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## Utilizing the Dead.

There is nothing like German efficiency. The reason why such an enormous amount of shells are being used by the Teutons at Verdun, the Rebel learns, is that after the German soldiers are killed their bodies are used to make nitro glycerine that is placed in the shells to kill some more Frenchmen who in turn till some more Germans who in turn kill some more Allies and so on ad infinitum.

We receive this news from a press dispatch from our friends in Chicago during a recent conference of the Nitro Glycerine Manufacturers Association.

"Using the bodies of men slain in battle to make nitro-glycerine is being discussed by the members of the Western Nitro-Glycerine Manufacturers' Association in session here to devise some means of increasing the output of their products.

"They say the war is necessitating the use of so much glycerine that the supply in the United States will be exhausted in 90 days.

"If glycerine is exhausted, it will not stop the war, but have an effect on the world," speaker said, "but much work, including all development, will be brought to a dead stop." One of the delegates says:

"Glycerine is produced but from one source, animal stores, and there is no way of increasing the production unless we can make use of the bodies of Germans slain killed in the field of battle".

The utilizing of the bodies of slaughtered soldiers to make more bombs and shells is said to account for the inexhaustible supplies of explosives with which Germans are now bombarding Verdun. Every dead German, properly boiled and mixed with nitric and sulphuric acids may kill more men after he is dead than when he was alive. That's German method.

We regard is as glorious and great to be dead and buried, but the Germans is happy to be knowledge that his remains will be dumped into a vat, stewed into high explosives, and then loaded into a shell that will do yet more glorious work for the fatherland.

We ought not to be outdone in this stewed corpses business. Every profit-monger, every one of us who stays at home, could, at least give our corpse for our country. It should ease our dying moments to know that, thanks to the advance of modern science, we can feed more people with our carcass than we eat with our tongues.

There is no limit to the possibility of this enterprise. When a hell of a war we can have if everybody will only consent to be chemicalized into explosives as fast as they die.

And this we see capitalism at full flowered. Ransack all the minds of the damned in a Dante' Inferno. Picture to yourself all the murderers in the past from Herod to Nero and Appias Claudius down to Lucretia Borgia. Mix them up with the Bacchantes and doll-tearchers, throw in an armful of southern democratic politicians, heat the caldron for ten hours under the fires of a Pittsburg steel furnace and the Devil's fire that would result, even though it were flavored with the morals of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., would taste like the balm of Gilles in comparison with the table d'houte served out by the masters of the European war.

The Rebel wishes to say with all the emphasis he possesses that were it not for the hope of Social men he use the bare bodkins of Hamlet and shuffle off this mortal coil rather than continue to live in a system of society that has such ghouls in control of the machinery of Socialism and remember that we cannot get it too quick.

If you wish to buy anything that is published in advertising form in the Rebel, please state that you read the Rebel ad.

# Landlord's Last Stand!

The Rebel wishes that his tens of thousands of readers could visit his desk and get one real big glimpse of the size and strength of the sentiment in favor of use and occupancy as the title to land. A great many people would no doubt be surprised to learn that there is scarcely a portion of the civilized world in which the sentiment is not increasing in geometrical ratio from day to day.

It has crossed the Rio Grande and stalks from Sonora and now it is taking possession of the hearts and minds of thousands of the best souls in Louisiana, Mississippi and every southern state. It has crossed the Mason and Dixon line and is as much a topic of discussion in the factories of New England, and New York and the mining regions of Pennsylvania and Ohio as it is in the forks of the creeks of the most agricultural portion of Dixie.

It has crossed the Rio Grande and stalks from Sonora and Chihuahua and each of the sixteen states and has become a practical living reality in Yucatan. Its protagonists have adopted it to a large extent in western Canada and in the Antipodes, it is the religion of thousands of people. England and Ireland being effected with this land sentiment even more than with the sentiment for war and it is growing, growing and growing minute by minute and day by day.

The Rebel is living in that portion of the south where the land revolution will be settled. The army of the landless is lining up for the fray. The first battles will be fought in the Lone Star and Mistletoe states. 75,000 men in Oklahoma within the past 30 days have registered to vote for the one political party that is organized to kill the beast. More than 200,000 will be at the polls at the last state election in Texas with the same object in view and that the number will be doubled or quadrupled in Texas next November is a decided possibility. These men in Oklahoma and Texas that now number in the hundred of thousands are not summer soldiers, but on the contrary, are men who are prepared to give up their lives, if necessary, to produce that situation where the land shall not be sold forever and use and occupancy shall be the only title.

The Texas Federation of Labor representing 75,000 workmen at its last convention in Houston, regardless of political affiliations, unanimously decided in favor of this principle. The general executive board of the American Federation of Labor at Washington, D. C., speaking in the name of 2,500,000 members have declared in favor of use and occupancy as the sole title to land. Other State Federations of Labor, such as Oregon and California are at this moment circulating petitions demanding constitutional amendments that will enact into law this tremendous principle that will abolish poverty from the face of the earth forever and they are ably supported by 25,000 farmers who are members of the Grange of the State of Washington.

There is another side to this question. As we write, the Republican and Bull Moose conventions have ended and not one sentence has been spoken or one line written in favor of this fundamentalence has been spoken or one line written in favor of this fundamental change that will destroy poverty. Nothing in the last analysis is caused by private ownership of God's gift to mankind. Before an issue of the Rebel appears, the Democratic national convention will have met at St. Louis, and that they will be equally blind to the necessity for the freedom of the land, to a well posted man, goes without saying.

So, then the line-up is: The organized labor movement of the United States has nationally and locally declared for use and occupancy as the title to land. The Socialist party of the United States and its state and local organizations have declared for the same great principle. The non-partisan Single Tax clubs that are organized in every state in the Union have fallen in line with the other two bodies. Besides these tens of thousands of citizens who are not affiliated with any political or economic organization, laborers, lawyers, preachers, doctors and newspaper men are ready to risk their fate and fortunes with the organized ones who are fighting for the right to place the landless man on the manless land and thus develop civilization to a point our fathers never dreamed of in their finest dreams.

Now that the two sides are lining up for battle (and I am optimistic enough to believe that the Waterloo of the landless is less than eight years away), there is another element to be considered and that is the inert sluggish mass that will, if they, reproduce their kind and die like beasts of every other citizen that is lined up by our forces, or the other side possessing the strategic position of holding the government now, backed by fabulous financial power will use them for cannon fodder to shoot to death the men and women who are struggling for the freedom of the land. It were the part of wisdom for us to arouse these sluggards and enlist them in the fight. Accordingly the Rebel would suggest that every Single Taxer and land reformer and every other citizen that is lined up whisper in the ear of the sluggard something like this:

"You poor fellow, do you understand what we are fighting for? Do you know that the landhog is your deadliest enemy? Do you know that if a man puts a steel jacketed bullet through the vacuum there you are supposed to have a brain or gripped your wife's throat with sinewey fingers like a rape fiend or smashed your children's skulls against the wall he could not injure you or yours anywhere near as much as the landhog that makes a wagon tramp of you, deprives you and your children of a home or a chance of a home, makes you go down the tin can route eating out of paper sacks, destroys your schools and puts a premium upon illiteracy and does it in one state alone to the extent of 1,250,000 souls, not to talk of the half million souls that are groaning under farm mortgages and again not to talk of more than a half million city workers in a state with a population of only 4,000,000 and is rich enough to feed the 100,000,000 people that live in this good old U.S.A.! Now then, get busy and fight for the Land League and the Socialist party and if you don't we will kick you where you have got your brains until you can't set down for a month."

