committee, the chairman being the mainspring.

2. Remember that the county chairman and executive committee, who served in 1914 legally held over until county convention day, July 29, 1916, when their successors are elected. But if the chairman has resigned the county executive committee can meet and name a successor. The committee can also legally fill any vacancies in the committee.

3. However, if there is not much of the committee left to fill such vacancies, the quickest and simplest way is for the last some local or county secretary call a county mass meeting of all Socialists at some place and there select a county chairman and one county committeeman from each justice precinct.

4. At the same time this mass meeting can nominate a county and precinct ticket. In publishing this ticket be careful to announce that it is subject to ratification of the legal county convention in August.

5. The County Chairman and Committee now being legally named (just so you have all the able justice precinctes reported on this committee) the next duty is to meet on June 12, 1916 for the purpose of writing a call (through the newspapers (or circular letter if necessary) for the legal precinct conventions on July 29 and the county convention on July 29,1916. They will also appoint a chairman for each voting precinct (if possible) to look after the holding of the precinct conventions as well as to look after the campaign in their precinct. A list of such precinct chairmen (with their addresses) should be at once forwarded to the state secretary (W. T. Webb, Cisco, Tex.,) so that he may be in constant and direct touch with all voting precincts in the course of the present campaign. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

The County Committee should also prescribe and publish qualifications for those that take part in or are elected delegates by precinct conventions. Last year, by request the bona fide Socialists who have paid their dues and are legally exempt therefrom, etc. The County Committee may take such other steps on this day as they may deem wise to make the various conventions a success and to give all your proceedings neatly and briefly and hand to your local newspapers for publication, especially the call for the conventions and the names of precinct chairmen.

6. As stated the precinct conventions are held on July 22, 1916, in as many voting precincts as there are Socialists to make them. They should be called by each precinct chairman to meet at some convenient place (preferably near the polling place) at a stated time.

Notice of such meeting may be made through local newspapers or merely by writing out and posting up call in several public places.

7. The Chairman in each precinct conventions will be careful to see that all who take part therein are legal voters and Socialists and have not voted in a primary election or convention of other party that year. The main purpose of such conventions is to select one delegate for every 25 votes (or major fraction thereof) cast for the Socialist candidate for governor in November, 1914 to the county convention of your precinct polled less than 13 votes elect a delegate anyway, only he has a half or third vote as the case may be.

Such delegates may go instructed or uninstructed as to county and precinct candidates depending on whether candidates have already been selected. Any other steps looking toward a thorough lining up of the forces may be taken.

8. The next big step is the county convention to be held on July 29, 1916, composed of delegates from precinct conventions as above stated,each such delegate having credentials signed by his precinct chairman. The duties of this meeting are:

a) To select a county and precinct ticket, as complete as possible. If a ticket has already been selected at previous mass meetings or referendums the convention nominates such ticket again. If a partial ticket has been previously named, this convention may also fill out vacancies. Remember that representatives are considered county officers if their district does not run beyond the county.

b) To select one delegate for every 300 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Socialist nominee for governor in the county in 1914 to represent the county in the state convention; also one such delegate to all district conventions of which the county is a part. (These delegates should be instructed to vote for the various state, and district candidates previously nominated by party referendum.)

c) To elect a county chairman and one county executive committeeman from each justice precinct, also see that each voting precinct has a precinct chairman.

d) To adopt such resolutions or programs as may be valuable in a county campaign.

9. Immediately after this convention adjourns the county chairman shall perform the following legal duties:

a) Make out a certified list of delegates (with their addresses) chosen by each county convention and all county and district conventions and shall sign his name, attested to by the secretary of the county convention, and shall immediately send the list of state convention delegates to the state chairman (Pat Nagel, Austin, Tex.) and of district convention delegates to each district chairman of his district, by registered mail.

b) Next he shall prepare and fill out the following certificate and hand to the county clerk of his county.

Tex., July 29, 1916.

County Clerk,
——— County:

This certifies that at a county convention of the Socialist party in and for ——— County, held at ——— Tex., on Saturday, July 29, 1916, between the hours of ——— and ———, — m., the following candidates for county and precinct offices were duly nominated, to be placed in the Socialist party column of the official ballot.

(Here give name of office and the names of candidates. Be careful to give correct number of representative district or precincts.)

This further certifies that at the same convention the following county chairman and executive committee were selected:

(Here give names and addresses.)

(Signed) ———
Chairman Executive Committee,
Socialist Party, ——— County.
Attest:
Secretary of Convention.

