

'CONSPIRATOR' SAYS RUSH OF HASKELL

Attorney Declares Governor Sought "Willfully to Defraud Government."

QUICK SALES ALLEGED

Persons Whose Names Had Been Falsely Entered, Surprised to Learn They Owned Land, Sold on Easy Terms, He States.

MALESTER, Okla., Sept. 27.—Describing Governor C. N. Haskell as a "conspirator who sought to defraud the United States Government," Assistant Attorney General S. R. Bush, of Omaha, today formally presented to a jury the government's charges in the town-plot cases.

Mr. Rush's declaration was in the form of an opening statement to the jury. He said the prosecution was prepared to show that Governor Haskell "knowingly and willfully entered into conspiracy to defraud the government and to violate the regulations of the Department of the Interior."

Lots Sold at Half Price.

Mr. Rush said it would be shown that by false registration Governor Haskell and others illegally secured about 600 lots in Muskogee at one-half of the money they should have paid.

The regulations of the sale had provided that not more than two lots should be sold to any one person at one-half the appraised value and this should apply only to such persons as held occupancy right.

To defeat this arrangement, the prosecutor said, the government would show Governor Haskell and his associates falsely registered the names of persons living in various states.

Trading Company Organized.

To carry on the conspiracy, Mr. Rush declared, what is known as the Southwestern Trading & Contracting Company was formed. Haskell was made president; Charles Duffy, of New York, vice-president, and the treasurer, W. T. Hutchings, an attorney, and Walter R. Eaton, secretary. Hutchings and Eaton are co-defendants in the present trial.

Some of the people whose names had been used by Governor Haskell and associates had refused to turn their property over after Haskell had procured the deeds for them, Mr. Rush said, and these persons were called as witnesses.

Government Approved, Says Cruce.

A. C. Cruce, counsel for Governor Haskell, contended that the manner in which the defendants secured the property was known to the Department of the Interior and the department had approved of it.

Eastern Witnesses Called.

Summonses for about 50 witnesses living in Ohio, Michigan, New York, Virginia and other states were issued by District Attorney Gregg tonight. Among those summoned are Judges Charles Smith, of Hastings, Mich., and James King Duffey and Charles H. Duffey, of New York City.

Judge Smith, according to the government's opening statement to the jury, was falsely registered by Governor Haskell as a claimant, and then was asked to turn his deed to the state.

It was Judge Smith, it was charged, to whom a letter was addressed advising him that if he did not know it, he suddenly became the owner of Oklahoma property, for which he was offered a fee for a quit claim deed.

T. R. TRIUMPHS ON FLOOR

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meeting of the state committee to the summer capital at Beverly. There he made known not only his desires, but also his apprehensions.

"To allay these apprehensions, what more natural than the selection to make the keynote speech as temporary chairman of him who has been sent to speak for the administration to all parts of the country, then into the President's own state of Ohio, the Vice-President of the United States, James B. Sherman?"

Precedent Held Wise.

"A precedent for the designation of the Vice-President as temporary chairman of the convention by the state committee at its meeting last night," Mr. Woodruff continued, "was wisely established two years ago, when Senator Root, then premier of the National Administration, was selected at the meeting of the state committee, held a month before the convention."

"As chairman of the Republican State Committee, no one," he suggested to me, "or as far as I know, to any other member of the committee, the name of any other person than the Vice-President as temporary chairman, until Mr. Griscom, sitting in the committee as a proxy, moved to substitute another name for that of Vice-President Sherman after the latter's name had been properly presented. What was the object of this action?"

"The correspondence between Colonel Roosevelt and myself just after the meeting of the state committee shows more clearly than can otherwise be presented that the opposition to the selection of Vice-President Sherman was not based on any personal grounds, but because he desired an opportunity to present views

as to the policies which should hereafter guide the destinies of the Republican party."

Letters Are Read.

