

A Poem for Today

On the Death of Joseph Rodman Drake

By Fitz-Greene Halleck

CREEN be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days!
None knew thee but to love
thee, and none named thee but to
praise.
Tears fall when thou wert dying
From eyes unused to weep,
And long, where thou art lying,
Will tears the cold turf steep.
When hearts, whose truth was proven,
Like thine are laid in earth,
There should a wreath be woven
To tell the world their worth.

THE TARIFF FLOTTERS
No surprise is in order because the
tariff standpatters are laying plans
of complex political craft to tie
President-elect Taft's hands after
inauguration.

They typify the parasitical east,
refusing to heed recent political
lessons from the producing west,

We read of secret conferences in
New York between leaders of the
"old guard" of standpatters. Dall-
zell and Payne and Vice-president-
elect Sherman are putting their
heads together.

It is a mistake to suppose that they
do not know what the country de-
mands in the way of tariff revision.

The ominous election returns from
several important states would educate
them, if nothing else could.

We are compelled to face, at the
outset, the knowledge that our dyed-
in-the-wool standpatter ignores election
returns. It is his business to
postpone tariff revision as long as pos-
sible. He may see other standpatters
mowed down by western battles, but
as long as his own election certificate
is sure he will not abdicate as a pol-
itical lackey for the eastern tariff
barons.

Note, if you please, the main argu-
ment for the reorganization of the
ways and means committee on "con-
servative" lines. The clans are being
rallied because a large number of
"low tariff" Republicans have been
elected to the house of representa-
tives from the west and middle west.
High tariff Republicans have been
sent to the political discard.

To the average mind, this would
imply a powerful undercurrent of
approval for an extra session of con-
gress and immediate tariff revision.
To the average standpatter's mind
it merely implies more sleepless vigi-
lance in the interest of eastern tariff
monopolists. The most experienced
politicians in congress are in the re-
actionary wing. Their fighting abilities
will be concentrated on a postpone-
ment of such genuine tariff re-
vision as the country demands.

The tariff will be revised by the
ways and means committee, and
congress will pass the bill recom-
mended by the committee. Sereno
E. Payne has said so, and he knows.
—Chicago Journal.

Honor Deserved and Given
On the evening of Nov. 17th the
members of the Whitley county bar
gave a complimentary banquet at
Columbia City in honor of the
retiring judge of that county, Hon. Jos.
W. Adair, who for twenty years has
adorned the bench and administered
justice between them and their clients.
The occasion will be long re-
membered. Governor-elect Thomas
R. Marshall presided as toastmaster,
and all the speeches bore witness to
the able and impartial administra-
tion of the judge.

Blessed with the judicial tempera-
ment, master of his emotions and
feelings at all times, patient and for-
bearing under trying circumstances,
affable and kind to lawyer, witness
and juror, yet firm and severe when
occasion demanded, Joseph W. Adair
has proved an ideal judge—and the
toasts of the evening bore witness
that his character was appreciated by
the bar of the county, as in more end-
uring manner do the resolutions
formally adopted and ordered spread
upon the current order book of the
Whitley circuit court.

Judge Adair is a native of Noble
county, born in 1843, and reared upon
a farm. At the age of 17 he became
a school teacher and taught and
studied his way through college and
law school and was admitted to the
bar in 1869. He practiced law in Co-
lumbia City—first alone, then in par-
nership with James S. Collins. He
was elected county superintendent
of schools for one term and was
mayor of Columbia City, when ap-
pointed to the office of judge to
which he was three times re-elected to
until he voluntarily retired. He will
now enter into a law partnership
with his son-in-law, E. K. Strong,
bringing to the firm a ripe exper-
ience, unquestioned ability, and an
enviable reputation. —South Bend
Times.

First Democratic Officer in County
The Republicans of Hendricks
county are still gasping in their
astonishment at the result of the
election, and many of the wheel
horses are yet unable to realize
what has happened. So long as any
of the oldest citizens can remember,
a nomination for county office on the
republican ticket has been equiva-
lent to an election, but now this
combination has been rudely broken;
for John Robins, the republican can-
didate for sheriff, went down in de-
feat at the hands of John W. Ader,
democrat, who has the honor of being
the first Democrat ever elected
to any county office in Hendricks
county since the organization of the
republican party. Not only that, but
seven of the twelve townships
elected democratic trustees, which
means that for the first time there
will be a democratic county superin-
tendent.

