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THE GREAT ADVENTURE
 THE GREAT ADVENTURE GREAT TO US ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE ON OUR KNEES—LET US ARISE.

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The "Great Adventure" in Texas

The Great Adventure—such was the phrase coined by the gifted Luke North, editor of *Evergreen Magazine*, to pitifully describe the campaign that the land fighters of California made for the adoption of a Single Tax amendment in the Golden State.

The campaign closed on November 7, and when the votes were counted the land fighters had three hundred thousand men and women recruited for the Great Adventure (according to the official returns) and when the sun rose over the Pacific on the morning of November 8 the cry "All in" was heard and the greatly increased army that had just enlisted for the Adventure, started off for their goal, with all the spirit of the crusaders of old—the freedom of the rich life of California—and there and then determined to free them from the parasite owner by 1918.

No, people, this is not rhetoric or a vain dream. It is living truth. It is of record. The votes are counted, 300,000 of them. So the army of Adventure is being recruited, these are being enlisted, many made, strategy discussed and the gradual of Plunder and Reaction will be stormed in due time just as was the first revolution on its side.

A similar army of The Great Adventure has done equally well in Oregon where, like California, the State Federation of Labor endorsed the fight for the freedom of the land.

Shall Texas lag behind in this the greatest move for human liberty ever made in America? To ask the question is to answer it with a resounding NO!

All that is needed to line up the people, the real people, the people who do the work of the State, not the parasite, is to state the object of the Great Adventure in definite, precise terms, and that he who runs may read. So here it is:

THE GREAT ADVENTURE.

TO RESTORE THE LAND AND ITS RESOURCES TO THE PEOPLE—QUICKLY.

To stop the confiscation of public values by private power, and corporations.

To abolish privilege and give to the people's means of subsistence.

To end plutocracy and found a new order of society based on human values instead of property "rights."

These four propositions contain the sum and substance of the greatest adventure of ancient or modern times.

To carry them out in Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma or Louisiana (the only states that at present seem ready for the mighty "change" means that all other states will almost automatically follow the lead of the state that first puts them in practice with a result more far-reaching in its scope, more beneficent in its effect than "any more made by man since the abolition of primitive tribal society."

So it happens that there is now a three-cornered race on between

three great commonwealths—Texas, California and Oregon. So it happens that we Texans as we go into the race we will not only win, we will win in a fine spirit of comradeship, we will beat our comrades in the Golden State and Washington in this race for human independence.

We believe we can and will do it. California is stripping for the contest.

Why not? Our population is almost the most American in the Union and is only one generation removed from the day when land was to be had for a song by the settler.

Texas' area is greater than that of any state in the Union and our virgin soil more productive when tamed by the magic wand of human labor.

Granted, that California has millions of acres held out of use by land speculators. We have 25 million Olla acre more in our "landless" crop.

Out of 173,000,000 acres we only cultivate 27,000,000.

California can show our landless (Million) acres of land on the farms. THIS THEN IS THE GREAT REASON WHY THE GREAT ADVENTURE WILL WIN IN TEXAS FIRST.

Let us look at the prospect for speedy victory from still another side—and that is in favor of California, although it will be a decided factor in Texas also. In the cities and towns of each state the small business man and you can count him in more than six figures—finds that he is always on the threshold of bankruptcy because the landlord is ever stripping him of his profits. And this is largely true of the big business men. I know one of our big business men who owns a partnership store owner with \$50,000 invested in his business and he faces bankruptcy as I write because the landlord has increased his rent 25 per cent. A big competitor with \$250,000 invested has just gone through the bankruptcy court for the same reason.

Both of these concerns are in the best location on the Main street of a big city and each man has had 30 years experience in the business and both regarded as models of shrewdness in their line.

They are in the same shape as the business man on Woomoosock street, Providence, Rhode Island, who recently wrote in the Chicago Public:

"I have been in business on Woomoosock St., the main street of Providence, for 30 years and I am almost a bankrupt. The next largest street is Westminster. I know every man that has been in business in these two streets for forty years and I know that not one man has been successful that has had to pay rent."

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78,000; Port Worth, 78,000; Waco, 36,000, and the rest running all the way down to the unincorporated villages and towns of 1000 to 500.

What portions of the state are allowed to be worked are agricultural and 70 per cent of the people live away from the sound of a windmill or windmill.

Different is the situation in California. More than three-fifths of the people live in big cities. San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley harbor 750,000 souls to which must be added great cities like Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Jose, Stockton, Fresno, Pasadena and 20 other cities with from 1000 to 15,000 people. The 1910 census (1910) gives the population of California at 2,377,549 of which 1,325,319 are in cities of 5000 and over. Add to this the landless of California from 200 to 2,000,000 and you will find that considerably more than three-fifths of the population of the State live away from the farms, while in Texas at least half live on the farms. THIS THEN IS THE GREAT REASON WHY THE GREAT ADVENTURE WILL WIN IN TEXAS FIRST.

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flood gates of Socialism on our State."

The \$500,000 man says: "All right, I would sooner have the State so landed than a private individual that is pushing me nearer to bankruptcy each hour. If the destruction of landlordism is Socialism, give me a red card."

And there you are. The names of these gentlemen I, for obvious reasons, withhold. However, I will say, one is a Hebrew; the other is a Gentile.

Now then, if men with hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in business are up against it, what must be the position of the small fellow with a couple of thousand dollars invested, while his notes at the bank are drawing 10 per cent interest!

Surely, when the Great Adventure is brought home to them there will be no more doubt as to why they will join in the fight to draw upon both in California and Texas for our Army of Emancipation.

One more illustration on a slightly different line will be sufficient to indicate why the majority of the middle class in California and Texas will enlist under our standard.

