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MOTTO: "He who does not work, neither shall he eat."

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## SOCIALISM

Socialism means the collective ownership and democratic management of all those things upon which the people collectively depend. All reform measures advocated by socialists are but palliatives and advocated as measures calculated to gain for the workers some means of relief under capitalism.

At all times, it should be kept in mind by those advocating socialism that the final achievement to be obtained is the overthrow of capitalism. Do not make the mistake of trying to blindfold the public with reform measures. Tell the world plainly that socialism means the collective ownership and democratic management of all property that is needed by the collectivity for economic advancement.

By the class struggle, we mean that society is divided into two distinct classes, the workers and shirkers, and between these two classes there is eternal conflict of interest, each battling for supremacy. The expression of the economic interest of the working class, while the shirkers function on the political field in the Democrat and Republican Parties. A worker in the democrat or republican party looks just as much out of place to a socialist, as a colored man looked fighting in the ranks of the confederate army.

Socialism stands for economic equality and social justice. By that we mean that all races should have an equal chance in the field of industry, and equal justice meted out to them by the social compact, regardless of race or color.

Socialism teaches that causes economic in character, have produced the prevailing system of capitalism, and that the evils thus produced will disappear when the cause of their existence is removed.

Socialism teaches that excessive wealth corrupts the individual and extreme poverty degrades the individual. We would wipe out poverty by giving each the full social product of his or her labor, and destroy corrupting riches by establishing a system under which only those who earn wealth could enjoy its benefits.

Socialism does not propose to dethrone God, or to destroy your hope of heaven, it is trying to enthrone labor, and make your existence here quite secure.

The way to help socialism along is to join the Socialist Party, subscribe for the party papers, and scatter literature that teaches the fundamentals of socialism.

There is a vast difference between state ownership as advocated by the "reform element" and collective ownership with democratic management as advocated by the socialists. The one means political despotism, the other means industrial liberty. Don't confuse the two issues.

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### SOCIALIST PARTY STATE HEAD-QUARTERS

The State Office of the Socialist Party will be found at 414 West Frisco St., Oklahoma City, Okla., Myrtle Blackwell, State Secretary.

## WHAT OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT

The official figures of the American Federation of Labor, not including independent unions, shows a membership in 1916 of 2,672,000. In 1920 the membership had jumped to the flattering number of 4,078,740. Of course the total number of organized workers was something around half a million more than given by these figures, because no independent unions are included here. It was during the years from 1916 to 1920 that we were in a world war and labor was "Saving the world for Democracy" that such a tremendous growth was recorded. Capital and labor had joined hands, to believe the press of the country, one was led to the conclusion that the lion and the lamb were almost ready to lie down together. Labor leaders were sitting in the seats of the mighty and hobnobbing with the rulers of the earth. It was during this period mentioned that hundreds who protested at the slaughter of the earth's inhabitants to collect the debts of Morgan & company, and to save the face of the British King, were thrown in prison with the approval of President Gompers, a former British subject. Labor appeared to think that all would be well when the masters of America collected their money at the expense of human life and that organized workers would sit at the banquet forever. But such was not the intention of the Lords of the Earth who stooped to associate with the common herd when blood was needed to balance the ledger.

In the fall of 1919 with the period of "prosperity" still on the first assault of the masters was made against the unions. Four hundred thousand steel workers were beaten to the ground and left with no trace of an organization. The next assault was upon the "outlaw" railroad strikers and the masters were victorious, while next in turn came the coal miners. This union of workers has been fittingly called the "shock troops" of the industrial movement, and they boast of a membership of five million. They were driven back to work by the application of the war time laws. Thus the American working man was rewarded for his fidelity to his country when blood was needed, but the hour of the masters had not yet come. During all this period industry was alive with prosperity and the worker could still smile with his bloody head erect. In September 1920 there was a collapse in all industry and one year later 1921 six million unemployed were tramping the highways of America, this was followed by wage cuts in all industries and the lengthening of the hours of labor. Trade union men who protested were branded as "reds" and their unions were designated as "seething with sedition against the government." Just three years before these same unions were considered the means by which civilization would be saved and the heads of the Chambers of Commerce were throwing bouquets at the head of the American Federation of Labor. The sixty thousand Amalgamated Clothing Workers have been forced to strike to save their union but were forced to accept a reduction in wages.

The meat packing industry had been organized during the war, with the approval of the Federal Court they received an increase in wages. In February 1922 they called off a strike after being completely smashed from one end of the coun-

try to the other. The building trades have fared but little better at the hands of the masters who dominate and in many sections they have been whipped; the printing trades including all crafts are fighting with their backs to the wall. The International Typographical Union reports that it has paid out thirteen million dollars in strike benefits, and when their report was made, some sixty thousand members were still on strike. In 1922 the textile workers fought for seven months against a reduction in wages and only claimed a partial victory, and last there comes the great struggle of the miners and railway men. Together their forces amount to more than one million organized workers, the miners came out little better than beaten in some sections of the country, and worse than beaten in others. The railway men are still fighting with little or no chance to win. The report of the financial secretary of the A. F. of L. in June 1922 shows a membership of 3,195,635 a decrease of 884,105 since June 1920. This loss can be called a tragedy without exaggeration. In the face of this so warning presented to the leader organized labor by their own they appear to have no other concern themselves with a bright future for unionism. In watching the growth and reverses of organized labor for a quarter of a century and studying the actions of Mr. Gompers as effects the welfare of the workers under his leadership, we are more and more convinced of the truthfulness of the Australian worker who remarked: "The hopeful thing about the American labor movement is that Gompers is approaching an age at which he is apt to die at any moment." It goes without saying that civilization advances with the advancement of the standard of living of the great masses of the population. No nation can endure when labor is beaten to the ground and left without hope.

The Socialist Party for years has carried on a system of education among the trades unions, trying to show them the inevitable failure of craft organization and political action through the parties, expressing the economic interest of the master class in society.

No results worth while have been obtained. At this time the great mass of organized workers are expecting the results they desire to come through some form of independent political action, but their notion of independent political action is to support the dominant party in each state where the issue can be drawn between labor and capital. Their efforts along this line have brought no beneficial results, but only clouded the issue before the worker. Finally, there is only one line of battle that will win for the workers of the world. One Big Union and a finished fight along the lines of the class-struggle. There are two classes struggling for supremacy in the social compact of today, the working class and the capitalist class. When the worker ignores this class line and joins with his exploiter on election day he rivets chains about his own neck. When he fails to understand the need of One Big Union of all workers he is ignorant of his class interest as a worker and is a fit subject for fusion with the master. Under the name of the American Federation of Labor or Non-partisan political action. Unless labor acts and acts quickly they will be driven underground by the club and claw, united in the hands of Non-partisan Democrats and Republicans. The wage worker and the tenant farmer have no interest that can be harmonized with the landlord in any political movement. The position of the Soc-

ialist to all masters is the same "we will absorb all, but fuse with none." Class conscious political action at the ballot box. One Big Union on the industrial field will give the world to the workers.

