



WHEN BABY COMES.

Where did you come from, baby dear? Out of the everywhere into the here. Where did you get your eyes so blue? Out of the sky as I came through. What makes the light in their sparkling eyes? Some of the starry spikes let in. Where did you get that little tear? I found it waiting when I got here. The fact is as sad as it is true that the blue eyes, the tear waiting to dull its blue eyes, and stain its soft cheeks. At the first it "has no language but a cry." Its one necessity is to give expression to its suffering, and for that a tear suffices. The mother who stoops in anguish over the wailing child would do anything to ease its suffering. But she is helpless. The time when she could have done so much for her child is past. She did not realize that in those anxious nervous days when she shrank from the ordeal of motherhood, she was preparing suffering for the baby. The path of motherhood is soothed and made easy for those who use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It gives physical buoyancy and mental brightness. It tranquilizes the nerves, encourages a healthy appetite and induces refreshing sleep. It gives the mother strength for her hour of trial, and the confidence and content which come from strength. It makes the birth hour practically painless, and by increasing the natural food secretions, it enables the healthy mother to enjoy the happiness of nursing her child. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, neither opium, cocaine, or any other narcotic.

A Mother's Gratitude.

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Much Better Health.

Mrs. Annie Blacker, 69 Catherine Street, Syracuse, N. Y. writes: "Your medicines have done wonders for me. For years my health was very poor. I had four miscarriages, but since taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and "Favorite Prescription" I have much better health, and now I have a healthy baby. I have recommended your medicines to several of my friends and they have been benefited by them."

ENGAGED GIRLS BARRED.

London Doctors Say They Should Not Be Allowed to Serve as Trained Nurses. "No engaged girls need apply" is the latest phase of the nursing profession. Doctors and matrons have, it appears, been discussing the subject, and have come to the conclusion that damsels who are engaged to be married should not be admitted as probationers to training schools because, in the opinion of those staid, matter-of-fact persons, they only dally with nursing until the time comes to trip lightly into marriage, and thus stand in the way of those who intend to devote themselves whole-heartedly to their profession, says the London telegraph. Moreover, doctors and matrons entertain a strong suspicion that not a few of these giddy candidates seek the privilege of wearing a nurse's uniform, with all the attraction it possesses, for the purpose primarily of working havoc among the hearts of medical students and others with the view of peevy marriage. An argument used on the other side is that even young women who are engaged to be married would derive inestimable advantage from passing a year or two among nurses and learning something about how to treat simple maladies such as occur frequently in households. That may be so, but nursing is now a recognized profession, and those engaged in it do not look favorably on those who they regard as matrimonial interlopers. So the engaged girl probationer is to be shelved.

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, March 21, 1902.

The announcement on Monday that the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives had determined to report favorably upon Representative Crumpacker's resolution providing for the appointment by the Speaker of a select committee to investigate the question of suffrage in its relation to the southern states, caused great indignation among the democratic representatives in Congress who see foreshadowed by this initiative another force bill and all the attendant resuscitation of the animosities which once existed between the North and South. Representative Richardson, democratic leader of the House, told me Thursday that the democrats would use every legitimate effort to prevent this undesired end. He said, "I regard the whole movement as an attempt at the violation of the rights of the South. It is pernicious and fraught with danger." Any investigation of this nature, if undertaken at all, should be undertaken on purely non-partisan ground and there is every reason to believe that the action of the proposed committee would be partisan in the extreme. That the republican leaders should contemplate such a move at this time is a revelation, even to me, of the weakness they feel in approaching the coming elections but they will defeat their own objects for such methods will not receive the support of their own party. There is no question but that it will prove a boomerang and will result in material democratic gains.

Senator Bailey of Texas, whom I saw in regard to the proposed move, expressed himself as follows: "It is a matter of grave regret to me that the leaders of a great party in their desire to serve partisan ends should permit themselves to take action which is calculated to disturb the growing feeling of peace and goodwill between the North and the South and which all patriotic Americans have striven to promote. Of course there is no question but that this action is aimed at certain Southern states. That is admitted even by the promoters of the movement and the result must be the renewal of that sectional strife in politics which we have all tried long and successfully to obliterate. The Southern people have abandoned force and every objectionable method of preserving their homes and saving themselves from inevitable disaster and have relied on purely constitutional means and I am loth to believe that the better element of the republican party in the North will approve of this political move. It is ill-advised and narrow in conception and naturally every democrat will resist it to the utmost."

Representative Sulzer, speaking for the democracy of New York, said: "This attempt by the republicans of the House is not fraught with danger. It will be condemned not only by the Northern democrats but by Northern republicans. It will make hundreds of votes for the democratic party and would unite the party as would nothing else I could think of. As legislative action it will be a failure, as a political move it will be disastrous to the party which gave it birth."