The Thing That Hurts

The thing that hurts is that the
republican leaders let that howling
political hypocrite, J. Frank Hanly,
dictate the policy of the party.
Every man in the republican cau-
cuses knew that county local option
would kill the republican party, but
not a man among them had the
courage to express his convictions.
They further knew the prohibitionists
would stick to their own ticket,
and the very day the republican con-
vention adjourned in April the Repub-
licans knew they stared sure de-
feat in the face.—Vincennes Com-
mercial (Rep.).

Indorse Miles

George Miles of Syracuse wants to
be fish commissioner and the way
things look he may be the lucky man.
Mr. Miles has been a lifelong Democ-
rat, a good lawyer, was born and
raised beside the biggest lake in
Indiana, knows more of the violations
and can best protect the fish.
Therefore why not give it to Mr.
Miles, for no better appointment
could be made.—Milford Mail.

Governor Hanly's Downfall
Gov. Hanly is no longer the lion of
the republican party in Indiana. If
there is a man in the state more
thoroughly disliked than he is, his
name has not been mentioned. His
ambition has been his undoing. He
is a man of lofty ideas for self-interest.
He was determined to climb the
political ladder to greater heights
and his zeal in that direction caused
him to call the legislature in special
session against the strong protests of
every candidate on the republican
state ticket and all the best politi-
cians of his party. By it he hoped
to secure the enactment of a few pet
measures that would be particularly
pleasing to the people and increase
his popularity as a great reform gov-
ernor. By threats and almost force
he succeeded in having the county
local option law endorsed, but it was
done contrary to the will of the
people, as the election of Marsell
and a democratic legislature clearly
indicates. Mr. Hanly has fallen
from a great political height and it
will be years, if ever, before he can
regain the commanding position he
has held in the councils of his party.

—Rochester Sentinel.

Makes a Demand

EDITOR OF THE BANNER:—The
members of our City Council, at
least four-fifths of them, should re-
sign. For a number of years nearly
all their doings have centered in a
scheme for municipal ownership of
the electric light business. They
spent some ten or twelve thousand
dollars of money in the treasury and
borrowed \$17,000 more to rebuild the
water works, putting up practically
a new plant, as far as the pumping
station is concerned, which is far be-
yond the needs of a town of our size.
This was done without consulting
any considerable number of bona fide
citizens and taxpayers. With the
electric light question they had to
come before the people as required by
law and came out ahead by a dozen
or two votes. But the election and
subsequent proceedings proved to be
illegal and it became necessary to
have a second election in which the
combine was defeated.

Hence the councilman from the
second ward and the councilman
from the third ward and the two coun-
cilmen at large, not having been sus-
tained by their constituents, ought
to step down and out. CITIZEN,
—Chicago Journal.

An Excellent Appointment

Thomas R. Marshall, governor-
elect of Indiana has appointed Mark
Thistlewaite his private secretary,
the appointment to take effect in the
near future. Mr. Thistlewaite is a
well-known newspaper man of this
city, with a wide acquaintance over
the state. He was born in Rich-
mond, Indiana, where his father's
family still lives. March 18, 1879. He
was graduated from the Swarthmore
college in 1901. In June of that year
he went into the newspaper business,
working on the Philadelphia Press
as a reporter. In 1904 he came to In-
dianapolis and has been employed
on various papers ever since. He
has been a reporter since December,
1905, on the Indianapolis News, and
for the last two months has been the
acting city editor of the paper. Mr.
Marshall decided on Mr. Thistle-
waite because of his qualifications
for the place but he also happens to
be a democrat in politics.—Indian-
apolis News, Nov. 20.

