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## SHADES OF THE PIOUS WESLEY!

"Dear Bro. Hamilton:—I continue to hear good reports from your recent debate with the Socialists. Your victory was certainly complete. I never saw a town and people so jubilant and so enthusiastic in their appreciation of a man's work as Crowell is at present over your great victory for God and the Church. You have done the cause of Christianity untold good. If I ever need a man to expose the false and dangerous doctrines of Socialism I shall send for you. If I see a man looking for a Socialist skinner of the first school, I shall send him to you. As soon as the report is off the press, send me a copy."

The above is inserted in an advertisement in the Foard County (Tex.) News by Rev. G. G. Hamilton as coming from Rev. J. H. Stewart, Presiding Elder of the Vernon District, Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South. Mr. Hamilton, of the same denomination, is pastor in charge of the church at Crowell. The advertisement referred to is the announcement of a forthcoming booklet by Mr. Hamilton, purporting to give both sides of the recent debate on Socialism between himself and Dr. W. L. Thurman. All the reports of that debate, as well as Mr. Hamilton's own writings in the Crowell paper and last year in the paper at Breckenridge, show him to be a most intemperate, unreasoning and acrimonious man in debate, and unfair in that he persists, like all anti-Socialist debaters, in misrepresenting Socialism and seeking to have people believe it is something which it is not. And the letter from Presiding Elder Stewart quoted above—well, we are reminded of the first two lines of a little song in a Methodist song book:

"I think I should mourn o'er my sorrowful fate,  
If sorrow in heaven can be."

Assuming that John Wesley, the pious and godly founder of the Methodist church, is in heaven now, with conscious knowledge of things on earth, and assuming that sorrow can enter there, he must be crying like a heart-broken child over the manner in which these two ministers—Stewart and Hamilton—are opposing the political efforts to secure justice on the part of that great class, wronged and robbed since history began, whose labor creates the means that sustain all the ministers and all the institutions of all the churches.

## DEBS AT TEXARKANA.

The secretary of the Socialist local at Texarkana, Mrs. Belle Williams, sends us a lengthy report of Debs' lecture in that city on the night of the 9th inst. Being nearly ready to go to press, we glean the following:

Notwithstanding they had to wait till the vaudeville show was over (9:35 p. m.); that there were two other noted lecturers in town; that the Torrey religious meeting had just closed and the public mind all wrought up over it, and that the local papers had been very sparing of space for the Debs lecture—despite all this, the theater in which Debs spoke was crowded, and the comrades are jubilant. Old prejudiced Democrats were there, bankers and lawyers were there, and Debs held the whole vast assembly spell-bound until 11 o'clock. Many of the hardest cases are saying that he presented arguments that cannot be met or refuted by any human being. People came from a distance of 500 miles to hear Debs. One man walked 16 miles to the depot and then came on the train 55 miles. When Debs heard of this he said, "Why, I'm not worthy to black the boots of such comrades." Just before the Debs lecture Geo. D. Brewer of the Appeal spoke on the street to fully 1,000 people, but none of the city papers mentioned it at all. Already it has proved a wonderful stimulus to the organizing work, and funds were made up to keep Comrade J. C. Thompson in the county for a month.

We are informed that Stanley J. Clark will be in Oklahoma for awhile, and has said that if Rev. G. G. Hamilton can be induced to accept his challenge to debate the question, "Resolved, That Socialism is both just and practicable," he will come down to west Texas and attend to the matter.

Many of our subs expire in June, and you'll need the paper during the campaign. Renew—don't wait till June.

"Find enclosed \$1 for 400 of your speakers' handbills. We are to have a speaker soon, and I think your handbills as advertised, are just the thing to give notice of his meetings."—S. S. Allcorn, Tap, Dickens Co., Tex.

Mass meeting of the Socialists of Denton county at Denton on Saturday, May 28, to attend to important business, so writes G. Herd of Frisco, who also says some mighty good things about this little paper.

J. S. Harris of Gouldbusk, Tex., sold his dozen Blue Back Spellers at a fish fry in no time, and sent back to us for TWO DOZEN more. He is better off, his neighbors are better off, The Journal is better off. Try it.

C. R. Long, Bedias, Tex., Rt. 1, sends \$1 to renew and to start the little "jackscrew" to a relative, and says: "I want you to stay in this work to a finish."

E. W. Brewer of London Tex., sends 50c for 200 speakers' bills, and says they are about to arrange to have W. S. Noble fill some dates.

J. A. Moore, Pine Bluff, Ark., Rt. 3, sends \$3 for a dozen old Blue Back Spellers and ten 10-weeks sub cards.

In a letter inclosing a sub last week J. L. Pitts wrote that he was on the train en route to Denver, Colo.