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DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

1. In the first place remember that under the law a county chairman is a member of all district committees of all districts of which his county is a part. If there is no district chairman for a given district some county chairmen therein will merely get together with the other county chairmen (if he is the only one, then get together with himself) in such district by mail or otherwise and elect a district chairman. A live county chairman (or congressional district secretary) can in this way get every district organized in his jurisdiction. (I will soon publish a list of all county chairmen in the state up to date, for this reason we wait every year to fill out the blank at the bottom of this circular. By doing this we will make it easy for chairmen to get district going that are now dead).

2. When a district chairman is elected, his duties are as follows:

a) By and with consent of his district committee, issue and publish a call (at least ten days prior thereto) for a district convention to be held on August 26, 1916, at some definite time and place, notifying all Socialist organizations concerned.

(Remember no one can act as county or district chairman or run for an elected officer or candidate for office.)

b) With the executive committee prepare a list of delegates from the various counties composing his district, which have been previously certified to him by the various county chairmen and present such list to the convention.

c) Regardless of the fewness of the delegates present at such district convention, the district chairman will "go through the formality" of selecting a district candidate and AT ONCE send to the Secretary of State, Austin, Texas, and to each county clerk in the district (by registered mail) the names of nominees, using a form about as follows:

——— Tex., Aug. ——, 1916.

To the County Clerk (or Sec. of State)
——— County,
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Dear Sir:—

This certifies that at a convention of the Socialist party in and for the ——th ——— District of Texas, held at ———, Texas, on the 26th day of August, 1916, between the hours of ——— and ———, Mr. ——— of ———, Tex., was duly nominated as a candidate for office of ——— Representative in the ——th ——— District of Texas, name to be placed in the Socialist party column of the official ballot.

———, Chairman Executive Committee, Socialist Party,
——th ——— District.

Attest:
———, Secretary of Convention.

BE SURE TO APPOINT SUPERVISORS.

It is very important so that every vote be counted that a Socialist supervisor (or watcher) be appointed for each voting box that has no Socialist judges and we have the moral and legal right to demand one. Do not trust any set of election officers that are not Socialists. Experience has shown that "good" Democrats often think it a patriotic act to suppress our vote.

You will proceed under Section 59, election law, which in effect provides the following:

Any party chairman, or (if he fails to act) any three members of the county executive committee of any political party may, not less than five days before the election, nominate one election supervisor for each voting precinct who had paid his poll tax. The nomination of such supervisor will be presented to the county judge who will indorse such nomination. Thereupon the nomination certificate is presented to such supervisor (who must be on hand before the polls open) to the presiding judge of the voting precinct who will swear him in. He shall be permitted to sit conveniently near the judges so that he can observe the conduct of the election, including the creating of the votes, the locking and sealing of the ballot boxes, their custody and safe return. He shall not be permitted to enter into any conversation with the judges or clerks regarding the election while it is progressing except to call the attention of the judges or clerks to any irregularity or violation of law that he may observe.

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The following form is suggested for application to county judges for supervisors:

———, Tex., ——, 1916

Hon County Judge
———
County.

This certifies that the following persons are nominated as supervisors for the Socialist party in the voting precincts indicated below for the general election on November 7, 1916 and you are asked to approve this certificate of nomination: (Here insert names and addresses of supervisors and voting precinct of each.)

———, Chairman Executive Committee, Socialist Party,
——— County.

Supervisors should remain on the job from first to last, including the dinner hour. Their sworn duty is to keep track of all irregularities and try to stop the same and report the same to the grand jury. They must be on hand before the polls open and must not leave any precinct before they have been sworn in along with the other election officers.

DON'T OVERLOOK THIS.

Immediately after the general election, (November 7, 1916) and not later than November 17, 1916 managers of campaigns or others who expend money in behalf of candidates and candidates themselves must file itemized statements of expenses with county judges. (Sec 163, election law).

IN CONCLUSION.

We would again urge a close following of instructions above, and a loyal and strong pull all together to the end that we may have a compact mobile organization, ready to reap down the Texas field that is now ripe for harvest. To that end I wish each local or member will kindly make it his duty to fill on and forward at once to this office the following blank, whether you have reported this before or not. We want a correct and up-to-date list of chairmen so we can publish them for the information of those that want to see all districts thoroughly organized.

———, Tex., ——, 1916.

W. T. Webb, State Sec.,
Cisco, Texas.

Dear Comrade:—

We have a county chairman and his name is ——— and his address is ——— and the following voting precinct chairmen whose names and addresses are ———

Fraternally,

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Yours for a great campaign,
W. T. WEBB,
State Secretary Socialist Party,
Cisco, Tex.

WANT ADS.

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School Wanted—by a man (Socialist), first grade state certificate, 4 years experience. Address
Box 401, Lufkin, Texas.

