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James E. Watson's Townspeople Say  
He is Morally Clean.

Rushville, Indiana,  
October 6, 1908.  
Hon. Moses Leopold.  
Rensselaer, Indiana.

Dear Sir:  
I am writing you about a matter that has been made prominent in this campaign. There seems to have been a systematic effort on the part of certain people, who indulge in such practice, to discredit my friend the Hon. James E. Watson. The campaign in many places has degenerated into a slanderous and malicious attack on his personal character, and as his friend and neighbor I deem it my duty to speak.

I have known Mr. Watson intimately for many years and until this campaign I have never known his reputation for honesty and sobriety nor his uprightness of character questioned. Such derogatory reports as have been circulated about him in this campaign, should be resented by all truth loving people as there is no foundation for them in fact.

I speak from personal knowledge when I say, his character is above reproach, and his reputation for honesty, sobriety and morality is unquestioned in the community where he lives. With a family of three boys and one girl no man has a more delightful home life.

I desire to resent with all the positiveness of my nature the vicious reports relating to Mr. Watson, that have been made to do duty in this campaign, and to brand them as false and malicious in their inception.

Both in public and private life he has been the champion of the common man, and has stood with his party on all measures for the benefit of the laboring man and for the advancement of the business interests of our country.

I would be glad to have this statement given wide publicity, and hope you are in position to aid this effort as well as all work of the campaign.

Yours truly,  
JOHN K. GOWDY,

The following statement has been signed by neighbors of James E. Watson and citizens of his home city as an expression of their estimate of him as a man.

The signers are members of the Democratic, Republican and Prohibition parties and some of them are not political supporters of Mr. Watson. They are citizens, however, who believe the truth should be told and that no man's character should be unjustly attacked even in a political campaign.

Rushville, Indiana,  
Sept. 18, 1908.

Rumors of derogatory reports, circulated in some sections of the state, affecting the personal character of the Hon. James E. Watson, having reached us, we, the ministers of Rushville, his home city, desire to certify that Mr. Watson stands high among us as a citizen.

With his neighbors, his home life is recognized as ideal. In his church, his character has never been questioned for a moment, and his reputation for sobriety and morality is untarnished. His manly stand for temperance is recognized as characteristic of the man and is in harmony with the private life he has led among us, and the utterances he made as a citizen, long before his present candidacy:

Virgil W. Tevis, Pastor St. Paul's M. E. Church.

W. H. Clark, Pastor United Presbyterian Church.

J. F. Cowling, Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

Richard W. Abberley, Pastor Main St. Christian Church.

W. J. Cronin, Pastor Roman Catholic Church.

We have read the foregoing testimonial and hereby endorse the same as being true:

Will M. Sparks, Judge Rush Circuit Court.

Earl H. Payne, Pres't. People's National Bank.

Theodore Amhercrombie, Pres't. Rushville National Bank.

L. Link, Pres't. Rush County National Bank.

A. B. Irvin, Cashier Farmers' Banking Co.

J. H. Scholl, Superintendent City Schools.

Playing Football in Texas.

Perry Gwin is playing football way down in Texas. Last year he was forced to give up his school work at Purdue because of a temporary injury to his eyes, and later he went to Austin, Tex., to work with his brother Lacey in the American Express Co.'s office. This fall he entered the Texas State University, and the following clipping about him is from an Austin, Tex., newspaper:

The teams are beginning to take shape now, and while no half-way accurate guess could be made at the men who will in the long run make good, it is easy enough to watch those who are just now showing the best form. Gwin has been attracting a good deal of attention by his speed and fearless tackles. He has evidently gotten into the eye of the coaches, for he has won his way to the training table, and is likely to stay there if he keeps up the clip he has started.

Perry was always one of the most daring and gamest of the Rensselaer football players, and what he lacks in size he makes up in nerve. If he wants to make the Texas team he can do it, for he is right there to deliver the goods all the time. He played end in the game between the militia team and the Notre Dame freshmen last year, and put up a wonderfully scrappy game.

Some Devilish Theatrical Notes.

The Devil Theatrical Co. went to Monticello Tuesday afternoon, and the ladies in the cast pencil a personal in the Republican's blind reporter's note book. As each speaks with praise of Rensselaer, the notes are here published:

Miss Lillian Sterling, Model of The Devil Co., left this morning for Monticello, after playing to a good sized audience in your very beautiful city. "The Devil" went with her.

Miss Irene Witt, of The Devil Co., thinks Rensselaer a delightful little city and regrets leaving so soon, but hopes to be able to play a longer engagement here some time.

We are leaving your very pretty town after an evening of very good business, for this very severe year on the show business. We thank you for a nice house, and are sorry to leave some very pleasant friends which we made in our stay here.

This is perhaps the first time your town has ever been visited by that awful personage "The Devil," and let us hope that it will not cast an evil but a good influence over all that saw "it."

Very truly,  
MONA RICHMOND,  
Leading Woman in The Devil.

Fruit Show at Purdue.

