

**The Return of Colonel Blitz.**

Mr. "Pinky" BLITZ, that magnetic statesman and prince of good fellows, is in town. For the past nine months and two days Mr. BLITZ has been the guest of the state (Missouri) at a suburb of Jefferson City, and while it may not be truthfully said that he wor his welcome out—there are plenty of people who sincerely wish that his stay had been protracted two years—he found the atmosphere at Jefferson City less congenial than it is here; and, more than that, a number of leading citizens of this town and county were anxious that Mr. BLITZ should abandon the somewhat chilly hospitality of the state and come up to Kansas City where his genial, whole-souled nature would have more freedom. So solicitous were the friends of Mr. BLITZ that they paid lawyers to go to Washington, D. C., and obtain permission from the United States Supreme court to have Mr. BLITZ's visit with the state of Missouri shortened by a year. And, curiously enough, these generous friends, so anxious for Mr. BLITZ's welfare, did all their work anonymously; not one of them who paid the attorneys to intercede in his behalf has allowed his name to appear in connection with the benevolent transaction; the right hand in the matter of espousing Mr. BLITZ's cause has not known what the left hand was doing. This secret charity is, indeed, touching and proves Mr. BLITZ's strong hold upon his friends.

Mr. BLITZ doubtless appreciates friendship; in his return to our city, where his personal magnetism has inspired so much effort in his behalf while he was faraway, he will doubtless show by his actions that he feels deeply the honor bestowed upon him. Two years ago Mr. BLITZ was an humble citizen of the "North end"—a not very fashionable portion of the city—where his talents as a voter obtained for him a quick recognition at the hands of the party leaders. It was Mr. BLITZ's boast that he could vote more times on a given day than any other gentleman in Mr. FOREY's saloon. It was one of his voting exhibitions that brought him prominently before the people as a public character and secured him the invitation to be the guest of the state of Missouri at Jefferson City. In November, 1892, Mr. BLITZ attempted the feat of breaking all his previous vote-repeating records. The United States Government, deeming that Mr. BLITZ would be just the kind of a young man to adorn the square steel-bordered checker board of a cage in the county jail, engaged him for that purpose. He gave such universal satisfaction in that capacity that he was sent by the Government to visit Jefferson City.

Now that Mr. BLITZ is back to his old home, it is proper that he should be accorded every honor which is manifestly due him. The title of "Pinky," which is doubtless an endearing diminutive, is just a trifle too familiar for a man of Mr. BLITZ's distinction and attainments. The title of Colonel is perhaps more in keeping with a character which has had all the leading politicians of the "gang" at his beck and call for the two years last past. Colonel BLITZ, late of Jefferson City, formerly of Kansas City, it shall be.

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