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Jan 12 1913

My dear wife: I will be in Knox City on
Thursday Jan 16 & meet me there if you
like; if not I will be in Lawton on
Friday 17 & meet me there &

I refrained from writing to you for
good reasons which I will tell you
of when we meet next Thursday or
Friday &

— Regards & all with
love and kisses

[Redacted]

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Feb. 8th, 1913.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,
Editor of "The Rebel",
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Mr. Hickey:--

I am very glad to have yours of the 2nd with enclosure of a Reform Act to be offered to your State Legislature. I am pleased to have all the details connected therewith, but instead of sending me an original ^{letter} you have sent me a copy on thin sheets.

I will at once forward yours, with copy of this my reply, to my friend and colleague, Daniel Kiefer, Chairman of the Joseph Fels Fund Commission at Cincinnati, who I think was present when I had the pleasure of meeting your secretary. You will hear from Mr. Kiefer, no doubt, in the matter.

I am extremely busy these days, getting ready to sail on the 22nd inst. for Buenos Ayres, as Argentine, Uruguay and indeed all Spanish speaking countries are waking up on the taxation question, and I will do what I can to keep them awake.

Believe me, with all good wishes,

Yours very truly,

THE REBEL,
T. A. Hickey, Editor.

Hallettsville, Texas June 20, 1913..

Mrs. T. A. Hickey,
Hilje, Tex.

My wife:-

Your letter and card received, I want to see you so bad that I don't care to write to you and if by failing to write to you I could bring you home I wouldn't write at all. Did you ever see a young calf that had lost its mother and was wandering around disconsolately, well such a calf is a picture of boy compared to me since you have gone. I am stopping with old grandma Dillard and was only out of the house once and then for a change of clothes since you left. All the windows are closed, doors are barricaded and the corn is looking fine. Give Louise my best love and wishes for a speedy recovery and tell her that although I am on the water wagon now I would recommend her a nice cold bottle of beer which I will supply her if she comes along. The checks and money is coming in from Oklahoma, but Ernest and I are figuring on some way where by I can stay at home. You and Louise can go to Galveston later on in the year. For the love of Mike come home now or I will blow up.

Your aun boy

x x x x x x

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Hallettsville, Texas, 7/23/13

Mrs. T. A. Hickey,
Brandenburg, Texas.

My Dear Wife: Fred was in here Saturday and left with some friends for Charlottenburg, and promised to return here tomorrow to be my guest for about a week. It was election day and the saloons were all closed but I managed to get him a couple of bottles of beer. He told me that there would be an excursion from Stamford to Galveston on the 28th of July for \$7.00. Buy your ticket by the way of Yoakum if possible ~~unitt~~ unless you want to visit Galveston then you will have to pay only 50c to come here while the fare is \$3.05 from Houston, plus hotel. If you want to see the sad sea waves I am going to Corpus four fo ur days on August 21 and will take you along with me. Owing to the fact that I have a lot of reserve strenth I have been able to stand up during your absence, but I do want to tell you that I am getting frayed at the edges and if you do not come by August 1st I will be demoralized. I haven't eaten a decent meal since you left. The papers are full of jokes about the man who is happy because his wife is in the country. I guess there may be such men but it is surely not ~~the~~ with T. A. Bring Alma or Bertha along with you. Everthing is going fine here only the press broke down last night but is now repaired. Your loving husband T. A. Hickey

Uncle Henry's letters to Aunt

Clara

THE REBEL,
T. A. Hickey, Editor.

Hallettsville, Texas July 14, 1913.

My dear wife:-

Do not be mad because I have not been writing to you. I have delayed writing until I was certain about whether I had to make that Oklahoma trip. I have things in such shape now that it will be impossible for me to go so it is me for Hallettsville for months to come and maybe for years. I want to tell you that I am exceedingly lonesome and hope that you will get back at the earliest possible moment. However, I do not wish you to cut your holiday short. You are staying with the best people on earth and if ~~you~~ it will make you happy to stay until Labor day, which is the first ~~Monday~~ Monday in September, I feel that everything will be all right, because what is your happiness shall be mine. But if you can see your way to cut you stay short and come back on the next train you will make your hubby the happiest man in Texas. I have quit my boarding place and am just batching around, eating in fly-ridden restaurants of the most unsanitary kind. If you could see the food I have to ~~any~~ eat I believe you would come back here in a flying machine. I am keeping the doors locked and the windows closed in the daytime but at night I open every window and door in the house and I now know that your fear of dogs and cats coming through is all wrong. Our corn is all shot to pieces, the outlook for crops in this country is fine they tell me that cotton is hurt somewhat because of light showers we have

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had but yet there is every indication of a fair crop. In some parts of Lavaca Co. we have an abundance of corn so Judge Meitzen tells me. I have not heard a word from Fred but I have written him today to come over to our encampment which occurs next ~~Thursday~~ Thur., Fri. and Sat. Reddin Andrews will be here as the principle speaker and Ernest and I will help out. You will doubtless be surprised to learn that since you left Ernest has made some automobile trips to various barbecues in Lavaca Co. and has found that he has a natural talent for speaking and is now making a hit. I wish you were here to hear him and Andrews and your wonderful hubby tearing things loose at the latter end of this week. You will notice in this week's Rebel I run Alfred's announcement of the Brnadenberg Brass band, tell him if he wants some more announcements of a similar nature to send it down but to cut out the fact that they will play for a dollar for a man because the Union bands in the big cities where the Rebel goes to, not understanding the situation, will refer to his band as a cheap band. Everything is moving like clock work here, this month's Decentralizer is out and I enclose a copy. That Lauderdale article has broken the back of the opposition which never had much backbone anyhow. What is the chances of Bertha or Alma visiting us this summer? Is it within the bounds of possibility to bring either of the good girls along? Everything I only want to say two things. First that I hope that you will write me telling me that I

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T. A. Hickey, Editor.

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Hallettsville, Texas 191....

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Louisa has recovered and that the Mutterchen is in her usual good health and that all the rest of the good folks including Annie and Greta are in fine spirits.

Give my regards to Judge Ring and his splendid family. The second thing I wanted to tell you is, that I am desolated, lonely, miserable and am in fact like a calf that has lost its mother since you ~~are~~ are gone, so while you may stay as long as you like come back as quick as you can.

Your ever loving boy

X X X X X X X X

SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS

E. R. Meitzen, State Sec.

Hallettsville, Texas,

28 ?
Feb 1912

My Sweet Bride Elect: I have cleaned up most
of my work & I got one this week the best issue
ever produced by the Rebel and all because I was
inspired thinking of you & of our here are the final
instructions Wile Brandenberg on every line
of the 29th x

2: I will be at the depot on your arrival on the

SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS

E. R. Meitzen, State Sec.

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Hallettsville, Texas,

first of March x

Second: Don't be nervous or alarmed at this
long trip alone x you are a brave little girl
and you are coming straight to the arms of
your boy and a host of friends x we will be
married at 9 A M on March 1 x Kuss the

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SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS

E. R. Meitzen, State Sec.

Hallettsville, Texas,

Mittchen for me and let her that you need
not have the slightest fear of the boy
step you are taking x Bailed down it can
only spell happiness x

Your husband will be in a few days
with a wealth of love and kisses

x x x x x x x x x

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Wichita Falls, Texas, May 6-1912.

My dear wife: I suppose you are
astonished at my not writing to you. This
is the reason. For two weeks before I
left Hallettsville there was night and
day engagements as to whether I should
run for Congress or not. I did not
want to run I wanted to settle down
with my beautiful wife, give the world
for good and edit the Rebel. Finally
I left Hallettsville and intended to have

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Wichita Falls, Texas, _____

you meet me at Wichita Falls for a
couple of days & unfortunately I lost
some dogfish and nearly died & was
for 24 hours in Dallas with a doctor
attending me and my friend thought I would
die sure & I lost 15 pounds, am
weak and nervous yet and am longing
for the convention to be over &
our plans as being in mass has to be
dropped & you will not stay away from me

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Wichita Falls, Texas,

until Election but you will come to
your own home in 1888 as
the best man in the world.

I have a cottage selected, will
furnish it - will and will send you
money for your A. P. fare and expenses
Doctor Hotel and medicine with loss of
dues - cost me \$100⁰⁰

Write me to General Seligman, Indianapolis, Ind.
your own boy

x x x x x x x x x x x

THE REBEL
T. A. Hickey, Editor

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Hallettsville, Texas,

May 24 - 1912

My wife: Enclosed find No. (47) of the
Rebel hat of the press. I think you
will be delighted with our paper. I am
very tired after my tremendous battle in
Indianapolis and the 2500 mile trip coming
right on top of my indisposition. However
I can recuperate quickly and in a day or

THE REBEL

T. A. Hickey, Editor

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Two will be my old self again & I have at
last - worked to the point - where all my
travelling is over & I have declined the governor
- ship, cancelled every date and settled
down at the desk with no other object
in view than to make the Rebel the
greatest weekly paper in America

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Hallettsville, Texas,

and make a home for my beautiful wife x
Waw, Clara dear, I want you, I need you
and hope you will come to me soon x I
will cover a part of money to furnish the
home, pay rent and other incidental
expenses x I can raise the money and am
only waiting to hear from you saying

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Hallettsville, Texas,

When I shall mail you a check for
transportation to Hallettsville x you
will find me waiting at the depot for
you just as loving tender and kind
as I ever ~~be~~ in our honeymoon x
you will have my prints the meitzgers

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Hallettsville, Texas,

and others waiting to greet you with
open arms & run little wife into
your boy by return mail saying
When you will come to your husband
who loves you for what you are
your own

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I know I will
bring me a line today!

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T. A. Hickey, Managing Editor
E. R. Meitzen, Bus. Mgr.

