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FAVORS

IT'S REPEAL

In a recent speech delivered at New Albany, Thomas R. Marshall, Democratic candidate for governor, said:

"I am in favor of the repeal of the metropolitan police law. This metropolitan police law has enabled the governor to build up a machine throughout the state of Indiana; it enabled him to manage and control the police affairs of the state at long distance. I believe it is the duty of each city to grow in civic righteousness. The best way for it to grow in civic righteousness is to have somebody who is directly answerable to the mass of the people for a failure to discharge the duty resting upon the officer; that while the officer is only answerable to the governor and not to the people of his own community, he will be very likely inclined to manage the affairs of his office as the appointing power requests him to do. I hope, therefore, that the legislature in the discharge of its governmental functions will repeal this law and reinvest the citizens of every city in Indiana with the right to control their own police, but that if the law is not repealed and I have the lawful power to do so, I will appoint as members of the police board such citizens of each city as the mayor and common council of the city recommended to me. This, in my opinion, will be handing over to the citizens of the city again the right of local self-government, will give to such citizens, officeholders who are directly amenable to the judgment and conscience of the citizens of each city, and I would remove an officer at the request of the mayor and common council. In other words, I desire to divorce myself from the idea that if elected governor of this state, I will either directly or indirectly, attempt to build up a machine in the state of Indiana. The only machine that ought ever to be set to work in Indiana is the untrammeled judgment and conscience of the people of this state."

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Swindlers are reaping a rich harvest in the dry towns of this and western states. They are disposing of bottles containing a dark brown fluid labeled "cold tea" at \$1 each, and have many purchasers for same. The sale is accompanied by a suggestive wink, and the thirsty purchaser thinks that he is obtaining a bottle of whiskey, but it's real tea, and the seller is immune from arrest.

The Waring Glove factory resumed operation this morning after a shut down of about a week. Prospects now are that the factory will be run steadily the balance of the year, as many orders have been booked, and the outlook for a busy season is very good. The probabilities are that quite few vacancies will be filled before the last of the week and the prospects of the gentler sex for securing positions is very good.—Huntington News-Democrat.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay.

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SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

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Perils of Crinoline.
The dangers of the historic crinoline are illustrated by a story told by Lady Dorothy Nevill in her "Reminiscences." Going too near the fireplace, her voluminous skirt caught fire, and in an instant she was in a blaze. There were no men present, and the women could not help her, because if they had gone near enough to be of use their own skirts would have been ignited. Fortunately Lady Dorothy had sufficient presence of mind to roll herself in the hearth rug and thus subdue the flames.

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Assessments for this Year
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REASON'S ARE GIVEN
County Assessor Gentis
Talks About the Valua-
tion Figures

As soon as Auditor Lewton completes the footings on the township assessor's books, we will publish a complete list of assessment by townships with comparisons with 1907. The general total will show a slump over last year, and from our exchanges we note that the slump is general the state over. The decrease comes in the assessment of personal property, and in conversation with County Assessor Gentis, this decrease comes from poor crops of last year, and the general decrease in the market price of nearly all farm products. The same thing is true of stock.

Added to this is the fact that the township assessors placed a lower value on most all kinds of personal property. Incorrect figures from Union township show a decrease in the valuations there of \$31,000, and this with a tax rate of \$1.90 would mean \$589 in taxes to that township. Should this decrease hold good the county over, it would mean to exceed \$7,000 to Adams county. The city of Decatur is also showing a shortage of \$39,000 in its taxable valuation. The figures at hand are very meager and it may be that much of this apparent loss will dwindle when the correct footings are made. The losses here, though, are comparing with those reported from many other Indiana counties.

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