

A Poem for Today

THE LOST SOUL.

By John Vance Cheney.



LONE soul came to heaven's gate:
Low at the warden's feet she fell;
Sobbing, she said she had not knocked so late
But for the many roads to hell.

Striking her bowed, unmurthered head,
Up spoke the good old warden gray:
"This child, too fair, high up let her be led,
Past them that never lost the way."

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The attempt of the Chicago authorities to prosecute saloon men for opening their places on Sunday is met by the point blank refusal of juries to find the accused men guilty, regardless of the evidence. Evansville had such an experience years ago, just after the Nicholson law had gone into force. Prosecution after prosecution was brought, and the evidence against the saloon men was overwhelming, but the juries doggedly stuck to their determination to acquit, and the prosecutor had to give up in disgust, which shows that even the law is powerless before public opinion.—Washington Herald.

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The substantial endorsement of the candidacy of Hon. Thomas R. Marshall for the nomination for governor by the Democrats of the Twelfth district ought to be helpful to his candidacy. To be thus endorsed means something and conveys the unmistakable impression to the Democracy of Indiana that Marshall stands well at home, and such a man can usually be trusted away from home. There are other good Democrats aspiring for the nomination, but for some reason it seems that the man from Northeastern Indiana comes nearer filling all requirements just now than any of the other distinguished aspirants. He has never been mixed up in any of the political tangles in the state and has never held public office of any kind. He has the ability to go before the people of the state and tell them why they should vote the democratic ticket and he is equipped to meet any man the opposition may name, face to face, on the rostrum and discuss the issues with him. He has never been a crank on any subject of public concern, but has always stood for law and order and obedience to those in authority. It would be no mistake if the Democrats of Indiana name him as their candidate. He is able to lead the party and is equipped to fill the office, and is liberal-minded and broad-minded enough to do justice to all.—Columbia City Post.

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The district convention at Fort Wayne last Thursday did well in the selection of Mr. Hoffman, of Allen county, as the chairman from this district. There are many good reasons why the man should come from Allen county at this time and we believe that among the many good Democrats in that county none better than Mr. Hoffman could have been chosen. He is a young man full of vigor, with plenty of vim and an abiding faith in the triumph of his party. He has had considerable experience, having led his party in the campaign of 1906 and has a wide acquaintance with the party workers both in Allen and in the surrounding counties. The selection of Mr. Hoffman will meet the approval of a large majority of the Democrats of the district.

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The announcement is made that Hon. James M. Robinson, of Allen county, will be a candidate for the congressional nomination. Mr. Robinson has a wide reputation in the district and many warm friends and political adherents in every precinct. He will doubtless command a strong support in the county among the men who stood by him in his former contests for the nomination. Those who contend that Mr. Robinson is not in the race will find that he has cut a very prominent figure in the affair before the man is named.

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The congressional nomination is not likely to go a begging in this district in 1908. It now looks as if nearly all, if not all, of the counties in the district would trot out a favorite son and back him for the honor. So far, the candidacy of J. M. Robinson, of Allen; Fred C. Feick, of DeKalb, Cyrus Cline, of Steuben, have been announced and it is likely that LaGrange, Noble and Whitley will soon follow suit. It is intimated that Allen county may have one other candidate and possibly two who will contest the ground with Mr. Robinson. This will insure an interesting contest and plenty of politics for months to come.

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The political rot being sent out by the Indianapolis News should not influence the opinion of any good Democrat. The News is a republican newspaper, is owned and controlled by Republicans and is just now trying to kick up a row among the Democrats of the state. The methods employed by the News put it into the yellow list and well up to the top. Billy Blodgett, who writes slush as much per column, has devoted nearly all of his time and most of his allotted space to misrepresenting prominent Democrats and their friends. Blodgett dreams, then the News comments editorially, and between them they have agreed that they do not like the way that the Democrats of the state are managing their affairs. For down right lying and misrepresentation, Blodgett and the News are entitled to the medal.

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The Indianapolis News has been borrowing a whole lot of trouble for the past two months over conditions that they see in the democratic party. The News, the recognized Farbanks organ and always reliably republican, has been devoting its space and energy in trying to tell the Democrats what they should do. At the same time its news columns have been full of the most outrageous, flagrant and sensational falsehoods regarding the conditions in the several parts of the state, evidently inspired by the management. The systematic lying not only involves Democrats but eminent Republicans that the News can not control. Ex-Governor W. T. Durbin came in for a share of this mendacity last week, but he promptly denounced the allegation and in no uncertain terms. Just how little a great big newspaper like the News can be best illustrated in the way Durbin is treated. The article that coupled Mr. Durbin with the eighth district democratic politics was given a prominent place on the first page and the editorial comment was in a most conspicuous position; but Mr. Durbin's denial, in which he characterized the writer of the article as a wilful liar, was found on a back page and up to this time no editorial mention has been made. The Democrats of Indiana are to be congratulated in not paying any heed to the prosecutions and demands of the News or to the rot of Billy Blodgett. It would seem that they would find plenty to do to look after the affairs of their own party just at this time.

