

**BRYAN REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT.**

**NEBRASKAN CALLS FOR PROOF OF HIS CHARGES.**

**Demands That the President Produce Evidence Upon Which He Bases His Endorsement of the Accusation that Gov. Haskell Had Any Connection With Standard Oil Company—Bryan Stands Sponsor for Haskell's Willingness to Have a Thorough Investigation of the Whole Matter.**

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 22.—The most sensational development in the present campaign was the sending today by William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for president, of a telegram to President Roosevelt, demanding that he produce proof that Gov. Charles E. Haskell of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, ever was connected with the Standard Oil company.

Copies of the telegram were given out for publication just before Mr. Bryan's departure for Ann Arbor, late in the afternoon. The programme of the local committee included an opportunity to Mr. Bryan to take a long run in the forenoon, but the statement of President Roosevelt, published this morning, in which the president endorsed the charges made against Gov. Haskell by William R. Hearst, that Gov. Haskell had been connected with the Standard Oil company and had attempted to bribe Attorney General Frank Monnett of Ohio, was sufficient to cause him to forego that much needed luxury and devote himself to the subject of preparing a reply. He called to his assistance John E. Lamb of Indiana, Edwin O. Wood, national committee man from Michigan, and several others of the Democratic leaders, and also held lengthy conferences over the long distance telephone with New York and Chicago. Although Mr. Bryan consumed five hours in these consultations before concluding to address his telegram to the chief executive. Up to a late hour tonight he had received no reply from Mr. Roosevelt.

**The Telegram.**  
The telegram is as follows:  
"Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

"Dear Sir: In a statement given out by you yesterday and published in this morning's papers you endorse a charge made against Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma to the effect that he was once in the employ of the Standard Oil company and as such employed was connected with an attempt to bribe or influence Attorney General Monnett of Ohio to dismiss suits pending against the Standard Oil company. In endorsing this charge you attack the Democratic party and its candidate, saying that 'Gov. Haskell stands high in the councils of Mr. Bryan and is the treasurer of his national campaign committee,' and you add that 'the publication of this correspondence not merely justifies in striking fashion the action of the administration, but also casts a curious sidelight on the attacks made upon the administration both in the Denver convention, which nominated Mr. Bryan, and in the course of Mr. Bryan's campaign.'

"Your charge is so serious that I cannot allow it to go unnoticed. Gov. Haskell has denied that he was ever employed by the Standard Oil company in any capacity or was ever connected in any way whatever with it or with the transaction upon which your charge is based.

"Gov. Haskell demanded an investigation at the time the charge was first made, offering to appear and testify, and he demands an investigation now. I agree with you that if Gov. Haskell is guilty as charged he is unfit to be connected with the Democratic national committee and I am sure you will agree with me that if he is innocent he deserves to be exonerated from so damning an accusation. As the selection of Gov. Haskell as chairman of the committee on resolutions at Denver and also as treasurer of the Democratic national committee had my approval and endorsement, I feel it my duty to demand an immediate investigation of a charge against him endorsed by the president of the United States. Your high position, as well as your sense of justice, should prevent your giving sanction and circulation to such a charge without proof and I respectfully request, therefore, that you furnish any proof which you have in your possession, or if you have no proof, I request that you indicate a method by which the truth may be ascertained. Without consulting Mr. Haskell, I will agree that he will appear for investigation before any tribunal, public or private, which you may indicate, and I will further agree that his connection with the national committee and this campaign shall cease in the event that the decision of such tribunal connects him in any way with the charge, or in case you, after an investigation of the facts, say that you believe him guilty of the charges made.

"As the candidate of the Democratic party I shall not permit any responsible member of the Republican organization to misrepresent the acts of the Democratic party in the present campaign. I have assisted you to the extent of my ability in remedial measures which I deemed for the public good which you have undertaken; I have urged Democrats to support such measures and I have advocated more radical measures against private monopolies than either you or your party associates have been willing to undertake.

