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Taft and Sugar—Impeach Him.

FOR THE JOURNAL, BY T. A. HICKEY.

Taft employs the chief attorney of the sugar trust (Wickersham) to prosecute the sugar trust (ye gods!), while Taft's brother, Henry P., is Wickersham's law partner and is defending the sugar trust; and thus are the sanctimonious sugar scoundrels saved from the pen. Then the sugar crooks decide to go the whole hog. They order their hired men—Taft and Wickersham—to sell them 55,000 acres of sugar land in the Philippines. This land, through a deal with the pope, was bought for \$7,000,000 and guarded by a law that, for a blind and to await this contingency, decreed that the land should not be subject to exploitation by corporations.

Comes the Wickersham law firm, of which Taft's brother is a member, and although the law limits the taking up of this sugar land to 40 acres for an individual and 2,500 acres for a corporation, this crook, H. P. Taft, of the firm of Strong, Cadwallader, Taft & Wickersham, gets a legal opinion from Attorney General Wickersham that this law does not apply to the sugar trust and thereby gets 55,000 acres for \$6.50 an acre that the government paid \$18 an acre for.

It is time to stop fooling around. Take a good brace to your belt, boys; clear your throats, sing, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and go after the whole rotten gang. H. P. Taft and Wickersham can then get ready for the striped suit. And remember, first, last and all the time,

Taft—Must—Be—Impeached!

Get it in your head, and keep it in your head, that public ownership of the means of production and distribution would forestall every attempt at graft.

HERE IN ABILENE.

Thos. A. Hickey spoke at the court house in Abilene three successive nights last week to very fair audiences, and had the very best attention. The local papers, ever insisting that their readers turn in news items, had no mention except such as was toted to them with request to publish. But in other ways the people found it out and many of them went, and listened, and were enlightened. Hickey's lecture on "Frenzied Finance" is indeed an eye-opener, and the business and professional men of Abilene missed more by not hearing it than they could possibly gain by hearing each of the four gubernatorial candidates weekly for the rest of the campaign.

Those who have heard of Hickey, but have not heard Hickey, cannot begin to size him up. He was a miner at Butte, Montana, when H. H. Rogers crushed Heinze; he wrote "The Story of Amalgamated" for Tom Watson's New York Magazine; he was a reporter on a New York paper some years back and did a stunt that no other reporter had ever done—got inside information for a sensational expose of the sugar trust; he was running the Globe (Ariz.) Miner when the panic of 1907 wrecked and ruined the town, and we believe that the weekly articles which we have arranged to have him furnish The Journal from this time on will make this paper the livest wire of its kind in the south. Help us to increase his audience.

Debs Lectures.

To The Journal.

E. M. Lane, Rt. 3, Blue Ridge, Tex., writes:

"Have arranged some fifteen dates for Comrade Reddin Andrews. We've also decided to have a Debs lecture at McKinney in the near future. Wish you would rouse the comrades at Dallas, Fort Worth, Greenville, Clarksville, Terrell and Tyler, through the Appeal, and let's have a string of Debs dates through north Texas. I vouch for Collin county. We have \$25 right now for Appeal sub cards, and no trouble to sell tickets. Could sell 200 tickets in this neighborhood alone, inter-urban fare to McKinney being only 45 cents. Why, some people are going to Texarkana, 100 miles away. I tell you, it's great. We are going to have Debs whether anybody else takes him or not, but would like to see him visit all the larger towns in north Texas. Stir 'em up and let Debs come on the heels of our school house campaign, and great will be the fall of capitalist support in these parts."

Nothing I could say should do more to "stir 'em up" than the above. If the comrades of an almost unorganized county, most of them renters at that, can and will arrange for a Debs lecture, why not you? There is no question about these lectures being ahead of any other plan of agitation. Write the Appeal for particulars.

E. R. MEITZEN, State Sec.
Hallettsville, Tex.

For awhile we will print a number of extra copies of The Journal each week, so that new subscribers who so desire may begin their subscriptions with the present issue and get the beginning of the Hickey articles.

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MAN AND PROPERTY.

Roosevelt made a speech before a select audience in Paris, France, the other day. His subject was "Citizenship in the Republic." In one remark he said a very great deal more than he must have intended.

"When it clearly appears," said he, "that there is real conflict between human rights and property rights, then human rights must have the upper hand, for property belongs to man, and not man to property."

