

CIVIC LEAGUE OFFICERS STILL DECLINE TO TALK

No Statement Made as to Why
The Organization Black-listed Candidates of Both
Parties.

RATLIFF IS ALL O. K.
NOW SAYS BALLENGER.

All Other Acts Can Be Over-
looked Because He Voted
For County Option, Secre-
tary Claims.

"I do not feel that I have any authority to offer an explanation why the Wayne County Civic League did not recommend to the voters of this county the election of Messrs. Ladd, Beeson and Farlow on the Republican county ticket, and Messrs. Druley, Cook and Stevens on the Democratic county ticket; neither do I feel that I have the authority to state why the league failed to advance any arguments to the voters, why they should not vote for the candidates I have mentioned. There are still ten days remaining of the campaign, and there is time for the league to make public explanation why it does not think the six candidates in question are qualified to hold office, and it is quite probable that the league will take such action."

The above statement was made yesterday by George Ballenger, secretary of the Wayne County Civic League. He was interviewed on the suggestion of the Rev. R. J. Wade, that he was the proper officer of the league to explain the action taken by that organization.

The Rev. Wade has stated to the Palladium that in his opinion, the league made a mistake in recommending to the voters that they not support the six "black-listed" candidates, and giving the voters no reasons why they should not support them.

The Rev. Wade stated that he thought the league in the statement it made to the public should have told why the voters should support the candidates endorsed by the organization.

Difficult to Explain.

After making this statement, Mr. Wade remarked that probably one of the reasons why the league offered no explanation for "black-listing" six candidates, or for endorsing the others was because Walter S. Ratliff was one of the candidates approved by the organization. "It would probably be rather difficult for the league to advance any reasons why the voters should support Mr. Ratliff," dryly remarked Mr. Wade.

Mr. Ballenger spoke in defense of Mr. Ratliff. He said it was true that Mr. Ratliff's record in the legislature had not been the best, but that during the special session last month he had voted "right" on the county local option bill, and that the "good citizens" of Wayne county should support him for re-election for that reason. Mr. Ballenger stated that the support of the Civic League was given as an encouragement to Mr. Ratliff in his re-solve to "turn over a new leaf."

Ministers Should Keep Out.
The membership of the Wayne County Civic League is composed principally of local ministers. Zest to the excitement raised by the league by his sensational debut into local politics has been added by the statement made by the Rev. Robert H. Dunaway, that he thinks ministers should quite meddle so much in politics.

"Sunday my sermon will be on that subject," stated Mr. Dunaway, who is pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, North Nineteenth street. Mr. Dunaway stated that he thought ministers if they wanted to mix up with politics should resign from the ministry. "Ministers who continually dabble in politics and other matters that do not concern them unfit themselves for the ministry," asserts Mr. Dunaway, who states that he declined to serve on the board of directors of the Wayne County Civic League.

**PLEDES HIMSELF
NOT TO VOTE TO
REPEAL OPTION LAW**
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board of agriculture for a position in connection with some cement work to be done on the new auditorium. Swain affirms Ratliff's statement. Both say all that Ratliff wrote on the card was the lower portion and this was for Swain's use with the board. Swain did not secure the position, because of his lack of knowledge of cement work. It is explained that the card was discarded and evidently found by someone who used it for a malicious purpose.

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FIGURE IN MORSE TRIAL



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lieve the great body of democrats is as anxious for the welfare of the country as the republicans. But the only way to judge the honesty, courage and capacity of a party is by its history. The republican party represents the awakened conscience of the nation. Again it presents its plea to the people of the country believing it has met the issues and protected all the rights of all the people.

"A choice must be made between this party and a reckless critic suggesting remedies more injurious than the ills it is attempted to cure. The Democratic party presents a new Bryan, do you accept him? (cries no and never). The only man to whom he is comparable is that great Biblical character, but it will be remembered it took a miracle to chance Saul, and the change of nature was accompanied by a change of name. Mr. Bryan does not abandon his purposes or issues except for the purpose of campaign argument. He is silent about some things, but says this silence as exhibited by the Denver platform is a guarantee that if elected he will be good and not attempt to put his theories into practice.

Bryan Dangerous.

Has it ever occurred to you before that it would be necessary to put a president under bonds to keep the peace? If now he is a new Bryan, he can not be eligible to the presidency, as he is only three months old. If he is sincere, he is a most dangerous force in politics, and if not sincere he must be treated with charity. I believe Mr. Bryan constitutes a real menace to the presidency, when at this time the nation stands at a place where something must be done. We need a man possessing all the qualities that human ingenuity may suggest. To the business men and the working men—do you believe Mr. Bryan with all his views about free silver would be a capable man to entrust with the management of the finances of this government?"

Mr. Griffiths discussed the two tariff programs, the one of revision and the other of reduction to a free trade level. He said that the Republican party stood committed to a lowering of the tariff, never forgetting to preserve the principle of protection for American business and American labor. The sincerity of this utterance has been questioned by some Democratic speakers, but Mr. Griffiths said that the best answer was simply the statement that American consuls and diplomatic agents in Europe and elsewhere were already engaged in the work of finding out prices of various commodities exported to America, so that in event of the success of the Republican program there need be no delay in the scientific readjustment of the tariff so that American business will continue to receive a reasonable profit against its foreign competitors.

"Mr. Bryan affects to see a trick in the Republican tariff plank's declaration that the party stands 'unequivocally' for revision, said the speaker. Some of this criticism may be found in the Democratic party's gradually with which they have qualified the promised process of tariff reduction. Why delay the process, if we are to have reduction? Slow torture is always worse than immediate execution."

