Kent News

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Hon. Jas. A. Pearce on the Election.

The following letter from James A. Pearce, Esq., of Kent, is in response to a request from the Baltimore Evening *News*, for an opinion on reorganization of the Democracy, etc.

To the Editor of the News :

The recent election to my mind demonstrates first, that thousands of the Democratic voters of Maryland have resolved to submit no longer to the rule of Mr. Gorman ; and second, that they are unalterably opposed to the methods by which that rule has been maintained and that they will accept no future leader who seeks power through such methods. I have long been in accord with the people in this last regard, but I did not agree with those Democrats who were prepared by their votes to deliver the State and county governments to the Republican party in order to set aside Mr. Gorman, and I believe to-day that the success of the Republican party will prove disastrous to the welfare of the State. Mr. Hurst is a man of unblemished personal character, well qualified for the office of Governor and a Democrat against whom no word of repoach has ever been uttered. When he pledged his personal character that he would think and act for himself—without regard to Mr. Gorman—I felt that he was entitled to my confidence and support, and I have no apology to offer for such action. I had, before Mr. Hurst's nomination, accepted the nomination for the State Senate from Kent county, at the request of all elements of the party, when it was known everywhere that I held the political views I have indicated above, and I have paid my defeat at the polls for my confidence in the justice and discrimination of my fellow Democrats.

I have no suggestions to make as to the general plan or details of the party organization, as I have no experience in such matters, but there is one condition which I am convinced must be observed, if any permanent good is to result from any reorganization. So long as the present spoils system exists, the political boss will live and flourish. His name may be changed, but his political functions and power will be unchanged. The only way in my judgment to destroy the political boss is to apply the merit system of appointment throughout the State. Such a law cannot fail to prove a blessing to the State. It will relieve the masses of people from the corrupting hopes and fears as to securing or retaining official positions. It will restore the manhood and independence of candidates for office, and it will elevate our representatives when elected from the level of office-holders to the rank of legislators, and finally it will do more than all else to control and reduce the alarming increase of bribery in elections.

Our election laws require careful revision to insure as far as possible self-respect and personal independence to the voter, and to guide against fraud in casting or counting the vote.

I am not prepared to express my opinion at this time to whom may be most wisely committed the leadership in any effort to reorganize the party, nor how this effort should be made.

JAMES A. PEARCE.

Chestertown, Nov. 12.

Whining Children.

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, writing in Womankind of breaking children of the habit of whining, says : In this case, I should say that the first thing to do is to secure the cordial co-operation of every other adult member of the family. Let there be united purpose never to give a child that for which he whines, even if it would be given to him otherwise. Give him to understand this in a firm but gentle way, and if possible secure his approval of the idea. Tell him kindly of the evil of the habit, the unhappiness it causes him and everyone else, show him that it is creating a habit for future years, and tell him you are going to help him overcome it. Let him feel that your refusal to grant his whining request is to aid him, not to punish him. Then steadily, persistently, sweetly and firmly adhere to this policy. Never once yield to his insistance, but always recognize his attempt to meet your wishes in a pleasent manner.

If the thing he wants is something he should not have, tell him so and assure him that no amount of whining will secure it, and then let him whine. Wait, don't scold, don't tantalize, don't appear to be either disturbed or moved by his whining. If what he desires is something he can have and he whines for it, assure him that as soon as he asks in a pleasant manner he can have it, and then give him time to make up his mind to be pleasant. We are too apt to try to drive our children rapidly from one frame of mind to another. Wait patiently, and if possible help him by diverting his thoughts to something agreeable. In a few minutes he will probably get control of himself. It is often a touching sight to witness the efforts of children to gain self-control, sometimes under the stings of the tantalizing reproaches of their elders.

EXTRAVAGANCE OUR DANGEROUS FAULT.

Edward W. Bok Asserts That We Have Far Passed the Bounds of Generosity.

In editorially discussing American generosity Edward W. Bok, in November *Ladies' Home Journal*, declares that the American is never so unnatural as when he is saving money, and never is he quite so much himself as when he is spending it. Hence, he has been the most unnatural mortal on earth for the past two or three years. But now, with the lifting of the gloom, and the sun of prosperity shining directly in his face, he is taking courage and heart. Once more he is going to spend. Thanksgiving means more to him this year, and thousands of thank offerings will have a ring of earnestness in them this month that they have not had for several years. Our hearts are most thankful when our pockets are fullest and our bodies best fed and clothed. Generosity is a synonym with the word American. The American dearly loves to spend, and be it said to his credit, he spends with equal pleasure upon those he loves as upon himself—and sometimes even with more. It is the American trait not only to be generous, but to wish to see others happy amid personal happiness. The American is willing to work hard but he must spend. All this is good : generosity broadens men, just penuriousness contracts men. If we stopped at generosity all would be well. But Heaven knows we do not. Years ago we passed the line of generosity, and if there were another line beyond extravagance we would have passed that long since. But there is where we halt at present : at extravagance. We are known to-day as an extravagant nation, and our most dangerous weakness as a people lies in extravagance. No lesson seems severe enough for us to remember; within a year the most of us will have forgotten what we have passed through in the two or three years which now lie behind us. We have rallied from the shock and this is commendable ; but to forget its lesson would be a misfortune. Let us be known as a generous people but not as a generation of spendthrifts.

