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THE LESSON OF THE SINN FEIN.

The civilized world has been astounded, and then thrilled to the core of their hearts by reading of the Sinn Fein rebellion in Dublin, and other portions of Ireland and the barbaric methods used by the English government to put it down. Instead of treating the captured leaders as prisoners of war they were literally murdered in military barracks behind closed doors without a semblance of trial.

Fourteen leaders have been executed, hundreds of others have been sentenced to penal servitude and over one hundred have been deported from their beloved Green Island, never Erin the gem of the sea.

Let's get to the basic facts of this struggle that has caused such a loss of life and in this connection be it remembered that before the revolution was quelled 600 officers and soldiers and policemen went down to death with Irish lead and steel.

The first fact to be remembered is that Ireland has been held in subjugation by the British government for centuries. She has been denied the national existence that was given to Canada, Australia and other British possessions. This in spite of the fact that she has a language of her own more beautiful than the Italian and expressive as the French.

Ireland is an island on the Irish sea almost within seeing distance of England. The trip from Kingstown, a suburb of Dublin, to Holyhead which is within an hour of London, is made in four hours.

The population of England is ten times that of Ireland. The wealth of England, the workshop of the world, is incomparably greater. Though Ireland, mile for mile, has as great natural resources as England, yet England has ever sought to break up her industries as thoroughly as she has her language, her literature, her religion, her code of laws and everything that makes for a national existence.

England, with her mighty navy can control little Ireland so that the arms necessary for a successful revolution can not be secured by the men of Innis-fail, but yet so strong are the Irish in character and courage, so proud are they of their glorious isle, with a smile and a tear in its eye, that they fight on from generation to generation looking forward, ever hoping for assistance from some independent power.

Thus they looked for the French in 1798 and indeed one French ship did land at Killala and the gallant Fitzgerald went into the revolution that year in the garb of a French officer. It was then the Irish sang: "Oh, the French are on the bay."

In the revolution of 1848 outside assistance could not be secured, but the men whose names are synonous with bravery down to the uttermost ends of the seven seas, met trained troops of Briton face to face armed with scythes, pitchforks, clubs and pikes. It may seem a strong statement but in the light of history it is true that the Irishmen will go up against the pick of the English veterans even if they had nothing but shillelaghs in their hands, outnumbered and facing shotted guns.

Naked fists against machine guns! Well, all right! The unconquerable spirit of the Irish will eventually win and it may be from a source that until recently has not been calculated upon. Not from Germany or France or the capture of Canada by Irish Americans, but from those who have much reason for vengeance on Morgan, Rockefeller, Schwab and Carnegie as have the Irish for the overlords of Albion. So they the overlords of land or industry they know no country or God and America has become the strategic point that must be stormed in the interest of world-wide democracy.

The Irish looked for assistance in 1867, this time from the United States. In spite of gallant attempts by the Irish-Americans the revolution was abortive.

And now comes the latest revolution. This time they looked to the Teuton for help. They did not fear the militarism that is such an element in the German's life because fighting was even an Irishman's trade. All they wanted was guns to destroy their hereditary enemy. They would welcome the German as quick as they would welcome the Slav or the Turk because all seasons are summer for freedom and the Gael feels in every fiber of his being that nothing eloquent sentiment expressed before the '48 revolution by the young Irish lad, Meagher, considered one of the greatest orators in the last century, when he said in debate with O'Connell:

"I do not abhor the sword. I do not stigmatize the sword for from that evening on which in the valley of Bethulia he nerved the arm of the Jewish girl to smite the drunken tyrant in his tent down to this, our day, in which he has blessed the insurgent chivalry of the Belgian priest. His almighty hand has been stretched forth from his throne of light to consecrate the flag of freedom, to bless the patriot sword. Be it in defense or be it in the assertion of a people's liberty I hail the sword as a sacred weapon and if sometime it has taken the shape of the serpent and reddened the shroud of the oppressor with the deep a dye like the anodial red of the high priest in all of elsewhere and as often blossomed forth into celestial flowers to deck the freeman's brow."

Feeling this way is it any wonder that Provisional President Pearse of the Irish republic, whose battered body is now in the dust of his beloved land, and who coolly and calmly measured the consequences of his act and decided to pay the highest price known to man, that of his brave young life, if by doing so he could lay that life down on the altar of Irish freedom. Feeling this sentiment is it any wonder that my personal friend, James Connelly, the great Catholic Socialist, led the Rebels up O'Connell street while the beautiful green flag of his country floated over the postoffice.

Why did the Irish die? Because it is the right of a nation to govern herself. The first article of a nation's creed was violated in the lands of their fathers. They and their brothers are only added names to an illustrious host of martyrs the like of which no nation on the earth can record, and the spirits of these departed dead, the Sarsfields, the Wolf Tones, the Emmetts, the Fitzgeralds, the O'Mahoneys, the O'Hickeys, the Mitchells, the Meaghers and the Stevens look down upon them and encourage them in the fight from the firing of the first shot at Liberty Hall to the moment they passed out in exquisite anguish.

Among the rubbish that has been purveyed about Irish revolutions is the statement that home rule means Rome rule and indeed, unfortunately, that is the prevalent impression in America today. This absurd idea can be wiped out with the statement of one fact: With about three exceptions all the great leaders of Ireland, whether as generals on the battlefield, poets in their den, orators in the forum, statesmen in the conquering parliament, have been Protestants and belong to anyone of the different creeds that oppose Catholicism. The Irishman regardless of what altar he knels at sacred with Thos. Davis in the '48 revolution:

"No matter what altar we kneel at our freedom is first in our hearts."

The Orangeman is a thing transplanted from God knows where, a poor nondescript that has a body to kick but no soul to damn. He is usually a proletarian and is used by the landlord plutocrat aristocracy to keep alive the fires of religious hate while his masters like Sir Edward Carson allows him to black his shoes and be a menial around the house. The Irish correctly regard him as a parish outside the gates of the nation because he is a man that won't fight for the country that gave him birth.

That John Redmond, the home rule leader fell into the arms of Sir Edward Carson, the Orangeman leader, was to be expected. Where can you find a page in history that records during the recent period of capitalist development two landlords fighting when a fundamental question is to be settled against their mutual interest. Judge McGuire, ex-mayor of Syracuse, N. Y., in his first book on the European war, points out that Redmond held his land so high for purchase that the other landlords following suit, held up the tenants of Ireland for 12,000,000 Poundr extra, or $60,000,000.

It was not only a fight for political freedom that caused these men to face the cannon's mouth, but there was an immense economic element pressing and indeed that is not strange because economic and political questions all ways dovetail. The Irish rebels saw the industries of Ireland languish and in many cases die. They saw the lands taken away from them and held by alien landlords. They had witnessed and read of countless evictions where the hearthstone was torn down and the roof tree razed and but a blackened spot left where there used to be a home, the smoke from whose fire once ascended toward the throne of a beneficient creator.

It was this stealing of the lands that was a potent factor in the fight. Give the Irish freedom of the land and she would lead all the smaller nations of the earth.

But landlordism was the curse from which Ireland suffered and all the acts of Punkett tending toward Peasant proprietorship was like placing plasters on wooden legs or operating on a man for a corn when he had a cancer in his stomach.

Time was when Ireland had communism in land, title deeds were unknown and He who "gave dominion to man over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air, and over every creeping thing thereon" was the only landlord they knew!

They revered and lived up to the divine injunction that "the land should not be sold forever," and, faith, it was well that they practiced that precept for centuries. And then was Ireland the island of saints and doctors from whose shores the rays of enlightened civilization penetrated into the darkest places of a barbaric Europe, because they lived up to the teachings of the old prophet:

"They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit thereof; they shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people; my elect shall enjoy the work of their hands."

To restore that condition of nationalization of the land and the absolute control of their nation politically was what caused the gallant Sinn Feins to march to martyr's graves.

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This is a great lesson for the landless men of the mighty southland and the rest of the nation for that matter, this latest Irish revolution.