Hallettsville, Texas,

Sept-14 1912

My dear Clara: your letter arrives & you need
not be surprised why I have not written
you ask in your letter how I can do so
much work & the answer is by going
on until I drop & last week I dropped
at my desk & Dr. Lay attended me
pulse 100 and temperature 104

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Hallettsville, Texas, 1912

and you - I got out of my fevered bed
and went to her sets and am now
better x So that is why I did not
write x All troubles will be over on Election
day x Tell Homer to get out of Laura x
Tell me that German editors come
again x

With Love

x x x x x x

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BROWNWOOD, TEXAS,

Oct-10

1912

My darling wife; I hope you
are not mad at me for not
writing; the fact is I have been
travelling and speaking night and
day and altho I wrote 10 codewords
for the Rebbe it was through
the medium of a fluffy haired
blind Stenographer who showed
not know what I wrote to my
Clara x I have just run on
to a big story and will

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BROWNWOOD, TEXAS,

191

My dear Mr. Coleman from now
The Comrades of Coleman Co have
ordered 2500 copies of that
issue x How about the rain?
Did it flood your house
and farm? I am in fine health
and I spent and am enjoying
oh so much to meet my
travelling friends again x Sure
ment, dear x It will be only
a few weeks and then I

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Will cover like one man
to Brandenburg and take you
off to the little house that I
will have prepared for my kind
I am now going to the ports
where the jumps are shorter
Will meet Ed & Ren on
Monday and will make final
arrangements for our
transportation in his touring
car x Wabe says he

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BROWNWOOD, TEXAS,

191

Will come us from now
to Hallsville x Saw
would you like to see your
auntie - Shiner in the
big car x Kiss the girls
aw mitterchen for me aw give
my regards to Fred & his
mother
your loving Husband

Will me now x x x x x x x



HOTEL BERRY,

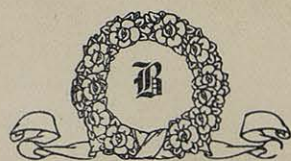
FORMERLY HOLMES HOUSE

W. C. BERRY

OWNER AND PROPRIETOR

CARTHAGE, TEXAS, Dec-31 191 2

My darling wife: your letter has
caught up with me after following
me half way over the State & I am
delighted at the loving tone of it and
I can assure you it caused me to
long for you more than ever &
this is the trouble I am in so far as
going after you is concerned: Ed & Ben
was to give me a date in Haskell &
on Nov 4 & somehow or other



HOTEL BERRY,

FORMERLY HOLMES HOUSE

W. C. BERRY

OWNER AND PROPRIETOR

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CARTHAGE, TEXAS, 191

he has fallen down on it & it now
looks as if I shall wind up the
campaign at Waco on Nov 4th then
I jump to Hillsdale to vote and
then I come back to Waco on the
7th for the Convention (Renters) that
opens on the 8th & then on the 9th
I go to Rockdale and am home on
the 10th & within one hour after I
land in H-Ville I will see to



HOTEL BERRY,

FORMERLY HOLMES HOUSE

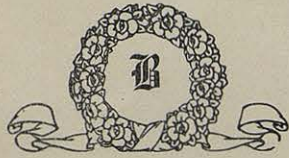
W. C. BERRY

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CARTHAGE, TEXAS, 191

the arranging of our home and then
I will write you to come on and make
me the happiest man in America
I am dead tired and am longing to
be back home & if you want me to
come after me I'll come or what is
the matter with you paying your
dear old visit in Shiner and I will
come over for you in Ernest's
automobile & take me to the



HOTEL BERRY,

FORMERLY HOLMES HOUSE

W. C. BERRY

OWNER AND PROPRIETOR

CARTHAGE, TEXAS, 191

Bristol Hotel at Waco and will

reply by return; Smith still

has the hotel & mess the girls

and mother then and regards to

Fred & brother

Your loving husband
[Redacted]

Clarabell Tomkins

Nov. 1—12

My dear Sam!

Your letter recd.
Now about putting it all off
untill xmas? as we are
both so busy right now?

or if we don't want to take
advantage of "rates" any time
after the election or convention
and then dear I want you to
understand that I meant
what I said

And another thing I don't think
you will please me as
regards the place of abode
~~what~~ what about us doing
that together?
It will work better—

of course I can't say any-
thing about what I want to
do or rather what can be done
when I am
400 miles away

Why is it that you go to
Rockale this 9th?

Dear if I wasn't absolutely
sure of you meaning the
very best, that ^{you are} just thoughtless
or I have to much to think
about I would have raised
hell many a time over the
arrangements that I am
expected to approve of — but
then there will be a day when
we will understand each
other better — Dear I am also
very tired — write your letter

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E. R. Meitzen, Bus. Mgr.



Hallettsville, Texas, Nov 26 1912

My dearse: your letter received x It appears to
me that you are a triple hand on me but I will forgive
that and so will you x you want me to go to Brandenburg
alright, I'll go x I sensed that case was so I
arranged for myself a trip to Okla home and I will
come back by Wichita Falls, where I will be on
new years day, to Stanford x you need not meet
me there but you can meet me at the depot

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in Brandenburg on Jan 2 & On Jan 3 I will
leave with you for Hallettsville & I have
found a fine house next to Meitzen's; I expect
to be able to buy it; there is an acre of land
around the house and Meitzen is putting in an
irrigation plant that we can have access to and
thus have a real camp home of our own &
Hallettsville of the place and I will see you when you

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Hallettsville, Texas, 1912

get here we can give it up if you should
find something better that you like better x
My idea in renting the house is this: I am on
~~the ground~~ and I don't want to see my wife
going to a hotel or boarding house where you
go to your own place even if it is rented x
After you come here then I quit the road for

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Hallettsville, Texas, 1912

good and will send down with my brown eyes
from to make the Rebel the greatest
Whiskey in the United States and your
hubby can do it young lady

Teel Mütterchen that the Judge (Meitzen)
has transcribed $\frac{1}{2}$ of your German
communication and will forward the whole

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Hallettsville, Texas, 1912

W
Mother in a few days x kiss the girls
for me and trust your loving husband
as I trust you and all will soon be well
with oceans of love

X X X X X X X
P.S. Enclose a letter from Clark x

One of the reasons why Sam Jones took



THE REBEL

T. A. Hickey, Managing Editor
E. R. McIlwain, Bus. Mgr.

Little Rock, Ark.

1912



My dear Mr. Hickey,
I am writing you in a
hurry, but I want to
say that I am very
pleased to hear from
you and that I am
glad to hear that you
are all well. I am
well and hope you
are the same. I am
not sure if I have
mentioned it to you
before, but I am
going to leave for
Arkansas in a few
days. I will be
in Little Rock for
a few days and
will be in
contact with
you. I am
very
truly
yours,
T. A. Hickey

Hallettsville - Tex

1911

Dear Clara: I am surprised that you
do not send me a line & as you have
delayed so long don't write me here as
I have been compelled to go to Fort
Worth and of ran Saline encampment &
I will leave on August 1st for 10 days &
you might write me a letter to me

9 ename delivery at full north
so as to reach me at August-10x

That means that you should mail
it in August-7 or 8x I am doing
splendidly with the rebel x Hoping
you will write then yours as ever

x x x x These are kisses
x x x x x x x x

Weidenhammer - Tex

Feb 7 - 1911

Dear Fritz: I received your
postcard and will write you a
letter pretty soon x Be a
good boy as always



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Brandenburg
Stoneville Co
Tex

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THE REBEL
T. A. Hickey, Editor

The great appear great to us only because
we are on our knees--LET US ARISE.

Hallettsville, Texas,

1911

My dear: Why don't you write me a line at least -
you promised you would but you don't - I had a
letter from a comrade in confinement - he says
that things are so burned up that he will have to
quit ~~and~~ the farm and go looking for work
else where - so must be tough on you all
particulars you girls - never mind dear, keep

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Up your heart and the orange blossoms
will bloom around Thanksgiving day x
Enclosed you will find a clipping from the
New York Call x It looks as if the Killees
from Shoaz x When friends these series
are x I am longing to see you and hope you
are well x I am stopping with the meitzers x
Write me the moment you get this x I will
Keep you posted about Shoaz x your own
x x x x x x x x

State Office, Socialist Party
Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Comrade:--

Stanley J. Clark, the greatest Socialist orator in the South, is being routed to your part of the state.

How many dates can you use him at \$7.50 per day and collections; or \$10 per day and collections to go to you? He is to pay his own hotel and railway expenses in either case.

It is needless to say to those that have heard of him that one speech from Stanley Clark is worth three or more speeches from an ordinary lecturer. He can stir the hardest community from center to circumference and he is a literal whirlwind in a debate.

If you can use him, write us at once before his route is made up.

Fraternally,

E. R. MEITZEN, State Sec. S. P.

Spring Lake, Michigan, July 20th. 1911.

Thomas Hickey,

Editor Rebel,

Hallettsville, Texas.

Comrade,

A copy of your paper of July 13 was forwarded to me from Rockdale. It contains your article on "Who is the Liar?"

In a debate with Johnson, who is an old party politician of the lowest order, Johnson brought your article on Minneapolis to my attention. At no time during the debate, or before or after, did I call you a liar. I said that your article did not state the whole truth. Every organized state in the Socialist Party works under a referendum, and local Minneapolis could have at all times appealed from the decision of the State Executive Committee.

It seems to me, Comrade Hickey, that you have a very poor idea of the meaning of solidarity when you thrash out differences in the Socialist Party and line up the Socialists as "reds" and "yellows" in correspondence with an old party skate like Johnson. I have always considered that matters pertaining to the Socialist Party were the business of the members of the Socialist Party and that as far as the outside world was concerned we should present a united and unbroken front. I at least am "red" enough to do this, something that you in your long experience in the Socialist Movement seem not as yet to have learned.

As far as the accuracy of your statements ~~don~~ about Minneapolis is concerned, I know nothing about them. In view, however, of some of the deliberate misstatements in your article I am inclined to believe that your story concerning Minneapolis will bear investigation.

