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DR. TEST'S BOOKS.

In the librarian's report for the
Morrison-Reeves Library there is
mention of some of the collection of
Dr. Zacheus Test. Most of these
books are on the subjects of philosophy
and philology. They were used
in his lifetime in the research which
gave him prominence in intellectual
life much greater than was ever appreciated
in Richmond.

Dr. Test was of the type of man of
whom there are many in Germany.
His mind was a perfect instrument
for the accumulation of facts and
what is more rare of insight into
their deeper meaning. The ribbon
to pin on his coat" did not appeal to
him. True scholarship and the new
testament phrase of "the truth will
make you free" were his characteristics.

Every community in the Middle
West has had its solitary dreamers
and philosophers, but it is doubtful if
any town has had a man who so nearly
had the almost rosscrusian wisdom
of this man who in another environment
would have had a marked influence.
As it is, it reminds one of a
buried everburning lamp mentioned in
the Spectator with Addisonian cleverness
of invention. We are glad that
some evidence will remain for other
generations to remark on the erudition
of a former citizen of Richmond.
This the Test collection will assuredly
do besides giving ample material for
research in many fields.

THE CITY COURT.

Yesterday, two well known attorneys
were engaged in a case of some
little interest in the police court. The
case was one which involved the question
as to the power of the police
court in imposing fines. The attorney
for the state argued that the court had
the same jurisdiction as the justice of
the peace. The opposing council cited
authorities to prove that the extent
was greater. The immediate
point of difference in the case was
whether the court could fine in excess
of \$25, which is the amount of
the justice courts.

The city judge remarked that the
question had never come up and that
he knew of no precedent or previous
decision which decided the fine power
of the city court. It seems plausible
to believe that the city police
court is designed for the relief of the
county circuit court and is therefore
higher than the justice court. That
it has this implied power seems confusing
in the fact of a provision apparently
denying it. It would point to the
idea that the justice courts are not
supposed to be of sufficient mental
qualifications to give them the recognition
which the police court has in
large cities.

The question still remains—is the
police court higher than the justice of
the peace.

BIG MEALS.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson has come
forward in defense of big meals. Now
all is complete. Everyone has sufficient
backing for anything that he
may want to do. Doubtless in the
cannibal isles a medicine man has
arisen and proclaimed that human
flesh is a brain food and that missionary
soup is adapted to the climate
in the Society Islands. In the meantime
with Mr. Taft, Mr. Rockefeller and others on the diet—your ordinary
man wonders if the advice to eat
heartily comes with good grace from
Dr. Hutchinson when every thing is
rising in price.

Still he says:

"Of the forty-two principal causes of
death in the United States census of
1909.

1909 only three are to be found which
are in any way due or possibly related
to over-feeding—diseases of the stomach,
diseases of the liver and diabetes.
On the other hand, those diseases which are either directly
due to underfeeding or in which
the mortality is highest among those
who are poorly fed and lowest among
those who are abundantly fed—con-
sumption, pneumonia, diarrheal diseases,
typhoid and inanition (a polite
official term for starvation)—account
for a death rate of 250,000 victims, or
nearly 30 per cent of all the deaths.

It is asserted that the attempted
destruction of the gas plant in Indianapolis
is an outgrowth of the employment of non-union labor. This we
are loath to believe. For the most
part union labor is too careful of its
good name nowadays to do any thing
of that sort. And if it be the case
that it was done by union men the
mistake must not be made of assuming
that all union men are of that
character. This however is the thing
that union men must guard against.
We hope that they will set to work to
 vindicate their good name and in case
union men are found guilty to take a
hand in the conviction of the guilty
ones.

Times have changed perhaps or
maybe Bill Bryan would get another
spasm over the imperialistic question
as to whether the constitution follows
the flag to the North Pole. Perhaps
he will put in a plank in the next
democratic platform for the free and
unlimited coinage of gun drops in the
arctic regions. No arctic explorer can
then violate the pure food laws without
being tied up on the charge of
counterfeiting.

On the whole one is more apt to
believe that Cook got there because he
does not deny the likelihood of Peary
doing the same thing. It is no case of
an also ran in the real interpretation.

Americans are hard to please. No
sooner do they have the North Pole
discovered by two intrepid explorers
than they divide in asserting that
neither has found it.

Cook also has aided the public in
the discovery of a few scientists hitherto unknown.

Items Gathered in
From Far and Near

The National Guard.

From the Boston Herald.
The military spirit of the people is
not entirely a fiction. It exists, but it is
latent, dormant until it is aroused
by some incident to act in defense of
rights or honor. The national guard of
Massachusetts is a credit to the state.

Comparatively few of the
people of the commonwealth realize it.
Probably the majority of men, if they
think of the matter at all, regard the
national guard as a necessary burden
for the maintenance of which the tax-
payer is forced to contribute and service
in which is a matter of personal
choice and pleasure for the enlisted
men and officers. Among a minority
there is absolute opposition to the
military service. Martial music inspires
the passing of troops on the street at-
tracts crowds—the majority of whom
are so consumed with curiosity that
the national colors may pass them
without evoking a sign of recognition
but of genuine intelligent interest in
the national guard, its purposes and
its accomplishments there is little. We
believe there should be more. So
long as a National guard is considered
to be an essential to national welfare
and safety, service in it should rank
as high as service for the government
in civil departments, should receive
attention and arouse interest accorded
other public service.