In saying which, he planted himself upon the fundamental base of Socialism and gave assent to a doctrine which, if acted out, would uproot and overturn the present property system, based and built as it is on the doctrine that a few people have a right to acquire and control all the means upon which the life and happiness of all the rest of the people depend. The working men made all productive property, but that property is today their master, even though the legal title to it may be vested in a dead millionaire's baby.

When Democrats deny William Jennings Bryan a court house in his own state for the purpose of making a speech in favor of democracy as expressed in the initiative and referendum, then indeed doth it seem that the Peerless should make haste to get out of the camp of the aliens and sinners and make application for membership in the Socialist party, the only party that even pretends to be democratic.

Summing it up, the Socialist movement signifies that the workers of the world are preparing to go in and possess the means which they have created by working. Don't get in their way.

TOM HICKEY'S COLUMN

(Written for The Journal.)

W. H. Taft is the champion long distance teat-sucker of America. He has hugged the political pie counter with fingers of steel since he graduated from Yale over 30 years ago. To get to the pie he has held to Cox of Cincinnati, the staunch protector of the red light district. It is that alliance that caused him to disgrace his office by rushing to the assistance of the notorious convicted white slaver, Auguste Roussette. **Impeach him!**

He has been elected on a ticket demanding tariff revision downward, and signs a bill revising it upward, thus losing the last shred of honor left to him. He has appointed "Private Car" Lurton to the supreme bench; holds on to Ballinger after Pinchot, Glavis and Collier's stripped that rascal naked to the view of all men. He has seen the water rights of the nation given away to the coming power trust grafters. He has insulted ladies who asked the ballot. In short, he is the arch reactionary of this generation. **Impeach him!**

Do you know that Hampton's Magazine for May shows that the steal of Alaska that is being put through by Taft for Guggenheim and Morgan is equal to \$100,000 a head for all the voters in the United States? **Taft must be impeached!**

Do you know that the Taft Alaska bill before congress will give control of every five dollars' worth of Alaska to Morgan and Guggenheim? **Taft must be impeached!**

Do you know that the sugar trust agreed to support Taft in consideration of that gentleman appointing their

counsel, Wickersham, attorney general? **Impeach Taft now!**

Do you know that at the time this agreement was made the sugar trust thieves were standing within the shadow of the penitentiary for robbing the United States government by false weights, said robbery amounting to over \$100,000,000? **Impeach Taft at once!**

Do you know that J. E. Parsons, president of the sugar trust, would be in Sing Sing now in a striped suit, instead of being chief elder in the Presbyterian church of North America, if it were not for this crime? **Impeach the fellow!**

Do you know that Henry P. Taft, brother of William Howard Taft, is now the attorney for the sugar trust? **Impeach him? Do it now!**

Do you know that Taft appointed Ballinger in the interest of coal, gold, copper and lumber interests; Nagel in the oil interest, Dickinson in the railroad interests; McVeagh in the banking and packing interests; Knox in the steel interests? **Impeach! Impeach! Impeach!**

T. A. HICKEY.

When people subscribe for a newspaper on the promise that they are to get the news of what's going on impartially, and the management of the paper then withholds certain news from them because of its political character, what is that but bad faith? In the so-called fair and impartial newspapers of free America the people whose labor sustains the newspapers get mighty precious little news that the wealth owners do not want given out. If this applied only to Abilene, Taylor county, Texas, we would not print this paragraph.

TIME TO TAKE OUT.

Why should Socialists whine when the Democrats deny them the use of court houses, school houses, vacant lots and soap boxes in the promulgation of their ideas? William Jennings Bryan has just been turned down as cold as ever a Socialist was turned down because he, the redoubtable W. J. B., wanted to promulgate the Pop-Socialist doctrine of the INITIATIVE and REFERENDUM. This is not the first time Bryan has been turned down in his effort to promulgate a Pop-Socialist doctrine. On the completion of his tour of the world some years back he made a speech in Madison Square Garden, New York, in which he boldly advocated the Pop-Socialist doctrine of public ownership of railroads. Nearly all the Democratic editors in America jumped on him with all their ponderous feet—and that was the last of Bryan and government railroads. No, hold on! Not the last Bryan, but the last of his advocacy of public ownership of railroads. Now he has made another venture, this time on a line that is terribly and tremendously more dangerous to capitalist interests than government railroads. There is no doctrine so menacing to capitalism as the doctrine of letting the people have what they want. But here's the snub. And in view of Bryan's standing, not only in his own country but in all the civilized and partly civilized countries of the world, it is more than a snub—it is a coarse insult. A press dispatch from Nebraska City, Neb., May 4, says:

"An address in favor of the initiative and referendum by W. J. Bryan, which was to have been made here tonight, has been postponed because the county commissioners of Otoe county refuse to allow Mr. Bryan to speak on the subject in the court house. Two or three commissioners are Democrats, but they disagree with Mr. Bryan on the referendum idea."

