

OUR LETTER BOX

NO UNION FOR WAR

Editor of the Herald: We do not want a union of forces to make war, but to promulgate Socialism...

A SIMILAR CASE

Editor of the Herald: The farmers have a saying, 'Never plant a young tree on the spot where a tree has died.'

We are planting the young Social Democratic party in the soil of America, and we should choose for it the best possible conditions...

We are wishing and working for Socialist unity, but let us be wise in every move we make. Our young party is flourishing like a green bay tree...

DEBS ON UNITY

Editor of the Herald: For some time I have been asked to declare myself through the Herald in reference to the proposed union...

First, let me say that while no one can be more desirous for a united party of Socialists than I, it is my settled conviction that the hour for such a consummation has not yet arrived.

There are hundreds of S. L. P. comrades of the faction named whom I have met and love and honor, and would be proud to greet as party comrades...

Barring such papers as the Cleveland Citizen and the Class Struggle, I am not satisfied with the tone or temper of the press of the anti-De Leon S. L. P. and particularly the official organ, the People...

When the People, as the official organ of the party, honestly and courageously clears its skirts, then we can and will accept its professions that it is in favor of a united party.

Not only this, but the People continues to be the vehicle of libel and detraction of our comrades. In a recent issue it permits us to be charged with not yet having 'cut loose from the Bry-

...antes," and our officers, especially myself, with drawing exorbitant salaries for party service...

As a matter of fact, I have never drawn a dollar of salary in any capacity in the Social Democracy or the Social Democratic party. During the year I served as chairman of the national executive board of the Social Democracy...

The anti-De Leon party has not yet had its last purging. They hated De Leon, not because of his principles or lack of principles, but because he was their master at their own game. I am confident that our members stand for a united party...

Eugene V. Debs. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 14.

A LESSON FROM PAST ERRORS

Editor of the Herald: As a union of Socialist forces is at present strongly favored by S. D. P. and S. L. P. (anti-De Leon) parties, it will be well to consider, before either of the two parties gives instructions to its delegates...

The S. D. P. developed from a vague and undefined Socialist party into a clear-cut, uncompromising, class-conscious, scientific, Socialist party, based upon international Socialism and the brotherhood of man.

This party is now on the verge of uniting in some shape and manner with a faction of an older Socialist party—the S. L. P. The S. L. P. was composed in earliest stages, previous to and long after the Henry George campaign, of emigrated German Socialists, who, when finding some sign of the spirit of Socialism in the heart of an English-speaking subject, would cheer to the echo and offer homage, and trust to defy the constitution of the party and their own principles.

A Woman's Social Democratic club was organized Jan. 1, 1900, at Rockville, Conn., with the intention of educating women in Socialistic matters.

The club appointed the following officers: Mrs. Carrie E. Lisk, organizer; Miss Bertha Kellner, treasurer; Miss Minnie A. Gundermann, secretary.

The Herald Leaflets are good for propaganda at 25 cents per hundred copies.

Socialists on Beacon Hill

Representative James F. Carey is on the committee on accounts in the Massachusetts legislature, also the committee on libraries.

One of Carey's first acts in the legislature was to introduce a bill providing that persons employed by corporations as agents or lobbyists shall wear a badge.

Allman at Brooklyn

Comrade James Allman will deliver a lecture entitled 'The Philosophy of Socialism' before the Brooklyn Philosophical association on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, at 2 o'clock, at Long Island Business college, South Eighth street, between Bedford and Driggs avenues, Brooklyn.

New Branches

Fifteen days more from the date of this paper remain for the organization of new branches that, according to the rule adopted by the members, can be represented at the national convention to be held at Indianapolis, March 6.

The basis of representation and rules governing the choice of delegates will be found in the 'Official Call' in another column.

The past week showed an increased activity, five new branches being reported, as follows:

- TICONDEROGA, N. Y. Branch has begun work and holds regular meetings, but will report officers later. Chairman, Geo. W. Pogue; vice-chairman, H. A. Strand; secretary, Math. Eidsness; treasurer, A. N. Eidsness; organizer, J. Q. Paige; assistant secretary, A. P. Berget.

- BIRMINGHAM, ALA. Chairman, Alfred Strawbridge; vice-chairman, Chas. R. Hope; secretary, Rolla B. Holt; treasurer, Ollie Wrigley; organizer, J. C. Williams.