## FARMLABOR UNION AND THE LEAGUE

More trouble for the Walton forces is seen in the bitter fight that has come to the surface between the Farm Labor Union of America and the Reconstruction League headed by J. Luther Langston. The F. L. U. of A. caught the Oklahoma officers, Lee Thurman and Laughlin of Bokchito in the act of delivering the members of their organization to the Cotton Growers Association at the price of two dollars and fifty cents per head.

The action of Thurman and Laughlin was directly contrary to the constitution of the Farm Labor Union of America, as that organization has its own marketing commissioners. The Oklahoma Leaders standing. The object of the Farm Labor Union is to unite the farmers into a solid industrial organization and elect the members of the market commission from among their membership, composed of actual dirt farmers, and through that commission, backed by the actual dirt farmers of America they expect to meet the speculators and gamblers in commodities face to face.

The Cotton Growers' Association of Oklahoma is known to be nothing more than an auxiliary to the Farm Bureau which is known to be an offspring of an alliance between the Lackawana railroad and the Chamber of Commerce of Binghamton, New York, with the Federal Government in hand with both parents.

In spite of this known combination between the Cotton Growers' Association of Oklahoma and the Farm Bureau, and in open defiance of the constitution of the Farm Labor Union of America, Lee Thurman and Laughlin, with backing of Luther Langston and the Leader, formed an alliance with these marauders and entered a contract to deliver the members of the Farm Labor Union into the camp of the enemy at so much per. Caught in the act, these traitors to the farmers' interests were stripped of their prerogatives by the National Executive Committee of the Farm Labor Union, and the charter of the Oklahoma division was revoked.

The discredited betrayers who were driven from official power resorted to the courts in Durant to protect their meal ticket notwithstanding the fact they had pledged themselves when they joined the Farm Labor Union that they would seek redress for all grievances within the council of the organization and not resort to the courts. Backed by the state administration, combined with the Leader, J. Luther Langston and Judge Porter Newman, of Durant, they have lost.

The Farm Labor Union of America emerges from the conflict still fighting for the farmer and opposing petty grafters who would barter their principle for a place at a pie counter.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO REMEMBER.

Send all money for dues, applications for charter, and communications regarding the Socialist Party, to Myrtle Blackwell, State Secretary, 414 W. Frisco St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

## PAT AND LUTHER

Pat Nagle has decided it is high time to bust the Farmer-Labor Reconstruction League. Luther Langston doesn't see it that way and is putting up a fight to retain his meal ticket.

But what is it all about? Its just this; Pat wanted the league to support Charles J. Wrightsman for United States Senator. Luther said no; he wanted to support Paul Nesbit, candidate of the asphalt trust. Since the asphalt trust had the inside track, the oil trust had to do something. So Wrightsman put his attorney Mr. Nagle, on the job to smash the league and build up a new organization, the council of twelve.

Wrightsman had things all his own way for a while. H. O. Miller as manager of the league was a regular Man Friday for Pat Nagle and Moneybags Charley. Then Wrightsman decided he needed a league board too.

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Now the oil trust is out the league and build an organization all its own. But the asphalt trust, the book trust and the shirt factory contractors, who use the slaves at McAlester penitentiary are satisfied with Luther's league and will back it up with real money, we understand. So its a merry old battle just now.

Yes, its just a question of Standard oil or the Barber Asphalt Company. A question of Pat or Luther of Millionaire Charley or Asphalt Paul.

The next time one of the comrades who voted for Jack Walton comes to Oklahoma City he ought to go out and see the Governor's new \$60,000.00 mansion. Then he ought to see the home Jack had when he was mayor; and then let him take a look at the little cottage Mr. Walton had when he was elected commissioner. He did it all in six years.

We believe he still has \$25,000.00 stowed away in building and loan stock.

If the comrade is fortunate he MIGHT get in to see the Governor. If he does he might do well to wear his blind bridle for Jack has a butler now. Also a chauffeur, a maid a cook, n'everything.

Wonder why the Leader never mentions any of these things.

Speaking of the Leader, isn't it funny to see Oscar Ameringer defending martial law in Okmulgee county?

Contracts being let by the Walton board of affairs are being handed out to a friend on the cost-plus basis. The state pays all the expenses and adds ten per cent for good measure. Oscar Ameringer raved when Woodrow Wilson did stunts like that during the war. Since Jack Walton is doing it—well that's different. Now Mrs. Nagle has been quiet of late—perhaps she wants to keep her job.

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STATE OFFICE NOTES

Myrtle Biarckwell, State Secretary.

Organize!

Every year is campaign year for
the socialist.

Next year is election year. An
effective campaign cannot be waged
without an adequate organization.
Get busy now! Write this office
for an application for charter.

The average membership of the
Socialist Party National organiza-
tion for the last four months makes
a total of twelve thousand four
hundred seventy four members. This
includes language federations.

We have this number in
Oklahoma before an-
other year is gone. This
insist you if as-

enthusiasm of the movement
other states.

Organize!

Comrade Debs is on a speaking
tour of the large cities of the east.
He is being routed by the National
Office exclusively. Tentative plans
have been made for a speaking tour
covering the remainder of the present
year.

For the first time in a number of
years, the receipts of the National
office exceeds the expenss, and the
Socialist movement is gaining new
life from all sections.

All Socialist Party political pris-
oners have been released.

The new Executive Committee of
the Socialist Party is composed of
Eugene V. Debs, Melms. Brandt,
Harkins, Hilquit, Wilson, Snow.

Stanley and Dorothy Clark, and
William J. Loe are conducting a
series of meetings in Oklahoma
City. These meetings have con-
tinued during the last three weeks
with constantly growing interest.

The comrades of Calumet had a
Socialist speaker on their program
for the Fourth of July.

The Elk City comrades continue
to function as of old. From various
parts of the state comes the news
of resurrection. Don't be a tail end-
er. Get in the organization. We
need you. But most of all, you need
Socialism.

J. M. Denny and wife of Wilson
send in five dollars for dues.

Local Gotebo is active and alive
and remits two seventy five more
for dues.

Comrade Bowling of Tecumseh
calls for application cards.

Other Comrades have remitted
for dues, sent for charter applica-
tions and in many ways shown signs
of awakening.

A comrade asked me this ques-
tion the other day: "Are these pardons
and paroles being sold?" We
could not answer, but a convict
without money rots while rich in-
dians walk scot free. Its hard to
understand.

This is another thing the Leader
passes by. Yet it was different in
the piping days when Jim Robert-
son was on the throne.

It isn't wise to ask the Leader
crowd about the stock peddled by
them a few years ago. At the Egbert
hotel the other day a 100 pound
barber asked 200 pound Dan Hogan
about it—and Dan slapped his face.

