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**MARSHALL.**

The death of Governor Johnson gives

further strength to the desire of the

friends of Gov. Marshall, who is men-

tioned more than casually for the democ-

ratic presidential candidacy. Mar-

shall has the decided merit of being a

democrat which can not be said in se-

riousness, of the former candidate of

the democratic party.

The will of the wisp of Bryanism has

led the donkey into the depths of the

slough of defeat. Marshall is a free

trade democrat (so far) and it is assert-

ed by impartial papers such as the New

York Evening Post, that the democ-

ratic party would have been in a stronger

position to deal with the future if it

had not played with the alien gods.

This gives Marshall a real advantage.

Marshall is intensely popular in most

sections of Indiana and has done far

better than his bitterest republican en-

emies wished. His promises and state-

ments during his gubernatorial cam-

paign were scarcely satisfactory, but he

has done far more than his word or in-

timation. Part of his popularity is

reaction from the contempt of Hanly.

But on the whole, Marshall has made

most of his friends while in office and

that is saying a great deal. This adds

much to his strength as a democratic

candidate for the presidency. Just as

John Worth Kern incurred the kindly

feeling of the men in Indiana who had

no intention of voting the democratic

ticket, Marshall has the good will of a

a great number of republicans who are

nevertheless loyal to their principles.

**EX LIBRIS CARNEGIENSIS.**

Up in Elwood they have a Laird

o'Skib's library. No doubt it fulfills

Mr. Dooley's definition of a library.

That is a stone building with the

names of Homer, Carnegie, Shake-

speare, Carnegie, Milton, Carnegie,

Dante, Carnegie, Geothe, Carnegie and

several other Carnegies.

The unfortunate part of this sort of

a library is that experienced by the

Elwood people. In the space of a

number of years all the money was

used in the maintenance of the library

and little in buying books. Hence

litigation to dispense with the monu-

mental hall of the fame of Carnegie.

We have no reason to believe that

the library authorities did otherwise

in not buying books than to do what

they had to. When a Carnegie library

is completed in the eyes of the found-

er the name takes up too much room

in the structure to put any other form

of letters into the plaid conjunction

of the interwoven names of the canny

Scot who ranks with the immortals in

his libraries. Most of the light fiction

in a Carnegie library is only too ap-

parent—the mystic poetry which the

name of the Andy Carnegie is only sec-

ond to his generosity.

**THE ENEMY'S COUNTRY.**

Whatever anyone may think—agree-

ably or otherwise, about the advantag-

es, policy and judgment of swinging

about the circle, President Taft has the

merit, and a very decided one in our

opinion of going into the least friendly

places to advance his views on national

matters.

There is scarcely an opportunism ap-

parent in his speeches so far. He

gives his audience the extreme plea-

sure of differing with him. And this

takes no small amount of courage. To

make a speech at Winona for Tawney

and to advance the inheritance tax in

the hot house of millionaires at Den-

ver, these are things which are unmis-

takable and incapable of misconstruc-

tion. It is much the same thing as

telling a man to his face exactly what

you think of him—how ever unwise it

may appear on the surface, it is hon-

**HOSTILITY.**

We do not imagine that the citizens of Richmond are alarmed at the prospect of litigation over the meter rental ordinance passed in council earlier in the week.

The disposition on the part of some of the representatives of the Richmond City Water Works to announce that this is a matter of "hostility" and other dire words is a peculiarly innocuous form of bluff and bluster which may have deceived them but does not strike terror to the more than ever suspecting citizen.

It is to be supposed that the average citizen has some idea that the courts are places where things are to be settled which have no other solution. That the meter question is a thing which demands a solution will hardly be a matter of quibble. It has so much to do with a contract and scale of rates that court costs are scarcely a conspicuous item. When it is determined what the legal status is together with the results of what is expected to be a satisfactory appraisement and inquiry into the physical and financial status of the company by Mr. Maury, there will be more data and a sounder basis at hand than there was on the evening of October 1892 when the present contract went into effect.

