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In our issues of last Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, we took occasion to criticize the New Yorker Volkszeitung for two successive articles in which, contrary to the constitution of the Association* that issues it, it undertook to utter opinions against the tactics of the Socialist Labor party,—opinions, that, as we showed with unquestionable facts, were baseless and, above all, mischievous. The method it adopted to “answer” is one we are quite familiar with. Since THE PEOPLE exists, with very few exceptions, the adversaries of the party’s tactics, whenever taken hold of and confuted, have dropped argument wholly, dodged the question, run away from it and become indecorously personal. Such was the nature of the “answer” that proceeded from the Volkszeitung; in sight of all of which, its Editor was administered the following rebuke by the Board of Directors, that has that paper in charge, at its regular session on Dec. 28, and authorized publication thereof in THE PEOPLE:

We find that the articles in the Volkszeitung Dec. 14 and 19 are at variance with the tactics of the S.L.P.; and we censure the Editor of the Volkszeitung for his unbecoming answer, in the issue of Dec. 24, to the justified criticism by the party organ, THE PEOPLE.

*The Socialist Co-operative Publishing Association.—R.B.