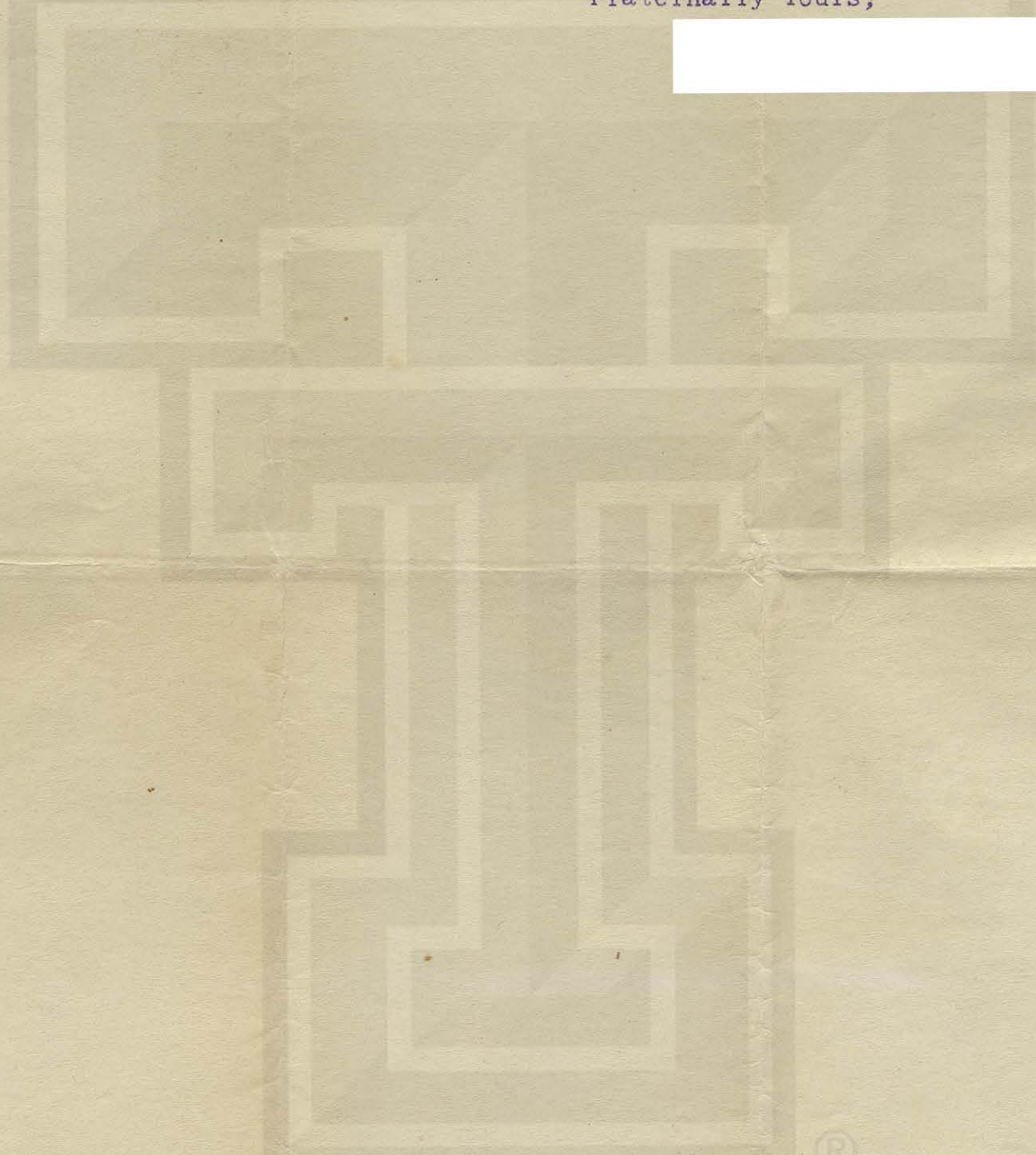
For example, you say in your letter to Johnson that the salary of the Lyceum speakers is between 56 and 65 dollars a week, forgetting of course to inform him that this remunerative job lasts only seven weeks and that only thirty five dollars of this is actual salary. I'll wager to say that in your double function of editor of the Rebel and speaker at the encampments you make more than that for a longer period of time.

You further intimate in your article that I am opposed to the Texas Plan because I have been chosen as one of the lecturers on the Lyceum Course. With equal logic I could ~~attend~~ contend that you are opposed to what you call centralisation because the National Office has left ~~ya~~ you out.

It is sometimes stated that people judge others by themselves. A longer acquaintance with me would, I think, convince you that I am not in the habit of forming opinions because of some job I may or may not get.

I hope that in the future you may show your party solidarity by writing for the verification of a slander before you correspond with, and incidentally furnish new weapons to, an old party politician.

Fraternally Yours,



Abilene Tex. July 6-11

Dear Hickey: -

"The Rebel" just received; My God, what a "Dandy". The "Appeal" of the Lone Star, The "Call" of the Sunny South, The "Review" of the Home of the Ball weevil, The "multum in parvo" of the class struggle as confined to Tex. Congratulations. I'll send club soon as I can get out of my "job" long enough. Now Hickey, I do not wish to pose as a critic nor the son of a critic (paraphrasing Divinity writ) but you I think will give me credit for at least as being rather tactful. The "Pro" article therefore does not satisfy me from the viewpoint of tactics. I will tell you why and I venture to predict you will agree with me before we roll in to the post. First, - The Headline is what I would say is not altogether prudent. If Socialism is measured by the position of the majority on any question, your paper as the upholder of it (The Socialist Philosophy) could not say Prohibition is a "Fake" for the Socialists have never declared themselves on the question. Your accusation of the system, your challenge to discussion, all O.K. except the Headline. A wrong inference may be drawn by those who do not read the whole article. Let the pro

question go, It don't hurt us. We can elect a Socialist Gov. when Tex. is wet or dry, makes no difference. Then here again - many of Pitchforks subs. are howling because he is using his magazine talking against pro. when it is supposed to be a Socialist paper. It would be all right to show that Pro. question is only a minor affair with which the Socialist do not commit themselves except as individuals but that Socialism is the only remedy. Show that while whiskey is an evil it is not the greatest evil. But for sake of the party don't call the Pro. a fake for many Socialists do not think so. I tell you another thing: It gives the rank and file a chance to say; "Oh the Saloon element is paying the Ed. to write that stuff. He is paid by the liquor interests." I've heard them say it. even some Socialists, about other papers.

Now my grizzled old Comrade, last but not least, note the Appeal, its success is due to its everlastingly hammering at the System. It is neither anti nor pro. It is an enemy of the system & does not

divide its energies. Count me all
as the same.²

We are already accused of enough
without placing ourselves in an
attitude where we deserve crit-
icism of the enemy.

We cannot afford to take any
active side either for or against
Pro. is my humble, honest opinion.

Now Comrade, I know others would
not be satisfied with a paper that suits
me in all particulars but I have
written this just to give you my
ideas. I don't expect you to accept
them unless you think they would
be best for the movement in the
field of the "Rebels" circulation.
I won't think hard if you totally
ignore. I know you well enough
to know I am sincere & only want
most good accomplished.

Regarding State Rep, have not thought
of the matter enough to give you
an answer. Never dreamed of such
a thing. Ben was my choice if a new
one is to be elected & I am coaching him
with that end in view. Dry as the — ant
here. May have to leave.

Regards & love

Adell to action
strongly note
minutes from
Memorandum

Jesus's oath

of the money

Center in Repression
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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

CISCO, TEXAS

July 14, 1920.

Mrs. T.A.Hickey,
R.R.#3, Rule, Texas.

My dear Mrs. Hickey:

Your good husband has been with me for several days helping in the preparation of a suit that I am instituting for a receivership. He wants me to assure you that everything looks exceedingly bright for his success in the matter, and I feel confident that, in spite of the troubles that the company has been in, that his attitude and work in the case will be productive of the very best results.

Here's hoping that you all may be able to bring the oil in abundance in Stonewall County, and that the company may, under thorough business-like management, be a pronounced success.

Very truly yours,

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CISCO, TEXAS

July 22nd, 1920.

Mr. T. A. Hickey,

Rule, Texas.

Dear Friend:

Have just had a conversation over the telephone relative to the Receivership. Conversation with a lawyer Smith at Desdemonia. They are very nervous and want a conference with all parties here in my office next Wednesday July 28th, the day before the hearing in court.

I have promised them that we would meet them. This will be a fine chance to find out some wonderful information.

Come prepared to stick tight, and we will awake those gentlemen.

Flowers sent a telegram to tell Hickey that unless he desisted he would remove the cassette Tyler, and then another telegram: "Tell Hickey that he has raised the money to pay all indebtedness and to resume development in the West". Taffey, see.

Be on hand for the conference the 28th.

Yours truly,

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T. A. Hickey, Editor

The great appear great to us only because
we are on our knees--LET US ARISE.

(1)
Hallettsville, Texas,

July 28-1911

Oh you little brown eyed beauty: if you
knew how happy you made me with your
Sweet letter this morning you would send
me at least one every day. When the days
were passing and you did not write I
consoled my self by saying well it will
not be very long until I have my little
bird all to myself every day and every

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(2)
Hallettsville, Texas,

might and then she can write me with her eyes.
I want you take this tip from me under no
circumstances loan any money to any body
I know what I am talking about - & don't
tell this to anybody you will understand.
Every thing is coming out all right -
any how & I wish I had you here now

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Hallettsville, Texas,

To see how the Rebel is growing and how hard
we all are working for Success x It means
so much to me x In the fight I am making
now I have the two most precious things in
the world at stake my life to be and my
party x So have no fear every thing will be
well x Let the sun shine and listen for the
Singing of the birds and in this old battling

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(4)
Hallettsville, Texas,

Wishes its wife bring some pleasure out of
all the pain

From the man that loves you all
the time

Consider journey kisses 1000 times and
then some x My Reunions more and the
glance has raised a storm

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Hallettsville, Texas,

July 27-1911

Sweetheart:
How do you like my new
letter head x

Since writing you today I have decided that I
can wait so long for a letter from you

So the minute you get this sit down
and write me a letter short or long and
address it to general delivery, Cleburne.

Tell me how you like the Rebel now. Tell

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Me what the Ladies think about it and
What Carl and Froy and Hamil think
So this and consider yourself kissed

The letter enclosed is about
2 speeches of more - 100,000 copies will be printed.

(1)

July 29-1911

Letters: Two speeches made in sales in
June were taken stenographically and will be published
in pamphlet form by Pitchfork Smith & he wanted
my biography So I sent him a copy of this & keep
it for me & it belongs to both of us
your very

xxxxxxx
Now I wish I could be at Lueders and others.
Thank you & xxxxx

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Sun - 14 - 1911

My Sweetheart:

I was delighted to receive your
letter and card on my return yesterday from a
feying trip on the road & I did not enjoy the
trip at all & there were 3 Reasons & First: I missed
you; Second I missed my work at the desk; Third &
^{was} it fearfully hot in East Texas & I am deeply

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(2)

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Sorry to hear about your crop failure & the poor
renters must be in a shocking condition & I was
astonished to hear that you were going to leave &
are the rest of the family going to move & where
will you move to & if you should think of selling
out - Come to South Texas it is the banner spot
of Texas & write me in full on that head & I will

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Expect you to move until you came down here
for good & I expect that you should come
here and marry me on Thanksgiving day & then
you will be able to size up the office & I will
have every thing ready by that time for you &
The Rebel is making a great hit & I am up

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(4)

Hallettsville, Texas,

to my eyes in strenuous work trying to turn out
the best paper in America x now we be glad to
see one another - I know I will x know about
yourself - write and tell me x now smile, laugh
be happy in anticipation of the joys to come before
the snow flies

your own boy

This the girls and tell mütterchen Iger her letter soon

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Write me 10 pages by return mail

to explain in detail the
the war fought in the name of the
the one another. I have written
Journalist - who are the men who
to happen in the history of the
the great fight.