This may not be an ethical plea and it may not have all the eloquence about it that Christ used in the 23rd chapter of Mathew but it will certainly be efficacious.

The fight in on. On with the fight. Stop at nothing until you win. Like the 75,000 Socialists who lined up in the Oklahoma registration don't be afraid to express yourself. Organize locals of the Land League. E. O. Meitzen, secretary and treasurer, of Hallettsville, Texas, will supply you with all information necessary. Get behind the land petition. Tell the landlord and Donk politicians that you are next to the pro fake. Do this and then you can look in your cracked tin mirror and call yourself a man.

Sound the loud timbrel o'er the landlords' dark sea
Jehovah has conquered the workers are free,
That is the song we will sing before another decade has passed.

## THE ANNIVERSARY EDITION.

The Rebel is now able to state that the fifth anniversary edition of the Rebel will be without a doubt the biggest not only in point of circulation but in quality, and possibly size, of any number published since we started on the first of July, 1911.

Already we have received congratulations from our fellow editors and comrades from many points. The fine letter received on the subject this week came from the indomitable Pat Nagle, Oklahoma's greatest Socialist. Our modesty prevents us from publishing the kind things he has said about us and he winds up by promising us an article on the Land League that we will feature for this edition. Then comes the old command, er, Eugene V. Debs, with the first article. After reading it twice we can assure our comrades that the best that has come from his pen in many moons. Theodore Debs writes as follows, "Gene with a splendid summary of the work of the Rebel for the past five years and wishes for this little bonquet in addition:

"Terre Haute, Ind., June 7, '16.

"Dear Comrade Hickey:—

Your letters to 'Gene and myself reached here this morning. Gene has been away several weeks out on the Pacific coast and has but a brief spell here before leaving for the Northwest to fill another series of engagements, but when your letters came we felt that whatever else happened he must be delayed or set aside we could not mar a record which has remained mutually unbroken ever since the Rebel was started. And so we prepared the articles, one by Gene and one by myself, as requested for your Anniversary Edition, and you will find them herewith enclosed. Allow me to express the hope for us both that your anniversary will mark the beginning of a new era of growth and expansion of the Rebel and that during the coming campaign it may grow strong and lusty in the fight to clean the parasites out of the high places and put the real people where they belong.

"Thanking you for your words of kindness and with greetings and the best of wishes to yourself and Mrs Hickey and all of the Rebel household I am always,

"Yours in the war for freedom,
Theodore Debs."

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He is followed by the one and only Tichenor, the immortal Bayard poet and editor of the Melting Pot, the man who put Jehovah on the map. He writes: "Dear Tom— Enclosed find a short contribution. I am d— — glad to know the Rebel is getting on in good shape . . . It is the greatest power in the south for Socialism. Love to yourself and all the reds."

The article that Tichenor encloses is a joy to read. The theme is the 'pick pockets of the south and what H. T. does not do to the south." Tichenor is not worth talking about. He is followed by Frank and Kate O'Hare who fire a double barrel load in their well known powerful style. Every paragraph hits the bull's eye. All these articles are in and are being put in type as we write. Benson, Kirkpatrick, Simons and Meitzen and the rest are coming. And all the friends of the Rebel are going to help in one way or the other to make this edition a land mark in the agitation for the freedom of the land in Dixie.

Judging by the orders in already we will issue more than the 199,000 copies that we arranged to distribute on our fifth birthday.

But this is not all. We have solicited bids from the big paper houses of the southwest for seven column white paper and if we can secure it the Rebel will be enlarged four columns weekly beginning at our anniversary. The Rebel is published on the biggest flat bed press manufactured and the standard size is six columns while on a Webb press such as the Appeal and Menace is published it seven columns is the standard size. Because of the European war it is difficult to get the seven column flat paper but if it can be secured we will enlarge the Rebel on the first of July.

The Rebel is the thermometer that indicates the upward move of the land movement in the south. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel to help accomplish its mission which is the destruction of landlordism.

Rates for this special edition will be the same as usual — from one to ten thousand copies 1½ cent a piece. Every land in the south should make the ordering of extra copies a special order of business. Rush your orders in at the earliest possible moment. Fraternally,

T. A. Hickey, Editor.

## AS TO DICK MILITARY BILL.

The Rebel has received so many requests for the Dick Military Bill and its latest amendment that we can not commence to supply them. It is a government document and can be secured through the War Department or through your congressman or senator. Write to them, bombard them, and demand that you receive the bill. The Texas military authorities have almost crucified 116 Texas boys that have been forced in spite of our warning. See that you get the Dick Military Bill if you want to get an idea, of what is going on in preparedness NOW.

The back that is willing to wear the saddle will sooner or later feel the lash. That is the reason the Socialist party is going to win in Texas and Oklahoma. Those who can not be educated to our ranks will be whipped in by the landlords. Glory, Glory Hallelulah!

## Ferguson's Percentage.

The Rebel has received many letters dealing with the question of Fergusonian usury that was raised in our columns recently. We publish below two letters that are models of reasoning. First Mr. J. R. Secrest of Koerth. He writes, Editor The Rebel: The note was for the $10 to draw interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum for a period of 125 days, but was actually paid in 104 days. The copy of the note published in your columns shows that at the time of payment the note amounted to $11.25, which would be 125 per cent interest on the $10 borrowed at the rate of 10 per cent per year. By reading between the lines of this infamous document we can see how the usurer skylaked dodged the usury law by just taking $1 on the cotton contract without giving anything in consideration but in reality it was as a result of the loan of $10 and without the passing of the $10 from the lender to the borrower. Said lender would not have been able to secure the $1 for which he gave nothing in return and in the last analysis it was usury if the worst kind—usury in violation of the state law against usury.

But there is another angle to this question. The 25 cents charged in interest in addition to the $1 on the cotton contract does not work out right for the legal rate of interest for the time stipulated in the note. And again it is a well known fact that ALL bankers deduct the rate of interest to be charged at the time money is loaned. Did Ferguson do this? Is he any different from the other greedy shouts of grief who live from the sweat blood and toil of workers? After seeing the shameful way in which he robbed the farmer of $1 without pretending to give anything in return I am inclined to believe that he followed the iron clad rule of the bankers and took out the interest at the time of loaning the money and then did the unprecedented act of charging interest again at the time the note was paid. But in answer to the Rebel's question as to what rate of interest Ferguson really did charge this poor farmer I will quote from the language of Big Bill Taft: "GOD ONLY KNOWS."

## SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

The Single Tax Review published at 150 Nassau street, New York City, is a 64-monthly magazine costing $1 a year. It is the best of its kind published in the United States. In the last issue we read:

"In Texas, the Rebel, the official organ of the Socialist party of that state, has gone further page of Single Tax editorials and contributions."

In Oklahoma, the Socialist party is making land the paramount issue, and Texas and Oklahoma are the two states in which the Socialist party is making phenomenal growth.