I challenge successful contradiction of this statement that the tenants of Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia and other Southern states are exploited by native and alien landlords to a degree that approximates the vilest deeds of the worst landlords that ever harassed old Ireland. From governors and college professors down The Rebel dares refutation of this statement.

Within twenty-one years Oklahoma has passed from a condition where there was then not one tenant to this moment when there are 100,000 heads of families renting land in the Mistletoe state, with all that implies.

Within the short space of fifty years we have seen the lands of Texas grabbed as thoroughly as would the English Lord or scion of the House of Hapsburgs grab the lands of other people.

I know of the mighty game preserves of Ireland, England and Scotland held out of cultivation and places where the foot of a white man who would build a home can not tread, but lump them all together and then they will not commence to compare with the 117,000,000 acres of land that is held out of use in Texas alone, an empire that is larger than Germany. In fact the virgin soil held out from homebuilders in Texas is bigger than the German nation.

I see tenantry increasing so that when God's sun sets at eventide a hundred new tenant families have been added to the peon roll of the south.

Because of landlordism I see illiteracy increasing. I see prostitution growing larger, the press and pulpit muzzled and subsidized and a steady, continuous degeneration going on physically, mentally, morally through the blighting influences of landlordism and, worst of all, I find that the landlords and usurers who control the legislatures are pressing forward to restrict the rights of suffrage through poll tax, registration, long residence qualifications and other devious methods.

And should they succeed in their foul work of striking down the ballot then they force the sword into our hands and we would be indeed wretched dogs unfit to inhabit the earth if we refused to accept their challenge. So far as I am concerned, as conditions are, I had rather die die in the open than to die of disease in bed. I had rather die gun in hand fighting for the freedom of the land than to continue to exist, a despicable slave under the landlord's heel.

So now, men, there are two courses open to you. Either do as the Irish rebels did—meet the forces of landlordism and shoot them out of existence because we have the numbers and the great land the brave Irish lack, and we should prepare to do this now and rid our country from the intolerable conditions that are imposed upon it; or else organize the Land League and join the Socialist party and vote the landlord and usury system out of existence on next election day.

Land and industrial workers: The question is squarely up to you. Are you as brave as the Sinn Feins or has the spirit of your fathers departed from your souls!

With profund reverence for the Irish rebels, I subscribe myself, like Connelly, a Socialist Sinn Feiner.

T. A. Hickey (Candidate for United States Senator.)

(*Note* — Sinn Fein (pronounced shin fane) is a Gaelic term, meaning "Ourselves.")

A TONSORIAL TROUBLE.

The Rebel must confess that he never did understand the depth of depravity that ex-general Villa had sunk to until we read the latest news dispatches from the front.

They went on to say, in solemn tones, that the capture of Villa would be extremely difficult because the miscreant had taken a clean shave and in sumuch as it is difficult to identify a clean shave of Mexican from a bewhiskered one the punitive expedition is unable to fall in the capture of the blasted brigand.

Fortunately for the safety of our country, and the preservation of our flag, our glorious governor, eighty per cent jim, jumped into the breach with the thrilling words "now that we are here let us stay there." A greater declaration from a statesman has not been heard in our country since Tom Paine wrote "The Crisis."

Abas, with the fellow who seeks to prove that Villa was never at Columbus, N. M. Down with the man who says the associated press was on the job 24 hours before the slaughter at Columbus, N. M., and the United States army allowed their horses to be stolen from them by horseback boosts and that even in Tampico, Mex., the Americans got out because they knew all about it four days before the killing.

The Rebel says down with such immoralities. Down with those who say Wall street hired the job done. The one great burning question is: "Why did Villa lose his whiskers?" Has he got no regard for the Wilson administration? Therefore, we say, down with Villa.

But in this night of gloom, as Ingersoll would say, hope sees a star. When all the world seems to whirl around we we learn the joyful news that the Texas state militia has been called out, armed with talkum powder, safety pins and other sterling necessaries of a gallant militiaman's existence. We place our hopes upon them. They will probably capture Villa, put a set of masquerade whiskers on him and then the honor of the punitive expedition and our country will be saved.

In the meantime we tremble lest the editor of the New York Herald will see his prediction come true, that a number of gentlemen who frequent Wall street will be hung higher than Hyman because of Columbus, N. M.

Republican politicians are as scarce as hen's teeth in Texas, but, lord, what will happen when the post offices come along.

TWO SIMPLE EDITORS.

The Pitchfork of Dallas, Tex., publishes the pictures of two Irish editors in its May number and makes this comment;

T. A. Hickey and Senator J. C. McNealus are a couple of Irish editors who are silly enough to believe that God made the land for the people. It is a scientific fact that God made land for a few landlords, but these two Irish editors can't get the idea, somehow.

Pitchfork may be right that it is a scientific fact that the land was made for a few landlords but I fail to find it in Genesis. I can't get it in the prophets. The Old and New Testaments are silent on the subject except in a couple of occasions where land was purchased for a graveyard. I can't find it in Blackstone, nor Kent, nor Spencer, nor George, nor Marx. This reminds us that a negro preacher in North Carolina a couple of years ago made a big bunch of money by selling bread pills to his parishoners while claiming it was a "scientific fact" that the aforesaid pills would keep Halley's comet from hitting the man that consumed the pills. Anyhow, Pitchfork does not believe it is a scientific fact himself and he is just joshing. The only ones who believe it is a scientific fact is the yap land renters and wage workers who throw up their hats for Joe Bailey, Jim Ferguson, Bob Henry et al.

Tenantry in Texas

Messrs. R. E. Davis and E. V. White, employed to make investigations of land tenantry by the extension department of the State University of Texas, recently published over their signatures in the Bulletin of the University their conclusions as to land tenantry in Collin county which lies between Dallas and Sherman and which lies in the exception to the richest black land country in Texas.

These gentlemen were selected because of their high of order of intelligence by the state university authorities point out that the most serious problem that Collin county has to face is their tenancy. They find that the county is being depleted of its fertility. During twelve days of travel over the county they listed 314 cases of burning old stalks of the ground. The tenant must squeeze the soil for all it is worth. The tenant's home is wretched. Land is $150 an acre and can't be paid out by a tenant. The schools are wretched, white children can rarely at tend, the landlords fight furious ly for the destruction of school taxes and there does not seem to be a ray of hope in sight.

In case some doubting Doubt questions the Rebel's review of these gentlemen's work we wish to point out the gentlemen who made this investigation are not Rebel ists and in quoting them he takes their words verbatim from the bulletin of the University of Texas.

We take pleasure in publishing their report on farm tenancy and hope that our friends will read it in schoolhouses, on the courthouse square on Saturday or first Monday or wherever they get a crowd.

The Rebel urges this because tenantry is the one great vital issue not only in Texas but in every part of the entire nation. The land question transcends in importance that of protection, tariff, currency or any other question that is before the people. It is the question that, if not settled right, and settled soon, will plunge this nation into such a bloody revolution that the French revolution will pale into insignificance in comparison and the fighting rebels in Dublin would have staged a petty side show in comparison. Here is the report:

Farm Tenancy.

Collin county has no more serious problems to face today than that of farm tenancy. It is lowering the standard of the home, the county church, and the county school. On the day this survey was begun, February 3, 1913, a teacher came into the county superintendent's office, and when asked how he was getting along with his school work, replied: "Well, I think we are doing a little better now, but I tell you we have been anything but satisfactory for the past month. The trouble is, all my patrons are tenants and most of them moved on Christmas. We were doing very nicely up to that time, but now I have only two children that were in school before the holidays. It has taken me a month to get properly acquainted with the new crowd." The percentage of home ownership is usually a very good standard for measuring the educational and civic interests of the community. What the public schools of the entire black land belt need more than any other one thing is more people to stick to the land as their permanent homes. Farm tenancy, poor farming, squalid homes, and inferior schools are mutual associates.

In Collin county you find a combination of the richest soil and the poorest cultivation in the state. Though much of the land is rolling and the soil is rapidly being washed away, not a terraced field was seen in the course of this entire investigation. During twelve days of travel over the county, 314 cases of burning the old stalks off of the ground in preparation for a new crop were counted. Thus the county is being deliberately robbed of fertility. But who can blame the tenant for not undertaking what the owner of land is unwilling to do? He must squeeze the soil for all that it is worth and get out of it all that he possibly can in dollars and cents. "The farm must suffer at the hands of each while it supports them both."

