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## GREAT APPLAUSE WHEN WATSON'S NAME IS SPOKEN

Republican Meeting of Last  
Night Addressed by John L.  
Griffiths the Greatest of the  
Campaign.

## JUDGE THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN BY HISTORY.

Speaker Says Republican Party  
Represents the Awakened  
Conscience of the United  
States.

## DO YOU ACCEPT BRYAN?

SPEAKER PUTS QUESTION TO  
AUDIENCE AND LOUD CRIES OF  
"NO" AND "NEVER" RANG  
THROUGH COLISEUM.

## TAFT FITTED FOR OFFICE.

We Will Act as the Pilot Which  
The Nation Now Needs, as He  
Belongs to the Race of Nation  
Builders.

Enthusiasm remarkable for its  
spontaneity, shouting, cheering and  
singing marked the largest political  
meeting of the campaign, which was  
held at the coliseum last evening.  
John L. Griffiths, United States consul  
to Liverpool, was the speaker.  
The crowd was so large that all seating  
accommodations were exhausted  
and men and women stood for the two  
hours without leaving the hall, so  
anxious were they to hear the words  
of the able orator addressing them.  
Such scenes as never before depicted  
in the coliseum were presented. Old  
gray haired men stood upon their  
chairs and swung their hats and over-  
coats into the air. The very mention  
of the name of James E. Watson  
brought forth tremendous ovations  
and thunderous applause.

Glory, glory hallelujah,  
Glory, glory hallelujah,  
When Taft is president."

A glee club composed of local busi-  
ness men led in the singing and the  
crowd joined in the chorus. The high  
soprano and the beautiful alto of the  
women singers blended in the deep  
bass or the husky tremolo of the men,  
many of whom had lost the best years  
of their life in the services of their  
country. The words and the tune re-  
vived their courage, recalled to them  
the days of their vigorous youth when  
they marched through the Southland  
in defense of their belief in the Union  
of the states and the federation of  
Americans.

The Wayne county drum and bugle  
corps was rendered an ovation when  
it appeared on the platform and gave  
the customary calls. The first out-  
burst of enthusiasm that indicated  
what might be expected to follow  
greeted the "spirit of 1776 group,"  
when it appeared. The shrill fife and  
the roll of the drums thrilled all who  
heard it and the very rafters shook  
with cheers following the imitation of  
the trip of the Taft excursion train to  
Washington.

Strattan Presides.

S. S. Strattan, Jr., acting as chair-  
man, announced the Beveridge and  
Barnard meeting of next Tuesday ev-  
ening and that of Watson on Wednes-  
day evening. He announced, also,  
that a glee club of Richmond business  
men would sing a song entitled  
"Taft," which was written by a local  
man, whose name is not known. The  
members of the Glee club are Dr.  
A. M. Price, Alton Hale, Roy Lacey,  
Isaac Wilson, Oliver Nusbaum, Ruth-  
erford Jones, W. B. Garver, Harry  
Stillinger and Fillmore Riggs. The  
verses were sung by Mr. Lacey as a  
solo, the club and audience joining in  
the chorus. It was a rousing, good old  
fashioned song that put the real cam-  
paign spirit in all who heard it.

In introducing Mr. Griffiths to the  
audience, Mr. Strattan said it was  
a duty entirely prefatory in its char-  
acter. He said Indiana has many  
favorite sons but none held in higher  
esteem than Mr. Griffiths "who comes  
back to us after an absence of several  
years with an international reputa-  
tion as an orator."

"I cannot express in words the  
pleasure I feel in addressing a Rich-  
mond audience once again," Mr. Griff-  
iths said. "I have experienced for  
years a feeling of loyalty for the peo-  
ple of Richmond and I look into the  
faces of old friends and feel that the  
early friendships are always those  
that are remembered longest and cher-  
ished the highest. We always love  
the best those with whom we are the  
most familiar."

