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FOR THE INDEPENDENT.
Some Facts in Relation to the
Action of Political Leaders
and their Organs on Moral
Reform Questions.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.—I see in your
editorial of May 16th that you neither
wear the collar or badge nor the
editorial muzzel from political bosses,
prepared by the enemies of Woman's
Suffrage. Of those editors of the
seventeen newspapers of Montgomery
county who have given their consent
to "admit to their columns reading
matter in favor of the suffrage move-
ment," and who edit political organs,
it remains to be seen how many will
refuse to be muzzled editorially and
give editorials on the side of moral re-
form. Of the three papers whose
editors refuse to admit anything favor-
able to Woman Suffrage we know to
which side of the question they be-
long. Through nearly the whole his-
tory of our government there has ex-
isted two political organizations or
classes of politicians, one conserva-
tive and openly opposed to moral reform
movements, the other compromising
and ready to straddle the question in
such a manner as not to offend the
power in politics for the time being
which had command of the votes op-
posed to the moral reform under dis-
cussion. This was the case as long as
the slave oligarchy of the Southern
States could command a majority of
the votes, and there was a chance of
securing a sufficient number of votes
from both sides by compromising.
But the leaders of the compromise
organization seeing their opportunity
at length to gain a victory by so
doing, turn their backs upon their moral
reform supporters and get into power
by reconciling anti-reform votes. They
gain, and some voters are duped into
the belief that it is a moral reform
victory, because a pro-slavery party is
defeated. At the next presidential
election compromise with the slave
power is again resorted to, but all in
vain. The defeat of the compromise
organization was final, for by this
time the moral reform agitation against
slavery was showing to voters the
fallacy of opposing a pro-slavery or-
ganization by supporting a compromis-
ing party. Thus for eight years the
leaders of the conservative organiza-
tion had their own way without an
opposing opposition strong enough to
get into power. In four years the
moral reform organization that took
the place of the compromisers gave
signs of ultimate success and in four
years more succeeded in obtaining
control of the government. But then
came the slave oligarchies rebellion,
and the moral sentiment became so
strong against slavery through agita-
tion that it demanded the eradication
of every feature of the constitution
that stood as a barrier against the en-
tire destruction of slavery and sus-
tained the party in power in such
action. But another power has now
the controlling influence over political
organizations in the place of the slave-
holding oligarchy, and the party that
was instrumental in destroying the
slave power has become the compro-
mise organization of the present. The
resolution to submit to the people
(voters) of New York a constitutional
amendment conferring suffrage upon
women has lately passed both Houses
of the Legislature under the control
of this class of politicians. Query:—
Is it their intention that through this
movement women should obtain the
right of suffrage, or dare their organs
assert that this is their purpose? Or
is it merely a stroke of political policy
to get rid of what is becoming a
troublesome question for politicians to
manage? In answer to these ques-
tions we refer now to the New York
Tribune, the leading organ of the or-
ganization in New York, that has the
submission of the question in hand at
the present time, in reference to which
the *Tribune* editorial has this to say:

