

reason; if he has not borrowed hundreds of thousands of dollars and paid interest thereon at 6 and 7 per cent, contrary to law; and lastly, if he has not permitted large sums of money appropriated for the maintenance of State institutions to be withdrawn from the Treasury before it was needed, to be deposited in his pet banks.

These are the questions Mr. Forman has asked and Mr. Altgeld has failed to answer. The people of Illinois are naturally worked up over this matter. They have been hearing Forman make these charges all over the State. They have noticed that Altgeld makes no attempt to answer them. Voluble as to everything else, he is as silent as a clam on these grave accusations against him. And yet there is nothing the people of Illinois are more curious to find out about. They want to know if he really did put his hands into the State Treasury; if he opened the vaults; if he appealed to Hinrichsen and Durfee for loans with which to take up his due bills; and if he deposited money in pet banks for his personal profit. These are the only serious accusations made against him, the proofs of which are not open to voters. There have been other charges of maladministration, the proofs of which are shown by official statistics. The taxes tell all that they want to know of his extravagance. But they have no way of satisfying their eager curiosity as to his mysterious midnight visits to the Treasury vaults until he speaks.

THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE appeals to Gov. Altgeld to satisfy this curiosity of the people. He has been displeasing them for three or four years in every possible way. Now let him for once do the thing which will please them, however seriously it may affect himself. Let him come out for once and tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

WILL ALTGELD PLEASE EXPLAIN?

Gov. Altgeld has now concluded his series of tail-end speeches in this State and is preparing to go to New York, notwithstanding his own party there has served notice upon him that it does not want him. In not one of these tail-end speeches has he answered one of the questions which Mr. Forman, his competitor on the National Democratic ticket, has been hurling at him.

Mr. Forman has asked Mr. Altgeld over and over again if he has not borrowed State funds; if he was not assisted by Hinrichsen and Durfee in taking up his due bills; if he did not permit the vaults of the State Treasury to be opened between the time of the death of the Treasurer and the qualification of his successor, contrary to law; if he did not appoint as Treasurer the son of Ramsay, who was a defaulter; if he did not remove the Superintendent of the Illinois Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children because he would not lend him the funds of that institution; if he did not ask for the resignation of the Treasurer of the Anna Insane Asylum for a similar