

AMONG THE BRANCHES

Notices of Branch Meetings inserted for 25c per month.

CALIFORNIA
Branch No. 1, San Francisco, Cal., holds propaganda meetings every Sunday night at 8 p. m. at Temple, 117 Turk St.

CONNECTICUT
Branch 3 (Conn.), New Haven, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month, at 252 Cedar St., at 8 p. m. Secretary Cornelius Mahoney, 105 Frank St.

ILLINOIS
Meetings of Chicago Central Committee held regularly, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at Dr. J. H. Greer's office, 22 Dearborn St.

INDIANA
Branch No. 6, Indiana, meets first Saturday evening and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month at Reichert's Hall, corner Market and Noble streets, Indianapolis.

MASSACHUSETTS
Branch 2, Holyoke, Mass., meets second and fourth Monday of each month at Springfield Turney Hall, Organizer, H. Schlichting, 33 James street.

MINNESOTA
Branch 1, Red Lake Falls, Minn., meets every other Sunday in real estate office of Fred Geeswein, on Main St. Wm. H. Randall, Sec.

MISSOURI
St. Louis headquarters—Room 7, 22 No. Fourth St. Address all communications to E. Va. Putnam, secretary, for information concerning ward branches inquire at the above address.

NEW YORK
Branch 10 (4th Assembly Dist., N. Y.), meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the rooms of The Society of Labor, 101 Henry St. Jacob Fanken, 14 E. Broadway, Org.

OHIO
Branch No. 2, Ohio, Cleveland, meets in Ohlson's Hall, 65 York Street, second and fourth Sundays, at 3 p. m. Lectures, discussions, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA
Branch 2, Erie, Pa., meets every Saturday afternoon at K. of L. Hall, Erie State Street. Chairman, Chas. Hewrick; Secretary, Geo. B. Laird, 225 W. 5th St.

WISCONSIN
Branch No. 1, Milwaukee, meets every second and fourth Thursday evening of the month at the Ethical Society Building, 538 Jefferson St.

corner Twenty-third and Brown Streets. George Moerschel, Secretary, 715 Twenty-fifth Street. Branch 3, Milwaukee, meets every fourth Friday of the month at H. Siegel's Hall, S. E. corner Orchard Street and 8th Avenue.

New Branches
The institution of new branches has been reported during the week from Columbus, Ohio, Lawrence, Mass., Sheffield, Mo., East Orange, N. J., Providence, R. I., and Bristol, Conn.

In San Diego Justice Comrade J. T. Van Rensselaer urges California Socialists not to attempt the impossible by trying to allay the differences between three distinct factions of a Socialist party which is hopelessly incapable of making effective preparations for the next national election, but to rally under the banner of the Social Democratic party.

The Jewish branch (No. 5) of Philadelphia has made arrangements for a series of eight lectures during the next two months with Comrades Louis Miller, Jos. Baroness, M. London and Dr. Peskin as the speakers.

Branch 4, Wisconsin, announces a mass meeting October 6, to be addressed by Dr. Titus Voeckel. A large attendance is expected and members of all Milwaukee branches are invited.

Should you desire to meet comrades of the S. D. P. when visiting New York, go to the International Cafe and Restaurant, 428 Grand street.

The city committee of Chicago paid into the National Propaganda Fund \$10, being part of the receipts of the picnic September 17.

Comrade Seymour Stedman delivered an interesting address at the picnic, Sunday, September 17, at Bergman's grove.

The committee on organization at Philadelphia report that they will soon have two new branches organized.

On Plymouth Rock
And now we have "landed" on Plymouth Rock! Our standard now floats from the citadel of New England conservatism, the most American spot in America! In historic old Plymouth town, overlooking the bay where "A band of exiles moored their bark On the wild New England shore," preparatory to taking possession of the continent, within sight of Captain's Hill crowned with the Miles Standish monument, and of Clark's Island, where the Pilgrim Fathers spent their first Sunday in America, there was organized last Monday evening a branch of the Social Democratic Party, No. 39, of Massachusetts. On the 27th of August last nearly 3,000 people assembled to hear our speakers on Socialism at Quincy, which city has given two presidents to the nation. Three weeks later another 3,000 gather at Island Grove, Abington, a spot made historic by Wmuel Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison, and now, another week later, a branch is organized in Plymouth town, and avowed Social Democrats walk the streets first trod by Miles Standish, Elder Brewster, Priscilla and John Alden. Who shall say any longer that Socialism is a movement among "foreigners" only? There is every prospect of an active movement in Plymouth.

Labor's Inning
Labor will meet the "swift and intense concentration of capital" by the "swift and intense concentration of labor." The swifter and intenser the concentration the better. The trust is the final manifestation of this concentration before labor has its inning. Here is the order of development: The individual, the firm, the trust, THE PEOPLE. As a socialist, therefore, I hail the trust. I view its development and expansion with supreme satisfaction, and I would not, if I could, check its growth by laying so much as a straw in its way. The socialists want the trusts. When they are ripe, the people will be ready, and then there will be a change of ownership and operation. Eugene V. Debs.

The admiral of the navy who claimed the credit of a victory in which he did not take part, has been made commandant of the Charlestown navy yard, where, the reports say, "he will have a comfortable and honorable position, with easy duties, and can live in clover."

The Pana Meeting

On Sunday afternoon, September 10th, we had the great pleasure of listening to a two hours' speech by that great champion of the rights of labor, our own Comrade Eugene V. Debs. The opera house, with a seating capacity of 1,500, had been open two hours before Comrade Debs appeared, but notwithstanding the heavy rain we had on Saturday night and all day Sunday, the street before the opera house was crowded by an anxious crowd eager to hear the rights of labor expounded by its foremost champion.