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The Chicago Journal says that the "Republican Grand Dukes" may think that they have hit on a device to satisfy the people by a bill for a heavy tax on those that deal in futures in grain and stocks that with it time may be passed until summer is come and it shall be too late to do anything. It then says:

This effort to distract popular attention from the question of prime importance, namely, revision of the tariff to stop the exactions of robber trusts, is shrewdly planned. But Republican grand dukes are in error if they think the people will be fooled by it. * * * Despite attempts to sidetrack the tariff issue, it will be the foremost subject of debate in the next campaign. If the Republican party avoids it, while the Democratic pledges themselves to remedy the great abuses that have grown in the past, it will be foisted on the Democratic side. The country is tired of being robbed by tariff-protected industries which charge Americans high prices while selling their goods abroad in competition with the products of "pauper foreign labor" after paying the cost of freight across the Atlantic ocean.

On this topic the Kansas City Star is equally positive and insistent. It says:

The country wants to know just where the Republicans in congress stand with reference to revision. This information is especially sought by progressive Republicans in all the states. The next election will depend largely on the attitude of the Republican convention and its nominee for president on the tariff question. And the attitude of congress, if it can be forced by the Democrats, will also have an important bearing.

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The Brooklyn Citizen is outspoken on the presidential nomination. Of Hughes it says:

In this state, and in New England, where the mangump tariff is in the blood of many Republicans, and Governor Hughes poses as an independent man adverse to it, the opposition of the straight Republicans and organization man to his candidacy is as personally bitter as was that of the democratic brethren to Cleveland in 1892. Notwithstanding the apparent popularity of the governor with the rank and file, the machine leaders in this state show no indication of being stampeded into support of his candidacy. They rely on the known animosity to the governor of the party workers to protect their leadership in the primaries, if the Hughes men are so rash as to throw down the gauntlet.

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IT IS A CALAMITY

The Atlas engine works of Indianapolis has long been one of the big industrial concerns of the country. It was operated through the panic of 1893 and carried on its business as a solvent corporation without the aid of courts, receivers or trustees. Hugh H. Hanna then was at the head of the concern, and he has been at the head ever since. Mr. Hanna was terribly afraid in 1893 that Mr. Bryan might be elected president. He was one of the noisiest of the "country savers." He told his men—as was said at the time—that they might come back to work on the morning after the election if McKinley was successful; but that there would be no work for them if Bryan was elected. On the night of the election in November, 1900, when it was known that McKinley was triumphant, the Atlas engine works' whistles wasted much steam in celebrating the event. And now the Atlas engine works, after eleven years of republican rule and Dingley tariffs, has been put into the hands of trustees for the benefit of creditors. It is a calamity. No person will rejoice, but many will reflect. It may be remarked—for it is remarkable—that the Indianapolis newspapers have made no mention of the troubles of Mr. Hanna's company.—Desatur Democrat.

Democratic Call

The members of the Democratic County Central Committee are called to meet at the Assembly room in the basement of the Court house at Albion, Indiana, on Thursday, January 30, 1908, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of electing a county chairman, a secretary, and treasurer of the County Central Committee, to complete the Democratic organization for the coming campaign, and to transact such other business as may come before the committee. Every precinct committee man is earnestly requested to be present. This being the first meeting of the County Central Committee it is important that all the members shall be present and take part in the completion of the organization.

A District Convention

The Democrats of the 12th Congressional district met in convention at Fort Wayne last Thursday for the purpose of naming a new district chairman to succeed Mr. Gandy whose term was at an end. Every county in the district was well represented, nearly all of the leading Democrats of the district being present. The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock when Hon. Jos. W. Adair, of Columbia City, was selected as permanent chairman. Judge Adair upon assuming the chair spoke briefly of the purpose of the convention and counseled good feeling and harmony in the proceedings. He spoke of the bright democratic prospects, the united party and the importance of the coming campaign. Hon. C. M. Brown, of Auburn, was then selected as secretary, when a motion to proceed to the election of chairman was adopted.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon, of Ligonier, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby, to Mr. Nathan Simon, of this city.