THE OKLAHOMA LEADER

A LECTURE
BY STANLEY J. CLARK

Far up in the state of Wisconsin is a
company known as THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PUBLISHING
and transactions of that company are beyond
of the courts of Oklahoma. Years ago
ized, with a capital stock of five hundred
the lion's share of the stocks and bonds of
sold to the citizens of Milwaukee who lived
the organizers of this publishing company.
the meeting of stockholders, it was planned
people of the southwest. Using the popula-
carry out the unscrupulous design, an office
City, and the news was sent forth that these
"A DAILY SOCIALIST PAPER IN OKLAHOMA"

It had been the dream of the Socialists of
their organization to a voting strength of
and, to own and operate a daily paper devo-
the political party they had struggled for years
Coupled with this desire on the part of the
Victor Berger with which to conjure, the peddler
in the Milwaukee Social Democrat Publishing Co-
pany found a fertile field for operation. Especially so, when it is
represented to those they canvassed that they
an Oklahoma Daily Socialist paper, while at
intended to deliver and did deliver, bonds in the
Publishing Company of Milwaukee. These sales
pledge printed upon their literature that read

"As soon as two hundred thousand dollars
scribed and one-half paid thereon, the Social
Company agrees to publish THE OKLAHOMA
Socialist paper, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

Just what amount of these bonds in this
been imposed upon an unsuspecting public be-
fore these free-holders, will likely be
stated before, their books are beyond the reach
of the courts of this state. In a letter under the
addressed to Mr. Rummels of Shawnee, Oklaho-
ma Leader, by S. Ameringer, Mr. Rummels
date mentioned, one hundred thirty-six thou-
sands worth of stocks and bonds had been disposed of. It sho-
up to this date there was no such organiza-
tion commission of this state as The Oklaho-
ma Company, for that corporation was not given
June, 1919. From the official records of the
we find that they were incorporated with a
dred fifty thousand dollars.

We are justified in assuming that the one hundred thirty-six thou-
sand dollars collected for the stocks and bonds
Publishing Company, plus whatever amount of
sold between June 26th, 1918, which is
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to Mr. Rummels of Shawnee
Publishing Company

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over of the money,
the truth would
or continue to hide
behind a shroud?

If it were only a uestion of dollars,
might soon be forgotten. But, as far
1917, when the forces
of Socialism had been disorganized at
command of Pat
Oscar Ameringer and
John Hagel on the one side and Arthur
St. Paul, Minnesota,
of Oklahoma to the
ld be picked by Amer-
inger and his corps. This fact is born
a letter which I now
read in your hearing.

St. Paul, Minn., July 3, 1917.

Oscar Ameringer and H. M. Sinclair,
%Hotel Egbert,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Comrades:
With reference to my trip and visit with you will say that the
League has come to the conclusion that my recommendations concern-
ing the matter of going into Oklahoma should be followed for the time
being; that is to allow you plenty of time to carry through your sale
of stock for your paper; notwithstanding the fact that none of us
believe that you can make it succeed. But we want to give you every
opportunity to succeed before doing anything that could possibly be
construed as interfering with or in any wise hindering your plans.

Mr. Sheldon will shortly go over into Kansas and work over there,
thus keeping the League out of Oklahoma entirely for the moment.

I have just read Comrade Nagel's attack on the League printed in
the Oklahoma edition of the Appeal to Reason, and of course I am
sorry that I could not have seen him prior to this. But it is an ill
wind that blows no good and I feel assured that this will in no wise
jeopardize the success of the movement when a real attack is made to
organize Oklahoma; and still feel that you men who have done this
splendid work for Oklahoma are the men to steer the thing and con-
trol its policies with reference to that state.

I sympathize to the full with the feelings
have concerning work that has cost as much
the Oklahoma movement and yet, nevertheless
Comrade Nagel's attitude a touch of the perso-
be present in those who are simply working
as the end to accomplish which the Socialist
organized.

Comrade Nagel is laying too much stress
gained by those who have done the previous
them never expected any reward, and their loy-
alty to an organization, but in loyalty to
fact which prevents leaders from destroying the
movement through loyalty to the Socialist
covets the accomplishment of this ideal more
of the officials of the Non-Partisan League have
similar aim; but after 25 years of effort to
drill, the non-partisan leaders gave it up and
better to have more modern machine and one
rather than planting. Hence the League. I ho-
through just as fast as possible so that with

very outside everything will be settled to begin the organization of
Oklahoma on a new basis. You have got to come to it to succeed; and
for God's sake we have spent enough time and effort along the old
line to have demonstrated that something is wrong with it somewhere.

Don't worry at all about what Nagel has written. It will make
absolutely no difference with the program we had outlined. I would
like to hear from either or both of you concerning anything that we
can do to aid you in your present plans with reference to the paper
or otherwise. You have doubtless heard by this time from Mr. Gilbert
or Mr. Tiegan with reference to speeches up here. It will be neces-
sary for you to come sooner than we had planned in order to do that;
but Comrade Ameringer could come say the middle of this month,
and Nagel could come up later at his leisure for the office end.

Wishing you every success for the social revolution, I am as
always,

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR LeSUEUR."

That a perfect understanding existed between LeSuer, Ameringer
and Sinclair is evident from the passage; "The League has come to
the conclusion that my recommendations concerning the matter of
going into Oklahoma should be followed for the time being. That is,
to allow you plenty of time to carry through the sale of stock for your
paper." This time the League was charging sixteen dollars for mem-
bership in the organization and the wisdom of these grafters is ap-
parent. Both could not pick the pockets of the same victim at the
same time.

So, Mr. Sheldon was ordered into Kansas "to work over there"
for the moment. Note the statement of Mr. LeSuer with reference
to "Comrade" Nagel's attack on the League: "I am sorry that I could
not have seen him prior to this." Certainly, the inference is clear.
The St. Paul banker had fixed Oscar and Heck and Johnny and had
confidence in his ability to fix Pat, which he, or some one else, suc-
ceeded in doing later.

Note the clear insight of this man LeSuer, as to the Socialist
mind. "The great mass of them never expected reward, and their
loyalty does not consist in loyalty to an organization, but in loyalty
to an ideal." This, of course, made the average Socialist an easy
victim to unscrupulous schemers, for all idealists are noted for their
confidence in their fellow man. All that was needed, in the estimation
of Ameringer, Sinclair, Hagel and LeSuer was to steal enough of the
immediate demands of the Socialist program to lead these idealists
away from the organization. For it was an ideal they loved, not an
organization.

