





PARTY NOTES.

FIVE NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTERS reached the National Secretary last week, besides four for renewal of lapsed charters and the addition of two state committees, Ohio and Washington.

THE BRONX RATIFICATION MEETING will be held at One Hundred and Forty-eighth street and W 18th Avenue, Saturday evening, Sept. 21. The comrades will gather at the club house, 3809 Third Avenue and be prepared to march at 7:30 p. m. The Socialist Fire and Drum Corps will lead the parade, which will proceed to Alexander Avenue, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, then to Willis Avenue, and up to One Hundred and Forty-eighth street. Our candidate for mayor, Benjamin Hanford, and others will speak. All comrades and sympathizers are urged to turn out.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, at 3 p. m., a mass meeting for German-speaking workmen will be held at 3309 Third Avenue. Good speakers will be in attendance.

15TH AND 17TH A. D.—The 15th and 17th Assembly Districts will hold their ratification meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 437 West 53d street. The issues of the municipal campaign will be presented and all citizens are invited to be present.

20TH A. D.—A good audience gathered in Columbia Hall, One Hundred and First street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, on Sunday evening last to hear Comrade Spargo's lecture on "The Social Problem and Its Solution." Comrade Spargo took up the subject of the recent assassination, pointed out the difference between Anarchism and Socialism, and showed that only the Socialists can and do consistently oppose Anarchism.

This Sunday evening, Sept. 22, Mr. James H. Brown will give an Exposition of the Party. Admission is free and all are welcome. Discussion follows the lecture.

20TH A. D.—All members and district captains of the 20th A. D., Brooklyn, will please report at Koot Hall, Hanbury Avenue and Hermon Street, Sunday morning, Sept. 22, by order of the Campaign Committee.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB of the Bronx meets Friday evening, Sept. 20, at the club house of the W. E. A., 3309 Third Avenue. All young people living in the Bronx are interested in Socialism are invited to come and join.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF YORKVILLE also have a club, to be remembered, which met at the club house, 206 E. Eighty-sixth street, last Friday, with Miss Hall in the chair. Four new members were taken in. Twenty-five tickets from the musical section of the W. E. A. were accepted and immediately sold, through the efforts of Comrade Hirsch. The club will hold its first picnic and festival on Oct. 5 at the Old Homestead Garden. The affair promises to be a great success. Comrade Ohlert of the 28th A. D. addressed the club on the work the young people should do in the campaign; his advice was listened to with attention. Comrades Gerber, Kautsky, and Ulrich were elected as chairman for the next three street meetings.

MORRIS HILLOUIT will speak on Socialism at a meeting to be held under the auspices of the Social Democratic Women's Society, Branch 8, Union Hill, at the club rooms, 515-513 Hackensack Plank Road, West Hoboken, Wednesday evening, Sept. 25. All are invited. Men, come and bring your wives.

THE SOCIALISTS OF DOVER, N. H., held a meeting on Sept. 11 and organized a local of the Socialist Party, with twenty-nine members. James H. Morgan is Organizer. Other officers are: Recording Secretary, Lou A. Stevens; Finance Secretary, and Literary Secretary, D. E. C. Taylor; Treasurer, Michael Harris. Resolutions were adopted condemning the assassination of the President.

"THE CLARION" is the new name of the paper formerly known as the Haverhill "Social Democrat."

IN PENNSYLVANIA the comrades are printing leaflets to be distributed broadcast. Local Erie has made such a leaflet of the excellent resolutions adopted by the Philadelphia United Labor League and printed in this paper two weeks ago. The Pennsylvania State Committee has issued three such leaflets—a reprint of a front-page editorial from the Worker entitled "The Right of Free Speech," an article from "Advance" entitled "Points for Workmen," and an extract from a pamphlet recently issued by Charles H. Kerr & Co. on "Intemperance and Poverty." This is good work. Literature is what does the work.

LOCAL LUZERNE COUNTY, PA., took in three new members at its last meeting, and got the subscriptions of two of them for the Worker; the third was already on the list. Collection of signatures for state nomination papers is practically complete. Resolutions were adopted and printed in the local press pointing out the difference between Socialism and Anarchism and declaring that the cause of assassination is to be found in capitalist injustice. Geo. E. Biglow was engaged to in Plymouth on the evening of Oct. 8.