"It is one to be discussed frankly,
with the concession that there is much
to be said on both sides, both from the
point of view of principle and expedi-
ence. The first actual step toward a
constitutional amendment has been
made. The second must come next
year, when both Houses of a new
Legislature will have to pass the same
resolution before it can be submitted
to the people. The organization which
has brought about the concurrence of
the two Houses this time is doubtless
prepared for the second effort. It
would, perhaps, be wise for their op-
ponents not to antagonize them in it.
The anti-suffragists should, however,
prepare to present their case strongly
in the public discussion which would
follow the adoption of the second resolu-
tion. Perhaps the time has arrived for
a battle royal on woman's suffrage.
If so, it is best that no preliminary
skirmish drive one party from the field
as would defeat the amendment in the
next Legislature. If the two Legisla-
tures in succession can be got to take
favorable action, then the simple pri-
mary question may be brought before
the people for judgment. Preliminary
to that submission it would be well to
have a vote of the women of the State.
It is often said that women will have
the ballot when they really want it.
However that may be, they certainly
should not have its burdens thrust upon
them unwillingly. Legislative action
for a vote on the amendment by all
women who would be entitled to the
ballot if it were incorporated in the
constitution, would clear up all doubts
on this point and give a basis for a
more intelligent judgment by the male
citizens whose votes and whose votes
alone must settle what changes, if any,
are to be made in the political status
of women." It is at this last stage of
the submission question when the male
votes, and male votes alone, are to de-
cide the question that the power in
political circles arrayed against woman
suffrage and which forbids political
organizations to commit themselves in
favor of granting this right is to come
forward and act in full force and
power as voiced by the Pacific Wine
and Spirit Review: "The liquor trade
may as well come to the conclusion
sooner or later that a great danger is
found in Woman Suffrage in general
principles, nine out of ten of the
American women are opposed to the
seloon as an institution. The liquor
trade need expect no quarter from un-
reasoning women. They must be
beaten by votes." Just a year ago
this last winter, when the question of
woman suffrage was brought before
the Iowa Legislature, the Senate dared
not take one initial step toward giving
women a chance to obtain the fran-
chise. For the same reason that they
were controlled by the power hostile to
Massachusetts likewise refused to act
in woman's behalf. The vote was 23
to 13 against female suffrage. Mem-
bers of the conservative organization
gave a majority of seven, and members
elected by the compromise party a
majority of three against the bill.
Soon after this came the New York
State constitutional amendment con-
vention with a like result when the
question of suffrage to women had to
be acted upon. In every case we have
mentioned the organization of which
the *Tribune* is an organ was responsi-
ble for the outcome. For if they had
done what would have offended the
power that holds the political parties
at present in their grip the party so
offending would have lost the votes
belonging to this power which would
have gone to the support of and prob-
ably placed the other party in power
at the next election, which would
prove more faithful to that interest.
But what has been the cause of a
change in the action of these politi-
cians on the subject in such a short
time since the meeting of the consti-
tutional convention amendment? Have
they seen now that they can do better
for their party by occupying compro-
mise ground? Are not the enemies
of woman suffrage wise enough to
know that it is not for their interest
to interfere with the submission of the
question in New York at the present
time? The enemy will have more
male voters now to vote women down
than they would have at any future
time. The *Tribune*, as we have seen,
advises them not to interfere while the
process of submission by the party is
going on, but that after the adoption
of the second resolution they should be
prepared to present their case strongly.
By the advice of the *Tribune's* edi-
torial they are not to appear as a factor
in the contest until the final contest is
about to be decided by the male voters.
Have both the compromising politi-
cians and open enemies of woman
suffrage heard something for their
mutual advantage from the *Herald*,
Boston, which points out how to man-
age the question. In reference to the
defeat of submission by the Massa-
chusetts Senate the *Herald* gives this
significant warning: "We see plainly
enough the absurdity of prohibition;
we are by no means blind to the num-

erous and serious defects that would
follow the introduction of female suf-
frage; but neither are we prevented
from realizing the immense abuses re-
sulting from the participation of the
liquor interests in our political affairs.
In the female suffrage movement the
prohibitionists were on the side of ex-
tending the franchise, while the liquor
selling interest was distinctly on the
other side, the result, in this case being
the defeat of the former, a conclusion
which we say is not to be regretted,
but which was brought about by influ-
ences that are almost sure in time to
occasion a successful reaction." The
Tribune's compromising advice is all
on one side and should be satisfactory
to the *Herald* and nothing has been
said in the *Tribune's* editorial but
what should satisfy all voters opposed
to woman suffrage. Is it not pitiable
to think that we have a class of male
voters in our political organizations
for whose benefit it is proposed to
first have a vote of the women so that
they can know to which side they be-
long or whether they should belong to
either side? But what good would it
do for the cause of womanhood even
if they knew that the majority of
women wished to have the franchise
when the time came for these male
voters to cast their ballots? With
the party bosses of both the conserva-
tive and compromise organizations on
the side of the enemy of woman suf-
frage, and their party presses either
bought up actively in their support or
muzzled, what chance would the cause
of woman suffrage stand? We have
had the experience in Pennsylvania of
how the canvas is carried on when
compromise bosses submit the ques-
tion of a change in the constitution
which if adopted would take away
power from those interested in its de-
feat. What a relief it was to those
politicians when the contest was de-
cided. They had now got the ques-
tion out of politics by letting the peo-
ple themselves decide it.

