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## FORCED TO DO SO, WALTER RATLIFF MAKES STATEMENT

Says That He Stands Squarely on Republican Platform Which Calls for County Local Option.

HIS STATEMENT NOT LIKED BY SOME PEOPLE.

Nicholson Holds Legislator Up To Ridicule and Tells the Reason Why Gardner Is Not Questioned.

Walter S. Ratliff, republican nominee for state representative, stung by the published report yesterday that the temperance element of the republican party of this county would place an independent candidate in the field against him, broke forth with a statement this morning in the local democratic organ, in which statement he made an attempt to outline his position on the temperance question.

For some time past the temperance advocates of the county have attempted to force Mr. Ratliff to take some position, but not until the threat was made that an independent republican would be placed in the field against him, did he decide to show his colors. The statement made by Mr. Ratliff follows:

From time to time mention has been made in the local papers concerning my attitude toward liquor legislation and to my position relative to the republican platform. During the last session of the general assembly I voted for every temperance measure desired to be passed by the temperance people of my county, except the blind tiger bill, which I conscientiously believe to be faulty. As the author of the bill would not submit to any alterations and as I believed it would not exempt liquor used in the arts and sciences, I voted against it. At the time of its consideration, I was not aware that so many drug stores were selling liquor illegally and violating the law.

But very few of my constituents informed me while in the legislature that it was their wish that the \$1,000 license bill should be passed and the temperance people were almost to a unit against its passage.

As to local option, during my last canvass I do not remember of having been asked before the election how I stood on this subject, but I knew it was an issue. I did not clearly understand the meaning of local option until explained to me by Mr. Wilfred Jessup. Before that I believed that the remonstrance law, not only reached the township and city wards but could be extended to the county as a unit.

While at the state republican convention held recently at Indianapolis, I voted for the adoption of the present republican platform and I heartily endorsed it. I have always been a republican and was nominated on that ticket. Further, I am not in favor of amending any of the present temperance laws that are now found on our statutes.

WALTER S. RATLIFF, Nicholson's Views.

Timothy Nicholson this morning after reading this statement remarked with a sarcastic smile, "Think of a member of the state legislature not being acquainted with the meaning of local option."

Mr. Nicholson was asked why Mr. Ratliff had been asked as to how he stood on proposed temperance legislation when a similar query had not been addressed to A. M. Gardner, the republican candidate for joint representative from Wayne and Fayette counties.

"Why should Mr. Gardner be asked such a question?" replied Mr. Nicholson. "Two years ago Mr. Ratliff not have been asked his opinion on temperance legislation, but since his record in the last legislature the temperance people of this county demand that he outline his position before they support him. The statement he made this morning is not satisfactory."

Referring to Mr. Ratliff's declaration which appeared this morning that he did not support the \$1,000 liquor license bill presented in the last legislature because but few of his constituents had approached him on the matter, and because "the temperance people were almost to a unit opposed to its passage," Mr. Nicholson stated that Mr. Ratliff had been asked to support this measure by a number of Wayne county people. Mr. Nicholson also stated that the majority of temperance people in Wayne county favored this measure as they regarded it as a most important step in the campaign to eventually drive all saloons out of the state.

"Will there be an independent candidate in the field against Mr. Ratliff?" Mr. Nicholson was asked.

"I know nothing about that, although I have heard such a report," he replied. Mr. Nicholson stated that he had also heard there would be an independent candidate in the field against Charles Ladd, republican candidate for prosecuting attorney. Mr.

## KILLED BY A TRAIN

Greenfield Young Men Struck By Pennsy Passenger No. 9 Last Night.

WERE HORRIBLY MANGLED.

Greenfield, Ind., July 17.—David Bennett Hall, aged eighteen, and Ernest Hopper, aged nineteen, while driving across the railroad tracks at eleven o'clock last night, were struck by Pennsylvania passenger train No. 9, west bound, and both were killed. The bodies of the young men were found this morning near the Leonard crossing horribly mangled. The horse was also dead and the buggy torn to splinters.

When the train reached Indianapolis at midnight, the accident was reported, but it was not thought then anyone had been killed.

## FORGER NEATLY TURNS TRICK

"D. E. Stone" Beats Kentucky Firm Out of Money by Forgery Method.

WORKED SAME GAME HERE.

MAN BOUGHT LARGE AMOUNT OF PAINT AND OFFERED CHECK ON RICHMOND BANK IN PAYMENT AND IT WAS HONORED.