COMRADE MAHONEY OF INDIANAPOLIS writes that the movement there is assuming most encouraging proportions and the comrades hope to show good results at the next election. The following city ticket has been nominated: For Mayor—George Mils. For City Clerk—L. F. Tuttle. For Police Judge—Charles Theobald. For Councilman at Large—Thos. C. J. M. Kay, George Mils, D. E. Mahoney, Carl Hoffman, and A. Rogge. The platform of the party to

such municipal action as reversion of franchises and municipal ownership of water, lighting, heating, and power systems, street transportation, telephones, etc.; abolition of contract system on public work and direct employment with a maximum of eight hours' work and a minimum of \$2 wages; extension of school system, with free text books and, where necessary, food and clothing supplied to children; and public schools for the relief of the unemployed. A good leaflet has been issued and work is being done to extend the circulation of party papers. Public meetings are held every Sunday evening at the headquarters, Room 21, Union Block, 119 W. Maryland street.

LOCAL MINNEAPOLIS is at the height of its election fever. There is no local in election there till the fall of 1902. The local has doubled its membership in the last six months; five new ones were taken in at the last meeting. Comrade Lockwood has been elected Organizer and given a salary sufficient to allow him to devote all his time to the party—he works seven days a week. Good outdoor meetings are being held. A list of one thousand names of persons interested in or inclining toward Socialism was made up by the members from the proposed candidates and a short typewritten letter is being sent to each, calling attention to the purposes of the party, announcing the opening of headquarters, and inviting the recipients to attend and join the party; a copy of the platform is enclosed with each letter. The plan might well be imitated in other cities. The new headquarters are at 125 Nicollet Avenue. There is a free reading room open on weekdays from 8 a. m. till 5 p. m. and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p. m.

THE SOCIALISTS OF OAKLAND, CAL., have issued an excellent four-page leaflet entitled "The Reason Why and Why Not," written by our well-known comrade, W. W. Wilson. The purpose of the leaflet is to show the need for Socialism under the present conditions, and to prevent, if possible, by a clear statement of facts and principles, the scattering of forces and waste of energy likely to be caused by the proposed formation of a union labor party separate from the Socialist Party. Many thousands of copies are being circulated on the Coast.

THE SOCIALIST PRESS of the country has been reinforced by the establishment in Redlands, Cal., of a bright light weekly called "The Undercurrent." We wish success to our Redlands comrades in their new venture.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN is opened by the Socialists with the publication of a strong address to the workmen of the city, and declaration of Socialist principles, which will be widely distributed in the form of leaflets. The attention of the workmen is called to the organized attack upon them now being made by the Employers' Association in San Francisco, as well as at other places. The fact is further emphasized that judges and public officials of both old parties are abetting the capitalists in this attack, and the position of the Socialist Party as an uncompromising representative of the working class is clearly set forth. Political conditions and public feeling in San Francisco seem particularly favorable to the Socialist movement in this campaign. Almost without exception our candidates are workmen actually employed at their trades and active members of their respective unions.

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TWO SIGNIFICANT VOTES IN CENTRAL LABOR BODIES.

New York C. F. U. Calls on Workingmen to Leave Old Parties —St. Louis C. T. & L. U. Turns Down President for Mixing in Capitalist Politics.

Upon motion of Comrade Morris Brown delegate of Cigar Makers' Union No. 144, the New York Central Federated Union last Sunday instructed its delegate to the State Federation of Workingmen to introduce a resolution calling upon both organized and unorganized workmen throughout the state to sever their connections with the old political parties and stand free to support candidates nominated directly by and from the ranks of the working class.

RENT-ROLLS OR HUMAN LIFE, WHICH IS MORE SACRED?

The tenement-house owners of this city held a general mass meeting last week. The large assembly room of the New York Turn Hall in Eighty-fifth street was packed to overflowing with big and little landlords, all ready to foam at the mouth with rage.

It is necessary that you inspire the capitalists and their servants, the politicians, with FEAR OF YOUR OWN RESPECT FOR YOUR DETERMINATION. You cannot do this by protesting and begging. You can do it in another way.

