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## THE GOMPERS SPEECH.

It is probably fair to say that few people who went to hear Samuel Gompers tuesday night expected just the sort of speech he made. They had not looked for such plain, unqualified statements of the unfitness of Watson and Taft for the offices they seek. It came as a surprise in Greencastle because that which is the paramount issue with labor has not been the issue here. There are many in Greencastle that have believed that the temperance issue was claiming the entire attention of all the people of the state. Others have felt that the tariff was an important question of the campaign. To the laboring men both these issues are secondary to certain propositions which they believe will vitally affect labor. The attitude of men who are candidates toward these propositions is, to laboring men, the thing of prime importance. The record of Watson and Taft has not been such as to please labor. And labor is not to be satisfied with political promises. It believes that the leopard can not change its spots. By their record they judge them. The temperance Republicans are willing to take Watson upon his promise, ignoring his past, ignoring his record of broken political pledges. Labor runs no such risk. And Saturday night, in speaking here, Mr. Gompers assumed that he was speaking to an audience of union men, men familiar with the record of every one who has had to do with legislation, and who no longer seek re-election. To such men it is only necessary to mention the record of Watson and Taft. The earnestness, the striking personality of the speaker, the directness of his charge of unfitness, the solemnity of his appeal had its effect even upon

the comparatively unsympathetic crowd, unsympathetic only because non-union. No wonder with those men who have been accustomed to look upon Mr. Gompers as their leader in battles innumerable, their adviser in times of stress and trouble, his words are a burning call to duty. And labor is hearing the call of Samuel Gompers.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. That good men can honestly differ in opinion all sane men will allow. Only the partisan and the man with doubtful motives is sure that he and his belief is right and all oppose corrupt and dishonest. The temperance man is not a friend of temperance who carries the movement into politics. As we have said, Democrats who were for temperance now stand by the county option bill. They feared some features of it, but now that it has passed, they do not propose to repeal it till it has showed that it will not accomplish the things promised by its supporters. If it does accomplish this it will continue to stand. And yet, in spite of this, the fight goes on as a purely political measure. The Anti-Saloon League and the Republican party have joined hands in this fight, and each insists on calling the statements made by honest Democrats lies. Each insists in making unjust attacks on honest temperance Democrats. We say the League has joined hands with the Republican party, for we can see no way in which the League's efforts in this country differ from the ways of the Republican party, except that the League is secret and covert, while most of the Republican work is open. Let the League remember that honest Prohibitionists, certainly as good temperance men as those of the League, do not approve of the bill just passed nor of Governor Hanly. The candidate for president on the Prohibition ticket said recently in a speech at Seymour as follows, as reported by the Seymour Republican, a paper of the same politics as its name:

"He even spoke quite harshly of Governor Hanly who is praised by many in Indiana. He opposes county local option and that too is commended by temperance members of the Republican party in this state as well as temperance people in other parties as being a wise measure from the standpoint of temperance."

We call attention to this as denoting that honest men may differ as to methods. That these men, so denounced and attacked by the League, may be for temperance, and an attack upon them may do more harm to the cause than any good that may result from intimidating others so that they will in the future more readily do the behest of the League. The movement looks to many like good Republican politics, but very poor temperance work.

THOSE BREWERY POSTERS It is illustrative of the regard for truth of the Republican party in this campaign, that they should attempt to associate the bills, being placed upon the bill boards in opposition to county option, with the Democratic party. As a matter of fact this is purely brewery business. Any sane man knows that such bills would not aid the Democratic party. Rather they would tend to injure it. Such action on the part of Democrats would be suicidal. As a matter of fact it would be a good play for the Republican party to post such bills, and there are not lacking those who see such a trick in the present billing of the city. As a matter of fact such methods appeal only to the unthinking. Putnam County will not go wet or dry because of the actions of the saloon men, but because of the actions of the friends of temperance. People will not be frightened into voting wet because of any financial reasoning, but forced to vote wet by anger and disgust excited by those who hope to do the temperance cause good. These bills should teach that this is not a time for strife between those who have heretofore stood shoulder to shoulder and now differ as to a theory. These posters should teach that the fight is about to begin with one side united and the other side divided and being still further divided by the senseless and inane attacks of some who pose as the friends of temperance. This is the lesson of the bills, but it will not be heeded.

LANE AND THE SENATORSHIP Mr. Lane's candidacy for the position of representative from Putnam County has some interesting features in addition to those connected with the question of county option. One of the most interesting is that Mr. Lane is practically pledged to support Governor Hanly for the senate of the United States. Mr. Lane's position on this matter is as follows: It is understood that the Anti-Saloon League, in return for the services rendered in the cause by Governor Hanly in calling the special session of the legislature, has agreed to sup-

port him for the senatorship. All candidates supported by the Anti-Saloon League have pledged themselves to aid any legislation desired by the League. At least this pledge has been presented to a number of candidates and only those who have been supported who signed it. The League is supporting Mr. Lane, and it is natural to suppose that he has given that body assurance that he was with it in all things relating to temperance. Now Senator Hemenway has made no decided record for temperance, and Governor Hanly has made a record for little else. There must be temperance legislation at Washington and the League believes that Hanly would find time, in spite of his heavy lecture work, to take care of it. He will, therefore, be supported for that position in opposition to Hemenway, and Mr. Lane is looked upon as one of those who will aid. This is nothing against Mr. Lane or the League, but the idea does not go well with some Republicans who have not loved Governor Hanly in the last year and more.

Word comes from every corner that Democratic success is in the air. Think of it, even New York, Ohio and Wisconsin are classed "doubtful states" even by the Republicans who are prone to admit nothing unless forced to it.

