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The Senatorial Fight.

I am tired of trying to fight the lawyers.

They are the scum of the earth when it comes to making a fight.

I know, because I have tried them; not only in Sweetwater, but in Abilene, Dallas, Austin (lower case for Austin) and other places.

I am the next United States senator from Texas, but when it comes to going through in a battle, every LAWYER is hid out in the brush.

I found one who is supposed to be the Republican boss of Texas, and he proceeds to say that he has been more than fifteen years United States district attorney, for, I presume, this district; but when I met him in Dallas face-to-face and asked him, the question, after all the Donk lawyers had failed, he insultingly referred to the President of the United States as "Peck's Bad Boy". I quoted him, just because he was the Republican "Boss" and then received this reply which will indicate that he would lie about his closest personal friend as he would about his most immediate family connection.

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T. A. Henley, Esq.,
Editor Rebel,
Hallettsville, Texas.
My dear Mr. Henley:

My attention has been called to a purported interview with me published in a recent issue of your paper.

I am greatly surprised that the conversation occurring in my office when you came to consult with me professionally should be heralded as an interview, and I shall thank you to publish this letter in your next issue.

In the first place, some of the statements are inaccurately quoted in the next place all that I told you were merely rumors, and not based upon my own individual knowledge.

This correction must take place both in justice to myself and in justice to the President.

Yours earnestly,
Wm. H. Atwell.

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Then the blackguard told me that the Republicans of Texas are going to be 100,000 strong next election day. If they are, then there must be a great many more than there are in the carpet bag 1869. The Socialist party won second place in 1912, and I will say that while we have repeated in 1914, we will, in 1916, continue to make Texas the greatest Democratic state in the nation. We will do so because the members of the Socialist party are real Democrats; members of the Democratic party are just like Mr. Atwell and his tribe, carpet baggers.

RAILWAY TROUBLE BREWING.

The following from the Four-Tax Press (Texarkana) is typical of reports that are coming in from every part of the United States. The railway trust is intent on goading its workers into a strike by boycotting, blacklisting and hounding them in the good old way. So far from settling the railway trouble with Take legislation the Wilson administration has merely postponed until after the election an industrial explosion that will prove more terrific the longer it is put off. The Four-State Press says:

Trouble is brewing between certain railroads of the South, and the four brotherhoods, indicated by mutterings heard from employes, who charge that the railroads are discharging men active in the campaign for the eight-hour day.

At Nashville there have been a large number of employes of the Louisville and Nashville railway laid off the past ten days. While no formal action has yet been taken, the fact has become known that the representatives of the Nashville Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are to come to Nashville and conduct an investigation."

Added to the above, a Beirne reporter learned while at Terrell (Tex.) that two of the best engineers in the employ of the T. & P. railway had been laid off there indefinitely. Absolutely no reason could be assigned for their discharge except that they had been "too active" in the eight-hour fight. Similar reports come from other railway divisions.

So, once more is seen the utter futility of the worker trusting to old party administrations to settle anything in their behalf. Yet

THE DRIVE TO SOCIALISM.

Nine-tenths of all the people believe in public ownership of the railway trust.

Nine-tenths of all the newspaper men now believe in collectively owning the print paper trust.

All the wheat farmers believe in public ownership of the wheat market and flour mills—and most everybody else does.

All the cotton farmers believe in public ownership of cotton markets, mills, gins, compresses, warehouses, etc.

All the cattle raisers have gone on record in favor of public ownership of packeries and abattoirs.

The Industrial Relations Commission and a majority of the people are in favor of public ownership of coal mines, telephones and telegraphs and other public utilities.

Most people favor public ownership of the banks and currency system and letting the people have money at 1|2 per cent interest (and less) instead of letting 30 odd banking corporations have it at that rate.

In short lump together all the sentiment for collectivism now among the people, add just one or two items and you have a vast majority in favor of a pure industrial democracy.

The only thing left to do is to crystallize that sentiment. This is to be done not by converting the people to Socialism, but merely to show them that like the Irishman's turtle that was dead and didn't know it—they are Socialists and merely don't know it.

a large number of these one-headed toilers will vote against the only party that stands for collective ownership of railways and all other great industries and thereby would establish industrial justice forever and for all.

The Primary Pledge Fake

No Democrat is bound by the July primary. Did Governor Ferguson let the binding part of the primary election cut any figure with him at the Houston Convention?

Read what one of the staunch Democratic papers says:

"As might have been expected, it (the Democratic State Convention) was ring-ruled. Some half-dozen men controlled and manipulated it as though it was so much putty.

Chief of the board of strategy was his excellency, Governor James E. Ferguson, who for generalship has few peers, and no superiors in the history of Texas.

Having walked away with the San Antonio convention despite a substantial prohibition majority, he now walks away with the Houston convention in spite of the primary.

The platform adopted by this convention was out and fitted to his personal views * * *

The Democratic voters have been overruled by a ring-ridden aggregation of carefully picked delegates, and that is all there is to it.

Such a system of falsifying the party's attitude is vastly more dangerous to the stability of our government than any stand the party might be made to take on any issue.

The fundamental principle of a republic, or of a subdivision within a republic, is that the majority shall rule. This principle is of more importance than prohibition, Robison law, or any other particular question that may be raised within the government or subdivision.

When the Democratic Convention at San Antonio manipulated Tom Love into the background, and when the Democratic Convention at Houston manipulated submission and the Robison law out of the platform, it was not a victory over either the man or the issues, but merely an open and deliberate defiance of that great principle on which the government essentially rests.

We do not know how long the little close corporation at Austin can get away with this fake for very long, we imagine. Lincoln was right when he said, "You can fool half the people all the time, and all the people half the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."—Houston Chronicle, Aug. 10, 1916.

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You hear a great deal about the Democratic primary pledge. Time enough at the outset was that the will of the majority, as expressed at the polls, would be respected. At least two questions received no primary vote in the July primary. The machine ruled Houston Convention defied these demands and the same machine left in power will thwart the will of the people in January when the legislature meets. The sovereign Democrats of Bell and Hays counties, who were unseated by the ring-ruled convention, will give ample testimony as to whether the primary election demands will be at all considered by the coming legislature.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

A bunch of blue-gum coons from the bottoms of the Brazos if kept in office here for 50 years continuously, would have to go some to beat the record of honlessness, tenantry, wagon troops, landlordism, mortgages, usury, graft, pellagra and poverty that the Democratic officials of the South have to their credit. The same coons if elected in their stead this fall would do some better on the theory that a new broom sweeps clean.

In voting for a CLEAN SWEEP this fall you will not have to vote for Brazoria coons either. The best broom is the Socialist party, the only working class party on earth.

ADVISES SENSATIONAL SERMONS.

Bishop Franklin Hamilton, addressing a class of young ministers just admitted to full connection with the church at the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of West Virginia, declared that ministers to accomplish proper results from the work they are called upon to do, must preach sensational sermons.

"Tell the truth and tell it plainly," he declared. "Every minister either should preach sensational sermons and create sensation in his church and town or get out of the business."

The Rebel would here suggest something to the Methodist ministry as well as to all other preachers that wish to outshine their brother-ministers in "sensational" sermons.

It will be noted that Bishop Hamilton as good as said that "telling the plain truth" from the pulpit was sensational and therefor exceptional.

