

# A Poem for Today

## RESPONSES.

By Ralph Waldo Emerson.



EVER from lips of cunning fell  
The thrilling Delphic oracle.  
Out from the heart of Nature rolled  
The burdens of the Bible old.  
The hand that rounded Peter's dome  
And groined the aisles of Christian Rome  
Wrought in a sad sincerity.  
Himself from God could not free;  
He builded better than he knew.  
The conscience stoned to beauty grew.

Ever the fiery Pentecost

Gifts with one flung the countless host.

Trances the heart through chanting choirs

And, through the priest, the mind inspires.

The word unto the prophet spoken

Was writ on tablets yet unbroken;

The word by seers or sibyls told

In groves of oak or fanes of gold

Still floats upon the morning wind,

Still whispers to the willing mind.

One accent of the Holy Ghost

The heedless world hath never lost.



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It seems awfully difficult, at times, to understand the aims and purposes of the Indianapolis News. For weeks and weeks that paper devoted columns of its valuable space to giving aid and comfort to James Kirby Risk, who did his level best four years ago to deliver the Indiana delegation to that notorious political freebooter, Willian Randolph Hearst. The manner in which the state chairmanship contest was handled by the News made it almost a political necessity to elect Stokes Johnson. To have done anything else would have led to complications on which no chances could be taken. When the News lent itself to shaping up matters so as to practically render it imperative to choose between Tom Taggart and the type of politicians represented by the Lafayette man, it is easy to discern on which side of the fence self-respecting men ought to have been found.—J. B. STOLL in South Bend Times.

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The election of John W. Earle, county auditor, as county chairman by the Republicans last Monday at their meeting at Albion, reflects great credit upon the party. It is promised, at least, that we are to have a clean, dignified and decent campaign. Mr. Earle will make a good chairman. He is a good citizen, and we believe that he will practice decent politics. His party made no mistake when they pressed him into the service even if they did have to deny the honor to several fellows who wanted the place so badly that they could take it.

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The Democrats will soon get together for reorganization and we hope that a good live Democrat will be selected as county chairman. It is understood that Mr. Stanley will not accept a re-election to the position as he cannot give the duties the attention that they demand. He took the place two years ago under protest and his party can hardly demand any further sacrifice upon his part. What we need is a good organizer, somebody that can harmonize the party and make a winning fight for the whole ticket.

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There are many things that we like about J. Kirby Risk, the Lafayette Democrat, who was the head and front of the fight for the reorganization of the democratic state central committee. A fellow forgets that Mr. Risk was a red-hot Hearst henchman and that he made a bad mess of it at the Lafayette banquet last October, when he reads what he said after the contest at Indianapolis last week. Risk, speaking of his defeat, said: "I am frank to say that I have opposed Mr. Jackson in this chairmanship fight, and I want to say further that no matter how warmly I have been against him I am going to be just as vigorously against the republican party from this on. Mr. Jackson has been elected chairman of this committee and I want him to be the chairman in every sense of the word. I am a man who believes in ending a fight just where it ought to end. This fight is ended right here tonight. I do not say that I will not be down here two years from now carrying on this same war, but this fight is finished for me tonight." Mr. Risk is a hard fighter, but he is not hard toosser. Personally he is a most excellent gentleman.

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It is openly charged by politicians who know that the unfair and silly effort of the Indianapolis News to make the democratic state chairmanship outcome a brewer's victory regardless of who won was inspired by republican designs with party dictatorship in them. The News is for Hugh Miller for the republican nomination for governor and against Jim Watson and Charley Miller. It tried to make the people believe the Democrats were being manipulated by the brewers, accusing every candidate for state chairman of being a saloon ally, and it was done to create such a feeling against Democrats that the temperance forces would demand a temperance man at the head of the next republican state ticket and the News would fight Watson and Charley Miller as brewery allies and dictate Hugh Miller's nomination and control him if elected. But its work is so coarse it looks like the proverbial ostrich hiding from discovery by sticking its head under the sand.—Rochester Sentinel.

