

THE RICHMOND PALLADIUM

AND SUN-TELEGRAM.

VOL. XXXIII. NO. 350.

RICHMOND, IND., FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23, 1908.

SINGLE COPY, 2 CENTS.

TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE EXPECTED TO HEAR TAFT

EVERYTHING IN READINESS FOR THE RECEPTION TO BE
EXTENDED TO THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE IN RICHMOND SATURDAY MORNING—
SPECIAL TRAIN ARRIVES IN THIS CITY AT 8:50 A. M.

CANDIDATE WILL MAKE A TWENTY MINUTE SPEECH

Number of Factories and
Stores Will Close That Em-
ployes May Hear Judge
Taft.

INDIANA TOUR IS
PROVING A SUCCESS.

Thousands of People Flocking
To Hear the Next Presi-
dent—Taft Discusses Bry-
an Injunction Idea.

Good weather alone is needed to
make the visit of William H. Taft to
this city tomorrow morning a great
success. A stand is to be erected at
Tenth and North E streets from which
the Republican candidate for president
will speak unless it should be raining.
In the latter instance arrangements
will be made whereby he will speak
from his train in the sheds at the Penn-
sylvania station. Judge Taft is sched-
uled to arrive here at 8:50 o'clock and
the time allotted for his speech is twen-
ty minutes. There is no doubt but that
an immense throng will be on hand to
greet him. It will be the first time a
Republican presidential candidate has
visited Richmond since Benjamin Har-
rison was here during his campaign
against Grover Cleveland. The occasion
will not be permitted by the Republi-
cans to go unrecognized.

Stores Decorated.
The North E street merchants and
business men and the officials of the
Pennsylvania depot are decorating the
fronts of their stores and the depot
this afternoon. The plain red brick
fronts are being converted into things
of beauty. Yards and yards of bunting
have been festooned from windows and
pillars and huge American flags have
been woven into the scheme for decoration.
Pictures of Taft and the other
Republican candidates are displayed
prominently. Those of Watson appear
equally as conspicuous as those of Taft.
20,000 Expected.

A crowd of 20,000 is anticipated in
case of good weather. Extra police
will be provided and will permit no
vehicles of any kind to encroach near
to the speakers' stand. A number of
factories and stores will close so as to
permit employes to hear Taft. It will
be Saturday morning but the hour of
time lost by the clerks will be more
than made up by their good humor
during the remainder of the day, so
the merchants say.

The following men will serve on the
reception committee: Wm. Dudley
Foulke, Stephen S. Stratton, Jr., John
F. McCarthy, Dr. Henry Davis, E. M.
Haas, Henry Mason, L. S. Bowman,
John L. Rupe. The above named will
meet the Taft train at Greenfield and
act as an escort to Richmond. The
balance of the reception committee is
as follows and will meet the train at
the depot: Richard Sedgwick, Dr. C.
S. Markley, Jno. F. Davenport, Net-
tleton Neff, Sharon E. Jones.

There are about 50 vice presidents
who will take part in the reception
given Judge Taft and occupy seats on
the platform with the candidate:
Frank O. Chambers, Benj. F. Mattis,
Cash Alexander, John F. Haner, Chas.
I. White, G. F. Pfafflin, J. T. Hill, C.
G. Weist, G. F. Falck, A. F. Guy, Rev.
Noah Williams, Godfrey Williams,
Frank Medearis, Wm. J. Brannon, D.
W. Dennis, Rev. S. R. Lyons, Isaac
Jenkins, Adam H. Bartel, William
E. Russell, John Deitz, William White-
acre, Mark Shessler, Oscar Tauer, Jr.,
C. L. Sackman, Harry Goodwin, Rus-
sell Stratton, O. P. Norman, Harry
Highley, James Braxton, John Otter,
Frank Goddard, William Hartzler,
Fred Hethrunk, William J. Shearon,
George Matthews, James Kessler,
Lawrence White, William H. Plum-
mer, Oscar Medearis, Alva Crampton,
William Holloper, William E. Pic-
kett, Henry Engelbert.

Stands on Record.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 23.—Taft stood
on his record as a judge in talking to
miners of southern Indiana, and said
that if he had not issued injunctions
against lawless laborers he would not
now be fit to ask the votes of law abid-
ing workmen.