The Review also states:

"On another page will be found a report of the Texas Single Tax Conference, which resulted in the organization of a State League. But the most notable event in the State Federation of Labor is a resolution fathered by the Single Tax League of Texas and presented by William Black. The Socialists, too, have introduced a Single Tax plank in their platform and under the previous leadership of Mr. Hickey, of the Rebel, are carrying on a splendid programme of propaganda."

E. R. Meitzen, Gubernatorial candidate, is now available for dates in the 13 and 16th districts. Comrades in these districts wanting 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, Tex.

# "Why Are You Here Tom?"

Under the above head the Fort Worth Record publishes on its editorial page an attack upon the editor of this great religious weekly that has just been quiled in the Waco Times Herald. The fire of the Herald was drawn because of an article we had written on the burning of a negro on the public square in Waco last month.

We might reply to Mr. Robinson by saying that it was none of his dog-gone business why we are here, but we will be a little more explicit and say that just as the immortal Patrick, the patron saint of my sire land, journeyed to Ireland because he thought that of all spots on earth she needed his spiritual assistance most so in like mood did I journey to Texas, a spot that is potentially the greatest on this continent, but that actually has been turned into a hell-hole by the landlords and usurers who own McLennan and 251 other counties in the state in one of which (Crane) Waco's congressman, Henry, pointed out on the floor of congress last February that there was not even one free holder in it.

Ah, My Gossoon, you want to know why this hibernian is here? Share the answer is on the tip of the tongue and its shame that you are bringing on the good people that brought you into this world to ask such a question of a McLenan. Don't you know that since St. Patrick made the fatal mistake of driving out the snake that walked on his belly and left the landlord snake that walks on his feet that a true Celt would sooner weld his Shillelah on the hide of a landlord than his Colleen or take a libation of poteen. Where then, Bro. Robinson, could one of my glorious stock cross the seas to find landlords more plentiful than in this beautiful old Lone Star state of ours? So that is the reason I came to Texas. I came to help destroy land monopoly and five Land League conventions that have been held under your office on Franklin Avenue is convincing testimony that I am succeeding fairly well.

Ah Me Bouchal, isn't it a strange thing that that other harp called Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald should turn around and print your question, because too well does he know that I am not a stranger to Texas or a new comer. When he was editor of the Dallas Times Herald twelve long years ago he had me photographed after I had whipped the chief of police in a physical fight over the land question. So you see you are slightly in error when you intimate that I am a new-comer to this Lone Star state. But let us suppose that I still had the smell of the turf on my clothes and the mud of the bog on my shoes and therefore was not an authority on the land conditions in Texas. You will permit me to present to you the names of a few citizens of old standing in Texas who assembled in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas on last St. Patrick's Day and it may interest you to know that I deliberately set that day in honor of my patron saint even I am not hyperstated at that. Here they are: Senator McNealus, Commissioner J. J. Pastoret, Hon. Houston; B. W. Lauderdale, Wayland; W. T. Ramsey, Canton; J. W. Canada, La Porte; R. Bedichek, Austin, T. E. Campbell, Center; A. H. McCarty, Fort Worth; Wm. A. Black and E. C. LeStourgeon, San Antonio; R. E. Hollingsworth, Coleman; and R. L. Cable, St. John. And these old time Texans wrote what they called an economic declaration of independence and addressed it to the people of Texas on last St. Pricks Day in which they drew a burning indictment as to landlord conditions that you attack me for pointing out as being responsible for the McLennan county mob. Read them and deny them if you can. I quote from the June issue of the Single Tax Review:

"We call your attention to these indisputable facts: 1. In There are now 250,000 tenant farmers in Texas with an annual increase of some five thousand. 2. Seventy-five per cent of the homes in our larger cities are rented or mortgaged. 3. Renters in our smaller cities and towns are increasing every year. Wage-earners are restless and are rightfully demanding better pay and a higher standard of living. The menace of unemployment is constantly becoming more acute in Texas. 5. Interest rates are high and the cost of living is going up every year. 6. Industry is hampered and the business man of small means is being wiped out. 7. Palliative, or makeshift measures have proved failures—the armor of serfdom is eating into the agricultural industry of the State, while labor and unprivileged capital are constantly being forced into a position of greater and greater subservience to monopolistic groups and individuals.

"Believing, as we do, that the seven counts in the above indictment constitute a menace to our civilization, we demand as a prime measure of relief that our State constitution be amended so that State, county and municipal revenues be derived from a tax on land values, relieving thereby from taxation all improvements in or on land and all other products of labor.

"The coming fight on taxation of land values will inevitably lie between the land speculator on the one side and capital and labor on the other; and we challenge any citizen or organization having the welfare of the State at heart who is indicted in dispute over the indictment or quarrel with our method, to produce a better program."

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Believing that landlordism is responsible for 99 per cent of the misery of our people and causes us to go through the "path and valley of hell" this year, the good old time Texans decided to act further. Again we quote from the S. T. Review:

It was decided during the second day of the conference to circulate the following petition in Texas for signatures to be presented to the thirty-fifth legislature when it convenes:

"Two hundred and fifty thousand tenant farmers and their homeless and landless people in the cities and towns of Texas call for relief at your hands. Idle land and jobless men are a menace to our peace and well-being.

"The first necessary step to bring "The landless man and the manless land" together is to make it profitable to use land to its highest purpose and unprofitable to hold land out of use.

"To this end we demand that you submit to the people of Texas for their approval an amendment to the constitution of the State:

"Article 8, Section 1, of the constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as hereafter to read as follows, to wit:

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

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So now Mr. Robinson after reading the above which was drafted by old time Texans who were members of the Democratic party you can surely see that the question is not why Tom Hickey came to Texas but why the landlords are allowed to rule over Texas and particularly the landlords who own McLennan county, outlaw its people and make mobs possible.

And so you poor Lehprechaun, managing editor of the Waco Times Herald you know from the established record that I have for years been in my opinion one of the strongest outside boosters for your town. Do you remember from the telegraph office adjoining your sanctum the 2000 copies of the Rebel were ordered containing my writeup of conditions in the local battle the first paragraph of which read:

"I always liked that winsome Waco on the banks of the blue Brazos where the waters rarely roll." In all that article only a line might be construed in the nature of criticism when I said: "Waco has only produced one genius since the days and he was shot to death within a block or two of where the Baylor boys were singing onward Christian Soldier.

Why should you ask me about coming to Texas when the Cotton Exchange management has thanked me for helping to bring crowds to your town without money or price. In the rare times when I can get a day off I journey to Waco to meet all the old timers like Sidney Herts and his assistants and Tom McCoughlough, who married me in your court house to the best woman on earth, and to great H. M. Bishop and Vernon Smith and Joe Fox the best city editor in Texas and yourself and George Lusedde and Peter Lerner and the Hall brothers and Davidson of the telephone, and a host of other old time friends that possess a wealth of kindly feelings and companionship that cannot be duplicated in any other city I have ever been in and that I miss. Collectively they have the genius of Hugh Fitzgerald, the spirit of Brann, the character of the old Alcalde, the generosity of Houston and the warmth of heart that none can appreciate more than an Irishman. So you is all my Irishman always answers a question by asking one so when you ask me why I am here, I ask you why did you ever leave Texas? I will tell you why; it is because when you copied the paragraph from my paper charging that McLennan county is controlled by landlords, bankers and usurers you were able to answer the charge and consequently made up yet a page of valuable space in inquiring my reasons for coming to the Lone Star State. I would suggest that in inquiring my reasons for coming to the Lone Star State, I would suggest that you inquire of McLennan county, Dallas, to come to McLennan county, Dallas, to come within the next decade to watch me dance an Irish jig on the grave of the bankers, landlord and usurers that have so long controlled and dominate its politics and make negro burnings inevitable when the law had meted out full justice to the infamous criminal.