Bullfights, Etc.

From the Tacoma Ledger.
It has been our habit these many
years to deplore the brutality of the
bullfight and to look down upon the
Spanish races because they encourage
such sport. We have had superior
airs in discussing the tastes of the
Spanish and Spanish-Americans, but it
is about time we were taking an
inventory of our own tastes. As one
woman of Spanish descent living in
this country, put it, it is time for
Americans who have been talking loudly
against the Spanish national sport to
put their muzzles on and keep them on.
The occasion for these reflections
was the recent automobile races in
which several drivers and some spectators
were killed and injured. It is
any worse to kill a few bulls and now
and then a bullfighter than to kill several
human beings in an automobile
race? Of course, there is a distinction
in that drivers of automobiles enter the
races knowing the risks while bulls are forced into the contests,
but there is not a great deal of difference
from the standpoint of brutality.

Washington Inventor.

From the St. Joseph Gazette.
A Washington man has invented a
muzzle for the roosters, to keep them
from crowing before he gets ready to
wake up in the morning. Now, if he
will invent some process by which the
babies can be prevented from crying
during the night he will have conferred
a lasting blessing on the race.

Not Finished.

From the Dayton Herald.
"Americans are 'so unfinished'" has
been the complaint of Europeans. We
are glad of it. Yankees are start-
ling the world with their achievements
and will, we believe, stick to the habit.

1909.

From the Portland (Me.) Press.
With the conquest of the air and the

discovery of the pole to its credit, 1909
will go down in history as a wonderful
year.

TWINKLES

(By Philander Johnson)

Inner Consciousness.

"Our friend Solomon Wheeze insists
that he has a wonderful sense of humor."
"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "he
is what I should call a subjective humorist.
He thinks he is funny regardless of what the impressions of
others may be."

Measurement.

"Why do you insist on regarding
yourself as only half educated?"
"Because," answered the modest
man, "I have read only two-and-a-half
feet of my five-foot bookshelf."

A Strange Possibility.

"With machines to save talking,
And working and walking,
We'll find that this planet so small
Is run by the lever.
And human endeavor
Will not be considered at all."

Character Reading.

"What makes you so sure that man
is naturally cautious and diplomatic?"
The fact that whenever I offer him a
cigar he puts it in his pocket and
says he will smoke it after dinner."

"Runnin' into debt," said Uncle
Eben, "is a good deal like sailin' wif
de wind an' takin' chances on a hard
travel gettin' back."

The Great Question.

The statesmen with intellects able
Take up the affairs of the land;
Some say we are solid and stable;
Some say there are dangers at hand.
But spite of debate and convention
Where speakers grow solemn or gay
The question that most claims atten-
tion
Is "What does the weather man
say?"

The poets have labored untiring
To brighten the pathways of men;
Philosophers wise and aspiring
Have written again and again.
And fiction with fancies so eerie
From care strive to turn us away;
But the one great and permanent
query
Is "What does the weather man
say?"

"Tell me how I can make a hit with
your father? I would die for you!"
"Well, go ahead; that would make a
hit with him."—Houston Post.

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WATSON FIGURING
ON ANOTHER RACE

Makes Significant Statement
To Group of Friends in
Indianapolis.

COUNTS ON LABOR VOTE

FORMER CONGRESSMAN THINKS
THAT HE HAS PACIFIED THAT
ELEMENT BY HIS SPEECH AT
TERRE HAUTE ON LABOR DAY.

Indianapolis, Sept. 9.—While James
E. Watson was in the city a day or
two ago he talked with a number of
his friends at the Claypool hotel, and
the subject of politics was one that
came up during the course of his talks.
He was not arguing with anyone, but
when a bunch of political workers got
together there is sure to be something
said along political lines.

Naturally, in this instance the sub-
ject of who would be in the race for
the republican nomination for gover-
nor came up. Somebody remarked
that the fact that Watson had been
invited to deliver the Labor day
speech at Terre Haute indicated that
organized labor in Indiana was not
as strongly opposed to Watson now
as it was last year when he was a
candidate for governor. Some one re-
marked that probably organized labor
still remembered that it was double
crossed last winter by the democratic
legislature, although the labor vote had
enabled the democrats to win at
the election and carry the state.

"I guess that's right," said Watson.
"They will not soon forget that."

"Jim, they seem to have a different
opinion of you now than what they
had last year," suggested one of the
men present.

"It looks that way," Watson answered.
"But then, I was not defeated
so badly, considering all of the things
that I had against me."

"Not so badly that it need to scare
you out of running for governor
again."

Don't Want to Beat Party.

"Well, as to that I hardly know
what to say," said Watson. "I am
very conscientious about the republi-
can party. I don't want the party to be
defeated again, and I would not
for one moment think of going on the
ticket if it would harm the chances of
the party at the election. If the boys
believe that I would be a detriment to
the ticket I would not accept another
nomination. It is entirely too
early to give much thought to that
matter.

This is regarded as the most signifi-
cant statement made by Watson since
the election last fall, and it is believed

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