

SENTIMENT AGAINST JAMES E. WATSON IS NOW REVERSED

Many Republicans Formerly Dissatisfied With Gubernatorial Candidate Decide to Vote for Him.

WOMAN A FACTOR IN PRESENT CAMPAIGN.

Are Urging Their Husbands to Vote for Man Who Is Pledged to County Local Option Law.

Great encouragement has buoyed up the Republican party leaders in this city, as the result of the gratifying news that is pouring into headquarters. There has been no attempt to deny the fact that in this city there has been a strong anti-Watson sentiment. It has existed not only among certain classes of voters, but the same disfavor has been found among professional and office men that has been displayed among the factory employees. But the rays from the sunlight of truth are evaporating the mists in the minds of many of the voters, and they are announcing their decision to vote the straight Republican ticket.

In one ward in this city the poll that was taken a few weeks ago showed a severe loss among the Republicans in support of the head of the state ticket. A ward meeting has been held since that time and the report is made that seventy-five anti-Watson voters in this one ward will vote for Watson. The same kind of optimistic returns have been reported from several other wards and precincts. The agitation of the temperance question is declared to be responsible in the main for the change that is shown.

One man who has been actively connected with the inner workings of the Republican party for the last twenty years, said this morning the drift has begun, and by election day it will assume the proportions of a tidal wave for Watson.

"The people are getting to see," he declared, "that a vote for Marshall means a vote to continue the domination of the brewery men. They do not intend to stand for this and so will support Watson, although they may hold some petty grivances against him. It is the water wagon vs. the brewery wagon and, although the first began rolling very slowly, its momentum has given it increased speed that cannot be stopped."

Women Assist.

Women aids of the republican party are being counted upon to be one of the greatest elements of support to the state ticket. Upon the promise not to make known the names, a county office holder and staunch republican, permitted the following story he told to be made public. There is a prominent man in this city, a business man who had become dissatisfied with Watson. He attended democratic meetings and Saturday night was at the coliseum. Sunday he told his wife he was going to vote for Marshall.

"Well, now look her, John," she said. "You claim to be a republican, but now you say you are going to vote for a democrat. That is very consistent on your part, isn't it? You can't tell me anything Watson ever did that in any way has conflicted with your interests, but you say he is not for you. You have two sons. You take your drink when you want it, but you don't want our two boys to learn to drink. Now, Watson is pledged to support the new law that will exclude saloons if the majority of the voters want them out. For the sake of your boys, don't you believe he is a better man to accept on his word, as a guardian for our boys, than Marshall, who is backed by the breweries and whose fight is being waged by the brewers? Think it over John!"

That was all of the argument but yesterday "John" told his friend, the office holder, he is going to vote for Watson and the straight republican ticket.

The ministers of the city are planning for a public meeting to be held probably Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1. At this meeting it is expected a non-partisan appeal will be made to the voters to support the party that will bring about the greatest good by its legislation. It is not expected the ministers will advocate very strongly support for brewery candidates.

BURNED TO DEATH

Three People Killed in a New York Tenement Fire This Morning.

INCENDIARISM THE CAUSE.

New York, Oct. 21.—Three persons were killed and four others badly injured in a fire in thickly populated six-story tenement house at 83 East Bird street this morning. A hundred persons were rescued by firemen. It is supposed incendiary was responsible for the fire.

SCHOOL RATE TAX MAY BE INCREASED

Expenditure of County for Hack Purposes Becomes Matter of Moment.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH HACK IS \$1.45—SOME PARENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

For each hack that is used in Wayne township to convey pupils of the township schools back and forth from home to school, the average daily cost is \$1.50. The expenditure of the entire county for hack service has become a matter of moment, and if the increase continues, the operation of hack lines may necessitate an advance in the school tax rate. The law requires that pupils be hauled to school if they live three miles or more distant from the building. The township trustee has to see that the children are accommodated and there is no way for him to avoid the consequent expense.

In some parts of the county the law has been taken advantage of by parents. Cases have arisen wherein the child lives three miles from the building. There are no other children around and a hack line for the one child would be a severe drain on the fund. The father is asked to convey his child back and forth. He fixes the rate. The trustee may deem it too high but be unable to procure any else to do it for less. He can do nothing then but pay the price the father asks for conveying his own child to school, where it receives free educational advantages.

The average length of the hack lines in the county is 3.5 miles and the average cost for each hack is about \$1.45. The greatest average cost for hacks is in Dalton township, where it is \$1.95. The \$1.97 average is in Franklin township. The greatest average length of hack lines is in New Garden township, where it is 4.7 miles. Center township has the shortest average length, 2.7 miles. Seventy-nine horses are used to haul the hacks. These figures do not include the private conveyances that are made use of.

