

FOULKE HITS SPOILS SYSTEM

Explodes Thomas R. Marshall's Pet Hobby in the Present Campaign.

HE CITES HOSPITAL CASE.

DISCLOSES ROTTENNESS WHICH SURROUNDED HOME FOR INSANE IN INDIANAPOLIS DUE TO THE NEFARIOUS SYSTEM.

The appended communication is an open letter addressed by Mr. William Dudley Foulke of Richmond to the Indianapolis News. It speaks for itself. To the Editor of the Indianapolis News:

Dear Sir—It is now a number of years since I served with one of the members of your editorial staff upon a special committee of the Indiana Civil Service Reform association which examined the condition of the Central hospital for the insane at Indianapolis. The act by which the hospital was operated was political, and it was managed under the spoils system.

Our investigation showed that democrats only received appointment; that places were given mainly for political reasons; that legislative influence was courted by giving patronage to democratic senators and we named half a score of such senators who had relatives and friends thus appointed. The traffic in place was reduced to a system and became a public scandal. The men appointed were unfit and grossly incompetent. They were active political workers and on the day of the democratic convention the hospital was deserted by its employees. The men who furnished supplies were prominent politicians of that party.

The result was careless and unbusinesslike methods prevailed the entire organization, as well as favoritism, corruption, inefficiency and constantly recurring cases of neglect toward the helpless inmates. Discharges were made to make room for political manipulators. More than four-fifths of the employees were changed during three years. Contracts were reeking with corruption. Butter which could be bought at 6 cents a pound was furnished at 25—then butterine was substituted. A corrupt contractor got the contracts at his own price, although others were ready to furnish supplies at less than half the lowest bids offered.

His reports of daily sustenance showed food unfit to eat. The atten-

Celestial Empire Wages War Against Greatest Curse--Opium

Shanghai, Oct. 31.—The government has ordered the total abolition of the cultivation of the poppy from the end of the year in the provinces of Kiangsu, Anhui, Honan, Kaichow, Fohkien and Yunnan.

An American Institute for the curing of smokers of opium here has been opened here, under the management of Mr. Charles B. Towns, of New York.

dants struck and teased the patients, and were guilty of cruelties so great that a number died. Drunkenness and notorious immorality prevailed and our report showed that the fault lay in that abominable system by which the welfare of the inmates was subordinated to supposed political advantage. We agreed that no improvement could be looked for while this continued.

The Indianapolis News was then supporting our criticisms against that immoral doctrine, "To the victors belong the spoils." I venture still to believe that we were correct in our opposition to it. In the next election the people thought so too, for nothing had a greater influence in the overthrow of the democratic party than the report, made in part by one of your present editors and which your paper commended; indeed you have ever since that time claimed to oppose the spoils system.

A better era has dawned upon our benevolent institutions and their non-partisan character has been established by a law which, although inadequate and subject to evasion, has up to this time rescued them from the detestable practices which we unearthed.

Mr. Marshall, democratic candidate for governor, has repeatedly announced in his campaign that he is a believer in the doctrine, "To the victors belong the spoils." He has the appointment of the boards of our benevolent institutions. If he believes what he says he believes, he ought to do what he can to have the spoils system restored and even without legislation he can so manipulate the boards of managers in this state as to secure a removal of that detestable system.

You say of me that "in a demagogic and pettifogging manner I took this phrase, used in a 'semi-jocular tone,' detached from its connection and the circumstances under which it was uttered and then proceed to erect a mountain of improbability and absurdity out of a minute molehill." I say nothing of the criticism of "demagogic utterances" by a paper which is doing what it can to elect Bryan, but common English words mean something. Will you please give me any connection in which Mr. Marshall has used

All the powers at Shanghai are in earnest in their pledges that the western nations intend to help China rid herself of the curse which the Occident introduced, and they extol the genuine character of the attitude of China on the subject.

A meeting of Americans is being called to urge the reinstitution of trial by jury, which the court for China abolished.

this phrase in which it did not mean what it said?

It is true. Mr. Marshall said at Peru Oct. 26, that in his first speech he had declared himself in favor of bipartisan management, but this, in the hands of a spoilsman, means the corruptest sort of management. He insists that a man under no obligations will be free to appoint those who are capable and honest and who will be aiding their party. "Thus the victors would get the spoils which legitimately belong to them."