Compromising politicians then knew
where they were and how they should
act. Conventions then met and re-
deeming how brave they had been in re-
deeming their pledge to submit the
question and give a chance for those
in favor of the measure and at the
same time nominated for office men
actively engaged in the business, the
money and political influence of
which over bosses and organs defeated
the amendment. The women have
never received the franchise in any of
the States where either of these parties
were in power. There are only two
States in which they have obtained
this right. In one, Wyoming, it was
acquired while yet a Territory, and in
the other, Colorado, when both parties
were out of power. In Kansas, where
the women enjoyed municipal suffrage
and the question of full suffrage to
women was submitted, the party that
the *Tribune* represents succeeded at the
last election and woman suffrage at
the same election was voted down.
The women, single handed and alone,
have been for the most part fighting
their own battles for political equality
with men. They have appealed again
and again to the leaders of each organ-
ization to commit themselves in favor
of woman suffrage; but, all in vain.
Their agitation has never been allowed
to enter into either organization. To
have done so would have created an
uproar within party lines similar to
that which was stirred up on a certain
occasion at Ephesus against an agitator
by a certain man named Demetrius,
a silversmith who made silver
shrines for Diana, which "brought no
small gain unto the craftsmen," when he
feared the people might be turned
away from the great goddess, which
was the cause of their wealth. The
agitation in the Whig party by the
Tribune under Horace Greeley and
Seward against slavery proved fatal to
the continual existence of that organ-
ization, and Wilmot's proviso against
the extension of slavery destroyed the
equinimity of the conservative party
to which he belonged. It was only at
the commencement of the agitation
that they had the Garrisonian Aboli-
tionists with Wendell Phillips with
them, pleading with his eloquent voice
the cause of womanhood. Continued
agitation will finally lead to victory.
Not only has the power that rules
office-holders and aspirants for office
within the ranks of women themselves
have to be met in opposition. Every
assumption made by them in opposi-
tion has already been exploded by
the result of women's votes wherever
they have obtained their natural rights,
except the assumption that it "was
divinely ordered" that man alone
should have this right in the State.
And they have cast a reflection upon
the wisdom of that "which had been
divinely ordered." A discovery sim-
ilar to that which was made apologetic
for the existence of the African slave
trade, that it was divinely ordered
that the African should be brought
into christian countries to be con-
verted, and for African slavery, that
the mark was set upon Cain's back,

and the sons of Ham were divinely
ordered to be slaves to the white race.
Collegeville, Pa. J. H.

THE TAR'S RETURN.

I had been sailing along on a top-
gallant breeze. My last three voyages
had brought "sugar" to my locker,
and I was looking forward to settling
down quietly as a sort of amphibious
animal at Lancing. The £200 I had
saved would help me to buy a
fishing boat and leave a little to
furnish a snug place I knew of for
Elsie and me.

Elsie Beal was as taut a craft as
you would find in any port. I had
known her when she was not much
higher than my sea chest. She had
seen me off on my first voyage, and
when I returned she was one of the
first to greet me. Of course we be-
came sweethearts, and though they
say that a sailor has a sweetheart in
every port, there was only one I knew
of in which my heart was anchored.

"Elsie, my lass," I had said to her,
just before going on my last voyage,
"it's about time we settled down. So,
if you've no objection, we'll get spliced
when I return."

My lass put her little hand in my
big rough one, and—she kissed me.
What plainer signal could a tar have
than that?

And here I was returning—the last
voyage over—with nothing but fair
weather sailing before me. How I
longed to finish that bright picture of
domestic happiness which I had been
filling in all the way from the
Indies!

I didn't expect to find her when I
reached Southampton, but I must say
that I was disappointed when I didn't
find her waiting for me at the railroad
station, for I had sent her a telegram
saying exactly when I'd reach Lancing.
I hurried to her home, but she wasn't
there. Her mother said she had gone
to Worthing, but she was expecting
her in every minute.

Presently my lass came in. But I
couldn't make her out. Her greeting
was cold. She wasn't the happy
Elsie I had left. I was so full of the
future—the home and the boat I
was going to set up—that I didn't
trouble much about it at the time.

Next morning I paid a visit to old
Timbs' boat house along the coast.
He had always taken an interest in me
and my voyages, and I wanted to talk
over with him the boat I intended
building. When I entered, old Timbs
was gossiping to a swell of a fellow
about ships, sailing and navigation
generally. As I reckoned I knew
something of navigation, I put in my
spoke.

"Who is natural friend?" said the
gent in a tone of voice that I didn't
like.

"The Elsie. I christened it the Maria,
after the woman who, a year later, be-
came my wife. People round about
were talking of me, you see, as the
jilted man, and as I didn't care for
that sort of pity I married."

I never regretted it, for if ever a
woman was born to comfort a disap-
pointed man, it was Maria Esterbrook.
A son came to us, and as the boat was
christened after the wife it was only
fit and proper that the boy should be
christened after his father—Paul
Allison.

