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ANSWER IT FOR YOURSELF MR. VOTER—

The first question you should ask yourself, Mr. Working-man, and we don't believe that you need Mr. Gompers to answer it for you, is whether the policy of the candidate, asking for your vote, will be for the upbuilding of the country or for business uncertainty and confusion?

Taft and progress or
Bryan and confusion.
Which it is to be?

RUSHVILLE MINISTERS AND PRIESTS SPEAK FOR WATSON.

WITH A LAST DESPERATE hope of defeating James E. Watson, candidate for governor on the republican ticket, the democratic press of the state has joined together in a hue and cry to hold Mr. Watson responsible for the passage of the county option bill, for the bitter feeling against Governor Hanly; for the defeat of the brewery combine. In other words Mr. Watson is to be made a scapegoat. The brewers have to furnish Tom Marshall with a horrible example and Mr. Watson has been chosen for the title role.

We all remember when the campaign opened that Marshall was going to conduct a clean campaign. In the face of this most bitter and vituperative campaign against Mr. Watson, he has been misrepresented and vilified so much, so that his neighbors and ministers in Rushville, his home town, have risen to Mr. Watson's defense and denounced the slanders that have been uttered against him. One of these was an esteemed and revered Catholic clergyman. He upheld Mr. Watson and criticized the partisan press that was slandering him.

The republicans have refrained from attacking Mr. Marshall, and it is to their credit. What Mr. Marshall once was, matters not now, and the republican press has refrained from personalities regarding the democratic candidate.

The campaign of slander, which has been made against the republican candidate, won't hurt him. If anything, it will make him friends. It will hurt Thomas R. Marshall, for the friends of Mr. Watson will hold Marshall and the brewery interests responsible for the many attacks on Mr. Watson. The latter's speeches in Hammond and up and down the state of Indiana will give the lie to the reports that have been circulated about him and ought to still the foul tongue of slander.

THE NAME OF THE STATE MENACED.

ONE OF TAGGART'S NEWSPAPER supporters in Indianapolis, The Sun, is out with an appeal to all democrats to vote next month as to assure Tom Taggart's election next winter as United States senator from Indiana. The election of a full democratic lower house of the legislature, it thinks will be sufficient to realize its desire to see Taggart's ambition gratified. There are spots on that Sun for sure. But it is possible that all the voters of Indiana do not adequately appreciate the danger to the state.

If the next legislature has more democrats than republicans in it, on a joint vote, to the United States senate Thomas Taggart will go. Ponder that and what it would mean. Work to have it not so. **PLAY TO PLOCK THAT GAME.** There are other just reasons for the weal of Indiana why the next legislature should be of the same political complexion as the one that has just passed out. The republican party in the presidency and congress has started out to do great things beneficial to the material progress of the country. It has done much already. A stoppage of its work, even temporary, would be a calamity to the nation. This commonwealth of ours has needs as great to us as are the nation's. **DON'T STOP THE CLOCK BY ALLOWING THE DEMOCRATS TO MONKEY WITH THE WORKS.**

It is the duty of all republicans to vote for their party's legislature and state candidates.

A WELL-INFORMED PAPER, YES? NO!

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS to be admired for its supreme confidence and exhilarating hopefulness. Though they know that the fates are against them they continually spread the news that everything is coming their way. Just now they are taking a great deal of satisfaction in the Bryan statement that "from every state comes encouraging reports." A sample of one of these reports was printed in the Chicago Journal, a democratic paper, which declares that "the republicans in Indiana are panicky." It would be extremely interesting to know where The Journal gets its information. If the rest of the campaign do prints is on a par with the statement that "the Indiana republicans are panicky." Heavens help it readers. The republicans of Indiana are supremely confident of the result. They are betting 3 to 1 and 2 to 1 at Indianapolis that Taft will carry Indiana. If The Journal wants to know just how panicky the Indiana republicans are, it should send some of its bright young men into this state, and if The Journal would print what they find out; well, no one would accuse it of being a democratic paper indeed.

Panicky? Piffle!

