

GENTLEMEN:—WHAT'S THE IDEA?

The sudden resignation of Judge John A. Marshall staggered the community. The "iron judge" chose to terminate a long and honorable career in a most unusual manner. When the eminent jurist stepped down from his high estate after nineteen years of sterling service to the nation and the community, it was not strange that the wise ones should indulge in idle speculation over such an extraordinary incident. In the absence of a satisfactory explanation, a host of the judge's former friends and associates ventured to supply one of their own, and the story they told drew its real significance, not from their words, but from their actions. We suspect that had he been able to foresee the flurry that his quiet departure provoked, the reticent jurist, although secretive by nature and always shunning publicity, might have been tempted to give the public a bill of particulars in explanation of his action. This would have undoubtedly set all things right and besides, it might have saved many of the community's best citizens the trouble of manufacturing an explanation when none was necessary. So far as the general public is concerned, the reason given that Judge Marshall had grown tired of the grind on the bench, and that he preferred to spend the remainder of his days in a private and more profitable manner, was sufficient in itself and should have afforded a fitting ending to the chapter.

Men suffer more from the foolishness of their friends than they do from the frowns of their enemies. The former in their anxiety to garnish the virtues usually succeed in inviting a closer inspection of the vices. As a rule, one's friends will over-paint the character picture, and oftimes the unconcerned are thereby incited to look behind the canvass. All of which prompts us to remark that men and women are very much

alike; when they think they have a secret to keep they feel that it will not be safe unless they get the whole neighborhood to help them keep it.

And we are prompted to make the further remark that if this paper hadn't any better sense of the propriety of things than many of our foremost citizens have, coupled with its desire to keep its own house in order and its regard for the privacies of others, there might be a noticeable depopulation of the community. It strikes us moreover that no individual may of right expect a public medium of thought to keep silent on subjects that he himself persists in carrying on the tip of his tongue.

REVUE DE LA VILLE

Now that we are about to have an election, there is considerable activity in police circles and those alleged to be conducting Chinese lotteries have been gathered in, and numerous rooming house keepers have been admonished to see that ladies who have their apartments in their buildings, have some means of support that are not under suspicion. If the town is so clean under our present police administration why should there be any particular activity at this time?

The coming of Lieutenant Cornwallis-West was accompanied by no spectacular demonstration and there was nothing to indicate that he was in town beyond the unethical account of his arrival which appeared in one of the papers.

Se we have passed through another crisis, and all is well.

The Dumba incident is of special interest to newspaper men of the country owing to the fact that James Archibald, an American, was the bearer of the letters sent by the ambassador to the Austrian government.

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