

ticket elected, and the first Democrat elected within 15 years. The county had always been looked on as certainly Republican, with majorities ranging from 1500 to 2500. To overcome this majority and secure 1200 for himself shows clearly the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Allegany.

It has been often said that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, but this is not the case with Mr. Shannon. When a man running for political office is so highly esteemed as to draw from the opposition party several hundred personal votes for himself, he is considered a strong candidate, so that it will be readily admitted that one who draws several thousand from the opposition gives the very strongest evidence of his popularity with his fellow-countians. A man's immediate neighbors and friends are the ones fairly presumed to know him best. When they are found rallying to him and standing by him regardless of political considerations, it is safe to conclude that he is a good citizen and entitled to the confidence of all.

Mr. Shannon resides in Frostburg, where the Republican majority runs all the way from 500 to 800, yet here, too, he polled all of his own party vote and carried the town by 353, demonstrating that from 400 to 500 Republicans regarded him so highly that they abandoned their own party candidate to vote for him. No greater compliment could have been paid him than this almost unanimous endorsement by his neighbors. To those who know the Senator, however, this was not considered remarkable. No man possesses to a greater degree the faculty of making friends. Socially Senator Shannon is a model gentleman. Whether in business, in office, as a Free Mason, Elk or Knight of Pythias, he is ever ready with the genuine *entente cordiale*, employing that term in its popular sense.

He served as Register of Wills for six years in an acceptable manner to the people of Allegany, and at the expiration of his term was nominated and elected to the Senate of Maryland, and by the same popular token he was again the sole successful Democratic nominee.

His services in the Senate are well known and appreciated by the citizens of the entire State. He was on very many of the important committees, and no member was held in higher esteem by his fellow-members. While on all party matters he could be relied on to protect the interests of his party, he was too broadminded to neglect the interests of the State at large.