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PRINCE AT HIS OLD TRADE.

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Sam Prince, the Tammany candidate for Assembly in the Sixteenth Assembly District, makes loud boast on the stump and everywhere else of being a "union man." This is his campaign stock in trade. Tammany selected him because he was a member of a union and because he could be depended upon to do the dirty work which Tammany is interested in after election and to do his utmost to divide the workingmen before election.

Prince, in his political capacity, is working at the same trade of scabbery and treason to his union and his class as he worked at for long years. Here is a page from his record which was solemnly sworn to in a law suit brought by this same Prince. Not only was this testimony given in court under oath, but Prince never dared to deny it. Like all fakirs, he recoils from saying under oath or putting on paper over his own signature the lies which he trumpets from the platform. The punishment for perjury hath power to quell the savage scab. In that action, one Feldborg of Union No. 90 was brought into court by one Ludwig Jablinowsky, also of Union 90, and being sworn testified that Samuel Prince called upon the label committee of the union and demanded that that body investigate, his (Prince's) blue label factory; and asked that a committee be sent to investigate whether or not his factory was a tenement cigar factory as the *Volkszeitung* claimed. Feldberg stated he found (on said investigation), that the Prince family occupied the two floors of a tenement house on Sixth street; that they cooked, slept and made cigars on these floors; that he also found two rooms on the same floor where Prince manufactured cigars and in one of these he found a bed.

In the big cigarmakers' strike in Boston in 1877, a Sam Prince scabbed in Bence's factory and secured scabs for that factory; on being charged with this in the union, Mr. Sam Prince claimed that there were other cigarmakers of the same name who did that. But he did not explain why he did not dare to attempt to join the union until 1897, twenty years later, when the clouds had rolled away!!!!

Sam Prince has belonged to the union only since 1897. His record shows him to have been a procurer of scabs and tool of the bosses before that time. Since then he has labored night and day for Tammany and against the working class. Supporter of the Tammany judge, Freedman, who issues injunctions forbidding any interference with scabs, Prince the "union man" is doing now what he has always done; he is at his old trade.

The real union men in the Sixteenth Assembly District are now striking against the injunction-issuing, scab protecting Tammany judges, and they are carrying that strike to the ballot box. Prince is doing the capitalist Tammany's dirty work of procuring scabs to break this strike also. He is working at his old trade and he is using his membership in the pure and simple union as an instrument to assist in that scabbery.

The scab procurer is working at his old trade; but the Socialist Labor Party is also at its trade, to wit, that of unifying the working class and smashing its traitors, the "Organized Scabbery." The Socialist Labor Party before this, has crushed just as cunning would-be dividers of the workers as the precious Sam, and it will add Mr. Sam Prince to the list of those who monkeyed with the Buzz Saw.

Bona fide labor, awakening and indignant, will smash the labor fakirs, scabs and scab procurers, by voting straight.

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