

Madison, Wisconsin,

December 10, 1912.

Miss Ada L. James,
Richland Center,
Wisconsin.

My dear Miss James:-

I ~~am returning herewith~~ ^{sent you} the duplicate paper sent here by mistake. I am in receipt this morning of your proposed program. As I understand it, we want to enlist the interest of more people in the work and we therefore need something along inspirational lines more than we do along the line of what has been done, such as the reports of county chairmen would give us.

I do not quite understand "Organization of men's Leagues", "Organization of College Leagues". Do you intend to organize them right then and there, or do you intend to talk on the subject of such organization?

As to the "enemy" which I note you have down for a thirty minute talk upon,- I should think it would be wiser to ignore it altogether except as it may appear in Mrs. Youmans' talk. You know when David Rose ran for Governor, he took pains to malign LaFollette all over the state. LaFollette never mentioned his enemy in any way, and it really made more friends for him than if he had replied to him.

I think what we need in this meeting is to inspire each individual ~~there~~ to renewed effort, ignoring on the first day all county organizations and other lines of division, but simply hammering away on the main issue as it would be presented by Jenken Lloyd Jones, and Mrs. Johnson of Topeka, if I can get her, and others named. My copy of my program is in Milwaukee, unfortunately, so I cannot refer to it here, but what I am trying to get at is the inspirational side, and letting the organization part come when people are aroused to the necessity for union, rather than emphasize the old county and other divisions which separate us.

I like your idea at the Thursday morning meeting relative to financing the campaign, and I think that that should be covered in the committee which I have called "Ways & Means" as opposed to the one that I have designated "Policy",-- the latter rather taking up the whole issue and the Ways & Means Committee considering purely the financial side.

I don't think that we need dwell much on the reports of the county chairmen, or on what has been done, except as perhaps outlined in the bright paper which I am sure Mrs. Youmans

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would give us. What we want to look toward in all this is the future rather than the past. I know that of course some county organizations in the state were strong and did good work, but there were a lot of them that really did nothing to amount to anything, and personally, I hope that we may through this meeting inspire individuals to get out and hustle, not leaving it to organizations in county or state to do the work, as has been pretty much the experience in the past.

I have not heard yet from Brand Whitlock, nor from Mrs. Chynoweth. I suppose that the latter will have to confer with the local people. Please let me know what you think of the above.

Sincerely yours.

Later L. E. Stearns

Mrs. Chynoweth has been in since this was dictated. She says that the local organization is not inviting us to meet here; that the action taken by them was in accordance with the suggestion made in your + Mrs. Benedict's letter relative to a proposed meeting here. I got my information from a woman who was present who thought they invited us to meet here. Mrs. Chynoweth says

she will see what she can do about
getting the Woman's Building - that
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