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Mrs. Jones On Organ Papers.

"Mr. Jones when a paper is run or published in the interest of some defined political party, it is termed the organ of that party is it not?"

"Yes, said Jones,—  
"Well," said she, "the HERALD is then considered the organ of the democratic party of this county and as such is expected to protect, defend and advance, as far as possible, the interest of the party."

"Certainly Mrs. Jones, certainly," said Jones.

"Mr. Jones how much do you get yearly for your work, or rather what salary does the party pay you annually?"

"Salary" my dear, "did you say salary?"

"Yes," said she, "I said salary. Your hearing must be a little dull this evening, or may be you do not want to hear, for fear of a lecture."

"The lecture will come all the same," said Jones, "whether I desire it or not. But in answer to your question of the salary, I do not receive a salary, the party is expected to give its support and comfort to the paper, and there is no stipulated salary paid me as its editor."

"Ah!" said she, "that's the way of it is. Well tell me of the two, comfort, and support, you get largely the more 'comfort' than support do you not?"

"Wife," said Jones, "what are you driving at? What stupid weakness have you on the brain this evening to annoy me and interfere with my soaring ideas to get into shape an editorial on 'Inhuwomant' of woman to woman? But in answer to your last question I don't get much of either."

"Or to put it more plainly," said she, "past favors are soon forgotten and the obligation, and just indebtedness due you for your work in behalf of the party and its candidates passes so quickly from the minds of the recipients that the indebtedness is forgotten and you are generally left to exist on the glory of the victory achieved in which you figured as one of the main factors."

"Oh! no not always Mrs. Jones."

"I did not say always," said she, "but generally, and you know its a fact, Jones I will not say you are a fool, for that would likely be near the truth, and of all things, a woman, dislikes, it is to tell the truth, but I will put it more mildly and say your weakness is only surpassed by your lack of common sense."

"I don't think your phraseology has bettered the matter much," said Jones.

"Jones," said she, "I infer from your paper and conversation that the party expects you to stand by it, and its candidates. Does the party stand by you, and its regular nominees at all times?"

"Not by any means Mrs. Jones, that is the hardest pill an editor of a party paper, has to swallow."

"Then Jones," said she, "you would have me understand that you must stand by your regular, (or rather the party's) conventional candidates, while the members of the party can do so or let it alone just as they please, without injury to their party principles and still the party does not pay you a stipulated sum for so doing?"

"Yes, Mrs. Jones, that's about the size of it. We are slaves to our party."

"Mr. Jones, what better evidence does an intelligent woman want of your weakness, that is politically, than your own acknowledgment? If a member of a party can vote for other than a member of his own following without receiving condemnation and without hurt to his party principles, pray why should you not be allowed to use the same privilege? Especially when you gain nothing by your efforts for your nominees, except the comfort you talk of and the glory of sacrificing your time and talent (if you have any) working for a man or men, who in ninety nine cases out of a hundred, forget you the instant they cannot use you."

"You forget Mr. Jones that party organization is essential to the well being and prosperity of the party, and that an organ paper is expected to make every effort towards accomplishing this."

"Ah, indeed!" said Mrs. Jones, "and without a just compensation for your services? The more fool you or any other man is to sacrifice his comfort and that of his family in endeavoring to build up a party at the expense of his pocket book and when the party itself makes no effort to aid or abet him in the undertaking. Did I not hear you say, a few days since, that prejudice and sectional strife existed to such a degree in this county, as to forestall all efforts in any party at successful organization? And that you were thoroughly disgusted with the business and you did not care if the whole outfit went to— you know where."

"I believe," said Jones, "I did say something of that kind, but I didn't know you heard me."

"Yes," said she, "but I heard you. And if you are such a ninny as to continue working against your own individual interest, and allow yourself to be made the tool of a few designing men, to further their own interest at your expense, it is nothing more than you deserve to suffer the consequences."

So Mrs. Jones having relieved her pent up feelings for the evening picked up her dish rag and began kicking round the pots preparatory to washing the dishes and Jones was allowed to pursue the even tenor of his course.

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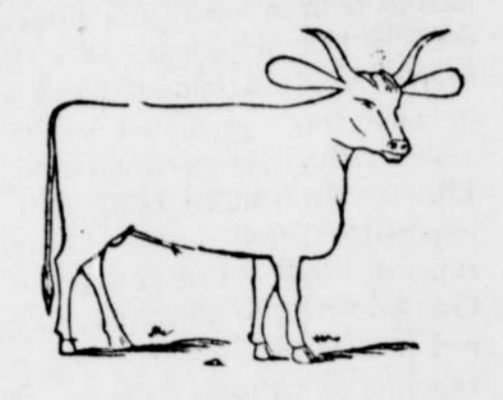
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