THE CANDIDATES on the republican county ticket are quite satisfied to go before their constituents on their records. Charges of incapacity do not worry the complaisant voter this year. He has to be shown. There isn't a candidate on the county ticket who hasn't been tested. There isn't a word to be said against him. Lake county must have county officers. Business won't transact itself. The republican party is proud of its candidates. Let them continue the good work.

THANK HEAVEN THE fury of campaign letter-writing is at an end and the people can clear their befogged brains and figure out the real issues. It is doubted whether either party was profited by the mud-slinging.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

A strange man, a strong man, a man of heroic mold, is Anthony Comstock of New York.

Whatever may be said of his methods, the sincerity of the man and his fidelity to his mission cannot be contradicted.

At tremendous personal cost he has devoted his life to the suppression of vicious literature.

Comstock began his career in 1873. The business of painting and distributing obscene books and pictures at that time was highly organized and flourishing. In a single campaign in New York he seized and destroyed the plates of 169 vile books and pictures.

The venders of moral cancer then began their work of misrepresentation and slander of Comstock. They have persisted ever since in their abuse and ridicule. They resorted to personal violence.

But Comstock has never flinched.

Once he got a score of the sellers of filthy stuff in Ludlow street jail. Influential friends offered bribes. Falling in this, they caused smallpox scars to be sent through the mails to his home. At this time he narrowly escaped being blown up by an infernal machine.

One night at Newark a man whom he had in custody drew a knife at the jail door and severed five arteries in Comstock's face.

At one time he was assaulted and beaten into insensibility. On several occasions hired assassins have tried to kill him on the street or at his office.

For years this stalwart cleanser of society's sewage has refused to speak of himself generally. Not long ago he gave his first interview. Speaking of the desperate encounters of his career, Mr. Comstock said:

"Shed blood, broken bones, assaults, ridicule, obloquy and libel have been my portion. I am content. *** In thirty-four years I have made 2,691 arrests and seized more than ninety-eight tons of vile literature and pictures." It reminds me of St. Paul's record of his life's perils.

Anthony Comstock may have made mistakes. At times he may have been indiscreet or finical. His conscience is the Puritan conscience. He cannot abide even the appearance of evil.

But—

One cannot read the history of his grim persistence in well doing, his patient, almost pathetic bravery, and withhold respect for the man and his accomplishments.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

October 8.

1872—Independence of the United States acknowledged by Holland.

1812—Capture of the Detroit on Lake Erie.

1831—Great earthquake along the western coast of South America.

1854—Thirty-two lives lost by the burning of the steamer E. M. Collins, en route from Sault Ste. Marie to Cleveland.

1862—Repulse of the confederates at battle of Berryville, Ky.

1860—Franklin Pierce, fourteenth president of the United States, died in Concord, N. H. Born in Hillsboro, N. H., November 23, 1804.

1871—Beginning of the terrible Chicago fire, by which 18,000 buildings were destroyed and 100 lives lost.

1888—Melville W. Fuller took the oath of office as chief justice of the United States supreme court.

1907—Secretary Taft was welcomed at Shanghai, China.

THIS IS MY 54TH BIRTHDAY.

John M. Clark.

John M. Clark, a member of the cabinet of Prince Edward Island and a prominent figure in the public life in that province, was born in Bedeque, P. E. I., October 8, 1854. After completing his education in the public schools he entered commercial life. His public career did not begin until 1876, in which year he was elected to the provincial legislative assembly. He soon became recognized as one of the best debaters in the house, making himself master of his subjects, and presenting his arguments fluently. Mr. Clark has been conspicuously identified with the temperance movement and has been one of the most determined supporters of the prohibition law which was introduced into Prince Edward Island by the present government.

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Lots of handsome women pose as beauty specialists just as a lot of bold-headed barbers claim to have a sure cure for bringing back delinquent hairs.

An indomitable worker.

During the past week, annoyed by many little trials and vexations of life, toiling beneath the rays of a blazing sun, in the struggle for grits and existence, we for once find our never too brilliant literary ability at a very low ebb, but we will in our usual style enlighten our readers with a few of our daily happenings—Sarasota (Fla.) Times.