"Things went along pretty prosper-
ously with me. Sometimes the old
wound would reopen a bit; then,
when I looked at little Paul, it would
close again. After all I was happy.
Could she, that false one, say the
same?"

Paul had reached his tenth year. I
have cause to recollect that night.
The March wind had been sweeping in
big gusts over the sands, sending
them like needles into the flesh. The
waves had risen into fury, writhing,
leaping and curling in the churn of
old Father Neptune.

There were no light of stars or
moon, and then the hail descended in
a hurricane. I had a difficulty in
reaching home, though I knew every
inch of the road, so dark was it.

"An awful night, Paul," said my
wife, taking from me my wet oilskins.
"Yes lass—awful it is. There'd be
many wrecks to-night."
"God grant there'll be none in these
parts!"

Little Paul had just brought me my
slippers, and the words were scarcely
out of my mouth when there came the
booming of a gun.
Boom, boom, boom!
Maria looked at me. Her face was
ghastly. She knew as well as I did
what that sound meant.

"It's a ship on the sands," she
faltered. "They'll want you, Paul.
Shall you go?"
"Shall, lass? There's no question
of shall. Must is the word. Hark!"
Footsteps were staggering up the
road. The handle of our door turned,
and Peter Ericson entered.

"There's a ship adrift on the sands,
Paul. You're wanted for the life-
boat."
"Right, Peter; I'll be with her in
two minutes. Hand down the oilskins
again, lass."
The sea was running so high that
we were thrice beaten back before the
lifeboat was launched. Launch it at
last we did, and there was a wild
cheer from the folks who had gathered
on the beach as we put off.

Heaven knows we needed cheering
of some sort, for the howling of the
wind around us and the swirl of the
waves as they dashed against us made
the sturdiest veteran in the boat feel a
bit unannoyed.

But we pulled with a will and at
last came in sight of the sinking
vessel. The jibboom, with the masts,
had gone overboard, and she was fast
settling down.

When we reached her side, there
were only four solitary beings cling-
ing to the taffrail.
"Jump for it!" shouted our captain,
Hal Moxon.

Even as he spoke a big wave came
along and swept away two of the four.
The other two sprang over the side and
were dragged safely into the lifeboat.
"Anybody else on board?" asked
Hal Moxon.

"There's a sick man in the cabin,
with a little girl who won't leave
him," said one of the half drowned
seamen.
"My God, you don't say so! We
can't desert them. Will anybody
volunteer to board?"
"I will!"

"You, Paul Allison? There's no
time to lose then. God be with you!"
he cried. The boat was again swung
round to the sinking vessel, and I
leaped up and caught its side. I had
clambered to the deck in the twinkling
of a handspike. Then I staggered
down the companion way to the
cabin.

While life is in this old hulk of
mine I shan't forget the spectacle I
saw. There was a dim light still burn-
ing. By it I saw a man lying in one
of the berths. Kneeling by his side,
her head bowed in prayer, was a little
girl. She looked up quickly as I
entered.

"Save papa!" she said running to
me.
"That's just what I've come for, my
little lass, and heaven willing to save
you as well. Come!" I said to the
man, lifting him up.
"Save Elsie!" moaned the man.
"Never mind me."
Elsie! Even in that moment of
peril the name cut at my heartstrings
as with a knife. I looked at the sick
man a bit closer. It was the scoundrel
who had robbed me of my greatest
treasure—Willyerby Seaton.