So the preacher that is tired of preaching to empty pews or to snoozing sinners can wake up his congregation by telling the plain truth not about little things but about BIG THINGS.

For example he should turn to Leviticus and preach from the text: "The Land is Mine and shall not be sold forever, saith the Lord for ye are strangers and sojourners with me."

Or let him take any of the many passages of the Bible that denounce the taking of usury, which means interest, so much as one tenth of one per cent.

Or let him preach from the text: "Ye shall not mortgage the upper and nether millstone," for these are the life of the people—meaning that it is wrong to corner the means of life.

Let him no longer sidestep all the burning indictments in both Old and New Testaments against Rent, Interest and Profit, against the rich robbers and exploiters of the earth including that one where Christ says a camel can pass through a needle's eye more easily than a rich man can pass through the pearly gates.

Let him no longer overlook the ownership of the earth by a few and the consequent poverty and misery of the many.

MORE THAN BILLIONAIRE.

The following United Press Dispatch published in the Dallas Dispatch of Sept. 29, should make every supporter of the Donk and the Elephant throw away his hat tered hat and emit a patriotic yell for the glorious country that is rich enough to produce plutbillionaires.

Then he should yell once more for the Wilson, Roosevelt and Taft administrations that have so nobly busted and "dissolved" the trusts that they are richer and more powerful than ever before. Read the dispatch herewith:

New York, Sept. 29.—John D. Rockefeller is now a billionaire if that makes you feel any better.

When the Standard Oil of New Jersey hit $567 a share he became a billionaire. The last time when the U. S. government dissolved it was $214 a share. The new values for the stock represents added values to each fraction of stock in subsidiary concerns to which the Standard Oil Company is entitled.

Rockefeller now owns 247,692 shares The value at the time of dissolution was more than $167,000,000. Today it is worth $488,869,028.44.

With his holdings in mines, railroads and bonds, Rockefeller's wealth is considered over a billion.

Whether the party of the Donk or the party of the Elephant rules, the worker is always about to be; but (when it comes to a showdown) never is blessed. Vote for a CLEAN SWEEP.

The Danger of Peace.

(By Lincoln Pfeiffer in The New World, Girard, Kansas.)

MUCH has been written about the destructiveness of the European war. And with all that has been said the theme has not been exhausted. But the war is only an incident, and is not the worst feature of the situation. If "peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," it also has, in this case, its dangers that are worse than the ravages of world slaughter.

The reader is not unfamiliar with the long strife between the House of Rockefeller and the House of Morgan for financial supremacy in the United States. The struggle between the Harriman and Hill railroad interests was but a part of this contest. The illegal merging of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company with the steel trust was the ending of one of the battles between these financial giants. The panic of 1897 came as the direct result of their rivalry. The industrial and political history of the United States for the past sixteen years centers around it. The split in the Republican party came because Roosevelt championed the Morgan interests and other Republicans favored Rockefeller.

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MORE IMPORTANT than any battle that has been fought in Europe was the coming together of these two great financial powers into what is tantamount to a merger of interests. The strife that brought the creation of the tobacco trust, the warfare that preceded the merging of the steel industries, has had a larger exemplification in the gage of the Morgans and Rockefellers, ending in complete co-operation between them. The ultimate, accomplished during the past few months, means that the two antagonistic elements will hereafter act as one. It means the strongest industrial force that was ever organized on the face of the earth. It means a complete controlling of the industries of the United States by a group of not to exceed a dozen men.

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THE FIRST results of this merger are already apparant. There was a strange unanimity on the part of the press for 'preparedness' to defend its future acts. There was an immediate union of Republican forces, which will mean an elimination of both Roosevet and Wilson, who were, either consciously or unconsciously, factional tools in the fight. There has also come a tremendous advance in the cost of all manner of things which every family must buy. This advance is due to the war only in the sense that war suggested the possibilities of a power that might be developed from a union of forces. The power that has been created by this peace measure is shown in the fact that the whole people of the United States are held up daily on everything they use or consume. Millions are squeezed out of the pockets of the people daily; and every dollar so taken from them weakens them and strengthens the merger.

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A MORE sinister result of the merging of these two great financial interests appears in the attack on the press. This has taken the form of an unprecedented raise in the price of print paper and accessories. Many things have been more than doubled in price. There is absolutely no reason for this except that the merger can force it. It is laid on to the war, but it is really the result of peace. There is nothing from which paper is made that is shut out of this country by the war. Even the bleaches used in paper making are manufactured in America in abundance; but they are in control of the merger. Though it is said, when these facts are mentioned that the American forests from which paper is made are giving out, the heads of the merger, who control the paper mills, know very well how paper might be made from annual crops that could be produced in abundance; but they have a purpose in not using these things. That purpose is clearly to kill out thousands of papers.

ALREADY thousands have succumbed. In an effort to save themselves many publishers are raising their subscription price or reducing the size of their papers. Many are reducing the number of publications they read. Sometimes a publisher is refused the right to buy paper at any price. How could the power and arrogance and intention of the merger be more strikingly shown than in such action as this? The newspaper field is more disconcerted today than it has ever before been in all history.

What will be the final outcome? Well, the merger has it in its power to kill off two-thirds of all the papers in the United States. It has it in its power to practically silence criticism by refusing to sell paper to its enemies, and to favor its tools by producing paper cheaper than ever known before, and letting them have it at cost. It has it in its power to change Americans from a reading to an illiterate people. It has the power to reestablish serfdom; for it is already the incarnation of feudalism.

Do you believe these people would do such things? They could avoid individual responsibility by charging it on to the machine; and the machine was created to do just such things.

A great American financier was recently quoted by the newspapers as saying:

American labor cannot expect to maintain present standards of working conditions. It will have to come down to the level of the European cheap labor and probably to the plane occupied by the Asiatics.

The masters know what is coming, even if you don't. They know because they have studied tendencies, have planned their triumph and are helping it to come.

Vote for poverty and war and then become paralyzed with astonishment when you get it. Boneheads!!!

A man that votes for poverty and pellagra ought to get it with the bells on—only we pity his innocent wife and children

Two More Conversations

It was on Main street Dallas on October 4. I was looking in at a window display of men's fall hats, mentally selecting one to take the place of my old straw hat that as a result of a long and arduous campaign year was about ready for a "new feed."

He stopped and stuck out his hand. "This is Mr. Meitzen, isn't it?"

I plead guilty. He was a genial prosperous-looking gentleman of middle age. He had a G. O. P. elephant badge on his coat lapel, but I did not know him.

"I heard you speak on the streets of Winnsboro Saturday. My name is Culberson, of Dallas."

I recognized the name. He is one of the big bell-wethers of the Republican party of Texas.

"That was a great crowd you had there at Charley Morris' bank. Do you know how many heard your speech!"

"No, I was too busy speaking, but I know that they came from counties, Wood, Camp, Hopkins and Titus."

"Well," said Mr. Culberson "I made an estimate. They were crowded behind, in front and on both sides of you. There were something like 5000 and they appeared to be interested and enthusiastic too. The revolt against this rotten Democratic machine is rising. I think I shall have to arrange for our Republican nominee for governor, Mr. Cresger, to speak at Winnsboro also. It appears to be a good place for anti-Democratic speakers."

