man who knew Lincoln best, William H. Herndon.

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An act of justice is about to be done. Herndon, Lincoln's law partner, and one of his inspirations, one of his soundest advisers, and his best biographer, is about to have the place prepared for him in literature which he deserves. Ten thousand words will be a fitting entry to further inquiry into his career and further recording of his deeds and character.

No more interesting man ever lived in Springfield than William H. Herndon. Notwithstanding his position as Lincoln's partner and biographer, Herndon has been unsung all these years. Little or nothing has been written about him and he is an almost unknown factor in the annals of Illinois, when his should be one of their most conspicuous names.

I am sure that Mr. Angle's introduction will be most readable and informative and I hope that it will stimulate appetite for more.

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George F. Ewald occupies a position in New York City's judiciary as a judge by appointment of Mayor Walker. After he had functioned for some time it was bauited about that he had paid $12,000 for his appointment. Inquiry brought out the admission that his wife had given a Tammany chieftain $12,000 just before the appointment was made, but she said it was money loaned and that she took a note for it.

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There has been a grand jury investigation of the transaction. Mayor Walker has testified that the appointment had been made in the usual manner and that, so far as he knew, no money changed hands and there was no reason why money should change hands.

Tammany was alarmed but the grand jury voted "no bill." The newspapers laughed loudly; the citizenry guffawed merrily and the comedians on the stage wise cracked cheerily.

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The United States district attorney took up the case because income taxes are involved and Governor Roosevelt has asked the attorney general of the state to make a new investigation.

The Ewald case and Tammany's scare are still in the news and growing more conspicuous.

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Tammany is a huge organization. It takes in huge sums of money because its expenses are huge sums of money. It does politics on a grand scale. It mixes charity with politics. Under the guise of charity it does many things that it would hesitate to do under the guise of politics.

Whence come the huge sums that pass in and then pass out. New Yorkers are not simple folks. Their merriment over the white wash of the grand jury may be easily understood.

Mr. Ewald may not have paid in advance. He may have bought on the installment plan. Certainly he did not make a cash purchase over the counter. Mrs. Ewald may have loaned the Tammy chieftain the money. He may expect to repay it. She may expect him to repay it. Who knows; he may repay it. Sometimes money becomes very honest when it is detected in wrong hands.

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