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## DEMONSTRATION STARTS TEARS IN WATSON'S EYES

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR GREATLY AFFECTED BY REMARKABLE BURST OF ENTHUSIASM IN HIS FAVOR AT MEETING LAST NIGHT—HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE JOIN IN THE JOLLIFICATION.

## GRUDGES HAVE APPARENTLY DISAPPEARED

Old Wayne County Welcomes Sixth District Representative in Congress With Open Arms.

## NATIONAL ISSUES WERE TREATED LOGICALLY.

Watson Deals With Fallacies Of Bryan and Shows Him to Be No Follower of President Roosevelt.

## STATE ISSUES DISCUSSED.

CANDIDATE REITERATES HIS PLEDGE TO STAND BY COUNTY LOCAL OPTION AND TAKES A WHACK AT HIS OPPONENT.

If Richmond and Wayne county ever held any grudge against James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor, the hatchet has evidently been buried so deep that it will be impossible to ever dig it up again. Mr. Watson spoke here last evening at the colliseum before a crowd that broke all records for indoor gatherings in this city. The big building was, literally speaking, crowded to overflowing. At 7:45 o'clock every available seat in the house was occupied and the isles were crammed with people.

Figuratively speaking the republicans of Wayne county last evening opened wide their arms and gathered "Jim" into a mighty embrace with wild whoops of joy. Tears sparkled in the eyes of Mr. Watson, and he made no effort to conceal his emotion. From reports he had received from this county he had been led to believe that there was a strong Marshall sentiment existing here, consequently he was stunned with the spontaneous and effusive welcome which was accorded him.

Prior to the meeting thousands of people thronged the streets and Watson's name was in every mouth. While red lights cast their glare, bands played "Hail the Conquering Hero Comes," and numerous drum, bugle and fife corps contributed to the clamor. Mr. Watson rode in a gaily decorated carriage from the Westcott hotel to the colliseum. A smile wreathed his face and enthusiastic humanity whooped and howled a greeting. It was the first time this campaign that the old-fashioned "rally" spirit was shown. Democrats and the few republicans allies of the saloon gang gazed at the demonstration in pop-eyed astonishment, then retired to secluded nooks and lugubriously reflected on the boasts and bets they had made that Tom Taggart, Crawford Fairbanks and Marshall would carry old Wayne county with a landslide of votes. But few attended the meeting as they had no desire to have their feelings further mangled.

As noisy as the street crowds were that immense throng which was jammed into the colliseum surpassed them. When the Knightstown Ladies' Glee club filed onto the platform and sang stirring campaign songs, they were greeted with whoops of delight. Then when the Old Shady Glee club, famous all over the state, sang the crowd went into spasms of joy, requiring four encores. When John F. Robbins, for years attorney for the liquor dealers in this city, advocated driving the saloons out of the county the crowd roared like a jungle full of lions, but the supreme effort of the immense gathering in the noise line was reserved for the reception of Mr. Watson when he rose from his seat to make his address.

### Great Demonstration.

It is doubtful if any public man ever received such a wildly enthusiastic greeting from a Richmond audience, usually sedate and undemonstrative. When Mr. Watson stood up there was a mighty roar which continued to increase in volume each second. When it was a physical impossibility for the crowd to manufacture any more noise without bursting its lungs and ripping the slate off the roof, every one in the house, men, women and children, arose to their feet, still yelling like a war party of Sioux Indians, and waved

## VOTERS MUST WAIT LONGER FOR EXPLANATION

Civic League Issues Statement to Public, But in It the League Explains Little or Nothing.

## VOTERS TOLD THEY CAN VOTE AS THEY SEE FIT.

Received Generally as Encouraging News—Not Necessary to Explain Everything, Statement Says.

To the Voters of Wayne County: We wish emphatically to call attention to the fact that in designating our "choice" of the candidates for the various county offices in this campaign we have not "blacklisted" any candidate nor cast any reflections whatever upon the character, motives or qualifications of any of the other candidates for such offices, but have simply based our selection upon the result of a careful inquiry and consideration of each case.