"The platform of the Democratic party is clear and specific on this subject, as on other subjects, while the platform of the Republican party is uncertain and evasive.

"The Democratic candidate for vice president, Mr. Kern, joined with me in requesting the Democratic national committee to fix a maximum of \$10,000 for individual contributions and to publish before the election all contributions above \$100 and the committee acted favorably upon the request. The Republican candidate and the Republican national committee proposed, not publication before the election, but publication after the election. I submit that our committee has given the better evidence of its freedom from connection or obligation to the predatory interests. Our committee has not knowingly received a dollar from an official of any corporation known as a trust, and it will not receive any money from such. If any money is contributed by such persons without the knowledge of the committee it will be returned as soon as the fact is discovered.

"The Democratic party is making an honest and an honorable fight in defense of the principles and policies enunciated in its platform and it expects and will demand fair and honorable treatment from those who are in charge of the Republican campaign.

"With great respect, etc.,  
Very truly yours,  
William J. Bryan.  
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 22."

Arriving here at 6.30 o'clock this morning, Mr. Bryan was given a rousing reception. He was met by a big crowd at the station and thousands of men on their way to work cheered him as he proceeded in an automobile up Jefferson and Woodward avenues to the Pontchartrain hotel. So occupied was he with the consideration of the question of replying to Mr. Roosevelt's statement that he was enabled only briefly to address a gathering of prominent Democrats from various parts of the country who had come here to confer with him.

**Cordially Greeted.**  
The journey to Ann Arbor was made in his special car, and upon his arrival there he was accorded a cordial greeting. To a gathering of several thousand persons Mr. Bryan, speaking from the balcony of the Cook house, directed his remarks particularly to young men, discussing during an hour and a half the tariff, the trust question, the labor question, government guaranty of bank deposits, the Democratic party's attitude on the injunction question and on contempt of court trials and severely criticizing Judge Taft for his characterization of the Democratic platform plank on this question as loosely drawn. Mr. Bryan said that in every country in the world there would be found two parties, one essentially democratic and the other aristocratic. "And I want to impress on the mind of every young man," he said, "that everywhere the Democratic party is the growing party and the aristocratic party is the dying party. The Republican party in this country," he continued, "manifests several wrong tendencies. The Republican administration is today extravagant. Those who control it live in an environment, contrary to economy. They are surrounded by tax-eaters, not taxpayers. Everywhere the Democratic party is to interfere with the right of the people to a free choice of their president and to permit the bringing of the prestige of a high office to a dictator of the successor to the president. I have commended the president when I believed his actions to be for good, but I believe that his attempt to pick out his successor is a dangerous precedent. You may tell me that in this case you have great confidence in the president's judgment, but I want to remind you that you cannot defend a monarchy on the ground a king is occasionally a good man. And the precedent may be used by a bad president and once established can hardly be resisted."

He declared that a presidential succession was scarcely less repugnant to free institutions than was a life tenure of the presidency.

Mr. Bryan criticized the "despotic" rules of the house of representatives and asserted that the Republican party had chosen for its vice presidential candidate the man who stood next to Speaker Cannon in the enforcement of these rules. He then discussed the plank in the Democratic platform with regard to injunctions and trials for indirect contempt of court, quoting Judge Taft's criticism that the plank was loosely drawn and was an attack on the judicial system.

"I shall commence today," he said, "to demand that Mr. Taft withdraw from his position in regard to these planks in our platform. It is slanderous and libelous."

In the course of his remarks Mr. Bryan reiterated his plea that if elected he would not be a candidate for a second term.

Returning to Detroit shortly after 6 o'clock Mr. Bryan addressed a monster Democratic meeting in the Light Guards armory.

Outside there were thousands whose desire for admission availed them nothing, as the building was packed to the doors, but in order not entirely to disappoint them he gave them a short overflow talk. In both addresses he compared the platforms of the two parties and went over practically the same ground he did at Ann Arbor.

