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The committee of the Fall Festival which has on its hands the pleasant job of raising the money for the entertainment of the guests of Richmond is beginning its campaign today. A special committee has already been at work with great success.

We are glad that they are able to report that in most instances that the men whom they have seen have more than doubled their subscriptions. That is a good sign.

Some there may be, who will say, "Well, if that is so, they won't need my subscription this year." That is so characteristic of a few men that it is to be expected. The majority of men, fortunately, are not that sort.

For they know that they have received benefits—they know that they will more than get their money back. If for no other reason, they would regard it as a matter of honesty. They do not care to feel that they are leaning back and letting the burden fall on some one else.

Everyone with the exception of the few who are suffering from chronic "anvilitis," regards it as a good investment. This, of all others, is the time not to lie down. There will be twice as many people here this year and they expect the Fall Festival to be twice as good as it was last. And so it will be, if every man does his part in helping to raise the necessary amount—\$8,000.

**THE BADGE OF THE TRUE BLUE.**

We congratulate the county council on their stand in not raising the tax rate. The same thing may be said in regard to their action on voting machines.

The day ought to be here when county, township, city and state officers who have the making of the tax rate in their charge would come to see that they serve the people better in reducing the taxes than in any other way. This sounds prodigiously like trite nonsense. But we fancy that some of the members of such boards have had the idea that the people are not satisfied unless "improvements" are made—this has nothing to do with the things which are absolutely imperative.

When prices are going up and the money of the pay envelope is diminishing in purchasing power, the average man commences to view the man with the "improvement" idea as quite as undesirable as the grifter.

People in Richmond will be particularly interested in what will be the city tax rate in Richmond at the end of the year. We are reliably informed that there will be no change in the city's rate. This does not include the tax of ten cents per thousand which will be added by the new bond issue for the high school.

Too much stress can not be laid on the importance of keeping the tax rate down and disposing of the indebtedness and reducing the tax rate.

It hardly needs to be said that the prosperity of the town depends greatly on the tax which must be paid. If you want barbed wire fence around the town—put up the taxes.

Therefore the action of the county council and the county commissioners in at least keeping to the old schedule, is to be commended. There are many and (we are among them) who would like to see the taxes reduced.

Particularly are we glad that the voting machine proposition has been laid on the table. We have already given some of our views on that subject and therefore are particularly glad to give credit to the action of the county council.

**A CONGRESSIONAL ROGUE'S GALLERY.**

Sometime ago we called attention to the work of Mark Sullivan of Collier's. Another feature has been added to his work which might well be called a congressional rogue's gallery. This is not entirely correct—there are those, like Beveridge, who have been removed from the contamination.

It is needless to say that they are the insurgents. Beveridge takes a good place among those who have opposed the special interests. Fifty-five times he opposed Aldrich—and most of the times he voted with him were on strictly routine measures.

The next work of Mark Sullivan will be the compiling of the votes of the lower branch. There the sitting process will be just the same.

We mention these compilations of Mark Sullivan in particular at this time because we shall have occasion, from time to time, to comment on the light it sheds on the action of the insurgents and others. Besides this, it were only fair that such comprehensive piece of research should be given appropriate recognition by newspapers for which the Record of Votes is designed—for by its use and reference to the congressional record of congress, there can be no evasion of the question as to how a man voted.

No congressman can return to his constituents feeling safe in the fact (as in previous times), that his vote is locked up in that safe haven of congressional verbiage—the Congressional Record.

**TWINKLES**  
(By PHILANDER JOHNSON.)

**Sameness.**  
"There is a certain sameness about natural scenery," said the man who looks bored.  
"Do you mean to compare a magnificent mountain with the broad expanse of the sea?"  
"Yes. Wherever you find a spot of exceptional beauty somebody is sure

**Again Nominated for Mayor  
By Democrats of Cleveland**

TOM L. JOHNSON, A UNIQUE POLITICIAN.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 8.—Hermann Baehr will be the fifth republican who will attempt to beat Tom L. Johnson in a mayoralty fight. He was nominated by the republicans at the primary yesterday by a majority of 10,000 or more over the combined vote of his two opponents, Robert E. McKisson and Frank M. Chandler. So large was Baehr's vote that he carried along with him all the other candidates who had practically lined up with him.

These are the men that you will trade with—you are already trading there—because that man is progressive enough to interest you in his work.

The Blue Card means a lot more than is printed on it.

**Items Gathered in  
From Far and Near****Tax Stock Gambling!**

From the New York World.—It would be unfortunate if serious question should arise concerning the legality of the stock-transfer tax owing to the inclusion in the collected statutes of the invalid law of 1906 instead of the valid law of 1905. Whether a corrective act is needed Gov. Hughes will advise the legislature. But there is one thing for the people to say, and they should make it emphatic.