Where the landowner has moved to town and left a well improved country home, some fortunate tenant gets the benefit of it with all the conveniences; but in most cases the condition of the tenant's home is but little short of wretched. A large family crowded together in a small house devoid of all the comforts of a real home is no common thing. Beauty and convenience are things unknown to the vast majority of the poorest class of tenants. Poverty and squalor are in evidence on every country roadside.

Said a tenant farmer, an intelligent, fine looking physical specimen, about twenty-seven years old, "I work all the time. It all I can do to clothe and feed my five babies. Land is worth $150 per acre. As for owning a home—well, there's no chance for me." In either case, be it where the landlord is harsh in his attitude toward the tenant, or where the tenant has lost all hope and drifts about from place to place, the effects on the home and the school in the country are equally disastrous. At best, a high per cent of farm tenancy indicates an apathy in the public spirit of the community that retards enterprise in all directions.

A few instances could be found where landlords had actually intimidated tenants that were disposed to vote for a public school tax. One removed the tenant, another raised the rent, and several made vigorous appeals to tenants of their respective communities in opposition to proposed school taxes. Still another took advantage of the illiteracy of the tenants in the district where his real estate was located happened to move out last year, and before the new comers who moved in to take their places had been in residence long enough to become qualified voters in this district, he had an election called, and voted off the local school tax.

In most of the black land belt the economic and social aspects of farm tenancy constitute an almost insurmountable barrier in the way of a thorough and complete system of public education. A study of the distribution of tenancy throughout the black land belt will show that those sections having the most fertile soil, with the exception of a few scattering districts where the farms are very small, have the highest percentage of tenants. The more fertile the soil the higher the price the harder the land is get.

For this reason the percentage of tenancy in the black land belt of Texas is unusually high. A further study will show that farm tenancy is increasing throughout the country. In 1880 25 per cent of the farms were operated by tenants; in 1890, 28 per cent; in 1900, 35 per cent; in 1910, 37 per cent. At this rate in thirty years half of the farms will be in the hands of tenants. But already conditions in Collin county are worse than this, for 69 per cent of the farmers do not own the fields they cultivate.

Rebel Convicts.

The Rebel receives dozens of letters from Oklahoma telling of the great work we are doing there and asking the Rebel-President." Here is one of the many:

Hollis Okla., May 12, 1916.

Dear Rebel—

Enclosed find cash for renewal for my sub. I was a Republican, but your paper, The Rebel, made me a Socialist.

This one and others like it go to show that it makes no difference if your man is a Republican, Democrat, Mugwump or whatever, just so he is a decent worker. The Rebel will get under his hide faster than any other publication in the nation. Circulate The Rebel.

MORE HUMOR.

A combined body of humorists known as the New York Bar Association has appointed a wonderful clown named Henry A. Forster of 76 Willims Street, New York City, "to ascertain the accuracy or inaccuracy of the views of those advocating the recall of judges." After throwing seven hand springs and singing Casey Jones he stated from one side of his mouth that the "mob must not control the judiciary, for to do so would mean preventing the courts from declaring statutes in contravention of fundamental law unconstitutional."

The Rebel wishes that Barnum was back on earth. He paid a fabulous price for a white elephant and a lazer price for a twelve-legged girl, but oh Lord look what he would pay for the N. Y. Bar Association. Charley Chaplin's $670,000 salary two year would look like a pauper's pittance in comparison. The clownistic antics are becoming dangerous in the old age of capitalism.

NINEVEH AND TYRE.

(By Covington Hall.)

Disorganized Democrats, the Democratic Administration, to save itself from repudiation and the Democratic party from the destruction it richly merits, seems willing to commit any crime to hold on to the reigns of the government it picked up thru accident. On to the fate of Nineveh and Tyre plunges the Black Democratic Ass.

With the "Solid South" turning against it in all directions, with its forces crumbling to dust in the strongest citadels of its power, it, like all other Bourbon Powers, whether they be the Czarism of Russia, or the Kaiserism of Germany, or the Mammonism of England, seeks to save itself by plunging the People into war and Militarism, hoping out of the miasmals of rapine, blood and murder to get a new lease of life, and the job of vampiring the heart and soul out of the nations on which it and they feed.

Desperate indeed is the game the International Plutocracy is playing against the People of the world, and it is high time the Peoples were waking to the danger that menaces them, not from the ENEMY WITHOUT, but from the ENEMY WITHIN.

Convocation For War.

Despite the fact that all the indications prove that neither the American People nor Congress is with him in the crazy and crooked stand (time alone can tell which) toward the German Government as to its use of the submarine against British Hegemony, President Wilson has convened Congress in war session and has notified them that he has notified the German Government that unless it ceases its ruthless and indiscriminate destruction of passenger and FREIGHT ships, that HE would break off diplomatic relations with the Kaiser, which would not be so bad were it not a prelude to war, since there is nothing that we have done, or are doing, that is rottener than DIPLOMACY, for it is this bunch of human buzzards, working in the shadows, in the SECRET and the silence of the dark, the "Diplomats," who have usurped and arrogated to themselves the right and power to send the world to slaughter.

But, however that may be, look at the attitude of Wilson in actually notifying Germany that unless she quits instantly the sinking of FREIGHT ships, she will *load the tons and tons of arms and ammunition by the American Plutocracy* on SEEMING PEACEFUL FREIGHTERS; that HE will practically proclaim war on them, and in the *name of the American People!* Could Germany stand up further? And, remember, this is done in behalf of that very Plutocracy, the Lawless Lawless Immoralists, English-American, robbed all American and all the Anglo-Celtic nations of everything they once possessed.

Case of "Suisse."

Take the sinking of the steamer "Suisse." Let it be a fact that the German Government has flatly denied that this ship was sunk by its submarines. Consider that it was a British ship, PLYING BETWEEN ENGLISH AND FRENCH PORTS ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL sailing into the very center of the war-zone, loaded with arms and ammunition to slay the Germans, yet then ask yourself: "Under what sane or neutral construction of International Law is the Prussian admiral who he dares demand, under penalty of a declaration of war, that Germany shall let pass by her foes arms cargo, even if two, or a thousand, Americans were FOOLS enough to take passage on this ship?" Ask that question of your own *commonsense.* Would you consider it a cause for war even if your own brother went down on such a ship? I would not. I would simply say that if my brother wanted to travel there where all the nations were slaughtering each others, that he could GO and get killed, and would not in the least consider that his act in any manner involved my going to war and killing men I never saw and have nothing against, or having them kill me, just because he was a FOOL. Let Wilson and the Plutocrats and Politicians who are working for war GO IN THE TRENCHES with a rifle in THEIR hands go clear up to the FRONT and do some of the DYING and cutting shot and shell before YOU even THINK OF ENLISTING. The Working Farmers and Wage Workers of America have nothing to gain by, thru or from this fake "Armageddon," so, let's STAY AT HOME and work to bring about the REAL ARMAGEDDON — the Social Revolution of the Masses against the Classes.

Revolution.

