

TWO OF A KIND.

De Leonism stands for two things, abuse and falsehood, especially directed at fellow Socialists.

In place of argument against the Socialist Party, De Leon will dub it "Kangaroo," "Debserie," "Multi-coca," or will hurl at it "Freak," "Fool," "Fakir," and his admiring followers parrot after him and imagine they have demolished the Socialist Party.

If you want to be sure a thing "ain't so," just look and see if De Leon says it is so; that settles it. For instance, take his recent statement in "The Weekly People," that **The Socialist** supported the Whatcom platform in favor of the taxpayers. Actually, that is what he said. So that it has come to be a truism, "If you see it in 'The People,' it can't be true."

Now in these two particulars of mud-throwing and lying, we did not suppose any Socialist editor could rival De Leon. But the following clipping proves we were wrong. De Leon must take a back seat.

"What spite at the movement has the National Committee that it turns such a freak as Boomer on a helpless community? From the places he has visited at once spring up dissension. Pension him and send him home or to an imbecile asylum."

Comrade Geo. E. Boomer is the member of the National Committee of the Socialist Party elected by the membership of the party in the State of Washington. He was sent by the National Committee as special organizer to reorganize Utah which was badly split into two factions.

Boomer was then the official and accredited representative of a state organization and of the Socialist Party of the United States when the above astonishing attack was made upon him. He was engaged in the difficult task of reorganizing a state already split by personal differences. There is no question he was proceeding to secure a new alignment along

the principle of the class-struggle in place of the old division about persons, when this unexpected denunciation was published. It was a gratuitous insult to the great Socialist Party; an unwarranted interference with its work of organization as well as a contemptible slur upon an individual member of that party.

You want to know the man who could so out-De Leon De Leon himself?

The above quotation is from "The Appeal to Reason," date of April 5, 1902. It was written by J. A. Wayland, a fellow member of the Socialist Party with Geo. E. Boomer.

In two respects this attack is worse than anything De Leon has done. **First**, De Leon is true to a man so long as he remains a member of his party. He will not vilify a fellow-member. **Second**, De Leon has one redeeming quality, namely, he always advocates real Socialism, the political movement of the working class. Wayland stands for middle class Socialism, anything to catch votes and win, and hence we cannot even plead for him that his abuse and falsehood are intended to help Socialism.

With respect to the truth of the charges contained in the epithets, it is sufficient to say that a few years ago Comrade Boomer was editing three pages of "The Appeal" and superintending its printing office, being Wayland's right-hand man for many months. He could hardly have been a "freak" or "imbecile" or a candidate for an "asylum" in Wayland's estimation at that time.

As to creating dissension, out of the many Locals visited by Comrade Boomer, only four have shown any dissension and in each of these cases the trouble has arisen solely because those Locals were so imbued with Wayland Socialism by years of reading of "The Appeal," that they were intolerant of the working class Socialism insisted on by Boomer.

Wayland talks a great deal of brotherhood and co-operation and readers

of "The Appeal" are always deprecating any unkind criticism of fellow Socialists—but this attack on Boomer reveals a concentrated bitterness and meanness in Wayland that puts De Leon in the shade. They are two of a kind. Only you always know where to find De Leon, and he makes no goody-goody professions.

In conclusion we hereby challenge "The Appeal" to produce any proof whatever of its slanderous allegations sent broadcast over the country concerning the official national representation of the S. P. of the State of Washington. And we demand, in the absence of such proof, that "The Appeal" make an acknowledgment of its error in the same public manner it uttered the slander.

"Certainly, every right-minded man must desire, even were it against all hope—that the liberation of the workers may not cost humanity so much in blood and tears as did the civil wars and international heatombs which marked the coming of the Third Estate. **But when one sees the blind, persistent, ferocious resistance which the privileged classes always oppose to the most modest claims of the lower classes, one cannot but think of the words which Schiller puts into the mouth of Wallenstein, 'Force it is that triumphs.'**"

This force then, this force that rules the world, the proletariat must conquer. The workers, rallying under the emblem of the International, must awaken in those who still sleep the consciousness of their class-interests, they must shatter by incessant propaganda the ancient discipline which imposes passive obedience upon the armies, they must hold themselves with unalterable patience to the conquest of political power in all branches of government.—Vandervelde.

"Private co-operation may prepare for Socialism, it can never realize it."—Vandervelde.