Mr. LeSuer is careful to warn Ameringer and Sinclair not to
worry about what Nagel has written. The inference being clearly,
"I will fix him"—and some one did. For here is what Pat thought of
the League at the time this letter was written. And this is Pat Nagel,
uncorrupted by a St. Paul banker, and no promise of the governorship
dangling before his eyes:

"The scepter will never pass from the Socialist Party, but we
may receive set-backs from non-partisan leaguers and other kindred
middle-class organizations. We must not only protect ourselves from
the drastic laws that are leveled against us, but from the insidious
designs of non-partisan leaguers, who seek to disrupt and destroy.
The method of the Non-Partisan League in brief is this: An organ-
izer sees the individual farmer; he presents the case of the league to
him in the best possible light, that it stands for state ownership of
elevators, mills, warehouses, gins, oil mills, etc. He then gives the
farmer a certificate of membership in the league for two years upon
payment of sixteen dollars, in cash or by post dated check. Of this
sixteen dollars the organizer gets four dollars; with the other twelve
the organization is perfected for the purpose of controlling the

in this state is the
Non-Partisan League to come
'good men' as candidates in
Socialists back into the Demo-
crat party in the support of

In North Dakota they endorsed the Republican State Ticket ex-
cept for State Treasurer, who was a Democrat and was defeated. They
also endorsed one Socialist for State Senator, and two Socialists for
the lower house and they call this Non-Partisanship.

In this state they will endorse the Democrat State Ticket as
nominated in the primaries except for one office which will be a Re-
publican. They will also endorse a Socialist or two for the Legis-
lature to keep up appearances. The Socialist who will come across
and can deliver the goods will be rewarded for their treachery with
appointments under the Governor.

Bryan and fusion destroyed the Populist Party. The Non-Partisan
League and fusion will destroy the Socialist party. This league is a
side show to the Democrat party in Democrat states, and a side show
to the Republican party in Republican states. It is the most subtle
engine yet devised by the middle class to destroy the party of the
working class. It openly approaches us in the guise of a friend, but
with the secret designs to take our life. It is not an agrarian party
and this fact should be borne in mind. That it stands for the real
farmer is a mere pretense, a subterfuge. If Satan should raise the
standard of the cross, it would not make him a follower of Christ.
The League is financed and consequently owned by the landlord farmer
and the banker farmer; and the tenant farmer and the mortgaged
farmer are expected to fall in line and follow the band wagon.

The Non-Partisan League recognizes the fact that the world is
ruled by force, and that force today is epitomized in the dollar. It is
the four dollars they pay their organizers and it is the twelve dollars
they disburse for campaign purposes that gives them force, power and
results. With this money they employ Socialist agitators, paying them
as high as one hundred and fifty dollars per month, and this agitator
approaches the working class with a red card in one hand and the
knife of an assassin in the other."

Think of the one who gave forth this utterance supporting Jack
Walton for Governor in 1922, endorsed by the Farm-Labor Recon-
struction League, which is nothing more or less than the Non-Partisan
League under another name. Think of him in conference with Charles
Wrightman of the Standard Oil company, locked in a room in a hotel
in this city acting as a go-between for these foreign free-booters and
carpet-baggers and the criminal rich, to plunder the unsuspecting
farmers and workers of this state. Pat has been "rewarded" for his
treachery. His wife holds a position on the state board of affairs.
He has been promised the governorship and the "assassin's knife"
has been driven to the hilt in the heart of the suffering tenant farmer
and the working class in Oklahoma. And the hand of Patrick S. Nagle
is seen at the hilt of the knife. Pat, if you were telling the truth in
1917 you have blood on your hands, and you stand today like Judas,
with the price of your treason to labor in a bag. THE GOVERNOR-
SHIP OF OKLAHOMA SHALL NEVER BE YOURS.

"The end to be attained justifies the means" was the slogan of
Oscar Ameringer in carrying out his full design. Oscar can adjust
himself to any condition. In New Orleans he was an I. W. W.; in
Cincinnati, a trade unionist; in Milwaukee, a Socialist; at Shawnee,
a Non-partisan Leaguer; and is now a despised intruder in the pantry
of Oklahoma Democracy, having forced his entrance with questionable
tools while the house-man was off duty.

This political porch-climber gathered around him a corps of men
calculated to fit into just such an organization as the one contem-
plated. J. Luther Langston having been fired from the State Federa-
tion of Labor for having embezzled eight hundred fifty dollars of that
organization's funds he escaped the clutches of the law, after a bond-
ing company had made good his loss, by turning Republican in time
to aid in the defeat of Al Jennings as county attorney of Oklahoma
County. He was afterward fired from the Socialist party for con-
tributing to the Democrat campaign. Next comes Heck Sinclair.
"Since Heck was a pup" he has had the reputation of being anyone's



dog that will hunt with him. After stabbing the Socialist party in the back at the instigation of Ameringer of Wisconsin and LeSuer of St. Paul, he was used by the Ameringer combination until his supposed influence was discovered to be not worth the price paid—and he was fired. He then comes back to the Socialist party, covers the state, exposing the crookedness of those who betrayed the Socialist party for a price, but was careful not to mention his own treachery to labor, and when collections grew light he again joined the Leader forces, to filch from unsuspecting farmers his daily keep. At this time he appears to have displaced the non-union teamster who has been delivering the Leader's mail to the post-office.

Shelden, who had been for the moment withdrawn, to prevent a collision between two groups of conspirators against the citizens of Oklahoma, is allowed to return and join their forces. Perhaps to make sure that plans outlined should not miscarry, he assisted in organizing an underground section of the Communists in Oklahoma. This organization has been outlawed by the government because it championed physical force instead of the ballot as a means by which their ends were to be attained. This same Shelden was editor of the Reconstructionist throughout the campaign. He was financed by Democrats who were willing to ride into power at the expense of principle. Through this paper, myself and others of the old guard were held up to the public as "newcomers" who were pledged to "keep the red flag flying." This man who had not been in Oklahoma long enough for his signature to become dry on the hotel register, a man of the underground section of the communists, charges E. H. H. Gates, Leonard Johnson, O. E. Enfield and Stanley J. Clark with being "newcomers" and waving a red flag. This communist talks of a "red flag." He is at this hour drawing a fat salary from an appointment under Governor Walton.

No one could have been selected to fit so perfectly into this organization as the man who goes under the assumed name of John Hagel, fits into the place of business manager. With Dan Hogan as Ameringer's man Friday, with Hogan's accomplished daughter as the "Virgin Queen" of the combination, the governorship in 1926 was dangled before the eyes of Pat Nagle of Kingfisher, and Pat became the legal end of the combine. He joined in applying for a charter for the Oklahoma Leader Publishing company which was granted in 1919.

Parties of the calibre such as these are capable of trying to put over anything, for they resort to the tricks of unscrupulous promoters, and in unloading their stock, they hold in contempt the victims as is evidenced by this letter from J. Luther Langston:

March 8, 1918.