## WAKE UP, MARY.

The Democratic party in Texas and Oklahoma is on its last legs. Even its most faithful followers in the ranks of the actual farmers are waking to the fact that it isn't a Democratic party, but is actually an aristocratic party. Its record is bare of achievement for the masses and it is in truth and fact run by the court house and the lobby and the electric lit towns and they in turn are run by the landlord and usurers. The Democratic party has failed to do something for the masses and do it soon the Socialist party will elect red card governors in all the southern states. A wave of dissatisfaction even stronger than the Populist wave is steadily rising. The Rebel will even make an effort to divert the political catastrophe that is coming upon them. The old Democratic leaders are somewhat in the predicament of a young man that a farmer told the Rebel about last week. The story goes that:

A young man who was passionately fond of music found himself torn between conflicting emotions as to which choice he would make between two girls he loved. One girl was beautiful as Diana and had a form more perfect than the Venus of Milo but alas, she had no soul for music and when she tried to sing she croaked like a crow. The other girl was as ugly as Poll Flagherty, who looked at herself in the glass one day and died of shame, but she had a voice that was sweeter than the warbling of the birds. The music mad youth could not resist that so he married the ugly girl. About a month after the nuptial knot was tied he came home one afternoon and found his bride asleep on a lounge. The sun was streaming in on her face, revealing her in all her natural ugliness. The young man looked at her for a moment and then shouted: "Mary wake up, for God's sake, wake up and sing!"

The actual farmers of the south are looking at the horrible ugly old hag of southern democracy and after gritting their teeth in anger they are beginning to shout in unison "wake up old Democratic party and sing." But alas for them The Rebel knows that it is too late for the old party to sing, they only bray.

## PREPAREDNESS * * * THE REBEL BEGS TO BE EXCUSED.

The preparedness parades are pattering up and down the main streets of our fair cities at the present time and The Rebel desires to enter an emphatic protest against such unchristian, ungodly the munition and allied manufacturers delay their parades at least for a few months. Brannan and Bailey, the Ringling Bros., Sells Floto and similar circuses would be on an equal chance but now also as for the preparedness parade. The small boy has been filled up on parades and if they continue much longer there will be a kid left so mean as to carry water to the elephant be it of the progressive or the stand pat kind.

Arthur Dunn, a well known newspaper correspondent, recently interviewed a recruiting officer of a company of the national guard located in Los Angeles, Cal. Never did one of the sob-sisters or "me chesti" as he says over the fact, as he puts it; "The youth of America may not be too proud to fight, but apparently they are too proud to prepare." Now The Rebel may be accused to being anti-patriotic. He may be denounced by Roosevelt, Wilson and Hughes but nevertheless he has to say that the youth of America are the wisest human beings on earth. Every nation on the earth. They attend more schools and read more literature than the youth that are now the authorities of the world.

They attend the movies and even when "the battle cry of peace" is being dinned they sing their mother's song:

"I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER."

Do we feel like the Rebel that if you want to fight have something to fight for. This Celtic blood of mine always moves swiftly when anything, like the flag is hoisted and the bands play, but what causes me to refuse to join ranks is that I would not go to the front to fight a foreign foe but go as a modern Hessian to fight for the enemy within the borders of what should be my own country. And in this respect I differ not a particle from the millions of young men of America who are intelligent enough to ask themselves the question: "Why should I give up my life to fight for the other fellow when he won't fight at all. M. is owned the land and resources of the nation while I own what the negro who is—another—has.

Did the workers of Europe reason out things as well as the workers of America, two five or ten years ago the kaiser there would not be five million corpses laid upon the altar of Mars and mammon.

The soldiers' trade is a glorious trade when it comes to fighting for your own country, but when it comes to fighting for landlords in Texas you can't even cast a vote unless you pay a poll tax two months ahead, then the arts of war can only be used by the man who joins the Militah in the hope that the uniform of blue and brass will hide the vacuous face of that that causes a perpetual ache.

In spite of the roars for preparedness by Wilson, Roosevelt and the National Manufacturers Association, this refusal of the youth of our country to join the army is cause for Rebel's mind, the most encouraging sign of the times.

In case some fool should doubt our patriotism after reading this above we will say this: We are already enlisted in an army. True it is a civilian army, but it is an army in which each member takes more chances in one day than the average soldier takes in his lifetime. It is the army that is now in the trenches throughout all the south fighting for the use and occupancy of that land that the Lord God of Sabbath said "shall not be sold forever."

Our battle flag shall be "hell on earth and God to our standards there shall come the millions of workers of America, who shall make this nation great.

Please remember that the Rebel is going to circulate 100,000 copies on July 1, in commemoration of its fifth anniversary. Every Socialist local in the south should make the question of ordering copies an order of business. The price is 50 cents per hundred. Remember Debs, Benson, Stokes, Patrick, Kate O'Hare, Pat Nagel and many more of the best Socialist writers in the United States will contribute to its columns.

## THE LAND QUESTION.

*(Written for The Rebel by W. T. Flower's.)*

This is the question of all questions in Texas, economically speaking.

There are two things regarding the ownership and possession of land, which have forced themselves into the leading issue of the day, and these theories should be studied and thoroughly understood by the people so they can intelligently cast their votes when the opportunity is offered them to decide as to which theory is right.

These two theories, when expressed in the shortest terms, are stated as *Private* and *Public* ownership. The advocates of private ownership of land contend that that it is right for anyone to accumulate all the land he can, "lawfully," for speculative purposes. The advocates of the public ownership theory deny the right of anyone to use the land for speculative purposes, or to own or control more land than is necessary for his existence and comfort. Let us examine the principles upon which the two theories rest, and decide the matter according to the conclusion derived therefrom, divested of self-interest and prejudiced ideas.

The advocates of private ownership of land make no distinction between the accumulations of land and the wealth derived from the use of the land. They claim that both accumulations are products of the personal efforts of individuals, and are the reward of these efforts. This theory looks plausible when viewed only from the angle of personal and selfish interest, but vanishes like a snowball in August when examined under the microscope of logical reasoning. Let me prove this statement by stating the question logically:

If it is right and lawful for a man to accumulate one acre of land *more* than is necessary for his existence and comfort, then it would be right and lawful for him to accumulate one million acres of land *more* than is necessary for his existence and comfort. If it is right and lawful for one man to accumulate one million acres of land more than is necessary for his existence and comfort, then it would be right and lawful for all men to do that. But before the heads of the 20 million families in the United States, to say nothing of single persons of age, could do so, which the theory of private ownership of land says is right and lawful for them to do, the less than two billion acres of land in the United States would have to be increased to 20 billion acres in order to give each head of family in the United States one million acres. But it would be impossible for each of the 20 million families in the United States to own one million acres of land, for the reason that there is not enough land in the United States, nor in the world, to give them that much. Therefore, it logically follows that that which the theory of the private ownership of land says is right and lawful is impossible, and that which is impossible cannot be right and lawful; and that which cannot be right and lawful cannot be to the interest of mankind; and that which cannot be to the interests of mankind should not be a governing factor in the government of mankind.