How She Fixed Him.

He was a theatric lover, and she did not like his style a little bit.

He was constant in his devotion, however, and that made matters worse.

She had tried gentle means to get rid of him, but he had disregarded them with painful persistency.

In this moment of her desperation he felt it incumbent upon him to propose to her, as men under similar circumstances often do.

Which they wouldn't if they had any sense at all.

"Dear one," he exclaimed, hurling himself tragically at her feet, "I love you! My life is yours. Will you take it?"

She did not look like a murderess.

"Mr. Singleton," she responded with calm deliberation, "I will."

He gazed at her rapturously.

"Don't do that," she begged, drawing back from him as if in horror. "I have taken your life, as you requested me to do, and you are henceforth to all intents and purposes dead."

He seemed dazed.

"I do not, Mr. Singleton," she continued, turning aside, "desire to have a dead person in the house, and if you do not go away at once I shall ring for an ambulance and have you removed to the morgue."

Then the dreadful situation in which his own precipitate folly had placed him was revealed, and he removed himself with neatness and dispatch.

Holding for a Rise.

Ex-Congressman Ben Cable, of Illinois, has a little daughter who has the making of a great financier in her. One day her father called her to him. "My dear," said he, "a man offered papa this room full of gold if he would sell little brother. Now, that means gold enough to fill this room from floor to ceiling. If I sell little brother for that sum, I shall be able to buy everything in the world you want. Shall I sell him for it?" "No, papa," answered the little girl, promptly, and then, before her delighted father could embrace her for expressing so much unselfish affection, she went on : "Keep him till he's bigger. He'll be worth more then."

Maiden Aunt—"I hope you did not make any chance acquaintances on the train, Maud?"

Miss Maud Brisk—"I am sorry to say, Auntie, that I sat for a little time in the lap of an Episcopal Bishop, and watched a United States Senator stand on his head in the lunch basket of a total stranger."

Aunt—"Horrors, child ! What can you mean?"

Maud—"It was not premeditated, I assure you, Aunt, but when the train collided with another we were so upset by the shock that we were hardly responsible for what we did."

He (reading the paper)—"It certainly is difficult to please a woman."

She—"What makes you think so?"

He—"Mr. Young, of Wabash, Minn., locked his wife in the house ; Mr. Potts, of Pekin, Wis., locked his wife out of the house, and now both women are suing for divorce."

WHY NOT ?

Our memories are shadow views
On which the fancy plays.
'Tis fancy gives that tender charm
To long departed days.

Like modern finishers, who work
Upon the pictured face.
It fills out dim, uncertain lines
With its own curves of grace.

It softens what is harsh and hard ;
It shadows what is bold ;
It wipes out time's defacing marks—
Each telltale frown and fold.

Then lightens up the doctored scene
With its dim, mystic rays,
And we, enraptured, gaze and cry,
"O dear departed days!"

Now fancy is a servant that,
Though wayward, may be led.
Let's bid it leave the past and work
On passing days instead.

It can make present ills seem light,
The present joys enhance,
And prose is turned to prosy
Where its soft colors glance.

All things are good, all things are bad
When thus they seem to be,
And life is this or life is that,
Just as we think or see.

—Laura G. Carr in Boston Transcript.

How they Feel In Kentucky.

Mt. Vernon, (Ky.) Eagle: As they sang at a camp-meeting :

I feel like hel—
I feel like hel—
I feel like hel-ping
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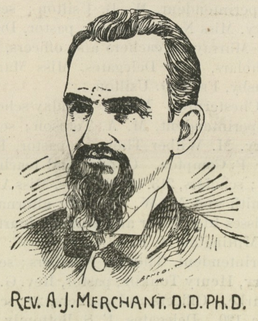

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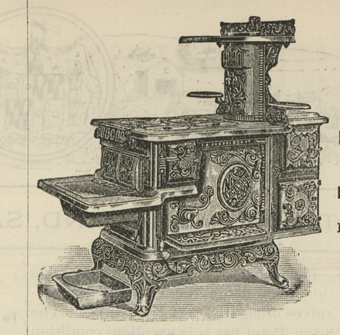

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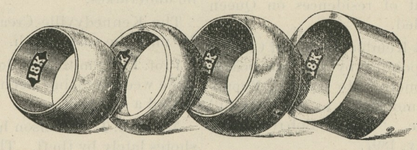

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