D. E. Stone, eminent forger and police dodger, has bobbed up again. After his double failure to perpetrate bad paper in Richmond and his somewhat spectacular evasion of the police dragnet, he serenely floated into, unsuspecting Lexington, Ky., and without even changing his alias "D. E. Stone" buncoed a bluegrass merchant for \$65 by passing on him a forged check on a Richmond bank. After obtaining his loot Stone disappeared and is still at liberty pursuing his adventurous career.

It is quite probable that the elusive Mr. Stone after obtaining his grip, left at the Muth saloon and for some hours carefully watched by the police, boarded a Cincinnati train and went directly to Lexington. There the nervous crook lost no time working his game.

Entering the hardware store of C. D. Cunningham he spun a yarn of how he had been left recently, the mere sum of \$700,000 and that he had devoted one-seventh of this amount in purchasing Bourbon county, Kentucky farm lands. "Before I return to Richmond I intend to paint the farm house and make other improvements so just wrap me up about \$177 worth of paint," said Stone.

The beaming Mr. Cunningham quickly complied with the order then Stone handed him a check for \$350 on a Richmond bank.

Unlike his intended local victims, Cunningham accepted the check and in change gave Stone \$65 in currency and his check for \$108. Later in the day Cunningham learned over the long distance phone that Stone's check was a bad one. He received this information in time to prevent Stone from cashing the check for \$108 which Cunningham had given him. An effort was made to locate Stone—but he had flown.

Ladd is regarded by the temperance people as the candidate for the saloon interests.

This morning Walter S. Ratliff was asked if he would support any measure providing for county local option. He replied that he would not do so. He said that the republican platform provided for county local option and he stood upon that platform.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY SHOOTS SELF DEAD

He Was About to Be Taken to Hospital.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 17.—While preparations were being made for the removal to the hospital of Chas. W. Hamilton, assistant district attorney of Allegheny county, he shot himself dead with a revolver.

## THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

OHIO—Fair and warmer Friday night; Saturday showers, increasing south winds.

INDIANA—Showers Friday night and Saturday; cooler Saturday; fresh to brisk south winds.

## DEMOCRATS TO NAME A COUNTY TICKET

Men Who Will Be Named for Office Have Been Selected.

CONVENTION AUGUST 15TH.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN BECK EXPECTS THAT THERE WILL BE A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTY WORKERS ATTENDING.

C. B. Beck, democratic county chairman, today announced that the democratic county convention will be held in the town hall at Cambridge City, on August 15. The first session he said, would be held at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. At this session after the various committees had been appointed the delegates would be addressed by J. C. Cox, the democratic candidate for secretary of state.

The afternoon session will be held at 1 o'clock. After the convention has received the reports of the committees, nominations for the various offices on the county ticket will be in order. Mr. Beck states that he expects there will be a big assemblage of democrats in Cambridge City on the date set for the convention.

He says that a hard fight will be waged by the democrats to elect their county ticket and that the nominations will not be extended to the successful candidates in a complimentary sense.

It is probable that the following will be nominated for the various county offices:

Treasurer—John C. Bayer, of Richmond.

Recorder—Tholey Druley, of Boston township.

Sheriff—Albert C. Caldwell, of Washington township.

State Representative—L. H. Bertch, of Cambridge City.

Prosecuting Attorney—Joshua Allen, of Hagerstown.

Commissioners—

Middle District—Reese Mariatt, of Richmond.

Western District—Benton Wilson, of Cambridge City.

It is stated that there will be no candidate for commissioner from the eastern district as there is no vacancy at this time.

The candidate for joint representative will be from Fayette county. The convention to nominate a joint representative will also be held at Cambridge City.

There have not been many candidates in the field looking for berths on the democratic county ticket, and the probable nominees as printed above are not active candidates for the offices for which they are slated. In John C. Bayer and Joshua Allen the democrats feel that they have two particularly strong candidates.

## SHIVELEY RESIGNS

No Longer Connected With K. Of P. Insurance Department.

MANY CHANGES ARE MADE.

Charles E. Shiveley has just returned from a meeting of the board of control of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. At this meeting he handed in his resignation which was accepted and his successor will be elected at the meeting held next month at Boston, Mass.

He has been a member of the board for six years and states that the condition of the insurance department of the lodge is the best that it has ever been.

During the meeting there were some radical changes made in the management of the field work. There were a number of offices among those abolished being that of general manager. This will save the insurance department of the lodge a salary of \$6,000. The board also abolished all the field superintendents and in their place men will be put over certain districts at a more moderate salary. Through these changes the department of the K. of P. lodge will save, it is thought, close to \$100,000 annually.

## JAMES MAY BE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Considered Favorably by Bryan as It Is Said.

Lincoln, Neb., July 17.—Ollie James of Kentucky, is visiting William Jennings Bryan today. It is understood that Bryan has offered James the national chairmanship.

## ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Will Fill Three Engagements in Indiana During Present Campaign.

RICHMOND NOT MENTIONED

Laporte, Ind., July 17.—The republican state central committee has announced that President Roosevelt will fill three speaking appointments in Indiana in the campaign, one of which will be at Michigan City, with Terre Haute, Evansville, Indianapolis, South Bend and Hammond the other cities from which a choice will be made.

## CHILD ANALYZED IN CRAFTS' LECTURE

Characteristics of Children And Proper Home Surroundings Touched Upon.

SPEAKER WELL RECEIVED.

SAYS THERE SHOULD BE INSPECTION OVER CHEAP THEATRES AND DAY IS COMING WHEN LIQUOR TRAFFIC WILL CEASE.

Rev. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, superintendent of the International Reform bureau of the United States, noted lecturer and author, gave an excellent talk to a large audience that filled the First Presbyterian church last night, on the subject "That Boy and Girl of Yours." Dr. Crafts was secured here through the efforts of the Richmond Ministerial association. He handled his subject in an excellent manner and took advanced grounds which were altogether new. Dr. Crafts stated that he always believed in having the prominent men of the city who have power, to attend his lectures as he believed that it was the duty of every officer to see that the theatres and motion picture shows of which this city has several, should be first investigated and if they have a harmful effect on diverting the minds of the young boys instead of a good effect, the mayor of the city should prohibit the showing of such pictures.

In part, the Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts said: "The boys and the girls have very little love except self love when they are young. Self love has a right place and its place comes third, but when it comes to be the first, it becomes selfishness and should be drowned as 'self denial is love for the future.'"

Value of Self Denial.

Self denial broadens the boys and the girls out so that they do not treat things so lightly. Next there is the love of the boy falling in love with the girl. This buds in marriage and blooms into childhood. Then the boy loves his little mother on one side and the little child on the other and so family love is established between father, mother and child. This is like a three leaf clover all bound together on one stem.

Batchelors Decried.

There should be no old bachelor men and women although there are many. They should not be this way they should unite and learn the family love, the neighborhood love and branch out in patriotism of city, state and nation.

Woman is the chief companion for the husband and child. She should read and keep up in events that are interesting to all the members of her family. She should be able to assist her husband in his business and to help her children in the school work. She has the great fundamental principle to work out, of getting the family up for breakfast, how they should dress and what to cook and many other duties that are equally as important. There is nothing as great in parenthood and the shaping of human character, as the touch of a baby's hand on the brow of the father or mother.

The father and the mother are the lieutenants of the family and it is their place to teach the child truthfulness and obedience. They should be on time and be neat for it is the way the child is trained and kind of habits he acquires when young, that makes the man out of him. Obedience in the home is God's plan. Obey your parents, Obey your rulers and last of all but just as important, obey you God.

Athletics Hit.

Dr. Crafts then devoted his time in telling of the eastern colleges where everything was athletics and how the graduate leaves school not any better off than when he entered. Men should be educated and not have so much athletics. The colleges to choose from are those that are uplifting and give moral training and not those that have a reputation.

Mothers are too often too self sacrificing. They should arrange everything so that every member of the family will get an equal share and not stint herself as many mothers do. They should teach the children the laws and that they are for their benefit.

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## \$20,000,000 in Gold Lies at Bottom of the Ocean



## INDIANA IS TO BE CENTER OF FIGHT

William Randolph Hearst to Oppose Election of Bryan and Kern.

HAS A FEW TRUMP CARDS.

FAMOUS JOURNALIST WILL WAGE WARFARE AGAINST DEMOCRATS IN EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE.

Indianapolis, July 17.—William R. Hearst intends to fight Bryan and Kern in every county in Indiana. The editor-politician is on the war path and far-seeing politicians already discover the evidences of an impending conflict between the Bryan and Hearst forces that will add materially to the excitement of the campaign. He has turned his guns against Bryan and Kern and is framing up a lot of trouble for the democrats. He has several cards up his ample sleeve one of which he will play next month when an independence state ticket will be put in the field in Indiana. Hearst agrees with managers of both of the old political parties that Indiana is an important battle ground this year. He intends to add to its importance by making it one of the principal fields of action of the Independence league. Through his agents he is now casting about for suitable material for the nomination for governor and assurance is given that he will find a man whose prominence and potentiality will give a pain to the regular democratic organization in Indiana.

