

Roy Martin.

By Corvinton Hall.

"Roy" Martin was only about 25 years old when he was murdered by Burns gunmen in the employ of the Southern Labor Federation Association at Grebner, Mo., on July 17, 1912.

With a great, red hole torn thru his breast,

He splashed bright life at rest; his boyish eyes, so straight and fine, Will nevertheless look into mine.

"The law and order," thus they said, When their gruesome gunmen shot him dead; And he lay, all still and white, his kept press print on Freedom's knight.

"Good Citizens Leagues," claims of phoas, To splurge "Trust's" cheap mar-derlocks, United the State to deeds more grim As fork-tongued/preachers pray for him.

They shot him down to kill a cause, And justified it by their laws; He splashed the selfish folk out, With murder-murder charged his friends.

He died too young! "The slave-born west," the Rebels, sent him there! He might have lived a long, long life, And for your nation call to strife.

L. T. David.
"Better die, like a man, than better live, like a dream," said he, in a ringing poem which knocked by some Lumber King!

And this he did, like a man, true son of our fathers' Clan, who was free and strong and brave, and who would die and be a slave, to ever his dust the ivy creepers—

new the Old South's darling child, and Guard of the Lumberjacks!

LEFT WING CARICATURE.

The "Socialist Propaganda League" is a new scheme of organizing the co-operative commonwealth overnight. Their intentions may be good but the Bolshevik comrades lack of it were dropped before they started because more highly centralized as than the present Social Socialist party. Just ask it: No state, district or party organization, but locals ordered and controlled directly by the central committee. Each of miles away, with a normal official organ and normal C. N. and N. C. for each square. Got protest on from friends who talk democracy and pacifism, who profess to believe in the rule of the law and file and then arrange so that none may be free officials.

John Rabe murdered a girl and the other day and the police allowed him to remain in a hotel on his giving him a lot of honor" that he would try to escape. Mrs. Mooney of the British Union women in France, accused of being a premeditated rapist in the flimsiest sort of "evidence" thrown into a cell with little provocation, held him down and greatly indicted by juries. Ah, yes, "All are before the law." C. H.

REMARKING A MINORPOOP.

"The subjoined reply by Grant Ross, the well-known traveling showman, to a lying editorial attack on the I. W. W. was offered to the Austin (Tex.) Daily American, but true to the tactics of that type of journal, the reply was refused again. It was too hot so Mr. Ross sends it to The Rebel."

To the Editor of The American: I have just read an editorial by you in the American of Dec. 27, 1916, in which you give various "reasons" why the "I. W. W." should be suppressed. I must say that in a contest for ignorance that you could get a leather medal. After reading your editorial a man might be led to believe that some editors don't get much salary, because ability as a rule is paid for according to its quality.

Considerable reading will show your journalistic ability. You show a decided lack of knowledge about the labor movement.

The biggest joke you made of yourself was by condemning an organization of which you did not know the name. There is no such organization as Independent World's Workers. There is no organization named The Industrial Workers of the World. Possibly that was what you were trying to talk about. You speak of the "United States of America." I don't know, the case in which the interests tried to railroad Union men to the gallows. These union men were all proved innocent. They were all members of the Western Federation of Miners.

William D. Haywood, one of the accused, but who was proved innocent, has done more for the laboring classes than any other. Haywood could take you by the hand and lead you to higher knowledge.

You speak of Los Angeles, Cal. You do not say what you are talking about there, but I suppose it was the destruction of the Times Building. James B. McNamara, the man who confessed to blowing up the Times Building, was A. F. of L. man, NOT an I. W. W. man. He was a Democrat and a Catholic. That was McNamara's individual deed and NO A. F. of L. I. W. W. Democracy party or Catholic church was responsible. McNamara was outlaid by the hired thugs of labor exploiters; who have perpetrated wholesale murder on working men, women and children.

As for the only thing the I. W. W. did in the wheat fields was to raise wages. As the cost of living advances wages must advance. The wages obtained by the I. W. W. were not out of proportion with the cost of living. Like in many labor struggles some I. W. W. men are martyrs to the cause of labor.

In speaking of Guy Spiv of Utah, you hysterically jump at conclusions. You are trying to make a case out of a mere suggestion.

There is a possibility that that bomb would have exploded under any conditions. It may have been placed there by a spy of the ruling class to bring union labor into disrepute. An official laborer of the capitalist class in Los Angeles, admitted placing bombs in that city to mold public opinion. Don't get flustered and condemn men before they have been proven guilty.