When the powers that be deny the revolutionary Socialist the use of a house, he mounts a soap box, defies the police and preaches the gospel of the workers. What will Bryan do?

There are more farm renters than farm owners—more landless than landed men. It is rapidly getting more and more so, which process will continue as long as this landless majority persist in the idiotic and suicidal habit of voting for the old parties and getting rent shacks, when they might empower the Socialist party and have homes. Why do they treat their families that way?

Mitchell County All Right.

To The Journal.

I like your new size fine. Don't know how the 50c rate will work, but I believe west Texas will stand by you, especially if you continue to print Texas Socialist party matter. Here is our party ticket for Mitchell county:

For county judge, A. N. Simpson; sheriff, G. W. Sweatt; assessor, C. L. Kirkpatrick; treasurer, Lon McGuire; county and district clerk, Nat L. Hardy; commissioners—O. D. Britton, W. G. Sweatt and O. H. Alexander.

NAT L. HARDY.

Colorado, Tex.

W. S. Noble will be in Fisher county for a week or more yet, under direction of County Secretary J. T. Brunson, of Longworth.

Some may ask, "Why do you club with such a paper as the Dallas News?" Because so many of our readers want it, and we can save them a quarter by ordering it for them. They can take that quarter, you see, and subscribe for the Appeal or Rip-Saw.

"I believe you did the right thing in putting the price of The Journal to 50c a year, and I would stay with you if it went to \$2.50 a year," writes M. A. Drinkard of Snyder, Tex. He says further: "It is a shame that any farmer or laborer should fail to take the papers that represent his class interests, and thus help to render them more efficient, at the same time increasing his own efficiency in meeting the bogus arguments of his class enemies. While most of the farmers and wage workers curse the subsidized capitalist papers that defend rent, interest and profit, yet we find those same papers on their tables, at a dollar a year, and papers that fight their battles are left to starve. Again I say that it is a shame."

Drinkard's Scurry County Dates.

M. A. Drinkard will speak for Socialism at following places on dates given, all appointments at night:

Camp Springs, Friday, May 13; Bethel, 14; Sharon, 16; Canyon, 17; Ira, 18; Round Top, 19; Pleasant Hill, 20; Crenshaw, 21.

"June 8, 1910." See if it's stamped in that blank space.

J. D. Pinkerton was recently elected county secretary of Foard county. He's a live one.

M. A. Drinkard of Snyder sends 50c for 200 speakers' handbills and will "go on the road" in Scurry county.

If you are going to hold an encampment the coming summer, notify the state secretary, E. R. Meitzen, Hallettsville, Tex.

"Socialism is sweeping Stonewall county like a prairie fire. The Farmers Journal is entitled to much credit for this progress."—Organizer Robt. G. Martin, at Aspermont, May 7.

O. A. Paden, Lubbock, Tex., says the Socialists are getting thick in that section of the plains country, and that they would soon be much thicker if they only had some good lecturing. Don't they need good literature, also, Bro. Paden?

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OUR OLD FOLKS.

Over in Denmark Roosevelt found something that didn't seem rotten to him. It was old age pensions. But the Dallas News thinks it would be worse than rotten in America. The News says that "each great industrial organization, and not the government, should provide for its superannuates." It had just mentioned the Harvester Trust and the United States Steel Corporation, and wound up by saying: "This is, or should be, our way of solving the old age problem."

In other words let the trusts work them and rob them till they're old and helpless, and then let the trusts graciously give back to them a pittance of what they have made for the trusts. That's the old age pension system recommended by the Dallas News.