The matter is that their MOST SACRED FEELINGS HAVE BEEN OUTRAGED, THEIR MOST SACRED FEELINGS, ONE MUST REMEMBER, RESIDE IN THEIR FAT POCKETBOOKS.

The matter is that the Republican politicians at Albany, knowing the horrible conditions in the tenement districts—conditions which have grown worse and worse by their silent consent from year to year, and by which these landlords profit—and fearing that if they did not do something to alleviate these conditions, the workingmen would stir themselves to really independent political action, did at last enter into law a miserable little quibbling and compromising measure of half-way reform.

This law is as a drop in the ocean to the measures that ought to be taken to abolish the tenement-house evils. But it does do something, however little, for the tenement class; and it does impose some expense, however small compared to their income, upon the landlords. Hence the wrath of the landlords and their determination that the law must be resisted and overturned.

These landlords are going to petition the next legislature to amend the law in such a way as to destroy whatever its usefulness has. YOU MAY BE SURE WORKINGMEN, THAT IF YOU DO NOT SEND YOUR OWN MEMO TO THE LEGISLATURE, THE PETITIONS OF THE LANDLORDS WILL BE LISTENED TO FAVORABLY RESPECTFULLY THAN ANY YOU MAY MAKE. Why? First, because the landlords have wealth and influence because they contribute to the Republican and Democratic campaign funds and have favors to give to obsequious politicians. Second, because so few politicians think that they have your votes in their vest pockets, any, how, and are afraid to disregard your wishes—and you have given them reason to think so by voting for their parties in spite of repeated injury and insult.

Only last year you wanted an Employers' Liability Law, to protect you from your employers' cruel and reckless greed. Your employers opposed it and the Republican and Democratic legislators killed the bill.

Not long ago you got a Prevailing Rate of Wages Law. You thought it a great victory. It was on the face of it—considering that you did not vote for it, but only asked your masters' representatives to vote for it. But—there was a great big "but," as you discovered. Your employers carried that law to the Court of Appeals, and the court, composed of Republican and Democratic lawyer-politicians, decided that the law was unconstitutional and void.

In the light of such experience as that, you may expect that, unless you promptly take action in your own defense, the legislature and the courts will listen to the demands of the land-

DIRTY DOLLARS.

Some Suggestions on What the Comrades Must Do in Order to Make Our Movement Successful.

Comrades must remember that the work of the writers and speakers is, or should be, only a small part of the activity of such a party as ours. The work of the editors will not do much good if the comrades who count themselves as the "rank and file" do not get subscribers for the party press.

It is the hard, quiet, unremitting work of the whole body of party members that counts. Unfortunately, this most useful work is generally unhonored and unrewarded. But fortunately, on the other hand, the Socialists are inspired with such a love for the cause that they are willing to work for it without honor or reward, when they see that their services are needed.

The petty troubles of the past two or three years, how so happily so, have interrupted the general activity that so distinguished the comrades of Greater New York before that. Many of our old workers have not yet fallen back into the good old habits, while many of the new recruits have not yet learned them.

In addition to its gross receipts of \$2,242,635 in its capacity as a street railway, the Third Avenue had "other income" of \$413,000, "other income" in a railway report means simply additional "graft." In this case it probably includes payments for street car advertising, etc., or it may be that the Third Avenue Company is the owner of the bonds of some minor street railways operated in connection with or by it.

In looking up railway reports, one must not be surprised or disappointed because such items as "other income" appear from time to time, leaving one entirely in the dark as to the real source of the money entered thereunder. You have only to reflect that these reports are made only nominally to comply with the law, and their real purpose is usually to affect the market, a good report sending the stock up a few points and an adverse report sending it down.

Where the organization is too weak in numbers to attempt to cover the whole district in this manner, IT SHOULD AT LEAST SEE THAT ALL REGISTERED SOCIALIST VOTERS ARE PERSONALLY VISITED. Three-fourths of our voters know little or nothing of our organization and have never seen our party papers. But nine out of ten would, if personally solicited, show their interest in the movement by taking literature to distribute among their neighbors and friends; and the majority would enroll themselves in our organization and subscribe for our papers.

In some places the comrades who do this work will have a cold reception—or an unpleasantly hot one. But in most cases, if they use proper tact, they will be able to accomplish much good.