The assertion by you "that not a single member of the I. W. W. has ever performed a day's labor" is so ridiculous that I shall not stop to notice it.

Before you bark again read up on the labor movement. They will not let you get like you did in your editorial.

Yours for the labor movement, Grant Ross.

LAND VALUES.

"Land" in its broadest sense includes the natural resources and the benefits from past discoveries and inventions.

Land values are capitalized net income. The value of any land is the amount on which the net income from it pays interest at the prevailing rate of interest. Arthur LeSauter puts it this way:

"The measure of the value of land is the interest which it (the net income) will pay on the investment." In olden times labor could barely make enough wealth for its own daily consumption. There was no surplus wealth, no net income, and no land values. But as discoveries and inventions have multiplied, the efficiency or productivity of labor has multiplied manifold.

Labor can and does now produce more than enough for its own maintenance. There is surplus wealth, net income and land values. As the efficiency of labor, thus constantly newer and better means and machinery is increased, the net income and land values are enhanced in the same ratio.

The net income, the wealth-producing power of labor and materials used in producing wealth, goes to the owners of land values. It does so under the present system of ownership. There is no surplus wealth, net income and land values (it will do so under Socialism).

No man has had anything to do with the formation of the natural resources and so has no right to the ownership. They are for the equal ownership of all. Neither has any living man had anything to do with the past discoveries and inventions and so cannot claim the ownership. They like the natural resources should be for the equal use of all.

The natural resources, discoveries and inventions have value only as they are used by labor. All wealth is produced by labor, aided by machinery and applied to natural resources. Therefore, the ownership of the natural resources who have produced it.

No one alone can use the modern means of production. It takes many working together to produce the necessities of life. This includes the farmer. He is dependent upon the proprietors of the land to make finished products out of his raw materials, and to market them.

The wrong principle behind labor's bare living and upkeep of the industries which is the basis for land values are community and belong to the community, and should go to the workers who produced them. This is but another way of saying that the workers should receive the full product of their toil.

To present all the benefits from land wealth to others is to deprive labor of mere ownership of the means of producing wealth. Under Socialism these benefits would go to society.

What difference would it make to the working farmers and the wage workers? Roughly speaking, the wage workers own no land values. The working farmers own about 10 per cent of the land wealth in the United States. And the class that diverts its income from mere ownership of income-yielding property own the other 90 per cent.

Roughly speaking, the working population owns about 40 per cent of the total population. The wealth-producing wage-getting population constitutes about 40 per cent of the total. And the owning population, the non-wealth-producing people make up the other 60 per cent.

If the nation should take over for the equal use of all, of the land values, the owning-own-

A DECLARATION.

We, the Industrial Workers of the World, in common assembly, hereby reaffirm our adherence to the principles of Industrial Unionism, and re-dedicate ourselves to the unflinching pursuit of the struggle for the abolition of wage slavery, and the realization of our ideals in Industrial Democracy.

With the European War (the conquest and exploitation raging against the workers, class consciousness and unity of workers, and the ever growing aspiration for military preparedness clouding the main issues, and delaying the realization of our ultimate aim with patriots, and therefore, capitalistic aspirations, we openly declare ourselves determined opponents of all nationalistic sectional or patriotic, and the militarism preached and supported by our money-Capitalist Class. We condemn all wars, and, for the prevention of such, we proclaim the anti-militarist propaganda in time of peace, thus promoting class solidarity among the workers of the entire world, and in time of war, the General Strike in all industries.

We extend assurances of both moral and material support to all workers who suffer at the hands of the Capitalist Class, and call on all workers to unite themselves with us, that the ruin of the exploiters may cease and this earth be made fair through the establishment of the Industrial Democracy.

(Signed) F. H. Little, C. L. Lambert, Frances Miller, Edward J. Bertha, Richard Brazier, Wm. D. Haywood, General Secretary-Treasurer.

Ninety per cent of all businesses that start, fail sooner or later. Eighty per cent bear the brunt of some sort of irregularity, in 60 per cent, hidden there is deliberate dishonesty, and in 20 per cent there is incompetency, carelessness and poor book-keeping to a culpable degree. Just 20 per cent of the businesses in cases one reads about are straight; these business cases coming to a sorry end after the proprietors have done their very best to make them "go." These are the conclusions of Chase, D. West.

Special investigator and president of the St. Louis Association of Credit Men, backed up by statistics from all over the United States, which keep in a handy drawer of his desk in the Boston Bank Building—St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Dec. 31, 1916.