At any rate it is a good place for Socialist speakers these days, but two years ago we could scarce talk to a corporal's guard. In fact such is the revolt that I have had large crowds all along the line this year, larger than even the old party candidates for high office have had. But the queer thing is that the Gal-Dal. news and other large papers will tell the people very little about these great Socialist gatherings where they will devote columns to meetings of less importance.

"Naturally so; they stand in with the machine. Here is some good stuff on the Ferguson administration. Read it over and you are free to use it any way you it is backed up with affidavits Glad I met you again, Mr. Meitzen. Good-bye."

He had gone before I could tell him that this revolt of the people was not merely against the machine of the Democratic party, but the machine of capitalism that stands behind all political parties except the Socialist party.

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On board of the T. & P. out of Mineola a man in the opposite car seat spoke to me.

"Excuse me, but didn't you speak at Quitman yesterday?"

"Yes, I was the man."

"My name is Sherrill, traveling representative of the Dallas News. That was a large and enthusiastic audience you had. Am sure my paper would have carried the story of your meeting but the local correspondent was not at home."

"Whether the local correspondent is at home or not, the Gal-Dal. News policy has been to either utterly ignore or only mention in a few lines our meetings, regardless of how great they are. For instance the Winnsboro meeting two days before beat any political gathering held in Winnsboro this year — even beat Morris' meeting and that was his home town. However the Dallas News did not have a line about it."

"Is that so. Are you sure it was not in Sunday's News?"

"Yes, I am sure."

"Well—er—it must have been an oversight. By the way, the Socialists are getting thick in this part of the state. I meet them everywhere and they all have some thing to say about the News failing to print your speech of acceptance and your platform. What about this? I am sure the News has always been fair even to its enemies like Colquitt."

"Yes, to Colquitt because he belongs to the same political gang. The long and short of it was that in 1914 the Gal-Dal. News gave columns to platforms and speeches of such parties as the Socialist-Labor party that polled 200 votes; to the Bull Moose that polled 1706 votes and to the Republicans that cast 14,000 votes in Texas in 1914, but refused (three times out of three times) to print a single line of our speeches or platform although we were in 1912 and in 1914 the second political party in Texas; polling 26,000 votes. While I understand that the News has been a little more liberal this year; still they deny us the same space accorded to other parties. It looks like a frame-up to me."

"* * * Well I think, Mr. Meitzen, it is just a matter of understanding each other. Here is card. I want you to visit the Dallas News office when in town and see Mr. Glarer in person and I am sure he will do all he can to come to a mutual understanding. He is one of the men in the office though I guess there are others that stand behind him that I can't see."

"If I am find time I will visit the News office and look up Mr. Glarer. However, I have a better plan of testing the News. Somewhere along the line I shall again submit to a correspondent a report of a speech I make to a large crowd. Then we will see if the News is disposed to be at least as liberal with us as it is now with the Republicans. That will be the proper test, I think."

"Yes, do that. In my work of soliciting subscriptions for the News I want to be on good terms with Socialists and I hope that your people will again regard the News as a fair newspaper."

"I hope so. We are not disposed to cut and slash needlessly. But we want to be treated fairly."

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Since this was written I addressed a tremendous crowd at Sewell, Tex., it being, as usual, the largest political meeting of the year. The local correspondent of the Gal-Dal. News is fair enough to know a big news story when he sees it and on his own initative he sent in a liberal synopsis of my speech. If the News prints it all it is seeing the error of its ways. This is result of a conference that no doubt has since caused between Mr. Sherrill and Mr. Glarer. It garbles it or cuts it down we may know that the Old Lady by the sea is still at its old tricks though pretending to be fair-minded it is little different from the fairness of 1914.

E. R. M.

Shouted the rock-ribbed Donk farmer: "I was born a Democrat and will die a Democrat." Replied the Socialist: "The difference between you and I is that I was born a baby and expect to spend all the years of my life Sabe?"

No form of slavery has ever been a greater cinch for the masters than capitalism. The slaves think they are free Americans, have the ballot and bull that was and then give up more wealth to their masters than any set of slavery the world has ever known.

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COTTON AND THE REBEL

The first week in July THE REBEL strongly advised you Working Farmers to organize in the LAND LEAGUES and not to let them take your cotton this year at less than 15c a pound on the farm. About 30 days later it looked good to you and this time raised the price to TWENTY CENTS a pound on the farm.

The prediction of the Rebel was literally true. Cotton is now selling at 15c and over in towns and, had you organized, YOU would NOW be getting not less than 20c a pound, probably more, for your cotton.

As it is, unorganized and, therefore, unable to hold it, you are rushing the crop on the market, and you believe you are getting high price for it, but this is simply an hallucination.

For price is one thing and value another and, when you come to sell your cotton, that is to say, the product of your labor, in food, clothing and other necessities, you will find that the price you have received is nowhere in proportion to the value you have given, for the prices of all the necessities of life are going skyward with every hour that passes.

The following editorial from the "Dallas Dispatch" will give you a faint idea of what you will be up against before the winter is over:

A High Winter Prospect

According to statisticians more or less official, Uncle Sam eats 630 millions of bushels of wheat annually, his present crop is 611 millions, and 400 millions of it is already contracted for export. Bread must rise in price.

Canned fruits and vegetables will advance 15 to 20 per cent.

Prices on high grade women's shoes will advance. One way is you can bet that men's shoes will follow women's.

Everything else is up, or looking up, and it is evidently to be a winter of high cost of living such as has rarely, if ever, been seen. The situation is complicated, largely, the high price which our products bring in foreign countries.

There are two ways in which to meet this situation. One way is to raise wages correspondingly. The other is to stop the exportation of necessaries, so as to withdraw tressed foreign nations do. If any reader knows of another way, will he or she kindly inform this office?

It is a forgone conclusion that the Capitalists will neither "raise wages correspondingly" nor "stop the exportation of necessaries" to the "war-distressed" or any other foreign countries, for the simple reason that profit that was and, besides, it lives by plundering.

There is but one remedy for economic conditions such as now confront the entire Race and that is—SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

However that may be, we talk of the Rebel's prediction and you Working Farmers are selling your cotton below the cost of production.

The crop of 1916 is bound to go over 20c a pound in the local markets before long, and this for the reason that the World's crop is extraordinarily small while the demand for cotton is heavier than ever. No matter if the usual Wall Street gang and soldiers must be well-clothed, or there is mutiny in the trenches. Remember in another generation and also remember that British money is today worth not more than 50c in the Dollar, which means all commodities must rapidly rise in price or the seller will be robbed to the limit.

Hold by all means in your power the remnant of the crop, which is estimated to total only 11,500,000 bales. So that, in taking 15c where you should actually have 20c a pound, you Working Farmers of Dixie are LOSING on this crop not less than $287,500,000.

Open your eyes you wake up and ORGANIZE your Industrial Power and thru it hold for yourselves, your wives and children the wealth you have created!

WHEN will you stand by and support your own paper, THE REBEL—The only paper in the whole South that gives you any news and information worth having—the ONLY paper in Dixie that is ALWAYS on the WORKERS' side!

Even you Democrat Farmers are wronging yourselves and families when you do not subscribe to THE REBEL.