For a short time after the Denver convention it was hoped that Hearst would "do the good" and support the ticket nominated there. In a recent issue of the Commoner, Bryan wrote an editorial on Hearst that teemed with molasses and honey and Mr. Bryan's friends waited to see what effect it would have on the obstreperous editor. Evidently it lacked drawing power, for Hearst has sent word to his lieutenants in Indiana that the fight is on and that it is to be a fight to the finish.

## MARMON PROPERTY APPRAISED AT \$1,100

Site Desired by Township for School.

The appraisers appointed by Judge Fox the first of this week to determine the value of the homestead property of Mrs. Anna Marmon on the Henley road have reported the valuation at \$1,100, not including the house. This site is desired by Wayne township for the location of a new school building. Mrs. Marmon was offered \$1,200 by the township for this property but she refused the offer. Now that it has been determined that the offer made by the township was more than a fair one it is probable that the property will be condemned unless Mrs. Marmon consents to accept the township's offer. She will probably do so.

## VENDETTA ENDED.

New York, July 17.—As a culmination of the vendetta started years ago in Italy, John Soelema, a wealthy Brooklyn restaurant proprietor and Pasquale Dufre fought a street duel today. Dufre was shot dead, four bullets entering his heart. Soelema has been arrested.

## FEELING AGAINST EARLY OPENING OF STATE CAMPAIGN

Many Complaints Registered Against a Prolonged Spell-binding Political Battle in Indiana.

CAMPAIGN YEARS ARE  
BAD FOR BUSINESS.

For This Reason Farmers, Commercial Travelers and Business Men Want the Whole Affair Cut Short.

Indianapolis, July 17.—There is a strong feeling on the part of both campaign committees—republican and democratic—against the early opening of the speaking campaign. This feeling is the outgrowth of complaints from all over the state. Hundreds of letters are in the hands of each committee calling attention to the stagnation of business and the general upset of normal conditions that always results from the agitation of spellbinders. The farmer is not the chief complainant, as the speaking campaign, if not begun until September, would find him through with the rush of summer crops. It is the business man, and especially the commercial travelers, who are protesting. These declare that under the very best of conditions in campaign years it is bad enough, but that the inclination to make of Indiana a battle ground—the storm center of the fight—bids fair to kill business for two or three months. Since Indiana has obtained the nomination of vice-president on the democratic ticket, the republicans have been favoring an earlier opening of the campaign than was first intended and unless the protests avail, the spellbinders may be let loose even before the first of September. Much comment is heard in favor of an agreement between the parties that will confine the spellbinders to not more than 30 days in future campaigns and it would not be surprising if the present campaign should see the last of the long-term stump speaking that does so much to unsettle business conditions in the years of national elections. It is hardly likely, however, that any of the spell-binding plans for this fall will be altered at this late day.

What Will Be Done?

The attorney general's office has been asked for advice in regard to the decision of Special Judge Moore at Frankfort, in which it was held that a so-called temperance drink known as Tonic, put out by an Indianapolis brewery, is a malt liquor and cannot be sold without license. If this decision is to be accepted without waiting for the action of the supreme court, to which tribunal the case is to be taken for final adjudication, arrests can be made wherever this drink is sold in the state. It is admitted that the brewery in question has flooded Indiana with the drink and as the finding of Judge Moore was based largely upon an analysis made by the state laboratory, it is likely that arrests will be urged wherever "Tonic" is sold without license. There is much speculation as to what the breweries will do next in their desperate effort to counteract the loss of business resulting from the sweeping fight on saloons, but it may be put down as certain that they will not be caught napping.

Director in Richmond.

Indianapolis has seen a real director's gown, and the fair creature that had the courage to pose in it in the big show window of a downtown department store is to be seen in other Indiana cities, in the hope that the prejudice against the gown may be overcome. For half an hour, Thursday, the young woman gave the public a chance to see—and the public did not hesitate to look. It is not true that offices and business houses divided their forces into relays of five minute runs each, in order that the living model might be inspected, but it is true that the sidewalks were impassable while the director's gown was on exhibition. It is not necessary to describe its daring construction, but it is sufficient to say that the woman who first appears in the streets of Indianapolis gowned in a director's habit will have an enormous following. It is more than likely that Richmond will be one of the cities used for exhibition purposes before many weeks pass. When that time comes there will be little doing in Richmond beyond sight-seeing.

Carnegie May Aid.

Indianapolis is to submit to the soothing effects of Andrew Carnegie's pocketbook. As a result of negotiations that have been under way it now seems that six branch libraries will be established in the capital city. The buildings will cost \$20,000 each and Mayor Bookwalter has been requested by the school board to notify Mr. Carnegie that his offer will be accepted. This will relieve the central library to such an extent that many years will have passed before any danger of the present crowding can return. There has been some opposition to the ac-

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