The third class thought that, although we were placed in an unpleasant and doubtful position by our co-operat on with the I. L. P., we could not honorably withdraw after having gone so far.

The matter was accordingly put to vote, and the majority decided to co-operate with the I. L. P. on the terms offered at their last meeting, namely, that they recommend to their district organizations to endorse our candidates. E. H. Thomas, Secy.

East Orange, N. J.

The East Orange Branch of the Social Democrat Party was organized at the home of Emil Neben, East Orange, Saturday evening, the 11th inst. Although the notices of such a meeting were inadvertently sent out late the evening previous, there was a good attendance and the meeting proved a very spirited one; all present took an active part and the plans were fully discussed. From those present the following officers were elected: Chairman, Charles Stillwell. Vice Chairman, John H. Sullivan. Secretary, Elliott J. Budor. Organizer Emile T. Neben.

New Branch at Lawrence, Mass.

On Friday night, September 15, Comrade Jas. F. Carey addressed a large audience at Carpenters Hall, Lawrence, on "The Social Democratic Party; its Principles, Purposes and Desires." Carey spoke in his usual eloquent and convincing manner, and after the lecture answered several questions put to him by "our friends the enemy" in the incisive and prompt style for which he has become noted. At the conclusion a goodly list of names were collected and a temporary branch organized. On Sunday night permanent organization was completed with Jas. A. Wilkinson as Chairman; M. A. Murphey, Vice-Chairman; Wm. J. Lynch, 148 Willow St., Secretary; J. B. Cameron, Treasurer and Frank J. O'Brien, Organizer. The next meeting of the branch will be held Sunday night, Oct. 1st, at Carpenters Hall, 291 Essex St., Lawrence, when Comrade John C. Chase will speak.

Indiana State Committee

Since the action of the City Committee of Indianapolis, four weeks ago, reported in the following resolutions, it has been approved by all the branches in Indiana and the Indianapolis Committee made the permanent state central committee. At the last meeting of the Central Committee of Indianapolis, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That the Central Committee of Indianapolis declares itself a temporary State Committee of Indiana, until the different branches of the State make other arrangements; that we start a State Agitation fund in order to get the necessary money to employ an organizer; that the receipts of a picnic given by the Central Committee of Indianapolis August 20th go to the Agitation fund, and that subscription lists be given to members.

Comrades of Indiana: This is only a temporary plan, but we have to begin in this way in order to get the State ready for action in time for the next presidential campaign. It may be possible for Ohio and Indiana to go together and place an organizer in the field; therefore we ask the Branches in the State of Indiana to take action and communicate with us. Branches 3 and 6 of Indianapolis will do every thing in their power to make the above named plan a success. Send all communications and money to W. Spreen, corresponding secretary, 1625 Yandes St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Greater New York

A joint meeting of all the branches of Greater New York was held on September 18th. It was called by request of one of our branches to consider whether it was advisable to continue our relations with the Independent Labor Party. Three different policies were suggested by the comrades present. One policy recommended was to withdraw our delegates to the conference with the I. L. P. The comrades favoring this policy contended that we should gain nothing by co-operating with a party which was not Socialistic in spite of its Socialistic platform, and which seemed to be spending a good deal of money from some unknown source. The second policy advised was one of confidence in the I. L. P.; the advocates of this policy holding that we ought to encourage the workingmen in independent political action, and that now was the opportunity of the S. D. P. to prove that their sympathy with them was a genuine one. Haverhill, Mass. C. E. Fraser.

New York Platform

The Social Democratic Party of New York declares its allegiance to the principles of Socialism, as expressed in the national platform adopted at Chicago, in June, 1898. It asserts the "labor question" to be the only important issue before the American people. It declares that the only solution of this question is the return to the workers of the tools of production which, owing to the development of the industrial system, have grown out of the hands of

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- 1. Municipal ownership of street railways, telephones, gas and electric light plants or public distribution of power, heat and light. All municipal franchises to be owned and operated by the municipality in the interest of the people. 2. The abolition of the contract system on all public work. Eight hours' service to prevail in all departments and the rate of wages to conform to the prevailing union scale. Saturday half holiday, rule to be enforced wherever practical. 3. Rigid inspection of all factories and workshops for the health and safety of employees. 4. The full power of the municipality to be exercised for the relief of the employed, not by charity, but by the establishment of public work for their employment. 5. The city shall establish and maintain public lodging houses, instead of using the police stations for the homeless poor. 6. A more rigid system of food, milk and dairy inspection. 7. The improvement and extension of the public school system so as to provide adequate facilities for the complete education of every child. Meals and clothing shall be furnished free to all children of school age, when necessary, to enable them to attend school. 8. The municipality shall establish and maintain proper facilities for the distribution, during the summer, of relief to the children of the poor (such as providing milk, ice, food, excursions, etc.); and also to furnish, during the winter, coal, food, shelter and clothing for the poor. 9. The extension of the system of public libraries to all parts of the city. All libraries, art galleries, etc., to be open on Sundays, and in the evenings, to enable the working people to visit and make proper and necessary use of the same. 10. The city shall establish a system of free public baths and gymnasiums to amply accommodate all who wish to patronize them. The public park system to be extended and improved. 11. The erection and maintenance by the city of suitable buildings where all labor and kindred organizations can hold their meetings at the least possible expense. 12. All officers to be subject to recall by their respective constituencies.

Propaganda Fund

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for Kansas, New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts with amounts ranging from \$2.00 to \$12.50.