WANTED — correspondence with others wanting Socialist teachers and Teachers preferring such schools.
W. O. Strauss,
Bruceville, Texas.

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

Pure White Leghorn eggs, selected from best layers, $1.00 per setting of 15, postage or express prepaid.
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Route 1, Hallettsville, Texas.

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The sale of Sub. cards for any paper is profitable; the sale of the Rebel sub. cards is better, for the reason that it carries the news of the week and, in addition, fights our battles in Texas all the time.

OUR REBS.

W. S. Baker, a young Rebel of 70 summers, reports again this week from Wood county.

We are on the war path here and expect to keep you busy examining scalps for the Rebel hide-hunters in the future. We will organize a local next week. Take good care of the five scalps enclosed; writes our Rebel friend, F. C. Hensley of Mills county.

J. N. Kearney of Nolan county writes: Find enclosed seven subs. This is my method of warfare. The Rebel is the gun that will kill the Donk and let the man live.

Comrade (Miss) Lillie Williams sends in a rush order for Rebel ammunition with which to shell the woods of Angelina county. The number of ladies on the firing line is steadily increasing which means victory for us in the end.

A. A. Ehbridge sends in five from the drowth stricken province of Jim Wells. Everything is drying up in that part of the country except Socialism and it is growing as never before.

T. C. Johnson of the Oklahoma guard, dispatches us five prisoners which he captured on his last raid.

We are fighting the Donks to a finish, writes M. G. Greer of Oklahoma, when sending in a list of names to receive the message of truth for forty weeks.

"Someone has sent me a copy of your paper. I like it so much that I am enclosing herewith my check for one dollar for which please mail me two copies of The Rebel for one year," writes E. Y. Cohen, Palisade, N. J.

John L. Wrather, a Texas Rebel who is visiting his old home in Kentucky, rounds up a bunch of his boyhood chums and sends their subs to The Rebel. You can't lose a real Rebel.

J. H. Higdon, a sub hunter from Hunt county, chased down five escaped Donks last week and they are now in the Rebel's care.

R. D. Shields sends in a club and orders ten sub cards with which to shell the Donks of Dickens county.

J. F. Cox rounds up eight Taylor county dubs and places them in our sanitarium to remain until they are thoroughly cured of the Dankeitis.

P. M. Bennett of Hall county shouts, "on with the fights" as he emerges from a skirmish with five scalps dangling from his belt.

J. H. McFarlan and Claud Nelson believe in being "prepared." They are afraid if their sub expires they might miss a copy, so they send a dollar each and get three years insurance against loss.

Regular Rebs reporting this week are: S. H. Monk, W. J. Lotvorn, J. M. Malan, S. P. Patterson, D. B. Redmon, W. J. House, D. Totten.

LANDLORDS AND HELL.

I have been reading the bible in hopes that I might see, when we reach the port of glory, if any landlord there'll be. The more I read it over it is plainer day by day, in a bright shine like heaven the landlords can not stay. They would curse poor old Saint Peter, bellyache and groan, they would crucify the gentle Jesus and place a mortgage on the throne. With the pink whiskered editor of their organ, the Hell-Gal, in heaven they would start a rocus while casting longing eyes at hell, while on this mundane sphere they raised my hade a rag although for him they got their living down his manhood they do drag. They put the liar yer in politics who for money would contend and they stole everything that was not nailed down from Cape Cod to Hickory Bend. When the Socialists get in power they will treat them pretty well. We will make an earthly heaven where they have made of earth a hell. Now let's take the bible and on it build our plan and see if in its pages a landlord is called a man. I have read the bible over, yours the same as mine and it shows nowhere a landhog was called a man even in ancient time. Now let me tell you, Henry Dubb, the time will never be, when you can have the landlords and they hope of it barty. I have written this piece of poetry son, and the truth to you I tell, if you don't destroy the landlords, go check your grip for Hell.

(The Rebel Staff Poet.)

116 Texans are ordered to be court martialed by the Secretary of War at Washington, D. C. There is not one Socialist in the group. Why? Because of two reasons, first, Socialists don't fight for their mastery, second, Socialists have read the Dick Military Law.

THE CRISIS OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT.

(By J. O. Bentall.)

By this time nearly all the opinionate Socialists and non-Socialists have given this waiting, anxious world the correct judgment of the German Social Democrats who voted for the war budget instead of letting their bodies be pumped full of steel.

The question has almost split the Socialist party and has been a dividsplitter with the capitalists.

And, do you wonder!

The power, the influence, the numbers, the aims, the ideals, the position and fame, the vigor and courage, the successes and hopes, the conquests and victories of the Social Democrats of Germany made them the object of the tenseat attention of all civilization at the critical moment of the latest world catastrophe.