Then the girls and the children
Tom

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Hallettsville, Texas,

August 21-1411

Whoa up, Gili; Whoa up there! You are
headed in the wrong direction & what do you
want to go to that measly old Pan handle
country when you know your boy is down
this way in the South & South Texas for yours
not the north & Turn your horses around
and head towards Hallettsville so as to

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Hallettsville, Texas,

get here about Thanksgiving when the
wedding bells will ring x When you get this letter
sit down and write me a long letter telling me when
you started off Poncharville way and why? Tell me
how the mitterchen, Carl, and the girls and Fritz are
Tell me about your sweet self how you are
feeling and what you are doing x weather is

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(3)
Hallettsville, Texas,

Ample hot-damn here now - There is no place in
Texas like South Texas x I will have you
down here in a few months and you will be happy
ever after x Now consider yourself kissed 1000 times
There is a splendid Comrade in Lubbock named
T. G. Estes x He is the man that was assaulted
in Rose City some weeks ago x Tell him I

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Will send the poem to send me recently & tell
Sweet Emma and the beautiful Betha that I want
them to drop me a line saying how they like the
Rebel & enclosed find the first copy of the
press the rec. will be out for 12 hours

With love & kisses
Your own boy

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XXXXXX

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Hallettsville, Texas,

August-28x

Dear Clara: There is hell happening in
California & Selph is out with a call
to action in which he asks for some men
who are ready to die in the fight & Shoup
is still missing & Mealyan is so worked
up he is ready to go to the front & The Rebel
is making a great hit and soon will have

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Hallettsville, Texas,

~~✓~~
We have ready for my little bird
with no down
your own

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Hallettsville, Texas, August 29-1911

My dear Clara: Enclosed you will find a
couple of appreciations amounting to 100 that I have
received & I am sure making good & the Renters
union will be launched at Waco on October 31st at
a State wide mass meeting & delegates will be
there from different parts of the State & I am
longing to see my girl but I comfort
myself with the thought that it will not be
long until I do so & with oceans of love

xox

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Hallettsville, Texas.

T. A. Hickey

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Miss Clara Breen
Brendenburg
Semmes co
Tex

Aug. 31-11 - recd. your letter as I
mailed mine. - g. b. and with
the sat list climbing - have just
finished reading No. 9. good of course
dear! - ^{that} five minutes' luncheon
is the rest of all! - What if
C. Shoup won't be found -

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Hallettsville, Texas,

August 31-1911

My own darling: I received your card & I send you
a couple of letters and the Rebel to General
Seelinger, Lubbock, if ~~you~~ you did not give it
them drop a card & I am glad that you are back
in the old home with the gentle Mutterchen & Tee
her that I love that lot of German names she
sent me & a good Commune here is going to

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Start a ^{german} paper in a month in our office & see
how I will put her on the rise & I feel so good
and happy today that I wish from the bottom of
my heart that you are feeling the same & The
Red hat Summer is over thank God I was
literally roasted in this hot sun where
I have been working 14 hours a day & Tell me

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Hallettsville, Texas,

little one, What do you think of our paper
because it is as much yours as mine & is it
not a dandy & I want you to sit down and
criticize it - and may be you would write
me a short article on ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~man's~~ ^{man's} work on farms
I will dress it up and it will read good & there
is a great future for it and its owners & a
large number of comrades writes me that it

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is better than the ~~appeal~~ of course they
~~exaggerate~~ you will also find that it is
getting better all the time & I will be at the
desk every day until Oct-30, then I go on
a short trip to Bee Co where I have to
take the role of a preacher then I go to Waco
where I will keep launch the Renters Union

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Hallettsville, Texas,

I will be there ^{in week} for 5 days and then back
to the desert for a few weeks after which I
expect the prairie flowers to come to Hallettsville
to stay x Well that is joy x

I know you will be delighted to hear that
I have just learned that Geo. Shorff is alive x
He was kidnapped and is now in old Mexico

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Hallettsville, Texas,

His father is on his trial & our hero Comrade
Lebo has a most terrific article in the
appeal this week & Warren sent me an
advance copy & so me I have the pleasure
of any thing will & when you write me tell me
what you like best in the ~~paper~~ our paper.
Do u- the Editor himself? Tell me little one, do &

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Hallettsville, Texas,

The next issue will be a corker & can you
give handle your letter and some more to
organize a Renters union and send a delegate
to meet Oct 31

Another thing & The Rev Ham has come
across and joined the party & he is really
sincere & he is one man that was carried with

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Hallettsville, Texas,

a Club x Now write me a long letter x Kiss
the Mütterchen for me x Give my love to the
girls x Consider yourself Kissed 1000 times
at least and know that I am longing to
meet and greet my little duck girl
your own boy

Remember a long letter with love in it from you at me x x x x x

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Hallettsville, Texas,

September 4-11

Dear Clara: Just a line to my girl
before I take the train for Jackson to
make the Labor day Speech. This will
be the last time I will leave the desk until I
go to Waco on October 31st to help
launch the Kenton Union. Wish I could

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Meet you there again on that date & have
you kept the license? I may be able to
manage it a few ^{weeks} ~~days~~ ahead of time & the
mornings I mean & I am well and strong
and longing for you & I received your
letter and will reply in a few days & sit
down and write me another & send it out to

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Worth or I will get mad at you
your own boy in haste

Just consider yourself kissed x

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Hallettsville, Texas,

Sept-11-1911

My dear Clara: I think you are awfully
mean because you won't write & know do
you like this number? See Cannell
Hamil's letter on 3rd page. I send a
S & advertisement to Mutterchen & am well and
longing for you & your aun very
[redacted] x x x x x x x x

from John Hardie

Minneapolis 12/29-12

Dear Comrade Hickey

When you left me on the
night of Dec 15th @ 11 o'clock
I had an haul, viz: -

100 Land pamphlets	\$10.00
33 sub cards	8.75
250 Dr Coats	25.00

Total to sell at retail = \$43.75

I got the Dr Coats after I had made
my first trip so sold none of
them on that trip.

I organized Golden with 11 male
and 9 female members.

Klondike with 5 male & 4 female
members. Sold 12 subs & 19 Lp's.

Reported & remitted for them as per
agreement with you & Cct.

Then I went out again organized
Mills Springs S. H. community
with 8 male & 5 female members.

and organized Wayside ² with 5 male & 4 female members one male member (E. J. Bushy) being a charter member of Mineralog no 32 desired to be transferred to wayside because he lives in 2 miles of wayside & 10 miles from Mineralog.

On this last trip I have sold 8 subs and 20 Land R & a very few Dr Coats.

I am sending in applications for charters & remitting for all sold. So I have an order 61 Land Pamphlets & 13 sub cards & practically all the Dr Coats. Two more days to work & it is to day (Sunday) raining & can't get out to our Soc Secs which I am striving to keep alive. Had no weather but bad. Christmas & confusion to contend with. Could not get ~~mills~~ Klondike school house - Have not been able to get out a date except 11 - & then the house was locked (as per letter to Ben) Intended to go to Albany to see for a street speech but raining me out both times. All this explanation to

let you know the truth & place my self squarely in my merits with you personally - of course to make any headway selling 10¢ books a man must make address & sell to the public & this I have not done. What I have sold both books and sub cards has been done ^{individually} ~~personally~~ one at a time. So you can look this all up and and form your own idea as to what you have to advise.

I took (my boy) Johnny out of school & took him in my buggy with me because I had no place for him to stay while I was away. I intend to go again in the morning & mark & think will get a crowd at Amherst St. - if so I guess will sell the remaining 13 sub cards and 20 Land Yr. in two days.

I have the required members local to form County Organization & am going right at it & then drop back

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and pick up a few more members and organizing several more Locals & reorganizing a few Soc Locals.

They are all dead except two or three - However I am not going to spend much time on them now for I must push where there is something coming my way.

I am now subject to your instructions provided you feel that I am qualified to be of benefit to the movement as organizer - salesman - & prospective speaker -

I am willing to do all I can and will hustle like a clever fellow, and will be true as steel to you & to the movement.

You asked me why I had been drawn to you? I told you that I did not know but that you was of the two the positive the stronger. The drawing force & I will suggest that perhaps I was directed to you that you might assist me in developing

cause of my latent powers. Then on the other hand you may also be benefitted in various ways by "doing unto others as you would that others should do to you".

I am as you know a spiritualist and have had a very large and interesting experience in the way of investigating the phenomena & have read & studied the philosophy for many years.

I do not believe asek, but I know there is no death of the real man - spirit - soul that vital part of man which gives life to the material manifestation we call body. The spirit when in the body often strives to accomplish an ideal reform. So it is with you. Your very soul beacons forward that you may teach - show - point out to all

making a more sensible
system by which man
may live and live easily
& become eventually a
real civilized animal -
I see this in you - I see
your soul & over me &
over my spiritual being you
have become an influen-
tial force - spiritual -

This you do not realize -
If you continue your
investigation & reading
you will most likely be-
come convinced of the
truth of my statement
which today may seem
quite out of order -

But I can wait as I know
that when the great change
comes to you as must come
in the passing out of the body

must surely be in time then
my dear Friend you will be
in a position to realize what
you have not yet seen clearly.
Now do not misunderstand
me at all - I am not even
making an effort to proselyte you
Oh no God forbid -

I only wish to speak out so that
like Mr Brown you will not
be surprised when you "pass
over" that you may find a
way by which to return & talk
with those to whom your
magnatium most easily
applies -

So I suggest that same mutual
friendly spirit has pointed me
to you - Perhaps you will say
Why have I not been drawn to you
if perchance you have been
directed to me?

My answer will perhaps be sup-
ported by other spiritists. When
I say: the friendly spirit has
not quite reached you only
through me - All this for your

impression perhaps.
I am only suggesting that
this might be the case.

If you have any spare
time to swipe a little real
rest & quick your nervous
system from the worry of
the world you might go
alone to bed & fall asleep -
you may eventually feel
impressed for or against
my own idea as here sug-
gested -

But I am your friend &
I hope I may never become
a burden to you in any
way whatever -

I do not seek to push my
self upon you - I shall
continue to bring you be-
neath a multitude of loving
thoughts which I now
send out to you unrestrained
& unrestrainable -

Now I beg of you accept
these thoughts as best you
can believe me you shall
ever hold the reserved seat
in my heart for all that
I have said I really feel.

Now I am going to ask you
a favor and it is this that you
take John and put him to work
in the printing office and let
him board with you and
Mrs. Hickey & handle him as
you would were he your boy
and be to him what you
would like for me to be to
you were you a boy & me
over you. I do not ask this
for charity - But I will pay
you for his board & troubles
to you and I shall not ask
pay for his work until he
becomes competent to work
so as to be worth something
to you with out worry or
special attention.