For ONE DOLLAR you can get the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News for EIGHT MONTHS, and the Farmers Journal for ONE YEAR, if you will send us the dollar before July 31, 1910, and mention this offer.

## TOM HICKEY'S COLUMN

(Written for The Journal.)

Severe critics point out that congress is not likely to act, as Cannon rules the house as a direct representative of the "interests" that own Taft, and the Aldriches and Baileys controlling the senate are likewise the hired men of the big business buccaneers.

These critics overlook one great fact, to-wit: that in all human probability some Socialist congressmen will be elected next fall; a large number of reactionaries are slated for retirement—in fact, Aldridge and Hale are already down and out; the rollers are now built that will slide Cannon into retirement; tremendous political changes are under way, all more or less progressive; the big magazines, like Hampton's and the American, have discharged their muck-rakers and are now tackling the job with steam shovels; the people are stretching, yawning and commencing to wake up, and most important of all, the goods have been found on Taft. Sugar! Sugar! Sugar trust! IMPEACH HIM!

All this brings up a kindred subject worthy of serious thought. Roosevelt, the patron of Taft, is returning next month. The discoverer of the obvious, the Apostle of the apparent, will soon be firing off his empty platitudes in his old-time way.

What a monstrous fake the fellow is, to be sure! The trust buster who busted the trusts—with his mouth; the enemy of Morgan who appointed Morgan's partner, Bacon, assistant secretary of state; who appointed the attorney for the "criminal rich," Root, secretary of war, and the attorney for the

steel trust, Knox, attorney general of the United States.

He put through the Alton steal for "My Dear Harri-man"; stole the term, "undesirable citizen," from Jack London and applied it to labor leaders under the shadow of the gallows where these men were most defenseless; ordered out the militia at Croton Dam, Wyo., to shoot down the workers who were striking to enforce the ten-hour state law, and finally he handed us a package six feet around the stomach and six inches 'round the head, and it was labeled—"TAFT."

At the close of one of my meetings last week I had a very interesting talk with a northern capitalist. My readers would be astonished if I could, without violating confidences, mention his name. Although a Republican, he admitted the correctness of the Socialist position, except the possibility of enlightening the workers. Like Bailey, Culberson and Pussy Poindexter, he has a profound contempt for the "dear common people". Of course this contempt is only told of in private, and usually when the whisky is beading in the glass. His view of Roosevelt took this form:

"Mr. Roosevelt, sir, is the biggest man in America. While still in the white house he realized that this system was breaking down; that the water in the railroads and industrial corporations would burst the dam and flood the nations, and that no statesman's skill could prevent the deluge. So he placed in charge the one beef-witted fellow who would let the waters have full sway while he would be safely upon the hillside watching the ruin and while the "malefactors of great wealth" and the "criminal rich" would go sailing past on the roofs of their skyscrapers."

"The Socialists will have a nation builded on that hill; Milwaukee is the foundation," I gently remarked. "If you are right," said he, "what of Roosevelt?" "Oh, he will be a pariah sitting outside the gates."

T. A. HICKEY.

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### HAVING EYES, SEE NOT.

"To the Farmers Journal: What is proposed as a medium of exchange under Socialism? But, first, what is Socialism, anyhow? Do you believe in dividin' up?"—Ranger (Tex.) Argus.

[Argus: A fabulous being of antiquity, said to have had one hundred eyes.—Webster.]

Let's see: You wanted your middle question answered first. Well, Socialism, in a word, is the public ownership of the means of producing and distributing the things that are necessary to human life and comfort. This, in order that no man may be able to force others to divide the proceeds of their labor with him through his private ownership of such means. Webster says, in effect, that the moral base on which Socialism is founded is the same as that of Christianity. Didn't know that, did you?

As to a medium of exchange, the stuff now used as money might do, for awhile, at least. Socialists are not so much concerned about a medium of exchange as they are about things to be exchanged. Most any old thing will answer as a MEDIUM after the Socialists get in power and fix things so that no "medium" can be used to monopolize the means of making a living. This monopolizing of means can never be under Socialism, because the people will then own the land and the machinery necessary to produce and distribute wealth, as they now own the court houses, school houses, roads, bridges, parks, postoffices, etc. Carnegie could not run a steel plant and hold out for himself millions and millions of what the workers in that plant produced, if those workers could work in a public plant that held out nothing. When the public forestalls the individual who wants to invest his "medium" in land for other people to work for him, or

machinery for other people to operate for him, so that he may eat bread in the sweat of other men's faces instead of his own—when the public does this, then the "medium" question will be just about settled. Don't you bother about what the medium of exchange will be under Socialism. Being a country editor, God knows you are bothered enough about that "medium" under the present "ism."