One of the items that enters into the expense of the hack lines is the equipment furnished. If the owner of the hack furnishes heaters and lap robes for the accommodation of the children he charges a higher rate. The owners of the hacks in Boston, Center, Clay, Dalton, and Jefferson townships furnish both robes and heaters. In the other townships except Abington and Jackson, one or the other is supplied. There are no hack lines in Abington or Jackson townships.

County Superintendent Jordan has compiled a list of interesting statistics in regard to the hack lines as they now are operated. The greatest average daily cost of hacks for each pupil is \$1.41, paid by Webster township.

Jordan Makes Report.

The following are extracts from the report of Supt. Jordan: Boston township—Number of children hauled 4; average cost per day per pupil \$1.74; average cost per day per pupil \$4.35.

Center township—Number of children 38; average cost per day for hacks \$1.19; average daily cost per pupil \$2.42; daily cost for private conveyance \$1; number of children hauled private conveyance, 8.

Clay township—Number of children

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MARSHALL WOULD DEBAUCH PENAL INSTITUTIONS

William Dudley Foulke Says Spoils System Is Return to Feudalism and Dishonest as Bribery.

ELECT MARSHALL AND TAKE STEP BACKWARD.

In Indianapolis, Richmond Man Bitterly Assails Democratic Candidate for Governor in Speech.

In a strong denunciatory speech dealing with Thomas Marshall, democratic candidate for governor, delivered at Caleb Mills hall, Indianapolis, last evening, William Dudley Foulke, of this city, depicted the nominee as standing for medieval principles and theories. Marshall was assailed for his conception of public office and the speaker left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that to elect Marshall would be a step backward. The audience was enthusiastic and responded with cheers and tumultuous applause.

Mr. Foulke took up the declarations of Marshall at Knightstown and Bethany park, in which he asserted his determination to stand by the burbon principle of to the victor belongs the spoils. Mr. Foulke is very decided in his advocacy of the civil service ideas and he flayed Marshall right and left for his attitude. He declared "the spoils system is a return to feudalism and is as dishonest as bribery." "If Mr. Marshall is permitted to carry out his ideas, it will debauch our state penal and reformatory institutions and make the work being done there a farce," the speaker said.

"The idea came in with Andrew Jackson and flourished vigorously until about 1883, when the civil service reform idea took root. Mr. Marshall's proposal to return to the spoils system is a crime against progress. His proposal, if carried to its logical extreme, will corrupt every penal institution in the state. I say it is no less than bribery to hold up the promise of office to workers in the political field, and it is just as dishonest."

The position of Mr. Watson, the republican candidate, the speaker declared, so far as he had heard an expression from him on the subject or knew of it by his record, was opposed to the distribution of spoils. In regard to the candidacy of Mr. Watson, he refuted the statement generally made that he was an enemy of labor by giving to the audience the names of measures of a type distinctly favorable to labor which Mr. Watson had supported. Among them he mentioned the act establishing the department of commerce and labor, the act excluding Chinese labor, the act providing for the use of safety appliances to protect the life of railroad employees, an act providing for the inspection of water craft for safety, an act providing that letter carriers shall not work more than forty-eight hours, an act providing for the investigation of working conditions of women and children and an act making fire escapes obligatory on factories.

County local option was declared still an issue in that the question being put up to the voter is "Shall the law be repealed?" "The influence of the saloon and the distillery," said the speaker, "aside from the harm of the widespread use of liquor, has always been to corrupt politics. You can not blame the brewers for combining now for the election of Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Marshall in none of his statements has declared any intention of doing anything harmful to these interests."

Mr. Foulke then spoke upholding the law as a proper one. He had inquired, while in Maine, recently, he said, of the operation of the prohibition law there. The law was not enforced, he said, where the local sentiment was against it. In Bangor, for instance, he stated there were sixty saloons.

County Natural Unit.

"I do not believe," said Mr. Foulke, "in laws that can not be enforced. The unit of enforcement is naturally the county. The county was a unit in Maine and the county in Indiana will be the unit. It is a county question, the county grand jury will be called upon to indict for violations, the petit jurors from the county will be called upon for convictions and the county prosecutor to push the prosecution of violations. The county is the logical unit and I consider that the law now on the statute books meets the requirement."

On the national ticket the speaker declared the question was one of men. Bryan, labeled the "epitome of abandoned policies," had no promise to make that was backed by a record of any good thing done.

"Bryan has also declared," said Mr. Foulke, "that the Democratic platform is bound by what is omitted as well as by what it contains. Bryan wrote the platform, and Bryan omitted the free silver doctrine. He does not take it back, but admits that he should be prevented from carrying it out. One qual-

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JUMP INTO THE SEA

Forty People Escape From The Albany Liner, New York.