**A GREAT FERTILIZER.**

**Advantages of the Soja-Bean Over the Cow Pea.**

Mr. J. C. Stribling of Pendleton was in the city today. He brought to the Daily Mail office a stalk each of the early and late varieties of soja beans, and the root of a cow pea stalk. "I want to show the great advantage of the soja bean over the cow pea," said Mr. Stribling.

"The soja bean produces a crop at both ends. The peas on the stalk are fine food for all stock, either green or dry, and can be ground to meal and fed to good advantage. On the root of the stalk the nuts contain the finest kind of fertilizer, and these, left in the ground, prepare the soil for the next crop.

"The average price in the market for the seed of the soja bean is the same as for the cow pea. Some years the seed are higher, and some years lower in price. Always about the same as the cow pea. It is a better crop in every way. The yield from the soja bean is more abundant than from the cow pea, and the former is more easily harvested, because it grows upright.

"The soja bean grows anywhere, and there is no use buying fertilizer when it can be grown in the soil and a crop reaped besides—a good crop, too. The beans grow as thick as you can plant them, and I believe the later varieties are a little better. The stalks are not so tall, but the pods are more plentiful, the yield heavier. I have planted the soja beans off and on for thirty years with success."—Anderson Mail.

**A Loaded Woman.**

An elderly patient of the Tennessee mountain region was suffering from a malady the remedy for which the doctor prescribed in the form of capsules. The old woman trusted her medical adviser, but for the medicine she evinced much suspicion.

Some time after she had taken the capsules she was asked by her son how she felt.

"Porely."  
"Don't you want nuthin' to eat?"  
"No."

Soon, however, the old woman arose from her bed and took her seat in a rocking chair. Thinking that the attention would be gratefully received, the son filled her pipe and taking a live coal from the hearth carried both to his mother.

"Take that away, son!" yelled the old woman in the utmost fright. "Don't you know better'n to come near me when I've got them cartridges in me!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

**What the Cat Had.**

The teacher of the Sunday school class was telling the little boys about temptation and showing how it sometimes came in the most attractive form. She used as an illustration the paw of a cat. It is as soft as velvet, isn't it?

"Yessum," from the class.

"And you have seen the paw of a dog?"

"Well, although the cat's paw seems like velvet, there is nevertheless concealed in it something that hurts. What is it?"

No answer.

"The dog bites," said the teacher, does the cat do?"

"Scratches," said a boy.

Correct," said the teacher, nodding her head approvingly. "Now, what has the cat got that the dog hasn't?"

"Whiskers!" said a boy on the back seat.—Home Magazine.

**How to Get Strong.**

\*P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress street, Chicago, tells of a way to become strong: He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters that I feel it's my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stronger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at Sibert's Drug Store, 50c.

A Houston (Texas) preacher says: "There is too much animal in us all." However, there is likely to be much less if the price of meat goes up another notch.—Washington Post.

Red haired persons are usually impulsive and outspoken.

Watchmakers' oil is from the jawbone of the porpoise.

**PRESIDENT MAKES APPEAL.**

**STATEMENT CALLED FORTH BY RECENT HEARST-FORAKER EXCHANGES.**

The Candidate's Attitude Defined by Roosevelt, Regarding Various Matters—Says Taft is Directly Opposed to That Charged Against the Senator.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Late today Secretary Loeb gave to the press a formal statement by the President, which was called forth by the recent exchanges between William R. Hearst and Senator Foraker, of Ohio. Mr. Hearst, in public utterances, had accused the Senator of relations with the Standard Oil Company inconsistent with his duties as a Senator, and his attitude as a representative of Republican policies and professions.

In today's statement President Roosevelt makes another appeal for the support of Mr. Taft and declares that his defeat would bring "lasting satisfaction to but one set of men, namely, to those men who, as shown in the correspondence published by Mr. Hearst, were behind Mr. Foraker, the opponent of Mr. Taft, within his own party, and who now are behind Governor Haskell and his associates, the opponents of Mr. Taft in the opposite party."