Here was a party that represented a movement over half a century old, a movement made up of heroics and fanatics unlike all others since the world began, heroics and fanatics whose car mark was the advocacy of justice and whose power was in reason and science.

From a handful of persecuted, jailed and executed wage slaves the party had grown until it could muster four million votes and elect one hundred and ten members to the Reichstag.

This was no small business.

And, during all the years of development and in its vast literature of propaganda this party had advocated disarmament and stood as a stone wall against militarism and war.

It had held that the workers hold no grievance against each other and that if the masters want war let them fight it out themselves. It had held that all wars have been in the interest of the master class and that the only reward the workers received was privation, suffering and death.

Four million voters with one hundred and ten members in the Reichstag took this position.

No wonder the world stood breathless when the Kaiser asked: "Will you now vote for war?"

They hesitated a moment. Again the spokesman for the master class asked: "Will you now vote for war? Say "Yes."

One hundred nine said yes. A lone fellow said "No, and it wasn't worth while to shoot him. He was harmless.

The soldiers who had held their guns ready to fire set them down and the Kaiser curled his mustache, while the beasts of war licked their chops like jackals over a fallen prey in the forest.

So the Social Democrats voted for the war budget and the rank and file of them enlisted to shoot down good Social Democrats of France, of England, of Russia, of any other country in the wide world, all in the interest of the master class.

Now when these one hundred and nine voted for the war budget was that the thing to do?

Why, certainly.

You could not expect them to be willing to be shot down for having been foolish over fifty years. This was no time to face guns and put on bravery and jump into bayonets. They did the logical thing. What else could they do? It would have done no earthly good to have refused and been killed. The Kaiser was all ready to declare the war off and go to their funeral.

Now it is easy to go over the ground and see the mistakes of the German Social Democracy. In doing so it is not for us to blame the German Party but to put ourselves wise.

Here are the facts: The German Social Democrats worked year in and year out for political success. They said, let us educate the workers to vote right. Let us get one million votes and become strong in the Reichstag. Let us win in the battle of the ballot.

They put up marvelous campaigns. They increased their vote by millions. They elected an unexpectedly large number to the highest legislative body of the empire. They went after a certain thing and got it. They succeeded in what they set out to do. It was a wonderful success.

But they set out to get the wrong thing.

They set out to get a man with one leg, and one arm, and one brain lobe. They got him.

But in the fight with another man who had two legs and two arms and complete brain lobes he fell and fell badly. It was to be expected.

Had the Social Democrats of Germany paid as much attention to the development of industrial power, the present war could not have been pulled off.

Its propaganda was one-sided. Their organization was one-sided.

With organized labor practically under their control the Social Democrats should have declared boldly that they were in charge of all the activities of the workers, industrial and political, to direct and develop in every expression of working class effort the giant organization that meant power unconquerable.

Come away from words now and put this in concrete form. I believe that the Socialists should have organized to take complete control and make all workers realize that there was room for all, and scope large enough for all activities.

That the workers must secure their own raw material and their own industries as fast as they can. That they must secure their own means of distribution and control the means of transportation. That they must act in unity in cases of strikes and lockouts. That they must free the workers in periods of industrial war and starve the masters into submission. That they must refuse to build up an army and navy, and deny the masters their services in shipping material or making implements for war. That if the masters begin slaughter the workers will tear up bridges and railroads and blow into atoms powder houses and gun factories. That bread be refused the emperor and all his family, the officers and all the soldiers until they join the workers in peace. That all the members of the master class be notified that if they begin murder they will be the first to enjoy it.

So that when the Kaiser representing the master class declared war the Social Democracy could have called upon four million to say "No," with set faces and hard fists and ready hands. To say "No" by stopping traffic in war material and supplies. To say "No" by surrounding the legislative chambers and protecting their members in the Reichstag. To say "No" by shattering every fort and smashing every gun.

Four million men in Germany could have done all this without any great loss of life. These four million with the millions in France, England, Russia and the other countries would have put a stop to the war when it began and saved the lives of twenty million men in the battle and a hundred million worse than slain at home.

But the German Social Democrats were afraid they might offend the shin skinned Sunday School girl or some middle-class business man. It sacrificed everything to policy and depended on politics.

So we don't blame the one hundred and nine for not being willing to be shot down for being foolish for fifty years.

All this comes to us on this side of the water as a lesson whose value depends upon the blood of the workers on the other side.

The question is, what shall we do, in the light of all that we get and serenely call for votes and neglect all else? Shall we tell the capitalist bloodhounds that we want to be allowed to have a small army and a small navy and increase it as we go along for "defense" killed, "Socialists" and ready and money to send men to Congress to tell the plutes there that we think they are nice and that we are ready to help them defend "our" country in case of need?