"Hostility," "unfriendly act," and other cuttlefish words do not even blur the atmosphere, no matter how inky they are calculated to be by those who use them.

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and should be given credit as such.

**THE UNINVITED GUEST.**

And so J. Frank was not invited to participate in the Anti-Saloon league speechmaking. What a misfortune for the man who would have the senatorship and wave the white string tie in unison with the two flags which he is wont to bring forth from his bosom and use as a pocket handkerchief on the Chautauqua platform. For the Chautauqua is the platform—the only platform—which our peerless J. will stick to, and that with flag waving.

Ah unfriendly one, where now are the palmy days of portentious palmistry and psalmistry? A reversion to be shortly expected.

"And like her, O Saki, you shall pass Among the Guests star-scattered on the Grass

And in blissful errand reach the Spot Where I made One—turn down an empty Glass."

Or can it be that J. Frank was invited and—

**FRIENDS AND FOES.**

The Yearly Meeting, according to the custom and we dare say, after the perusal of that lively journal The Advocate of Peace, has been again moved to protest against the enlargement of the navy. It is, of course, the heritage of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, to abide by their belief of non-resistance.

We have sympathy with the attitude of Benjamin Franklin, who got an appropriation for fire engines from his non-resisting friends when the enemy was coming up the bay to attack Philadelphia. We fancy that some of his Quaker neighbors were not entirely displeased when they found that the old rascal had purchased guns, cannon, ammunition and shot with his fire engine appropriation.

**Items Gathered in From Far and Near**

Pennsylvania's Prisons a Disgrace.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.—

One thing is very certain, and that is that the next legislature must take hold of the prison question and work reforms, for today the prisons of Pennsylvania are a disgrace.

So bad are the conditions in the Western penitentiary in Pittsburgh that

the federal government is to remove its prisoners from there. Filthy and unsanitary are the words which de-

scribe the situation. Here in Philadelphia, in the Eastern penitentiary, the management is unquestionably far bet-

ter. There is nothing filthy about the Philadelphia prison. The men are treated decently. If it is still a dis-

grace to civilization it is so not be-

cause the management can help it, but

because the law itself is at fault. The cells are overcrowded, hence they can-

**"THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT."**They took a little gravel  
And they took a little tar,  
With various ingredients

Imported from afar;

They hammered it and rolled it

And when they went away

They said they had a pavement

That would last for many a day.

But they came with picks and smote it

To lay a water main,

And then they called the workmen

To put it back again.

To run a railroad cable

They took it up some more;

And then they put it back again

Just where it was before.

They took it up for conduits

To run the telephone,

And then they put it back again

As hard as any stone.

They took it up for wires

To feed the electric light.

And then they put it back again

Which was no more than right.

Oh, the pavement's full of furrows.

There are patches everywhere.

You'd like to ride upon it.

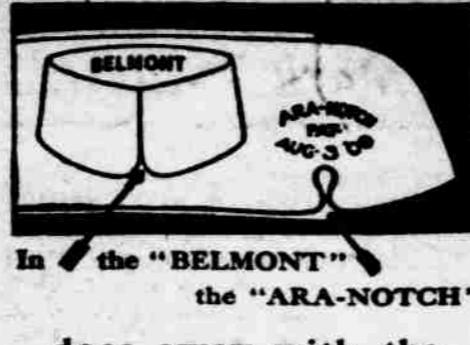
But it's seldom that you dare;

It's a very handsome pavement,

A credit to the town.

They're always diggin' of it up

Or puttin' of it down.



In the "BELMONT" does away with the buttonhole that bothers.

**ARROW COLLARS**

Mc. each, 2 for 5c. Clapp, Peabody &amp; Co.

ARROW CUFFS. 5c. a pair.

to tell Halley one thing, it wouldn't be his comet if John D. Rockefeller or Andrew Carnegie or J. P. Morgan had needed it in their business. The only reason it's Halley's is that nobody else wants it.