I can not take him with me and raise him up in ignorance & I do not want to leave him with any one else but you -

I have a brother in Rockdale & one out 18 miles from Rockdale by both married - Ed Hardie in Rockdale is working as a salaried for some music house & Joe Hardie a farmer & stock raiser & he is rich - But I shall not please John with them for they are no more to me than any stranger you might meet on the street. I left home when my mother died or rather my home left me & when my wife died her mother was burdened down with children & I took John & kept him on the boarding cars for years & finally you before that I put him in St Ed's at Austin for one year but I brought him here & we have pulled through till now & you know it all - now he is a nice little fellow

ten years of age ~~in~~ Jan 2nd 13.
 He is healthy & intelligent
 kind hearted & the stuff out of
 which I hope to make a social-
 ist speaker & writer.

He loves women & babies
 & has not been taught to murder
 and can easily become a
 useful boy about your printing
 office & home.

You will like him & so will
 Mrs. Hicks & so will Mr. Dietzen.
 If you will take him I will rent
 out & remain on the road & do
 all I can for you the Printers Union
 & The Relief & my self.

I will pay you & place the boy under
 you as your own boy & he is
 anxious to go & wants to learn
 the Printers trade. I have taught ^{him}

to love you ¹² & he does love
you & will grow up to
honor you.

So you have it all
before you & I am
waiting to hear what
you have to say -

I will be to you a Jonathan
a Pythias & a friend when
others are not.

"To think even self he
true and it must follow
as the night the day that
cannot be false to no one"
your friend



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Nov. - 8 - 11 -

Dear Tom! I have been
so mean that I hardly
know how to be good, —
in fact so guilty do I feel
that I have, since the
convention, from the cotton
patch, continuously watched
the road thinking that you
would deliver your scolding
in person — but I can try
to be good again? — —

Dear "wanted a word" to tell
how much I would like
to have been one of the
bunch at Naco — if I
had had something done

with the renters — isn't it
fine that comrade Purley
managed to go. —

Tell me about the big time
you had — you haven't
written me so long — —

outside the Rebel of course
yes that Rebel — into me
it is natural to think it is
the only thing — but those
who doubted, saying "it
isn't in him" — are now
bowing their heads, and
the Rebel is also their best
paper — the best thing
ever had — —

As Time has worn away
 I need you & little —
 Now no use telling about
 what we have gone
 through all this time in
 this God forsaken country
 and the horrible system,
 thank god that much of
 it is over — I wouldn't
 have stood it that long if
 it wasn't for our savior
 leaving us his job —
 Work is a blessing — how
 much more so if it was
 useful practical work
 instead of just a means

H.

to an end never reached,
In a short time we
will finish the gathering
part of our work here, and
will be prepared to face the
winter with cotton down,
wheat not up and stuff
disappearing and myself
looking for a job again, —
of course there is a way
out, always has been, —
also for those we leave
behind — but how about
scabing and squeezing that
optimistic office boy of yours
who singing sounds so

good, out of his job & 2, &
 Honest Dear, as you are yet
 determined and think it is
 to our mutual good — so
 that it has to be ^{done} sometime
 anyway — let us ¹ decide
 upon a day for good too?
 I think I can scrap up
 50 rs including what you left
 into me once, — with
 which I can or will start
 out — and it isn't a cottage
 that is particularly needed —
 for I won't be imprisoned
 any longer now —
 I always fought my

way — but it is senseless
alone now — after I have
 met with such a splendid
 only Boy! — — —

I don't do "30 years experience"
 with work of your kind —
 but knowing that it is the
 only work worth while, I
 should think I could
 learn — as tired as I am
 of every other move
 it must be salvation.

P.S. What you say Love &
 as ever

are my people are — they again in
 keeping up the struggle will send greetings
 existence also the baby girl for to me at the front. C.
 No. 2 that — has arrived
 at sister Annas
 home
 and =

Rule, Texas May 24, 1916

English Translation Summary

Maria Boeer to daughter Klara Hickey and Thomas

Maria wanted to write a more detailed letter for a long time but does not know where to start, there is so much to report. Will leave it up to Bertha to write. **Bertha handles all the business matters for the family.**

Maria ... "what shall I tell you, that for quite some time, we have on our table radishes, lettuce, peas, beans, spinach, asparagus and other vegetables and that the first boysenberries are ripe? **All this would not interest you,** just as you remained indifferent to my last letter and enclosures?

How can anyone at great times as these, think always about oneself and what we eat??

In spite of this, our thoughts are with you, not sometimes, but daily. If I could do as I like, I would send you my treasure chest and take away all your worries to secure the future of "The Rebel" (for you). **However, is it much better here than in Dublin, Ireland?** There the masses of people (workers) stand before great progress with blinders and stupor, while the most noble men of their nation are murdered?

Maria: "The shocking defeat of the Irish heroes affected us deeply and I have to think of our good Thom who may have known most of the Irish martyrs personally? And those noble martyrs died because the masses were too lazy, cowardish, stupid and oblivious to contribute to their own salvation."

Yes, in the future the fighters will be honored with wreaths and monuments; today they should be recognized as role models by all the nations on earth. We only hope so!

Yes, we hope that the masses everywhere finally rise and just like our Papa often said, "I rather be dead than be a soldier and kill others."

This totalitarianism would come to an end.

[Papa is deceased Wilhelm Boeer]

PS

I don't understand why I have not heard from father Meitzen and my \$ 5. Is the good man ill?

File (9)

German Transl.

- Maria Boer to Klara
(Irish) Hedkey
1913 - 1922 several letter

- Dr. Ludwig 1925

- Fragment Genosse Hayward
expelled from party

- Emilie Hofmann to Maria Boer
no TR 1913

meine & 5^e geführt, ist mir ^{sehr} lieblich?
Ist das der gute Punkt?
Es kommt mir für den Wunsch - wenn
wir uns wieder aufsteigen in der Gasse
verstehen müssen, wenn wir nicht
wissen, daß das hingeworfene eine
Leistung = ist und für sich ist?
Es ist noch von dem Wort zu schreiben?
Leisten kann die die Aufsicht führen?

Wunderlich, daß man die
schreibt, kann für die Leistung und
mit Zulassung für

Köln, Westl. Köln 24. 1916.

Liebe Clara u. Hans!

Sehr lange ist
mein Wunsch, wieder einmal persönlich von Dir
zu schreiben, doch Du bist so viel zu beschäftigt,
dass ich nicht mehr, als nur anfangen zu können.
Du bist bald zu Leipzig, so ist das Schreiben
in. Leider überlassen — Du bist doch selbst
geschäftliche Angelegenheiten zu hause. beginne
u. Inzwischen fortig, um mich ein wenig
zu sehen zu können.

Also, was soll ich jetzt anfangen zu schreiben?
Soll ich Dir mitteilen, wie es mich geht u.
dein sehr lange jenseits — Kordelien,
Walter, Helene, Sophie u. Tini u. Tini,
sind so glücklich und gerne auf dem Fuß
u. dass ich die ersten Lungen von ihnen habe?
Das ^{alle} ist die Zeit der besten Manier, die ich

Maria Boeer to Klara & Thomas Hickey

Rule, Texas, June 20, 1916

Dear Klara and Thomas!

Trotzdem **Friedrich** Euch schon von dem **grausigen Hagelwetter berichtet**, so leasst sich die Wirklichkeit doch nur schwer beschreiben, denn die Aussichten **nach 6 Monaten Trockenheit, waren die denkbar besten** u. nun **in Zeit von wenigen Stunden, alles vernichtet**.

Aber, es ist eben wieder ein Beweis dafuer, dass der **liebe Gott** dafuer sorgt, dass die Baeume nicht in den Himmel wachsen, und wir doch zufrieden sein koennen, wenn auch **Blumen, Obst, Kartoffeln u. Weizen total vernichtet, so steht doch unsere Wohnung** noch u. koennen mit Schiller sagen –

**“Er zaehlt die Haeupter seiner Lieben,
Und siehe, ihm fehlt kein theures Haupt.”**

Es ist wie die gute Grossmutter oefters sagte, “Die Natur ist wunderbar, aber nicht schoen.”

Doch, dass Schlimmste von allem ist, dass die meisten Menschen keine Menschen sind, die den Namen Mensch zur Ehre gereichen, denn im anderen Fall, waeren Kriege eine Unmoeglichkeit. Doch duerfen wir trotzdem den Mut nicht verlieren u. den Glauben an eine bessere Zukunft festhalten. Wenn diese Seiten Dich erreichen, ist **Thom wohl schon auf seiner Vortrags-Tour u. Du in Gedanken auf der Reise** nach hier u. da Bertha alles Wuenschenswerte fuer Dich geschrieben, so sage ich nur kurz, glueckliche Reise u. auf ein froehliches Wiedersehen.

Daheim mit herzlichen Gruessen, Deine Mutter fuer Alle (Maria Boeer)

Nachschrift: Da Du junge Puter gerne hast, so stehen Dir in dieser Beziehung grosse Freuden bevor, denn Almas unermuedliche Sorge u. Bemuehungen verdanken wir es, dass das Unwetter nur ganz geringen Schaden anrichten konnte u. wir **doch ueber 100 junge Puter erhalten, neben all dem uebrigen Huehnervolk -**

nochmals gruesst d.o. (die Obige)

Kiel, Lex. Juni 20. 1916.

Liebe Clara u. Hans!

Freude dem Brief

hast schon dem groenigen Gergelsther be-
nisset, so lisset die ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
bezeichnen, die die ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
Lebenszeit, so von der ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
in gut ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
klar, ist aber ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
der l. ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
in der ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
sein ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
u. ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
Wirkung ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~

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und ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~

ist ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~
" Die ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~ ^{ist} ~~Wirklichkeit~~

Fragment Maria Boeer to Hickeys [postcard size]

... da die Schwestern mir aus **Rebel** ueber **Genosse Hayward** vorgelesen, so lege ich 25 cent ein, fuer ein Dutzend Nummern, der die Heldentat dieses Mannes, den man aus der Partei gestossen, enthaelt, da ich sie an meine Freunde senden moechte.

Wenn keine dieswoechentliche, dann koennt Ihr wiederholt praesentieren. Eine solche Heldentat verdient Anerkennung u. die weiteste Verbreitung. Es wird nicht eher besser werden, bis wir in jedem County wenigstens einen Hayward haben werden, anstatt diesen Helden herauszustossen aus der Partei.?

Gruesst Maria Boeer

English Translation

...your sisters read (translated) to me the article about **comrade Hayward's** heroic deed which appeared in 'The Rebel'. - **And this man was expelled from the party?** I enclose 25 cents for 1 dozen numbers which I want to send to my friends.

Such a heroic act deserves recognition and the widest publicity. Things will not get better unless we have a Hayward in every county, instead of expelling this hero from the party?!