Criminals of all criminals are those who are supposed to be Socialists and have their eyes open and know better and still stand with the capitalists in their murder plots against the people.

That war in a future certainty in this country cannot be escaped. What the President and congress are doing now to carry out the wishes of the masters is what the Reichstag in Germany did for many years prior to the war.

This is the time for the Socialists to consider the war budget—not five years from now when the masses will be a blood that the face of trumped up causes for war that may look good to the public at large. Now is the time to prepare for a futile mockery, and one can not see for the smoke of battle.

We have a million voters in this country who can be educated in the right direction. There is another million who will follow in another direction yet. If it is time to serve notice on our government and the master class that we, will frustrate their militaristic exploits and put a definite stop to their plans for murder, let them make the most of it.

This is a good time to fill the jails with such traitors. This is a good time to shoot a few of them. This is a good time to have our press suppressed and our speakers hanged. It would mean something and the people would probably arise and take sides. We could probably make the capitalists so busy with us that they would find little or no time for their hunconb preparedness.

Every Socialist paper should come out boldly advocating these direct and definite methods. Every Socialist speaker should "talk right out in meeting" what we propose. The Socialist party should come out with a manifesto declaring that it means business and will use all means in this business.

If we begin now as Socialists to organize for the purpose of becoming a power and not only a political party, we can do anything we please. If we organize now to take full charge of all working class activities, putting the workers who are Socialists into the business in every department of industry, so great an army will rally to our ranks that the plutes dare not make as much as a toy pistol or a firecracker.

To stop making guns and cannon, shells and bullets, forts and battleships now—that is our business. To start telling the plutes not to use these implements of murder after they have them ready will be like pulling the trigger with the muzzle at our own head. That's what the German Social Democrats did.

The duty of the Socialists at this time is clear.

First, to create an anti-war psychology in press, in speech, in campaigns.

Secondly, to organize and crystallize the anti-war sentiment into militant, fearless working class organization that can and will fight.

Thirdly, to acquire power by acquiring actual industries one after another beginning with the food industry and continuing along the lines of the greatest results.

The organization formed to do this must be wholly made up of Socialists. Socialists who stand together on the rock foundation of the class struggle. Half baked Socialist politicians should be taboo. Don't let them in.

This organization should be the Socialist movement in action. It should use every kind of action that would bring results. It should put no limit to the means employed to gain working class advantage.

If the Socialist party could and would function as a department of the real Socialist movement in organized form, good and well. To leave the whole business of the Socialists to the Socialist party is a crude absurdity. That's what they did in Germany and other warring countries. The Socialist party is too narrow and too small to handle all the business of the working class. We must have an organization that is commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the Socialists as a whole.

And we have no time to lose. Tomorrow we should be ready to send our delegates to the munition plants and tell the engineer to shove in the throttle and shut down the infernal business of making death dealing stuff. Tomorrow we should go to the plutes and tell them that bread is more necessary than guns and battleships. Tomorrow we should be in position to serve notice on the master class that we are not going to wait till they have the biggest navy in the world and the greatest army and the largest supply of war material before we put in the protest, but now; put in the protest, not in paper wars, but in direct demands backed by power to secure them.

Wilson, the president of the plutes, is now calling for a navy that will cost one billion dollars a year. We stand to be increased to similar proportions. After the plutes get a couple of million young fools drilled to murder with shining weapons in their hands, we will have a swell time to handle them.

Start now.

This is the crisis in the Socialist movement.

Stop making of shells and guns right now. Again, to use the general strike would look good.

The Socialist movement gone at this war business too boldly. They are too raw. We must meet them. If we help them get ready we will have made them ourselves ready to help them in the coming bloodshed.

If we refuse now to help them they can't get ready and we will be ready to save ourselves from destruction.

The Socialist movement is the only power apparent in this country to save us from the fate of Europe. The call goes forth for one big united body of the working class to crystallize into power our demands for peace and justice for ourselves, our children and our children's children.

Theodore Roosevelt, the political Dr. Cook, and Justice Hughes of the supreme court appear to be the only candidates that will have any chance in the National Republican convention if either of these gentlemen have ever lifted as much as their finger in the interest of the working class we have yet to hear of it. They and their tribe and clan have produced a situation in the United States that is aptly summed up by Frank P. Walsh, who when reviewing the work of the Industrial Relations Commission showed that 65 per cent. of the population owned two per cent. of the wealth and two per cent. of the people owned 65 per cent. of the wealth and the two per cent. are getting richer every day!

A rumor is traveling that W. J. Bryan is about to apply for admission to the Socialist party. He may get by in some northern local but he can't join Hallettsville, Tex.

