

WATSON'S SPEECH TO LABORING MEN HELPS HIS CAUSE

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WAS AWAY WHEN BLAKELEY SQUABBLE WAS FOUGHT.

Perkins Believes His Chances Best With Democrats—Bryan Given Cold Shoulder in Demands for Speakers.

(Special Correspondence.)

Indianapolis, Sept. 2.—Since the appearance here of James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor, who last Saturday night stood before a big gathering of labor leaders and answered the accusations made against him regarding his attitude toward union labor, it is acknowledged on every side that he has greatly strengthened his case. To the surprise of everybody, he was not called upon to reply to many questions. Mr. Watson took his place on the platform and with full knowledge of the many misstatements that have been put against him, entered quickly and firmly into explanations and denials. No paper comment gathered from over the state, from independent and party organs, generally agree that he made a strong case and that if any mistake was made in the appointment, on his recommendation, of Blakely as state labor commissioner, Mr. Watson himself was not aware that union labor was opposed to his selection.

The fight on Blakely was carried on through the governor while Mr. Watson was in Washington, and this he made plain, and when he asserted that not one protest against Blakely's selection had ever reached him, from labor or other sources, there were expressions of surprise. It is agreed by local labor leaders that Mr. Watson should have been appealed to personally in the matter, as it is known that Gov. Hanly does not easily give ground and is much inclined to use his own judgment in matters that are put up to him. This is where the error was made, if there was any error, and Mr. Watson seems to be safely outside the vale of criticism. It was this particular point that scored so heavily for the gubernatorial candidate against his accusers, and fair-minded men believe that Mr. Watson's position is safe.

It will be difficult for the democratic labor leaders to make headway in their fight on him, as it would be a case of barking up the wrong tree. All told, the sixth district man has squared himself nicely and, aside from strengthening himself within his own party, has won over many of the opposite faith who believe in fair play. It is also being commented upon favorable that Marshall, the democratic candidate for governor, has never permitted himself to be drawn into the controversy, evidently preferring to wait until his opponent had a fair hearing. There is now nothing to stand on, for campaign purposes, at least.

TURNED DOWN NOMINATION.

Edgar A. Perkins, who is president of the State Federation of Labor, a local labor leader of note and a Bryan democrat, it is learned, was offered the nomination for congress in this district by the Independence League party. It is also said that the offer included the payment of his campaign expenses. Perkins turned the proposition down flat. It now develops that Perkins is to be put at the head of the labor bureau of the democratic state organization. This would mean something better in case of democratic success in Marion county or in the state, and Perkins evidently appreciated this fact.

Demand for Speakers.

The democratic speakers' bureau has announced that the demand for assignment of speakers is overwhelming. Requests are coming in from all over the state. This is not surprising, of course, but it is surprising that two men—Folk and Johnson—lead all others. Even Bryan is forgotten in the game. Heretofore the Nebraskan has been popular above all others, but it is different in this campaign—another proof that the voters are weary of hearing him. All the stock that he has in trade has long since been used up, if the requests pouring into the speakers' bureau mean anything, and now it is the "live ones" that the democrats desire to hear. The demands for Johnson and Folk lead others so far that there is no comparison. Folk is to be heard in Wayne county, according to present plans, and it is just possible that Johnson will lift his voice in that district. The democratic managers have their eyes on Watson's home district and they propose to make a fight there with the hope of cutting down the figures that it is admitted the republican candidate will have in his favor. The fact that such speakers as those are to be turned loose in Indiana is another proof that the democrats believe this state to be debatable ground. At least they do not want Kern's home state to make a poor showing in the fight.

MELISSA:
The only flour I ever had any luck with is Gold Medal flour.

LUCINDA.

Affairs of the Sporting World

"Happy" Wann, the former Earlham football star, has been appointed athletic director of Ottawa College, Ottawa, Kan. Glen Thistlethwaite, another former Quaker star, has been appointed athletic director of Illinois college, Jacksonville, Ill. This is W. J. Bryan's alma mater.

And now look out for trouble. The champion Columbus team has arrived on its home grounds and is just three games behind the lead. Today the champs open a series with Indianapolis. Wonder if the Indians will still be in the running when the series ends?

Louisville opens a series today with Toledo on the latter's home grounds. We predict the atmosphere will be crowded with fur for the next few days.

There were a lot of sad fans in town last night when they looked at the score board and saw where Cubs had lost to St. Louis and New York had captured a brace of games from Boston.

What's the matter with the great

Marquard, the \$11,000 beauty? Toledo rapped him for 7 hits in 2 1-3 innings yesterday, then Carr chased the Rube to the stable.

Cleveland made it three straight from Detroit yesterday, right in the Tigers' lair, too. Its close and exciting race in the American league, the Detroit lead being gradually cut down each day.

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CENTRAL LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Evansville	78	53	.595
Dayton	74	58	.561
South Bend	73	59	.553
Ft. Wayne	69	62	.526
Zanesville	66	65	.504
Grand Rapids	65	65	.500
Terre Haute	61	68	.473
Wheeling	37	93	.285

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League			
New York	4-8	Boston	1-0
Pittsburg	10-9	Cincinnati	2-2
Philadelphia	4-9	Brooklyn	2-0
St. Louis	5	Chicago	4 (10 Innings)

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Detroit	68	49	.581
St. Louis	67	51	.562
Chicago	67	52	.563
Cleveland	67	53	.558
Philadelphia	59	58	.504
Boston	56	63	.471
Washington	49	66	.426
New York	39	80	.328

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Louisville	82	58	.586
Indianapolis	80	58	.580
Columbus	79	61	.564
Toledo	77	60	.562
Minneapolis	69	68	.504
Kansas City	64	74	.463
Milwaukee	61	78	.439
St. Paul	41	96	.299

POST OFFICE REPORT

Receipts Made Good Again Over the Corresponding Month of Last Year.

RURAL SALES OF STAMPS.

The monthly report for the post office has just been completed and shows there was a gain during August over the same month of last year of \$603. There was \$46 redeemed for damaged envelopes which shows a decrease over last month. The surplus sent to Indianapolis was only \$421.05, which is very small. Rural route carrier No. 3 leads in having the largest sales for the month, having a total of \$16.85.

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