You seem solicitous to ascertain the facts as to whether or not we believe in dividin' up. Not on your life, we don't! If we believed in dividin' up, we'd be running an old party paper. Say, Mr. Argus Man, you are a candidate for the legislature, and are therefore naturally supposed to be some punkins, and can you afford to look away up towards the top of the mountains of wealth made by the farm workers and other workers but owned by Rockefeller and other fellers, and then look down upon those workers in their poverty and make just one little mean contemptible insinuating remark about "dividin' up"?

We have an idea that you are a typical stick of old party legislative timber. One hundred eyes, and all of them closed tight to the working-class side of the economic problems that are convulsing the nations of the earth!

Four men engaged in raising grain and pork. One of them quits and goes to work in an automobile factory, or on a mammoth mansion for a mammon-hearted multi-millionaire. Then the congress of the United States and the cabinet officials absorb a lot of the country's substance while trying to find out why the price of bread and meat is so darned high. And the other three bread and meat raisers find it just as hard to get along as before the days of scarcity and high prices.

A pretty young lady said to this ugly editor the other day: "That sure was a fine paragraph in The Journal against children studying bloody war history in school." Now, young man, they told you that you could win the heart of any of the fair ones by exhibiting the qualities of a bold and desperate warrior, but don't you try any such shines if she's a SOCIALIST girl.

All Texas Socialists should subscribe—why not?

#### FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS

Reported by E. R. Meitzen, State Secretary, Hallettsville, Tex.

A local at Sales, Haskell county, so County Secretary Presley reports.

G. P. McLester, of Nimrod, the "man on wheels", is again ready to do county campaigning.

The Runnels county comrades are likely to have a six-day encampment at Miles, so H. F. Nutt writes.

N. T. Denton of Knox City is the new secretary for Knox county. A county ticket will be put out.

J. F. Green of Wichita Falls is doing earnest work in the endeavor to get that city and county organized.

M. V. Williams, Rt. 2, Logansport, La.: "Am still raising funds for school-house campaign in Panola county."

H. L. Whiteside, Holland, Bell county (unorganized), writes that the comrades there are talking of an encampment.

E. P. Whisenant, Rt. 1, Timpson, writes: "We have resurrected Huber School House local, chartered by the county secretary, Mrs. Collins."

John F. Dwight, secretary: "Local Gertrudes (Jack county) is growing fast; eight members last night; good prospect for a lot more."

The first local in Anderson county was organized at Palestine this week. A "Higgins" by the name of Joseph N. French is the guilty party.

Another local in the "Free State" of Van Zandt, at Moore School House, chartered by County Secretary Dike. E. Y. Everitt acted as organizer.

O. B. King of Throckmorton: "Have been sick, but am again ready to enter the field. Have a good team and buggy and can do county campaign work."

Jas. W. Lincoln, Kerens, Navarro county: "J. C. Rhodes has been with the Bazette community three days, and the good he has done is inestimable."

Stephens county Socialists will meet en masse at Breckenridge on June 6 to arrange for a county ticket, writes County Secretary Lankford. Hickey will be on hand.

Comrade Andrews will take a much-needed rest during the month of June. His last dates are in Collin county, as follows: Moreland, May 19-23; Oak Grove, 24; Anna, 25-27.

H. L. Dreyer, secretary, Corpus Christi: "Have made preliminary move to get out a full political ticket, having nominated nearly all district, county and precinct candidates."

Sibbie Anderson, secretary of the new local at Burton, in Grayson county, writes: "We are arranging for a grand Socialist picnic here on June 24 and 25. Want a good speaker."

Another unorganized county swings

into line. A 10-member local was started at Midland, after a speech by J. R. Davenport. "Expect 20 members by Saturday night," writes the secretary, O. A. Savage.

Secretary Hardy reports a full ticket in Mitchell county. "We are preparing to get out a campaign bulletin. Kirkpatrick and Simpson are filling dates over the county. Will engage outside speakers later."

E. J. Penland writes: "Socialists of Parker county had an enthusiastic mass meeting May 7, electing Wm. White, county secretary; E. E. Nelson, organizer. A full county ticket was put out, with good chances of success."

County Secretary J. E. Unsell: "M. A. Smith is with us now, doing great work. Socialism is gaining fast in Delta county. If you can, we want you to send Comrade Smith back here on July 1, to stay until after the primaries."

Dan C. Crider wound up his campaign in Mills county this week, organizing another local (at Payne), and is now available for work elsewhere. W. F. Hearne of Goldthwaite is the "Higgins" responsible for getting things to going again in that county.

G. Herd is secretary of a new local (11 members) at Mays School House, Denton county. He writes: "Please send me necessary blanks and we will proceed to organize the county. You will hear from us after our county mass meeting on the 28th of May."