"The difference between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft is that one presents a prospectus and the other a record. It is a difference between utterances and practices. If Mr. Bryan withdrew his sole legacy would be rejected policies and repudiated issues. He now offers a mule—the Democratic mule, as the public to the precinct showing the largest gain in Democratic votes and has written a book that ought to be called The Last Ditch and his paper has been marked with a red mark.

Country Needs Pilot.

"But something more is needed. We require a pilot for the nation that is far-sighted and clear brained. Have we any cause to doubt Mr. Taft is that kind of a pilot? He belongs to a race of nation builders and nothing disturbs his equanimity which rests upon his broad faith and distinctive optimism. Look at his record in the Philippines. As a jurist he excelled and as a governor his achievements have become a matter of history. We point with pride to what he has done for this country in the Philippines, China, Japan and Panama. He is a passionate lover of his country and stands for the ideals of its people. No matter what their mistakes he embraces all their tempers and all their creeds. We believe he would give us an administration that would command the respect of all nations and unite a people by its strongest bonds."

"I have reversed the usual order of things tonight and talked about the candidates first, as I believe after hearing about the men you can not help but make your choice for the right. Some of the issues of the parties are as different as the lines of cleavage."

Labor Legislation.

Mr. Griffiths referred to the record of the Republican party in regard to labor legislation and set forth the table of statistics as printed elsewhere. He told just how many and what enactments had been made by the Republican party to benefit the laboring man. In regard to the campaign of Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Griffiths asked: "Will the laboring men allow themselves to be delivered as chattels for a sham? Mind you, Gompers doesn't tell what the Democratic party has done for the laboring man." The speaker pronounced the labor record of Taft as manly, open and frank, and said he believes in the right to strike when there is a proper cause, and in the maintenance of a strike fund. He was said to have rendered his decisions not because he was a Republican but as a judge acting upon the laws.

Party's Great Accomplishments.
The speaker's assertions, the Repub-

GREAT OVERDRAFT

**Further Light Shed on Finan-
cial Affairs of C. W.
Morse.**

SCHWAB ON THE STAND.

New York, Oct. 24.—Overdrafts by Charles W. Morse of \$210,681 in one day, were shown today in the trial of the former Ice Trust head and Alfred H. Curtiss in the federal court. Edward C. Moxey, accountant department justice was the witness exposing the new developments in Morse's financial system. During Moxey's testimony, Charles M. Schwab, who had been director of the concern, and Morgan J. O'Brien, Morse's counsel, waited their turn on the witness stand. Mr. Schwab when finally called, admitted during the time he was on the board of the bank, he only attended four or five meetings. When asked if he ever knew, prior to October 16, 1907, that Morse had overdrawn his account, strenuous objection was made by the attorneys for the defense and after a long fight was decided. Mr. Schwab must reappear on Monday.

BAILEY TO MEXICO

**Junior Senator of Texas Side-
steps Hearing of Pierce
Oil Case.**

DECLINES TO BE COUNSEL.

Galveston, Texas, Oct. 24.—Senator Bailey of Texas, who served as attorney for the Waters-Pierce Oil Company when it was re-admitted to operate in Texas, after having been ousted as a member of the oil trust, will not represent Clay Pierce when he is brought back to Texas to stand trial for false swearing in connection with the re-admission. It is reported that for good and sufficient reasons the senator has planned a hunting trip to Mexico in order to be out of the state when the head of the Waters-Pierce branch of the Standard Oil Company is on trial. Senator Bailey claims to have been planning for this big game hunt for two years and had completed his arrangements before the supreme court announced its decision, which forces Pierce to come to Texas. It is understood in state political circles that the junior senator has other reasons for declining to serve as counsel for Pierce.

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THIEVES RAID THE HOUSE.

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Thirty-six families, occupants of many flats in a four story apartment building, Chicago avenue, corner of Rush street, were thrown into a panic today by gas explosions that shattered the windows and threw the tenants out of bed. During the excitement thieves raided a half dozen flats. Explosions were preceded by fire, during which 9 year old Herbert Raney proved a hero. He detected the odor of smoke and awoke his parents. Then, dressed only in pajamas, he made his way from the top of the building down, knocking on every door and warning the occupants. In the crush on the stairways three young women fainted, but were rescued by firemen. Some tenants finding escape by stairway cut off by smoke leaped out of first and second floor windows, but none were seriously injured.

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**S. C. McFarland Shoots Him-
self While on Train in
Germany.**

BODY AT LUDWIGSLUST.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—Silas C. McFarland, of Iowa, consul-general at large for the European district, shot himself on a railroad train today coming from Hamburg to Berlin. He died almost immediately. His body was taken off the train at Ludwigsstadt.

Mr. McFarland's widow, who is at present in Berlin, has not yet been told of her husband's death.

Mr. McFarland left the continent for Washington six weeks ago. He was returning to Berlin to rejoin his wife when he took his life. The body is at present in the chapel of the Bethel Hospital at Ludwigsstadt. There seems to be no question that he committed suicide.

Consul-General Thackery has begun an investigation. He has sent Deputies to Ludwigsstadt to take charge of the body.

FLEET WEDDING.

Tokyo, Oct. 24.—Lieutenant Commander Levi C. Bertolette of the flagship Vermont and Miss Lucile Meigs of San Francisco, were married at the American consulate at Yokohama.

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