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Information from various parts of the state is to the effect that there is a general desire among those interested in the make-up of our state courts that the Hon. Timothy E. Howard, of this city, be nominated for supreme judge. This preference is predicated upon a pleasing recollection of the able manner in which Judge Howard acquitted himself during the six years that he served as a member of the supreme court of the state of Indiana. The experience that he had and the knowledge that he acquired while serving in that exalted position are of incalculable value. In all essential respects Judge Howard is admirably fitted for the supreme bench.—South Bend Times.

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Republicans sit up and take notice when they hear the possibility of Governor Johnson's nomination. This is the way the New York Press talks: One of the singular things of politics is the potential peril to republicanism of the democratic party after having been battered the length and breadth of the land for the last dozen years. Though President Roosevelt carried Minnesota by a landslide in 1904 he could not draw the republican candidate for governor in over Johnson, who was elected by more than 6,000. If Johnson had been strong before he went into office, he became irresolute in his still afterword. When he ran for reelection in 1906 he swept the former republican Gilbreath of Minnesota with a plurality of 27,000! The strength of the solid South for the democratic party has been increased since the last presidential election by the admission of Oklahoma to statehood, with seven votes in the electoral college. Minnesota has in the electoral college eleven votes, in previous years always counted in advance as sure for the republican ticket.

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Many railroads are annulling passenger trains for the purpose of cutting down expenses. The presence of thousands upon thousands of empty freight cars along the sidings of all railroads tells the story most eloquently that freight shipments are exceedingly light, while six months ago there were not enough to carry on the traffic. This demonstrates how quickly the business of a country can be paralyzed and how far-reaching the present panic is. It also goes to show that merchants are not buying goods and of course that means that factories will have to curtail productions. The result of it all is that hundreds of thousands of men are thrown out of employment and the whole business and industrial world must suffer. What is needed now is an advance agent of prosperity and a man who can rescue the country from the hard times from which it is suffering.—Columbus City Post.

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The reorganization of the state central committee at Indianapolis was attended with considerable interest. It was not nearly the furious fight that the News and other republican newspapers would have their readers believe, but a good national contest that ended about as expected by nine out of ten of the participants. The election of U. S. Jackson was the only thing to do under the circumstances and even the so-called enemies of Tom Taggart were free to admit that he was the logical chairman and the best man for the place. Mr. Jackson will make a good chairman. His selection will mean much to the party in the state and the Democracy is to be congratulated upon the fidelity and good sense of the men who brought about his election.

**FELICITY OF SPEECH**  
The power that some men have of swaying an audience is often commented upon. Wonder is expressed how this is done—how it is made possible of achievement. The secret is this: An audience is swayed when the speaker succeeds in establishing an electrical current between himself and those whom he addresses. Simply addressing him to the understanding of his hearers—to their minds solely—will not establish such a current. He must first succeed in reaching their hearts, awaking their sympathies. That accomplished, the speaker will have easy sailing. His audience will become responsive, and it will manifest its appreciation by riveted attention, subdued or revealed applause, and, upon reaching a climax, by unconstrained shouting.

A case in point is a charming little speech delivered by Thomas R. Marshall, of Columbia City, at a recent gathering of the Twelfth district Democrats, at Fort Wayne. Mr. Marshall did not make a set speech. It was just a little talk, an appreciative acknowledgement of the honor done him in naming him in connection with the Democratic nomination for governor. Note how soulfully he spoke, how deeply he touched the popular heart by these impressive words:

"Some men are born with the capacity of making money or not doing this or that thing," he said. "When the angel put me upon earth and kissed me good-bye, he gave me not the capacity to make money or to push myself along in the world, but the capacity to win friends. I have always had friends who clung to me, friends who sometimes sacrificed their own ambitions to my own. I have been blessed in business and in social life, and here again today I am surrounded by friends who speak in kindness and give me what is dear than any earthly honor could be—the assurance that thirty-five years of my life have taught me to believe, that I am a Democrat who can be trusted. For this I thank you, and come what will, weal or woe to Democracy, victory or defeat, be assured that as I live so shall I die, faithful to Democracy of Indians and loyal to my country."

It is generally understood that the board at its February meeting will arrange to hold a seven day fair beginning on Saturday, Sept. 5, and close Friday, Sept. 12. Night entertainments will be provided, the program will be most interesting, and a big fair is anticipated. It is planned to build a big show barn for the horses and plans are being proposed for consideration at the February meeting.