It's a land slide, boys, and nothing can stop it. Not even "Sunrise Bill Taft" and the creative Republican press can put on the brakes.

We wonder what Charley Zeis thinks of his chances for the post-office.

Old Putnam County will respond to the call by giving the largest Democratic victory in its history.

Two weeks from today all the Democrats will be Oh! So Happy!

## DEMOCRATIC NEWS

## Industrial Monopoly.

The people ought to realize that they are face to face with a serious condition. Within recent months they must have seen that their own control—such control that is as the public ought to exert—over the transportation system of the country is fast slipping away from them. There has been more railroad mileage absorbed by a few wealthy men—by Harriman in particular—in the last two years than in any previous twenty-five year period in our history. Consider the triumphal march of Harriman! Two years ago when the President turned on him it was thought that he was out of the game. Now he is the most powerful railroad influence in the world. He controls \$1,000,000,000 of railroad capital, and is operating lines from ocean to ocean—several of them. With the exception of the Hill roads, Harriman is practically the master west of the Mississippi. Having made himself supreme there, he turned his attention to the East. As Mr. Lewis showed in The News of Tuesday, this man controls the Baltimore & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western, the Illinois Central, the Georgia Central, the Wabash Pittsburg terminals, the Allton, the Clover-Leaf and the Erie. Just what is the nature of his relation to some of these properties will not be known—till after the election! But that he is master of most of them, and influential in all of them is indisputable. Last of all he broke into the Rock Island only a few days ago, when he advanced money to that company. Practically everything except the Hill roads in the Northwest, the Vanderbilt lines and the Pennsylvania is now under the control of Harriman. The Rockefeller-Harriman combination, Morgan and Hill are today the masters of our transportation system. And these men, let us not forget, are to be "permitted" to increase rates 10 per cent after the election.

What has happened in the railroad business has happened in the steel industry. Here we have another billion-dollar concern which is the master of the steel industry. Many of the wisest business men believe that this giant trust has, by its policy of keeping up prices, done much to retard the longed-for improvement in commercial conditions. Prices have been kept at a figure so high as to discourage building operations and railroad extensions and improvements. This has curtailed the demand for labor, reduced the capacity of laboring men to consume, and so affected the business of thousands and hundreds of thousands of men all over the country. The trust, instead of putting prices low enough to stimulate the demand, reduces its output, and closes its mills, thus

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## \$10.00 is a Most Popular Price for a Woman's Cloak

We use always our utmost efforts in trying to have the best value in cloaks for \$10.00

And you'll agree with us that we have made good this season.

We have had an exceptional sale of \$10.00 cloaks and are going to give you some extra values—

To replace the broken assortment of \$10.00 cloaks we have taken a big lot of cloaks bought to sell at \$12.00 and have re-marked them \$10.00

They are shown in Black, Castor, Red, Blue, Brown and Green—were splendid value at \$12.00, and more than Right at \$10.00 for choice.

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## ALLEN BROTHERS

throwing the burden of supporting the idle workmen on the communities in which they reside. In Wheeling, for instance, from 4,000 to 5,000 men have been idle for more than a year. The trust has preferred a comparatively small business at high prices to a large business at low—and yet remunerative prices. So we have an imperial industrialism which is quite indifferent to the general welfare, but which, according to the standpatters, the Government must care for. We believe that the straightest path to the cure of such conditions lies through the reform of the tariff, and a general withdrawal of all special privileges on which these men have fattened. It does not seem to us that it is a good time to talk about protection and prosperity. For the steel trust is protected, and yet it has done much by its methods to delay the return of prosperity.

For our part, we regard the situation as serious. The people will have to deal with it in some way, and at an early day, and this without regard to who is elected President. The problem is one involving the prevention of the concentration of power in the hands of a half dozen men by which they are able to control the transportation business of the country—a business on which the prosperity of every one depends. We must find some way to check this consolidation of manufacturing interests in a few hands, if we wish to give the laboring men a chance for employment. These latter may well consider whether it is to their interest to favor a continuance of those high duties under which the trusts have been built up. The situation is full of peril. It is time that the eyes of the people were opened to the danger which threatens them.—Indianapolis News.

Wednesday on the Bank Guarantee Deposit question Mr. Bryan said: "The same objection now made to the guaranty of bank deposits was made against fire insurance when it was first suggested. Then its opponents argued learnedly that to insure all houses was to make some men careless about fire, and that it would lead others to burn their houses in order to get the insurance. If that argument had prevailed we would have no insurance today, but the people wisely decided that we should have protection against fire, so that it was better to punish criminally the few who burn their houses than to leave unprotected the many whose houses were likely to burn by accident."

"The case in favor of guaranteed banks is even stronger than the case of fire insurance, because the 100 per cent penalty against the stockholders added to the entire loss of his investment, is sufficient to prevent carelessness and the amount of money called out of hiding will more than repay the tax which is imposed upon the bank. From every standpoint it is beneficial, because it helps the depositor, it helps the community and it helps the bank."

Every time the Republicans attempt to deceive the people on a moral issue something in their dastardly record turns up to show the inconsistency of their party. Just now Governor Hanly is going over the State fairly preaching a gospel of temperance. It is a well known fact that he has been a frequent guest at the Columbia Club, the wealthy Republican organization at Indianapolis, where whisky and beer are sold and drunk every day and night in the week, including Sundays. It is equally well known that Ed Ballard, a Republican of prominence has been running a gambling resort at West Baden within a half mile of the French Lick, of which the Governor had so much to say two years ago and since. Back when Levi P. Morton was Vice-President.

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