Wall street gambling is pernicious in its effect on industry. It should be stopped. If that cannot be done, it should be taxed. A traffic so vast as to give to voluntary association in one exchange a value of \$8,000,000 should not escape tax on, leaving men's homes and industries to bear the burden. On the possibly 3 per cent of legitimate investment in stock sales the tax is a trifle. On matched sales and gambling business a heavier tax should prove, if paid, a wholesale check.

**Home as a Summer Resort.**  
From the Buffalo Courier.—Though not far from the sea, a Boston philosopher speaks a few words as follows, which may be a comfort to the stay-at-homes: "Go to the beach?" No! Not any! Home and mother and pajamas for ours. Our own bed and cellar, our own bathtub and backyard are a blighted sight better than doghouse on the sand or a berth in a summer hotel, where you hear a man snoring ten rooms away, and where you wash in a tin cup, eat in a fly-blown barn, suffer from heat and fleas, and have no more privacy and peace than a cop on a Washington street crossing. Beach? Gwan!"

**Virtue of Keeping Clean.**  
From the Kansas City Star.—It might be too much to say that there is nothing so easy as to keep clean, since the subjugation of dirt does mean labor. But it is not too much to say that there is nothing so possible as to keep clean. Water is plenty, soap is not prohibitive in price, and no better use can be made of labor than to make things tidy and pure and undefiled.

**And Cider.**  
From the Birmingham Ledger.—Despite all these prohibition laws, there will be a good persimmon crop and there will be a lot of good persimmon beer made on the quiet and drunk on the sly.

**Living Up to One's Station.**  
From the Birmingham News.—A good many people could get along better under the new tariff if they had the courage to defy what others think about how they ought to live.

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"There is a certain sameness about natural scenery," said the man who looks bored.

"Do you mean to compare a magnificent mountain with the broad expanse of the sea?"

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to decorate it with sardine tins and biscuit boxes."

**A Question of Feet.**  
"How can a boy with only two feet make all that noise?" said the impatient father as Johnny clattered down the stairs.

"Never mind," said the mother. "Let us be thankful he isn't a centipede."

**A Lamb's Chorus.**  
In wonderous Wall street, far away, The operators bold and rash With words and figures fight each day While we put up the real cash.

**Limited Facilities.**

"What makes you so sure Shakespeare was not an educated man?"

"Well," answered the Incomoclast, "for one thing, he never had an opportunity to read the voluminous annotations of his own works."

**The Way of Finance.**  
"That man is always buying gold bricks."

"Yes. But he always manages to sell them to somebody else at a profit."

**Incompleteness.**  
Willie is a curious chap.

As people all agree.  
He always falls a little short  
Of what he wants to be.  
His golfing clothes entitle him  
To an enduring fame.

The only difficulty is  
He doesn't know the game.

He has a handsome hunting rig.  
But is afraid to shoot.

He only needs a touring car  
To fit his auto suit.

But as his wardrobe grows, he says,  
With confidence sublime.

"The most important part is clothes.  
The rest will come in time."

**Mrs. Bernhardt's Report Gives  
Interesting Facts About Library**

The annual report of Mrs. Ada L. Bernhardt, librarian at the Morrison-Reeves library, has just been issued to the public. The report shows a very satisfactory state of affairs, and in part as follows:

"The fifth biennial report of the library commission of the state of Indiana for 1906-1908, shows that the Morrison-Reeves library continues to hold its place as second, with the Indianapolis public library first, in the number of books; while it was the second public library to be organized from point of time in Indiana.

"It is not alone in the amount of money spent for books, the number of hours it is open to the public, the number of books issued to borrowers, that the library compares more than favorably with other libraries in this report; but it is almost uniquely one of the few libraries of the state which owes its existence to the benefactions of the community which it serves.

"The following figures from the records for the year ending May 1, 1908, give some idea of the present status of the library:

"There are 38,336 books upon the shelves.

"During the year, 2,027 books were added.

"The number of borrowers was 14,004, a gain of 1,002 during the year.

"Judging from the records of the first six months of the year, the circulation bade fair to show gains over the large circulation of the previous year, but the public fear of a smallpox epidemic, and the action of the library authorities in shutting off the most populous quarter of the town from library privileges for two months, cut

down the total circulation, so that there was a decrease of 2,618 over the total of the previous year.