W. C. MUNN COMPANY, HOUSTON, TEX.

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State Office Notes.

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

GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

Reports from the opening dates of the gubernatorial tour indicate that R. R. Meitzen is painting the state a deep red making landslides and usury his chief theme.

At Aransas Pass he spoke to a crowd that taxed the capacity of the band stand as the Park. It persons declared themselves through with the Donk party.

At Beeville, in spite of the drizzling rain, a fine crowd turned out and the local comrades say it was the most attentive and largest crowd any Socialist speaker had there. The crowd was larger than that which greeted O. B. Colquitt the previous Saturday.

At San Antonio an enthusiastic gathering heard our candidate for governor in the W. O. W. Hall.

At Cameron and the 22nd Mr. Meitzen spoke to a crowd that in size exceeded three times that of Mr. Morris, the pro Demo-donk candidate for governor, who spoke a few days previous.

Mr. Meitzen made his maiden speech in his candidacy for governor two years ago in Cameron and after a second visit Democrats and Socialists alike commented with surprise upon the great improvement upon his power and clearness as a speaker. Several erstwhile rock-ribbed Democrats openly proclaimed that they would vote the Socialist ticket hereafter.

In Waco on the corner of Fifth and Austin Comrade Meitzen spoke to a crowd that grew and grew until it threatened to block traffic on that street. He was asked a number of questions and the answers he made especially relating to the subject of a local pareotress parade, the Dick Miltary bill, militarism and related matters, caused a tremendous stir. All the newspapers of the town had reporters on hand and there were policemen present to guard over the meeting. When he referred to the fact that militia men from Waco, Fort Worth and elsewhere were forced into the regular army (under the infamous Dick Military Bill) and that they able bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 could be similarly forced — conscripted unwillingly, his audience was stirred as seldom an audience has been.

Our candidate for governor left Waco for Hill and other central Texas points.

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E. R. Meitzen, Gubernatorial candidate, is now available for dates in the 13 and 16th districts. Comrades in these districts desiring Gubernatorial dates should apply at once. Terms $7.50 per day. The speaker will pay all railway and hotel expenses. Rush your applications to W. T. Webb, State Secretary, Cisco, Texas.

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Speaking dates for our gubernatorial candidate are: Floydada, June 3; Plainview, June 3; Roscoe, June 5; Loraine, June 5; Colorado, June 7; Coaset, June 8; Fort Chadbourne, June 9; Bronte, June 9; Concho, June 10; Glen Cove, June 11; Santa Anna, June 12; Doole, June 13; Pear Valley, June 14.

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Mass Meeting and Convention of Wichita County.

All Socialists and sympathizers of the county are earnestly requested and called to be present at the local Wichita Falls Saturday, June 10th, at 8:30 o'clock p. m. at which time we intend to fill out our county ticket and perfect our organization.

Ernst Vogt, Sec.

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There will be a picnic at Glen Rose July 5, 6 and 7, arranged by the citizens. They have made one day a Socialist day. They want Tom Hickey and two other speakers, so writes F. A. Wood.

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The Bowie encampment will take place on the 17, 18 and 19 or the 18, 19 and 20th of July. The comrades have engaged the magnificent Kate O'Hare for two days and the Governors team.

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J. B. Tripplett secretary of the first congressional district, writes from Carbondale requesting the membership to get in touch with him at once, as the time is ripe for making the 1st district the best organized district in the state. Tripplett is on the job all the time. Get in touch with him.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS.

Cisco, Tex., May 24, 1916.

To Locals and Members-at-large:

You are hereby called on to nominate:

One candidate for LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

One candidate for COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

Send nominations to W. T. Webb, State Sec., Cisco, Tex., not later than June 10, 1916.

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This call results from the resignation of Fulton McCord, who finds that as state chairman he cannot legally be nominated for a political office, and of W. S. Noble who finds that his business interests as well as the fact that the comrades of Milam county hope to elect him as representative, prevent him from serving.

Fraternally,
W. T. Webb, State Secretary.

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Southern Socialist Lecture System

Wm D. Simpson; — Aransas Pass Union June 2—16.

Arch Lingan; — Santa Anna, Goulbbush, Coleman and vicinity, June 1 to 9; Tow, 10; Field Creek 12, 13 and 14.

W. J. Lee; — Harrold, June 1 to 3; Vernon, 5; Electra, 6; Burkburnett, 8; Bowie, 10; Chalk 12, 13, 14; Montague, 15 to 21.

Covington Hall; — Delta county, May 30 to June 9.

