

SILVER TICKET DID IT

CAUSES THE CLOSING OF THE INDIANA BICYCLE COMPANY'S PLANT.

Will Remain Closed Until After the Election, and if Bryan is the Winner All Will Be Chaos.

MCKINLEY CAN OPEN THE PLANT

HIS ELECTION WOULD CAUSE RESUMPTION BY DEC. 1.

statement of Employees of Parry Manufacturing Company Refutes Another Campaign Lie.

The plant of the Indiana Bicycle Company shut down last evening, and will not be started again until after the election—perhaps not until next spring.

The company has been greatly affected by the general business depression and uncertainty for months, and it is deemed unwise to manufacture any more wheels until it is known what the financial policy of the country is to be.

Charles F. Smith, president of the company, said yesterday afternoon that it has always been customary for the company to close down the plant for a few weeks at the season of the year in order to invoice.

In the past it has been the custom to resume work after invoicing with a force of men sufficient to keep together the best workmen and still not load the warehouses with an overproduction.

Now it is regarded as foolhardy to undertake to manufacture wheels for next year's trade, as there is no telling what the conditions will be when the bicycle season opens next year.

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Last night two men who are employed by the Parry Manufacturing Company came to the Journal office with signed statements from a number of men employed by this company. These statements show that employes in that factory make good wages and are satisfied with their lot.

The statement follows: "In reply to one of my fellow-workmen's statements in the Sentinel in regard to the wages paid by the Parry Manufacturing Company I would say: I have been in the employ of this company for nine years and my wages have run from \$15 to \$20 a week. My experience in the last nine years has been that I have seen men work on jobs who could get more wages and then quit (referring to piece work) while some other man would take the same job and make good wages at it from \$25 to \$3 per day."

"JOHN A. HENRY, Democrat, No. 60 Warren avenue, West Indianapolis."

"I have been employed by the Parry Manufacturing Company for five years and have received all the way from \$12 to \$18 a week for my work. I have never heard of anybody complaining about the wages at Parry's if they knew how to do their work. Some men get work here and kick because they can't make as much wages as men who have been here for years and fully understand the work."

"WILLIAM O. SPILLMAN, Democrat, No. 1000 North Washington street."

"I have been employed by the Parry Manufacturing Company about three years and am making from \$15 to \$20 a day. I am a Democrat and have always voted the Democratic ticket. The article in the Sentinel of Aug. 9 is a big mistake about the wages paid."

"GEORGE B. LA PORCE, Democrat, No. 1000 North Washington street."

"E. D. La Forge signed a similar article to the one above, except that he says he makes from \$25 to \$30 a day. In justice to the Parry Manufacturing Company I would like to say in reply to the statement of one of Parry's employes in the Sentinel that I have been in the company's employ for more than six years and have never seen a man make as little as twenty-four cents a day if he had either brains, skill or muscle. They pay men of brains good wages. The Parry's have been unfortunate many times in getting men who have neither of the above named qualities. I make from \$12 to \$18 a week, and I consider that good wages for the time."

"S. D. VEACH, Democrat, No. 1000 North Washington street."

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A SOUTHERN FIRE EATER

CHASES THE HANGERS-ON FROM THE POSTOFFICE AND HAS A MERRY TIME HUNTING THEM IN THE ARCADE.

The free-fire argument at the post-office section of Fort Bragg assumed quite a martial air early this morning. A fiery, red-mustached citizen who said he was a gold-bug Democrat from the South got all at some remarks made by a silverite threatened to kill him or any of all of those present. He even went so far as to follow his opponent down Virginia avenue in the hope of killing him before he should get away.

Last night it seems Fort Bragg did not sound taps as early as usual, for at 12 o'clock there was a pretty large crowd still arguing the great question of 16 to 1. At about 12:30 o'clock, the little fiery Southerner came up. He plowed his way through to the middle of the "push" and demanded to know who the gold-bug was that had said he would help the workmen. At about a dozen persons in the crowd who drove away in a silverite's car, he said as much the little fiery citizen found that he had his hands full to make his bluff good. They were about to mob him when he jerked out a big revolver and said he would shoot every one who tried to touch him.

He accomplished something that all of Superintendent Colbert's policemen have been unable to accomplish. He broke up the meeting. The 16-to-1 advocates felt that this was a time when it was wise to retire. They scattered in every direction and left the Southerner with only a half dozen of the more curious coppers to see him through.

What he would do seemed to spur him on to do it. "Where are the cowardly whelps?" he shouted, and again he flourished the big gun. "If I had any backers with me I would look out of every one of them for a man to get 'riled' over a man's gang that ain't afraid to stay with me?" No one injured his voice in making an attempt of response to this pleasant invitation and the fiery individual seemed amazed.

What is this? Are you of 16 to 1? Is you, too, come of the race of 16 to 1? Do there not a man among you who dares to stand up for the 16 to 1? Open your mouth and listen to the ignorant utterances of these ignoramuses. Get out of here every one of you. I will make holes in you big enough to throw silver dollars into.

There was another section of the fiery Southerner remained alone. He cornered a silverite who had caused the man to get "riled" over a man's gang. The latter ran down Virginia toward Washington street. With his last breath he tried to get away from the fiery Southerner, but he was not to escape. The latter turned his attention to the retreating silverite.

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"Where are the cowardly whelps?" he shouted, and again he flourished the big gun. "If I had any backers with me I would look out of every one of them for a man to get 'riled' over a man's gang that ain't afraid to stay with me?" No one injured his voice in making an attempt of response to this pleasant invitation and the fiery individual seemed amazed.

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