It is a shame to Southmen that

THE LAST REFUGE OF SCOUNDRELS

Spokane, Wash.—Two teachers in Jefferson High school, Spokane, Wash., have "proved patriotic that they were willing to give up their pupils to their country. Two of the men who instructed the youth of this city in the glory of dying for one's country were willing to bleed and die, too, only they insisted that others do the job that they accept from tardy pupils.

Frank Mangold and Samuel May are the vicarious heroes. They are teachers in the Jefferson school, and they organized a machine gun company that was attached to the Third Oregon. They urged the boys of their school to join and instructed them in the art and mystery of being good militiamen. Then, when the regiment was called to the Mexican border, the two patriots were observed to be still in Spokane, and not marching with their pupils.

The mothers of the boys called a mass meeting, and insisted upon heckling the two teachers. Mangold and May had taught mothers, and said that he was ready to fight for his country, but his four children were of more importance that militia duty. May said that his duties as teacher were so important that he could not be spared for military service. He did not say which of his teacher duties he referred to—whether urging boys to join the militia, or the art of teaching them their p's and q's.

Several of the boys are under 17 years of age.

CHICAGO CREATED VAULTS FOR ONE MAN TO SPEND.

New York Call, August 28.—Joseph Leiter has bought a shoestring from 100,000 acres in Louisiana. Joe Leiter can afford to buy 20,000 acres of land on which to hunt—and then he can afford to build an estate for a magnificent hunting lodge. This is pretty soft for Joe Leiter. It is pretty soft for him, sure enough. But, to be real harsh and truthful, it is no softer for Joe Leiter than the beads that stand for the kind of exploiting that got Joe Leiter enough money to do that kind of thing. While you or your neighbors long for a cottage with a bit of lawn, Joe Leiter can afford to you long-for four rooms instead of three, while you wish you were able to pay Eighty Dollars a month of six, just figure out over the blazes it is that the Joe Leiters, who never work, can get 20,000-acre shooting-lots, while the people that always work have the devil's own job to even keep the rent paid on a dinky "home" that isn't big enough to turn around in, let alone to go hunting in, for anything bigger than roaches. It may not be hard to figure out such things, but it's mighty enlightening when you land on the answer.

Says Mr. I. Ney Rutie: "I admit the Democrats and Republican parties are rotten, but how do I know the Socialist party won't sell out like the others?" Hence the gentleman keeps on voting for the parties he knows to be rotten.

In 1914 some Socialists failed to come to the polls because they said they "knew" Judge Ferguson was a fool and a tool of the Wall Street gang, that the Ferguson League that the men were to be convicted on fake evidence, now being cooked up, but "I did not know you would do so." Only by keeping the men from having any defense could they be convicted, so the prosecution had the insolency to try to prevent any prominent lawyer from taking the case. A judge forced upon the prisoner defendant, fighting for his life, a greenhorn lawyer of one year's experience.

By now it is clear to a prominent criminal lawyer that the accused are not guilty, we have gotten him, through a sense of justice, to take the cases for a few

THE SAN FRANCISCO OUTRAGE.

Out here in the big West, a whooping, yelling mob of "patriots" business men is trying to wipe out the labor union. Hiring an army of bristling gunmen for a spy and strike-breaker system, they have slowly advanced from conquered Los Angeles to the siege of San Francisco.

The opening fight here was to force Labor, against its will, into a "preparedness" parade. Every organized man refused to move, and the parade for military tyranny was cut down to a handful of the unorganized who were bulldozed into line.

Organized Labor, victorious, was satisfied and completely through with this affair before the day of march.

But some individuals, fired by wild propagandis for military violence, sent hundreds of warnings through the mails, saying that they would blow up the parade with a bomb. Employers and newspapers tried to keep this quiet, but Organized Labor men discovered it and requested their followers to avoid any chance for such a thing to be laid at their door, by abstaining from all activity tending to parade, with silent contempt. This was done.

The ranks of the unorganized marched down Market street behind their employers and society women, unaware of the warnings. A bomb exploded which killed 10 people outright, three more dying later. A prominent Chamber of Commerce man was heard to remark: "This is a fine chance for the open shop."

Immediately the Chamber of Commerce, through its tools of public office, swooped down on its most hated enemies in Organized Labor ranks. They took the leader of the recent successful street car strike, Thomas J. Mooney (as well as his wife, an indefensive music teacher), jailed them, and charged him with heading a "conspiracy." The chief of pickets of the recent Machinists' strike, Edward D. Nolan, was taken for vengeance's sake, without evidence, and they announce in the papers that they have the hemp stretched around the necks of all." Israel Weinberg, prominent in the Jitney Bus Operators' Union, which is trouble-ing the United Railways, was jailed and accused of murder. Warren K. Billings, past president of the Shoe Workers, was charged with the actual dynamiting, and an eye-witness who saw him altogether different man place the supposed suit-case bomb, was assaulted in the office of the prosecutor.

Five conspicuous enemies of the employers were thus caught and apparently doomed. The warnings in advance that had been received through the mails were thereafter ignored. Direct evidence of eye-witnesses was ignored. The Chamber of Commerce had the men it wanted.

Every newspaper blankly declined to print a word without approval by the "Law and Order Committee." Several newspaper men working on the case came secretly to us to whisper that they were sure the men were innocent, but "For God's sake don't mention us!" One detective working for the prosecution told a member of the International Workers' Defense League that the men were to be convicted on fake evidence, now being cooked up, but "I did not know you would do so." Only by keeping the men from having any defense could they be convicted, so the prosecution had the insolency to try to prevent any prominent lawyer from taking the case. A judge forced upon the prisoner defendant, fighting for his life, a greenhorn lawyer of one year's experience.

By now it is clear to a prominent criminal lawyer that the accused are not guilty, we have gotten him, through a sense of justice, to take the cases for a few

THE REBEL has not NOW at least 100,000 subscribers in Dixie; that it has to be kept going by the most grinding labor on the part of a splendid handful of Rebels and that they are forced, by you, to make a dime do a dollar's work.

This is not as it should be and cannot go on much longer. There is a limit to all things. If you are MEN you will pitch in and do YOUR share. NOW is the time to get BUSY and, if YOU do, THE REBEL'S circulation CAN BE DOUBLED before January 1st. This can be done if only each one of its present subscribers will get just a little bit of business to see that at least ONE new subscriber is added to the list before ye by that date. This would jar the Landords and Plutes more than a million votes could. GET BUSY,—YOU! It is YOUR duty, for the freedom of Dixie is at stake. The fight is on—on with the fight!

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Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared A. C. Mattson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Assistant Editor of The Rebel and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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A. C. Mattson.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September, 1916.

Joe Stanzel, Notary Public.

(My commission expires May 26, 1917.)

PERMANENT PROSPERITY.

(By Scott Nearing.)

A representative of one of the great Eastern railroads was on the stand in a rate case. His road was asking permission to raise its passenger fares in order to offset the decreased earnings that were due to the hard times of 1912 and 1913.

"Do you think it fair," he was asked, "that in a year like this, when millions of men and women are out of work, and when most industries have suffered greatly decreased profits, that the stockholders in your railroad should bear a part of the loss?"

"I do not," he answered.

"And why?"

"Because, when a man invests in the stock of our road, I believe that his investment should have the same stability as the investment in a bond. He expects 6 per cent, and is entitled to six per cent in good times and bad times alike."