"High living is, no doubt, mainly the cause of our 'lost living,'" says The Cuesr Star. We have heard all kinds of reasons for the loss of living. Yes, we've all been buying too many Superstices, too many diamond stupids, too many Pullman palace cars; been building too many \$60,000 and \$50,000, 300 houses; been wearing too many \$50 suits and smoking too many two-bit Perfectos! I've seen \$100,000 American Roubaisians, Average Men and Women, have been too 'stravagant' Next!

discussing class would give up 90 per cent and realize the benefit of 10 per cent; (provided they turned to useful work); the working farming class would give up 10 per cent and receive the benefit of 40 per cent; and the wealth-producing wage-getting class would have to give up no land values for they have now no land values worth mentioning, and receive the benefit of 40 per cent of the total wealth of the nation.

N. M. Grahsm.

Wildron, North Dak.

JUST TAXATION FOR TEXAS.

From the Houston Press. The following is the text of a copy of a proposed amendment to the constitution of Texas that the coming session of the Thirty-fifth legislature will be asked to submit to the voters of the state for their approval and adoption or their disapproval and rejection:

"Taxation shall be equal and uniform, as to property subject to taxation. Provided, however, that all forms of property which shall have been created by the labor of human beings shall forever be exempt from taxation, and that the state and all political subdivisions thereof, of generally known as counties, cities and towns, shall assess for taxation only the portion of the unimproved value of the land, irrespective of the improvements thereon, and the value of the franchise of public service corporations, and the streets or lands of the state or any political subdivisions of same; and, the legislature is hereby empowered to fix such a rate as to produce the revenue necessary to defray the expenses of the government, economically administered, in this state or any political subdivision of same."

This proposed amendment embodies the principle of the tax on land values, pure and simple. There are no loopholes for special interests to crawl thru and evade bearing their just proportions of the public burden, as they have in the single tax proposition recently defeated in California at Oregon. No man who believes in taxation being equal and uniform objects to this amendment. The change in the Texas constitution I hope the legislature will submit it to a vote of the people. J. C. McNally, in Dallas Democrat.

"The State" is the State! "The State" is the State! To Hell with the State! Long live the Industrial Commonwealth! with the Proletariat.

"COTTON KING" shrieks he kept press. Yes, and a king above always pre-suppose a slave below.

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OUR REBS.

C. M. Simon sends five scalps this week and tells us to watch for others.

"You're in the fight till the battle is won" is the way T. E. Baker signs himself when sending in his last list of names.

W. A. Daniel sends in a club of four and orders sub cards to use in case of an emergency. It pays to be prepared.

R. S. Dusen, the big Rebel from El Paso county, comes in with 12 scalps this week and modestly steals away to start the chase for four.

T. F. Campbell sends the names of seven political sinners and says give them the Rebel gospel for forty weeks.

R. M. Brand puts the Rebel brand on five Hill County Danks this week.

E. T. Frazier says: "Just pick up this club during a few moments spare time, will do better than have more time."

The trial subscription offer of ten weeks for ten cents is still open. Have you sent in your list yet?

J. C. Wiggins has a dollar which he set aside for the good of the cause. It paid its fifth visit to the Rebel office this week for four more sub cards. Just think what great propaganda work a live comrade can do with \$1.

The following members of the Dollar Brigade report this week: F. Smith, J. C. Williams, Louis Hagener, R. E. Moore, R. B. Adams, L. J. Vaughan, A. W. Lusk, W. J. McLeod, G. W. Edwards, J. C. Robertson, H. C. Christman, R. E. Dusen, J. Quilla, P. A. Mayhan, M. R. Toleman, A. J. Raymond, H. C. Byle, M. B. Saxton.

The following comrades send lists for 10 weeks (for 10c) each:

J. L. Walker, J. T. Patton 15; W. L. Norment 11; A. Harrington 10; T. M. Curry 15; C. G. McRory 20; J. R. Steele, 5.

W. F. M. CHANCE.

Having voted to change its name, the Western Federation of Miners will be known henceforth as the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The change of name was made in order to cover more fully its jurisdiction and nominally to spread more fully its charter over the crafts and trades involved in the industry of metal mining. This organization has made important history in the labor movement of this country. It was organized in 1893, has fought many battles on the economic field, and has pushed through legislative bodies many measures that have lightened the burdens of men engaged in mines, mills and smelters. It has placed eight-hour-day laws upon the statutes of the Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, California, Minnesota and British Columbia, long before Wilson was ever heard of.

In an Organized Society men who cannot or will not organize, belong by their own admission, in the ranks of the unfit.

To. Great Adventure is gaining headway every minute.