The daily papers report that Colonel Astor's auto struck a boy, knocking him down and injuring him severely. The colonel is a liberal man, however, and out of his millions gave the boy \$15.

The "business men" in Wall Street needed money. So Secretary of the United States Treasury Gage bought \$20,000,000 of government bonds of them before they were due in order to keep the business interests prosperous. But if a workman on a million workmen were starving for want of work the government could not employ one of them. Can you see any difference? Do you think the government is run in the interest of workmen or in the interest of capitalists?

Banker Jefferson Seligman last week had the teeth of his son-in-law Anna filled with gold. Why should any reasoning man be surprised if some day his teeth should be filled with grass?

If you want to understand just how much patriotism some people have just watch the bills presented by the late President's physicians and all the others connected with his illness in any way.

Working for my own pocket all of the time is back in town. If you've got a dollar, look out for it.

At a cost of \$6,500, Frank J. Gould has recently imported from England a St. Bernard dog named Baron Sundridge. It would seem from this that English barons were cheaper than French counts. And it is two to one that the baron's pedigree is nobler than the count's.

At the last meeting of The Worker Conference two new delegates were seated—Fred Bauer of the 35th and 7th A. D. and Comrade Bernstein of the 4th A. D. The financial secretary's report showed receipts from circular letters and other sources to date of \$38.85. The treasurer's report showed \$106.74 on hand. It was decided to send a list to every assembly district of existing subscriptions to The Worker and that the delegates to the Conference look up these subscribers and secure their renewals.

The next meeting of the Conference will be held at the Labor Lyceum, Monday, Sept. 23, at 8 p. m.

Socialism means abolition of the private ownership of capital and of wage slavery. Abolition of competition for bread—men against each other, women against men, children against women, and machinery against all—Leon Greenbaum.

THE WORK OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Some Suggestions on What the Comrades Must Do in Order to Make Our Movement Successful.

These present to come and bring their friends. The meetings should be arranged in advance in series of two or three hours and cards printed bearing the whole list of speakers and subjects with the name of The Worker and "Viewers" and a few of our best pamphlets. These should be put into every house in the district, just before the opening of the series. Then for each subsequent meeting a small card or slip may be printed and similarly distributed. THE WIDEST PUBLICITY MUST BE GIVEN THE MEETINGS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE BEST RESULTS.

At every hall meeting the Literature Agent should be in attendance at a table near the door, prepared to sell books and pamphlets, take subscriptions for party papers, and the chairman should invite the people to buy and read our literature. Inasmuch as all our literature is applied to organizations at a large discount and as a commission is allowed on all subscriptions for our papers, there should be a considerable profit from the Literature Agent's work to provide for its expansion or to be applied to other forms of agitation.

At every open-air meeting in campaign time it is absolutely necessary that a banner showing the ticket and emblem should be displayed and that the chairman in introducing each speaker should mention the name of the party, its candidates, and the emblem under which their names will appear on the ballot. In such a way that one in the audience can fall to understand.

Some of our open-air speakers seem to forget that a campaign is on. Some give scientific lectures, on phases of the question but very distantly related to the immediate political purpose of the meeting; others denounce the capitalist system and the old parties, without even suggesting that we have anything to offer in their place. This should not be allowed. EVERY SPEECH SHOULD BE AN APPEAL TO THE WORKINGMEN TO VOTE THE TICKET OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO VOTE FOR BEN HANFORD, AND MORRIS BROWN, AND HENRY STAHL AND THE LOCAL CANDIDATES, WHOEVER THEY MAY BE.

Don't abuse OR EXAGGERATE. Again, the speaker should be careful not to exaggerate, not to use needlessly violent language, and not to wander from the subject. Don't say that each type-setting machine throws twenty men out of employment; some printer may be in the crowd and he will know that it has thrown only three or four men out; he will set you and the whole party down as liars or ignoramus. BE SURE OF YOUR FACTS, AND STICK TO THEM; THE TRUTH IS SUFFICIENT FOR OUR PURPOSES. DON'T USE ABUSIVE EPITHETS; IT IS BETTER TO PROVE THAT CROOKER AND PLATT ARE RASCALS THAN TO CALL THEM RASCALS WITHOUT PROVING IT. If you say the capitalists are robbers and murderers, you will only alienate the sympathy of most of your hearers; but if, in calm language, you explain the workings of the capitalist system, your hearers will know what to think of the capitalist class and how to express their judgment.