Bohemian Paper The comrades of Branches Nos. 2, 3 and 5, Chicago, desire to acknowledge the following contributions to the fund for publishing a Social Democratic Bohemian weekly:

- Otto Vierling, St. Louis, Mo., 50 cents; central committee, Milwaukee, Wis., \$5; branch No. 7, New York, \$3; branch No. 31, Boston, Mass., \$1; branch No. 2, New York, \$1; Bohemian Coal Miners' union, Coal City, Ill., \$5; Bohemian Coal Miners' union, Braidwood, Ill., \$3; Woodworkers' union No. 30, Chicago, Ill., \$5; Lodge Neruda, No. 181, C. S. P. S., Chicago, Ill., \$1; Lodge Prenysl, No. 41, C. S. P. T., \$2.20; Jan Vodak, Chicago, Ill., \$5; Jakob Bulin, Chicago, Ill., \$2; Frank Kotas, Chicago, Ill., \$2; Ferd Wimmer, Chicago, Ill., \$5; Joseph Polacek, Chicago, Ill., \$1; Anton Lokaj, Chicago, Ill., \$1; Anton Turdy, Chicago, Ill., \$5; Alois Raus, Kangley, Ill., 25 cents; Anton Rsvay, Kangley, Ill., 25 cents; Jan Lak Kangley, Ill., 25 cents; Vaclav Bedarik, Kangley, Ill., 25 cents; Anton Salka, Kangley, Ill., 25 cents; Joseph Tauber, Braidwood, Ill., 25 cents; Frank Psirer, Braidwood, Ill., 10 cents; Kare Maly, Braidwood, Ill., 25 cents; Ferd Kocka, Braidwood, Ill., 50 cents; Peter Bocek, Braidwood, Ill., 50 cents; circulation No. 59, Jan Vodak, Chicago, Ill., \$2.25; circulation No. 51, Vaclav Lball, Chicago, Ill., 35 cents; circulation No. 44, Ferd Wimmer, Chicago, Ill., \$1.25; circulation No. 55, Frank Kotas, Chicago, Ill., \$1.25; circulation No. 6, Joseph Polacek, Chicago, Ill., \$1.15; fund of dance, branch No. 5, Chicago, Ill., \$5; fund of members, branch No. 2, \$2.15.

- LIBERAL, MO. Chairman, Pearl Thompson; vice-chairman, Geo. Millor; secretary, C. Lipscomb; treasurer, John B. Dietrich; organizer, M. M. Jones.

PROPAGANDA FUND

Table listing names and contributions to the Propaganda Fund, including entries for Appeal to Reason, Eugene V. Debs, Branch No. 9, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, etc.

LOCAL BRANCHES

Notices of Branch Meetings inserted for 25 Cents per Month

- CALIFORNIA Liberty Branch, San Francisco, holds public meetings every Sunday and Wednesday evenings, commencing at 8 o'clock...

- CONNECTICUT Branch No. 3, New Haven, meets first and third Tuesdays in the month, at 198 State St., at 8 p. m. Cornelius Mahoney, Secretary, 165 Frank St.

- INDIANA Branch No. 6, Indianapolis, meets first Saturday evening and third Sunday afternoon of each month at Reicheisen's Hall, corner Market and Noble Sts.

Book Notices 'Elementary Principles of Economics,' by Charles H. Chase, is the title of a 398-page, cloth-bound book, in which the author hopes that it (the book) will prove 'the beginning of the science of political economy.'

St. E. F. McLean, Secretary, 30 Winter St. G. H. Evans, Treasurer, Prince Place. Branch No. 31, Chelsea, permanent headquarters, Room 2, Postoffice Building. Open every evening. Business meetings every Thursday at 8 p. m. Public invited.

MINNESOTA Branch 1, Red Lake Falls, meets every other Sunday in real estate office of Fred Geaswein, on Main St. Wm. H. Randal, Secretary.

OHIO Branch No. 2, Cleveland, meets in Ohlsen's Hall, 45 York St., second and fourth Sundays at 3 p. m. Lectures, discussions, business meetings, first and third Fridays at 8 p. m.

PENNSYLVANIA Branch No. 2, Erie, meets every Saturday afternoon at K. of L. Hall, 716 State St. Chas. Heydrick, Chairman. Geo. E. Laird, Secretary, 225 W. 5th St.

DEBS' LECTURE TOUR Louisville, Ky., January 20, 1900 Birmingham, Ala., " 21, " Columbus, Ga., " 22, " Montgomery, Ala., " 23, " New Orleans, La., " 25, " Lafayette, La., " 26, "