I did not stop to parley with him.
I put a lifebelt around the girl and
made it firm with a connecting cord to
my own. Then I wrapped a blanket
around the man and carried him to the
deck. Little Elsie clutched firmly to
my jacket.
The foam dashed up into my face.
I could not see the lifeboat, but above
the roar of the storm I heard the voice
of Hal Moxon:
"Jump!"
I leaped blindly forward. The
waves struck me with terrific force as
I fell. I heard the cry of a man, the
shriller cry of a child. I seemed to
be tossed up to the clouds and then to
sink, sink, sink, until I could sink no
farther. The mighty sea rolled over
me, and I knew no more.
When I came out of the awful pit,
it was to find myself in bed in my
own snug home. A pair of loving
eyes were looking anxiously into
mine.
"Do you feel better now, Paul?"
asked my wife tenderly.
"I don't know exactly how I feel,
my lass, but how did I get here, and—
ah, now I recollect! That man I tried
to save last night!"
"Last night! It's three weeks
ago!"
"Three weeks? Surely not? But
was he saved?"
"Alas, no! He was washed away
when you jumped from the sinking
vessel. Here's one who was saved,
however."
A pretty golden haired girl entered.
It was Elsie. She came to my bed-
side, her face radiant with a smile
when she saw that I was conscious.
"You—you saved my life!" she
said.
Then she leaned forward and kissed
this rough, weather beaten face of
mine. In that kiss the treachery of
the sooner was forgotten.
I soon learned her story. Her
mother—she little guessed I knew her
—had died in Bombay. Her father
had lost all his money in a sugar plan-
tation over there and was returning to
England in the Rannuggar to com-
mence life afresh when he was stricken
down with fever. Then the storm came
which wrecked the ship.
Well, to cut a long story short, I
got to love that girl, though in a differ-
ent way from the love I had for her
mother. When it came to a question
of parting with her, Maria and me put
on our considering caps and talked the
matter over.
Well, we didn't send her away. I
was to her a father. Maria was to her
a mother, and she—heaven bless her—
was to us the best of daughters. But
she's left us now.
"Why?" you ask. Can't you see
how it all was? She's now Paul's
wife.—London Answers.

A CANINE LIFE SAVER.

In the March number of *Our Dumb
Animals*, Boston, Massachusetts, the
following account of how a dog was
instrumental in saving the lives of
eight scamen is given:

"Some years ago a vessel was driven
on the beach of Lydd, in Kent, Eng-
land. The sea was rolling furiously.
Eight poor fellows were crying for
help; but a boat could not be got off,
through the storm, to their assistance,
and they were in constant peril, for
any moment the ship was in danger of
sinking. At length a gentleman came
along the beach accompanied by his
Newfoundland dog. He directed the
animal's attention to the vessel, and
put a short stick in his mouth. The
intelligent and courageous dog at once
understood his meaning, sprang into
the sea and fought his way through the
angry waves toward the vessel.
He could not, however, get close
enough to deliver that with which he
was charged; but the crew understood
what was meant, and they made fast
a rope to another piece of wood and
threw it toward him. The noble
animal at once dropped his own piece
of wood and immediately seized that
which had been thrown to him; and
then, with a degree of strength and
determination scarcely credible—for
he was again and again lost under
the waves—he dragged it through the
surge, and delivered it to his master.
A line of communication was thus
formed with the vessel, and every man
on board was rescued."

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all his efforts her injuries were fatal.
She died the next morning. Long-
fellow himself was so severely burned
that he was unable to be present at
her funeral.

When his wounds healed, he was
still broken in spirit. To give himself
occupation and to help him bear his
sorrow he translated into English the
"Divine Comedy" of Dante. He found
the labor restful and consoling, and
in time he completed his translation,
which was published in 1867.—*Pro-
fessor Brander Matthews in St.
Nicholas.*

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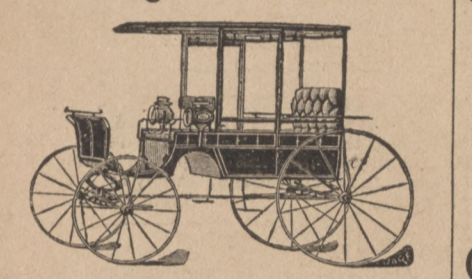
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Borough of Bridgeport, First and Second wards, and Township of Norristown, at County Treasurer's Office, Friday, June 7, from 8 1/2 to 12 and from 1 to 3.

Borough of Conshohocken, First ward, at the public house of Wm. H. Bloomfield, Monday, June 10, from 8 1/2 to 12.

Borough of Conshohocken, Second ward, at the public house of Morris Burgauer, Monday, June 10, from 1 to 3.

Borough of Conshohocken, Third ward, at the public house of Charles Boylan, Tuesday, June 11, from 8 1/2 to 12.

Borough of Conshohocken, Fourth ward, at the public house of Terence O'Donnell, Tuesday, June 11, from 1 to 3.

Borough of Conshohocken, Fifth ward, at the store of Margaret Jones, Eighth and Hall, Wednesday, June 12, from 8 1/2 to 12.

Borough of West Conshohocken, at the public house of Sarah M. Eagen, Wednesday, June 12, from 1 to 3.

Township of Lower Merion, Bryn Mawr and Rosemont districts, at the office of S. M. Garrigue, Thursday, June 13, from 9 to 12.

Township of Lower Merion, North and South districts, at the public house of Joseph H. Edwards, Thursday, June 13, from 1 to 3.

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