We do not deem it necessary, in order to support the man we prefer for any office, to heap column and abuse upon those whom we do not endorse. Nor do we deem it advisable to enter into any lengthy sensational word-juggling controversy on the subject, even though our critics quote so-called "agreements" (without any date attached); which are claimed to have been signed by a candidate whom we endorsed, and despite the fact that letters defaming the same candidate have been circulated from some questionable source with the signature "Civic League" attached for the purpose of misleading the public.

We have reason to believe that there are a large number of independent voters in the county who will appreciate the selections which we have made on a non-partisan basis without insisting that our committee publish the details of their investigations.

If any voter personally knows that we are wrong in our judgment in any or all cases, it is his personal privilege to cast his vote accordingly, and we have no disposition to dictate to any man how he shall vote if he is not satisfied with the selections we have made, but merely suggest that he be sure that he has made sufficient investigation himself. Signed

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Richmond, Ind.,  
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The above is the result of the lengthy conference held Tuesday night by the executive and correspondence (or investigating) committee of the Wayne County Civic League.

To a large majority of the voters the statement, which has been looked forward to with the most nerve-racking suspense, will be received as a keen disappointment. Their expectations had been keyed up to such a point as to anticipate the league would explain why it did not favor the election of certain candidates on the republican and democratic county tickets. They also labored under the delusion that the league would tell why it endorsed some of the other candidates.

Still the voters, it is declared by many who have seen the statement, will derive much consolation from the fact that the league in its latest statement kindly informs the voters that it has "no disposition to dictate to any man how we shall vote if he is not satisfied with the selections we have made." The league only asks the voter not to violate its instructions unless he personally knows "we are wrong in our judgment."

In speaking of the "agreement" alleged to have been signed by a candidate endorsed by the organization, the league refers to a charge made by a local newspaper that the candidate in question recently entered into an agreement with the liquor interests of this city, in consideration of the fact that this element assisted him in securing his nomination, to oppose all liquor legislation introduced in the next legislature.

It is the general opinion that the debate of the Wayne County Civic League into local politics has been a distinct failure. Public opinion regarded the first statement issued by the league a farce and, it is thought, the second statement made public today, instead of setting the organization right in the eyes of the public has only served to make its position all the more ridiculous.

What the voters of Wayne county, both republicans and democrats, desired of the league was an explanation of why it opposed the election of certain candidates on the tickets of these parties, but the public's desire has not been granted.

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## DRAT THAT SUN!



## SCHOOL CHILDREN COCAINE FIENDS

Alarming Conditions Suspected in Philadelphia Institutions.

## BOY VENDER CONFESSES.

DECLARES THAT THE HABIT IS WIDESPREAD AMONG BOTH SEXES—DRUG SOLD AT RECESS AT BIG PROFIT.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29.—By the confession of Edward Lee, a 15-year-old cocaine vender, appalling conditions are suspected in certain of the public schools, and the police and board of education are making a stringent investigation.

Cocaine has been sold to students in these schools, boys and girls, ranging from 12 to 17 years old. How far the evil has spread has not been ascertained, but, according to Lee, the victims are many. He implicated Michael Larkins, a youth frequently noticed hovering about the yard of the Daniel Webster school, asserting that Larkins had for weeks been selling the drug.

Drug Sold During Recess. Larkins was arrested. Quantities of cocaine were found in the stockings of both boys. Students at the Josephine Widened Memorial school also were sold the drug, it was declared.

"There are other schools, too," said Lee, "but I don't know which. Cocaine is sold to the kids during recess. It is gotten from a house on North Tenth street where 'dopes' go. This selling at schools is new, and the boys are making lots of money on it."

As soon as Lee's confession was heard the board of education was notified, and detectives began the investigation. They encountered disbelief among the principals and teachers, who were greatly shocked. Admissions by some of the larger boys confirmed, however, many of Lee's allegations.

### Merchant's Son Is Missing.

Among other things they discovered that Charles Hallman, the 17-year-old son of storekeeper, had become addicted to the drug and had disappeared.

"I believe Lee's story," the elder Hallman told the detectives. "my boy has repeatedly been drugged to a degree that he slept for twenty-four hours. I have seen the box, nail, quill and cocaine which my boy has had in the house. I have asked the police to watch for him."