FOR PRESIDENT:

**Allan L. Benson**

*of New York*

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

**Geo R Kirkpatrick**

*of New Jersey*

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## STATE TICKET FOR 1916.

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

United States Senator;

T. A. Hickey, of Halettsville.

For Governor;

E. R. Meitzen, of Halettsville.

Attorney General:

Clarence Nugent, Stephenville.

Comptroller:

W. T. Flowers, of Wellington.

Land Commissioner:

G. A. Lambreth, Wheeler.

State Treasurer:

W J. Bell, of Tyler.

Railway Commissioner:

Arch Lingan, San Antonio.

Superintendent of Schools:

J. A. Freeland.

Associate Justice Supreme Court:

R. H. Gibson.

Congressman-at-Large:

Arch Lingan, of Beaumont.

W. D. Simpson, of Cisco.

## FARMERS RECEIVE 20 CENTS A DAY.

Detroit.—General T. Coleman Dupont, onetime powder king, now in another line as president of the Equitable Life Insurance company and a whip hole aspirant, has an article in the Manufacturer and Financial Record on agricultural development and prosperity. Here is an extract from it:

It is well known that the farmers and their wives with their children and helpers, are constantly engaged in strenuous labor, with which a great deal of intelligence and skill is mixed. Their work is subject to peculiar difficulties, and they must exercise constant vigilance to secure their output. Notwithstanding their extraordinary labors their average earnings are far less than the wages paid in the ordinary labor trades in the large cities.

"This is the common fact of experience, and it is confirmed by an examination of the estimates of farm earnings per farm in 1913, compiled by the bureau of the United States, in comparison with the reports of average wages of carpenters, stonecutters, brick-layers, and others in the same year, compiled by the United States department of labor.

"It is probable that there are on the average, five persons to a farm doing the work of adults and including men and women. On this basis the average net earnings of each person were about $63 per year or 20 cents a day, equivalent to about 20 cents for each working day. According to the report of the department of commerce and labor the average wage in that year of carpenters, stone-cutters, brick-layers, locomotive engineers, and railroad conductors was about $4.50 per day."

## OUR POLITICAL DEMANDS.

Now that the national rampaign is getting under way the question is being increasingly asked by the multitude as to what are the political demands of the Socialist party. Here are a few of them. It will be seen that the home is safe and from every paragraph the angela of genuine democracy gathers fresh strength:

The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage.

The adoption of a graduated income tax, the increase of the rates of the inheritance tax and extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the value of the estate and to the nearness of kin—the proceeds of these taxes to be employed in the socialization of industry.

The abolition of the monopoly of patents and the substitution of collective ownership, with direct rewards to inventors by premiums on royalties.

Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.

The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.

The abolition of the Senate and of the veto power of the President.

The election of the President and Vice-President by direct vote of the people.

The abolition of the power usurped by the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by Congress. National laws to be repealed only by act of Congress or by referendum vote of the whole people.

The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that the instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in the country.

If the other parties would adopt such a safe and sane program it would be harder to break up the Socialist party the press and prostitute the public pulpit

Patrick Nagel, editor of the Tenant Farmer, published at Kingfisher, Okla., in his last issue says: "We have entire paper to the registration law convention but we know from the record that the Democratic party has assassinated the initiative and referendum law and the landlords and usurers own that party as thoroughly in Oklahoma as the landlords and usurers own that party in Texas. We need more Irishmen like Pat Nagel to help emasculate the Donk.

J. W. Mandy sends a club and says: "Everybody is taking to Socialism here. Those who hesitate so long and hard are now joining the party. There's a reason."

## Correspondence.

Halletsville, Tex., June 6, 1916.

Mr. A. M. Simons,
Associate Editor Milwaukee Leader,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Simmons:—

Enclosed find a copy of a document that throws a flood of light upon preparedness parades. I hand it to you as it was sent to me through Congressman Clifton Edwards of Dallas. I am running it in this week's issue of the Rebel and you can make what use of it you wish. The Armstrong Packing Company is a Texas branch of the Armour Packing Company. There is no doubt that it is genuine. I know you will play it up for all you are worth. I enclose you also my writeup and you can do with it whatever you wish.

Two other important matters I want to talk to you about first:

You know that after a prolonged battle covering eight years the Socialist party of Texas made land the dominant issue in 1914. Governor Ferguson being elected on a Tax land plank. This for the first time in 15 years prohibition became a secondary issue. As might be expected this year the landed aristocracy has come back with a vengeance and had 600 pro delegates out of 800 delegates in the state convention of the Democratic party held in San Antonio on the 23rd of last month.

On top of this the landlord interests have secured 50,000 names, 5000 more than was necessary, to have a statewide vote taken in July that will order a constitutional amendment enacting a prohibition amendment to the voters for adoption soon afterwards.

You can have an idea of what this move is when you consider that through local option elections 186 counties are dry and only six of them are totaly wet, the balance being wet only in isolated spots. The tactical move of the landlord in the biggest state in the Union and where landlordism has produced the worst results is to keep the poverty stricken land tenants looking up at the water wagon while they, the landlords, guzzle booze in the big wet cities while the slaves are fighting over John Barleycorn whose presence they never see.

It appears to me that the most convincing argument that can be used in this situation lies in the profound fact that the more the workers give up their little luxuries, be it tobacco, beer or liquor, pool tables or pianos the lower inevitably will fall their standard or living.

Now I regard you as one of the best Marxian thinkers in America and hence I would like to have from you an article written in your usual lucid style demonstrating this big fact that has never been used by any publication in Texas up to date, except the Rebels although the antis have paid large sums for great orators and journalists who seem to be utterly ignorant of it. If we can show the 250,000 heads of families of Texas, who are tenants, that not only will the prohibition of the liquor traffic fail to benefit them under capitalism but it will make their miserable lot still worse then the land issue in Texas will be the dominant issue until it is settled and settled right as the Socialist party proposes!

I leave my office for a series of debats, that will last 21 days on June 26. My opponent will be Judge Davis of Dallas, one of the strong candidates for United States senator. Accordingly if you have the time you will, realizing the importance of this article, mail it to me so that I will get it at least by June 22. It occurs to me that this move of the plutocracy to muddy the waters by prohibition agitation should be played up by every Socialist paper in the United States. We should stress upon the fact that Frank Walsh and the committee on Industrial Relations did not in any way deal with the prohibition question on the Francis Willard theory, I presume, that drunkenness does not cause poverty, but poverty causes drunkness.

Our papers, I believe, should elaborate upon the fact that when Arizona was as dry as a bone last year the fires of the class struggle burned hotter than ever at Bisbee and Clifton and this year we learn from Frank Walsh that the Rockefeller forces in Colorado have put prohibition through in that unfortunate state and elected a Republican governor and a Democratic attorney general who with the rest of the pro forces will see to it that the coal miner that dare attempt to organize a union shall be shot like a dog and their women and children burned a la Ludlow.

Another matter: The national executive committee will meet in a few weeks to draft a platform. If I catch the spirit and thought of the southern Socialist aright they want a land plank that shall unequivocally declare in the clearest terms for the Single Tax.