Judge Party by History.  
"I want to talk to you tonight with-  
out heat, passion or arrogance. I be-

## THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND LABOR LEGISLATION

What has each of the parties done for the laboring man? This hall was filled when Mr. Gompers spoke. His speech was a denunciation of Taft, Sherman, Cannon and Watson. What has the democratic party really done for the working man, outside of the plank in which it now expresses such great solicitude for his condition? I do not question Mr. Gompers' sincerity but the correctness of his viewpoint. The republican party has always been solicitous of the workingman's demands and all the federal legislation affecting labor was put on the statute books by republican congresses.

The republican party created the department of commerce and labor. The republican congress just closed re-enacted the law passed by the fifty-ninth congress to conform to the opinion of the supreme court, making common carriers liable for accidents to their employees engaged in interstate commerce. It has enacted a law for the further protection of the life of railroad employees in their hazardous employment. It has provided compensation for laborers and mechanics who may be injured in the service of the government, and making provision for their families in event of their being killed in the course of their employment. It has enacted a model child-labor law for the District of Columbia. It has directed a thorough investigation into the working conditions of the employees of the telegraph and telephone companies doing interstate business; and in response to an urgent appeal from both labor and capital, congress before its adjournment, appropriated \$150,000 for an investigation into the cause of mine accidents, with a view to promoting the safety of workers in our mines, this latter appropriation having been pushed to adoption by your own junior senator from Indiana, James A. Hemenway.

The republican congress has specified that eight hours shall be a work day on all government work. It has passed a law restricting contract labor.

It has enacted more stringent laws affecting Asiatic exclusion, to help the workingman of the western coast who would come into competition with lower priced labor from abroad.

Compare what has been done in the states of the Union for the interests of laboring men and organized labor:

There are 33 states having labor bureaus; 26 are republican and 7 are democratic.

There are 22 states having boards of arbitration and conciliation; 18 are republican and 4 are democratic.

There are 18 states making an 8-hour day compulsory on public works; 16 are republican and 2 are democratic.

There are 27 states that have abolished child labor under 14 years; 23 are republican and 4 are democratic.

There are 21 states that limit the hours of labor for women; 16 are republican and 5 are democratic.

There are 12 states that regulate sweatshops; 10 are republican and 2 are democratic.

There are 22 states requiring wages to be paid weekly, fortnightly or monthly; 17 are republican and 5 are democratic.

There are 15 states protecting members of labor organizations; 14 are republican and 1 is democratic.

There are 29 states having factory inspection bureaus; 23 are republican and 6 are democratic.

In the light of this record will any laboring man permit Mr. Gompers to deliver his vote to a party that is the laboring man's friend in words only, and not in deeds?

## PLEDGES HIMSELF NOT TO VOTE TO REPEAL OPTION LAW

## HEARST CLAIMS STANDARD RULES ALL ELECTIONS

This Is Why Walter Ratliff Was  
Endorsed by Civic League  
For State Legislature, It Is  
Disclosed.

MALICIOUS PURPOSE IN  
LETTERS SENT OUT.

Ratliff Brands Part of Writing  
On Cards as Forgery—  
Swain Incident Clearly Ex-  
plained.

For Past Twenty Years Octo-  
pus Has Supported Presi-  
dential Candidates of Both  
Parties.

OTHER LETTERS ARE  
MADE PUBLIC BY HIM.

Written by Archbold to Gov-  
ernor Stone Making Recom-  
mendations — Elkins Gets  
Check of \$5,000.

Walter S. Ratliff over his own signature, has pledged himself if elected as representative to the state legislature from Wayne county not to vote to repeal the county local option law nor any other temperance laws now in force. This is the reason he has secured the endorsement of the Wayne County Civic League. The republican candidate has pledged himself in writing and binds himself fast to his promise.

He says: "I voted for the county local option bill at the special session of the legislature and I did this because I was satisfied that the majority of the people of this county were in favor of the bill. I have not changed my mind since and shall not. I will not, if elected, vote for any measure to repeal this law, nor any other of the temperance laws now in force."

Cards Are Forgeries.

In regard to the printed matter dis-  
tributed by the democrats and brew-  
ery interests purporting to show  
there was collusion between Ratliff  
and the brewery interests, Mr. Ratliff  
has declared part of the writing al-  
leged in the photographic facsimile  
to have been his forged. The  
card as it appears in the reading mat-  
ter, circulated as a circular letter, reads:

"Floyd Woods,  
Room 27, Denison hotel.  
Do business with Swain.  
W. S. Ratliff."