**Diseased Books Burned.**

"The danger of spreading contagious diseases by means of library books is a question which is constantly before library workers, and those who are interested in the public health. Fortunately the more expensive books and those placed in the reference department are least exposed to disease germs. Sick people seldom read so-called heavy literature and do not often go into the sick room. During the early months of the year when the epidemic of smallpox broke out in the Warner school building, after consultation with the board of health, the library authorities determined to exclude from use of the library that portion of the city where the epidemic seemed least controllable. Consequently, persons living north of Main street between Tenth street and the river, and Main street and the Pennsylvania railroad, were cut off from the library for ten weeks. Books returned from that district were withheld from circulation. All books known to have been exposed to smallpox were immediately burnt.

"Fumigation as a destroyer of disease germs is held inadequate; therefore in all instances where books have been returned from families having scarlet fever, diphtheria or smallpox, they have been at once destroyed by fire.

"During the past spring more than forty books were lost to the library in safeguarding the public health in this way. As further assurance to the public, it may be stated that no library attendant in the forty-five years of the library's existence, is known to have contracted disease from handling books.

"There have been two changes in the Library Board. James Howarth the newly elected township trustee, has taken the place of the retiring trustee, Charles E. Potter, as secretary of the Morrison committee. The secretaryship of the Reeves committee is filled by Mrs. James W. Morrison in place of Mrs. H. H. Weist. The removal from the city of one so interested in all public matters as Mrs. Weist cannot be thought of without regret, yet the fitness of the appointment of Mrs. Morrison to a place on the library board must be evident to everyone.

**Additions of Books Made.**

"Additions of varying importance have been made to the Morrison-Reeves library in the last year. The librarian calls particular attention to two notable collections of books which have been added to the library, these being additions to the Mattie Carl Den-

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**SHOT IN THE ARM**

nis memorial and a collection of books belonging to the late Dr. Zacchaeus Test, of Richmond.

"To the Dennis Memorial (a number of art books given by the library clubs of Richmond) the History Class added forty-five books in recognition of Mrs. Dennis' work as founder and leader of that organization and her considerable services in an artistic and literary movement which still has life from her impulse.

"The Test collection is a portion of the library of Dr. Test, containing rare books in foreign languages. Dr. Test modestly pursued his work for many years among his books in his native town, although his scholarly attainments were more fully appreciated and recognized abroad. As the library has, not only of standard works of foreign authors, but of materials for original work in philology, these books are an exceptional addition.

"Thirteen sets of stereoscopic pictures, each containing one hundred photographs, have been purchased. They are intended for use in schools and clubs. These pictures have been catalogued and relate to the following countries: Switzerland, Mexico, Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, India, Burmah, Ceylon, Sicily.

"One hundred and sixteen volumes were donated to the library during the year by W. D. Foulke, Dr. J. Everest Cathell, Indiana Society of Sons of American Revolution, Estate of Lewis D. Stubbs, Major Ostrander, Charles Bradley, G. M. Ballard, John H. Nicholson, Timothy Nicholson, Col. Oran Perry, Dr. L. F. Rose, Frank French and Miss Lewis. Mrs. J. M. Yaryan is the donor of a number of stereopticon slides.

**Historical Society Helped.**

"A readjustment of the rooms at the court house necessitated moving to other quarters on the part of the Wayne County Historical society. The library authorities, realizing interests in common with the society, invited it to occupy a room in the library building. The society accepted the invitation and moved its collection and meeting place to one of the upper rooms in the library.

"The Dugdale house, adjoining the library, has been rented since May 1, 1908. Much of the rent has been applied to repairs upon the house. The repairs upon the library itself, have been slight during the year. The largest expenditure has been for the rebuilding of the large chimney which had become unsafe.

"From the beginning, there has been an effort to make the Morrison-Reeves library a good reference library. During the winter scarcely a week passed but a delegation of teachers and pupils from some neighboring town came to spend the day working in the reference rooms. Club women came on the interurban from Cambridge City, Dublin, Milton, Knightstown; men drove each week from the country to examine the patent office reports; strangers passing through the town stopped to consult books on every imaginable subject; and all this was additional to the usual work done by our Richmond literary workers, by Earlham students who are constantly in the library and by the pupils in the Richmond schools."

"The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$7,450.00 and disbursements during the year \$7,096.17, making a debit balance of \$206.51.

**MAY GO INTO ARMY.**

Dr. H. R. Beery, superintendent of the custodian farm for feeble minded youths at Morgan, Ohio, who is the husband of a former Richmond girl, Miss Caroline Trux, has successfully passed the government examination for appointment to the medical corps of the army. Providing he secures a position, he will resign his present position and take a position with the army which pays