T. B. Holliday; — Layton June 5.

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Comrades in Calhoun county have inaugurated a travelling picture show, depicting labor conditions, war and exposing the capitalist system. A lecturer features the show. A former nominee for county Judge, and the picture operator is one of many trusted persons. They desire appointments that can be made into an automobile route. Write this office in regard to appointments. W. J. Bell, Tyler, Tex.

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Referendum A.

Ballots have been forwarded to local secretaries and members-at-large on Referendum A, 1916, which proposes to amend Section 6, Art. 4, state constitution, making district dues, state dues and national dues, 5 cents per member per month each, or in other words dividing the 15c dues equally between the three. The vote closes June 24, 1916. Locals failing to receive ballots will write their congressional secretary, who is provided with extra ballots for that purpose. If you have no congressional secretary write this office.

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Those desiring the services of T. A. Hickey for the encampment season will please get in touch with W. J. Bell, Manager of the Southern Socialist Lecture System, Tyler, Texas.

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J. F. Kempely, county secretary of Titus county, writes: "The Socialist party of Titus county, will at Mount Pleasant last week, put out a full county ticket and arrange for a three day encampment before the primary. He says the Donk administration, both state and national, is driving the masses into intelligent rebellion.

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C. T. Echols, Corpus Christi, writes: "We had Hickey's letter of acceptance for United States senator published in a local paper of 900 circulation and had one thousand printed in leaflet form. We put it up to Tom Campbell when he spoke here and he backed off."

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J. A. Freeland, Anson, Texas, is open for all encampments and picnics desiring his services. Terms $7.50 per day and guarantees to not take a cent if he does not make good.

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J. W. Brice of McDade is open for debates, lectures and encampment work. Apply to W. J. Bell, Southern Socialist Lecture System, Tyler, Tex.

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The Rebel's beautiful wife is a wonderful watermelon raiser which came to remark that I will whip free of charge the largest melon in my garden which is slightly less than 78 pounds, to any Donk in Texas, Oklahoma or Louisiana (I wont ship it further) who will point out one single thing that the pretent Democratic congress has done for labor. Now get busy if you want to win the melon.

MEITZEN AT WACO.

To The Rebel:

When R. R. Meitzen mounted the improvised platform in the open air at Fifth and Austin, in the heart of Waco, in the shadow of the 22-story Amicable building, on Tuesday night, May 23, the first thing he did was to put the crowd in a fine humor. He did it by testing the platform and exclaiming "Well, it is fair in doubt, as to its stability, and then remarked: "Oh well, it's more to be pitied on them than an old-party platform, anyway."

Then he launched out and delivered to the crowd of about 300 quiet, attentive listeners the message of Socialism in the most delightening, convincing and effective manner that this writer has ever heard it delivered to the working class. And this writer has heard the message from many mouths, from Debs to the meanest member of the local, and he knows of no exposition or fulsome praise or flattery or anything of the kind, but he must say that Ernest Meitzen is the equal of the best of them when it comes to condensing the whole philosophy and science of Socialism into a talk of an hour and a half that leaves the people to be asked by barefaced gouging and brazen the wage earning and tenant farmer class and the trembling trust-frightened retail merchant element. In the whole Field of polemic-exposition there is not a rock and corner that has not passed under his observation, and the wisest secretary of the exploiting class is unable to make a single move whose sinister meaning he does not clearly perceive on the moment.

It is on the lips of all who heard Meitzen that the Socialist vote in Texas will show a large increase next fall, and the feeling is unanimous that he should be nominated by acclaim to stand the starin, physically able to stand the starin, day or night should pass between now and the 7th of November without his talking to crowds of people about to hear him talk. His style is not that of the spellbinder. He would be some big against a wall and shot before he would compromise with capitalism. He has spent his life there far warring against the plans and programs of the exploiting class that owns the wealth without earning it, and in the interest of the working class he starts wealth without owning it. This is the life he inherited from his old father, who declined to vote in this war for human justice have found him still at the crest of the wave unabated. Neifront with his and Meitzen's style that he is of the egotist—far from it. He dislikes to refer to his own work but his own work forms such a major part of the work of the movement in Texas in local that the telling class that he can't avoid the reference to it and do justice to the movement.

It may be that Waco will want the Socialist candidate for governor to play a return engagement before November. In the meantime, don't let there be an unfilled gap in his itinerary over the state. Keep him busy telling the working class what is in store for them if they don't go to the ballot box and take the United States government and the various state governments away from the capitalist class.

J. L. HICKS,
Box 1107, Waco, Tex.

What is the reason that the Single Tax question did not come up before the Anti-Democratic convention in San Antonio last week. Was a sweet sister from Sour Lake, the question is respectfully referred to Cullen Thomas who has kept the principal sites around the four sides of the post office building recently.

