

DON'T BE SORROWFUL, DARLING.

By Rembrandt Peale.

O, don't be sorrowful, darling,
And don't be sorrowful, pray;
Telling the year together, my dear,
There isn't more night than day.

'Tis rainy weather, my darling,
Time's waves they heavily run;
But, taking the year together, my dear,
There isn't more night than day.

We are old folks now, my darling,
Our heads are growing gray;
But, taking the year together, my dear,
You will always find the May.

And our roses long ago,
And the time of the year is coming, my dear,
For the silent night and the snow.
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But God is God, my darling,
Of the night as well as the day;
And we feel and know that we can go
Wherever he leads the way.

A God of the night, my darling,
Of the night of death so grim;
The gate that leads out of life, good wife,
Is the gate that leads into him.

WONDERFUL WHISTLER.

It was a perfect night and the incoming ocean line seemed poised between two firmaments, so that the stars reflected in the placid sea. The hour was late and gradually the passengers drifted away into the brightly lighted saloons, or sought their state rooms for a few hours' straying upon the invisible islands of Dreams; and only a few were still haunting the deck's moon-flecked promenade.

Suddenly the scholarly looking and spectacled looking young man from Chicago, who had been sitting quietly among a group of friends with his eyes turned somewhat wistfully toward the not now distant homelands, began to whistle softly a street song that had lingered in his mind since he heard it on the wharf the day he sailed. His companions listened in delighted surprise. Never from mortal lips had issued more dulcet sounds; the voices of a hundred night-ingles were all condensed to form the liquid sweetness of his notes. The straggling groups of loungers along the deck drew near and listened in entranced delight.

"Bravo!" "Encore!" "Encore!" came from every side; and warbling the changes of various melodies, he finally thrilled his hearers with the measures of dear "Home, Sweet Home." Silence, deeper than all uttered phrase, settled on every soul. Only the music floated upon the listening air. Bright eyes smiled out across the sea through mist of bewitching tears, and Helen Harper, who was standing near the flag, furler for the night close round its lofty fold, reached up to loosen a starry fold and draw it down across her lovely lips.

"Well," said her mother, her brisk voice broken by a sudden closing in her throat. "I remember of reading, years ago, a poem entitled, 'Whistling in Heaven.' The idea seemed strange—almost irreverent—to me then, but I am now fully prepared to think that the angel's songs may well have such accompaniments."

"How did you acquire such an unusual accomplishment, Mr. K?" asked the younger woman. "Did you, like Hiawatha, learn of every bird its songs?"

"I think Whittier's description of the barefoot boy with cheeks of tan, echoing all the voices of the fields would picture my childhood days better," he answered. And then, turning to Mrs. Harper, he said: "Your remark reminded me of an experience I had a number of years ago—although I guess it's pretty late for story telling."

"Do let us have it!" they all exclaimed.

Mr. K. looked out over the star-gemmed waters reflectively. "It was more years ago than I realized when I recalled the incident," he said. "I was little more than a boy and had just started in with a capital of hopes, to make my own way in the world. I was travelling for a whole sale house in Chicago and covered some inland towns within a radius of a few hundred miles of that center. While reasonably successful everywhere else, I was kept dissatisfied by the fact that the largest dealer in a Michigan village in my circuit would have nothing to do with me. He was a firm observer with displeased surprise that Mr. Gray's name was never on my order sheet, and time after time I renewed my solicitations for his patronage, only to be gruffly and unceremoniously dismissed.

"One rainy day in early spring I was in the town, and as my way led past his door I gathered my courage for a last attack. There was the usual terse dialogue, he abruptly away and went into his little private office, which was built up like a huge box in the centre of the store—something after the fashion of Tim Linkinwater's den in the office of the Cheerybrothers.

"Outside the rain poured furiously, and I sat down on an empty cracker box to wait for it to slacken. I began whistling in an undertone, as much to rally my spirits as anything. I guess, and presently the door of the office unclosed the width of a couple of inches and the rasping voice of the obdurate storekeeper called:

"John, who's that?"

"The young man from Chicago, sir," answered the lanky youth, respectfully.

"I finished the air," he said. "John," came the voice again, "tell him he might give us another tune."

"I complied, and at its close the dealer was sitting beside me on the cracker box.

"Give me your book, young man," he said; "when you want an order for your home here you can—just whistle for it."

"He slapped his hand down on his knees and laughed at his own joke and astonished me by giving me at once a large and important order. That was the beginning of it. He became one of our best customers, always insisting, however, upon the fulfillment of my part of the contract. A little insight into his character, and then the somewhat harsh exterior covered a heart as big and tender as a friend could possibly desire, and the years of our acquaintance resolved our relationship into those of remarkable confidence and comradeship."