Back of the President's sinister message, urging war on Germany, without a doubt, the FEAR OF SOCIAL REVOLUTION, a great DEMOCRATIC UPRISING OF THE PEOPLE against the PLUTOCRACY. Wilson and the American Plutocracy are today in fear of the very thing that England and Germany's Plutocrats to war, and that is—REVOLUTION. The very papers containing the President's message also contained news showing that the COERUPT British Government was facing a perilous situation. That it was about to raise just retribution for its crimes and blunders against the British Workers. All over England, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia, be it said to their credit, the English speaking PEOPLE are making a desperate resistance to the ATTEMPTS that are being made to strip them of the last vestige of DEMOCRACY. And the British GOVERNMENT, COERUPT body and soul by the Plutocrats, are facing REVOLUTION. And this, Revolution in the Anglo-Celtic world, REVOLUTION in the UNITED STATES and throughout the world. It is for the purpose of hindering this grand and liberty-creating upheaval that the Plutocratic Governments of the Earth are plunging the PEOPLE INTO THE SLAUGHTER. ALL THE WORKERS of the World at each other threats, for, *when the Proclamation, the Ukase or the Edict is DANGER.*

See to it, O American Agricultural and Industrial Workers that Wilson and Plutocracy do not play on YOU the age-long trick of the Masters of Bread and Land — the trick they played on the Aztecs and Incas of Mexico, Asia and Africa —the old, old trick of "DIVIDE AND CONQUER." If you want to see in the trenches, LET US GO THERE FOR OURSELVES, UNDER THE CRIMSON BANNER OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION! In the meantime, a vote for BENSON and KIRKPATRICK is a vote AGAINST *Industrial Democracy* and AGAINST *Murder* and a vote FOR *Industrial Democracy* and AGAINST *Murder* and *Plutocracy!* Let us cast IT, if YOU do not wish to disbandon that ragged army that left its bloody footprints on the snows of Valley Forge to the end that these United States of America shall be dedicated to LIFE, LIBERTY and the pursuit of happiness, not to the Plutocratic pinchish. Sons of the Pioneer men and Claunsmen, up and at them!

FORD SUED FOR LIBEL.

The bunch of grafters that control the Navy League with headquarters at Washington, D. C., whose main members are in the back office of J. P. Morgan of Wall Street, have sued Henry Ford for $100,000 for the libel of the law. The Rebel will bet a milk-shake that the suit will die a morning just as did the suit of the Associated Press directors against the Masses. These navy pirates who never go to sea dare not stand the publicity. Watch our guess.

ENCAMPMENT NOTICE.

Locals that will hold encampments this summer will please write this office, giving full particulars as to number of days etc. Dates of holidays, Fourth of July, etc. Need to fix as far as possible, to facilitate routing of teams. Will have some heavyweight teams this year, who will be announced in a few days. Write S. S. Lecture System, W. J. Bell, Manager, Tyler, Tex.

The Socialist party in the southern states is struggling to settle the land question. We are looking for the adoption by the national Socialist platform to do their duty on that subject.

Every fool knows that land is going higher and the chances for the rising generation to have homes is growing more slim every every tick of the clock. Why not vote to tax the eyeballs off the land monopolist!

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., delivered a speech before the Y. M. C. A. at Cleveland, Ohio, last week and yet there are some people who speak of it as the young men's mental assassination society.

FROM THE OLD WARRIOR

Henderson, Tex., May 12, 1916.

Mr. E. R. Meitzen,

Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade—

I am enclosing M. O. for $1.00, etc. Last Saturday I sent from Tatum $1.00. After sending it I secured two names and immediately sent a card with these names. Two more names were added; so I send the money.

I find the Rebel fairly well distributed through this county. The clouds seem to have passed away and the sun has come out. There is a wholesome stir in the political atmosphere. Hundreds, yes thousands of the people are turning their hearts and hands towards the Larger Hope.

I made to last night, 24 dates in this country. At 18 places I was greeted by good audiences. At the other appointments, which were not extensively advertised, I spoke "cum spiritu vel cum ancore" to a few persons. I never made a speech, to the many or the few, without winning recruits to the revolution.

The comrades of this (Rusk) county are to meet here this evening in convention to name candidates for county offices and to consider other matters of importance to the party. A few more dates will be arranged for me to fill before I leave the county.

If Allan Benson and Tom Hickey write many more articles such as the one recently published in The Appeal and The Rebel, they will drive me to the adoption of a "Preparedness" campaign — I shall supply myself with a Winchester and a thousand cartridges! My blood is nearly boiling over.

While there are yet many fine people who will become Socialists, there is now a strong undercurrent Socialism, I am tempted, as I mingle with our comrades, to believe that our movement is already at hand. In its advocacy the very CREAM of our citizenship. But the milk is rich and much more cream will rise. The "storm is coming in the air", and I have recently seen many excellent men and women charmed into the transcendent revolution.

The poverty of the country is distressing and it is becoming more distressing every day. I accepts this work for $2 a day. That is something but all too little to meet my needs. The offer presented the prospect of *immediate* relief to my family; so, I accepted it. I have visited dark corners in real misery around where no Socialist speaker had been before. Today the comrades lack about $8 of paying me, but, according to their arrangement and agreement, they will make up the deficit today.

I have not yet determined what I will next move will be. I shall go, quite likely, as I have accepted an invitation, to canvass the 13th (Denton) Congressional district I am urged to go to Oklahoma to aid in the campaign there until the election. It is my duty that I shall go there in June — perhaps, earlier; perhaps, later.

Regards to all the comrades and friends.

Yours Fraternally,

Reddin Andrews.

GET THE MAN.

Cleveland, April 18.—Directors of the Standard Oil company of Ohio announced a special meeting of shareholders being 25 to authorize a 100 per cent dividend, equal to $2,500,000, which is to be in the form of new stock. This move will increase the capitalization of the company from $3,500,000 to $7,000,000.

It was said that, in view of the company's surplus, which is now almost twice the amount of the outstanding capital stock, the directors felt justified in deciding on the stock dividend.

The company's balance sheet December 31 showed a surplus of $6,749,053.

And this we read after the Standard Oil Company was dissolved by the Supreme Court, exactly four years ago. The Supreme Court is not to blame. It is squarely up to Wilson and his attorney.

Will they act or is Marx right: "Government is the executive committee of the ruling class." Remember there are the fabulous profits of just ONE of the 34 corporations composing Standard Oil. The robbery goes on just the same; only in a greater degree.

Governor's tour begins May 22 at Cameron. Get in on it.

WANT ADS.

FOR FARMERS AND OTHERS

Rate, two cents a word each insertion—cash with order.

This special rate good only on classified advertisements.

No advertisement for less than 25 cents will be accepted.

We exercise great care in accepting advertisements for this paper, but it is impossible to know each claim. We therefore, caution our readers, not to guarantee their reliability, but we request the report of our readers in exciting anything questionable.

Each number, sign or initial counts as a word.

Do not use initial Democratic Paper in the U. S. one year. THE HOMEST, Box 12, Fort, N. C.

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

Box 401, Lufkin, Texas.

WANTED correspondence with 1 stone wanting Socialist teachers and Teachers preferring such schools.

Address W. O. Brown,

Brunsville, Texas.

Good moving picture show for Sale. Only one in county-seat city; reasons other business. Act at once and get big bargain. Address

Box 337, Hallettsville, Texas.

BROTHER— ACCIDENTALLY discovered root cure tobacco habit and sodip ation. Gladly send particulars. F. S. Stokes, Mohawk, Florida.

Pure White Leghorn eggs, selected from best layers, $1.00 per setting of 15, postage or express prepaid. Also have several White Leghorn roosters at $1.00 each, cash prepaid.

Mrs. Johnnie McGregor,

Route 1, Hallettsville, Tex.

NOT ARMAGEDDON

(Luke North in Everyman.)

The Armaggedon is not the battle of the allies against russianism and prussianism. This is somewhat hyperbole — hot air. The exploiters of England are no different from those of Germany. The Armaggedon is between the powers of darkness and of light between death and life, stagnation and progress, slavery and freedom, actual democracy. The Armaggedon has not begun in Europe. There is no true alignment of forces there yet. The masters of each nation are pitting their slaves against each other to delay the real Armaggedon.

And so they would pit slave against slave in this country — that is the true meaning of the war preparedness agitation. The "Japanese peril" is yellower than a Hearst newspaper, but Hearst and the Interests are alarmed, not only over Europe at the end of the war, but at the unmistakable Socialism in this country that—

Radicalism is drawing together!

For ten years Wall street publicity agents of a semi-confidential nature have warned their clients that the economic revolutionists were beginning to understand themselves and each other and that out of all their theories would come a clear-cut basic demand some day upon which all factions would unite—and carry the nation by storm.

And if this cause be not laboured the same as the death sanniticn makers will be. It is war preparedness or a united radicalism. It is death and destruction, military murder—or a mighty struggle for the land.