Die die Kupfermine wird Rubal über
ganze Gegend der Gegend liegt auf 25' Grad
von, für ein Erfind W. der die Gegend ist
Moral. Dann man wird der Gegend ist
aufstellt, die ist für ein man in Gegend ist
Man kann die Gegend ist, der Gegend ist
selt Erfind. Eine solche Gegend ist
Ankündigung in die Gegend ist. Gegend ist.

Leinwand nicht vor Aufhängung
bei mir in jedem Leinwandstuck
finnen — Leinwandstuck
unpottet diesen Gult für den zu haben
und der Gult?

Levensdunburg, Esth. Mar. 1. 1913.

Liebe Eltern & Frau!

frucht. Leinwand aufstellen
u. gut trocknen lassen. Wenn gerichtet ist u.
abgetrocknet
ist, nur noch ein wenig feig zu feigen brauchen.

Der Wein — 2. Stüpfen geben sich wohl zu
schmecken ist dem Geschmacke der Wein nicht zu
meinem Vergnügen. Der Wein ist sehr gut.

Das die befehle der fteiften feine anfehnung,
das wird nicht genug befehle n.

geschafft sein. Mir Du schreibst — sind meine
Liebeser Dir gut in die, nur jetzt Du Dir
nicht die Zeit genommen, auf meine Sorgen
zu antworten? Wohl in der Zeit?

Wohl wüßten wir die Gefahr der Expedition
und wußt gut die Folgen zu können.

Wenn wir nur noch die Druckkosten der
vellen Homb. u. Verguldung befrucht. f. können,
dann können wir es sehr billig verkaufen?

Wie lange noch wird Schwann & Labanoff
in Leipzig h. O. für uns. Georg. Gust. W. Lorenz

[illegible]

Brandenburg D. M. 23. 1913.

Liebe Schwester!

Da wir lange nicht auf dem
Kaffeeplaner Linienschiffen, so ist es
mit diesen Menschen verlohnt.

Ich bin wieder zu Hause, da ich
schon seit so in Linienschiffen
Linienschiffen Linienschiffen, so bringe
Linienschiffen Linienschiffen zu Hause in Linienschiffen
Ich bin wieder zu Hause, da ich
schon seit so in Linienschiffen
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schon seit so in Linienschiffen
Linienschiffen Linienschiffen, so bringe
Linienschiffen Linienschiffen zu Hause in Linienschiffen

Grüß dich von Allen.

Lebensendung, F.H. März 22. 1913.

Liebe Clara in. Lina!

Grüße von Mutter

es ist in die Hoffnung in. bin nicht wenig
vertraut, daß — die Lebensfrage — und in
früherer Vergangenheit ist.

In — Galt ist — sehr sehr angenehm in. Die
Lebensfrage, daß es in die Zukunft sein wird.

Wie ist es für den besten Teil — sehr sehr
ist mit dir, sehr sehr sehr in. Lebensfrage in.
Will man die Lebensfrage für sich —

Will man es bei der Lebensfrage — sehr sehr in
die Zukunft sein — sehr sehr in. etc.

Wenn wir die Lebensfrage sehr sehr sein —
können wir für die Lebensfrage sein.

In der Lebensfrage, daß es sehr sehr in. bald
den für sich sein, bin ich mit dir.

Grüße von sehr sehr

Wünsche von. Lebensfrage in. Lebensfrage.

Lehrerübung, 22. März 22. 1918.

Liebe Schwester in. Lora!

Gute Nacht
es ist in die Hand genommen. hier ist ein wenig
angeordnet, daß — Die Landfrage — mit in
englischer Sprache geschrieben ist.
Im ersten h. — Gebet Buch — steht von
gezeigt in. geordnet, daß es in die Hand
genommen. Wie ist hier bereits geschrieben,
ausgegeben in die Hand, aber nicht von dem
Lehrer in. wie es hier in der Hand
— Was ist in der Hand, wenn es in der Hand
in die Hand genommen werden soll?
Nun ist die Hand der Hand zu sehen,
kann es hier in der Hand zu sehen?
Im ersten Buch, daß es in der Hand
beide von hier in der Hand, hier ist mit
engl. Schrift von der Hand zu sehen, wie immer
hier in der Hand zu sehen
2. Was. Lehrer in. Lehrer. L. schreibt hier

Erstmal

Lehrer in der Hand

Landenburg, Ost. März 18. 1913.

Lieber Clara u. Leon!

Jetzt der einzige
Fragen falls ich geschrieben in dem Brief gebeten.
Ihr habt den Brief, den ich geschrieben? Ich will
Aber ein Leilene Buchdruckerei in. mir die
Instruktion gebende, so sollte ich für den
für \$ 4. - Dafür müßte ich 50 der Leilene
- die Landfrucht - in. für 50 Gut - den,
Kaufelt der Goldkuppe Brief - in. der
unabhängige Dollar ist der, der Güte mir
früher geschrieben - das ist nicht wahr sein.
Gestern, daß die mich so schreiben. bald den
die fern läßt.

Die Kasse ist abgeben. Am 1. April
Ich jetzt bei Leon - der Leilene selbst,
unmöglich beschreiben, so bald die können.
Gestern, so wie wir sind, daß die glücklich
in. die mich unmöglich beschreiben.

Wird wohl. Gern u. d. Gern zu Gern sein immer
Gern

Lehrerbildung, Lust. April 15. 1913.

Lieber Herr u. Frau!

Sehr geehrte Herr u. Frau!

Besten mit Ihnen u. Ihren Kindern u.
gibt es mit Ihnen gerade wie Sie, die
müssen sich auch sehr wohl fühlen.
Ihre Freuden — die Freude an
Körperlichkeit und geistige Freuden —
sollten, aber nur 10 Mark pro Jahr
kosten u. pro Jahr für 50 Mark & 3 Fingerhüte.
Der 4. Teil der Kosten u. der 1. Teil der Kosten.
Die Kosten für die 2. und 3. Teil der Kosten
sollten, aber nur 10 Mark pro Jahr
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[illegible]

Auf Danke ist fünf für Jung. Willen n.
 für freundliche Grüße d. Dir n. Spenn.
 Leidenen Königszeiten d. Interesse, keine zu
 beruhen, außer, daß Altes gestern d. Meß-
 stube n. die Dinge für, angestrichen ist.
 Ist ^{ist} nicht für gesprochen, der vermehrt den
vermehrt aber n. ganz offen Wind.
 Letzte ist Altes von Grüß die vermehrt, der
 die Grüß gut vermehrt vermehrt n. alle Dinge
vermehrt Altes vermehrt können. Auf vermehrt
 gut vermehrt mit vermehrt vermehrt. vermehrt
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SAINT LOUIS, Mo. JAN 9 1913

Dear Comrade:

The big election is over, and the holidays are passed; the workers have had their little breathing spell and we may now look for the greatest agitational and educational campaign ever carried on by the Socialist movement to open up in earnest. 1913 will be a year of great work for Socialism, and of great growth for the Socialist Party.

The RIP-SAW has made all plans to take a big share in the great work. We have planned our magazine for 1913 to make it the most effective exponent of revolutionary Socialism published in America and we will supplement this work by putting out three speakers, all of whom are members of the RIP-SAW staff, and with whose work and reputation you are familiar.

We have at this writing, about seventy-five dates open for Kate Richards O'Hare for the year of 1913. We have about 150 dates open for Creel, and I will grab my suit case and stereopticon outfit and sally out once in a while myself, when the comrades yell out that they want the RIP-SAW picture show.

I would like to have you bring this matter before the comrades and ask them to consider this proposition of having at least one RIP-SAW lecture between now and next Christmas. Then fill out the enclosed application blank, so we can send you the cards right now, and you will have ample time to sell them, to prepare the public for the red-hottest Socialist meeting ever pulled off in your bailiwick.

By all means decide at once if you want Kate O'Hare, and, Comrade don't fail to nab a Creel date and, last, but not least, if you have had Kate, and Creel, you might have the stereopticon show; modesty forbids me telling you what a great entertainment this is.

I will await your reply, Comrade, and trust to hear from you just as soon as possible.

Yours for Socialism,

PD/FPO

THE NATIONAL RIP SAW.

P. S. We will begin filling dates in February. If you prefer an early date let me know. Circular No. 176 enclosed.

April 15, 1913

Maria happily acknowledges receipt of a card and letter from Clara but likes to hear more from her. The brochures have arrived but only 10 of each of 50, in spite of sending Klara \$ 3 for 50 and \$ 1 for Tom. "... **You don't think I can accept money from such a tough fighter!**" Maria wants to know if Klara received the money order and why she only sent 10 brochures of each which have already been passed out. Maria is asking what happened to the promised wine "... you need to check about it, it would be a shame if it had gotten lost."

No news at home, except Alma painted living room and kitchen. Alma is working on the chicken coop, the chickens finished breeding and every day there are new chicks. Anna has much luck with her breeding apparatus. She started the third group. "The questions is, what will Alma's rewards be for all her efforts?" All the farmers are planting but the expected rains have not come. Visits with friends mentioned, Walters, Hodels.

Friedrich (adopted son) built a new cellar stairs and is busy with planting.

May 1, 1913

Maria has a letter from Klara to which sister Bertha replied to. They thank Klara & Tom for the 2 bottles of wine, will save it until Klara can be home again. Maria would like for Klara to come visit, so they can speak privately. Maria "If we just could clean the attick dormer, remove all the dust and spiders than we as socialists could live cheaper (together ?). How much longer will it be?"

"The fact that you want to go to Chicago and pay with your own money, shows that you are as precious as Tom, and if you really want to, just go there even if Bertha cannot come along. Tom cannot, must not leave Chicago. Who else is more suited to represent us than Tom? Tom is a rare specimen! My Klara belongs to them! If I were rich enough to help out, I would give you whatever you might need. But there is no need for this with you and Tom."

OKLAHOMA LEADER

LEADER BUILDING, 17-19-21-23 W. THIRD ST.

POST OFFICE BOX 777

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dear Friend and Reader:--

Does the Leader look skimpy to you and do you miss some of the features and funnies which used to gladden your eyes? Sure you do.

But with so many workers out of jobs and the farmers almost bankrupt from the drop in the price of everything they have to sell, we were just forced to pull our expenses down to our income. Those from whom Leader subscriptions must come will find it easier to pay \$4 for a paper.

However, even more important than that is the fact that the plutes in this town said they would give us plenty of advertising--so we could keep going at eight pages--IF WE WOULD "BE GOOD" AND PUBLISH THE KIND OF A PAPER THEY WANTED. We told them to go hang, that we'd a thousand times rather have a four-page paper true to our people than an eight page paper which would betray them. Also, let's move toward that 30,000 circulation so we can get back to eight pages and still tell them to go hang.