**A Most Successful Meeting**  
The meeting of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture at Indianapolis last week was well attended and considerable interest was shown. The report of President Conger showed that the past year had been the most prosperous in the history of the board, the profits of this fair being nearly \$25,000. Many improvements were made upon the grounds and the outstanding debts for the purchase of lands was considerably reduced.

The election of members of the board resulted in the reelection of the old members, there being no opposition to any of the members excepting in the eighth district where David Wallace was returned by a large majority. In the reorganization of the new board, Ed S. Tuell, of Corydon, was elected president; and Chas Downing, secretary. The department heads appointed are:—Charles H. Anthony, Muncie, speed; David Wallace, Indianapolis, horse; Oscar Hadley, Plainfield, cattle; Mason J. Niblack, Vincennes, swine; Sid Conger, Shelbyville, sheep; John L. Thompson, Gas City, superintendent of coliseum and entertainment; L. Newt Brown, Franklin, poultry; J. E. McDonald, of this city; C. B. Benjamin, Crownpoint, agricultural department; F. A. Nave, Attica, asst. of machinery exhibit; C. W. Travis, Lafayette, horticulture; and John C. Haines, Rockport, admissions.

**Take Big Chances**  
Speculation in onions is about as uncertain and costly as betting on a horse race," says John Neuman a heavy shipper from Milford and Napanee. "We have now in our warehouse at Kendallville and Kimmel, in Noble county over 125 carloads of onions representing an outlay of \$50,000, that we are disposing of at a net loss of about ten cents a bushel. Almost every dealer lost heavily. It is one of the fortunes of the trade. Prices of onions are gradually declining. In the first place we have to suffer a shrinkage in weight of the onions of at least five per cent, then there is the cost of storing, and crating, and the interest on the money invested. We are selling onions now at about the same figure we paid for them early in August. The best price obtained for onions in carloads lots this week has been sixty-two cents a bushel shipped in bags. In crates they would be fifty-five to sixty cents. The price varies from forty to sixty cents. Until the financial stringency last fall the trade in onions did fair to exceed that of former years as the Indiana crop was considerably short of an average, and prior to that we sold large supplies at a fair profit. Stock on hand in Noble county comprises only a small part of our holdings in that county for the season. The crop in other states was larger than usual and had something to do with the drop in prices."

**What Then?**  
If a country like ours can be paralyzed by a speculators' panic such as we recently passed through, under general business conditions of the most favorable character, what do you imagine would be the effect of a panic for which there could be assigned a real cause? About a year ago the Times pointed to the dangers that were sure to grow out of thousands upon thousands of aliens being drawn here by the wild scramble for condensing a century's progress into a quarter of a century. You know what is being said of unemployed labor in Chicago, New York, etc. What do you think conditions will be in these centers when a real panic one for which there is a real cause, shall come upon the country, and thus share the less. No Democrat should share the less. No Democrat should draw into the trap.—Martinsville Democrat.

**TO NOBLE COUNTY DEMOCRATS**  
The members of the Democratic County Central Committee have been called to meet at Albion on January 30, to elect officers and complete the organization and this occasion will be made the time for a democratic banquet and love feast at Albion at which it is desired to have in attendance every Democrat of this county, who can arrange to attend. This will be an occasion of great interest as arrangements will be made to have present speakers of prominence from other places and an opportunity will be afforded to the Democrats of the county to learn the condition and prospects of the Democratic party throughout northern Indiana. No special invitations will be sent out, it being the desire of every Democrat in the county shall feel himself invited and welcome without any special invitation being sent to him. Letters may be sent to Democrats in different parts of the asking them to use their efforts to secure as large attendance as possible but, if any such letters are sent out it will be only for the purpose of procuring a larger attendance and not as special invitations to any one. In order that the committee of arrangements may know how many will be present at the banquet it will be necessary for those desiring to secure places at the table to notify the committee of arrangements not later than Tuesday, January 29, of their intention to be present at the banquet. All will be provided for who engage place in this way. Let all desiring places at the banquet notify W. H. Menagh, secretary of the committee on arrangements not later than the 28. The expense at the banquet will be fifty cents per plate. Tickets can be obtained at Albion on the day of the banquet. The democratic papers will please continue this notice until the time fixed. Every effort will be made to render this occasion one of the striking interest and importance to the party.

