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Will Ralston Explain?

So indignant is Governor Ralston over the attacks made on Homer Cook, former speaker of the house of representatives and now Democratic candidate for secretary of state, that he had a grand jury called to investigate these charges, and he has taken the stump to defend this man whose record stands as a disgrace to the state.

In Richmond and elsewhere in the state, Earl Crawford, who represented Wayne and Fayette counties in the last house, being elected as a Democrat, has openly declared that he and several of his associates who stood for good government, protested against the unconstitutional acts of Speaker Cook, making their protest to the governor himself. They were asked if they would repeat their charges in the presence of Mr. Cook, and when they assured the governor they would gladly do so, he said he would arrange a meeting, which Mr. Crawford and his associates are still waiting for the governor to call.

However, Mr. Crawford was not the only person who made a formal protest to the governor over Cook's flagrant abuse of his authority during the session of the 1913 legislature, and if memory plays no tricks there was at least one instance where a written charge against Cook followed in the wake of a verbal protest. The people of Jennings county can stimulate the governor's memory if he has forgotten the incident. At least their memories have not failed them, as will be shown when the votes in that county are counted a week from next Tuesday.

These written charges were filed with the governor at his request, Mr. Crawford asserts, but up to the present time he has failed to make them the basis of a grand jury investigation. The case in question concerns the bill that was introduced to change the seat of Jennings' county government from Vernon to North Vernon. Speaker Cook was the ardent supporter of this bill, just why no explanation has been made. In its passage through the house he repeated his unconstitutional action on the primary election bill by refusing to permit amendments to it on second reading, and it was finally railroaded into the senate. So hurried had been the progress of this bill through the lower house that it was not discovered until it reached the senate that it contained provisions wholly unsatisfactory to its champions. But Cook is a man who acts promptly. He had the bill withdrawn from the senate, revised in the enrolling committee of the house and then returned to the senate.

In revising this measure Speaker Cook carelessly overlooked the formality of having the house act upon the revised bill before having it sent back to the senate, where it was passed.

When the representatives of the citizens of Vernon discovered this unheard of action on the part of Mr. Cook and his followers they naturally entered a vigorous protest with the governor. It is said that the governor asked this protest be put in writing and presented to him, and Vernon people say this request was promptly complied with.

Perhaps when Governor Ralston tonight, when he speaks in this city, will explain what

became of this protest, and why the bill was permitted to become a law.

That Governor Ralston ignored public opinion in Jennings county when he refused to act on the unconstitutional methods employed in passing this bill through the legislature is shown by the result of an election which followed the adjournment of the assembly.

It was necessary for the Jennings county bill to be ratified by a popular vote in that county, but when it was submitted to the voters it was defeated by nearly two to one.

What will Mr. Ralston have to say on this matter tonight?

Does he really believe such a man as Homer Cook is fit to be secretary of state of Indiana?

Pat Lynch—His Measure.

We do not intend to pay much attention to Pat Lynch in this campaign. It isn't necessary. He is not even in the hot race between Elbert Russell and Finley Gray. But one little grandstand play he has been pulling off during his campaign in Wayne county deserves mention, if only for furthering the education of the average voter in the psychology of vote getting by machine candidates.

Says Pat, in substance, though not literally, in the speeches he has been delivering in Wayne county, "You people have all read in the newspapers of the attack being made on Homer Cook, the Democratic candidate for secretary of state, and speaker of the house in the last legislature. I have in my pocket the reproduction of a letter alleged to have been written by Cook, and which, if that is true, would deeply incriminate him.

"I have carried this letter with me all through my campaign in the district, but I have never yet had the heart to read it to the people. I am not going to read it to you now. Cook is up in the northern part of the state campaigning. He can't be here to refute the alleged criminality in this letter.

"Even if he were here on this platform in joint debate with me I don't know that I would have the heart to read that letter, for he has a wife and children"—sob racket with the voice at this point—"and so have I a wife and children. I would rather discuss the gurr-rate issues now before the country than drag in personalities."

Why, in heaven's name, Pat, if you feel so deeply for Homer Cook, the man who stands indicted in the minds of all decent citizens of this state, as one who was false to their interests, why then, Pat, do you mention the poor sinner's name at all in your addresses?

Why, if you have such sincere sympathy for Cook's wife and children, do you drag his name into your addresses with the hint of criminality and then refuse to read the alleged proof you claim to have?

Why do you drag into your discussions with one breath personalities and with the next declare you would rather dwell on great issues than personalities?

Why, if you are the bright, brainy, keen man your press agent makes you out to be, do you indulge in such mawkish and amateurish sentimentality before the intelligent audiences you are facing in Wayne county and expect them to be so crass as to give you credit for a deeply sympathetic heart—beating warmly even, for a man who has dragged the fair honor of our state into the mire of political infamy?

We understand you go to Rush county next week, there jointly with Jim Watson to campaign that territory. God help those poor people when you two get on the stump together, for "Our Jim," whose collar you wear, or you would not be the Republican nominee in the district his machine absolutely and ruthlessly controls.

"Our Jim," we say, has even you beat a city block when it comes to turning on the sob racket. Poor Rush will think the Dayton flood has jumped the divide and come to inundate her fair fields and towns.

Mrs. Carrie Spencer of Rappids City, Mich. is here for a visit with her mother Mrs. Carolyn Thomas.

Mr. Garfield, Progressive nominee for governor, gave a short talk on the street here Wednesday morning. Quite a crowd was gathered to hear him.

John Boren of Bethel was in town on business Thursday.

Misses Mrs. C. E. Greene have returned to Dayton after a two days visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rudicel.

Harry Hoke and Ed Thomas went to Fort Jefferson Thursday.

According to the new state law three new Post exits have been added to the K. P. hall and the chairs fastened to the floor.

A temperance lecture will be delivered at the Christian church Sunday night by Elton R. Shaw.

Mrs. Harry Hoke is visiting the Rev. Cunningham and wife for a few days.

Mrs. Nora Orson of Economy, Ind. has returned home after a visit with Chalmers Casky and wife.

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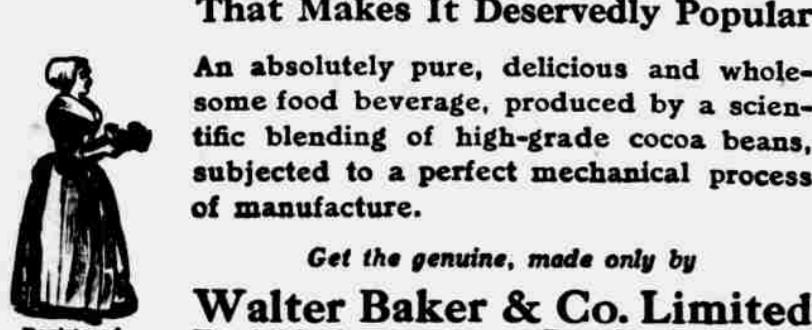
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Adv.

The foregoing dispatch may refer to the capture of the German tor-
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BY LEASED WIRE.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A Pekin dispatch

the Post says that the Japanese

have captured a German torpedo boat

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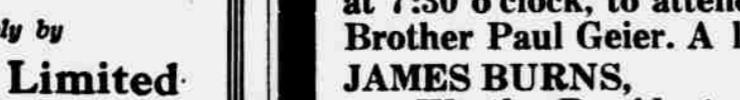
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