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### THE INAUGURAL

#### ADDRESS AND MESSAGE

The inaugural address to his constituency—the people of Indiana—and his message to the members of the general assembly, is but truly characteristic of Governor Marshall. Both are scholarly arguments of the well trained mind; the mind of the able and conscientious lawyer, and the mind of the patriotic and loyal citizen. He speaks much of good government and the responsibilities and duties devolving alike upon the people and those clothed with civil, military executive authority. He does not sermonize but he does give expression to many plain truths; truths all should hear and heed.

To the legislators themselves he admonishes a strict adherence to the doctrines of the fathers. Asks them to represent their electorate and to spurn personal gain and reward, many times the inducements offered by those seeking favors of law for special interests. The governor says that a faithful discharge of duty is the greatest compensation any legislator can receive. And how true.

Economy is written all through the message, and even can be seen to stand out in bold relief between the lines. He wants every superfluous office, and every superfluous commission which fails to produce a fair recompense to the state, abolished. And he likewise wants every super-

fluous clerkship dropped from the payroll of the state. In short, he wants every one in official place to earn the salary he gets; he wants economy to prevail in official life in Indiana. To bring about such a happy condition an expert examination is suggested, in which the needs and requirements of every office in the state house can be reported upon. Then he wants every officer to be placed upon a salary and the old school of fees and graft forever relegated to the antiquated past. He wants no officer to serve the people and a political party, using the time and money of the first to help any favored political few. Instead of a contingent fund of \$59,000 he asks for one of \$5,000 and then he asks that the secretary of the state board of health and the adjutant general be authorized to act with him, if the necessity occurred for the spending of any of it. He wants the people's rights protected in elections and in the returns of elections. He wants a primary election law where everyone can register their preferences for every office including United States senator. He wants the metropolitan police law repealed, the graft taken out of the office of oil inspector, the cities and towns law amended, the arbitrary authority now given city councils in the matter of street improvements annulled so that a majority of the property owners along any proposed street improvement shall have rights and those rights respected. He believes the consolidation of many board and commissions would prove beneficial, and he does not believe that the state should protect and pay for the treatment of insane, tubercular and epileptic patients, when the one treated can well afford to pay it himself.

Such briefly is the message. It shows thought and a wide knowledge of all the affairs of state. It shows more than that. It shows an honest conception of the high duties of the chief executive of the great state of Indiana. It shows, too, that during the next four years a statesman of high and noble character, will preside over the destinies of the people in

this, the greatest state in the union. Here's to Governor Marshall.

#### HAS A NEW VISION

Perhaps it was a mistake that county option was made a party issue. A good many people, Republican and Democratic, option and anti-option, believe so; and they may be right. There is this to be said, however, that making it a party issue at least resulted in bringing county option to pass. It is on the statute books, and there it will remain. There is more chance in Indiana today for further advance in liquor legislation than for a retreat. That is the fact, and it may as well be faced.

The exhaustive analysis of the liquor law situation in the legislature which appeared in the news columns of The Star yesterday suggests the thought that perhaps we have all been more intent on the political and partisan aspect of the case itself. It is true that option was made a party issue; but it is also true that in the minds of our Indiana people politics had not so very much to do with it. There is no politics in the saloon, except to take care of itself in all partisan, bipartisan or nonpartisan ways available. There is no politics in temperance legislation except through any and all parties and keep it. County option did not defeat Watson or elect Marshall. The new governor was elected by temperance men and Republicans who felt they could trust him to do his duty in any and all circumstances, and who felt, some of them, that this conviction meant more to them than the difference between county option and township option or no option at all.

The portentous "issues" of politics are often magnified by politicians to a view not shared by the common run of us. The plain people of Indiana will not take an absorbing or excited interest in the expert view that the "verdict" on county option in November instructs the legislature for its

repeal.—Indianapolis Star.

## SCHIRMEYER HOME

F. M. Schirmeyer Returned  
Saturday Afternoon from  
Belt, Montana

#### HE VISITED MOTHER

Who Was Seriously Ill—She  
is Very Much Improved  
at Present

Frank M. Schirmeyer returned Saturday afternoon from Belt, Montana, where for two weeks he was the guest of his aged mother, who was seriously ill. After the arrival of Mr. Schirmeyer at the home of his mother a noted improvement in her condition was noted, and she gradually improved until, at the time he left for Decatur, she was practically out of danger. Mr. Schirmeyer enjoyed the trip very much and says he likes the country fine. He states that there are excellent opportunities there for young men, giving as an example a gentleman who a few years ago purchased twelve hundred acres of land for four dollars per acre and is now offered nineteen dollars for it. The crops are invariably good in Montana.

A week ago yesterday Mr. Schirmeyer drove to Great Falls, Montana, where he paid a visit to Warren Moses who moved there from Adams county. Mr. Moses is getting along nicely and enjoying the best of health.

#### NOTICE

The demonstration of the Imperial Self Heating Denatured Alcohol Iron will continue yet to thoroughly introduce them before the general canvass. 'Tis no charcoal iron, oh, no! Be sure and see this iron before purchasing. Mrs. F. B. Miller, of Decatur and H. K. Shalley will fully explain this great wonder free. The Shalley Agency, Berne, Ind.