Most of Taft's sixteen speeches of

CONGRESSMAN SERVES
BOTH PARTIES WELL.



CONG. N. D. SPERRY.

The nestor of the House of Repre-
sentatives is Congressman Nehemiah
Day Sperry, of Connecticut, who will
be very near his eighty-fourth birth-
day when the Sixtieth Congress ex-
pires next Spring. Rep. Sperry has
served in six Congresses with distinc-
tion and has been a lifelong Republi-
can, although he is broad and non-
partisan in his views of what is right
and what is wrong, and would as
quickly approve a Republican as a
Democrat when he thinks either one
is in error. He was born on July 18,
1827 in New Haven, Conn.

RICHMOND AS A CITY HAS BEEN REGENERATED

Spirit of Optimism as to City's
Future Sounded at Banquet
Of Young Men's Business
Club.

FALL FESTIVAL SHOWN TO
HAVE WORKED WONDERS

Great Amount of Trade Has
Been Attracted and the
City Otherwise Benefited,
It Is Shown.

"Now whenever you want to go out
in the country and climb a tree that
has been struck by lightning, come to
my place," was one of the terse re-
marks of Stephen Kuth at the banquet
to the Young Men's Business club and
fall festival associates at the Masonic
Temple last evening. About 300 men
were guests of the club's president,
Rudolph G. Leeds. Mr. Kuth referred
himself as the tree that had been ben-
efited by the lightning of the recent
fall festival. He said that since the
second week of October he and neigh-
boring farmers do not say they reside
ten miles west of Eaton, Ohio, but
now claim to live in a suburb five
miles east of Richmond, Indiana.

The banquet and smoker was the
most successful event of the kind that
has been held in this city for a num-
ber of years. There was the prevail-
ing of contagious joy that was to be
felt during the three hours the guests
were at the banquet hall. There was
no place for the pessimist and the
nastiest mood could be found although
the toastmaster instituted a search that
extended from the kitchen to the base-
ment. Richmond was painted as the
queen of all cities of this section of
the country. Men expressed pride in
the fact they are called citizens and
the sentiment was preeminent that
nothing is too good for Richmond and
that she now is entering upon a period
of regeneration.

The banquet hall had been decorat-
ed in an artistic manner. Fall festival
streamers of yellow and white were
suspended from the huge chandelier
to all corners of the room. American
flags were draped at the windows.
The orchestra was concealed in a
bower formed by potted palms, festi-
val streamers and the national bunt-
ing. The center of the bower was ad-
orned by a festival poster. The tables
were beautified by bouquets and table
pieces of cut flowers of many varieties.
Half pumpkins were converted into
receptacles for fruit and into them
were heaped oranges, bananas,
pears, apples, plums and grapes. The
menu was abundant and satisfying.

It was while the Havana laden air
was filled with remarks of satisfaction
at the repeat just partaken of, that P.
J. Freeman, vice president of the club,
and chairman of the occasion,

Continued on Page Five

TAFT WILL CARRY INDIANA BY A 60,000 MAJORITY

Wayne and Fayette Among the
Counties From Which Is
Heard Favorable News to
Republicans.

GRAND FINISH TO
OCCUR NEXT WEEK.

Special Trains Galore Will Be
Run by the Two Big Poli-
tical Parties to All Parts of
State.

(Special to Palladium.)
Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 23.—George
T. Dinwiddie, vice chairman of the Re-
publican state committee, said today
that conditions have so greatly im-
proved in the last two weeks that he
predicted that Taft will carry the state
by from 60,000 to 75,000, and that
James E. Watson will be elected gov-
ernor by a large plurality also.

"I did not think so ten days ago," he
said, "but reports are coming in that
change the appearance of things to a
wonderful extent. Why, every county
that we hear from brings in the same
report. County chairmen come in now
and tell us that their counties are
showing up as well as ever and that
means that we will have about the
same plurality that we have always
had."

Dinwiddie is at the state headquar-
ters all the time and meets every man
that comes in. In fact, he is the glad
hand artist of the state committee. It
is his business to meet every caller and
see to it that their business is taken
care of. He talks with everyone, and
it is on his talks with the people that
come in that he bases his prediction
for such a splendid Republican victory.
"I talk with forty or fifty men each
day here in the headquarters," he said,
"and in that way I am able to get a
good line on what is going on. It is
surprising that the gains should be as
great as they are."