FOUR OF CREW LOSE LIVES.

Newburg, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Four members of the crew of the Albany liner "New York" were burned to death on board that steamer early this morning as the result of a lamp exploding. The vessel was entirely destroyed. Forty others escaped by jumping overboard and being rescued from ship yard waters where the vessel was moored.

PHYSICIANS FAVOR A LARGER BOARD

Fear to Express Ideas About Reid Memorial Hospital Situation.

MAYOR'S PLAN IS FAVORED.

THOUGHT IF RICHMOND IS TO CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY, LARGER REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE GRANTED.

It is learned that a few physicians who have constantly been opposing the present management of the Reid Memorial hospital, were the authors of the resolution presented to council Monday night by Councilman Charles Wettig. This resolution asked that the title to the hospital property be transferred to the city and that the board of trustees be increased to ten members, five to be appointed by the city council.

Owing to the practically dictatorial power held by the present self-perpetuating board of trustees the greater majority of local physicians are extremely slow and cautious in finding fault with the management of the institution. Some months ago a few physicians started a revolt against the trustees. To say that this rebellion was suppressed with promptness and effectiveness is putting it mild. A short time after the revolt the ringleaders found that when the medical staff of the institution was reorganized their names were not included in the list. Since then they have occupied the positions of "outlaws." The other physicians were so impressed by the power and energy displayed by the trustees in this threatened medical war that since that time they have maintained a discreet silence on all matters pertaining to the hospital.

It is known, however, that if the physicians dared speak their opinions on the hospital matter all of them would favor a larger and more democratic board of trustees, and they would also advise the city to refuse to appropriate money for the maintenance of the hospital unless the institution was at least a quasi-municipal one.

Many business men have expressed themselves against the continued municipal appropriations to the hospital as long as it remains a private institution. Council is aware of this growing opposition to such appropriations and for this reason did not take hasty action last Monday in making the \$4,000 appropriation for next year over the mayor's veto.

"If the hospital continues to remain a private institution I favor the city entering into a contract with the trustees to pay so much for every deserving poor person treated at the institution. I do not think the city should pay for the care of poor people sent to the hospital from outside the city, as has been the case," stated a Main street merchant today.

BLIZZARDS RAGE IN THE WESTERN STATES

Much Suffering in Wyoming And Montana.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 21.—Blizzards are raging throughout Wyoming, Montana and Western Nebraska. Great suffering is reported.

HALF MILLION LOSS.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 21.—Fire of an unknown origin this morning destroyed the Hungarian Mills Company's elevator containing nearly a half-million bushels of wheat. The loss will reach \$500,000.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair Wednesday night; rain Thursday; brisk to strong south winds.

OHIO—Fair and warmer Wednesday night; rain Thursday; fresh south-east winds.

"I Am Ready to Die" Says Billik When He Hears Court's Decision



Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21.—Herman Billik was with his wife and little daughter Edna when told by his lawyer that he could expect no further delay by Court proceedings of his punishment for the murder of the Vrzal family several months ago. At last admitting that there is little hope for him he has begun preparations for death.

"I am ready to die. It would be easier to go to the gallows than live within the four walls of the pen." "Would you accept life imprisonment instead of death?" he was asked. "Well, I have always preferred death, but for the sake of my children I think I would rather go to the pen."

State's Attorney Healey said he will go before a Judge in the Criminal Court and have Billik sentenced as soon as he receives the mandate of the United States Supreme Court.

An almost strenuous effort has been made to secure the release of Billik, but the courts have been obstinate as the crime for which he stands convicted was one of the most brutal in the history of Illinois courts. Father O'Callaghan who is shown in the picture has worked hard for the release of Billik, as has his daughter, Edna, all of whom are shown in the picture above. A likeness of Billik is shown at the bottom.

KERN RUSHES HOME

Illness of His Son Causes Father to Cancel Engagements.

MAY SPEAK NO MORE.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 21.—John W. Kern, Democratic vice president candidate, who has been on a speaking tour of the east, has canceled all of his speaking engagements and is now hurrying to the bedside of his 8-year-old son, John W. Kern, Jr., who is seriously ill with infantile paralysis at his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Kern left this city today.

Mr. Kern was informed that his son was very seriously ill and that doubts were entertained for his recovery. Mr. Kern was almost crushed by the sad news. It is expected that he will arrive in Indianapolis early tomorrow morning.

It is doubtful if the Democrat vice president candidate will take the stump again this campaign. However, his future movements will be guided solely by the condition of his son. Should the child's condition improve it is probable Mr. Kern would resume his speaking tour.

GROUND TO PIECES.

Indianapolis Switchman Killed by Engine.