THE REBEL IN RING.

The Houston Press last week has the following:

T. A. Hickey, editor of the Hallettsville Rebel, has thrown his hat in the ring for the United States senatorship. He will run on the Socialist ticket and oppose Bob Henry, Oscar Colquitt, Charley Culberson, Tom Campbell and the other boys.

Hickey has turned the attention of his paper to the land question in Texas. He says 117,000,000 acres of land in Texas are held out of use and there are millions of people in the state who would like to use the land if given an opportunity. Hickey believes single-tax will free the land and abolish poverty. This is the platform on which he will run.

Hickey is disappointed because the single-taxers will not submit the single-tax to the voters at the July primary.

What's the difference between the wagon tramp and a box car tramp? Answer: The wagon tramp brings his wife and baby with him, the box car tramp just rides.

The Potentiality of Texas.

There is an old saying that the way to do a thing is to do it. For years a voice has been lifted here and there about land condition in Texas in more or less academic discussion. The Rebel decided to do its share to solve the question five years ago and by steadily battering and hammering away the end seems in sight.

Forces undreamed of are coming to our assistance, not the least of which is the State Federation of Labor of Texas with 75,000 card men behind the organization. Without a dissenting voice and with rapturous cheers The Rebel's land plank was accepted two weeks ago by that body.

The adoption of these measures would indeed make Texas great. Texas, the state that is now cribbed, cabined and confined by landlords and usurers. Knowing this, two years ago we wrote a short paragraph that has gone around the world. It has been canoed, discussed, editorialized on in a hundred different papers every across the seas. Here it is:

"Texas is the largest state in area in the nation. Within her borders are 265,000 square miles. This makes her 57,000 miles larger than Germany, 59,000 miles larger than France, Germany has 65,000,000 people living in an advanced degree of civilization. Texas has only 4,000,000, one-half on the frontier of starvation all the time. WHY?

The answer is coming through the immensely increased vote the Socialist party that twice in succession has been the second in the state through the actions just indicated through the State Federation of Labor. Through fraternal organizations and from many other sources, including the portion of the daily press that takes the United Press service. For instance we read the following from an editorial in the Houston (Tex.) Press last week:

To Make Texas Great.

"What would happen in the great commonwealth of Texas if the Texas State Federation of Labor was the legislature and the resolutions it passed at its recent convention in Houston were laws?

Why, Texas would soon become the greatest empire on the face of mother earth! Texas, now with 5,000,000 people, could soon surpass Germany in wealth and population, despite the fact that nation has more than 70,000,000 population.

If the resolutions passed by the conventions were laws, Texas would become a paradise, a heaven of happiness and prosperity.

The land would become valuable only for use; all the little children of the big state would be sent to school; the state would provide them with all necessary books; mothers would be their husband by death or other cause would be looked after and the children would not go astray; the working girls and women would for the first time in their lives be given enough for their toil to keep body and soul together; neither men nor women would work more than eight hours daily; public employment agencies would be established throughout the state, to see that persons were given work; the bakeries and sources of food supply would be rendered and kept clean.

Why won't the legislature, when it meets, make these things possible?

That is another story. The powerful interests capitalize the dishonesty and insincerity and ignorance and criminality of enough of the legislators to defeat good legislation. This does not apply to all legislators, but it does apply to those who are always found voting on the side of big business."

The Rebel could not write a stronger editorial with the exception that this indictment applies to ALL legislators. There is no such thing as a good Donk except of the four leg variety.

If you want the Federation program then stay out of the Donk primaries and vote the Socialist ticket from top to bottom, join the Land League and thus make it possible to genuinely turn Texas loose.

If democracy counted for anything in the southern states the Socialist party would win by a hundred to one majority.

THE SHIELDS BILL.

An enormous grab at the public wealth has recently been made by corporations with the help of the *United States Senate.*

The Shields Water Power Bill, which has passed the Senate and is now in the House of Representatives of Congress, is the worst attempt to get the natural resources of the people into private hands that has been pulled off in years.

Unless the people back home bend this iniquitous grab in the House of Representatives the biggest, remaining source of public wealth will go into the hands of private privileges, WITHOUT COMPENSATION, AND FOREVER.

The bill will give away all the water power of all the navigable rivers of the United States.

The natural wealth thus to be lost to the people if this Shields Bill goes through the House would pay the cost of any sort of "preparedness." It would pay the cost of such rightful "preparedness for peace" as would safeguard health of workers, at least lessen the evils of unemployment, and give the great body of the people a real state in their government.

"Vigorous and unrelenting prosecution to regain all land, water power and mineral rights stolen from the government by fraud" was recommended by the main, or Manly, report of the Commission on Industrial Relations.

"The enormous incomes and inheritances that imperil our republic and the enormous power over life that go with these fortunes," said Frank Walsh, in a recent statement issued by this Commission on Industrial Relations, "are based on the unnatural possession by a comparative few of our mines and other sources of power and of most of our richest farming lands."

Is this grabbing game to go on forever? Why does Congress stand for it and take a hand in it?

The people, the workers, can stop this grab if they will and quickly can protest to their Congressmen. What is left of the people's earth here in America, and what can be taken back from Privilege grabbers, should be controlled and developed by the people for the people.

THE WATER STEAL.

In a recent issue The Rebel called attention to the wholesale theft of the remaining water rights in the United States through the medium of the shameful Shields Bill, which passed the senate by a large majority, one of which was Senator Culberson of Texas. We pointed out at that time that twenty-five per cent of the senators failed to vote on this momentous measure. This would indicate that about 50 per cent of the congressmen dodged the issue, and that they knew the steal should go through in the interest of the water power trust. The Milwaukee Leasgr comment: ing on this fight says:

"The fight is being waged for a magnificient stake. Within a few years these water powers, now Federal property, will be more valuable than all the coal mines and oil wells on this continent.

The undistinguished city of the Rocky Mountain section of the Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroad has shown that the day of water rentals is numbered. A monopoly at a switch controlling the power necessary to the operation of the American railroad system could collect a tribute such as never flowed into the coffers of any political or industrial ruler.

"If this switch remains, in the hands of the nation the voters can dictate the management of industry and of the society that rests on that industry."

HOW THE WORK GOES.

"We are coming Father Abraham a hundred thousand strong" was the refrain of a popular war song more than fifty years ago. The men and women in the Land Federation are taking up the same cry in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of The Rebel. We will occur six weeks from now, on July 1, when they propose to send the Rebel offer out free 100,000 extra copies. We will be spread throughout the entire United States. Debs will be one of the writers and Benson, Hayswick, Kate O'Hare, Oscar Ameringer. A fine batch of orders are already in. The price will be one half cent per copy from ten to ten thousand. Don't delay, but order now.

THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

A wise writer on the subject of economics stated in Collier's Weekly in New York some five years ago that inasmuch as the human race passed from one stage of economic development to another, coming all the way from savagery, the tree and the cave until we now have the palace and the skyscraper, that we should not mourn over the on-coming death of capitalism because it was the bridge of Sighs that had to be crossed between feudalism and socialism.

He was right because from day to day an ever-increasing number of men are learning that we have gone through the following stages of government.

1. Savagery,
2. Barbarism,
3. Primitive Communism,
4. Ancient Republics.
5. Feudalism,
6. Capitalism,
7. And then Socialism.

It may be that we are wrong. It may be that if three syphilitic first cousins known as the czar, the kaiser and the king, were able to produce a devil's dance of death, such as we have in Europe and came out in their dirty work and it was one of the most ridiculous things I ever saw. Canada Ingram was twice sent to the Dominion officers here made no effort to keep order or to enforce the law, and so the only resort is the civil law. So Comrade Ingram is entering suit for $2000 damages. Oh! how long will we be insulted by this rotten egg gang? Their days are numbered and I hope they will come to an end at the November election.

We hope Comrade Ingram's suit against the bondsmen of the officials is successful, but in any event we hope that the rank and file of the working class who were exploited by these Donk politicians will resort to violence when ever they cannot get a decent argument will be hurled from power next election day.