Cannot Lose.
What Dinwiddie said was corroborated
by Carl Riddick, secretary of the
committee. "We cannot lose Indiana,"
said Riddick. "Things were slow in
getting started, but the conditions now
are all that we could ask. Take the
counties in the Sixth district, for in-
stance. Reports show that in Fayette
county and Wayne county, especially,
show that everything is in fine shape
and getting better all the time."

James P. Goodrich, state chairman,
came to town yesterday and he added
his cheerful prediction to those of Riddick
and Dinwiddie. He will remain here
until the end of the campaign and
keep at the helm of the state commit-
tee.

Several of the Republican county
chairmen have been in the city in the
last day or two to receive instructions
from the state committee and to make
reports of the progress of the cam-
paign. In nearly every case they tell
of Democrats who are coming out for
Taft and Watson. They tell of temper-
ance Democrats who assure them that
they will vote against the brewery
ticket of the Democratic party, and the
number of such Democrats is very grati-
fying to the Republican managers.

Great Whirlwind Finish.
The next week will see one of the
greatest whirlwind finishes ever made
to a campaign in this state. Special
trains will whirl across the state, back
and forth and up and down and they
will be so thick that they will have
difficulty to keep out of the way of each
other. Of course, the big event in the
special train line is the tour that Taft
is making this week, but there will be
special trains galore next week. Sena-
tor Beveridge starts from Chicago
Monday morning on a five days' speak-
ing trip over the state. The first day
will be spent in northern Indiana, clos-
ing with a big night meeting at Fort
Wayne. On the second day he will go
through the central part of the state,
closing with a night meeting at Rich-
mond. He is scheduled to arrive in
Richmond at 7:25 that evening from
Newcastle, where he will stop at 6:30
for twenty minutes. The third day
will include a trip all the way from
Richmond to Evansville, with seven
speeches on the way. On the fourth
day he will come north on the west
side of the state and cross over to the
east, closing with a night rally at An-
derson. The last day will be devoted to
a tour of the northern counties, the
trip ending at Laporte, Friday night.

Senator Beveridge is sent out by the
Republican national committee, which
will foot all the bills for the train, the
state committee being relieved of this
burden.

James E. Watson will have a special
train for two days. He will leave In-
dianapolis on Friday morning and go
into the southern and southwestern
part of the State. He will make about
thirty speeches, with a night meeting
at Evansville, Friday evening and clos-
ing the campaign in this city with a
great rally on Saturday night.

The Democrats have planned to run

Continued on Page Five

MERCHANTS BUY CONTINGENT UPON TAFT'S ELECTION

If Bryan Is Elected, Many
Richmond Dealers Will Either
Cancel or File Smaller
Orders.

IS A PLAIN BUSINESS
MATTER WITH THEM.

Number of Local Manufactur-
ing Concerns in the City Re-
ceive Orders Under the
Same Conditions.

By Harper.

Business men of this city are mak-
ing no bones of the fact they are buy-
ing their wares at present with a pro-
viso clause in the bill of sale. The
little word "if" occupies the most
prominent place in these transactions.
Local merchants are placing orders
for certain amounts of goods in event
of the election of Taft, but the proviso
makes cancellation of the order in its
entirety or partially if Bryan is elect-
ed. One of the largest mercantile
houses in Richmond has placed an or-
der with an eastern supply house. But
this order, which is for \$800
worth of stock, provides that if Bryan
is elected the amount shall be only
\$400.

"You may talk to me about coercion
or whatever else you want to call
it," said the merchant, "I'm not buy-
ing this way with that point in mind,
however. It is business with me and
I believe I know my own business bet-
ter than anyone else. I feel absolute-
ly certain that Taft's election means
the restoration of confidence in this
country and the demand of the public
for my line of goods will increase. I
believe on the other hand that if Bry-
an is elected, this demand will fall off.
I don't run my business as a political
pendulum, but I do run it for what I
can get out of it, and that's the way I
feel upon this election proposition."