Indianapolis, Oct. 21.—Fred Dipper a Big Four switchman, was run down by a switch engine and ground to pieces this morning.

BUSINESS MEN OF HAGERSTOWN ARE FOR COUNTY OPTION

Since the Saloons Have Been Closed They Have Found That Their Business Has Increased.

WATSON GETS WARM GREETING IN HENRY

IMMENSE CROWDS FEATURED BOTH KNIGHTSTOWN AND NEW CASTLE MEETINGS—OTHER POLITICAL NOTES.

By Harger.

When it was first proposed to vote Jefferson township dry by a blanket remonstrance, opposition was encountered among an unexpected source by those promoting the prohibition movement. It was found that a number of the influential business men and merchants of Hagerstown were opposed to the remonstrance. Hagerstown is the metropolis of the township and the largest town in the northwest section of the county. Those circulating the remonstrance had some fear as to their ability to obtain the required number of signatures. They were told by these merchants that they did not favor the saloons personally, but that they were afraid if they were closed, the drinking element would go to Cambridge City or Richmond to trade, as they could buy drinks there, also. But the length of the list of signatures grew and when it came to the test the county commissioners declared the township dry, upon the strength of the petition.

And now comes the surprise. Several of the most prominent merchants the very men who refused their signatures to the remonstrance have said they are glad the saloons were voted dry.

"Why this change in your attitude?" three of these men were asked.

One of them explained it by saying: "For my part, I thought sure all the money would be taken to other towns to spend. I guess I didn't think much about it though, for if I had, I would have known it is the women who patronize the stores the most. I find now that instead of spending their money for liquor, the men in our town give more of it to their wives. The women have more to spend, as the result, and as they don't care whether they trade in a dry town or wet, they come to my store to buy. I tell you what, I believe the same conditions would hold good in every other town and business everywhere would be helped. That's why I am for county local option."

"It's been the same way with me," said a second member of the group and the third reiterated the statement.

James E. Watson delivered two speeches in Henry county last evening. At both Knightstown and New Castle he was greeted with immense crowds. At the latter place a huge electric sign bearing the name "Watson" in incandescents was placed above the street between the theater and court house. At Knightstown the meeting was held at the opera house. One hour before the arrival of the candidate no more persons could gain entrance. The scenery was removed from the stage and more room provided. The speaker declared Marshall would repeal the local option law, if he could, and if he (Watson) were governor and the legislature voted to repeal the law, he would veto it. At New Castle Watson refuted the assertions of Gompers that he is not a friend to the laboring man.

The Shelbyville Republican asks, "Why would an instantaneous picture of Bryan present a rear view?" and then proceeds to answer it thus: "Because it would represent him as always moving away from free silver, away from imperialism, away from government ownership, away from every other issue upon which he has turned his back."

Henry county now has but one saloon in the place of the twenty-five that held forth one year ago. This "boozy" has six weeks of life left.

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Doctors Say Sassy Hirsute Appendages Are Sanitary

Local physicians with hirsute, appendages, from the sassy Van Dyke to the common or Kansas crop variety, do not take kindly to the suggestion that has been made by Dr. H. M. Hogebloom, of Topeka, Kans., in a recent address delivered at Chicago, that all physicians should be compelled by state law to present clean shaven countenances to their patients. Dr. Hogebloom argues that beards of every description are dangerous because they carry germs.

Richmond's medical fraternity boasts of a large number of well cultivated beards and the mere thought of losing them has caused the threatened physi-

cians to tremble with apprehension. On the other hand the barbers are smiling grimly.

"How would it be to have the physicians dispense with their clothing," sarcastically remarked an M. D., who is celebrated for the luxuriant growth of his facial plumage. "Or better still have them wear stripes and be shaven of face and cropped of head. He might look like an escaped convict, but the purpose would be answered."

Another bewhiskered pill dispenser stated that there was no more danger of disease germs being carried in the beard than in any other part of the body or clothing. He characterized the entire question as "foolishness."

Bed Among Coffins and Other Growsome Things for Ten Years

Greenfield, Ind., Oct. 21.—Dave Ellis, Greenfield's weather prophet, 10 years ago engaged with a local undertaker as night man and established quarters among the coffins and shrouds. During all this time, Mr. Ellis has missed only one night from his growsome quarters, and on that occasion he was left in Cincinnati by a Sunday excursion. He has undergone some thrilling experiences by his stubborn determination to sleep in no

other quarters. On one occasion, when a corpse was left in the room near his bed, a scheme was arranged by which the covering on the body could be pulled away by a string. Although badly frightened he refused to be driven away. Many other attempts have been made to break this long record, but all were failures and today he defies any man to equal it—every night for 10 years in the same bed, except on one occasion, and then "I piled in at 7 in the morning," he said.