Judging from the reports and receipts at this office during the past week, the comrades in every portion of the state are rolling up their sleeves and going to work as never before, and the indications are that from now on there will be things doing in this state.

The indications are that there will be more encampments the coming summer than ever before. If your local or county expects to have one, write this office at once. The more encampments are held and the sooner this office knows about them, the better attractions in the way of speakers and otherwise can we provide for them.

County Secretary W. A. Headrick reports: "A full attendance and a rousing good time at the Hunt county mass meeting on May 7; a full ticket; three-day encampment at Wolfe City; a county campaign to start about June 15, with a speaker for a month or more. The comrades have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work as never before."

County Secretary Brunson reports that with the help of W. S. Noble things are beginning to hum in Fisher county. Three new locals—Longworth, White Pond and Newman—and one member at large, and two weeks yet before Noble winds up. Had a mass

meeting at Roby on the 7th; picked county candidates and elected committees. May spring a surprise by electing some Socialist county officers next fall.

J. R. Lough, member at large, Farmersville: "Have planted a small lot near my barn in cotton today. Shall call it my Socialist cotton patch, and expect to spend all I make out of it for dues and propaganda work." We regret to learn, however, that this worthy comrade is being systematically persecuted by a clique of old partyites in a manner that would put the night riders to shame. Steps will be taken to put a stop to such outrages.

For the information of Texas comrades who expect to arrange for Debs dates, the following is quoted from a letter written by his manager: "We have had several calls from Texas, and want to cover that state thoroughly when the time comes for us to do so. However, Comrade Debs is going home for a long rest on June 17, and will do no more speaking before September. After the present meetings close a plan of action will be mapped out for the fall, and we can then notify you definitely when Debs will enter Texas."

J. D. Pinkerton of Crowell writes that there are at least 50 or 75 more Socialists in Foard county now than before the Thurman-Hamilton debate, and that the way Hamilton is writing in the Foard County News is doing our cause more good than harm. He says the debate in pamphlet form will be ready for distribution about June 15, and that the price will be either 25c or 30c per copy.

"Please publish in The Journal that there will be a mass meeting of the Socialists of Wilbarger county, Texas, at the court house in Vernon, on Saturday, May 28, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of arranging for a county ticket,"—W. T. Lester, County Chairman, Tolbert, Tex.

From Antlers, Okla., comes an order for 400 speakers' handbills. L. M. Warner, T. M. Greenwood and others up there are workers. Watch the returns from Antlers next fall.

### Counties in 28th Senatorial.

For the guidance of local and county secretaries, W. H. Knowlton of Buffalo Gap, secretary of the 28th senatorial district, Socialist Party of Texas, asks The Journal to publish the list of counties composing this district, as follows:

Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Martin, Howard, Andrews, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Upton, Crane, Ward and Reeves.

"Please change my paper to Gorman, Rt. 5." Where FROM, please?

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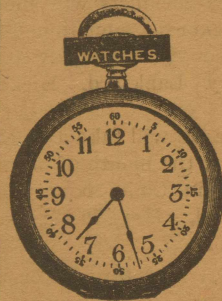
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### PREACHER CALLED POLICE.

We extract the following from a private letter written to us from a Texas town under date of May 7:

"I witnessed an incident here a few days ago that you might make something out of. A preacher was preaching on the street corner in the interest of the 'Rescue Home' in Fort Worth, and said that poverty was the cause of the 'Home' being needed. An old man in the crowd asked him what caused the poverty. The preacher cited the department stores in large cities, where girls have to work at \$3 or \$4 a week. The old man insisted on a further explanation, whereat the preacher got wrathful, bawled him out, called him a Socialist (which he admitted), and threatened to have him jailed—in fact did call a policeman. The old man was 'disturbing public worship'! If a poll of the crowd had been taken I believe a majority would have been with the old man."

A certain big corporation found where \$150 had leaked out by its employees throwing away lead pencils before they were worn out, so the corporation decrees that all employees shall use metal pencil holders. But the farmers around Abilene, Tex., are not so careful about leaks. They stand the expense of building and equipping and maintaining two railroad depots, one immediately across the street from the other, and a third one in another part of town, while only one is needed. Don't you say that the farmers don't stand for this. All values in and around Abilene originate on the farms. See how those values are wasted. But the boosters boast of THREE depots!

The Clinic Publishing Company has figured that if they could increase the speed of their cylinder presses four revolutions per minute, it would mean a gain of more than eight thousand dollars a year to the company. But the farmers around Abilene and Anson, having built one railroad connecting the two towns, and capable of doing all the hauling and more, too, are about to build another. Why? The farmers, to use an expression we heard the other day, may live over it, but they'll "never look like nothin'."

We send you a dozen Blue Back Spellers for \$2.