The Republican and Democrat parties will not take up the question of Single Tax and it seems to me that our party would be recreant to the teaching of Marx and to international Socialism if we failed to put through such a plank in our national platform.

The personel of the N. E. C. of the S. P. is such that I fear that they do not comprehend the size and strength of the land question and the grave results that will ensue if it is not properly handled. I am positive that some southern states will not pay a nickel a month per member to the N. E. C. if they do not give us the land plank we want and you can bet your last dollar that Texas and Oklahoma will be the first states to adopt this policy of economy and sanity. This of course will not mean a split, it will mean that we are saving a nickel a piece.

Trusting that everything will come all right as to our land plank I will close by suggesting that you get into touch with Stitz Wilson and other Socialist Single Taxers to the end that we can make the most progressive step on land that a Socialist party has ever in any nation on earth.

With kindest personal regards to yourself and Mrs. May Wood Simmons, I am,

Your friend and comrade,
T. A. Hisby.

## OUR REBS.

John J. Rejnek fires in the first batch of subs on the 15 cents until after election proposition. He is closely followed by Lorenz Petersen and other active Rebels who want to make November 7, 1916, a historic date. Just think what it would mean for our cause if every worker would make it a duty to send in the names of ten people who do not read Socialist literature they to get the Rebel from now until after the November election. Grab a sheet of paper and go round up ten of your friends.

E. W. Bryce remits $1.80 and orders the Rebel Specific administered until after election to 12 of his friends who need such a treatment.

A. L. Mathews sends in a bunch of renewals. Once they take it they are never satisfied without it—The Rebel.

G. W. Smith sends six and threatens to keep up his war on the Donks in his precinct as long as there is any of them left.

J. A. Axson sends another club from Oregon this week. He has the habit.

Geo. Lloyd, a Single Taxer from the Bay Tree state, orders a bundle of the Yucatan edition and speaks for a bundle of the big anniversary edition that is to be printed on July 1, and also sends a club of four. He's a rebel right.

R. H. Boyd is the big Reb this week. He sends 26 names to receive the Rebel until after the November election. Who will beat Boyd?

J. M. Ray sends a club and writes: Am 75 years old, been in every reform movement since 1860. Many people have stopped reading and voting but I am in the fight until the last.

J. F. Ferguson sends a club from Mississippi and says: Somebody has been sending me the Rebel and I am going to show my appreciation by sending it to four of my friends. Good idea.

R. R. Radney, F. B. Waddill, and R. B. Thompson all insure against loss for three years.

Regular Reb report this week as follows: J. E. McBroom, G. L. Teague, J. J. Jackson, F. K. Fair, S. M. Earls, S. Manning, J. A. Hoskins, W. E. Carnes, Jim Hanrich, Wm. A. Galloway, W. L. Wright, W. W. Smith, W. H. Rodgers, J. O. Dockery.

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## WHY THE McGILLICUDDY BILL MUST PASS.

*By Peter J. Brady,*
Secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council.

The approaching vote in the House of Representatives on the McGilliuddy bill for compensation for injured federal employees reminds me of one of the saddest stories I know. It shows how Uncle Sam played a brutal part.

Samuel H. Donaldson, who was for many years employed in the Appraiser's warehouse of the Port of New York, in the summer of 1911 was killed by a fall which was caused by a defective case book supplied him by the government. Mr. Donaldson left a widow and four children. The widow applied for compensation but was told that her husband's occupation was "non-hazardous" and not within the scope of the existing compensation law of 1908. In a month she died broken-hearted, and the four young children, but for the kindness of friends, would have been scattered among State institutions. Now, had the employer been any one but Uncle Sam the common law principle of liability would have brought some damages to the orphans. The national government, however, cannot be sued and that is one of the reasons why federal employees should be protected by a comprehensive and adequate compensation law. The only means of getting any redress was through the promotion of a special private bill through Congress. For three years under the well known "Delay, Linger and Wait" policy, nothing for the children was forthcoming. At last, in 1914, a generous Congress voted $840 as maintenance for these four children.

This policy of "Delay, Linger and Wait" in the matter of passing a decent compensation law for the federal employees should not be tolerated any longer by the workers of America. We are always told that conditions and wages over here are very much better than in other industrial countries, but in the matter of workmen's compensation our government has a lower standard than any civilized country in the world.

The above bill should not have to go through the processes of "delay, linger and wait." But what else can be expected when The American Federation of Labor follows the Lincoln policy of rewarding your friends and destroying your enemies by means of the old parties. If the workers of the United States would follow the program of the Socialist party they would elect their own representatives and put through measures of social and agricultural programs like the following which were adopted at the Socialist party national convention held at Indianapolis in 1916:

*Industrial Demands.*

The conservation of human resources, particularly of the lives and well-being of the workers and their families:

1. By shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productiveness of machinery.

2. By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half each week.

3. By securing a more effective inspection of workshops, factories and mines.

4. By forbidding the employment of children under sixteen years of age.

5. By the co-operative organization of the industries in the federal penitentiaries for the benefit of the convicts and their dependents.

6. By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor and of all uninspected factories and mines.

7. By abolishing the profit system in government work, and substituting either the direct hire of labor or the awarding of contracts to co-operative groups of workers.

8. By establishing minimum wage scales.

9. By abolishing official charity and substituting a non-contributory system of old-age pensions, a general system of insurance by the state of all its members against unemployment and invalidism and a system of compulsory insurance by employers of their workers, without cost to the latter, against industrial disease, accidents and death.

*Proposed Farmers' Program.*

1. The Socialist Party demands that the means of transportation and storage and the plants used in the manufacture of farm products and farm machinery shall be socially owned and democratically managed.

2. To prevent the holding of land out of use and to eliminate tenantry, we demand that all farm land not cultivated by owners shall be taxed at its full rental value, and that actual use and occupancy shall be the only title to land.

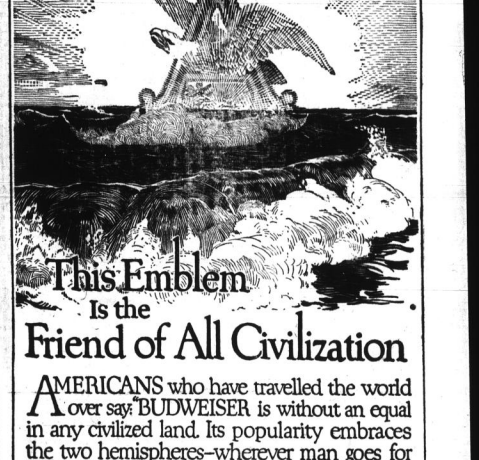
3. We demand the retention by the national, state or local governing bodies of all land owned by them, and the continuous acquirement of other land by reclamation, purchase, condemnation, taxation or otherwise; such land to be organized as rapidly as possible into socially operated farms for the conduct of collective agricultural enterprises.

4. Such farms should constitute educational and experimental centers for crop culture, the use of fertilizers and farm machinery, and distributing points for improved seeds and better breeds of animals.

5. The formation of co-operative associations for agricultural purposes should be encouraged.

6. Insurance against diseases of animals and plants, insect pests and natural calamities should be provided by national, state or local governments.