The ordinary citizen supposes that the prosperity of the railroads is mirrored in their dividends. Good years show high dividends; bad years show low ones. The stockholder who has placed his money in a more or less speculative investment could hardly ask for anything else. How greatly then, is the student of railroad statistics astounded to find that in the last period of hard times, the railroad dividends of many roads were not cut at all, while in other cases the cuts were insignificant.

The figures since 1900 tell the tale. In that year the total of railroad stocks were a little less than two billions. The total amount paid in dividends was 140 millions. The total amount of stock has climbed steadily, during the years, till it is now eight and a half billions. The dividends have leaped to over 400 millions. Then the cuts half of the stock paid dividends, now the proportion is two thirds, and it has stayed at about two thirds regularly since 1906. The total amount paid in dividends varies somewhat from year to year. In 1907 is passed the 300 million mark; in 1910 it passed the 400 million mark. Since that year it has not fallen below 400 millions except once, when in 1913 it fell to 389 millions.

The owners of the railroads, in common with all other property owners in the United States expect permanent prosperity. The hard times of the nineties taught them their lesson. Never since that time have the disasters of those dark years been repeated. Take the panic of 1912 and 1914, for example. Business was bad. Earnings were low. What did the railroads do? First of all they dismissed tens of thousands of employees. Then they took off a number of trains. The dividends on bonds was paid as usual, and in many cases, the usual quarterly dividend was declared on the stocks.

The railroads like any other business, throw the first burden of hard times upon the wage earners. They lay upon them the crude practice of cutting wages. They simply lay off or dismiss employees. The first consideration in hard times is the interest on bonds. The last consideration is wages to employees. This has nothing to do with the legal claim of wage earners to a share in the value of the products that they have created. It simply means that a business practice has been established which forces upon the wage earner, the first burden of business hardship.

The efficiency expert protests—"If there is nothing for labor to do, why pay wages! We cannot afford to spend our money on idle men."

An equally significant question may be asked on the other side—"If there is nothing for freight cars to do, why pay interest and dividends! You cannot afford to spend money on idle capital."

The money is spent on idle capital though. Interest is paid. Dividends are declared. When the railroad manager talks about retrenching expenses, he is speaking about decreasing payments to labor, cutting down the service to the public and holding off the government. The owners of railroad property may feel assured that only after every other alternative has been ignored do will dividends be cut or the payment of interest delayed.

We need more rifles in the land of Dixie. See that they are gotten and all of the same CALIBER.

RIVER SCHOOLS (?)

What are the duties of a school superintendent? As I understand it, one of his duties is to co-operate with the boards of trustees, providing suitable and proficient teachers for the several schools of his charge—but, as I observed it, he takes a different view of the matter. He evidently is under the impression that his duty is to co-operate with "Teachers' Employment Associations" and "Teachers' Directory Boards" in providing themselves with a satisfactory quorum of the teachers' salaries, and I shrewdly surmise incidentally, providing himself with a "neat bonus."

I do not know a great deal of trustees in general—only a little of some in particular, and these observations might prove interesting. I have seen rejected proficient, conscientious, experienced teachers, fully prepared and dependable, and employed in preference, frivalous, incompetent, inexperienced girls, with never a tho't above a 'bean' and a trousseau I infer—there's a reason.

For what reason, but for everything "right" (?) do the Normal schools advertise — "Teachers in demand," and "More Teachers Required" And some disgruntled girl in need of work—(I say girl for under existing circumstances in the overcrowded business world, it is the young women who are most dependent upon teaching as a last resort)—will spend her last remaining money and borrow from her relatives to "get prepared" to enter the profession, and while at the risk of nervous prostration, she has secured the required development and goes with it hopefully to her county superintendent, she is told "positions are scarce." Or she meets a trustee, she puts in applications till she's sick of the world. She writes dozens of letters and are never answered to superintendents over the state, for she is "green" and she doesn't know what a "rotten game" the school business is—one woman one winer in experience gives her a "tip" she disregards it as an unbelievable thing and still clings to her ideals. Then, in a last attempt, she appeals to the State Superintendent for advice how to proceed. She receives a courteous letter promising to "file" her inquiry and once more is advised that "schools are scarce" and "teachers are numerous" therefore pay—and she has now reached a state of such desperation that she pays and is thankful for the opportunity, for she has generally exhausted the efforts and influence of her friends, acting upon the advice of some one older in experience than herself, and the "pull" has failed to materialize. The normal schools go on with their good work, employment organizations keep in touch with superintendents and school boards and with teachers and provide (?) for their several needs. Beautiful scheme!

"Stealing from the little children," accused a county sup't in a strong, emphatic voice, lecturing to a class of young student-teachers upon the criminality of filling a position and slighting the work, accepting a salary without earning it. "Deliver the goods!" he admonished,—but I wonder does he deliver the goods! Isn't he stealing from the little children when he places over them incompetent irresponsible teachers! Not only stealing the teachers' means of support, thru this contemptible per cent of the salary scheme—for already underpaid, no teacher can afford to have a percent of that meager salary stolen—not only stealing the school patrons funds from the treasury, but "stealing from the little children" their right to a practical, useable education.

They've been making a great fuss over improving the schools, and even Mr. Ferguson has appropriated a million-dollar school fund, but what has become of it? The school terms are shorter, the teachers' salaries grow less, the teachers more and more inefficient. It looks as though, literally, the million has been appropriated—and it seems appropriations are in order all way round.

(By "I. Observe.")

A Big Army means a ground-down and degraded Working Class. Death to Militarism!

Socialists believe in giving your child a better chance for life than a rich man's bull dog.

GOVERNOR WILLIAMS SPURNS.

The following is not taken from the lunacies weeklies, Life or Judge, but is a free dispatch to the Gal-Dal:

Oklahoma City, Ok., Sept. 26. Governor Williams today addressed the winners of the boys' and girls' clubs at the State Fair. He talked of farm life and recommended to the boys and girls stick to the farm.

"Don't imagine," he said, "that all town people are prosperous. There is more actual squalor, ignorance and misery in the cities than in the country. I tell you, boys and girls, that the modern farmer is the most independent man in the world—and should be the happiest.

"Don't go to town unless you are equipped to do something there. I know an elevator boy right here in Oklahoma City who was born on a farm. He told me the other day that he was receiving $45 a month. He works ten hours a day and has a wife and two babies. That young man might as well be earning from $1,000 to $5,000 a year on an Oklahoma farm. But he came to the city unequipped.

"I want the boys and girls of Oklahoma to have good educations," said the Governor, "but I don't want them to think work is degrading."

All The Rebel has to say about it is that the city slums are "greener" than the farm in spite of misery and squalor than the rackrented murder-ridden rural districts of Oklahoma, made so by the greed of the capitalist class, by and for landhogs and usurers (of which Governor Williams is himself a type) the nation has never in its history seen fit to enact a lunch as $1000 to $5,000 per year. But the greatest joke is to hear this human bedbug talk about being no "disgrace" to work when he and his ilk consider those the most blue-blooded who are the fartherest removed from honest, useful labor.

PRICES ON SOCIALIST PLATFORMS.