Dear Sigfried:

This county will do well to produce three thousand dollars, but I believe I will get that amount. The total to date is one thousand eight hundred with about two weeks more of supreme misery. The bad place will be around Sasakwa, where the historical "Pumpkin-head Revolution" took place. I visited "roasting-ear hill" yesterday where the forces made their last stand, or rather run, when the forces of law and order made their famous charge up that famous incline. The hosts of Spence, Crane, Munson, Mc Lester, Ryan, Wiggin, et al, decided, I suppose, that it would be better to make a good run than a bad stand. Oh if Generals Gibson and McKennon had been on the ground, things might have been different. I am sure they would not have moved even if their—(remainder of sentence too vulgar to print.)

Laying all jokes aside, that little fracas—by the way, one man got cut in the fracas (fight)—was a good thing in the end for the Socialist movement, for it will weed out some parasites of the class that have always retarded the party. That class with r-e-v-o-l-u-t-i-o-n-a-r-y-mouth and rabbit blood in their feet, that have a constant running off to the main opening of the upper part of their anatomy, passed the hat. The element has either skidoed health. Colorado called them and they were in the hills and prairies and intervened. Here's hoping that the best.

(Signed) J. LUTHER LANGSTON.

While preying upon the credulity of the plundered farmers of Seminole county, Luther Langston, who himself, never passes the hat but walks off with the contents after the collection is taken and the dues paid in, this embezzler of the funds of organized labor writes his pal of his experience as "supreme misery," not from a stricken conscience, as is evident from his expression of delight over the fact that quite a few of these poverty stricken tenants had been carted away to the penitentiary, and their trouble was due to the fact that they had lived up to the position taken in the St. Louis convention against the war. That convention and that position on war was rammed down the throats of these people by this same bunch of free-booters. This convention was dominated by Berger and a goodly crew of the Leader bunch. After being hitched to the German military power at the instigation of Berger and company at St. Louis, and forced to swallow the pronouncement that "We will oppose by every form of mass action the prosecution of the war, these stock promoters hastened to Oklahoma City and took membership in the county council of defense and forced all to whom they paid wages to do the same. Not content with that they write offering their services in any way. If the council needs a stool-pigeon, a decoy, an agent provocateur, some testimony made to fit, some one to lead a mob with a rope or rail a bucket of paint or a bucket of tar, or in any way in which the council exercised its energies, these double dealers appear to be bidding for the job. Read the letter of April 8th, 1918:

"Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"Gentlemen:

"Enclosed you will find two cards showing that Mr. J. Luther Langston and myself have taken out membership in the county council of defense. The check Mr. Langston gave you several days ago will cover the membership fees of 50 cents and for a number of others that we will send you.

"All of our employees will be required to join the council and those that are employed from time to time included. If we can co-operate with you at any time in promoting your work we will gladly do so.

N.A.—S.A.

THE OKLAHOMA LEADER."

"April 27, 1918.

"County Council of Defense,

"Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Gentlemen:

"Enclosed you will find the membership pledge of Oscar Ameringer who is an employee of the Oklahoma Leader. Payment for same was included in our check of April 3rd.

Respectfully,  
THE OKLAHOMA LEADER."

N.A.—S.A.

The object of these men was to destroy the Socialist party, and the safest and surest way to accomplish this was to force down their throats, a resolution that would put them in a position as outlaws to the government to which they by birth owed allegiance and then hasten to join the very forces who opposed this resolution, and by such membership assist in sending those to the penitentiary who might oppose their graft. Note their offer to "assist any time in promoting your work." We offer no criticism of those who joined the county council of defense with a sincere desire to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion. Our condemnation is of the ghouls who prowled the battle fields on both sides of the lines that they might extract their existence from the pockets of the victims of a war-swept world.

After the farmers had been bled white by these promoters and

financial retrenchment had become the order of the day, money ceased to flow into their tills as of yore, and "Leo, the Lion" (Jack Walton) was approached. A fund had been raised by the public to care for the widows and orphans of the police who died at their post of duty as enforcers of the law. Even this fund was not respected as this order shows:

POLICE FUND TRANSFERRED AT MAYOR'S REQUEST.

Oklahoma City, Okla., February 1, 1921.  
"At the request of the Mayor, J. C. Walton, who has full knowledge of every phase of this transaction, we, the undersigned, members of the committee in charge of the Police club and Insurance funds, hereby authorize in order J. F. Milan, secretary-treasurer of said funds, to sell at a ten per cent discount (20%) \$2500.00 worth of first mortgage securities, bearing eight per cent interest in order to raise \$2000.00 with which to purchase stock in the Oklahoma Leader bonds bearing six per cent interest.

"While this action is against our will and better judgment and contrary to the purpose for which this money was donated by the public, we feel that in order to maintain peace and harmony in the department it is necessary for us to sign this order.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WILKE, Chairman.  
C. L. LINVILLE.  
W. R. FERGUSON."

This transaction which Jack Walton and the Leader brings to mind the fable of the lion and the ass. When a drought had covered the land and food was scarce a lion met an ass, and would have devoured him instantly for the fact that the ribs of the ass showed through his skin. The lion informed the ass that he knew where there was food on which both could fatten if the lion would co-operate with him. "I am going to unfasten the lock where the food I like is stored," said the lion, "but if you will break the lock with your mighty jaws I will fill you with food and then to compensate you I will assist you in carrying your fill of fat goats that live among the rocks on yonder mountain. The lion broke the lock and the ass filled his belly. "Now," said the ass, "take your place at the mouth of this canyon and circle the mountain and frighten the goats by braying. When they rush through the gap you shall have your fill." So the ass brayed and the lion and the lion devoured them. Soon the lion met at a watering place and exchanged compliments. "How did you like the sound of my voice?" said the ass. "Wonderful," said the lion. "Had we not had a perfect understanding when I broke the lock to the policemen's fund for you and I not known positively that you were a jack-ass I would have done myself." It was at Shawnee that the "ideals" of the Socialist party were camouflaged as per the suggestion of LeSuer to Ameringer, Sinclair, and a man named for Governor who was a Republican in Kansas City, a Democrat in Arkansas, a self-proclaimed Non-Partisan Mayor of Oklahoma City, a Non-Partisan League member in his own town, a flirter with the Ku Klux at Pickingtown. He bows to the side of all political parties and believes in none. He praises Woodrow Wilson as the greatest man since the Nazarene and when sand-bagging the influence from the Leader building he develops a severe case of jaw-ache and refuses to say it again for gold when pressed for a statement by Prince Freeling. Perhaps no man in history was ever elected by using the tactics used by Jack Walton and his supporters, and since the people are becoming aroused at their betrayal a storm is blowing that threatens to sweep him and his followers from the state house. Surrounded by ears that are deaf to all save the clink of coin dead to all deeds save that which means their own personal advancement to place their platform pledges thrown into the discard, offices created and political service, elected upon a platform while Okmulgee feels the iron heel to declare martial law throughout the schools have been shamelessly slashed in the name of economy. Teachers have been fired, and the presidency of the A. & M. given to one who has no degree. Political debts must be paid, even at the expense of our children's learning. While all this happens the price of pardon for rape fiends and murderers are discussed in the streets as freely as the price of stocks and bonds are mentioned at the board of trade. How could it be otherwise? A migratory politician can no more resist the tempting atmosphere of the state-house than a hungry jack-ass can keep his nose out of a tub of oats. While these time servers pay political debts at the expense of tax-payers and cash collected from the sale of pardons to convicted felons, sneak thieves prowl the capitol and carry away gloves of stenographers, cuspidors and electric fans and it never occurs to the guards, who are appointed on the recommendation of J. Luther Langston that, perhaps, the thief carries the key to the capitol in his pocket. A story is going the rounds that two porch-climbers scaled the capitol on purposes of loot. One remained outside to watch the other was to sack the booty. After some time the new watchman became tense with excitement over the delay. The watchman came strolling down the steps on the east side of the building. "Did you get anything?" he asked breathlessly. "No," replied the other who had ransacked the building, "the crowd on guard with the endorsement of Luther Langston, did you lose anything," was his despairing question.