The Anti-Democratic party has shot its last bolt. When 600 pros and 200 antis meet together and call themselves a Democratic convention they place themselves in a position where individually and collectively they reveal themselves as unfit to relish the shoes of the peon legislators of Yucatan.

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COURT MARTIALING MILITIAMEN.

116 members of the Texas militia are about to be court martialed under order of Secretary of War Baker. These men were ordered to San Antonio, and told that they had to go to the border and into Mexico if necessary. They refused to do so and stood straight for what they believed to be the duty of a militiaman, which is in their mind to preserve peace and order in their home country and state.

Alas for these 116 They did not understand that militiamen in the United States are ruled by those who privately own the social necessities of the nation to shoot down their fellow workingmen whenever a difference arises over a question of hours or wages. If the plutocracy wishes to increase hours and reduce wages or both they merely press a button and the militia is ordered to the front. Dr. Calvin, the famous Boston medical authority, states that there is immediately an immune increase of syphilis in that locality. Alas for them they did not know that there was such a thing as the Dick Military law enacted, or whose provisions they are now about to be tried. This provision makes them members of the regular army subject to the president of the United States and his mandates and that of his secretary of war.

While contemplating the imprisonment that is coming to them they might comfort their souls with the cheering fact that the worst is yet to come. For those who do their patriotic brothers who do not read the laws passed by a Donk-Rep congress or the Socialist papers and pamphlets that would inform them of what is going on. Some men have to be educated with a club, some have to be court martialed and some have to get the day lights shot out of them, as millions have in Europe before they wake up to what is going on.

It was away back in 1902 that a famous crook named Dick who had been elected two years earlier by a reactionary Donk legislature controlled by the Rockefeller and similar interest introduced in congress a military measure that is now, gradually, being known as the Dick Military Bill. This measure distinctly provides that all able bodied citizens between the age of 18 and 45 can be ordered to the colors by the president. There is the usual common place provision: "fear of invasion, etc", but all this is strictly up to the judgement of one individual, the president himself.

The bill slipped through congress like a cat in the kitchen in the dark. A few senators and a few congressmen asked a couple of non-pertinent questions about it and that was all. Roosevelt, the president, joyously signed it. Then THE NATION WAS SUBJECT TO CONSCRIPTION. THE PITY OF IT, THE HORROR OF IT, THE MISERY OF IT LIES IN THE FACT THAT THE MASSES PAID NO MORE ATTENTION TO IT THAN ONE OF THEIR DIVISIONS DID THAT MARCHED 145,000 STRONG UP BROADWAY IN A PREPAREDNESS PARADE THIS MONTH.

The Socialists did not sleep at the switch. They jumped on the law like a duch on a June bug. They analyzed it, picked it to pieces and warned the working class of their danger. Fred. Warren published a pamphlet that had a circulation of 50,000 copies written by Ernest Untermann in which the measure was shown up to be all that the Kaiser himself could ask of the plutocracy who prepared and put through the bill was safe because the daily press played it down and gave us of the best conspiracies of silence we have ever known was put through, with the result that these masses of the people who were as ignorant as the 116 Texas militiamen that now face court martial.

If the Rebel isn't shot in the land fight in Texas (and it is indeed likely, because he will rub under the nose of every capitalist and actual farmer in the south the question of whether they are as good as the Mexicans of Yucatan and Sonora, who have made use and occupancy the title to lands use and occupancy the title to land, and will thus cause the land question to reach the boiling point in the state where the landlords' gun is the last resort in the argument) he will continue to urge every voter in Texas and the entire south to vote down the Democratic and Republican parties that has made, this conscription law possible, a law that is not in force in Ireland even up to this good hour.

The Rebel will publish the texts the first week when he has secured the names of the Texas militiamen mail them a copy of the Dick Military Law. Every working man in the south should procure a copy at once. It only costs a nickel and can be secured from the Rebel office.

Writer our hysterical subscriber from El Campo Here many Texans were present at the Anti-Democratic convention at San Antonio. Answer. There were 802 delegates consisting of two newspaper men and 800 farmers. Incidentally they were the farmers that farm with the farmers with law licenses in their pocket.

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United States Senator:
T. A. Hickey, of Halletsville.

For Governor:
E. R. Meitzen, of Halletsville.

Lieutenant Governor:
J. S. Noble, of Rockdale.

Attorney General:
Clarence Nugent, Stephenville

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W. T. Flowers, of Wellington.

Land Commissioner:
G. A. Lambreth, Wheeler.

State Treasurer:
W. J. Bell, of Tyler.

Commissioner of Agriculture:
Patton McCord, of Yoakum.

Railway Commissioner:
E. Bellinger, of San Antonio.

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