MEN WANTED QUICKLY by big Chicago Mail Order House to distribute catalogues, advertise, etc. \$25.00 a week. \$60.00 expense allowance first month. No experience required. Manager, Dept. 501, 385 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

The Tower of Famine.  
The Torre della Fama, or Tower of Famine, was noted for its gresome history. It once stood in Pisa, Italy, but there are now no traces of it. Count Ugolino della Gherardscha, whom Dante immortalized, was the head of the Guelphs, and because of his tyranny and accredited attempts to place his country in bondage he was antagonized and finally conquered by the chief of the Ghibellines who imprisoned him, with his two sons and two grandsons, in this tower, the slow method of starvation being employed as the manner of their death. The door of the tower was locked and the keys thrown into the Arno.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT

The Johnloz State Case Was  
Continued to February 15

OTHER COURT NEWS  
Not a Busy Day in the  
Adams Circuit  
Court

State vs. Johnloz set for trial today was continued until February 15. The continuance was on account of the absence of Jacob Miller, an important witness, who is reported as being in Michigan. An attachment was issued and it is likely that Mr. Miller will be on deck when case is called next time.

In the case of Achme Tool company vs. Noah A. Loch, a demurrer was filed to the fourth paragraph of answer.

Continental Insurance Company vs. Isaac J. Summers, et al, cause set for the making of issues on January 14.

John S. Bowers vs. Fred Hoffman, defendant defaulted and judgment was taken for \$273.31, together with the costs.

The real estate transfers include twenty acres from George Wolfe to Ncah Stalter for \$1,200; Emaile Stalter to George Wolfe, twenty acres for the same consideration.

#### When You Put on Stockings

DRESSMAKING—Neatly done. Prices right. Bring your work to Mrs. M. F. Marhenke, phone 15M, Monmouth, Ind.

FOR RENT—Eight room house, well improved on Monroe street, for rent. See J. F. Snow.

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A Poet's Breakfast.  
George Meredith and Rossetti went to take up house together, but it occurred to the former to go and see what the house was like first. He arrived at noon. Rossetti was not up. But on the table was his breakfast: six eggs on as many slices of bacon. The repast had been waiting some time. The eggs were draining out their lifeblood on the coagulating bacon. Rossetti came in in a dressing gown, otherwise just as he had got out of bed. He sat down and "devoured the plat like an ogre." Meredith sent him a check for the quarter's rent next day, but he and the poet never kept house together.

## WILL WAGER \$100.

Local Bowling Club Will  
Play Fort Wayne  
Elks

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

They Will Play for a  
Side Bet of  
100

Official announcement comes from Tom Peterson, manager of the Palace bowling alleys to the effect that the Elks' bowling club of Fort Wayne will come to Decatur Wednesday night and play the local club for a purse of \$100. The local team will be selected from the following list: Guy Dorwin, Tom Peterson, C. O. France, D. E. Studabaker, Fred Vaughn, Marnard Frisinger and William Berling. It will be remembered that the locals were defeated by the Summit city team a few weeks ago by the small margin of twenty-nine pins, and they are after revenge. The very best players of the above mentioned list will be selected to do battle with the Fort Wayne lads and if they are beaten the opponents will know they have been in a game. Without doubt the bowling alley will be taxed to its capacity on Wednesday evening, as the wager of one hundred bucks will cause some little attention.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

# DO YOU KNOW?

That one-half of the 15 day shoe sale has passed. There is still another week in which you may realize on these immense bargains. We still have sizes on our good grade shoes as well as the cheaper shoes.

A dollar saved is two earned. Why not spend your money with us when a little buys so much footwear.

Prices cut down on every thing in the house. We draw the line on nothing except Rubber goods. Every thing goes with a price that you can't say no. Look over these prices here below and see what a money saver it is to you.

## THE PRICES ARE FOR CASH ONLY AND NO SHOES GO OUT ON APPROVAL AT THIS SALE

Mens	\$5.00	Shoes	go	at	\$3.98
"	4.00	"	"	"	2.98
"	3.50	"	"	"	2.48
"	3.00	"	"	"	2.23
"	2.50	"	"	"	1.98
"	2.00	"	"	"	1.48
"	1.75	"	"	"	1.23
"	1.50	"	"	"	1.10

#### MEN & LADIES SLIPPERS WAY BELOW COST, AT PRICES TO SUIT YOU

YOUTH	\$2.25	SHOES	GO	AT	\$1.68
"	2.00	"	"	"	1.48
"	1.75	"	"	"	1.23
"	1.50	"	"	"	1.10
"	1.25	"	"	"	.98

  

BOYS	\$3.00	SHOES	GO	AT	\$2.23
"	2.50	"	"	"	1.98
"	2.00	"	"	"	1.48
"	1.75	"	"	"	1.23
"	1.50	"	"	"	1.10

CHILDS	\$1.25	SHOES	GO	AT	.98
"	1.00	"	"	"	.75
"	.75	"	"	"	.50
"	.60	"	"	"	.40
"	.50	"	"	"	.35
"	.25	"	"	"	.15
"	.10	"	"	"	.5



## TAGUE'S SHOE STORE

Decatur, Indiana.