LABOR IN POLITICS


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ON UNION LABOR

I strongly believe in trade unions, wisely and justly handled, in which the rightful purpose to benefit those concerned with the concern is not accompanied by a desire to do injustice or wrong to others. I believe in the duty of capitalists and wage workers to try to seek one another out, to understand each other’s point of view, and to enter into a broad and kindly human sympathy with one another.

WHAT SHOULD LABOR DO IN POLITICS? This question is brought home to the American labor people this Labor Day with especial relevance because the whole history of the modern trade union movement is to be found in it. Labor has gone into politics on a comprehensive scale.

Therefore the leaders of union labor have solemnly awaited the assurance of the labor movement and its organization with political parties. Suddenly there has come a complete about-face attitude. Trade unionism is making the revolutionary experiment of seeking to have none except labor’s friends placed on the halls of congress and in the legislatures of the various states.

What the occasion will be no one knows. Even the labor union leaders themselves do not appear to be entirely clear as to how the revolutionary unionist ought to go in politics. Their plans appear to be centered on the new law-making bodies; to which they would seem to be voted into office in the state and national unions’ annual meetings.

But our experience is that in the cities where the unionists have not been in the habit of being elected as such, the people have been elected to public office by the same men who have been the leaders of the “non-union” element.

The laborers—New York Senator andl and Reformers—Nebraska Labor’s造成了的 failure on the part of the iron and steel interests to draw the secretary of the state labor reform party, to decide the workmen’s vote should be submitted to the republican party. Mayor Adolph, Buffalo’s radical endorses the labor vote. The laborer is not to be blamed if he finds no place in politics, but let him see in politics.

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