At Laporte he said, Oct. 24, that he has been making his fight on his own money and would be free to first serve the state and then his party. When he had thus served the state he would think the victors "had got the spoils and were entitled to them."

What do you really think of a man who, when driven into a corner, thus emits these Delphic utterances?

Finally in a painful effort to restate himself, Mr. Marshall says he has "no intention of interfering with anything to put the business of the state on business principles and to divorce as much as possible the institutions from politics." This is the way Thomas Taggart used to talk when mayor. They are now wholly divorced, but if "the victors are to have the spoils," they can not be divorced "as much as possible," or divorced at all.

In your better days you would not have thought of supporting a man for governor who advocated this principle any more than you would have supported Bryan for the presidency. You once believed that that doctrine was immoral, vicious and wicked, and you ought at least to respect the opinions of those who still believe it.

You compare me with the "lost leader" of Browning or with Whittier's "Ichabod." I thank you for referring to the poems. Perhaps I ought to thank you for thinking I was ever a leader. I did not myself suppose it. I can not reciprocate; I do not think your journal is a leader, but I think it ought still to be subject to some rules of moral conduct, and one of the first of these is not to bear false witness against one's neighbor.

You have published the most atrocious falsehoods of a president who has enforced the merit system more

effectively than any of his predecessors. Your Washington correspondent sends out to the world things that are not true, although the means of ascertaining their truth are at his doors.

So far as your criticisms of me are concerned, they recall the attacks in earlier times made by the Indianapolis Sentinel, which assailed our committee day after day for months and years until, when the editorial management of the Sentinel was changed, I felt a little lonely when I missed its daily diatribes. I am not conscious that any of our reputations suffered from these articles. The News today impresses me in the same way. It has better literary standards, but even a more perverted moral sense, and I shall be glad to undergo some months or years of your criticisms if I do what I conceive to be my duty.

As to your reference to "Ichabod" and the "Lost Leader," I will say that I have always admired these poems. I think I must be impressed with them more than you, because I notice that last Saturday you quoted Daniel Webster as an authority with a reverence you could hardly have paid, if you really believed "Ichabod." It is a terrible poem to any one to whom it really applies. I think it is applicable now, but not to the person you intend, for I feel that it does not lie in your mouth to breathe the faintest criticism of any one who utters in good faith anything he really believes. And when you refer to a poem which begins "Just for a handful of silver he left us, Just for a ribbon to stick on his coat."

I ask whether these words do not apply more aptly to a paper which voices the disappointed aspirations of its chief proprietor and to those who serve him in the expression of his personal and political resentment. Te de fabula narratur.

You do not quote me correctly in regard to voting the straight ticket—what I said was that I thought that this was a good year to vote the national and state ticket straight. I think so still. I did not refer to local candidates. Indeed, I told the reporter who took the interview that I expected to vote against one or more in my own neighborhood. But even if I had said what you claim, does it not look as if your heroics

"Walk backward with averted gaze, And hide the shame."

would have been a really startling illustration of the making of a mountain out of a mole hill, of which you complain, and if not, would it not be better applied to yourself than to me, except for the fact that with you there is no longer left any shame to hide?

WILLIAM D. FOULKE.

Richmond, Ind.

It's as bad to give a compliment with a "but" attachment as it is to give a present and grumble about the cost of it.—Atchison Globe.

SUBSTITUTE: Good housewives prefer Gold Medal Flour.

DIVORCE REFUSED BUT IS GRANTED

Cross Complaint to Divorce Complaint in Rost Case Aids the Judge.

WIFE SECURES A DECREE.

ONE WOMAN DENIED DIVORCE AT HEARING BEFORE JUDGE FOX SATURDAY AFTERNOON AS CHARGES WERE WEAK.