The large manufacturing concerns
of this city are confronting a perplex-
ing situation. There is hardly a one
of them that has not received orders
conditional upon the election. Right
after the nomination a story was
printed in these columns about an Ar-
kansas resident, who wrote to Gaar,
Scott & Co., placing an order for a
saw mill. If Taft is elected the outfit
is to be shipped, but if Bryan comes
into the favor of the people, the order
is to be canceled in every particular.

Conditions similar to those prevail-
ing in this city are being reported
from all other sections of the coun-
try. The Cincinnati Enquirer, nomi-
nally a Democratic newspaper stated
editorially yesterday that the business
men of the entire country are refusing
to place confidence in Bryan and this
fact has become a campaign issue.
Such an admission on the part of the
Enquirer is worthy of notice. It is in-
dicative of actual conditions.

While the opponents of James E.
Watson have entered into a mad
throwing contest in this campaign, the
Republican nominee is gaining friends
daily by refusing to delve into the
slime and hurl it at his opponent. The
Republican leaders of this state are
supplied with a great amount of per-
sonal matter in regard to Thomas
Marshall, that is not being made use
of. There is a story in regard to
Marshall's actions at Shelbyville some
time ago, when he was counsel for a
man named Ray, who was on trial for
larceny, which was printed in the
Shelbyville Democrat of April 2, that
would make interesting reading used
as a campaign issue.

Betting boards are run in the open
at New Castle. A. H. Wardman, In-
dianapolis saloonist, went to New
Castle and posted a bet of \$400 on
Marshall. It was snapped up as soon
as the bank was opened. Every Mar-
shall bet has been taken, but some
of those favoring Watson remain un-
covered.

"Was talking to two men today,
who have been strong against Watson,
and they said they are going to vote
for him," was the statement of a re-
publican public officer holder today.
He added: "They are coming in like
sheep to their salt."

"Where there is so much smoke
there must be some fire," is a good
adage to apply to the assertions the
saloon men are boosting the demo-
cratic party this year to the full extent
of their ability. If there is any doubt

(Continued on Page Three.)

PITTSBURG DETECTIVES FIGHT DUEL IN DARK

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—Mistaking
each other for highwaymen, Detective
Clyde Edinberg and Special Officer
James Farrell fought a pistol duel in a
dark section of the city at 1 o'clock
this morning, Farrell receiving two
bullets in his body, causing instant

ATTORNEY MAY BE
DECLARED IN CONTEMPT



ATTORNEY GARDINER.

Asa Bird Gardiner is the attorney
who may be declared in contempt for
failure to produce Harry K. Thaw in
court at Pittsburgh.

FIRE LOSSES ARE REPORTED FROM ALL OVER COUNTY

Greatest Damage Has Been
Done Near Economy Where
The Losses Will Aggregate
About \$4,000.

FARMERS CONSTANTLY ON
ALERT TO CHECK FIRE.

Webster and New Paris, O.,
Have Been Threatened Dur-
ing the Past Week—Rail-
roads Held Responsible.

Farmers in every section of the coun-
ty are employing the greatest vigi-
lance, both day and night, to promptly
stamp out any blaze that may start in
woods or in corn and clover fields. In-
habitants of the rural districts realize
that should such a blaze once get a
good start it would sweep everything
before it, houses, barns, live stock, ma-
chinery and crops would be destroyed.
The threat of the fire demon mocks the
farmer by day and haunts him by
night. Like his pioneer ancestor who
constantly was armed to protect him-
self and family from an Indian attack,
the Wayne county farmer today, figu-
ratively speaking, rests on his arms to
repel the attack of the fire demon.

The fire demon is aided and abetted
by the railroad locomotive. Its sparks
have nearly every day the past three
weeks started a blaze in a forest tract,
in a grass plot or in some field. When
the vigilant farmer has noticed the ap-
proach of the enemy he has sounded
the alarm and with quickness and dis-
patch his neighbors, men, women and
children, have responded to the call,
beating out the fire with clubs.