THE DEPENDENT PRESS.

By John Swinton.

(Spoken at the banquet of News-paper Men in New York City, 30 years ago by Henry Watterson.)

There is no such thing in America as an independent press, unless it is in the country towns.

You know it and I know it. There is not one of you who dares to write his honest opinions, and, if you did, you know before-hand that it would never appear in print.

I am paid $150 a week for keeping my honest opinions out of the paper I am connected with—others are paid similar salaries for similar things—and any of you who would be so foolish as to write his honest opinions would be out in the streets looking for another job.

The city journalist is to destroy the truth, to lie out right, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of Mammon and to sell his race and his country for his daily bread.

You know this and I know it, and what folly is this to be toasting an "independent press"?

We are tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping-jacks; they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes.

REV. INGRAM INJURED.

R. H. Byrington, secretary of the Socialist local, and other comrades in that vicinity writes us telling of a near-riot in that vicinity when an old Confederate who is also a minister of the gospel sought to deliver the message of Socialism to the multitude. The bankers and landholders tried to get a preacher to meet the Rev. Ingram, of McKinney, Texas, in debate, but failed. As a matter of course the Donk politicians would not touch him with a ten foot pole. Then the powers that be resorted to the only arguments that the Donks have left, namely, rotten eggs and clubs. The secretary of the Caney Okla. local writes:

"The party you call the Donks, but what we call the rotten-egg gang, is dying hard. They are like the Pharisees of old they have resorted to eggs, big clubs and and guns to assault the people at the schoolhouses and on the highways. For the last few nights Comrade W. D. Ingram of Durant, Okla., has been filling some dates and at Rock Springs, north of Caddo, they were to have a man (or rather a Donk) to meet him, but failed to show up and the men came out in their dirty work and it was one of the most ridiculous things I ever saw. Comrade Ingram was twice sent to the Dominion officers here made no effort to keep order or to enforce the law, and so the only resort is the civil law. So Comrade Ingram is entering suit for $2000 damages. Oh! how long will we be insulted by this rotten egg gang? Their days are numbered and I hope they will come to an end at the November election."

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BENSON AGAINST WAR MOVE.

Yonkers, N. Y., May 12. — In a telegram to the press Allan L. Benson, presidential candidate of the Socialist party, makes the following statement:

"I have no sympathy whatever with the president's latest note to the German government. England is conducting an illegal blockade against Germany which Germany is fighting in an illegal manner.

"Considering the number of ships the loss of life has been exceedingly small, only about 2,500, most of whom were lost by the sinking of the Louisitania. Of these 2,500 fewer than 150 were Americans and most of the Americans were lost on the Louisitania.

"I am compelled to believe that it is not the loss of lives involved in submarine warfare to which either England or Mr. Wilson objects. I have believed for some time and have had reason to believe, that there were forces at work to bring this country into the war on the side of the allies, not for any military advantage that the allies would thus gain, but for the effect that our participation would have on the German neutrals and upon the side of the allies. I have personally received such reports from very responsible parties in Washington.

"The stand that the president has taken will naturally please those who would like to see America join the war. I do not share the view of some of the president's political opponents, who charge that he is pro-German in his belief that if war were to come his own re-election would be made certain. I give him full credit for honestly striving to carry out what are in his opinion the country's best interests. I merely differ from him as to how the country may be best served. I believe Americans should stay out of the war zone in which event they will not be illegally involved and America then could stay out of the war."

A REVIEW.

"PLAIN ENGLISH"

A Review by Frank P. Walsh of a really democratic text book on the use of the English language written by Marian Wharton, and published by The People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Send your boy to school and he will get his education on the way." There was profund truth in that. Most students, and most all other persons, learn more out of school than in school—learn more from life than from text books or other books.

Yet school books and particularly text books on language (on grammar, on rhetoric, on English literature and the like) do also profoundly influence children and grown persons. They do this not only in teaching how to read and how to use the language correctly. They influence life also and in point of view that they consciously or unconsciously encourage acceptance of truth in the minds of the students.

Here is a book on "Plain English" by Mrs. Wharton, of The People's College at Fort Scott is a refreshing departure from the usual methods. In the first place it is a good guide to the knowledge of good grammar and the correct use of words and to good speaking and writing. In the second place, and more important from the standpoint of citizenship, the sentences and the extracts from literature that it gives for practice contain the right ideas. If you fill up a book on the English language with a lot of the stale and sinister philosophy of the idlers and their parasites you have done a great deal of harm. But if you fill it up with the thoughts and statements and extracts from literature that make persons think and that give a true picture of life you have done a great deal of good.

I can unreservedly commend Mrs. Wharton's book, "Plain English," for working men and women and boys and girls and for everybody else who wants education in English to be learned in the truth concerning society and industry and life in general.

Frank Walsh.

It looks as if Roosevelt will be the next president for the simple reason that all records show the tide of human poverty has increased since Wilson was elected. Even in Texas, the most democratic state in the union, illiteracy has increased among the whites and decreased among the negroes. Think over it.

OUR REBS.

R. L. Sanders, Stonewall county, remits for 12 sub cards and orders twelve more. He is a live secretary and realizes that Reb cards are as good as U. S. currency.

N. L. McBride, the unterrified Rebel of Coleman county, sends in seven who need preparedness against poverty. His tribe will increase.

John L. Wrather, Houston, is one of the bundle brigade. He orders one hundred copies and says he has been distributing the Danbury Hatters' decision in the Swinnomian report for 1912 and is franked out by the donk contributors free of charge. Comrade Wrather also ordered 100 copies last week. The clean preachers are stirring over and the donk preachers are in one hell of a hess.

J. D. Ware, Tye, Tex., is afraid he sends $1.00 to go on for three years.

W. H. Smith, county chairman of Van Zandt county, sends in a good dish while rejoicing that the membership of the free state put out a full county ticket recently which they will elect from top to bottom in the ides of November.

T. T. Crosson, the famous Sinjletaxer of Coleman county, sends in another list for a club to open the eyes unconverted of land question.

O. J. Blackman, Mineola, Tex., enclosed two sheets with a dozen sub cards and ordered a recent raid. He is just from a recent speaking trip in Rockwall county where he organized a local.

R. T. Dittenheim, Randolph La., remits for six sinners and says they will all be at the mourners' benches before they have digested the second copy.

J. M. Phipps, Sinton, Tex., orders one dozen of four. Here follows some of them: P. M. Walker, J. W. Huddleston, J. M. Dobbins, A. J. Sheppard, Mrs. Mary Thompson, H. Y. Brown, D. B. Duggins, J. M. Phipps, J. W. Pyburn, Mrs. Russ Brazzel, J. E. Fitzgerald, A. B. Schinkle, J. W. Fitzgerald, F. B. Layton, A. G. Kennon, T. S. Henderson, J. R. Finch, John M. Killough, J. A. Jackson, D. W. Jackson, George Jackson, W. E. Griffit, Reddin Andrews, J. L. Toff, H. N. Bryant, H. A. Breedlove, W. E. Hall.

All the men listed above have learned from pleasant experience that the people of the South are so anxious to learn about the land question that all that is needed is a bunch of Rebel cards in their pocket and they disappear like hot cakes. In the interest of genuine education order the cards now!

CONFISCATE THE BANKING SYSTEM.

(By Sarah E. Winsor.)

You were kind enough to send me some time ago a copy of your valuable paper, The Rebel, and in it an article on the banking system. By all means let us confiscate the banking system for the greatest drain on the working people of anything. If the workers could get money from the government at the lowest rate, they could build houses for themselves and keep their farms. But at the present rate of interest, once in debt, they lose all they have. For there's not money enough made by the working people *especially the farmers* to pay a high rate of interest.

Why should the bankers be favored and the workers people—who are the wealth of this nation the richest on earth be discriminated against?

Cut out the workers, let every wealth be idle, what would all the wealth of the nation be worth? Nothing! No one can eat houses or land or gold. It is the work of the people, industry year by year that keeps the wheels of life and progress moving. Education alone will make us free. Once we understand how and why we are coughed, why we have such hard, unremitting toil with such poor results, why we can not have homes of our own, we shall arise in our wrath and vote this capitalist system into oblivion. And then we will establish a co-operative commonwealth, where each one will have the value of what he produces.