In the case of William vs. Mary Rost for divorce, the trial of which was heard in the Wayne circuit court yesterday afternoon, a divorce was refused the plaintiff and granted the defendant on a cross complaint. The case was heard before Judge Fox. The plaintiff was represented by Squire Abbott and the defendant by Ray Shively. This couple has been involved in litigation for several months. Complaints have been entered and withdrawn. The plaintiff was arrested at least twice upon the investigation of his wife. The last time he returned to the city, after promising the judge of the city court he intended to go to Ohio and remain away from Richmond. He arrived home late one Saturday night and entered his wife's house through a window. He upset and broke a quantity of the furniture and overturned a lamp. He was intoxicated and the family was forced to seek refuge clad only in night clothes, at the telegraph tower at West Fifth and the Panhandle railroad. In his complaint Rost alleged cruel and inhuman treatment, but the odds were against him and likewise the evidence, so the court awarded the decree to the wife. She was given the custody of a minor child also.

Woman is Denied. Martha Jaconi was denied a divorce from Francisco Jaconi. She alleged habitual drunkenness and cruel and inhuman treatment. She claimed Jaconi formerly operated a bar room and was accustomed to become intoxicated and at such times she was afraid of him. The court claimed there was not sufficient evidence to prove Jaconi could be charged with being an habitual drunkard, although he might have become intoxicated infrequently.

Known as "Frenchy," Jaconi is a former power in the local Italian colony. A few years ago he was the head of a gang of Italian laborers engaged in railroad construction. He was not only their "boss" while at work, but when off duty also, and he practically controlled their existence.

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**BRYAN WRITES
200,000 LETTERS**
25,000 of Them Come in Indiana.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Letters of a personal nature, bearing W. J. Bryan's signature, were mailed today from Lincoln to the 200,000 republicans whose names were forwarded to headquarters recently on the call for lists of republicans who were favoring the election of Bryan. About 25,000 go into Indiana.

**FEUDISTS ENGAGE
IN MORTAL FIGHT**

Hall and Ashley Boys Fight in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 31.—Word has reached here of a clash on Standing Rock Creek, in Wolfe county, between the Hall and Ashley feud factions, in which two of the Hall boys were shot, one fatally, the other seriously, and one Ashley was fatally stabbed. Two of the combatants were arrested. The Halls were armed with knives and the Ashleys with pistols. Further trouble is expected.

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The Business College

Charles C. Cring, general manager of the Indiana Business College, visited the school Friday. Mr. Cring reports the various schools doing a good business and the prospects are good for the winter terms.

Elsie Kimbrough was called to Falmouth, Thursday, on the account of the death of her cousin.

Edgar Brown from New Madison, O., entered school this week. Mr. Brown is a very conscientious young man and an excellent student, having won the scholarship in college, by graduation from high school with highest honors.

Carolyn Hankinson, principal of the shorthand department, went to her home Friday, at Matthews, Ind., to visit with her parents over Sunday.

We were favored with an address by Rev. Graham Wednesday morning in which he emphasized the necessity of being willing to do the little things, which are necessary in every successful life.

Walter Stant has gone to his home, where he expects to remain until after election. He will return Tuesday afternoon to resume his work.

Matilda Rohe is doing some typewriting work for the F. & N. Lawn Mower Company this week.

R. J. Bosworth, of Winchester, Ind., came to the college Tuesday, and while here completed arrangements with one of our seniors, Nellie Jenkins, to do his stenography work.

George—Gertie has decided to marry young Multimill. She thinks she can make something out of him. Ethel—About how much?—London Opinion.

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The Palladium will have a Western Union wire direct to the Coliseum and an operator so that all returns will be received direct from the HEARST NEWS SERVICE and WESTERN UNION BULLETIN. Arrangements have also been made with the BELL TELEPHONE CO. to supply us with their Bell Telephone Bulletin. A long distance phone will be placed in the Coliseum and thus make this splendid additional service. NATIONAL, STATE, DISTRICT and COUNTY returns will all be received direct by these special arrangements.

Y. M. C. A. SUPPER

Coliseum, Election Night, From 5:00 to 7:00 O'clock

Arrangements have been made with the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. to serve supper from 5 to 7 election night at the Coliseum. 25c per plate. ALL PROCEEDS FOR BENEFIT Y. M. C. A. Promptly at 6 o'clock the Palladium's three special services will start to receive election returns, and every one is invited to spend the evening with us. THE WOMEN especially are invited to come with their husbands or escort and hear the returns.

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