"I am about three parts Socialist, and if it were not for the presence of the negro race in America, I would cut the cable." So writes a friend in a private letter from down in Kaufman county, Lone Star State. Well, it seems to The Journal that it would be more in order for a working man to say, "If it were not for the presence of the negro race in America, I could better put up with capitalism." Why not? Under capitalism you have to compete with Mr. Nigger for jobs. The cotton that YOUR children make when they ought to be in school must sell in the same market with cotton that HIS children make. Under the present system much cotton means low prices and low prices mean poverty for you, and the negroes make much cotton. Eh?

We are able to promise our readers each week hereafter what we believe will prove to be a most valuable feature of The Journal, namely: a few hot-shots under the heading, "Tom Hickey's Column." We don't believe Thos. A. Hickey has an equal in the United States when it comes to comprehending clearly the game of the capitalists and the significance of their every move, the very instant the move is made. He is full of points; they stick out all over him; they are sharper than tacks, and mighty few apologists for capitalism ever rub up against him more than once. Look for "Tom Hickey's Column."

We intend to make The Journal so necessary to the cause in Texas that Socialists will actually need it.

FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS

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

Comrade Henry Faulk writes that the Austin Socialists are figuring on a Debs date.

J. L. Fitts winds up a three-weeks campaign in Houston county, with encouraging results.

M. A. Drinkard of Snyder, Rt. 2, an old-time worker, writes that he will begin on the 13th to organize Scurry county.

County Secretary Emma Collins writes: "We have engaged H. L. A. Holman for two weeks to head off the primaries."

Coleman county gets into line with a big mass meeting on May 14. County Secretary Pope writes that they will likely use W. S. Noble three weeks.

J. M. Doan of Throckmorton was recently elected county secretary. He writes that a ticket will be put in the field and every effort made to push the agitation.

County Secretary Simer writes: "We started our county nominations yesterday and want an organizer to shell the woods three weeks before the primaries in Erath county."

H. H. Donbrava, secretary El Campo local, writes: "At a mass meeting of Wharton county Socialists we decided to arrange for a school house campaign. About \$50 in sight."

Oliver A. Phelps commenced a three-weeks campaign in Milam county last week. He reports fine meetings, and that "Socialism is growing so fast here that the Rep.-Dems. are growing very anxious."

Dan C. Crider spoke in overflowing school houses the past two weeks in Mills county, heretofore unorganized. The first local was organized at Chapel Hill school house, "with the lady school teacher as secretary."

The Abilene Farmers Journal reports: "Resolved, That Socialism is both just and practicable. Stanley J. Clark to affirm, Rev. G. G. Hamilton, Crowell, Tex., to deny. Somewhere in west Texas after May 15. More later."

W. T. Cochran, county secretary Rains county, asks: "Can you help us secure Debs for a speech at Greenville? A hundred men in this county will go up there to hear him." Respectfully referred to the Hunt county comrades.

Comrade Hicks of the Farmers Journal writes: "Hickey has just come in for his three days at Abilene. He put the kerbosh on Judge Grogan at Trent. And last night, so I am told, Noble everlastingly didn't leave anything of Editor Sisk, of the Trent Banner."

Have you elected that county chairman? Whether you nominate candi-

dates or not you should elect one, as he is a member of all district committees, under the election law. We must try to have a candidate for congress in every district in the state, and this is the first step. Further steps will be explained later.

G. Herd and Chas. Forbes, committee, issue the following: "There will be a mass meeting of the Socialists of Denton county on Saturday, May 28, to perfect organization and attend to other business. Comrades, don't one depend on another. There is work for us all. Be there on time and we'll start something that will make the plutes sit up and take notice."

It is encouraging to note how the women are beginning to take a hand in the agitation in this state. Several live locals have lady secretaries, as Dublin, Texarkana, Lane School House, Funston, Amarillo, Cedar Springs and others. [Must not omit Abilene's talented recording secretary, Miss Eunice Elliott, who is proud to be called a Socialist.—ED.] Get more of the ladies interested. Even if they have no vote in civil government, they can do more to keep an organization alive than most men.

Receipts for dues in April fell slightly behind the previous month. Various excuses may be assigned, such as too poor to pay dues, too much field work, holding back for county organization, etc., but such obstacles are no real obstacles to comrades imbued with the spirit. We must make up our minds never to let up or give up the agitation until Socialism comes. Receipts for dues should always show a gain, and it is the duty of each and every comrade to help make it so. Where there's a will, there's a way.

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