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DUNSMORE CAMBRIC

Full 36 inches in width; soft finish; free from starch. Regular 10c value; to Mail Order Customers 14 yards for....$1.00

LONSDALE DOMESTIC

The Green Ticket brand—36 inches wide; everybody knows its quality. Regular 12 1/2c value—to Mail Order Customers 12 yards for $1.00

RED SPREADS

Plain hemmed, crocheted bed spread. Fine Marseilles quality that regularly sells for $1.25, special to Mail Order Customers, each 98c

HUCK TOWELS

Good heavy quality, red border, 15x30 in size, sells regularly at $1.00 a dozen, to Mail Order Customers, a dozen 79c

LONG CLOTH

Its full 36 inches wide, soft finish, free from starch; suitable for all kinds of underwear. Sells regularly at $1.59, special to Mail Order Customers $1.35

In ordering, mention the 'Rebel'

State Office N

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

Wm. J. Lee, the veteran Texas agitator, was a pleasant caller at the State Office this week.

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Clarence Nugent is shelling the woods in Comanche county this week with good results.

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Arch Lingua is doing yeoman service in South and Southwest Texas.

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Comrades in Jones, Haskell, Fisher, Taylor Nolan and Mitchell counties wanting dates by the Gubernational candidates will please get your applications in this week.

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E. B. Hadsall reports a great time at the Socialist picnic in Houston, Sunday. Covington Hall was chief spokesman for the occasion.

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U. P. Boswell, the hustling secretary of the Tangliwood (Lee county) district writes that the Socialists will carry that best next election.

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A. N. Winters, Red River county, writes that they are arranging for an encampment this summer and have had Comrade Simpson with them for three nights last month and that he made such a hit that they want him back at the encampment.

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R. B. Thompson, the live wire secretary of Big Springs, paid the State Office a pleasant call while enroute to Dallas. He reports a local paper proposition which, if it materializes, will make things pick up in Howard county.

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Red River County.

E. B. Rucker, of Red River county, writes that a convention of the Red River county Socialists will meet in Clarksville on May 13th to draft a county platform and attend to other important business. All Socialists in the county are urged to attend this metting.

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Rusk County.

Notice to all Socialists of Rusk County: You are requested to meet at the courthouse in Henderson May 20 at 10 a. m. for the purpose of perfecting our ticket to arrange for a speaker to start over the country the last of June. Comrades come and bring someone with you. Come all with three cheers for Meitzen and Noble.

W. P. H. Wilson, Co Sec.

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T. F. Major is making good in West Texas. He delivered a successful talk at Jayton on the first Monday in May. W. B. McMurty, the live wire secretary of Jayton local, says that they are preparing to begin a big encampment there on the 10, 11 and 12th of July. They have also established a good local.

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J. C. Harmtt, secretary of the seventh congressional district, writes that Polk county is coming to the front. He chartered four locals in that county in the last few weeks and has the prospects of four more. He will go for ten days for a tour of the district on the 26th of May and will wind up on June 3, at a mass meeting at Livingston where a full county ticket will be put out.

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Cooke County.

To the Socialists of Cooke Co., Tex., who have the cause of Socialism at heart and who realise that if we ever get Socialism we have got to "Bring" it and who want to do something for the upbuilding of the cause in old Cooke county, you are called to meet in mass meeting at the courthouse in Gainsville, Texas, 2:30 p. m., June the 5th 1916.

Now Comrades, let's "put up or shut up" and quit talking Socialism. Are you coming? Will you be there? I'll see.

W. J. Green, Committeeman.

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The Socialists of Falls county met in mass meeting at Lott Saturday, May 6, and nominated the following county and precinct candidates: Representative, B. B. Spurlock; county judge, J. C. Goss; sheriff, Mark Westmoreland; district clerk, Dallas G. Farmer; treasurer, N. H. Moore; county clerk, S. D. Elliot; tax assessor, P. O. Porter; tax collector, J. C. Turner; school sup-rintendent, W. O. Brannon; com. precinct 4, A. G. Maxey; prec. 3, T. J. Downes; J P prec. 4, W. J. Blakely; constable prec. 4, W. C. Fields.

Southern Socialist Lecture System Appointments.

Wm. D. SIMPSON. Conroe, May 18, 19, 20; Tamina 22; Houston 23; Anahuac 25; Orchard; Palacios; Edna.

ABNER LINGAN. Utopia, May 19, 20; Sabinal St to 24; Devine 25; Killeen; Field Creek; Santa Anna.

T. F. MAJOR. Lubbock, May 18, 19, 20; Tulia 22, 23; Higgins 24.

COVINGTON HALL. Rockdale and vicinity, to May 22; Cameron 27; Bt. 2, Hillsboro.

Those accepting appointments for Lecture system speakers will please be particular to say how many days to send them, else what train station you will meet them. Some of you, by failure to mention these important points are delaying the setting of dates for points after you so long they are not given time to advertise their meetings.

W. J. Bell, Tyler Tex.

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R. B. Mattson's Route.

Trust. Mm. Maggie Kelley, Manager, May 29, 2:30 p. m.

Capitola. S. H. Sweetwater, Clatonville Rt. W. M. Scutbeb, May 30.

Sylvester. A. H. Ash, May 31.

Padreuk. C. H. Clarkson, June 1.

Floydada. W. D. Berry, June 2.

Plainview. G. W. Yancy, June 3. two speeches.

Lorraine. A. E. Anderson, June 5.

Colorado. J. O. Dockery, June 6.

Cowan. T. A. Steward, June 7.

Fort Chadburn. J. D. Vanzant, June 8.

Concho. G. P. Hoover, June 9.

W. T. Webb, State Sec.

S. D. Lee writes from Smiley that Arch Lingan has held a very successful series of lectures at that place and has left for Stockdale and Aransas Pass where the good work will go on.

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Callahan County.

The Socialists of Callahan county in the town of Baird will meet on the first Saturday in June for the purpose of putting up a county ticket and getting in fighting condition for the 1916 campaign. All Socialists who are readers of The Rebel are invited to come and bring someone who is not a reader.

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AN APPRECIATION.

Joe Hudspeth, secretary of the 16th congresional district, the Lion of the fold of Judah in West Texas, not a poor, down and out young land renter a few years ago who was contemplating suicide. Joe assisted him, encouraged him and put him on his feet and he happy chance is now doing well. To Comrade Hudspeth he recently sent this beautiful poem in appreciation of his loving kindness:

I'd like to be the sort of friend
that you have been to me.
I'd like to be the help that you've
been always glad to be.
I'd like to mean as much each
minute of the day
As you have meant to me along
the way.
I'd like to do the big things, and
the splendid things for you
To brush the grey from out your
skies and leave them only blue.
I' dlike to say the kindly things
that I so oft have heard
And feel that I could rouse your
soul the way that mine you've
stirred,
I'd like to give you back the joy
that you have given me;
Yet that were wishing you a need
I hope will never be.
I'd like to make you feel as rich
as I who travel on
Undaunted in the darkest hours
with you to lean upon.
I'm wishing at this new year time
That I could but repay
A portion of the gladness that
you've strewn along my way;
And could I have one wish this
year, this only would it be:
I'd like to be the sort of friend
that you've been to me.

CURRIE MAKING GOOD.

John A. Currie, Socialist evangelist of Oklahoma City, is making a big hit with his lecture "The Two World's". His hand bill contains a quotation from the bible that is applicable to present conditions:

"Weeping may endure for a night, But joy cometh in the morning."

The city and rural landlord, and banker, get a shack at every last thing you buy or sell, adding to or taking from its price, to your hurt. Yes, they must both go.

DEUTSCHLAND UEBER ALLES.

Who is it that said the United States Government was not controlled by the Morgan, Dupont, Rockefeller oil and munition group? The Rebel does not know, but this we do know that our government is causing to be placed at the present time posters in our postoffices and other public buildings in seven languages and invitation is learn English and become citizens. The German language is not listed among the seven, languages nor is the German invited to become a citizen!