Over his signature Mr. Ratliff states: "The card in the circular referred to and distributed from Chicago, is a card I sent to the state board of agriculture in respect to a position which I had recommended Mr. Swain for. The upper part of the card referring to room 27 Denison hotel and the name of Floyd Woods, is not my handwriting and has been written on this card after it left my hands and evidently for the purpose of injuring me. I never saw Floyd Woods to know him and never had anything to do with him directly or indirectly and all the insinuations in his circular are false and malicious."

Mr. Ratliff explains he had recom-  
mended Frank Swain, of this city, a  
door keeper in the house, to the state

INDIANA AND OHIO—Possibly show-  
ers and cooler, Sunday.

## LITTLE WONDER SALOONISTS ARE FOR MARSHALL

Immense Amount of Business  
Done in Wayne County  
Each Year and Personal  
Property Is Small.

## POLITICS DISCUSSED IN SALOONS LAST NIGHT.

Opposition to Watson Ex-  
pressed on All Sides—Ex-  
pressions Heard on Taft's  
Speech Yesterday.

By Harper.

There are sixty-two saloons in Wayne county. If each saloon takes in \$15 per day and this is not a large sum to be handled over the bar in exchange for drinks of all sorts, it means \$930 per day spent in Wayne county at the saloons. This means that in the 300 days allowed the saloons by law to operate, a total of \$279,000 is the business transacted by the saloons in this county in one year. And in exchange for this vast amount of business the personal property represented in these same saloons is listed for taxation at between \$16,000 and \$17,000 and a total of about \$400 is paid in personal tax.

Little room for wonder that the saloon owners are supporting the democratic ticket this campaign, when all the brewery owners are urging them to do so. Of course the \$279,000 is not all profit but a sufficiently large portion of it is to lead the men engaged in the particular business to exert every effort for the democratic candidates. And the saloon men are just as aggressive now as they were a week ago. Last night every saloon in Richmond was crowded and practically the entire conversation hinged on politics. The saloon owners themselves were busy at many of the up town places and all were urging support of Thomas Marshall, the democratic nominee. These were some of the expressions heard in these places that reflected the sentiment: "Come on up here all you fellows. Drink on me and vote for Marshall."

"If Jim Watson is elected you won't get to do this very long."

One fellow was heard to say: "Old Wayne'll go dry boys, if Watson wins, damn him, so let's drink now and vote for Marshall."

In one saloon about half a square north of Main street, this expression was made by one man who works in a local factory: "Fellers we won't have long to do this, so let's do all we can now."

"Who's going to stop us?" questioned his drinking companion.

"Why my old woman says they're goin' ter elect Watson and put the saloons out," was the answer.

At the corner of Eighth and Main streets yesterday was heard the following conversation between three rural residents of Wayne county:

First Speaker—Well, fellows, how are things moving out your way?

Second Speaker—Well, we're all for Watson, now.

Third Speaker—What you for Watson? Don't you remember our agreement of last June, when we decided all three of us would bolt the republican ticket for Marshall? Are you going to throw us down?

First Speaker—Bill, I thought you were on the square then and why did you change?

And then followed a conference of five minutes in subdued tones. Before departing the three men shook hands and the first speaker remarked: "Well, it's agreed now that all of us old republicans couldn't stay democratic any longer and are going to vote for Watson. Now you go up Eighth street and Frank and I will go west. Every one of the boys we meet we are

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## The Famous W. H. Taft Smile That Won the Quaker City.



Smile and the world smiles with you—

Frown and you're lonesome and you lose votes.

For the benefit of those who were unable to get a close range view of the now famous Taft smile, the above cut is reproduced. A man in the big crowd yesterday remarked, after the next president had beamed upon him, that he felt like buying his wife a silk dress; giving little Johnny a quarter to buy candy and staying home every night next week. It has been truly said that Taft's smile rests on one like a benediction.