A High Type of Membership

A striking feature of the Odd Fel-
lows' gathering here last week, not
only for the annual convocation, but
to dedicate their handsome new
Grand Lodge building, was the per-
sonnel of the membership. The para-
de of the high character of the
society. As the cold columns moved
along there were no boisterous out-
bursts; no exchanging of comments
with the thousands of spectators, nor
unseen conduct of any kind. The
marching men impressed the spec-
tators as quiet, sober, self-respecting
citizens. Within a few months the
city will again witness a similar demon-
stration when the great Masonic
fraternity is called here to dedicate
its splendid building. Both the
Masons and the Odd Fellows com-
mand respect the world over, and no
State can show a higher type of
membership than can Indiana. It is
a compliment to Indianapolis that it
possesses the Grand Lodges of these
great organizations.—Indianapolis
News.

Never Again!

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Indianapolis Independent.

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Never Pay Blackmail

The crime of blackmail has of late
so seriously increased in London
that the courts have taken special
cognizance of it in their charge to
grand juries, and eminent lawyers
have been consulted as to its reme-
dies. The pith of their advice is
"never pay blackmail." "The pay-
ment of money, first, is a fatal
mistake. It but whets the appet-
ite of the blackmailer, and he re-
turns again and again, each payment
being an added argument to his de-
mands. When a demand is made,
consult the police, advise with one
or two reliable friends, or see a law-
yer. The blackmailer is always a
coward, and generally is disarmed if
boldly faced."

The English advice is good for

America. It applies to South Bend
as well as to London. Blackmailing
takes one of two forms. It
threatens future injury or the expos-
ure of past indiscretions. The former
is usually termed "black hand" and
is most common among Italians
or other foreign immigrants; but it
is not confined to these classes.
Blackmail, proper, is based upon
"the skeleton in the closet."

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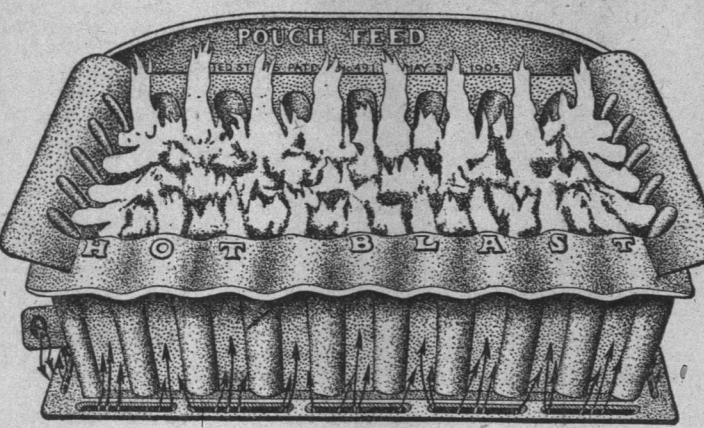
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Will We Get It?

If the same conditions should follow the dry weather of 1908 as did after the dry fall of 1871, the year of the great Chicago fire, this country would have a snowfall that would make sledding for an even 114 days. Two years after, during the winter of 1873, snow fell October 9, while the leaves were all green on the trees, and remained on the ground until the April following. A bumper wheat crop followed both winters. This is not saying he will have plenty of snow this winter, but as a rule one extreme follows another. If the same amount of moisture should follow the dry season just passing there will be plenty of snow before April 1.—Columbia City Post.

Homes Desired For Children

The agents of the Board of State Charities have in the past year been very successful in securing a large number of good homes for dependent children who are public wards. There are still a large number of desirable children available for placing in suitable homes. Doubtless there are many families that would make a home for a child. An important part of the Board's work is to bring the homeless child and the childless home together. The Board solicits the co-operation of all who are interested in securing proper homes in families for children. For further information address the Board of State Charities, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Fruit Show at Purdue

The second annual fruit show to be held at Purdue University during the week of Farmer's Short course, January 11-16, is arousing great interest among the fruit growers of the state. Nearly \$800 is offered in cash premiums by the Indiana Horticultural Society. The state has been divided into three sections, north, central and south and separate premiums are offered for entries from each section. This arrangement places fruit growers in sections where the crop was light this season on a par with more favored localities. A unique feature of this year's show is the special class which has been arranged for potatoes. All judging will be done with the official score card, recently adopted by the Indiana Horticultural Society and instruction will be given in its use.

Premium lists and full information for exhibitors may be secured by writing C. G. Woodbury, Purdue Experiment Station, LaFayette, Ind.

This is Square Talk

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