Stick to the subject. Finally, don't wonder from the subject. You may believe that atheism is a great sin, or you may think that the church is an enemy of human progress; you may believe that divorce should be forbidden, or you may be in favor of free-love; you may hold very decided opinions on a variety of religious or social questions, which you think it your duty to propagate. But you have no right to inject these opinions into your party's meetings. THEY ARE NOT YOUR OPINIONS; NOT THE PARTY'S, AND YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO FORCE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM UPON THE PARTY. Stick to your subject; show the workings and the effects of capitalism, the sufferings of the laboring class, the tyranny of the capitalist class, the antagonism of the interests, the way in which the old parties serve capitalist interests, and the position of the S. D. P. as representing the workers. Make this clear—and don't forget the ticket and the emblem.

We have spoke at length on this subject of the mistakes of speakers, not because many of them fall into such errors, but because ONE WHO MAKES MISTAKES MAY UNDO THE WORK OF MANY WHO HAVE DONE THEIR DUTY.

We have the forecast in this city to make a good campaign this fall and a permanently powerful movement—we

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS IN GREATER NEW YORK.

Open-air meetings will be held in the following places during the coming week. Platform committees are instructed to have platforms, literature, banners, etc., on hand promptly at 8 p. m. at the appointed places. Speakers should also appear promptly on time.

FRIDAY, Sept. 20.—8th A. D., N. E. Essex and Hester streets. Speakers: Weinstein and Cohen.

22d A. D.—Socialist Educational League, 47th street and 41st avenue. Speakers: Phillips, Nicholson, and Finger.

18th A. D.—16th street and Second avenue. Speakers: Goldstein, Fraser, and Paulitch.

SATURDAY, Sept. 21.—8th A. D.—S. E. Canal and Ludlow street. Speakers: Edlin, Josephson, and Weinstein.

16th A. D.—S. E. Stanton and Lewis streets. Speakers: Fieldman and Leikowitz.

20th A. D.—S. W. 70th street and First avenue. Speakers: Phillips, Nicholson, and Fraser.

28th A. D.—N. W. 83d street and First avenue. Speakers: Fraser, Phillips, and Lemon.

30th A. D.—N. W. 85th street and First avenue. Speakers: Lemon and Lee.

MONDAY, Sept. 23.—2d A. D.—S. E. Market and Henry streets. Speakers: Panken and Davidson.

4th A. D.—S. E. Rector and Henry streets. Speakers: Josephson, Havdon, and Edlin.

12th A. D.—Junction Division and Grand streets. Speakers: Edlin, Panken, and Josephson.

16th A. D.—S. E. 7th street and Avenue B. Speakers: Fieldman and Goldstein.

TUESDAY, Sept. 24.—8th A. D.—N. E. Broome and Forsyth streets. Speakers: Panken, Weinstein, and Boudin.

31st A. D.—N. W. 15th street and Fifth avenue. Speakers: Miss Dahme, Sparzo, and Loewenthal.

32d A. D.—N. W. 16th street and Second avenue. Speakers: Edlin, Malkiel, and Davidson.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25.—11th A. D.—N. W. 36th street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Sparzo, Finger, and Neben.

15th A. D.—N. E. 40th street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Neben, Sparzo, and Phillips.

15th A. D.—N. E. 52d street and Eighth avenue. Speakers: Phillips, Hanford, and Malloy.

ONE PHASE OF THE NEGRO QUESTION.

Professional Leaders of Colored Race Curry Favor with Bosses by Inciting Negroes to Scab.

One of the most encouraging features of the recent national convention of the Socialist Party was the presence of three negro delegates and the position they took upon the resolutions dealing with the negro question. "I AM NOT HERE AS A NEGRO," said one of them; "I AM HERE AS A WORKINGMAN. I do not speak for my race, but for my class; and I hope this convention will not recognize any race divisions within the ranks of the working class."