When Mr. Simon left here on Christmas day many were the surmises as to the cause of his departure, for there was who had been read in the secret; but to many who read it in this morning the announcement of his engagement will come as a surprise.

Miss Solomon will be remembered as one of the attractive carnival visitors to Mobile last season, when she was the guest of Mrs. Max Michael, and the many warm friends she made during this visit will be delighted to hear of her coming to Mobile to make her home.

Mr. Nathan Simon is one of the most popular young men in Mobile; aside from his steady qualifications he is possessed of a disposition so happy and bright that he is welcome in any gathering, whether he is among the Knights of Pythias, where he is an honored member of the uniform rank, or among the Red Men, which organization numbers him as a big member, or at the Fidelis club, where he is serving this season on the entertainment committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon are holding a large reception today, New Year's Day, in Ligonier as an announcement of their daughter's engagement to Mr. Nathan Simon, whose Mobile friends will waft their happy new year to him in the form of their congratulations."

Big Musical Show Booked for the New Year at Goshen, January Sixteenth

One of the most popular musical attractions yet booked for the New Year is the ever successful "The Time, the Place and the Girl," which had such a phenomenal run at the LaSalle in Chicago and which has found repeated favor on tour. In the cast will be John E. Young as "Happy Johnny Hicks," "The Time, the Place and the Girl," music has been whistled and sung in Ligonier ever since it was first played in public and there is general anxiety here to see this musical comedy, because it had established a new Chicago record in the way of popularity. Seats for the New Year engagement may be secured by telephone. Prices range from 25 cents to \$1.50.

Fourth Number Citizens Entertainment Course

Mr. Elias Day and Mrs. Oranne Truitt-Day

Wednesday Evening, January 15, Fraternity Hall—Reserved Seats at Zimmerman's Store, 50 Cents

Mr. Day has been known for the past eight years as one of the three great platform entertainers, and in his line is acknowledged to be without an equal. Absolutely original and unique, he has gained his well-earned reputation solely by his real artistic worth. He has combined with his talents a genius for work and study. These, together with trained observations of human nature, make his characterizations gems of realistic delineation. Mr. Day uses wigs, paints and other accessories for the presentation of his characters. He is without question the greatest artist in their use that has ever appeared before the American people.

Mr. Day is the author of most of his sketches, which are published for use of students and the general reading public. Who that ever heard it will forget his "Col. Fairweather of Frankfort, Kentucky, Suh," or the pathetic little gem "Danny" and the humorous musical sketch "The Three Palm Trees" and the "Toast to the Ladies?"

Yours sincerely,

FRANK G. STAHE, Sec'y. Elk. Lec. Ass'n.

Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 22, 1907.

Dr. C. G. Keehn, Ligonier, Ind.

Dear Sir: Elias Day appeared here before the Chautauqua in 1906 and before the Lecture Association in 1906 and we can conscientiously say that you could not select a better man in the country.

He is without question the greatest artist in their use that has ever appeared before the American people.

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Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry

we say that we have had Mr. and

Mrs. Day on the State University

course here for two consecutive

years and they gave excellent satis-

faction both times. In fact I do not

think we ever had a more satisfac-

tory number on the course. On their

second appearance here they drew

\$88 in single admission and we had

sold over 700 season tickets. While

their work is very artistic it also has

touch of the popular in it, and so

pleases all classes. We are planning

on having them on our Chautauqua

program next year, which will be

their third appearance in this un-

iversity town. I trust you will have

a large audience for the "Days," as I

assure you they merit it.

Very truly yours,

W. L. ATKINSON.

Two modern flats, with bath and

closet. Inquire of L. Schloss.

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Official Changes at Albion

In G. A. R. hall Monday evening

the officers and members of Ferguson

Camp No. 26, United Spanish War

Veterans held a most interesting

meeting, to which four new comrades

were introduced. It was the occa-

sion for retirement of the old and in-

stallation of the new corps of officers

of the camp for the year 1900, as fol-

lows: Commander, Wm. S. Milner;

vice-commander, Jas. D. Carr; junior

vice-commander, Chas. W. Fritz;

quartermaster, F. B. Robbins; adj-

utant, Capt. Chas. A. Green; officer

of the guard, John E. Green; officer

of the guard, Rolla E. Stage; sergeant,

Charlie Haney; Chaplain, Otis Walt-

man; trustee, Willard Slaybaugh.

Capt. Chas. A. Green, the retiring com-

mander, and his efficient deputy, William Trumpp,

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