Mr. K. paused, the serious look deepening on his face.

"And then?" "Helen Harper knew that there must be more to the story."

"Our acquaintance had covered a period of three years," he resumed, "increasing all the time in intimacy and mutual esteem, and one day as we returned from a late drive through the country together, Mr. Gray said, with a little nervous shifting of the lines and a catch in his usually smooth voice: 'K, I've a favor to ask of you. I'm a bluff sort of a man, as you have reason to know, but I know you'll give me credit for a reasonable share of common sense. What I want to say is this: You've been coming to this town for quite a spell now, and right as you'll keep right on coming as long as you're on the road. Every time you have been here for the last three years you have been in my store, and you've humored the old man by sitting there along in the twilight and whistling for him."

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THE LIBERAL CONSERVATIVES.

Meeting of Delegates from all Parts of the City and County

North End Representatives—The Plan of Organization Adopted.

There was a largely attended meeting of the delegates from the wards and parishes in the liberal conservative interest held at Foster's corner, Feb. 28th.

W. D. Baskin was proposed for chairman, but declined, and W. Watson Allen was unanimously chosen to the position.

It was decided that the meeting should be confined to the delegates elected.

A letter from John Kelly was read expressing regret at his inability to be present as a delegate from Bunker's ward and suggesting a mode of organizing a union of delegates upon the basis of two representatives from each polling sub-division.

Mr. McGoldrick moved the adoption of this idea.

W. D. Baskin thought there should first be an organization decided on, and the composition of the nomination convention would come up afterwards.

Dr. J. H. Morrison moved that it was desirable to have a general convention of delegates for the city and county of St. John.

Ald. Christie asked what was intended as to nomination. Would it be proposed to turn this meeting into a nominating convention?

W. D. Baskin thought there should be no separate organization. There should be neither senior nor junior, but a single organization.

J. F. Fraser pointed out the good work which had been done by the Junior Liberal Conservative club, and maintained that its existence should be preserved. There was plenty of room for both.

Ald. Baxter favored a single organization. "There was room enough for the younger men alongside of the older ones."

Ald. Christie was opposed to joining any organization without knowing its full object and what it was going to do. He moved the following resolution:

Whereas, Difficulties have heretofore existed in the conservative party in the constituencies of the city and county of St. John; and

Whereas, It is desirable that the utmost unity and harmony should prevail; and

Resolved, That in view of the changed conditions of representation it is in the best interests of the party that when the candidates are selected to represent these constituencies, they shall be chosen by a general convention of delegates for the city and county of St. John, known as the Liberal Conservative Club, and the parishes of Lancaster and Musquash.

Mr. Thorne favored a general organization, and a broad democratic lines as possible.

On the understanding that Ald. Christie's resolution might be moved again it was temporarily withdrawn and the original resolution was adopted.

Ald. Christie then repeated his resolution, which was seconded by A. A. Mabey.

W. H. Rourke objected to the division of the county along the lines laid down by Dr. Morrison, and that the convention should have the right to select the very best men, irrespective of locality.

James Kelly moved in amendment that in the opinion of the meeting it was advisable to have the principle of selection of candidates by ward and parish representation.

Ald. Baxter suggested that the last clause of Ald. Christie's resolution be dropped.

J. D. Hazen, M. P., was strongly of opinion that this was the proper course. The resolution was fair enough without the last section.

Ald. Christie felt that the last clause was the important element. It was just a question whether the end and the man of their choice should be fairly treated or not.

Ald. McGoldrick, while strongly supporting John A. Chesley, was willing that the resolution should be modified, so that it might be strong enough.

Timothy Donovan felt that Mr. Chesley might well exclaim, save me from my friends. They were injuring him, while those who were not of people intending to do him any harm.

Mr. Klokham thought no one had any right to assume that Mr. Chesley would not be a good man.

Dr. Gilchrist spoke strongly on the subject of Portland's rights. They had given the conservative party its first and its greatest majorities in the contests for years back, and they demanded recognition. They would not be buried or deceived, and wanted to know just what it was proposed to do with them.

Ald. Baxter proposed that the last clause be struck out of the resolution and a recommendation inserted for favorable consideration of the localities for which the members came.

A. W. Macrae said that all these propositions were direct against the principle of the British constitution, that residence was not a necessary qualification for a candidate.

Ald. Christie refused to accept any compromise. He wanted the resolution as voted before the meeting and he voted down so that he could go back to his people in the north end and say how they had been treated. He would withdraw the delegation with him and they would not join any organization which might be formed.