Were the investigation to be carried on impartially in the Northern as well as in the Southern states and by a non-partisan committee, were the legislative frauds of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other Northern states to be as thoroughly investigated as the suffrage question in the South, the democrats would not object to the proposition, but they realize that such is not the case and they can only regard it as an attempt to limit the voice of the Southern states in the affairs of the nation. As such it will be vigorously resisted.

On Monday the republicans added one more to the long list of class measures they will be asked to account for to the people at the polls, when they voted in the Senate for the passage of the ship subsidy bill. The measure was passed with but six dissenting republican votes and even the amendment offered by Senator Pettus of Alabama, which placed a limitation on the amount which might be expended under the provisions of the bill, was rejected, so that it becomes a law there is no telling what the cost will be to the government. Every resource of logic and rhetoric which could be summoned to the defense of the rights of the people was used against this pernicious measure by its democratic opponents in the brilliant debate which preceded its passage but to no avail. There is considerable gossip attached to its passage and it is said that a direct trade was made between those senators from the west whose constituents are opposed to the measure, and the senators from the east, votes for the anti-oleo margarine bill being promised in exchange for votes for the subsidy bill.

On Tuesday the Senate devoted itself to the consideration of the bill for the protection of the President. Senator Bacon of Georgia, defending his amendment making the provisions of the bill applicable only to those persons who might assault the President, or his possible successors, because of their position, severely arraigned the growing tendency of the republicans to legislate on lines similar to those of monarchical countries and condemned the quotation of Great Britain on every hand. The bill is expected to pass today. It will be followed by the anti-oleo margarine bill and that, in truth, by the Chinese exclusion bill. The program of the republican steering committee is to pass the bill repealing the war taxes with a minimum of debate, take up the eight remaining appropriation bills and adjourn early in June, avoiding, in as far as possible, all further discussion of those questions on which the democrats hold opposite views from themselves as they realize that the debates which would follow their consideration would be productive of telling effect in the coming election. I am told that even the Philippine government bill will be permitted to go over to the short session, as the republican leaders believe that further discussion of the Philippine question before the election will be productive of injury to the party. "Keep the people in the dark as far as possible," will be the motto for the rest of the session.

The House of Representatives is still at work on the River and Harbor bill but hopes to send it to the Senate this week. As predicted in a previous letter, the House republicans have yielded to the pressure brought to bear on them by the President and the Speaker, and have agreed to support the Ways and Means bill providing for reciprocity with Cuba to the extent of a 20 per cent. reduction of the Dingley Tariff rates for a period limited to December 1st, 1903.

Last week at a democratic caucus of the House, resolutions extending sympathy to the Boers, urging Great Britain to entertain peace proposals and pleading the democrats to use every effort to secure the adoption of similar resolutions by Congress, were adopted.

Act of 1899 is Unconstitutional. So Says Judge Wheaton.

Judge Wheaton, of Luzerne County, has decided that the act of 1899, which provides that County commissioners shall purchase bridges is unconstitutional.

In part Judge Wheaton finds that the Act of 1899 is special legislation, because it relates to toll bridges only, also because of the toll bridges to which it relates. It legislates only for those upon which the tolls "have become burdensome to the people," and because of such toll bridges upon which the tolls have become burdensome, it covers only such as at the date of its approval, May 5, 1899, "shall have been erected and now in use," making no provision for such bridges as come within its terms, which may be erected and in use after that date.

The judge says: "Treating the act as an attempt to classify bridges, and conceding that the class is particularly described, to wit: 'certain toll bridges,' and a proper reason given for such classification, to wit: 'burdensome tolls,' is the result reached calculated to produce uniformity as to the designated class, or the contrary of uniformity?"

The judge then goes into the law and shows that the Act is not consistent, that toll bridges erected before the Act of 1899 could be purchased by the provision of that Act, while those erected after the passage of the Act would come under the previous Act of 1876. He concludes: "I see no ground for distinguishing between a special and local Act conferring power upon bridge companies, as for example, to collect certain rates of toll, assumed to be founded upon a necessity arising out of the location or cost of a particular class of bridges, and special or local Act conferring power upon some body to something with reference to depriving certain bridge owners of their property and franchises. Both are special and local laws relating to bridges, and unless founded upon classification, and a right of such classification, arising from necessity, and so framed as to be likely to produce uniformity with reference to the class for which legislation is intended, they are equally obnoxious to the constitution."

"For these reasons I am of the opinion that the Act of May 5, 1899, is unconstitutional."

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