I appeal to the number of respectable Democrats and Republicans. I appeal to all the earnestness of which I am capable to my Comrades of the Socialist party to drive these marauders to the borders of this state forever. Let them go back to Milwaukee, North Dakota and wallow in a hell of their own creation.

came the repeated declaration that a daily socialist paper would be published when support was assured. This pledge was carried on the card signed by the individual who subscribed for stock, and stock purchaser was led to believe that he was buying stock in an Oklahoma Daily Socialist paper, for not one word was written or printed on the receipt given purchaser to put them in on the deal that the Milwaukee Social Democrat Publishing Company was going to hand them bonds and that stock in an Oklahoma Daily paper was not even contemplated by the promoters.

As a matter of record, the Leader Corporation was never in existence in this state until June 17, 1919. Previous to this time the impression was made that all who bought stock were to be given stock in an Oklahoma Socialist paper. As far back as 1917, Oscar Ameringer, H. M. Sinclair and John Hagel had under consideration a proposition from Arthur Le Suer to deliver the socialist party of this state to the Nonpartisan League. This fact is proven by a letter under date of July 3, 1917 and addressed to Oscar Ameringer and H. M. Sinclair, the original we have at our command. This being the case, why did Heck break with the Leader and support the Socialist ticket, the answer is, that Heck had been milked by the Leader until dry, and then fired. After the election, he was again tempted with a meal ticket and swallowed as he has always swallowed when the bait was tempting, his digestive organs have never deserted him.

At the time the drive was started to sell the Milwaukee Bonds in this state, no Oklahoma Corporation was remotely in the minds of the promoters, they contemplated unloading the bonds of the Socialist Democrat Publishing Company on the comrades of this state and then furnishing us the Milwaukee brand of Victor's yellow soap, as a sure remedy for industrial woes. But a ticklish sensation creeping up the spinal column of the promoters, a suit was threatened by those who had been sold stock in an Oklahoma Daily Socialist paper, and given bonds in a paper not within the state. At least two comrades have reported to the writer that they were forced to take Leader bonds from Milwaukee over their protest. The result of these threatened suits was that the Oklahoma Leader Company was incorporated, and a charter granted June 17, 1919.

Now a drive was made for stock in a real honest to god state corporation, but the common herd was to be given "Preferred Stock" which provides for six per cent annual dividend, such dividend is of course cumulative, another but, the stock holder has no more voice in the management of the Leader than the Pope has in running the Soviet Government of Russia. While these heroes of the St. Louis convention were lifting the flag of Internationalism and acting the part of genuine sixteen caliber reds, they were under cover dealing with the enemies of the Socialist Party and contributing to the County Council of Defense. We submit below two letters in proof of our position which are conclusive in themselves.

Oklahoma City, Okla.

April 16, 1918

The Oklahoma Leader, Rooms 418-19 Scott Thompson Bldg. City. Gentlemen: This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 15th, enclosing signed pledge card of S. C. Stair one of your employees. We will also correct our records in regard to the Pledge Card of Roy Black, Doctor H. G. Creel and A. P. Dixon, to show them as paid members, in accordance with your advice.

Yours very truly,  
Oklahoma Council of Defense  
F. P. Dixon, Secretary.

County Council of Defense, Oklahoma City, Okla. Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find two cards showing that Mr. J. Luther Langston and myself have taken out membership in the Council. The check Mr. Langston gave you several days ago will cover the membership fee of fifty cents, and for a number of others that we will send you.

All of our employees will be required to join the Council, and those that are employed from time to time included. If we can co-operate with you in promoting your work we will gladly do so.

Sincerely yours,  
The Oklahoma Leader,  
If the promoters of the Leader believed in the war they were in

# THE LEADER A DOUBLE DEALER

By Stanley... It is not the object of this article to open old sores, neither the unpleasantnesses of the war, neither is it our object to criticize those who supported the President during the days of trouble through which the nation passed while the war was being fought. A true picture of the Leader cannot be drawn without bringing before the reader some incidents of the unpleasant past. It was in April 1917 that a Socialist Convention was called in St. Louis, Mo. The history of that convention needs no review in this article. The socialists were called in convention without constitutional authority at the instigation of Victor L. Berger and a resolution was indorsed which placed the socialist party on record as determined to fight the government in the prosecution of the war. It should not be forgotten that those who made up the Leader staff, and are responsible for its existence were champions of this St. Louis resolution. Oscar Ameringer started his first stock subscription drive for the Leader in 1916 and after much effort was in a position to start a weekly paper but was sure that no second class mailing entry could be obtained because of the St. Louis resolution. The Otter Valley Socialist was at the time mentioned being published in Snyder, Oklahoma, and repeated efforts were made to get that publication to move to Oklahoma City and serve the Leader crowd as a stock selling agency, finally, the efforts were crowned with success, because a fire of incendiary origin wiped out the Otter Valley Socialist and Oscar is reported to have said over the telephone when informed of the fire, "Good, good, come up here and join us." At any rate, the Oklahoma Leader came into existence as successor to the Otter Valley Socialist. Then



they were right in giving the County Council of Defense their support. The writer supported the war and believed in the war they were in the stand taken against the action of the St. Louis Socialist convention. Here we have the Leader force backed by Berger and Little Oscar, the former calling the St. Louis convention to oppose the government in its conduct of the war, down in Oklahoma playing the part of Genuine 100 per cent Americans.

All comrades know what the County Council of Defense did during the period of its existence, they hammered the heads of those who said one word against the greed and graft of the profiteers, and carted away to prison such as Debs and Kate O'Hare.