Larkins was sent to the house of correction for six months as a nominal sentence, while the allegations are being investigated. Lee was sent to the house of detention for the same purpose.

"We taught them how to snuff it up their noses, and they liked it," said Lee. "We'd sell it to them in 10-cent lots, or 5 cents for a little bit. Sometimes we made as high as \$1.50 a day."

## "Your Fine is \$20," Said Mayor to Auto Party Over Telephone

Cambridge City, Oct. 29.—Upon notification of Mayor Hinchman, of Greenfield, Deputy Sheriff Drischel arrested an automobile party in this city Tuesday. They were fined \$20 at long distance by the mayor. The fine was paid and the party allowed to proceed on its way to Pittsburg. The driver of the machine boasted he had gone the last twenty miles before being stopped in twenty minutes.

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## "WE'LL GET YOU" CALLED ROWDIES TO J. E. WATSON

A Disgraceful Demonstration Made by Saloon Cohorts on Main Street During Last Night's Parade.

## MARSHALL BANNERS ABOVE WATSON'S HEAD

At Westcott Hotel and Coliseum, Gang Surrounded the Carriage, Screaming Loudly "Marshall for Us."

## WHO FATHERED AFFAIR?

THOUGHT SALOON MEN WERE RESPONSIBLE AS MANY MEN RAN OUT OF SALOONS CARRYING MARSHALL BANNERS.

## HOODLUMS WERE INSISTENT

Not Until Horses Were Whipped Up That the Cab Carrying Watson and Local Reception Committee Escaped Mob.

By Harper.

As the carriage in which were seated James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor; Ray Shiveley, John F. Robbins and George Matthews, members of the reception committee, was proceeding from the Westcott hotel to the coliseum last evening, it was surrounded by a group of men and boys carrying pictures of Thomas Marshall, democratic opponent of Watson. The group was rowdy in its behavior and hurled such remarks as: "We'll get you;" "Marshall for us;" "Wait till Tom Marshall fixes you" at the party in the coach. It was the first time in many, many years that a political speaker has been treated to such indignities in this city.

The leaders of the mob are old enough to vote and this fact lends added significance to the occurrence. A number of boys attracted by the display joined in the hooting. The rowdies began to assemble about the carriage as it waited at the hotel. The plan had been prearranged and as the carriage proceeded west on Main street the hoodlums created an uproar. As the carriage passed the saloons between Ninth and Tenth streets the group of followers was increased. Men and boys emerged from the saloons carrying pictures of Marshall and shouting "Marshall for us." The hoodlums created an uproar and the carriage and kept up the din with the blare of tin horns and the aid of powerful lungs.

**Galleries Closed.** Hoodlums Persistent. Some of the leaders of the crowd ran so close beside the carriage as to be able to thrust the Marshall pictures over the doors and into the faces of Mr. Watson and the other occupants. One fellow, bolder than his associates, jumped on the step of the carriage and waved a Marshall lithograph over the head of Watson. The attitude of the mob appeared threatening and when it seemed as if further indignities might be attempted, Mr. Shiveley called to the driver to whip up the horses and elude the pursuers.

The crowd took after the conveyance on the run and by darting through alleys and dodging other persons on the street overtook it just in front of the coliseum. The Marshall pictures were flaunted again and the howls renewed. When Mr. Watson and the committee left the carriage, they walked into the building between lines of men and boys displaying the pictures and still screaming, yelling and hurling epithets.

The immense audience in the coliseum knew nothing of the occurrence until Mr. Watson made reference to his unkind treatment by a crew of saloon bums that had disgraced the streets of Richmond. He used no invective and the only moral pointed was that it is such men who are supporting Marshall and that he (Watson) does not care for their support. This was the first intimation the crowd inside had of the affair. The speaker made no further reference to it.

No greater tribute could have been paid James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor, by the citizens of Richmond than the magnificent audience that greeted him last evening. The numbers that jammed the building and occupied every foot of floor space exceeded the fondest hopes of the men who had arranged for the meeting. It was a rare compliment for such an audience to listen to a man who has been publicly maligned and abused in this community. All kinds of reports had been circulated by the democrats in the effort to keep down the crowd. Yesterday it was talked about the streets and in public places

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