7. We call attention to the fact that the elimination of farm tenantry and the development of socially owned and operated agriculture will open new opportunities to the agricultural wageworker and free him from the tyranny of the private employer.

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# State Office Notes.

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

*MEITZEN'S TOUR.*

Reports from Northwest Texas, where E. R. Meitzen, nominee for governor, is campaigning are to the effect that never has a governor's tour been such a success. He is making a clean sweep of all his main theme, and is turning votes by the hundreds.

At Paducah he spoke on the street to an audience of farmers, workers, and town people that exceeded anything seen at a political meeting there in years and all stayed until the last word was spoken. Dozens of Democrats were heard to say that his argument, especially as to the land question, was unanswerable.

At Floydada the courthouse was filled with a crowd that had waited until 4 p. m. for the delayed mail auto that brought the speaker.

The crowd was from three to four times as large as that which greeted either Henry or Morris the previous week.

At Roscoe at night one of the solid Donk rings of the west. A large audience was on hand and subsequent reports show that many saw a new light they never saw before.

At Lorenzo in the afternoon a crowd of 200 gathered to hear the gospel and not one person left until the last word was spoken.

At Colorado a fine and attentive audience gathered at the tabernacle, larger than that which greeted the Donk candidate for senator in the same place. The Colorado comrades want a return date.

Near Crews the large school building was filled to overflowing, persons being present from Lavra, Winters, Ballinger and other points. The speaker, though tired out from a long tour, kept his audience interested until the last. The comrades want him for a return date for a big picnic soon to be held at which Blanton, Morris and other Donk fights will speak.

At Bronte a crowd filled the auditorium and applauded the speaker to the echo. The next morning no less than a dozen erstwhile Donks were heard to declare that they had turned their backs to the party. He is wanted back for a great political picnic at the end of the month.

The general verdict is that Meitzen is getting clearer, stronger and more eloquent with every speech — and he is doing a world of good.

The intention is to clean up the 13th and 16th district before July 1, 1916.

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W. J. Bell, manager of the Southern Socialist Lecture System with headquarters at Tyler, Tex., announces in his last bulletin that "The biggest thing to be pulled off before the people of Texas today will be the series of debates between the Hon. John E. Davis of Dallas, candidate for United States senator before the Democratic primaries, and Thos. A. Hickey, editor of The Rebel, candidate of the Socialist party for the same office. These gentlemen are to hold discussions beginning July 1, and extending to July 21. Mr. Davis is known as one of the biggest lawyers and strongest lawyers in north Texas. When the two men shy their hats in the ring the fur will fly and each gentleman is confident of being able to uphold his end. Mr. Bell writes; "If a bigger intellectual fight has ever been pulled off in Texas covering so much space and time and on such vital questions the oldest inhabitant knows nothing thereof." For full particulars write without delay to W. J. Bell, 615 Kennedy Ave., Tyler, Texas.

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Secretaries in Bell, Falls, McLennan, Hamilton and Coryell counties will make their reports to Mrs. M. C. Richardson, Temple, Texas, she having been elected secretary of the 11th congressional district.

*E. R. Meitzen's Dates.*

Dodd, June 13; Pear Valley, 14; Brownwood, 15; Abilene, 16; Stephenville, 17; Bridgeport, 19; Jacksboro, 20.

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C. G. Neal writes that E. R. Meitzen delivered the goods in an eloquent speech at Roscoe on June 5. A local has been organized.

ENCAMPMENT DATES.
Arranged to date.

Team No. 1:
R. B. Mattson, Wm. D. Simpson and Lottie Burkes — Kenedy, July 10, 11, 12; Hewett, 13, 14, 15; Charleston, 17, 18, 19; Guy's store 20, 21.

Team No. 2:
Arch Lingan, W. J. Loe and R. Holliday — Jayton, July 10, 11 and 12; Aspermont, 13, 14, 15.

Team No. 3:
Arch. Lingan, W. J. Loe and Lottie Burkes — Stonewall, July 20, 21, 22; Rochester, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Vernon, 10 11, 12.

Other encampment committees will please report at once to the Southern Socialist Lecture System, W. J. Bell, manager, 615 Kennedy Ave., Tyler, Tex., so encampment teams may be assigned to you and the dates set for your encampments, avoiding the confusion and disappointment caused by waiting until the last moment.

*SOUTHERN SOCIALIST LECTURE SYSTEM APPOINTMENTS.*

Wm. D. Simpson: — Aransas Pass vicinity, June 3 to 15; Corpus Christi, 16 to 19.

Arch Lingan: — Tow, June 10 12; Field Creek, 13 to 15; Crews 17; Menard county, 19 to 29.

W. J. Loe: — Bowie, June 10; Chalk, 12, 13, 14; Memphis, 15 to 21; Lubbock, 22 to 24; Tulia, 26, 27; Higgins, 28; Hopewell Okla., 29th.

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The Socialists of Wichita county have put a full county ticket in the field. At a mass meeting called by the county chairman, Brazel Voyt, on June 10, F. H. Morris was elected temporary secretary. The meeting was the most harmonious one and good will and fellowship was visible in all deliberations and business. Ernest Vogt is one of the livest county chairmen in Texas and F. H. Harris will be a most efficient secretary.

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A county mass meeting was held at Palestine on June 11. A full county ticket was nominated, so states T. E. Foster who concludes: "We are expecting a Socialist vote in Anderson county this year that will throw a fear of retributive justice into the ranks of the Democratic politicians who have so long misruled the people."

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The Socialists of Leon county are urgently requested to meet at the court house in Centerville at 10 a. m. Saturday, July 8, 1916, for the purpose of selecting a county ticket and to transact other business of importance. H. E. Cothran, county chairman.

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J. L. Wall writes from Wall Tex. that W. D. Simpson filled two speaking dates at that place recently, speaking to large crowds. He made a lasting impression on his audience. The leading minister of that place has since come out openly and indorsed Socialism.

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W. H. Smith, county secretary of Van Zandt county, writes this office stating that there will be a mass meeting on June 17: Every Socialist is requested to be on hand because very important business must be attended to.

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J. W. Pritchard, county secretary of Johnson county, notifies us that a full ticket has been nominated at the recent mass meeting and they expect to elect it at the next election day.

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The annual picnic at Gustine will be held on July 6 and 7. Several Socialists' opponents will be here to debate if necessary. A first class speaker will be on hand to defend the Socialist cause.

*THE POLITICAL DR. COOK.*

By the time this issue of The Rebel goes to press the Republican national convention will have adjourned. The silent mum, Hughes, or the tax dodger, Roosevelt, will have been nominated for th presidency unless the plutocracy decide upon a dark horse. Everybody desiring to get first class insight into the methods and character of Roosevelt should send a dime to the Rebel office for the 32 page pamphlet entitled — Theodore Roosevelt, the Political Dr. Cook.

*A CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE VOTERS OF TEXAS.*

Fellow Citizens:

The Democratic party is preparing to come before the people again, asking them to go to the primary election in July and decide which of the candidates shall be nominated for office in the November election, and this *Circular Letter* is addressed to you, asking you to consider its contents before you go to the primary to support that party for the next election.

The Democratic party, in its last national and state platforms, will, at least, be the party of platform promises and "promises" to be "faithfully" carried out when its nominees are elected. But remember that "promises" and "promises" made by that party in the past have proven to be "promises" to support it in the coming election.