It has been asked by many why the Leader force could oppose the war and at the same time escape the fate of others who were less active in fighting conscription. It now appears that several of them were playing a double role. They were dealing on friendly terms with both the St. Louis Convention and the County Council of Defense. Note this sentence from the pen of the Leader to the County Council of Defense. "IF WE CAN CO-OPERATE WITH YOU AT ANY TIME IN PROMOTING YOUR WORK WE WILL GLADLY DO SO." What was the work of this County Council of Defense? "Saving the world for Democracy," and while saving this world they were giving sanction to the powers that be in locking such characters as J. T. Cumbie, T. A. Harris, Frank Bryant, Walter Reader, H. H. Munson, Eugene V. Debs, Kate O'Hare and others in prison. In this work the Leader Co-operated or expressed a willingness to do so. It now appears they escaped prison walls by acting as informers and fawning at the feet of those who instilled Wilsonism into the minds of liberty loving Americans with a black jack.

Yes, we are aware that many will say, "these matters should not be brought up now," and threats and intimidations are still the practice of those who rule by brute force, but part of the world has become immune to intimidation, and care but little for mobs backed by the traitors of the working class. Look at a record then about for Walton and the Leader.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Where did Governor Walton get the money with which to buy his recently acquired palatial home?

How much money, if any, does the Governor owe Mr. Marland of the Marland Oil Company?

Is there a uniform price paid by the corporations of this state for special legislative "Protection"?

Is the price to secure one's liberty from the penitentiary determined by the gravity of the offense committed, or by the financial standing of the convicted culprit and his relatives?

Is Sheldon still a member of the underground section of the Communist party? Or has he severed his connections with that organization since he has been placed on the payroll of the state?

Who was the agent that deliered the money contributed to the Walton campaign committee by Mr. Wrightsman?

How can the Leader justify the appointment of Mr. Wrightsman to the Board of Regents, and at the same time object to the "influence" exerted over the University by the Marland Oil Company when the old board was in office?

Does the Leader own stock in the Standard Oil Company, or is Charles Wrightsman one of their subscribers?

If fifty per cent of the Shawnee platform has been written into law, how can we survive the prosperity that will follow when that document is one hundred per cent operative?

Does J. Luther Langston suspect Pat Nagle's fidelity to the League program?

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BROTHERHOOD.

The crest and crowning of all good, Life's final star is brotherhood, For it will bring again to earth Her long lost poesy and mirth; Will send new light on every face, A kingly power upon the race. And till it come we men are slaves, And travel downward to the dust of graves.

Come, clear the way, then, clear the way— Blind creeds and kings have had their day, Break the dead branches from the path; Our hope is in the aftermath— Our hope is in heroic men, Stagnated to build the world again. Make way for brotherhood—make way for man.

EDWIN MARKHAM.

CONSCRIPT HENRY FORD

The cry has been sounded, and the drive made to conscript the Detroit Millionaire for President in 1924. A call was sent from tin-can alley, and those who hoped to ride into political favor in a Tin Lizzy met in this city in the parlors of the Lee Huckins. William Madison Hicks made the keynote speech for the Ford boosters, and admitted himself that he made a good one; Among those who were assisting Hicks to put over Henry was Anna Laskey and Mr. Brewer, and some eighty eight others. Porter Newman of Durant was made State Chairman of the Ford Forces.

The strength of William Madison Hicks as a field man is well known, Anna Laskey, Porter Newman and Mr. Brewer are to be congratulated for their far sightedness in building an organization around William Madison Hicks. This, however, does not argue that Mr. Ford is fit to be President of the United States. How are we to measure one's fitness for the Presidency except by their vision of all who live under the sway of their influence as rulers. Mr. Ford is narrow enough to raise a race issue which puts him beneath the position he seeks to attain. Perhaps there has never appeared on this earth a race of people who have done more to advance civilization than the Jews. Since their first appearance in history as followers of Abraham, they have held a place in history such as to compel the respect and admiration of mankind. They have survived each conquest of their country and emerged from slavery with the characteristics that have made them the "Peculiar" people who mingle with all races and amalgamate with none.

Whether as slaves of Egypt, or captives of Babylonian kings, or the victims of pogroms in Russia, they have still remained true to their ideals as a people, and at the same time accomplished their part in moulding the civil structure of the commonwealth in which they have been forced to work out their salvation. Thrown by force of conquest to associate with the followers of Mohammed, they became the leaders in the science of medicine and surgery. It was the mighty mind of Judaism that met the masters of Greek philosophy in the halls of Alexander during the reign of Ptolemy Soter and measured intellects with all the great of the known world. Lovers of liberty and despisers of despotism. The Jew has been driven to the ends of the earth by oppressors of mankind. He stands today opposed to tyranny and ignorance, whether levied against his race alone, by such as Mr. Ford or levied against an entire nation of people by the tyranny of kings.

The ruler of a nation should be above race prejudice, and those who are seeking presidential timber should look higher than the running board of an automobile for suitable material. The Ford boom in this state that has clustered around Mr. Hicks and his following should not be considered too lightly lest Hicks get away with the goods. His long suit is to "put over" things and any movement that Hicks has been selected to lead will bear watching. He boasts in open meetings and gets corroboration from friends in the audience that he controls the Democrat Legislature in this state, and gets laws made or bills killed by importing whiskey "for legislative purposes." His openly proclaimed friendship for Governor Walton and his alliance with such political powers as Anna Laskey, Porter Newman and Mr. Brewer makes the Ford boom by no means an unimportant incident.

PAT NAGLE, J. LUTHER, THE LEADER AND OTHER THINGS.

"Pat Nagle is an honorable man," he believes in standing by his contracts; as a lawyer he is able and ethical, those who retain his services always get the best service Pat is capable of giving, and Pat is learned in the law. Nagle has never been accused of looting the treasury of a Labor Union, and escaping the clutches of the law by throwing his support to a candidate for county attorney. The evidence leans very clearly toward the view that Pat made a contract with one Mr. Wrightsman the consideration being that for Wrightsman's cash furnished to elect Jack Walton, the Farm-Labor Reconstruction League would send Wrightsman to the United States Senate. This contract was made in good faith and Pat wants to deliver the goods, for "Pat Nagle is an honorable man."

J. Luther cares little or nothing about a contract and why should he care what becomes of the contract made with his benefactor. Luther cared little for the contract he once had with Organized Labor when he held their funds in this state. There is one thing about this fellow Langston, he gets his while getting is good, and then never hesitates to curse the tree from which he gathered the fruit, when the tree begins to die.

J. Luther knew all about the understanding between Nagle and Wrightsman, and raised no objection when the fifty dollars of that Oil King was flowing into the lap of the League, but there came a time when it was to the interest of J. Luther to throw a slur at Pat on account of his friendship for Mr. Wrightsman and not content with this, he even slaps Pat because Mrs. Nagle has a place under the Walton administration. Pat Nagle knows that the League betrayed the working class in this state, and has manhood enough to fight for those who tossed the money in the till, that justice for the workers might be outlawed at the instigation of the Standard Oil Company. Pat knows the toiling masses are without a fighting weapon their guns have been seized by the treachery of the Leader and J. Luther Langston, and he appears willing to go forward with the slaughter of the helpless women and innocent children of Oklahoma openly, and without further ceremony. From the actions of Pat one understands him to say to J. Luther, "the price has been paid, let's deliver the goods," but J. Luther appears to fear the day of wrath, not that he is more honest than Pat, but he is more cowardly.