The banquet will occur at 1 o'clock p.m., of the date mentioned at the Opera House in Albion.

**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 committeeman 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.

**Notice of Election**  
Congressman Gilham is a nice gentleman, but so far he has failed to meet the expectations of his friends or fulfill the promises of his campaign managers. At least we have failed to hear of the capitol trembling at his approach and the Twelfth district seems to occupy the prominent place in the world's eye that we were assured it would assume when the suave Lagrange gentleman took his seat.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

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**Walkerton Will Continue Wet**  
The question of whether or not the town of Walkerton shall be dry for the next year was determined in a decision made by Superior Judge VanFleet at South Bend when he decided in favor of the applicant in the case, V. W. Hardenbrook, who had been refused a license by the commissioners and appealed. A blanket remonstrance was the cause of the refusal and as a result of its failure to finally prevent the issuance of a license, costs to the amount of \$1,500 will be left for the remonstrants to pay. The decision was based on the legality of taking names from a remonstrance and resigning them prior to a hearing.

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**Another Failure**  
Municipal ownership is receiving much discussion in Goshen just at present. For a number of years a great deal has been said of the large profits made by the incandescent plant. In fact the profits according to reports of officials were so large it was hoped that by this time our entire city debt would be wiped out, but it appears that the discovery has been made that the plant does not pay, in fact it is a burden to the taxpayer. Something is wrong somewhere and the trouble should be located. The records show that according to the way certain officials figured the incandescent plant made a net profit of \$32,225.65 for the year ending June 1, 1902; to June 1, 1903, \$4,476.76; to June 1, 1904, \$4,412.17; to June 1, 1905, \$5,208.90; to June 1, 1906, \$5,781.60; and for the past year but \$244.16. Is it possible that reports have been doctored?—Goshen Democrat.

**And we have been told that the Goshen plant was a gold mine. We have had all kinds of figures from Goshen but the truth is out at last. It is the same old story and it will continue to prove itself everywhere. But we are to try the experiment just because the political whims of a small coterie of self seeking politicians must be carried out. The city council might stop long enough to investigate conditions at Goshen. They might profit by the conditions that have recently developed in our sister city. Of course, we know that they will not do it—but why not?**

**Married at Albion**

Last Sunday at the home of the bride's sister at Albion Miss Ella May Baughman and Mr. John R. Marker, of this city were united in marriage by Rev. C. A. Price of the Presbyterian church. The wedding was a quiet affair and was attended only by the close relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride was formerly a teacher in the public schools of this city and a young woman of high attainments. She was held in high esteem among all who knew her in this city and was most deservedly popular in her home at Albion, where she is highly connected.

**Mr. Marker is well known in this city, where he has spent a good share of his life. He has been in the employ of the Lake Shore for several years, and is now holding a most responsible and exacting position, that of Supt. of Bridges for the roads of the system west of Toledo. He has his headquarters at Elkhart where he will take up his residence. All join in tendering congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marker.**

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It was a heart-to-heart talk, without any rhetorical embellishment whatsoever, and what Tom Marshall said to his friends was the plain simple truth. That's what made his sweet little speech so effective; that is what evoked an outburst of applause that admitted of no doubt as to its genuineness, of its warmth, and of its unalloyed sincerity.

**Will Try to Burn Both Ends**  
Mr. Blodgett is carrying out the program of the republican state managers. His constant attacks upon what he is pleased to call the Taggart-brewery combine he hopes will have the effect of driving Democrats to prohibition stand in the campaign. The republican party will be held to declare in favor of the temperance work that has come from their hands and that is approved by their high officials. The active politicians in that party oppose, though unable to get under the record, and for this reason an effort is being made to drive the Democrats to adopt the same policy, which would have the effect to neutralize the loss of votes the Republicans feel the party will sustain through the temperance stand it has taken. It is "good politics" from their standpoint to induce the Democrats to take a similar course and thus share the less. No Democrat should draw into the trap.—Martinsville Democrat.

**Too Much Money**

The Dayton News is authority for the statement that John H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register company, "is one of the highest salaried of all the capitals of industry. His salary is \$14,000 a year." If this be a fact, and The News would hardly make