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A Prayer for Peace.

Rule of earth and sky! Hear thou our earnest cry—

God, give us peace. Look on us with compassion,

And aid in our distress; Our bleeding country bless—

God, give us peace. Our bark, by longest tided,

Without thy aid is lost—

God, give us peace. Shield us from further harm,

O, quell the fearful storm,

Struck forth thy mighty arm,

And bid it cease. Stay, stay the battle shock,

God, give us peace. Let the war's dread uproar,

God, give us peace. Let no more blood be shed,

Let no more fields be red—

God, give us peace. To weeping homes once more,

God, give us peace. Let the war-wounded plain,

With plenty's smiles be gay;

Let love and concord reign—

God, give us peace. These shall our glad tidings be,

And every glad voice—

Homestead, peace. While joyful hearts shall sing,

And hills and valleys ring

Thy praise, Almighty King—

God, give us peace.

The Republican Party—How to Meet It.

Written for the Erie Observer.

In former articles in this journal the so-called Republican party has been shown to be hostile to every principle of Democracy and liberty upon which are founded our political system, the hopes of the progress of mankind and the assurance of human freedom.

If it be objected to the political ideas evolved in the view thus taken of the dominant faction, that to admit their correctness at this time, is to admit to a division of the Union, to recognize the independence of the Confederate States and by rendering a permanent government impossible, to destroy all social order in the reign of anarchy, it is answered that these conclusions in no way follow from the premises established. We of America had hoped to have lived the exemplars of the theory and practice of popular self-government in the largest sense of the term, and we have proved ourselves and not the theory a failure. In that enlightened and progressive age which we have not reached, but which will some day come, the recognition of the right of revolution, a right incorporated into every Constitution of these States, will not open the road for the success of any purely ambitious conspiracies, any wholly unrighteous rebellions nor any causeless revolutions.

The governments of monarchs, not resting for support upon the will of the people, are subject to overthrow by the successful ambition, or extraordinary popularity of some subject; they are weak because they depend upon force alone; they are feeble when the armies of the potentate are seen in their greatest splendor and power, and strongest when, by the virtue of the prince, the people leap and the calm of peace to value their government for the good that it confers, not to fear it for the power it displays. Herein lies the superiority of Democratic government, that resting upon the will of the people, protecting all, bestowing benefits upon all, and inflicting injury upon none, it can never be destroyed. Republics fall only when they cease to be Republics in fact; when having bartered away the spirit of Democracy, they have sought to be monarchies and the name so long as a Democratic government remains the protector and servant of the people, so long will it stand; when it assumes to issue the commands of monarchy and becomes the ruler and oppressor of the people, that instant its life is endangered, and must either be preserved by a return to its fundamental principles or perish ingloriously in crime and blood. Let government cease to oppress the people and exist only for their welfare, and its perpetuity is certain; not the combined powers of the world could permanently overthrow it. Let it depart from this and assume to rule, and not to serve; to disregard the social customs, laws and religion of the citizen, and its fall is inevitable. Successive revolutions will overturn it; one usurper will succeed another, insurrections will create constant internal commotion, till either anarchy or despotism sweeps all before it.

In this and preceding articles, we deal with cause and effect as they exist, not as they are told; they may be in that remote millennial day that prophetic fanatics in imagination see and dreamily predict. We deal with the present tyranny of the so-called Republican party, not with the doubtful blessings it promises to confer when its appetite for blood is appeased, its lust of plunder satisfied and its hatred assuaged. It matters not what were once the issues before the country; by the unparalleled folly and criminality of the dominant faction these issues have been radically changed, and the choice is now between white slavery and white liberty, a Republic or a Despotism, a perpetual government of limited power and whose ends are to secure and protect the rights of the citizen, or one ever changing with the ungovernable tide of popular passion—irresponsible, vacillating, tyrannical—the scorn of foreign nations and the hatred of the people.

We know that for three quarters of a century the United States prospered individually and as a whole. Commerce, arts and population increased; Liberty was deemed secure from all assaults. We know that so long as the Constitution was respected by the people, so long as the Federal and State laws were obeyed by the administrators of the government, nothing threatened its overthrow. We know the first breach of the compact, the first disregard of law came from the leadership of demagogued followers of the revolutionary faction now in power; they inaugurated a sectional contest of abuse and misrepres-

Teethache.

Did you ever have that pleasant sort of toothache which has no positive location, but darts from nerve to nerve, and is now in your wisdom tooth and now in your eye tooth, and again, as tho' afraid to be caught out of your body altogether, is in the top of your head? If you have, you know what I consider the extreme of torture.

You cannot eat and you cannot sleep; you cannot sit still nor lie down. If you walk the floor it is no better. You hate yourself and everybody else, and if society would but allow it, would howl like a hyena.