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THE PASSING THROG

For the past twenty-five years the editor of Cayton's Weekly has denounced organized labor in general and in Seattle in particular for its proscription of the colored man, in some kind of a publication, and unless we are mistaken in the signs of the times the persistent fight, like bread cast upon the waters, has after many days, months and years begun to return with good results. No, no, the agitator is seldom if ever given consideration, but others are selected to bear the olive branch of peace. Organized labor in Seattle has begun to see the error of its ways as to its treatment of the colored man through a glass darkly and has made some slight concessions to colored workmen and says it will do more if what little it has done shows any signs of bearing fruit.

Recently Rev. W. D. Carter, probably Seattle's most popular colored preacher, and Dr. F. B. Cooper no less popular in colored circles than Rev. Carter, were invited to speak at the Labor Temple and set forth the colored man's grievances before the governing body, and Rev. Carter took advantage of the opportunity and said things that made Jimmy Duncan and his close corporation friends set up and take notice. We are delighted to record the apparent turn of conditions and trust that Rev. Carter, Dr. Cooper and other popular colored men will be frequently called into conference with the labor leaders and that in the very near future the cause of labor will know no color, creed or nationality, but will recognize as a friend and brother all men who labor. So far as the editor hereof is concerned he expects no favors or consideration at the hands of the labor leaders, because he realizes that they look upon him in the light of an anti-labor agitator, having for so long waged such a relentless war upon all forms of organized labor on account of its color proscription.

That mass meeting last Monday evening under the auspices of the Seattle branch of the N. A. A. C. was some meeting and was attended by the Prestos, Big Wind and Little Wind, and if they were not the only pebbles on the beach then the others hid themselves when they got busy. Without a word of warning they were there and many others whom we have not seen before since the year of one, when the work was just begun, and for what? to send Mrs. Presto to a gathering of learned men and women among whom she would rattle around like a mustard seed in a tin can. The Seattle Branch needs stimulus direct from headquarters and in order to get that the delegate from here, if such there be, should possess the mental capacity to absorb that from the great leaders which is so much needed out here and return home to trans-

mit the same to the Seattle folks. This thing of sending persons to representative gatherings without qualifications to represent the local organization, simply because you want to oppose somebody else, is childish. With no selfish motives this paper suggested the name of S. H. Stone for the delegate and it did so because Mr. Stone is a business man among business men of Seattle and the people of the East would see that the Seattle Branch had cut out the tommy rot of sending make shifts to talk business with business men.

READ THE STORY

Under the caption of One Hundred Per Cent Efficiency, a beautiful story in another column hereof is reproduced and we trust you and each of you will read the same and pass it along. In our opinion it is almost next to impossible to read the story without feeling yourself drawn one hundred per cent nearer to your fellow man, and that too without regard to race, color or creed. But few of us in this age who would not hold up our hands in holy horror, if after our boy had finished a college course, he would announce his intention of becoming a railroad porter and the world would pronounce him a young man without ambition. But in the story herewith reproduced is a railroad porter of twenty-five years service and a graduate of a high class college, having been forced into this kind of work from prevailing circumstances, made much of the awkward situation by working to make men better as he did his daily duty. If in all the twenty-five years service he had done no more than convert the man pointed out in the story he as well as his Alma Mater is amply repaid for his work and worry. What man of us in the West that would not have handed that Alabamian a whole fist full, even at the risk of losing our job, and the nigger" than he ever was before and sent him back to his southern heaths a hundred per cent more determined to "damn yet this porter, bred and born a gentleman and trebly so by his educational qualifications, completely conquered him and used nothing but the most gentle yet choice language. Give us, oh God, men like this and perhaps the chasm of dispute between whites and the blacks of this country will sooner or later be completely spanned.

Oregon has condemned Old Man Booze to the guillotine and his execution is fixed for July 1st. So promote it be.

Essential to any church organization are four ps initiating preach, pray, praise, pay. On these the success of the whole church fabric rests.

As a presidential candidate we fear Senator Poindexter will not get very many Miles from the hitching post, yea, verily, if he even leaves it.

Japan is to continue to control China Uncle Sam having backed up in its support of China. Your Uncle Sam knows when he is up against the real thing.

Had organized labor in Seattle elected to strike for the fun of striking as did it in other places May 1st it certainly would have had a acold time for a day off.

Already Uncle Sam has the open enmity of Italy and if England and France back up Italy what Uncle Sam has put in the war may be a dead loss and especially what she loaned her allies.

A dollar to a doughnut Senator Hardwick will have that colored maid that got blown almost to pieces while opening an infernal machine, which was sent to him, sent to the poor house for future maintenance.

Doubtless "a little learning is a bad thing," but not one hundredth part as bad as no learning. Every one with an ounce of get up and get there can get a good learning these times and its actually criminal to not do so.

Returned soldiers want work, but let it be distinctly understood that they do not mean to take any kind of work except to their liking, and evidently farm work is not at all to their liking, but high salaried clerical jobs are what all of them demand.

Perhaps Razz got contorted into Jazz, but whether Razz or Jazz in its originality certain it is that the music of a colored man is setting the civilized world on fire and literally consuming it. Evidently the colored man does more than imitate.

In our last issue we warned President Wilson if he did not get out of Europe post haste he would get cut in the fracas and now it seems that he is benign whip-sawed by England and France and jammed by Italy. Fools will rush in where angels fear to tread.

Even in beer guzzling states from now, who sings How Dry I am, will not be able to get enough of the stuff that soothes to slake his or her thirst as the further manufacture of beer has been ordered off. Poor Old Man Booze, he sho is having one hell of a time.

That Wisconsin farmer who found a cache of whiskey, while digging a well on his farm has nothing on the government detectives of Seattle who found a cache of whiskey while spading up a back yard. In other words, just now, old Mother Earth seems to be just full of the stuff.

Which is the "leading weakly" paper of the Northwest among the colored citizens still seems to be the mooted question. For months we have been lead to believe it was published in Seattle, but now it is learned from a distinguished citizen of Tacoma that it is published in Portland. Who next?

Fixing a set program for the colored man of this country is one and the same thing as making of him a legalized serf—a mild form of slavery which would mean that the work of John Brown, William Loyd Garrison, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abraham Lincoln (bless his memory) and many others all count for naught. Perish the thought.

It was some thirty years ago when hundreds of prominent men of the country were sent infernal machines, which resulted in some loss of life and much material damage, and a like terror is now running rampant over the country. The mails are literally flooded with dangerous devices sent to leading men of the country hoping thereby to intimidate them in the performance of their public duties.

It has been hinted that our own and only President Wilson has a feeling in his heart to recognize the Russian Bolsheviks. Why not? since he has recognized the South of our own land and country, and it is beyond human conception to show more savagery than our southern Democratic hell devils practice on the colored citizens of that section. But should the president recognize Lenine of Russia he would not be doing very much different than his alleged dicker-