The amendment was then withdrawn.

John A. Chesley, M. P., reviewed the position of Portland in the contests and said that the people there wanted representation. He wanted fair play, not for himself alone, but for them. They had before been united in their demands and felt that they had not got the consideration to which they were entitled.

YORK LIBERALS

Cannot Induce G. F. Gregory or F. P. Thompson to Take the Field.

But Finally Succeed in Getting R. H. Allen to Oppose Hon. Mr. Foster.

The Big Scheme of the Colonial Iron and Coal Co.—The Divorce Court.

Fredericton, Feb. 28.—The liberal convention met in the Temperance hall this afternoon. There was quite a large attendance, probably 175 people, about 125 of whom were voters. Henry Sloan was chosen chairman and C. F. Chestnut secretary. J. B. Gunter proposed that the meeting give attention while he read the liberal platform. Dr. Lucy thought that it would not be beneficial to the meeting to have the platform read, as Gunter's proposition was voted down.

It was decided that the selection of a candidate be left to the full vote of all the electors present instead of appointing a committee composed of delegates from different sections of the county to perform that duty as heretofore.

G. F. Gregory was unanimously tendered the nomination and retired to the ante-room to consult with his friends. In about half an hour he returned and announced that he must decline the nomination. He ran four elections, two federal and two local, and had been defeated. He had already suffered a good deal of privation as a result of his campaigns, and being now pretty well advanced in years he felt that he could not spare the time nor money to enter into another campaign. In 1891 he had declined the nomination and told the party that he would not again be a candidate, and he would give them to understand today that he had resolved not to allow himself to be nominated for the dominion parliament again. He thanked them for the honor which they had shown him and said he would give his active support to any candidate the convention chose to bring forward.

The nomination was then offered to F. P. Thompson, who also declined. His business would not permit him to enter the political arena, but he would do all in his power for the return of any candidate chosen by the convention.

E. H. Allen was then nominated. His predecessors seem to have had such a serious conflict in the elections they contested that they were unwilling to be standard bearers of the party again. But he was not afraid of a beating and would accept the nomination. He felt that the liberals should have some one in the field and he would be their candidate rather than let the election go by default.

On the close of Mr. Allen's address Z. R. Everett said the convention was ready to receive contributions to the election fund, upon which suggestion the crowd quickly dispersed.

The corporations committee had an interesting session this morning, hearing friends and opponents of the Colonial Iron and Coal Company. J. H. Brown and Mr. Leeson spoke strongly in favor of the scheme. They said they intended to spend nearly a million dollars in Queens county developing mines and in Carleton establishing blast works and improved appliances for extracting coal. They promised to spend \$400,000 on Carleton works, and said, if given their charter, they would begin at once and have the works in operation next year. They declared they intended moving the Carleton works, because St. John was a better distributing centre. They would bring about half their ore from Annapolis county and get the rest in Queens and from about Musquash and from Albert. They would bring the ore to the coast by water in summer and by rail in winter. They wanted the right to build a road exclusively for the coal carrying purposes from the fields in Queens to the coast, or to the point on Peninsular road where the Carleton works are situated. Mr. Leeson, who has large interests in Queens, opposed the bill, saying it would interfere with his rights. C. N. Skinner and Dr. de Bertram of the central railway, were also heard. They made a fair and reasonable arrangement with the coal company for running rights. The coal company, on their part, offer to give similar running rights to the Central. The Central people declare a half million has already been invested solely on the belief that they would get the benefit of the development of the coal fields. The committee will continue the hearing in the morning.

Judge Yawward opened the February sitting of the divorce court at eleven o'clock this forenoon. Two cases were entered for trial—Chas. H. Watts v. Jane Watts and Jessie Florence Busby v. William Leavitt Busby. The first named case was from Kings county and is undefended. The plaintiff was recently in the employ of the St. John Street Railway Co. and seeks divorce on the ground of adultery. The trial of this case was commenced this afternoon. Geo. O. D. Oddy appeared for the plaintiff. The court adjourned until Tuesday next, when the Busby case will be taken up.

THIS MUST BE HOW IT IS.

The weather man—Are the people on the streets dressed as though they were prepared for a mild day?

His office boy—Yes, sir.

The weather man (chuckling)—Then just reach for that cold wave valve and send her down to 15 below—Chicago Record.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE Undersigned not being in a position to canvass for or deliver personally the trees noted above, wishes to sell the whole lot out-right. The nursery is located in Stanley, N. B. It will be to the advantage of any person wishing to set out a lot of trees to send for a catalogue. Circulars, stanzas, over which I have no control have been sent upon my hands, and they will be disposed of at a bargain.

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