Two towns in this section of the
country have been threatened with de-
struction by field or forest fires. These
towns are Webster and New Paris, O.
Several days ago an engine spark
ignited the W. P. Mills field on the out-
skirts of New Paris and a strong wind
fanned the blaze in the direction of the
town. Citizens realizing the danger
turned out and battled with the fire
until it was extinguished. The first
of this week a blaze started in a strip
of woods on the John Crowe farm, east
of Webster. Webster people were not-
ified and a strong gang of volunteer
fire fighters turned out and successfully
conquered the blaze. Had there been
a delay of an hour Webster would have
gone up in smoke. New Paris reports
two other fires of recent date, one on
the Pence farm and one on the Danily
farm. Both fires did considerable
damage.

Fires in Perry Township.
Economy has been the center of the
worst fire belt in the county. In the

(Continued on Page Three.)

ACTION OF CIVIC LEAGUE IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Generally Said That Injus-
tice Has Been Done to
Candidates of Both Political
Parties.

ALL MEN CONDEMNED
HAVE CLEAN RECORDS.

League Refuses to State on
What Grounds Candidates
Are Condemned, Which Is
Not Understood.

SURPRISE EVERYWHERE.

GENERALLY CONSIDERED BY RE-
PUBLICAN LEADERS THAT IT
WILL MAKE MEN VOTES IN-
STEAD OF ACTING ADVERSELY.

LADD EXPLAINS HIS STAND.

In Reply to the League He States
That He Will Stand for Law En-
forcement—Beeson Does Not Com-
prehend Stand of League.

"Don't let it worry you. It will make
more votes for you than it will lose
for you."

This is what local Republican lead-
ers told Charles L. Ladd, candidate for
prosecutor; Robert N. Beeson, candi-
date for commissioner from the west-
ern district, and Homer Farlow, candi-
date for commissioner from the eastern
district, regarding the action taken by
the Wayne County Civic League in ad-
vising the voters of this county not to
vote for the above named.

The advice offered by the Republican
leaders was unnecessary for none of
the "blacklisted" Republican candi-
dates appeared to be greatly worried.
One of the Republican leaders said to-
day: "All of them are honest, upright
men who have always borne good char-
acters in the community and they feel
that inasmuch as the action of the
league in regard to themselves was un-
just and unequal for they have no
apologies to offer."

One of the Republican candidates
whose candidacy was endorsed by the
league, remarked to Mr. Beeson this
noon, "as far as I am concerned I
would rather have the endorsement of
the league than have it."

The Civic League in "blacklisting"
three Republican and three Democratic
candidates advances no reasons for so
doing. Yesterday a Palladium repre-
sentative asked the Rev. W. N. Nel-
son, secretary of the Civic League, to
state the grounds on which it advised
the citizens not to vote for Messrs.
Ladd, Beeson and Farlow, the Republi-
can candidates, and Messrs. Druley,
Cook and Stevens, the Democratic
candidates. Mr. Nelson failed to answer
the question.

"Does the Civic League expect that
the voters of Wayne county will con-
demn a man at the polls on the advice
of the league, when that organization
advances no reasons why the voter
should take such action?" asked one
of the "endorsed" candidates on the
Democratic county ticket this morning.

All Have Clean Records.

Robert N. Beeson, candidate for com-
missioner, is one of the best known and
most highly respected men in the
county. "I see know reason why the
Civic League should advise people not
to vote for me," he said this morning.
"My record is good and I have always
tried to be a good, honest citizen. The
questions asked me by the league I an-
swered, I thought in a way that would
be satisfactory to the league officers. I
told them that I would oppose issuing
a liquor license to a man who, it was
reasonably proven, was immoral and
that I would oppose the issuance of a
liquor license to a man who was known
to be a law violator. I don't see what
more they could expect me to say or do."

Homer Farlow, candidate for com-
missioner, is another man whose char-
acter is beyond reproach and who has
a host of friends throughout the
county. "I was never so surprised in
my life as when I read in the papers
last evening that the Civic League did
not think I was a fit man to hold office.
I have always tried to be a good citizen
and do what I thought was right. In
replying to the questions asked me
by the league I said that I would not
favor issuing a license to a man known
as a lawbreaker or a man known to be
immoral," he said.

"I am a young man and I have al-
ways worked hard for what I got. I
have lived cleanly and honestly and I
think the action of the Civic League
against me was uncalled for and un-
just," remarked Charles Ladd this
morning. He then showed a copy of

(Continued on Page Seven.)