The Rebel will print the state platform of the Socialist party with the state ticket and platform of our candidates for president, vice-president and governor at the following prices (postage paid):

100 platforms for	$1.00
250 for	2.50
500 for	3.00
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500 for	4.50
1000 for	6.50

Send your orders at once and help increase the Socialist vote in the November election. Cash must accompany order.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

"FORCE is the midwife of all Social Revolutions," said Karl Marx. History says the same thing. Therefore, ORGANIZE! Get Power!

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World's noted medical scientists—Doctors Dansliss, Sommerfeld, Wolff, Noel, Beers — declare SANOSIN their most effective treatment for Pulmonary ailments yet discovered. Felix Wolff, Chief Physician, Director of the Sanitarium for Consumptives in Reichelbergva, Germany, says he has discarded all other treatments and SANOSIN has been officially recommended to the Public Health Academy. Dr. C. W. A. Essers, Amsterdam, Holland, declares it a "Moral obligation to make SANOSIN known to the whole human race." American sufferers, rich or poor, can use this remarkable home treatment that has met with such phenomenal success in Europe. SANOSIN is a work by scientists of germs—not an injection. Produces calm, restful sleep and night sweats. Stops the deadening drugs. Brings almost immediate relief from coughing, blood spitting and night sweats. SANOSIN is proving a blessing to all suffering from Tuberculosis, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrhs, Whooping Cough, etc. Send for FREE BOOKLET (with testimonials) explaining this treatment and how a trial can be made in your own home at small expense. SANOSIN, Dept. 221, Unity Bldg. Chicago.

Show This To Some Unfortunate.

PLUTES' PLUNDER PILING UP.

According to "American Industries," one of the official organs of the National Manufacturers Assn., the United States of North America are "rolling in prosperity," but still the Plutes are not satisfied and want labor to be satisfied and quit trying to get some of the prosperity said labor has created.

Colonel Pope, President of the Plute organization, calls for One Big Union of Bosses, saying such a Union is the only thing that can save the Government as it should be, by Business men, and keep labor in its place. He says this Union will treat all patriotic labor fairly and will be, in fact, a sort of angelhund having at heart nothing but the "best interests of the country." The only trouble about this government is that, in that case, the Plutes would be THE country and all the rest of us nothing but TENANTS and PEONS.

We are nearly that now, but the gist of Colonel Pope's idea is that the Bosses organized in a Big Industrial Union, will have THE POWER that rules the world in their hands. We compared the Colonel's article to alleged Socialists of the Berger-Hillquit stripe and also to such Labor Organizations as Gompers, Stoon, Carter, White and Lee.

Also the Bosses in this September issue of "American Industries" literally howl with rage in mentioning the word SABOTAGE, say it is outrageous that the Workers should be so unpatriotic as to "stick a knife meaning a dirk in their hearts—that is to say, IN THEIR POCKETBOOKS. Maybe the Workers will stick a dirk of the Bosses to the Saffrons. Maybe the Bosses will yet teach them that the Class Struggle IS REAL and something else. Long **live the Saboteurs!**

But this is not the main thing I started out to comment on. What interested me most was the proof this magazine gave of Plute prosperity. For instance:—

In their Manufacturing establishments last year they ONLY NETTED a profit of, in round numbers, of TEN BILLION DOLLARS—took $1250 NET from every worker employed.

This was only in the Manufacturing plants, mind you. It did not pay a thing after that their whole taking. For their RENTS and INTEREST must be added to this. Also their profits from the railroads and other transportations, the last of which show "some" profit, you can bet. An evidence of which was unnecessary when the Bosses' Press was "investigated," when it was found that their Manufacturing operations only netted them five per cent, but this went into "four figures" when their retail or distributing plants were looked into; there the base of all cost of living shrinks to the capital invested and to the labor employed. In the fight of the Louisiana Lumberjacks in 1912, the Bosses' Press howled that it could not possibly reduce hours and raise wages because they were "only getting an average price of $16 a thousand for lumber at the mill" — it was found out that lumber was then netting them TWENTY DOLLARS a thousand. And so it goes thru all the basic industries. No, they did far better than TEN BILLION DOLLARS.

The big Railroad Systems alone added ONE BILLION AND SEVEN HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS to this total. And this does not account for their loot from Steamship Lines, Street Car Systems and like local transportation service.

Then there's the Bank loot to come on top of this, and LeSueur put that in 1915 at over ONE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS.

As for their RENTS and usury on bonds and mortgages, this loot is so stupendous no statistician has ever yet been able to total it.

All indications are, however, that in 1916 the PLUTOCRACY will loot the Workers of the United States alone of over TWENTY BILLION DOLLARS.

What fools the Workers be!

Wake up! Organize in one Big Union of Agricultural and Industrial Workers and in One Big Revolutionary Socialist Party and TAKE the World and Wealth labor creates for the LABORERS who make and MAKE it all!

Death to the Servile State! Long live Industrial Democracy!

Swingtime.

IDEALS

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

It is ideals that destroy men—the ideals not lived up to.

"Conscience makes cowards of us all." It would be more truthful to say: Conscience makes criminals of us all.

If one could conceivably be wholly bad, utterly devoid of moral sense, full of greed, lust and unregulated appetites, he would not be a bad man, not even a dangerous man—he wouldn't be a man at all, he'd be a hyena. We'd lock him in a cage and feed him raw meat.

What makes a wicked man is the stirrings of good in him. A man is never vicious until he gets a vision of the right. That which makes him what he ought not to be is seeing what he ought to be.

That is St. Paul's meaning when he says that "by the law sin entered."

The curse of the world is cowardice, the conviction that while certain things are good and beautiful they are not practical.

You can hardly talk with anybody who is not full of this poison.

The nominal religion of the western world is Christianity, yet the universal sentiment is that it is not practical. It is as if thousands of preachers were expounding every Sunday the value of shoes, millions of people singing and praying once a week about the beauty and utility of shoes, hordes of children taught in Sabbath school about how wonderful shoes are, acres of books written praising shoes and urging the wearing of them—and yet the entire population going barefoot, and if any man actually puts on a pair of shoes he is considered a crank.

Business men speak at banquets about the need of a just distribution of wealth, equal opportunities for all, the social duty of big business, and so on. Grand ideas, but tacit. And the trouble is we think they ought to be tacit. When Joseph Fels or others try to do something to realize a bit of altruism they are called asses.

Both business and politics are carried on under old superstitions and lying principles that everybody knows to be wrong. It is all right to know this; to seek to change it is to lose caste.

It has got so that "one has to be an outlaw to tell the truth about anything important."

"Civilization," says a recent writer, "has been balked for so many ages, not by the wicked, but by the demned good people who don't believe in the practicability of their own ideals and lack the pluck to purge them out of their minds. We are destroyed by ideals that are not lived up to—ideals that split our lives in two because we haven't stamina enough either to apply them or get rid of them."

IS THIS RIGHT?

The United States government takes away from the people the power of public credit and hands it over to 30 odd private banking corporations. The latter buy from Uncle Sam (say) $50,000 worth of government bonds at 3 to 4 per cent interest. These bonds they deposit with the U. S. Treasurer upon which Uncle Sam has in them back the $50,000 at one half per cent interest, that is to say they are permitted to issue bank notes to the amount or $50,000. They lend out this $50,000 to anywhere from 10 to 3000 per cent. They still draw 3 to 4 per cent interest on the bonds.