Arrangements have been completed for the Second Annual Fruit Show, to be held at Purdue University, during the week of the Farmers' Short Course, Jan. 11-16, 1909. Great interest was shown by the fruit growers of the state in the First annual show held last year. The exhibition this winter will be held under the joint auspices of the Indiana Horticultural society and the Horticultural department of the university. It is planned to make the fruit show bigger and better than ever. The society is providing a generous premium list—over \$300 in cash prizes being already assured. Everyone interested in the growing of fruit is urged to enter this contest, practically the only condition being that all fruit shown must be grown by the exhibitor. For premium list and further information apply to

C. G. WOODBURY,  
Experiment Station,  
Lafayette, Ind.

Death of Rev. D. J. Huston.

Rev. David J. Huston died Tuesday of this week at his home in Goodland, and the funeral took place at 2 o'clock Thursday, Oct. 8th. He was 87 years of age.

About 25 or 30 years ago Elder Huston was the pastor of the Missionary Baptist church here in Rensselaer, where he resided for a long time, and he has always been held in the highest esteem by the members of that church and by all who knew him. In later years he preached for some time in Milroy township, where his son, W. C. Huston, resided. This son is now in business at Perryburg, and another son, Dr. Chas. Huston, is located at Hamilton, Ohio. J. T. Huston and Miss May Huston, also children of the deceased, reside at Goodland, the latter being principal of the schools in that town.

The venerable minister was well known in Baptist circles throughout Indiana. Only a few weeks ago he was in Rensselaer and assisted in conducting the funeral services of Mrs. Henry O. Harris. He was buried in the Goodland cemetery.

You can save money and get the best Michigan potatoes in the market, 80 bushel, off the car about Oct. 19th and 20th.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

HANGING GROVE  
TOWNSHIP

C. W. Bussell is moving a house in Francesville this week. Next week he will go to Monon and do some housekeeping there.

Mrs. C. W. Bussell was in Rensselaer Monday visiting.

Reed McCoy has already got some hardware stock to satisfy the calls of the customers since the burning of the hardware store. You can get nails, stone pipe, buggy whips, granite and tinware, etc. So you see McCoyburg is not going to lose its good name for you can still get any goods you ask for.

Mrs. Jerome Harmon went to Goodland, Tuesday morning, to see her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Cowden, she expects to be gone three or four days.

Wash Lowman still continues quite poorly. He has had a severe time of it, and it is hoped by all his friends, that he may be out again soon.

G. C. Petree visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Russell at McCosbyburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Jacks and family visited at C. A. Lefler's Sunday.

Osscar Home went to South Dakota Tuesday morning and will be gone a week or ten days.

Wash and Simon Cook had a little excitement all their own, last Friday. They were ditching near the Lee (80) and set some fire to burn off some old grass. The fire got too much for them and burned over the entire 80 acres of brush land and for a while looked real fierce.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkins, of Hobart, came down Saturday evening for a visit over Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ringelisen. John returned to Hobart Monday morning, but his wife remained with her parents this week.

Miss Steila Hansen of Rensselaer is sewing at Mr. Moulder's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bruce visited Jas. Lefler's Sunday.

A movement is on foot now to repair the Hanging Grove farmers telephone line. Several new poles will be necessary to put the line in good order again. The Jasper County Telephone Co. are running a new line from McDonald's corner east to C. L. Randles, and by so doing intend to cut out the line from McCosbyburg to Randles as it is too unhandy to repair, especially in the winter time.

Tomorrow is the first teachers' institute.

Miss Hazel Lowrey and Mrs. Geo. Stalker were in Rensselaer Monday shopping.

Phillips & McDonald sold some of their cattle the fore part of the week.

Mrs. George Stalker attended the Methodist Sunday School Convention at Francesville Sunday, and reports an excellent program at both afternoon and evening sessions.

Hog and Corn Talk.

The price of hogs has fallen 64 cents on the Chicago market within the past week, and are apt to go lower. The Wednesday market closed with the price of \$6.12 for average hogs, and the local market would not justify more than \$5.50 for the best, and owing to the trend of the market they could not be bought without a big risk at that price.

The corn crop will be larger in Jasper county than was figured two or three weeks ago, and this is apt to be the case all over the country, and if it is, the price of corn is certain to take a big drop. Local elevator men estimate the Jasper county crop as two-thirds of average, and based on the assessor's reports of acreage there would be about 425,000 bushels raised in this county at an average of 25 bushels to the acre. Many farmers are claiming 40 bushels, others 50 bushels and occasionally a greater acreage yield is claimed.

Walter V. Porter says that he has some corn in Jasper county that will make close to 75 bushels to the acre. If the crop is as good as some are now figuring hogs will be in for a further drop in price.

The wheat acreage is only about one-fourth what it would have been in this county if the drought had not interfered with fall plowing and seeding. And many farmers who had expected to raise wheat instead of oats will be compelled to stay with the latter cereal.

Hay prices are apt to take a boom. The outside market is said to be looking up, and a buyer will be here next week from Indianapolis, looking after good timothy. There is much good clover hay this year, but the price is not apt to get above \$7.50 or \$8.00 delivered in Rensselaer.

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