## TRIUMPHANT TOUR OF TAFT IN STATE COMES TO AN END

### Republican Candidate Greeted By Thousands of People Saturday in all Parts of Indiana.

### ROWDIES AT DECATUR MAR MEETING THERE

### CORN IS THROWN AT CANDIDATE —Indiana Stands by Repub- lican Policies and Principles Says Taft.

Gary, Ind., Oct. 24.—This was closing day of Wm. H. Taft's three day tour of Indiana and the Republican candidate devoted considerable time to contrasting the positions of the farmers under McKinley and Roosevelt administrations, with hard times suffered throughout the country under Cleveland.

The only disagreeable incident of the trip was the action of several rowdies at Decatur, who bombarded Mr. Taft with shelled corn. However, most of the corn landed on Senator Hemenway. Decatur is a Democratic stronghold. The act was regarded merely the work of hoodlums and no one on the train put responsibility on the democrats as a party.

Mr. Taft's itinerary today called for stops and speeches at Greenfield, Winchester, Portland, Decatur, Ft. Wayne, Columbia City, Warsaw, Goshen, Elkhart, South Bend, LaPorte, Michigan City and Gary. Crowds except early in the morning were large.

#### Taft's Impressions.

After practically completing the tour, during which he spoke at more than forty towns and cities, Mr. Taft gave out an interview setting forth his impressions of the trip. It follows: "The fact that tens of thousands of people stood for hours in rain night in hope of getting a close range view of the candidate of the Republican party, is proof positive of interest so absorbing in the success of the Republican party that success may be deemed assured. In size, temper and enthusiasm, the crowds which have greeted us on our gridiron tour of state, from Lawrenceburg throughout the rest of the itinerary, is convincing that Indiana is ready to vote and ready to vote right, and that a majority in this state will be one to convince all of the fact, that Indiana stands by Republican policies and principles."

"In Montenegro the men resemble walking arsenals. They positively refuse to work except as sheep herders. All the other work is done by the women. About all a male Montenegrin can do is to tend sheep and fight. They prefer fighting. The entire country is mountainous and there is never any danger of it being conquered because Prince Nicholas and his fifty thousand fighting men, who are always ready to take the field in a minute's notice, could repel the attack of an invader." Mr. McNutt said.

He stated that he received his decoration from Prince Nicholas of Montenegro for services rendered. Mr. McNutt was one of the chamberlains to the Prince.

The crowds which greeted Judge Taft on this, the last day of his tour were up to the standard of the other two days.

Rhode Shiel, the election bet plunger, of Indianapolis, was aboard the train today. He believes Watson will win.

One of the best demonstrations was at Winchester, the home of State Chairman Goodrich and former home of Congressman Watson.

#### 30 Minutes at Ft. Wayne.

A crowd of perhaps 6,000 had gathered at Holman and Clinton streets when the Taft party arrived at Fort Wayne, and there was an impressive salutation when the auto bearing Mr. Taft and others pulled up to the platform. Charles W. Miller was standing on the platform, and greeted Mr. Taft with a wave of the hand. The presidential candidate spoke thirty minutes, dwelling mostly on the labor question and referring to his attitude on injunctions, which he has discussed many times on this trip.

The only thing that marred the Ft. Wayne meeting was a remark by a small boy. This lad had climbed high up on a carriage, which was sandwiched in the crowd. He waited until Mr. Taft paused in his speech for emphasis and then shouted as loudly as he could, "You look like a 2-cent piece."

He had no sooner said it than he was sprawling on the pavement. A back-handed blow from the owner and driver of the carriage had done the work.

The enthusiasm shown at Ft. Wayne was pleasing to Republican leaders, particularly because Ft. Wayne is the home of "Steve" Fleming, brewery candidate for the Senate. The windows of the G. R. & L. Railway Company's building and of the building of the Incandescent Lamp Manufacturing Company, both just across the street from the speakers' platform were filled with men and women. Work had been abandoned in favor of the honored guest.

Judge Taft is in good condition and shows little of the effect of his galling campaign.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

You are cordially invited to be the guest of the Palladium, Tuesday, November Third, Nineteen Hundred and Eight. Come to the Coliseum and hear the election returns. Three complete services direct will insure all the returns first—Hearst News Service, Western Union Bulletin, and Bell Telephone Bulletin. Come and be the guest of the Palladium.

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