The Socialist party says "public ownership of the banking and currency system"—that the producers are certainly more entitled to receive at one half per cent than a bunch of pot-boosned parasites.

If you believe we are right you are more Socialist than anything else.

Socialism would reward the most useful work the highest. Capitalism hands the highest rewards to the most useless toilers.

Mysteries Revealed

Nature is constantly unfolding her laboratories of the unseeming mysteries. What would we have thought of talking across the Pacific, to the Hawaiian Islands with or without the use of wire fifty years ago? We see our wise men delving into the labyrinth of the unknown and seeming unknowable, bringing out the things which have been such burden bearers of the human family; such as electricity, wireless telegraphy, steam and many other things that could be mentioned. The wonderful talking machine as example. Who would have thought fifty years ago that there would be a machine that would reproduce the human voice! Now to the people who read this ad I come before you and tell you without the aid of drugs or knife I can cure your ailments. Is there anything strange about this, with all the seeming mysteries before you? I have been in this immediate country for fifteen years, and have treated over two thousand people annually with success that has surpassed the most sanguine expectations of our people. Now as to my success, in treating all diseases, I refer you to Tom Webb, John Noble or to any other respectable man or woman in Cisco, Texas. My cures are rapid and my price is reasonable—three dollars a day is all you need be out. This is Dr. R. G. Milling, formerly of Putnam, Texas, that is known as the long haired doctor, or the magnetic healer of Texas. I am located at Cisco, Texas. Please come or write me if you are in need of health.

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STATE NOTES

(W. T. Webb, Sec., Cisco, Tex.)

J. L. Hicks writes from Waco that Walter Thomas Mills spoke there in Cameron Park on the afternoon of Oct. 1 to a large crowd, and delivered one of the best and most scholarly lectures ever heard in that city on the subject of Socialism.

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Simpson Dates.

William D. Simpson will speak at Chicota and in Red River county, Oct. 17 and 18, and from then until election in the 3rd district under the direction of J.-B. Lewis.

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Rusk County.

Jas. W. Saucier is filling 28 dates in this county, speaking to the white voters and is doing very effective work, also we have a colored man by the name of R. Lane from Greenville, Texas, who is stirring up the colored folks in the right way.

W. H. P. Wilson,
County Chairman.

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Williamson County.

You are hereby solicited to send me the name of one Socialist in every voting precinct for a supervisor of election. Be sure it is one that has paid his poll tax so that I can get the indorsement of our county judge and you get your certificate. This is the only way that we can get a fair and square count. Please do this and send me names before Oct. 30. Get together and get busy and do not fail me.

T. R. Phythian, County Chairman, Route 6, box 25, Taylor, Texas.

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Socialists of Anderson Co.

At our last meeting the Executive Committee decided to hold a mass meeting at Palestine in The New Labor Temple, Oct. 22, 10 a. m.

We want a representative from every voting precinct in the county. Don't wait for your neighbor to do the work. Get busy and come yourself. Hoping to find at least one from every voting precinct, I am your comrade,

Ralph E. Terrell,
County Chairman.

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Meitzen at Alba.

E. R. Meitzen, the tall man with a big message, spoke to a crowded house at the Rex Theater here Sunday afternoon on the subject: "War; its cause and cure."

Two criticisms were offered by two classes of men as follows: A farmer who is a Republican, said it was the finest address he ever heard and that he intended to vote for Meitzen for governor. A young lawyer, who is a Democrat, after seeing the large crowd of farmers and working people, said, "Who ever saw such a set of durn fools!" These "durn fools" have learned to vote for their class—the working class.

This lawyer belongs to the "respectable nobility" that this "durn fool" class will finally sweep from the face of the earth.

T. S. Teddie.

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Wm. D. Simpson will speak at the following places under the direction of J. B. Lewis, secretary 3rd congressional district:

Martin Springs, Oct. 23; Leagueville, 24; Flat Creek, 25; Eustace, 26; Aley, 27; Mankin, 28; Malakoff, 30; Cross Roads, 31; Carrol Springs, Nov. 1; Payner, 2; Myrtle Springs, 3; Larue, 4.

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E. R. Meitzen Dates.

Sublime, 13 and 14; Houston, 15; Tom Ball, 16; Port Arthur, 17; Koontz, 18; Bronson, 19; Hempill, 20; Nacogdoches, 21; Open, 22; Madisonville, 23.

ALWAYS AN ARISTOCRAT.

It was known in staggeringly high society that the beautiful lady Rosemary had never been pinned before, and as, after a long embrace, the athletic young duke of Rushmore released his hold, she gazed searchingly into his lovelit eyes and questioned:

"And do the poor indulge in this way?"

"Quite frequently, little pet," answered the high personage.

"Well, well, well! And do they experience the same sensations as we do, dear?

"Absolutely."

"Dear, dear, dear. Why it's much too good for the working classes."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Palestine, Tex., Oct. 3, 1916.

The Rebel,
Hallettsville, Tex.

Comrades:

The last two issues of The Rebel are a good one. I cannot find words to express my admiration either for them, or for Comrade Hickey's nerve.

If everyone of us had the nerve that Hickey has, our fight would be over except the shouting, for we would clean up on the grafters this year. For as fast as the plutes start a lie about the Socialists some comrade digs up a truth about the old parties that makes their lie look like a plugged nickel compared with a gold nugget.

That's our only chance of winning, keep everlastingly hammering on rotten works.

As to working with either party anywhere I for one am opposed to it, for no good can come of it.

No compromise, no fusion, no conciliatory measures of any kind, just fight on and expose every crooked deal they make. Pitiless publicity of the truth will help us more than anything else.

Make them (the old parties) admire us. Even if they don't admire anything else, that's what wins, results to our cause, for when they know that we will not waver under any circumstances, then the people who are watching us will gain confidence in the Socialist party. That's all we need is the confidence of the workers. They will come in as they gain knowledge of the state of affairs but we must step aside even for a monetary gain. If we haven't the strength to put our full program in effect, do what we can and wait, wait and watch for a chance to get the rest of it. Never give an inch, but take by our own efforts everything possible and hold what we get.

Yours for the fight,

Ralph E. Terrell,
R 3, box 50, Palestine, Tex.

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Unanimously for Convention.

To The Rebel:

Local Texarkana voted yesterday unanimously for the proposed State Convention of the Socialist party to be held at Waco, Texas, September 10 and 11. One delegate was also elected and provision made to pay his expenses.

This, in my opinion, is the proper move to make. Every local in the state should vote for this convention and then send at least one delegate. This should be the largest and more representative state convention ever held by the Socialists of this state.

Let us meet at Waco on the morning of November the 10th, not with an ax to grind, a spleen to vent, nor a personal wrong to avenge, but for the sole purpose of discussing and recommending to the membership of the party such measures as will, in our judgment, make for a bigger and better Socialist party in Texas.

J. C. Thompson.

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J. S. Fusion.

Big Springs, Tex., Oct. 3, 1916.

Editor The Rebel:

I see some talk of co-operation with Republicans of Oklahoma. I say, no let's don't have anything that looks or even seems to look like we wanted co-operation or fusion, as they would join hands against us. I have voted straight for 18 years and say no, we would loose. To H——— with fusion.

W. W. Larmon.

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Copy of Rebel to Every Voter.

October 4, 1916.