Last July, while running for U. S. Senator on the Socialist party ticket I engaged in a series of joint discussions with Judge John Davis of Dallas, a candidate before the primaries on the Democratic ticket and a pronounced Single Taxer. Our literary linchpin with the news of our joint discussion. The gentleman's name was Babington, an Englishman, 55 years old, of independent means and engaged in the real estate insurance business. When he heard I was a Socialist he was visibly perturbed. The temperature dropped 50 degrees and then warmed up as a more or less heated argument ensued. I asked him the question which restored the status quo:

"How many sections of land adjacent to Coleman City is lying idle; held out of use for speculative purposes?"

"Well," he replied thoughtfully, "there are a good many sections. The Sealy estate of Galveston has 110 sections ad joining the town."

How long have they lain idle?"

"Always; it is virgin soil. The Sealy's have had the land for more than forty years."

"Then, sir, I am able to understand why I have come to Coleman at various times for the past 12 years and I find no improvement. Don't you see if the Sealy estate had to pay a tax equal to its annual income, say about \$5 an acre, that these acres would have been given their full development more than a generation ago and you would have sky-scrapers on your Main street and a host of country chateaus?"

Babington's eyes widened. A dashed look came over his face as he said: "Good God, just think I never thought of that!" He was in the position of the

man in the middle of a forest who was unable to see the forest because of the trees. And there are tens upon tens of thousands like him in Texas, and California, and other states, just waiting to be awakened to the Great Adventure.

That night Mr. B. introduced me to a mighty assembly in the most complimentary terms.

Now to sum up: The Great Adventure may not be Socialist full crowned and full grown. Socialism is predicated on economic development and social evolution. It was only Minerva that sprang full panoplied from the brow of Jove. The basis of Socialism is enlightened self interest or economic determinism. Not for the proletariat alone will the blessings and benefits of the Great Adventure fall but also that mighty mass of the middle class whose grave is being dug in the cemetery of bankruptcy while its epitaph is being inscribed in headlines and in the newspapers.

California has 300,000 men and women lined up for the Adventure; Texas has 40,000 plus a half dozen organizations that have endorsed the program. The economic position of Texas is more favorable than California, because of our rural population and the fact that the big city is the graveyard of real development. And so we of Texas have the mighty task before us to put through the Great Adventure first.

So let us face forth on the Great Adventure in Texas. Let us open the idle acres for the idle men. Then we shall strip the cities that man made and open the country that God made. We will have three jobs for one worker, and so the worker will prosper. The Magdalen will no longer patrol the pavements. The out-of-work will disappear. The penitentiaries will be evacuated. Colleges will spring up on the plains and valleys. Science will expand. Wealth will increase tenfold. Inventions will multiply. Our cities will increase. The dread of uncertain living will be gone, and there is a heaven after death we shall know how to enjoy it because for the first time the race will have served an apprenticeship in happiness here below.

AT READY! TEXANS TO THE FRONT!

FALL IN LINE FOR THE GREAT ADVENTURE!

THE SOCIALIST PRINTING COMPANY.

The following comrades subscribed for stock during the holiday season:

Mrs. Nelson Johnson, Higgins, \$5.00
 L. M. Morton, Martin Co., \$5.00
 G. L. Parsons, Ford Co., \$5.00
 A. J. Safford, Harris Co., \$5.00
 Letitia Matts, Coke Co., \$5.00
 Wm. Mott, Halletteville, \$5.00
 Previously reported, \$235.00

The average human mind is so limited that it always requires a catalyst to wake it up. Well the catalyst is here.

Socialist Printing Company.

WHY I BECAME A STOCKHOLDER IN THE SOCIALIST PRINTING CO.

By J. R. Stewart.

Co-operation is now the watchword of the Socialist movement and every real Rebel is beginning to realize that if he is to escape the hell and horrors of the competitive system he must have some begin and fight with all his might against competition and for co-operation.

The co-operative order is coming. The competitive system has passed into history just as has all of the systems that have prevailed since the world began its upward march from savagery.

Co-operation in education is the only hope of the human race. They are co-existing factors that are working together for the uplifting of humanity. The greatest step in education is the printing press. As Allan B. Bacon recently said, "the printing press is a peg behind which the world can not slip back." True the press is being proletarianized, as are all other means of education, to help retain the present order of things. But we must make it the true agent of progress.

We must have a press free to serve our cause if our cause is to win and co-operation is to prevail. THEN WHY NOT CO-OPERATIVE PRESS TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF CO-OPERATION.

Such is the Socialist Printing Company of Halletteville, Tex., (incorporated) which has been in operation just one year and has already demonstrated what great things can be done by co-operation. For instance since this office was incorporated and became the Socialist Printing Company many things have happened such as the unprecedented rise in the price of print paper and printing material, yet, that revolutionary sheet, The Rebel, is able to continue the fight for our rights without raising the price to its subscribers.

In this manner, with the aid of the co-operators the fight will go steadily on.

Realizing that the way to the co-operative commonwealth is by co-operation is the reason I took my share in the \$100.00 as my limited bank account would permit, in this co-operative enterprise. I believe that the stock in this co-operative is the best way to advance the cause of co-operation. At the same time give one a share in an enterprise that is destined to grow and become more valuable as time goes by.

Aside from the dollar and cents gains that will accrue directly from this co-operative enterprise there are concessions that we have from the capitalist class, such as the honorarium of \$100.00 per annum for absolute justice. Now is the time for you to prove to your enemies who you have in the secreted in words—that you believe in co-operation. Halletteville, Tex., Jan. 1.

Gompers is now talking "armed rebellion." But he voted for the Iron Heel.