The Statement embodies a letter written by Mr. Taft to a friend in Ohio on July 20, 1907, in which the Republican candidate for the Presidency refused to acquiesce in the plan of the Ohio State central committee to endorse Mr. Taft for the Presidency and Mr. Foraker for reelection to the Senate in a single resolution. The President points out that Mr. Taft's attitude has always been directly opposed to that charged against Senator Foraker by Mr. Hearst regarding the money interests. The President cites the Brownsville affair as a case where the agitation was a phase of the effort "by the representatives of certain law defying corporations to bring discredit upon the administration." It was, he says, in large part "not a genuine agitation on behalf of colored men at all, but merely one phase of the effort by the representatives of certain law defying corporations to bring discredit upon the administration because it was seeking to cut out the evils connected not only with the corrupt use of wealth, but especially with the corrupt alliance between certain business men of large fortunes and certain politicians of great influence. The venomous hostility of these interests and of their special representatives in public life and in the press, to the nomination of Mr. Taft, was merely the natural sequence to their hostility to the measures of the administration for the regulation of great corporations doing an Inter-State business and to the attitude of the administration in consistently prosecuting all offenders of great wealth, precisely as it has prosecuted all other offenders. Mr. Taft has been nominated for the very reason that he is the antithesis of the forces that were responsible for Mr. Foraker."

Commenting further on Mr. Taft's letter, the President says: "I publish this letter without Mr. Taft's knowledge because I feel it my duty to the public that his attitude should be known. The man who unhesitatingly resists temptation, who cannot be swayed by any consideration of personal interest from following the course which his lofty conception of duty dictates to him, the man whose whole concern is for the welfare of the people and who has proved in a life time of difficult and useful public service his extraordinary capacity as an administrator, is surely the man of all others to be entrusted with the Presidency. Mr. Taft's candidacy is not based upon large and vague promises, part of which would be impossible of achievement and part of which would be absolutely mischievous to the people of the whole country if put into effect. His candidacy is based upon his great record of actual achievement, his great record of service to the public, upon his inflexible adherence to the highest standards of righteousness and upon his proved and absolute fearlessness in relentlessly warring against evil wherever it may be found. I appeal to all good citizens all high minded, conscientious men who love their country for the sake of their country to put such a man at its head."

**Passed Examination Successfully.**

\*James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Remedy. After a second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Remedy cures backache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. W. W. Sibert.

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**THE NINETY-SIX CONSPIRACY.**

**Seven of the Twelve negroes Arrested at Ninety-Six Released.**

Greenwood, Sept. 24.—Seven of the 12 negroes arrested at Ninety-Six on the charge of conspiracy against certain white people there have been released from jail. This was done on the recommendation of Solicitor Cooper, who came over Saturday from Laurens. He recommended that a bond of \$500 each be required of them. The negroes found no difficulty in securing white people at Ninety-Six to go on their bonds and they were released.

Five are still held here in jail. They have not demanded a preliminary and it is presumed they will remain here until the approaching term of the court of general session. They are the ones who were at the so-called executive session of the colored Odd Fellows as stated by the Rev. "Johnny" Dean, the Informer.

Odd and amusing tales of Dean's past are coming to light in the development of affairs. He is still in jail here. He seems to have been a pretty smooth proposition for a colored citizen for some years past.

He still denies that he wrote the letter which he received here as addressed to "Hartie Harris." Copies of his handwriting and the noted Harris letter were taken home by Solicitor Cooper and he stated that he would have them sent to some handwriting expert. The opinion, as before stated, is general that Dean used the time and circumstances following a disturbed condition to "get even" with some of his own race.

**RALLY IN FLORENCE.**

**Democrats of That City Will Hold Big Meeting Tonight.**

The Democrats of Florence have arranged to hold a big Bryan rally tonight at which speeches will be made by Senator-elect E. D. Smith and other well known speakers. There is said to be more enthusiasm in Florence over Bryan and the great fight the Democrats are making to win control of the National government than anywhere else in the State, and the meeting tonight will afford opportunity for a demonstration of this enthusiasm.

