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"Put Up, or Shut Up"

If after Representative Watson's speech last night the Item thinks it has a single thing to substantiate the many base charges it has made against that man, we defy the production of it. Mr. Watson after recounting the many instances of material prosperity this country is enjoying thanks to the policies of the Republican party, took up one by one the charges the Item has made against his integrity and faithfulness in the discharge of his public duties, and disposed of them in so masterly and straight-forward a manner as to leave no doubt but that he is "Our Jim" in fact as well as in name.

It was a happy chance that afforded Mr. Watson the opportunity to personally refute the charges that have been brought against him in the very city in which they originated, and the clean-cut and convincing tones in which our representative cut to pieces the miserable misrepresentations which have been heaped upon him left no doubt as to the sincerity of the man who uttered them. It was the supreme moment of his political life when he faced the audience of two thousand in the Coliseum last night, many of them imbued with belief in the false charges that the Item has brought out and he rose to the occasion nobly.

For one hour Mr. Watson held the interest of his hearers while he expounded his belief and defense of the Republican party's policies, and then for one hour and ten minutes more his audience remained spell-bound as he defended that quality most dear to every true man, his honor. Time and again he had to pause as his hearers burst into spontaneous applause, not the applause of a rabble populace moved by mere oratorical excellence, but the applause of conservative and clear-thinking American workingmen and farmers, moved by the heart's appeal of Mr. Watson, to show that they vindicated and exonerated him on his record in public life, his word, truly given and the evidence of our own president's handwriting. Men in that great audience who had gone there avowedly anti-Watson men, joined in the great ovation at the close of Mr. Watson's marvellous speech, plainly showing that the tide had turned, that the Item's anti-Watson campaign, built upon a tissue of falsehoods and personal malice, had failed at the very last moment and that Mr. Watson, "Our Jim" if you please, had returned to his own again, the hearts of his faithful supporters in old Wayne county. It meant that Mr. Watson's re-election next Tuesday, for he will be re-elected and by a large majority, will be due as much to the great personality he displayed last night as to the mere fact of his being a good Republican. His re-election will be due to as great a display of personality and rugged honesty as that which swept the country two years ago for President Roosevelt, and the time will undoubtedly come, we honestly believe, when Mr. Watson will be called upon to lead his party to as overwhelming a victory as Theodore Roosevelt achieved, and under the same high moral principles. That Mr. Watson is one of the greatest Republican leaders no one will doubt who witnessed his great triumph last night; and that he is far too valuable to lose, in the estimation of the people of the Sixth District, will be demonstrated in figures large enough to be read without glasses in the election returns next Tuesday.

The Item has accused Mr. Watson on three important counts. First, that he was a rabid "stand-patter" and believed in the protection of American industries solely for the benefit of the criminal trusts; second, that he had favored unrestricted immigration to the detriment of American labor; and third, that he had fought President Roosevelt's great reform measures and had always been his political enemy. Mr. Watson disposed of the first of these counts to the satisfaction of every one present by explaining that he believed in the theory of protection for the American workingman and farmer through a protective tariff, and not in free trade the destructive features of which had been so clearly demonstrated in the terrible times of 1893; but that furthermore he believed in tariff revision, but only by the friends of the tariff and not by its sworn enemies.

The second count was disposed of when he declared with convincing proof that he himself had introduced a bill restricting immigration at the beginning of each session of congress in which he had served, and that the failure of this bill had always been due to the Senate, that stronghold of the special interests. That the special commission which has been appointed to look very thoroughly into the immigration problem—one of the points upon which the Item has laid special stress to prove Representative Watson's insincerity to the American workingman—is entirely in accord with the President's wishes, and that President Roosevelt declared if congress would not appoint such a commission he himself would do so. And third and last he proved in a masterly finish to his great speech that President Roosevelt considered him so good a friend as to single him out of all the other representatives to be the recipient of a letter calling upon the citizens of the United States to return another Republican House. In support of this he brought forward a letter written by the president previous to the one written for a Republican House, and one which has hitherto not been published. Extracts from this letter will be found on another page of this issue of the Palladium and they show plainly enough that no matter what the Item may think or say to the contrary, President Roosevelt does consider Mr. Watson as one of his warmest friends and supporters. The ovation which followed the display of this letter proving that such friendship existed left no doubt in our mind that "Our Jim" had returned to his own once more and that he would not lack for warm and loyal support next Tuesday from the voters of Richmond and Wayne county. It also reminded us of the old saying, "You can fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." That is the position the Item is now in. The only difference is that the Item now cannot even fool some of the people for the short time remaining until election, and unless it can substantiate more truthfully the charges it has made it had better remain quiescent. In fact the Item had better follow a policy of "put up or shut up."

GIVE YOUR SHARE.

Secretary Brown, who has charge of the local project for a Y. M. C. A. has addressed a letter to the factory employees of Richmond asking them to contribute to the \$100,000 fund which is being raised. The men in the shops should take an interest in raising this fund as the Y. M. C. A. will be of the greatest practical value to them. It will afford them a clean, moral place in which to spend their leisure hours to the best advantage. Its night classes will give them the opportunity to improve their minds by study in order that they may qualify themselves to fill higher positions than they are now holding. Furthermore if the shop men themselves contribute to the fund they will have a personal interest in the Y. M. C. A. far beyond what they would have if they contribute nothing at all. It is the personal feeling and the amount of it, that will either make a Y. M. C. A. in Richmond a great success or a failure. Let everyone, therefore, whether they be rich or poor, contribute in accordance with their means and take a personal interest in the project—that is, feel that they have done their share toward helping so worthy a thing—and Richmond will have a Y. M. C. A. successful in fact as well as in name.

Honolulu, Nov. 3.—The merchant steamer Chilusa from Kobe, with 550 immigrants for this place on board, is ashore off the harbor in the east channel. She is believed to be in no danger. Several island steamers have offered to aid in floating the steamer.

The Republican County Ticket.

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- Joint Senator—
ROSCOE E. KIRKMAN.
- Representative—
WALTER S. RATLIFF.
- Joint Representative—
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- Prosecuting Attorney—
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THOMAS E. CLARK.
- Commissioner Eastern District—
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