Mr. E. O. Meitzen, of Halletsville, has written to those in charge at Washington as follows:

Halletsville, Tex., May 16,1916

United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:—

On the large colored posters exhibited in the U. S. post offices you advise in some seven different languages that foreigners should learn English and become citizens. The German language does not however appear thereon. Does this mean that the German is not a foreigner, or is it a studied intentional attempt to prejudice the public against Germans and Germany, as has been the plan of the kept press of the country; or did you consider that the superior intellect of the German make it unnecessary to advise them specially on the subject.

I await your reply with eagerness.

Very truly yours,

E. O. Meitzen.

ROCK-A-BYE BABY (Under Capitalism.)

(Written for The Rebel.)

Rock a bye baby, upon the tree top,
The fond mother sang, to her sweet little tot.
As, fondly, she pressed the little babe to her breast,
And lullabye sang, as she rocked it to rest
When the bough bends, her voice grew soft and low
Fell on the air, in the twilight's, mild glow,
As with loving hand, tender and fair
She smoothed on his forehead the soft, silken hair.

When the wind blows, the cradle will swing,
In sweet, tender voice, she continued to sing,
As with expression, so gentle and mild,
She looked with delight, in the face of her child.
Rock a bye baby, her voice, full of cheer
Rock a bye, Rock a bye, nothing to fear,
As with bosom, o'erflowing with bliss,
She pressed on the brow of her darling, a kiss.

Fond loving mother, could you, but know
The toil, and struggle, with never a show,
Awaiting this child, on the highway of life,
Till crushed by the hell of industrial strife,
In his young manhood, the hardship will grow,
When he will stagger, beneath the foul blow,
Ground by life's burden like millions he'll fall,
And down, will go baby, bright visions and all.

Arthur L. Mattison, Longview, Tex.

"GO TO IT."

Manhattan Single Tax Club
(Founded by Henry George.)

New York, May 1, 1916.

Editor of "The Rebel."

Sir:—

I see you are "smoking out" the pussy-foot Single Taxers of the Southland. Go to it. We have them in the East. They want to get a political job or connect up with the Fels Fund pap, but sooner or later they will have to come out from under cover. Do not be afraid of offending them. They are not worth having with you in any case.

Respectfully,

George Lloyd.

1460 57th St. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Suppose we enter Mexico and stay there, what effect will that have upon West Virginia and Pennsylvania and New England. The standard of living will decrease 20 per cent further and the cost of living will go up 10 per cent.

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You were arguing maybe—or trying to make a talk—or writing an important letter. And you couldn't say just what you had in mind. What's the trouble? Couldn't you find the right word? You need our course in

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Craddock's '96	4.00	2.25	15.00	Hill & Hill	4.00	2.25	15.00
Malta Rye	4.00	2.25	15.00	Jersey Cream	4.00	2.25	15.00
Quickenheimer	4.00	2.25	15.00	Sunny Brook	4.00	2.25	15.00
Old Taylor	4.00	2.25	15.00	Quickenheimer	4.00	2.25	15.00
Kentucky Belle	3.50	1.90	13.50	Quickenheimer	3.00	1.75	12.00
Mountain Rye	3.50	1.90	13.50	OLD RIVER VALLEY	3.00	1.75	12.00
Kentucky Gentleman	3.00	1.75	12.00	Shirley	3.00	1.75	12.00
Bells of Jefferson	3.00	1.75	9.00	Old Rip	3.00	1.60	12.00
Craddock's Quarts	3.00	1.75	9.00	Old Kentucky Comfort	3.00	1.60	12.00
Tennessee Whiskey	3.00	1.75	9.00	Joel Rye Whiskey	3.00	1.60	12.00
Old Cabinet	3.00	1.60	7.50	Green River	3.00	1.60	12.00
W. H. Harris	3.00	1.60	7.50	W. H. Harris	3.00	1.60	12.00
Centennial	2.50	1.40	7.50	Mash & Kettle Rye	3.00	1.60	12.00
Monongahela	2.50	1.40	6.00	Old Saratoga	3.00	1.60	12.00
Craddock's Fine Old Corn	2.50	1.25	6.00	Old Forester	3.00	1.50	12.00
Good Old Yellow Corn	2.50	1.25	6.00	Old Crow	3.00	1.50	12.00
Corn Whiskey	2.25	1.25	6.50	Gibson Rye	2.50	1.40	10.00
Craddock's Malt Whiskey	2.00	1.25	10.00	Four Roses	2.75	1.50	10.00
Old Grand Dad	2.00	1.25	10.00	OLD "I"—The year of All Whiskies	$3.00	$1.60	12.00
Monongahela and Dutch Malt	2.00	1.25	10.00	SCHLITZ BOTTLED BEER.			
Old Rye	2.00	1.25	10.00	Case of three dozen small			$6.00
Old Pioneer Apple and Peach Brandy	4.00	2.25	10.00	($1.00 back for case and bottles)			
Old Pioneer Apricot and Banana	4.00	2.25	10.00	Case of two dozen large			$6.00
Apple and Peach Brandy	2.00	1.25	10.00	($1.00 back for case and bottles)			
Good Apple and Peach Brandy	2.00	1.25	8.00	Case of ten dozen small			$15.00
Good Old Blackberry Brandy	2.00	1.25	8.00	($5.00 back for case and bottles)			
Good Rock & Rye and Peach and Honey	2.00	1.25	7.50	Express charges on return empties free of charge from any point in Texas. We do not pay express charges on beer.			
Good Blackberry Wine and Cordial	2.00	1.25	7.50	We guarantee you against loss or breakage in transit, and also that our goods will give you satisfaction.			
Old Pioneer Gin—very fine	3.00	1.75	12.00	If goods do not arrive promptly or for any reason are not satisfactory, kindly let us know at once.			
Best Holland Type Gin	3.00	1.75	9.00	In case of breakage or shortage mail us express agent's statement.			
Special Holland Type Gin	2.50	1.50	9.00				
Good Holland Type Gin	2.50	1.50	8.00				
Fine Old Port and Sherry Wines			10.00				
Fine Aged Angelica Cordial			10.00				
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THE LAND PETITION.

The Socialists of Oklahoma have secured 120,000 names to a petition against the passage of a law proposed by the Donks that will cripple and suffocate that state.

The Socialists of Texas can easily secure 150,000 names to cripple the work of the bankers and landlords of Texas who wish to continue the destruction of the vote of the state by holding on to the graft they at present possess.

In both states there will be a severe fight and The Rebel is optimistic enough to believe that the Donks will be defeated.

Accordingly get your land petitions from The Rebel office. They are free of charge to those who wish it so. The cost of postage and printers ink plus the free petitions is five cents for two, ten for a quarter. Order now. Fill them up now, so that we may get the 150,000 signatures through the summer and fall campaign.

The munition manufacturers pulled off a parade with 135,000 in line in New York City last Saturday. All in the interest of preparedness. That's nothing to speak of. 150,000 people greeted Doctor Cook in the most un-American city in the nation and then again an equal number greeted Roosevelt when he returned from Africa. We wonder how many would be on the job if Ringling Brothers produced the three-headed calf.

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AUTO TOUR BEGINS MAY 22

Six dates have so far been definitely fixed for the whirlwind automobile tour of the gubernatorial candidates. Keep these dates in mind and if your town or locality is anywhere within 15, 25 or even 40 miles distant from the places named (depending on roads or direction), apply for a forenoon or night date on the days mentioned, as the morning and night appointments are left open to those that apply first. The dates are as follows:

Cameron, Monday, May 22, 2:30 p. m.
Waco, Tuesday, May 23, 2:30 p. m.
Whitney, Wednesday, May 24, 2:30 p. m.
Morgan, Thursday, May 25, 2:30 p. m.
DeLeon, Friday, May 26, 2:30 p. m.
Cisco, Saturday, May 27, 2:30 p. m.

The speakers are not likely to come in striking distance of your place again, so make up your minds NOW, and write or wire,

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