It is expected that there will be a thousand or more Democrats present at the rally tonight, all Democrats in this section of the State having been invited.

In addition to the general invitation extended through the press, the Daily Item today received a telegram from Hon. H. M. Ayer, of the committee of arrangements, reading as follows:

"Come over to the Bryan rally tonight and bring a crowd with you." Those who wish to attend the meeting can go over on the evening train and return tomorrow morning on the train due here at 5.50.

**SALARIES IN GREENVILLE.**

**City Council Slashes All Along the Line—Office of Recorder is Abolished.**

Greenville, Sept. 23.—At last night's session of council the city fathers got busy and slashed salaries in every direction. Policemen's salaries were cut 10 per cent, firemen's salaries, clerk's inspector's, health officer's salaries were also cut 10 per cent. The office of city recorder was abolished altogether. The trial of all cases will now devolve upon the mayor.

Other city expenses have also been cut. Even the chief of police's horse has been ordered sold.

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**DORCHESTER ASSASSINATIC!**

**YOUNG WHITE MAN SHOT TO DEATH NEAR BRANCHVILLE.**

No Clue as to the Slayer—Started Out for Load of Cotton Pickers, the Team Returning With Dead Body an Hour Later.

Branchville, Sept. 22.—Presley Reeves, 24 years of age, the son of A. M. Reeves, who lives about six miles below here in Dorchester county, was assassinated just after dark this evening.

Reeves left his home about dark to carry a load of cotton pickers to their homes. About an hour later the mules returned home with young Reeves dead in the wagon, he having been shot in the head with buck shot. It is said the wagon did not go to the field with the cotton pickers.

There is no clue as to the assassin. Reeves leaves a widow.

Gov. Ansel has been asked for bloodhounds.

11 p. m.—No one has yet been captured.

The dogs will arrive here about 12.30 this morning, when a posse will begin search for the slayer.

Gov. Ansel was advised by wire last night of the assassination of Mr. Reeves and was requested to despatch bloodhounds, if possible, on the first train. Secretary Bethea immediately got into communication with Superintendent Griffin of the penitentiary and arrangements were made to send these dogs to the scene of the crime. Gov. Ansel decided not to wait for the regular train and ordered a special over the Southern railway, which left Columbia at 1:30 this morning. Mr. Robbins of the penitentiary guards was in charge of the dogs. The special consisted of an engine and one coach, in charge of Conductor Leggsman and Engineer Moore.

**NIGHT RIDERS IN GREENVILLE.**

**R. C. Willmon Warned Not to Gin any More Cotton—Several Other Plants Reported Posted.**

Greenville, Sept. 22.—Word reached the city today of the posting of a threatening notice by supposed night riders on the gin of R. C. Willmon, eight miles from Greenville. The notice reads:

"Take warning and do not gin any more cotton. If you do, you will suffer the consequences.

(Signed) "Night Riders."  
It is also reported several other gins were posted last night, though no damage is reported.

Willmon's gin is a new plant and started up this morning, despite the threat.

**WOMEN'S WOES**

**Summer Women Are Finding Relief At Last.**

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of remedy for kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. W. A. Clyde, living at 219 E. Liberty St., Sumter, S. C., says "I can highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as they have proved of great value to me. I suffered from dull nagging backaches, had distressing pains through my loins and also suffered some annoyance from the kidney secretions. They were highly colored, contained dark sediment, and were very scanty in flow. I did not rest well at night and in the morning felt tired and languid, having very little strength or energy. I finally procured Doan's Kidney Pills at China's drug store, and since using them I have been free from backaches, the kidneys act regularly, and I have no annoyance from the secretions. I am glad to recommend such a splendid remedy as Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. 65

**Best Treatment for a Burn.**

"If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price 25 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Steamers reaching Norfolk report that a deep haze hangs over the whole southern coast.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets last night and I feel fifty per cent. better than I have for weeks," says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for biliousness." For sale by all druggists. Samples free.