Economy
May be wealth.

But nine-tenths of those who are compelled to travel never reach the goal.

If there are any more veterans to be entertained, Hammond will gladly tackle the job.

A Model Husband.

In a Town That Has No Evening Paper—He went home from his downtown office every day at the noon hour.

The echo of that 500 republican ma-

For President

WILLIAM H. TAFT

"He is as strong as he is gentle. His reputation is simply spotless. In all the agitation of a heated campaign for the greatest office in the world, no one has ventured to intimate a doubt of the absolute honesty of this man who has been before the country for a quarter of a century. Nor can any one successfully dispute the simple proposition that in the whole history of the United States no one was ever named for the presidency who was so fitted by nature, by training and by experience for the duties, dignities and responsibilities of that unique office—CHARLES HOPKINS, in 'The Independent.'

CHARLES HOPKINS.

"We certify to all the great elec-

For V-President

JAMES S. SHERMAN

"We certify to all the great elec-

torate that when their votes in No-

vember shall have chosen James S.

Sherman to be vice president of the

United States, the senate will be

sure of a presiding officer in char-

acter and competency worthy of the

best traditions of that great deli-

cate body, and that—which God for-

bid—the sad contingency were

to come which should for a fourth

time call a vice president from New

York to the executive office, the in-

terests of the whole country would

be safe in good hands, and the great

office of the presidency would suf-

fer no decadence from the high

standard of dignity and honor and

competency of which we are so

justly proud."—ELIHU ROOT, in

Sherman Notification Ceremonies.

Federation Is Repudiated

ATTACKS ON JAMES E. WATSON RESENTED BY UNION LABOR MEN.

For its attack on James E. Watson, at its recent meeting in Vincennes, the State Federation of Labor was repudiated yesterday by three of the foremost leaders of railroad men's organizations in Indiana, who sent signed communications to an Indianapolis paper stating that the action of the Federation in regard to Watson and its entrance into politics meets with the hearty condemnation of the railroad men's organizations.

Elmer St. John of Fort Wayne, vice chairman of the legislative board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in Indiana and presiding officer of the largest subordinate lodge in the state, who was a delegate to the State Federation meeting at Vincennes, says:

"I wish to state most emphatically that the railroad organizations, as organizations, do not approve of any radical resolutions whereby organized labor enters partisan politics or condemns the action of the lawmakers of the state of Indiana. The railroad organizations, so far as I know, have taken no part in condemning James E. Watson, and positively stand for temperance, because the fundamental principles of our organization are founded on sobriety, and all possible efforts are being made to impress upon the minds of the public that we are trying to live up to the principles advocated by us."

NO POWER TO FAVOR OR CONDEMN.

H. L. Edder of Indianapolis, an engineer and a delegate to the Vincennes meeting, in his statement, says:

"The anti-Watson resolution adopted by the State Federation in part reads, that the railroad organizations, as well

mond on a business trip. It is understood that McKinley has given up his purpose of living in Washington state. A petition has been filed asking that the name of Nathan H. Baker of this city be placed on the county ticket as the candidate of the independence party for congress from the eighth district.

FESTIVAL IS OPENED.

Richmond's fall festival was opened today. Thousands flocked to the city and a continuance of good weather will make the event a great success. All the exhibits were opened this morning and the judges began making awards.

DOG WRECKS AUTO.

Dr. Jewett and Harry Colter of Rushville narrowly escaped death when Dr. Jewett's touring car was wrecked. A dog ran under the front wheel and the driver lost control of the steering gear. The machine ran into the ditch at the side of the road and turned turtle.

JERKS ARM FROM SOCKET.

Found unconscious last night at Kokomo with his arm torn from the socket. Justice Creed of the Salem neighborhood died early this morning. He sustained the injury while handling a fractious horse.

MATCHES; CHILD DIES.

While playing with matches yesterday afternoon, Laverne Bents, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bents, of Rushville, set fire to her clothing and suffered burns which resulted in her death several hours later.

MARSHES ARM ON FIRE.

The marshes west of South Bend again