

Mr. Wayman's Record on the Saloon Question

(Because so many have requested specific information with respect to Mr. Wayman's record on the saloon question, we reprint this week an article that appeared in the Illinois Issue under date of September 15, 1911.)

More than a year ago we warned the people of Illinois that the liquor interests would attempt to elect the next governor, and called their attention to a move then on foot to put John E. W. Wayman, state's attorney of Cook county, into the governor's chair. The following letter ought to be enough to satisfy temperance people that Mr. Wayman is no friend of the local option cause.

in all—and every one resulted in either acquittal or mistrial. There was not one conviction, although the facts were practically admitted, and certainly proven. Law-respecting citizens stood aghast. Saloon anarchy was supreme in Chicago.

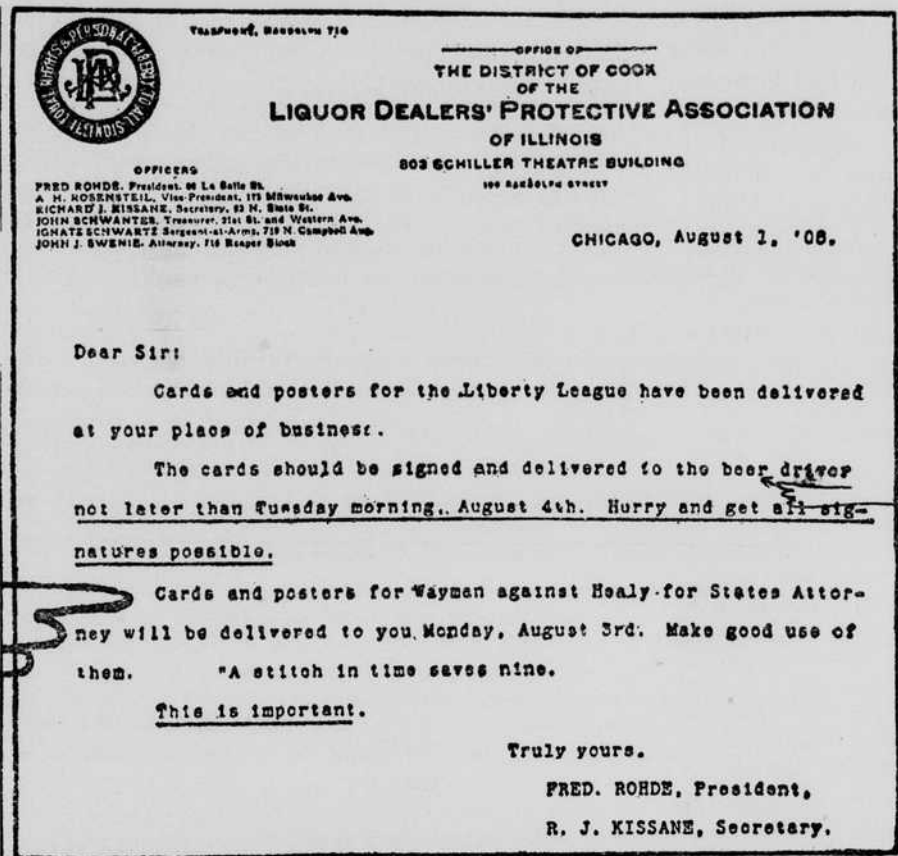
Wayman Opposes Healy.

Then, in a little while, the state's attorney campaign of 1908 came on. John J. Healy, who had so faithfully prosecuted the law-defying saloonkeepers in a vain attempt to stem the tide of lawlessness, was a candidate for re-nomination on a straight-out law-enforcement platform.

At this stage enters John E. W. Wayman as the opponent of Mr. Healy at the Republican primary. That campaign and primary have become historic for political significance and voting frauds.

Wayman Backed by the Liquor Interests.

Wayman was clearly supported by the liquor interests. Witness the fac simile letter above. The issue—the only issue—was Sunday closing; the enforcement of the state law prohibiting open tipping houses on Sunday, which law the supreme court has since said is in full force and effect in Chicago. In that campaign, fought out on this issue, Wayman was the candidate supported by the liquor interests and the United Societies. That the scales may be removed from the eyes of some of the temperance people of the state who have begun to think



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Mr. Wayman is both able and adroit. In the Chautauqua and Church Brotherhood campaign which Mr. Wayman has been conducting, he has presented himself as the champion of reform, and not a few good people, taking him at his own words, are in danger of being deceived thereby.

Once for all, we purpose to set forth here the record of Mr. Wayman on the saloon question, that the temperance people of the state may not be fooled. The liquor interests by their trickery, and Wayman by his smoothness, are fooling some people into thinking that Wayman is just the man the good citizens should support for governor.

The Chicago Sunday-Closing Campaign.

Let us have a look at the evidence. It is scarcely three years since the entire state of Illinois was aroused and scandalized by the miserable failure of the Sunday-closing campaign in Chicago. Indignation against the lawless liquor element and their defenders ran high. It will be remembered that State's Attorney Healy tried one case after another—more than a dozen

they can discern wings sprouting from Mr. Wayman's shoulders, we submit the proof:

United Societies Endorse Wayman.

July 31, 1908, the Chicago Tribune, reporting the transactions of the United Societies' political action committee, said:

John E. W. Wayman, Republican candidate for state's attorney, it was declared had been endorsed by the committee with practically no discussion.

August 1, again reporting the transactions of the same committee, the Tribune said:

As was published in the Tribune yesterday, John E. W. Wayman, the Republican candidate for the office was unanimously approved by the committee.

On August 6, two days before the primary, the leading article in the Tribune on the first page began with the following headline, "BATTLE ON HEALY BECOMES A TEST," and then came the following comment:

It is the Liquor Dealers' Protective Association and the United Societies against the Christian Endeavor Union and