

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

A RECORD OF THE WEEK'S PRO- AGANDA AND PROGRESS.

Chairman Debs Speaking in New York. The Movement Growing in Chi- cago and Elsewhere.

Secretaries of local branches will confer a favor by sending brief reports of proceedings of branch and other meetings to the editor of the Social Democrat.

Director Burns organized a Branch in Roseland on Saturday, October 9. The new Branch starts out with four- teen members and fine prospects for a steady increase.

During the past week new branches have been organized at Safford, Ariz.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; Port- land, Ore.; Mattoon, Ill.; Canton, S. D.; Jacksonville, Ill., and Tulare, Cal., eight in all.

An important meeting of Branch 19 will be held next Sunday, October 17. Members will be notified by postal and they should not fail to attend. Bros. Notz and Kraft of No. 19 are deserving of praise for the excellent work they are doing.

Branch meetings are for the educa- tion of members and non-members in the principles of Social Democracy. Every member should make it a point to bring at least one non-member to every meeting of his Branch. This is the way to secure members.

A large and enthusiastic audience listened to stirring addresses by Com- rades Stedman and Cox at Sevoria's Hall, corner Forty-third and State, on Tuesday evening, October 12. The meeting was held under the auspices of Branch 12, and resulted in a large in- crease of membership.

Chairman Debs is doing splendid work in the east. His New York meetings are an immense success, and are a great aid to the movement in that city and vicinity. Our New York brothers are very earnest workers, and enthusiastic in the cause of Social Democracy. Look out for some cork- ing news from the east in our next issue.

The members of Branch 10, at their last meeting, decided to change day of meeting from Thursday to Wednesday. Members will take notice and see change in advertisement of their meet- ing. A committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. Stedman and Mrs. Goldzier, was appointed to arrange a programme for a social session of the Branch.

The Illinois branches are doing splen- did work. In Chicago, interest is con- stantly growing, and the members of the various branches are working to- gether with a zeal that compels success. Director Burns is just now on the sick list, but his able lieutenants are not allowing the work to lag, and the membership of the various branches is increasing at a very satisfactory rate.

The regular meeting of Branch 1 on Sunday, October 10, was well attended, and, like all of this Branch's meetings, very interesting. Bro. W. C. Bohannon, of St. Louis, Mo., was the speaker of the day. Bro. Bohannon is a very effective speaker, and his address was well received. Considerable good-nat- ured discussion followed the address of the day, and Bros. Murphy and Goodwin were granted the privilege of the floor for ten minutes each for the purpose of discussing points raised by Bro. Bohannon. At the business meet- ing several new names were added to the membership roll, and resolutions concerning the new public library were adopted. These resolutions are pub- lished in another column. The meet- ings of Branch 1 are held every Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Journal building on Washington street. Good speakers are in attendance at every meeting and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Organizer Lloyd is stirring things up at a great rate in Toledo. The article from the Toledo News in another col- umn indicates the character of the work he is doing. The "Union," the

labor paper of Toledo, also gives Lloyd and the Social Democracy exceedingly favorable mention. Bro. Caton of Branch 4 writes that Lloyd has taken the town by storm. Bro. Lloyd will remain in Toledo until the city is solidly organized. New members are coming in with a rush.

The following article from the Wat- ertown, N. Y., Reunion, of Oct. 6th, shows what our brothers in that city are doing:

"The Social Democracy is an assured thing in Watertown. Last Wednesday evening there was a gathering of those interested in the new party at Trades Assembly hall and a branch was formed. The platform of the party was dilated at some length and its virtues extolled by the socialistic devotees. Eugene V. Debs sent a characteristic letter encouraging the members and promising them a date here in October should the local branch so desire. An open meeting was held on Sunday at Trades Assembly hall, when local speakers of ability addressed the meet- ing."

A Social Democracy boom may be looked for in Watertown in the near future.

BRANCH NO. 1.

Resolutions Adopted At The Regular Meet- ing Sunday, October 10.

Whereas, A new building for the public library has been dedicated last Saturday evening; and,

Whereas, This building is located in the district of Branch No. 1 of the S. D. of A.; and,

Whereas, It is a most magnificent edifice of education in the broadest sense of the word, and in its comfort- able, artistic and practical appoint- ments an object lesson of the great benefit of public ownership; and,

Whereas, We hope that the revolu- tion is not far which will sweep away the present vicious system and will build palaces like the new public li- brary on the grounds which are cov- ered today by the dingy hovels and factories and jails of the competitive system.

Be It Resolved, That we extend a cordial invitation to the comrades of all branches of the S. D. of A. and to all working men in Chicago to visit the new library as soon and as often as possible, and to take advantage of the opportunity given them to study up our Social economic question.

And, whereas, It is an exception un- der the present system, with its tre- mendous temptations, to find a set of decent men who will give their time and labor honestly to fulfill a public trust; and,

Whereas, It seems that the board of directors of the public library is such an exception,

Be it further Resolved, That Branch No. 1 of S. D. of A. tenders a vote of recognition to the board of directors of the public library and the secretary and is hereby instructed to direct a letter to this board which shall give voice to the sentiment of these resolu- tions.

CONSTANTINE GOLDZIER. ROBT. BAUR. THOMAS STANTON, Sec. No. 1.

Chicago, Oct. 10, 1897.

We do a great injustice to Iscariot in thinking him wicked above all com- mon wickedness. He was only a com- mon money lover, and like all money lovers, didn't understand Christ—couldn't make out the worth of him or the meaning of him. He didn't want him to be killed. He was horror struck when he found that Christ would be killed; threw his money away instantly, and hanged himself. How many of our present money seekers, think you, would have the grace to hang themselves, whoever was killed?—Ruskin.

The struggle for liberty was not sup- pressed by the fagot and the rack, nor will it be by injunctions of modern Judge Jeffreys of infamous memory.—Appeal to Reason.

In New York City the working peo- ple are of so little account that it is not considered worth while to put their names in the directory. They are classed with Chinamen and dogs—too cheap to be of any use.—Rights of Man, Minneapolis, Minn.

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