T. A. Hickey, Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Comrade:—

We have 1844 white voters in Polk county and 496 negroes and have not a full county ticket, except two. Our county knows little of the gospel of Socialism. I want each man to know something about it, so am enclosing $2.00. I want you to send each of the 2340 voters one copy of the Rebel. Am sending a list of county nominees, also want national, state and Polk county ticket the land plank of state platform and another strong appeal to the voters, especially the Socialists this year. There has been no work done in the county, I haven't been anywhere, know only two of the nominees, so I decided to fire a 16 centimeter and watch results. Get it out next week if possible. Your for a big vote,

A. J. Farris,
P. O. box 131, Corrigan, Tex.

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Thorndale, Tex., Oct. 9, '16.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Tex.

Dear Sir.—

Enclosed you will find $2.50 for which please send me 250 of your state platforms. I am going to see every voter in my precinct gets a platform. Hope other Socialists will do the same.

Your truly,

J. H. Blackwell,
R. 1, box 53, Thorndale, Texas.

We believe in preparedness to save life and not to destroy it.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Every little while some rabbit-headed reverend or some middle-aged maiden lady gets up the customary yowl about the "divorce evil." They ascribe it to original sin, the devil. They enact church and good civil legislation for legal statutes to keep it down and only make bad matters worse.

They are the Socialists' "irreligious" who says the divorce question is at bottom economic, only to be settled when men and women shall have an equal chance to receive the full fruits of their toil.

In the Houston Post of October 5, we find a concise article by Mary O. Lee, a syndicate writer, that bears out the Socialist contention and shows why every woman who would free not only the slave but the slave of the slave—woman—should put all the nobility and strength of her pure soul into the only movement that has for its purpose the economic freedom of the race.

The article in question telling the effects on marriage under the capitalist system, in part. It is headed "Will Economic Freedom Increase Mutual Happiness and Decrease Divorce?"

When husband and wife begin to discuss business and matters they are on a short cut to the divorce court! So says a professor in a woman's college, who has delved so deeply into the economic and sociological problems of marriage that she is regarded as an authority. Backing her statement with statistics she says the judge, "A large percentage of divorces arise from difficulties over money, to say nothing of the large percentage of marriage unhappiness that hasn't yet reached the divorce court or never gets aired at all."

"What is the reason for this condition of affairs?" she said. "There may be a thousand seeming reasons—a husband may be stingy, a wife extravagant. He may have no idea of a woman's needs; she none of money values. But the real reason back of it all is that woman is not economically independent. Because of this, because woman must hang to some man for board and clothes, what results?

"1. She rushes into any sort of marriage to be supported.

"2. She remains in an unhappy union, miserable wife and mother, because there is no other way to be supported.

"Suppose before marriage each woman learned a paying trade or a profession she could continue afterward or return to any time, so that she could say to a husband, "I am thoroughly fitted to be financially independent of you,' what would result? Suppose it could be arranged with the world of business that after marriage each woman could follow her trade or her profession part time. Suppose, for instance, a wife could do piece work in her trade four hours a day, thus keeping fresh in her work instead of being out and resting as so many do.

"If this much to be desired freedom for women could be brought about and the possibility of keeping in touch with work after marriage, behold the outcome:

"1. Divorces and married misery growing from money matters would be eliminated.

"2. Each woman could wait for the right man and not rush into matrimony for support.

"3. Fewer wives would be held in unhappy unions through tragic inability for self support. Any minute they could say as revolt to surly tyrants and be clothed, housed at their own expense with no question of 'What the dickens do you want of the money?'

"Children? To be sure, the coming of children puts another aspect on the support-of women. But couldn't many a mother of today better serve her own and her children's welfare if she were financially free?

"Professional activity would benefit women in another way. Contact with the world would broaden her mind, give her sympathy with the breed winner's point of view, and so eliminate many causes of trouble peculiar to feminine narrowness. It would rescue her from a third phase of married unhappiness—the female tendency to stagnate and rust in marriage.

"What about the old saying that a wife that earns spoils a good husband? Does she? Is the right kind of a husband ever spoiled? Has any one of the statistics to prove husbands are actually so spoiled? Are there statistics showing more unhappy wives, among those who continue trade or professional activity than among those who fold their lily hands at home?

"I thoroughly believe that if women would be economically independent most of their problems would be solved.

On account of the ever-increasing land prices, and because the cost of living keeps ever ahead of the price of labor or labors products millions of young men and women are unable to marry and establish homes. Vice, crimes and prostitution result and the miserable fakirs like Billy Sunday, Ham and others howl in many keys over the effect but say not one word about removing the cause—capitalism! And then you wonder why we don't love these damned pharisees.

IS THIS RIGHT? (No. 2.)

Four-fifths of the arable land of Texas and the United States are locked up. The owners pay very little taxes because they take care not to work the land, but hold on to it for the purpose of holding up the present generation and generations unborn in ever-higher land prices. On the other hand the home builders, the land-users, must bear the burden of all taxes even though they use their land to feed and clothe their families and the world.

The Socialist party would place the land tax in the right place. Exempt from taxation the land user and tax the eyeballs off the landhog and his make use and occupancy the title. If you say this is right you are more Socialist than anything else.

Keep one political gang in power for 75 years and then howl about corruption, graft, high taxes on industry and home builders, and so on and so forth—and then boom up to the polls in November and vote the same old gang into power again! Bonehead!!

Socialism means fair exchange between man and man and "fair exchange is no robbery."

"NOBODY IS WORKING."

Efforts are being made to prove that big business is backing one or the other of the two presidential candidates. As a matter of fact, big business isn't greatly concerned in the present election. The Democrats, try as they may to hide the fact, have the biggest campaign fund in years. And the Chamber of Commerce of the United States points out that business is not disturbed over the present campaign, because business sees nothing to fear from either party.

The eight hour law has perhaps soured the hearts of the railway magnates against Mr. Wilson, but business in general has been so prosperous the past few years that it has no great complaint. Add, as neither party offers any such radical measure as would seriously interfere with control of big business—such as, for instance, government ownership of railroads—why should big business worry!

The foregoing editorial from the Wichita Daily and Weekly Eagle, one of the leading independent newspapers of Kansas and the Middle West (circulation 200,000) is a straw that shows how the political hot air is blowing these days.

Big Business is not caring a Rotterdam whether Wilson or Hughes win. The Plunderbund backs both old political parties and then says to the common people: "Heads we win; tails you lose."

Why not vote the only ticket that worries Big Business to see you vote—the Socialist ticket!!!

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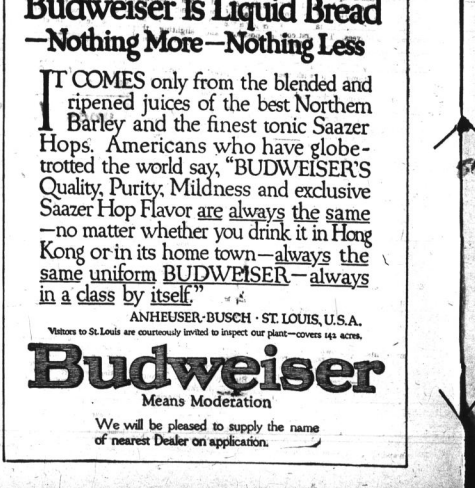

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