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The vision of one who in years that have vanished,
Engendered regard which we fondly requite;
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And gave us the source of exquisite delight.
The years will roll onward adown through the ages,
And we like all others will wander alone;
'Tis then he will get as we turn Riley's pages,
"A smile from the heart that is dearly our own."
When twilights shall gather their shades o'er the heather,
The "Frost on the Punkin" we'll thoughtfully scan;
We'll think of "John Henry," and oft we to gether
Will smile at "Old Raggedy" and "Lizabuth Ann,"
How oft in our fancy when childhood is ended
And we 'neath the blossoms no longer shall play;
We'll feel the kind hand that to us was extended,
And left us the incense like roses in May.
'Tis then retrospection of Life's golden morning
Will clearly reveal all the faces we knew;
And the one we shall see with laurel adorning,
Will have all our homage:—of course 'twill be you.

Elizabeth and Frances.

Galena, Md., Feb'y, 1916.

"DEAL AT HOME"

Chestertown, Feb. 19, 1916.

Messrs. Editors:

In looking over the county papers and reading the many articles in reference to deal at home etc., I have been thinking what a difference it makes whose ox is gored. The writer who has lived most all his life in this town cannot but deplore the change that has taken place in this community from a live and let live policy to one of sordid selfishness and mistrust of one another and a desire to create dissention and tear up rather than build up our town and county. We mostly read articles in regard to protection of merchants and such like but never a word spoken in protection of the mechanics of our town. I say it is all right to have protection, that we must have if we are expected to fulfill our duty to our laws, our religion and our social welfare to our community, but if the merchant is protected, then why not the mechanic. At this writing there are working in Chestertown three out-of-town contractors. Are they any better than our mechanics? I say no. Then why employ them? If there is a fire in our town do we send for them to put it out, or a riot started, do they help to quell it, as a rule who does the most dangerous work in case of a fire, etc. Is it the professional man? No, mostly the mechanic. We do not want any hog or monopoly but a square deal.

A Mechanic.

THE ROAD ENGINEER

Messrs. Editors:

My experience during the past twelve years in traveling over the roads of Kent and adjoining counties, enables me to speak with some accuracy about the road question.

I have borne a considerable part of the expenses of the roads, and do not hesitate to express frankly my observation and conclusion. Six years ago when Isaac Gibbs, Jr. was appointed Road Engineer, I believe that due mainly to his immature age, his supervision was not going to be a success, I expressed myself at that time. This opposition was not personal, because I have had a kind personal feeling for him and for Isaac Gibbs, Sr. Facts bear me out in stating that Isaac Gibbs, Sr., has been of valuable assistance to his son. Isaac Gibbs, Sr. is a capable, experienced and practical man. And in the matter of the roads, especially in the First District, there is no good ground for complaint. But as to the rest of the county, I think the present supervision has not been successful. And yet, the present Engineer has been unfortunate in having to contend with factional strife.

There is now a Bill before the Senate proposing to eliminate the Road Engineer, and thus place the management in the hands of county commissioners. This change, I believe, will result in no improvement. We would then have the roads under the supervision of the commissioners, who frequently, desire to build up their personal and political power in their respective districts. The placing of responsibility upon one qualified individual, is generally the most effective means to obtain results. A practical, experienced Road Engineer, limited as to what he can spend, is more conducive to good results than divided authority. And a qualified Engineer would be ready to listen to suggestions from the county commissioners. Under the present bill the Governor makes the appointment. This should be amended allowing the board of commissioners to select the Engineer. The Board being local men, understand local conditions. I understand Senator Brown and Delegates Willis and Urie favor the repeal of the present road law. but if they can feel assured that the Organization leaders intend to make a change in the Engineer, I believe then they would be willing to surrender their measure. It is largely a question; not who appoints but who is the appointee. And the way to get the most satisfactory man is to ask the State Roads Commission to suggest a man at least 27 years of age who had at least 3 years experience in road engineering. It matters not whether he comes from Kent, Garrett or any other county, or out of the State of Maryland. Or, whether he be a Democrat or a Republican. In fact, I believe a stranger will give better results. He would be free from personal and political influences. And would doubtless employ men on the road on their merit. A business-like administration would be the result.

Finally, this road matter is largely with the present recognized leaders of the Organization for solution. Because the appointment will be in the hands, likely, of Governor Harrington. And the tax-payers are going to hold the Organization absolutely responsible for some decided improvement, unless, of course, the Republican bill to repeal the road law is passed at this session of the Legislature.

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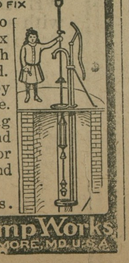

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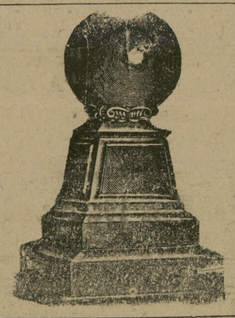

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