Mr. Wilson was elected upon a platform which promised:

"To collect or impose no tariff duties except for revenue only," and "stop the system of taxation that makes the rich richer and the poor poorer." But the rich are getting richer at a greater rate now than ever before in the United States, with no visible improvement in the condition of the poor.

It promised to "assist the farmer." But this is has absolutely failed to do, while on the other hand it has assisted Wall Street bankers and speculators in robbing the farmer of the product of his labor.

It promised to "lower" the tariff," and "reduce the high cost of living" which is higher now than ever before in the history of our country.

It "favored the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States." But no such law exists, and the present administration has made no effort to "enact" such a law, though it has had plenty of time and opportunities to have done so, and "private monopoly" still exist in a more flourishing condition than ever before in our country.

It condemned the Republican party for compromising with the Standard Oil Company. But the present administration has done worse. It allowed the demon of mammon to override the laws of Colorado, the Constitution of the United States and the laws of justice and common honesty, in taking the lives of men, women and children who were striving to earn their bread in the sweat of their faces, thereby wilfully and maliciously refusing to carry out the platform pledge made in which it is stated, "We favor the full exercise of all power of the government, both state and national, in protecting the people from injustice at the hands of those who seek to make the government a private asset for business." Did not the Colorado Iron and Fuel Company do that very thing in Colorado? Did not that company violate the laws of Colorado in a "private asset" in its business, and did not the Democratic officials of Colorado and President Wilson stand by its warm side while it was doing it? Certainly!

The Democratic party declared in favor of a "single presidential term" at Baltimore in 1912. But it is now preparing to nominate the same Mr. Wilson it "pledged" to its "single term" principle four years ago.

It favored a "reduction in the number of useless officers thereby raising the purchasing power in the people's toll." But when that party got in office it created nearly *one thousand* more public positions than the Republican party had, and appropriated $500,000 for "hog chokers" and used it in buying automobiles for the doctors and salaries, who were appointed to look after the sick hogs, and the poor hogs did not get the benefit of a single dollar of the appropriation!

It opposed the "so-called Aldrich bill." But when the Democratic party got in possession of the Government it put that law in force by grinding out $540,000,000 of "free" money and turning it over to the New York banks and cotton gamblers and speculators to "help out" in the farmers' cotton at less than half its worth, while absolutely refusing to loan the cotton producers a single dollar of it, and then the Government insured the cotton gamblers and speculators for from $63 to $75 a bale against loss and secure in shipping it to European countries, and *paid for thousands of bales* on that price!

The 1912 Democratic platform "favored the protection of the people against the trusts and favored the protection of wages." But when that party got in power, it turned the people's money over to a few New York banks to assist them in robbing the people, and assisted private corporations in the fight against labor organizations.

The "National Democracy" at Baltimore in 1912, "favored a general employer's liability act covering injury to body or loss of life of employes. It did not only state that it favored such a law, but "pledged the Democratic party to enact" such a law. But that party has not only *failed* to enact such a law, but has actually assisted private corporations against the spirit and justice of such a law.

It favored the passage of a law that "will protect the coal deposits of Alaska against monopolistic grafters," and then it has appropriated 35 to 40 millions of dollars to build a railroad to those coal deposits for the "grafters" could reach the coal.

It favored a systematic effort to improve the conditions of trade in farm products so as to benefit both consumers and producers." But consumers continue to pay exorbitant prices for the necessities of life, while the producers are fleeced by the corporations that control the national machinery of the Democratic party.

The record of the Democratic party for the last four years has been such that no self-respecting Democrat, or any other independent can go to the July primary and "pledge" himself to support it.

Thomas E. Watson, speaking of the record of the present administration, says: "It treat-ment of the Farmer has been so base, and so destructive to agricultural welfare, that I wonder how any Democrat, supporting of the Wilson administration can have the hardihood to look an indignant Populist audience in the face." "Its Tariff reform," says Mr. Watson, "is a wicked, cruel, disgraceful sham, for it has not lessened the unspeakably profits of capital, raised the wages of labor or lowered the cost of living."

But it has favored the rich, whose income is $2,000 or more per annum, by failing to collect the "Income Tax" therefrom to the extent of $100,000,000 a year. Evidence is sufficient to show that the Income Tax law, if properly enforced, would yield the Government an annual income of $400,000,000, whereas only $80,000,000 are being collected. The present administration has collected a tax of $100,000,000 a year against the people, and which they are forced to pay, while the rich are allowed to dodge about $320,000,000 a year in violation of the law.

At the present time (May, 1916), while the wind, of the grafters are absorbed in the question of "Preparedness," the present TRUST CONTROLLED Congress in about to perform some of the boldest acts in favor of the "Trusts" since the Civil War. Known as the "Water Water Power Bill," the "Fitzgerald Free Muzzling Bill," the "Muscle Shoals" steal, the "Oregon-California Land Grant," the "Oil Leasing" grab, and the "Republican Coal Co. measure," giving $32,000,000 worth of coal lands to the C. M. & St. Paul railroad, in direct violation of its 1912 national platform demand of the enactment of a law that would make it impossible for a PRIVATE TRUST to exist in the United States!

But how much better has the State administration been? Where are the *promised reforms* of the Ferguson administration? Are you much better off are the renters of Texas now than they were four years ago? What has the Ferguson "Land Plank" done for them? LET THE RENTERS ANSWER.

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*THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.*

The Republican and Bull Moose conventions held in Chicago last week turned out precisely as The Rebel predicted.

The old reactionary gang that has controlled the Republican party for the past forty years went into the middle of the Republican convention and even the ghosts of the crooked past like Chauncey M. Depew and Joe Cannon walked on the public stage and told jokes and swore in the old time, old guard way. John D. Rockefeller spent a few fleeting hours in the city and was surprised all was well.

Part of those delegates opposed at the "Progressive" Bull Moose convention which was ramrodded by J. P. Morgan's ex-partner, Perkins, late of the New York Life Insurance Company and now chief mogul of the International Harvester Company, which concern recently spent $480,000 on gunmen and a gunboat to defeat "one and occupancy" in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The expected happened at this convention. Roosevelt tried to build the old guard of the Republicans into accepting him as their nominee for the Presidency. However, Rockefeller passed the word along that he was most thoroughly satisfied with Wilson therefore it was thumbs down for his little agent at Oyster Bay. It will the surprise that a thousand prospective postmasters and other would-be federal officers silently winded their way home with the lobster from the supreme court was nominated.

These conventions point out two important facts that we should all learn;

First: a party based upon the personality of one man leans on a broken reed. He may become corrupt like Roosevelt or remain honest and slip upon a banana peeling and break his neck, in either event the party is destroyed.

Second, that the old guard of the plutocracy is satisfied with the bewildered Hughes or the clean shaven Wilson. They both look alike to the bashing interests that have made a greater increase within the past year in their resources than is equal to the entire corn, wheat and cotton crops of the United States.

Third, that the Socialist party must, through the united action of the workers, economically and politically seize the political and industrial powers of the United States or sink into a condition of peonage beside which the ancient Egyptian Fellaheen were a paradise.

A good insight into the strings that pull those conventions can be had by procuring a copy of "Theodore Roosevelt, the Political Dr. Cook" from this office. Price 10 cents per copy.


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