Take it from me, the Leader is going to hum. I'm going to be right here on the job, writing a first page column every day and over-seeing things in general. I guess you noticed that we haven't lost any of our teeth, but are biting keener than ever. I think I know what kind of a paper you want and, bless your heart, you're going to get it. We've worked together in this old state for a good many years--four long, hard years on the Leader. Now, let's go on and see this thing done up right.

There's another reason for getting into our old fighting spirit. Do you realize that fifty thousand farmers and working men are out with a definite program to capture this state government for themselves? We want the next governor and state legislature to be OURS. There is not a minute to lose in building the sentiment to make this success sure. The Leader ought to talk to tens of thousands every day. A few weeks before the votes are counted will be too late--now is the time to get your buddies and neighbors on the Leader list so they, too, will get busy carrying the glad tidings that we workers mean to do something in Oklahoma's next election.

Nearly all newspaper subscriptions run out between now and the New Year. The \$4 price makes it easy to get them for the Leader. Tell your friend that there may be papers galore bigger than the Leader, but none better and none truer to the man who toils. Money given to any other daily in this section is a club which will fall on his head--and most effectively--every day in the year.

And, say, we're in better shape than we ever were. The money we must raise is just half what it was and our job printing department--which has always made money--is fairly humming.

So, go out with the courage and hope we used to have when we could count 50,000 working class votes in this state, and gather up some subs. Be sure to send at least ONE new reader--EVERYONE OF YOU. Or, better still, send us a \$10 bill and get three \$4 cards. And hurry up, folks.

Your devoted slave,

Rich, Texas! Okk. 12-1922.

Liebe Anna in. Anna!

Ich habe dich sehr lieb! Ich habe dich sehr lieb!
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Ich habe dich sehr lieb! Ich habe dich sehr lieb!

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Rule, Texas, Oct. 12, 1922

Liebe Anna u. Klara!

Es ist so still geworden, seid **Alma u. auch die Kinder u. Anna fort**, sodass wir nicht mal ueber phone mit Euch sprechen koennen.

Doch geht sonst alles gut, den gewohnten Gang. **Friedrich faehrt morgen mit dem 7. Ballen u. gestern war A. Stremmel seit langer Zeit mal wieder hier u. wollte uns helfen Baumwolle pluecken, mit R. Kuder, wenn noetig, da diese ihn 18 Ballen schon heraus. Doch da wir den alten Rinn u. Frau mit 2 Kindern, die jeden Tag 500 pf. pfluecken, so helfen auch noch die 2 juengeren Soehne von Rinn, sodass es vorwaerts geht, auch ohne Bertha u. den guten A. Stremmel.**

Wie wir Ihr seht, fehlts mir an einem guten Tablett u. da jeden Tag jemand von Euch zur Stadt kommt, waere ich Euch dankbar, wenn Ihr nach Empfang dieses, gleich einst schicken koennt, da ich noetige Briefe zu schreiben und keins habe.

Auch einige Geburtstagskarten fuer Wendel u. Frau u. andere mehr, wenn Ihr sie finden koennt.

Habt Ihr schon Nachricht von unseren Lieben in Dallas? Hoffentlich geht alles gut u. freuen wir uns auf froehliches Wiedersehen daheim.

Mit herzlichem Gruss an alle. In Eile wie immer, Eure M. Boer u. Kinder
Einen besonderen Gruss u. Kuss an **Mariechen u. Louischen**.

English Summary:

Maria is sad that Alma, Anna and her children have left, the house is too quiet.

Son Friedrich is taking **7 cotton bales to town**. A. Stremmel showed up to help with picking. Stremmel has already delivered 18 of his own bales.

Maria says she already has a family with their 4 children picking cotton 500 Lb. per day and work is proceeding well, even without Bertha or Stremmel.

PS

Maria "...if at all possible, don't neglect to send me the Oct. 8 "Freidenker". From the beginning to the end of this issue the principles we believe in are written about better than ever, and for us to follow."

[illegible]

Beulah, England, May 17-25.

William Luther Dr. J. L. Smith

de vörförsta Öfver

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NATIONAL NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

Texas Branch

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J. P. CRAIG
General Organizer

Brandenburg, Texas, December 22, 1917.

Dear Comrade:

This is possibly the most important letter you have ever received.

I believe that the Socialist Party cannot function in any agricultural state in the nation, while the present unpleasantness is on, although it may make great progress in the great industrial centers of our country.

No doubt, you know, that a genuine, progressive movement, known as the Nonpartisan League, is making wonderful progress in every part of the United States where its philosophy and propaganda is known.

The purposes of this League can be boiled down into three words: Proportional, Occupational and Representation. In other words, out of 173 members in the House and Senate at Austin this year, there was one lone farmer, David J. Neill of Eastland county. The other 172 representatives were lawyers, bankers, landlords, doctors and newspaper men.

The League proposes to do in Texas, what they have already done in North Dakota, and that is—elect a farmer for Governor, and go down the line and make a clean sweep that will result in cleaning out all of the old time Big Biz politicians, and placing in the capitol men that directly represent the workers of this state.

The enclosed program of the League is brief, necessarily so, and yet, goes down to the depths.

Here it is:

You will notice that the first plank in the program settles the land question.

The second plank covers the vital question of Interest.

The third question largely settles the question of insurance.

The fourth plank eliminates the parasitic middle men and allows the farmers to go directly with their products to the consumer through the state.

The fifth plank covers the grading of cotton by responsible men, instead of haphazard method that is now being indulged in, and costs the farmers of Texas millions yearly.

The sixth plank is of such definite democratic character, that it speaks for itself.

I am writing you, believing that I know you well enough to know that you want to come whole-heartedly into this great movement.

We must have finances, therefore, we have a dues system. The cost of membership is 42c a month, or \$5.33 a year, for which you receive not only the membership in the League, but also the Nonpartisan Leader, which now has a circulation of 150,000 weekly; is profusely illustrated; is twenty pages in size, and costs \$2.50 a year. Not only do you receive this paper free with your membership, but you also will get all the pamphlets, leaflets and other matter that the League is continuously turning out.

If you join the League now, you will pay \$16.00, which will be three years' dues in advance, or up to December 1st, 1920. If you are not prepared to pay up that much at once, you can send a portion of your dues, say three, four or five dollars, and make us a post-dated check, payable on November 1st, 1918 for the balance. I want to say to you that this check will be unsueable and uncollectable. It will be just squarely up to you, and if, because of some unfortunate circumstance you cannot pay the balance next year, just drop us a postal card to that effect, and no one will worry you about it.

On the first of May, precinct conventions will be held all over the state, in which nobody can participate unless he is a member of the Nonpartisan League. There you will select your delegates to the various conventions, in which candidates for representative, senator, congress and state offices are put forward. No nominations are made for county and precinct officers. Texas being a Democratic state, no doubt, all or nearly all, of the candidates nominated, will make the race in the Democratic primaries, just as in North Dakota, the League candidates (regardless of previous party affiliations) ran in the primaries of the dominant party, and all of the League members proceeded to capture the primaries, nominate their candidates and elect them again in the November election.

Just as soon as possible, after receiving this letter, mail to me your application with as much money as you can afford, along the lines stated above in the ninth paragraph of this letter. In any event, write to me for any further information that I can give you.

Finally, I am determined that the land and usury question must be settled in Texas and must be settled right.

It appears to me that THIS IS THE WAY TO SETTLE IT.

Yours for the fight in the freedom of the land.

TOM HICKEY.

P. S.—Address me at Brandenburg, Texas, and I will forward your application to the proper authorities and send you a receipt (as bonded organizer) for the dues paid. Remember, only persons deriving their major income from the farm can belong to the League.

German with English Summary

**Maria Boeer to Dr. Ludwig reports that
Thomas Hickey has died**

Incomplete

Rule, TX March 17, 1925

Mein lieber Dr. H.L. Ludwig!

Es duerfte Ihnen wohl nicht leicht zu verstehen sein, dass Ihr liebes Briefchen v. April 10, eine so spaete Antwort erhaelt, doch da es nicht Gleichgueltigkeit oder Mangel an Achtung, **sondern das unerwartete Scheiden eines lieben Freund, der seit ueber 15 Jahren zur Familie gehoert, der die Verspaetung verursacht, u. Sie entschuldigen werden.** Ist Ihnen der Mann Tom Hickey bekannt? Und von wo? Dann haben Sie wohl auch **"The Rebel" eine gute Zeitung, die der Gute herausgab, auch** gelesen, sodass Ihnen wohl das ideale Ziel, dass sich der liebe gute Freund gestellt hatte, auch schon bekannt ist?

Er war als guter Mann ein Volkslehrer seltener Art, der aus Liebe fuer Recht und Wahrheit sein Ableben dem Kampf zur Aufklaerung ganz fuer die bessere Zukung selbstlos gewidmet. Ein Mann wie Sie, der aus wahrer Menschenliebe fuer eine bessere Zukunft gekaempft u. gelitten u. wie die Besten schon immer auch ohne Erfolg, weil man diese nicht verstehen kann oder will. So koennen Sie sich unseren herben Verlust ja wohl leicht vorstellen, denn er war ja der gute Sonnenstrahl in der Familie. In der Hoffnung, dass Sie gesund und bald von sich hoeren lassen, moechte ich nun noch bemerken, dass das Wenige, was ich bis jetzt von Ihrem geistigen Wirken kennengelernt, genuegt, diese zum Besten zu zaehlen und wuerde, wenn Sie diese der Oeffentlichkeit uebergeben, gerne mein Scherflein dazu beitragen.

Incomplete

Maria Boeer

English Summary:

Maria reports that a beloved friend and family member, Thomas Hickey, died unexpectedly. She describes Hickey as a relentless fighter for justice and the truth; a selfless man who dedicated his life to educate the masses with the goal to create a better future for all; a man who fought battles, suffered defeat, and, like the best of men, was not understood and rejected by many.

Maria Boeer to daughter Klara Hickey translation of several letters

(No translit.)

English Summary

All from Brandenburg, Tex. March 12, 1913 to June 20, 1913

Maria wants to know if a package she sent to Klara has arrived in good condition. She hopes to hear from Klara by next morning.

Maria asks Klara to send her **50 pamphlets "The Land Question" (die Landfrage) so that she can distribute them among the people.** She believes there is much interest in this issue. Because Maria doesn't have the money at the moment, she asks Klara for credit until the cotton has been sold. "Do you trust me and do you have time to wait?" Maria also wants several "Rosenwelt, der politische Koch", (Rosenwalt, the political cook).

March 18, 1913

Maria asks if Klara received her previous letter. Anna has sold one bale of cotton and Maria has the money to pay for the requested booklets.

She is sending \$ 4 for 50 booklets "Die Landfrage" and 50 cents for "Rosenwelt der politische Koch", one dollar left over is for T. Hickey. Tom gave it to her some time ago and Maria cannot accept his gift. She asks Klara to be understanding and urges her to write back soon.