While these two "saviours of the poor tenant farmers" fight over the crust of corn that was ossed from the garbage can of Wrightman the Leader begs for more swill from the farmers and wage earners of Oklahoma to support a paper that is "Fearless and True," to the cause of Jack Walton who lauds Woodrow Wilson as the "greatest man since the Birth of the Nazarine." The Leader in one issue compliments Mr. Walton's choice of Mr. Wrightsman as a member of the Board of Regents, and in another issue it throws insinuations at the former board because of Mr. Marland's connection with the University. The Leader sees much difference between Mr. Marland, an independent oil dealer, and Mr. Wrightsman who is allied with the Standard, and the difference is in favor of the Standard—the Standard doubtless paid more money to the League.

The Leader is striking some telling blows of late in behalf of the political prisoners, that paper is bitter against Mr. Harding for his failure to throw the prison doors wide open and let the workers who were convicted for opinions sake step out into the sun light. Such action on the part of the Leader leads one to suspect the editors of the paper of having something the moralists call a conscience. Perhaps they have just come to realize their support and membership in the County Council of Defense had something to do with the imprisonment of these men. The Leader's editorial staff is slow to catch on, you know. Pat Nagle, J. Luther and the Leader are broad minded men "fearless and true," but when Mr. Wrightsman supposed they could all sit down on a slick dime together without some noise emanating that would cause trouble, he made the mistake of his business career.

The Leader is exposing all those who are trying to kill their influence with the public, and sent up a howl equal to that emanating from a country dog lost in a country

town. If the editors of the Leader had the usual amount of intelligence they would not be surprised that no one considers their worthless life of value. They sold the stock in that publication under false pretense, they betrayed the Socialists into voting for Jack Walton, after looting their pockets of nearly half a million with the plea that a Socialist Paper would be published, they deliberately threw their publication behind the most corrupt bunch of politicians that ever sailed a ship of state. The honest democrat, like the honest Socialist, has no respect for a crowd of men who betray the cause and people who gave them life.

The Leader has no just complaint. It is in keeping with common justice that the life of that paper should be forfeited. Its first sustenance was drawn from the depleted breast of labor, it now sucks the pap of political fakirs, and lives on the crumbs that are grudgingly tossed into the garbage can from the headquarters of an unwashed democracy. Could you complain if caught prowling the pantry of your master as an uninvited guest, if the polished boot of the master made contact with the posterior end of your anatomy?

One fact stands out above all others in the conference called by Governor Walton. The League forces refused to conform to the wishes of the Governor and appoint a committee of twelve. The public should know the truth. The League has been left hanging on a limb. They have been informed that they were unwelcome in the ranks of those they helped to elect. Not in words perhaps, but by actions J. Luther and the Leader have been kicked from the council chamber of those who used them. This is as it should be, for one who feels honored to be thus used should be tossed into the wrath of the People's Laundry.

ON TO WASHINGTON!

The Bugle subscription list is growing. They are coming from Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kentucky, Louisiana, Colorado, Missouri, Arkansas and many other states. When you have helped us to get up a good list, application will be made to Washington for entry as second class matter, and we will go into the mails with colors flying. We don't want to sneak in at the back door. Fall into the ranks with your subscription, and we will move on to Washington.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In taking subscriptions from your friends, tell them that the Bugle will be printed just as often as we have money to pay the printer and the postage, but that they will get twelve issues for their dollar, or the money due them refunded.

Comrades, if two hundred will send in one sub each month the Bugle will be printed on time every month. Help the Bugle in getting out every month, so that we may soon become a weekly.

HOBO COLLEGE

The Hobo College workers in Oklahoma City are having fine street meetings. Comrade Harry Wilson of Chicago recently visited us and spoke to a good crowd. Come again Harry, we like your dope.

Dr. James Eads How, the Millionaire Hobo who organized the Hobo College work in America writes the National Chairman that he is having fine meetings down east, and holds pleasant thoughts for Oklahoma City.

Friday night will be Hobo College night for street meetings in Oklahoma City.

Times change and men with them. Who would have thought four years ago, that Pat Nagle would be found in bed with Wrightsman, a millionaire oil man? Who would have dreamed that Comrade J. Luther Langston, the trades unionist, would smile across the table at the contractors who pay the state for working convicts in the prison shirt factory at McAlester?

SAFE BLOWERS

We plead guilty it is not quite right to call the league crowd "Democrats," we insist, however, that you Democrats must not call them Socialists; the Republicans would resort to the courts in the event we sought to place the fatherhood of the Walton-Ameringer-Nagle Nonpartisan thing on them. What are we to do in order to avoid being insulted from some unexpected source when we name that alliance now in charge of the political state of Oklahoma? They are not reds, for red is the sign of brotherhood. We are not afraid to call them by any name that suits their method of obtaining a living and it appears that we are safe in saying they are the safe-blowers of political principles. The fact that one calls himself Nonpartisan shows that he is a political enunch and such characters never have the courage to fight, so just call them anything of which they are guilty, and know that you can prove it, but don't class them with any group or party of people who respect the truth and play the game with any degree of honesty.

William J. Burns is reported to have said, "The Ku Klux should have directed their efforts against radicals and they would not have been molested." This information is no news to the poor white trash of the south. The Klan made the mistake of fighting those who had some money, the Jews, are respectable because the Jews are a force in the financial world, the Catholic has money, and of course it is criminal to fight one who has a creditable bank account.

Any mob can murder a working man in cold blood without fear of prosecution provided the worker has suggested that conditions in Washington needed investigation. Just speak in behalf of the exploited and you may be introduced to a lamp post, and this head of the secret service in the Department of Justice will say "Well Done."

Why did Luther Langston and Jack Walton select Joseph P. Rossiter of Henryetta to be floor leader for the administration, in the house of Representatives? Oh yes! Isn't Rossiter attorney for the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, subsidiary of the Standard?

Joe explains it this way: "I could stand for some of the red stuff if the league would protect the oil industry."

Perhaps that was why the income tax for corporations didn't pass. Perhaps that was why the gross production tax wasn't raised, we don't know, ask Joe, or Luther.

Jack Walton says he got eighty-five per cent of the Shawnee platform. So he did. That is, if we forget about the state-owned bank, the state-owned cement plant, the thousand dollar exemption tax law, the state-owned mills and warehouses, the public ownership of public utilities, the fair election law, the minimum wage law for women, the Ohio compensation law, etc., etc. But then, what's a campaign promise among friends? Ask Luther that one, too!

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