

# THEY DEFEND TEED.

## SOCIALISTS THE FIRST TO SYMPATHIZE WITH CYRUS.

**A Resolution Condemning Attacks by the Press and Public on the "Koresh" Passed—Tommy Morgan Tells How He Was Impressed When He Saw Teed—The Manager of the South Side "Heaven" As a "Masher"—Other Business Transacted by the Socialists.**

The first note of sympathy or encouragement which has come to "Cyrus," the Koreshan divinity, known in the flesh as Dr. Teed, was sounded yesterday by the Socialists. In an emphatic manner, and with a ringing unanimous vote, they declared that he was all right, and had as much right to live and preach his peculiar doctrine as had the Christ whom the Jews crucified. Press and public were condemned "for persecuting the new Messiah."

John B. Adams led the Socialists in this action. In a loud and excitable tone of voice and with frequent gesticulations he read the following preamble and resolution, which were greeted with cheers from the 100 men and women present:

Before the courts have had any opportunity to act in Teed's case and before he has had any opportunity to defend himself a wild howl against him is heard on every side. Indignation meetings are held at Normal Park; he is strongly denounced; he is called upon to leave the village immediately; and throats are made to tar and feather him and his followers, and burn down the house in which the little community dwells.

During all this time the behavior of Teed and his colony has been, as far as ascertained, above reproach, at least when compared with the conduct of their assailants and the Chicago press.

Socialists believe that if Dr. Teed has violated any law he should be dealt with according to law and should not be persecuted. In the meantime, as this is supposed to be a free country, Dr. Teed has a right to believe any doctrine he pleases so long as his liberty does not interfere with the liberty of any other person.

*Resolved*, That this meeting strongly condemns the action of the Chicago press and the public in this affair. It is a disgrace to the city as a civilized community, and one that is professedly so strongly opposed to anarchy.

Mrs. Woodman in denouncing the action of the people of Normal Park in trying to drive Teed from their midst quoted from an interview in which Special Assessment Attorney E. S. Metcalf expressed the opinion that if the law could not drive Teed out there was a law of energy which might be applied. "The newspapers," said Mrs. Woodman, "applaud Mr. Metcalf for this sentiment. But suppose it had been a few laboringmen that openly proclaimed a desire to use some such 'law of energy,' what would the papers say then? And how quickly police protection would be granted."

"I had the pleasure of an interview with Dr. Teed," said T. J. Morgan. "I attended one of his meetings out of curiosity. From what I had read I expected to find a large, fine-looking, impressive individual. But I was disappointed. He was a little, weazened, insignificant creature, and as a 'masher' would cut no figure at all. He made an all-around poor unpression upon me."

A resolution was passed asking the City Council to provide twenty-five extra school buildings to accommodate the school children of the city now without proper accommodation, as this would tend to prevent child labor and the increase of crime. The resolution also asked that the several branches of economics be taught in the public schools and that the pupils should be given one meal at public expense.

The action of the Board of Education in revising the course of primary instruction was approved by a resolution. Manual training was denounced in the discussion.