Klara sent a letter to Louisa and Bertha, they will write back a detailed letter as soon as time permits. Bertha is still staying and helping out at Louisa & Karl Wolf's farm. **"Meanwhile we hope you are happy and able to help out (Tom) as much as you can."**

March 22, 1913

Maria has received the pamphlets and is surprised that they are only available in English. "In our – "Habt Acht" I saw an advertisement which stated they were also printed in German. As I wrote you before, I have high, high expectations about passing out the booklets. I must ask you, how much would it cost if you printed them in German?? After we sell all the cotton, we could provide you with financial assistance."

"Bertha wishes you a happy Easter." (religious?)

RILEY & WILSON,

Dealers in

Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing,

Boots and Shoes.

Phone Number—16.

Coahoma, Texas, May 26 1910

My dear Clara: When a man writes a letter to a lady on postals in a Rail Road train and mails them in an envelope it is a sign that he is rushed & surely, am & the Comrades here expect to carry the County and are relying on me to help them; hence the rush &

Now about ourselves: I have laughed with delight to myself several times at your sweetly naive and beautifully innocent question "do you mean it?" you can bet every ounce of your precious body I mean it with every drop of my heart's blood & it is just because I mean it so much that I am nervous and cautious & I was the caution of the lover who thinks too much of his lady fair to have any harm come to her that made me speak as I did to you on the wagon on that last Monday

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might when we part & I believe I have
good reasons to believe that I will
have a good income in the near future &
I must have at least \$100.00 a month
to hand over to you and I believe I can
get it & otherwise I do not see that
you could have the home that a girl
as good as you so sweet and
clean and pure as you should have &

Another thing: The good Irish are the
proudest people on earth & the girl that
is my wife must be able to be so
fixed financially that she can hold her
head as high as any one in her community
that is the only reason that I don't
"know" you at once & I don't believe
you will have to wait long & I sincerely
hope now & I may be in Stamford soon
and then see you or you might come to

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Boots and Shoes.

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Coahoma, Texas, _____ 191

Abilene is a delegate to the West-
Texas Encampment meeting on
in June 20 x If you do I'll come
to Abilene that day and then we can
have a long long talk x

Now Sweetheart—Sursum
Cordia, which is Latin
meaning "lift up your heart";
have faith in the future, depend
on me doing my best and all
will be well x Write me in care
of Itasca, the Farmer Journal
Abilene,
with unbending love

[Redacted]

x x x x

Romney.

Eastland Co. Tex

June 22 - '10

my dear little philosopher:

Your ever welcome letter of
June 5 received me hours ago x

I was ^{so much} in the blues for two weeks
~~that~~ because I did not hear from
you that even my success with the
Roosevelt story did not brighten
me up x Now the Sun is
shining again x

You ask me several
questions and the second most-
important one I will answer first:
No; I can not wait to meet
you until the West Texas Encamp

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ment meets x I will be in Stamford
on July 2 for at least 8 and
possibly 12 days x I will have the
4th of July off, Goleiz x I will
meet you any place you say on
that day and then we will surely
have the big long talk x Could you
start at sunrise and drive down to
Stamford, then take a chicken dinner
with me, and drive home in the cool
of the evening x The 4th will be
only 10 days off when you receive
this x So cheer up and know that
when the sun has set on the 4th
and our long talk finished, we,
after trashing our the problem,
can face the future refreshed,
and strengthened because of our
mutual interchanges of information

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on the Subject - that is so near
to both our hearts x

So young Lady "I am a wordling of
wordly wisdom" etc. And yet my
friends tell me that I have so much
poetry in my soul that my heart is in
the clouds and ²cannot be a financial
success x Well, we will discuss that
at our first meeting x

You speak of "overcoming the
obstacle in so short a time" x

If you mean the financial obstacle
it is possible x Listen - but don't
say any thing about it - until I see
you because I may anticipate too
much x Fred Warren is tickled to
death at my Roosevelt - story x
He will try to circulate 3,000,000

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Copies x wrote him last-
Sunday telling him that I want
my story, Herrens and the
national platform put-up in
a 25 cent pamphlet- and the
prose edition to consist of
10,000 copies on which I
would have a profit of \$1,000⁰⁰ x
Whether I can get Herrens
co operation or not I will know
when I meet him on July 4th x

I may be too optimistic but I
believe that I can make a
first-class living for both of
us with my pen x Then we
can sit under an vine and fig
tree and be porters no more
in this life x Now this may be

day dreams or castles in the
air but at least it is worth
working for and I am working
like a trojan to accomplish
that result x NO more on
that score; we ^{shall} have it all and
when we have that big long tick x

Now I want you to tell your mother
and sisters how much I respect them
and how deeply grateful to you all I am
for that pleasant Sunday's rest I
had in your home in May x So you
know that it was not for that
days rest the Roosevelt story
would never have been written x
I was tired out from the road and
could not get down to the
work while travelling x That afternoon

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Sleep I had timed me up so well
that when I sat down at ~~that~~
your mother's desk I felt I could
do the work. Then I embraced a certain
young person, (a juvenile fever
sure enough) and before I rose
some hours later I had the
whole ground work of the story
that millions will read ~~sketched~~
out. I thank them all one hundred
times, dear. Because without your
beautiful sympathy and help
the tired agitator ~~would~~ work
with the battle would have
failed at the task.

Since writing the above I
have looked at the Calendar
and find that July 4 is Monday
and July 3 is a Sunday. Thus

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I will have both days off x
Can you not - come to Stamford
on Sunday July 3 instead
of Monday July 4 x

Write me a long letter Care of the
Farmers Garage x I will get it -
when I reach Abilene on July
1 - Drop me a card to Stamford
which I will get on July 2 -

With best-love and a Thousand
Kisses and a fervent hope that
the wedding day will not be
far off your own

x x x x x x x x x x x x

The Farmers Journal

(ESTABLISHED JUNE 22, 1904)

J. L. HICKS.....Editor and Publisher



Abilene, Texas

Thursday June 30 1910

My dearest -

Have goose-skin
from western Co 10 minutes ago x

This hard bill has me all upset x
I thought - I was to have 3 and 4th
of x I never dreamed of a picnic
on these days x

Now we can do one of two things x
Come to Luaders or you can lose
year x you can stop with Mrs
Williams the butchers wife or
Mrs Morgan Graham x Or
Meet me Saturday in Stamford

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I am going to the Telegraph
Office to telegraph permission
to come to ~~Rule~~ Lueders
instead of Rule x if it
should be so that you can
not come to Stamford or
~~Rule~~ Lueders don't worry!
Stay at home and I will cancel
two dates next week and go
and to Brandenburg x I am
going to see my girl don't
you doubt it
with no more. Love
[redacted] x x x x

W. A. Minter, Jr.
ABILENE

Geo. L. Minter
ABILENE

Minter Dry Goods Co.

Hugh Emerson, Mg'r

Winters, Texas, July 12 1910

Pulse of my heart: When I reached
Stamford I had an agreeable
surprise x The Commodore made me
a present of a beautiful ^{5⁰⁰}
Stetson hat x I was tickled all over x

I came to Abilene, stopped with Prof
Gatherin x His wife joined him in
inviting all three of the A B and last
but not least C to make their
home with Mrs & Mr G x

To my surprise I learned from
Hicks this morning that on
account of the drought they
would have to give up Abilene and
will meet instead at Lueders x
So I will meet you in the same
old place x
I also learned that my attacks

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Winters, Texas, _____ 19__

On the Rev Horn and his free love
brothers has raised an angry
storm & their dupes are getting
their eyes opened & I am
threatened with a civil and criminal
suit for libel & I told Hicks to
tell them to cut their wives
loose for I have the facts &

I am smoking my pipe today & cut
out my dirty cigars because girls
that carry my name come off on
election day &

I am in fine health but lonesome
and sad and longing oh so much
for another look at your own
sweet self &

With oceans of love and millions
of kisses

Over your honey boy
[redacted] x x x x x x

P.S. If you write by some
day that you get this
note to Leoday, Coleman
Cox After that to General
Celery, Rockdale
Milan Co - Tex x



How do you like this? .

aug. 12, '10

~~as~~ R. W. Kaufman says in *The Cosmos*.
This is a world of getting and giving,
and its rules apply even in the sacred
relation of friendship. A man
should choose no friend that can
neither teach nor learn. There is so
much to be done that we must
be miserly of time and energy.
yet those are elements that every
friendship requires, and it therefore
behoves you to choose for friends
only those whom you can better,
or who can better you.

Are you a salesman? You do not
waste your making-force on those
who you know will not buy. Are you
a physician or a lawyer? You do
not welcome in office-hours one
that does not come to consult

your special knowledge.

And, as you are a human being with human sympathy and the need of human sympathy, you can not afford to open your heart to him who brings nothing or takes nothing away. There are too many others whom you need, too many others who need you.

(It matters not whether a friend gives or takes. I have one friend who all my life has poured out his love to me and to whom I have returned nothing; yet, as day the stronger for his gift, so he is the stronger for his giving. I have helped him and he has but no man can help who neither gives nor receives.)

If you associate with those who are small of soul, your own soul will never expand. But if you turn to souls larger than your own, your own will grow and widen. And if you seek those to whom you may give, your capacity to help will increase with every helpfull act. Choose, then, above all, friends that you can help. The power to give love is above ^{all} other principalities and powers. Wealth and fame cannot lighten that darkness which is somewhere lurking in every life. Philosophy and even religion never wholly console us for those losses which we so well hide that none may dream how completely

we are dominated by them.
But when these rewards and
consolations fail, then will the
memory of some small kindness
done, of some love offered,
be the one preeminent crumb
of comfort, the single possible
touch of balm. —

DICKENSON CAFE

EVERYTHING THE MARKET AFFORDS IN SEASON

STAMFORD, TEXAS. Wednesday 1910

Sweetheart: Card rec'd
You'll be here on Saturday
Unless I drop dead x

I depart here Sunday 2-8-

I know that long talk after
the fight is over

Don't fail to be here x

You will find me at - Baker
Bryant - store ask for
Comrade Sample
With love - [redacted]

X X X X



NEWEST, FINEST, BEST.

J.W. HUNT } OWNERS.
J.W. WEST }

CHAS. KRIEL, Mgr.

HOTEL **SOUTHLAND**
EUROPEAN PLAN
ABSOLUTELY
FIRE PROOF

DALLAS, TEXAS, *Aug 15* 1910

Sweetheart: I slept in the
finest room I have had in a year last
night and all the ~~time~~ waking hours
was devoted to thinking of you.

Will write you from Grand Saline

Yours ever