It is striking contrast to this admirable utterance is an editorial in the "Colored American," which has just been called to our attention. This is a paper whose whole policy consists in fostering race feeling among the colored people, in leading to politicians who appoint colored men to petty offices, and in what is slyly described as "knocking" and "fanning"—that is, personal comments, favorable and unfavorable, made up entirely of personal and racial considerations carried to an extent that would chagrin the worst of those "leg-pulling" papers that, in some quarters, still disgrace the labor movement.

INCITING TO SCABBERY. The editor of this paper devotes nearly a column to an editorial on the steel strike. We quote in part: "Providence never creates a vain thing. The steel strike is not without its purpose. It is serving a mission, the extent of which is not yet known. It is being demonstrated that in the hour of trial, the negro is the greatest American. He is always on the side of the standard interests of the country. The negro is a man of walking delegates, union tyrants, anarchists, Socialists and enemies to the peace and stability of the nation. He is a man who, when capital is in distress, when the threat of a strike is imminent, he is an owner, desire to fill contracts for their patrons, and when agitators grasp them by the throat, he is the first to cry out for the negro to go to the front lines."

We are glad that the steel strike has taken place despite the loss and suffering it has brought to the business interests of the land. The contention of the workers is founded on the principle of justice. The tyranny that is making for the undoing of unions, is the tyranny of the few against the many. When capital is in distress, when the threat of a strike is imminent, he is an owner, desire to fill contracts for their patrons, and when agitators grasp them by the throat, he is the first to cry out for the negro to go to the front lines."

The colored people of this country will never become truly emancipated until they learn to respect themselves; until they cease to truckle to capitalists and politicians and stand as men and workmen, shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand with their white fellow workers, conscious of their rights and courageous to maintain them. IF THEY WOULD HAVE OTHERS TREAT THEM AS MEN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR COLOR, THEY MUST TREAT THEMSELVES AS MEN, REGARDLESS OF THEIR COLOR.

The white workingmen are learning, and Socialists are doing their best to enforce the lesson, that no race lines must be drawn in the labor movement. Let the thinking colored men all over the land greet them and encourage them in this movement and hasten the day of liberty and equality for all.

IN TROY. A number of the members of the Colored Cutters' Union have joined the Socialist Democratic local organization and promise a warm campaign this fall against both old parties. Some deserters from the union have been received with open arms by the local group of the DeLeon Seab Labor party—Trozy, Advocate (labor paper).

Some of our capitalists are buying country seats in England. A wise move. If they don't get out of this country before Socialism comes they may have to do a little work.

Let us say nothing of the blasphemy of a Christian, or pretended Christian, who sees "the hand of God" in the tyranny of capital, in the oppression of tens of thousands of workmen, in the wide-spread suffering which every great strike involves. We make no religious professions ourselves and may leave this matter to those who believe in the omnipotence of God who worships at his own sweet will.

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A RACE OF WORKINGMEN. By comparatively few exceptions, the colored people of this country are workmen—the vast majority of them unskilled laborers in field, mine, or factory, overworked and underpaid. After centuries of slavery; they were given personal freedom by form of law; but without land, without tools, without industrial training, they were carefully kept in industrial bondage to their former masters. All the odds were against them and they deserve all praise for the advance they have made in the last forty years. But the fact remains that, in general, they are still brawlers of wood and drawers of water.

And in this they are at one with the white workingmen. The latter have the advantage of a large experience of political liberty; but they, too, are exploited and oppressed. Black or white, the majority of us are born to toil and to be lawfully robbed of the fruits of our labor.

INTERESTS IDENTICAL. The wages and hours and conditions of labor are fixed by the same law for black and white. If the wages of the workmen of one race are forced down, then, through the workings of competition, the other race must also suffer. If the workers of one race succeed in improving their condition, then, by the same law of competition, the other race will share in the gain. Our masters are the same, and it makes no sense, our emancipation must come by the same process, and it would come to both races together.

But old prejudices still linger upon both sides; unhappily, they are still harbored in the breasts of workmen as well as of the master class. There is no denying that most trade unions have been in the past, and that some still are, influenced by these unworthy feelings and have done cruel injustice to their colored fellow workmen; and in so doing they have done grave injury to their own cause. But they are learning. Some have already learned. In one trade after another we hear that the color line has been wiped out and that strenuous efforts are being made to correct past mistakes of both races and to bring them together upon a footing of equality and comradeship for the common good of the working class. (Apropos of the

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