Mr. Woodruff then read the letter he wrote to Colonel Roosevelt August 17, the day after his committee endorsed Vice-President Sherman for temporary chairman, declaring he did not know that the Colonel wanted the post. He then read the following reply from Mr. Roosevelt, dated August 16:

"You seem to me to be under a misapprehension in the matter. I was not notifying anybody about the matter and neither Griscom nor I had any idea that the question was to come up at this time. Some of the gentlemen with whom you were acting on Monday evening announced that it was going to come up, and made the announcement on the specific ground that it was to head off the movement for me, because they did not believe in the principles for which I stand. I have never wanted the position, but merely said that I would accept it if it were desired that I should do so. If the Vice-President is correctly reported as to his position, and if you agree with that position, you are only right in having him, and not me, make the speech."

Meaning Commented On.

"Colonel Roosevelt manifestly meant that he desired to uphold the doctrine of the new Nationalism," said Mr. Woodruff.

In accordance with the instructions of the state committee, I nominate as temporary chairman of this convention James B. Sherman."

There were cheers for the Vice-President and Joseph Hicks, of Nassau County, who, in a short speech nominated Colonel Roosevelt for temporary chairman.

The convention broke into wild cheers and continuous applause, delegates waving their hats and clapping their hands while the band played a fanfare.

Abraham Gruber of New York, who had been selected to fire the broadsword, the "old guard" against Colonel Roosevelt's selection, was recognized and made his way to the platform.

Gruber Is Caustic.

Mr. Gruber said in part: "Twelve years ago, on this platform, I, a Republican, convention against turning the executive mansion into a shooting gallery. My advice was not heeded. Since that memorable day the man who has ever since been shooting has seen his party organization divided in every state, his party's cause overwhelmingly defeated, business depressed, and the intelligent and honest workingman without employment and hungry."

Looking for other fields for shooting practices, this man is now shooting at the courts and the judges. Himself posing as a lawyer, who never had a case or drew a brief, he now finds sport in holding up the courts and judges to the scorn of the mob. But this is not a new symptom. It is an old disease.

"Working men of the United States, do you recall that when Haywood and Meyer were on trial for their lives, this same shooter, with all the power of the President of the United States, sought to influence the jury by holding up these leaders of labor as undesirable citizens."

Lungs, Not Brains, He Says.

"A French King once said: 'I am the state.' The same man may say 'I am the United States.' The lungs of the country are not its brains. Men who a few months ago believed now disbelieve, men who worshipped now execrate, and throughout the country the business men as such are facing panic and as lovers of their rights and the peace fearing rapacious rule from Caesar to Napoleon, from Napoleon to the American Jack Cade."

"When given power to shoot the truth, he has been a little better than good ones and the bad ones. The steel and sugar trusts were the good ones, those which would not help along the shabby political schemes of the bad ones. And now those who cry 'live in the Red' are good Republicans, and those who are putting patriotism above all else, and therefore will not join the cry are bad Republicans."

"While under the table I touch Cox's feet, and therefore will not join the cry are bad Republicans."

"Every generation gives opportunity to the patriotic and brave to keep our ship of state headed in the right direction, and all of us, business men, farmers, laboring men, professional men, and, yes, even the women of this country, may now, if they will, join in the great fight begun in the convention to prevent a third term or something worse."

No one enjoyed Gruber's speech more than Colonel Roosevelt, who chuckled repeatedly. The delegates baised Gruber's statement that it would be found that two-thirds of Roosevelt's strength in the convention came from Federal office-holders.

Mr. Gruber concluding, Controller Prendergast of New York, was recognized as speaker for Colonel Roosevelt.

Mr. Prendergast congratulated Colonel Roosevelt on Mr. Gruber's speech. He said he knew of nothing better to show the line of cleavage between Colonel Roosevelt's friends and other people in this convention. The speaker assailed the action of the state committee last night.

State Chairman Woodruff, of Brooklyn, an old guard leader, was one of the first to feel the effect of the "progressive" victory in the state convention today. Delegates from Kings County in the Third Congressional District tonight retired Mr. Woodruff, as state committee member, elected Alfred E. Vase to succeed him.

CANALEJAS TO BE OUSTED

Catholic Papers in Spain Declare Premier May Soon Go.

MADRID, Sept. 27.—The Catholic newspapers here are filled with stories of cabinet dissensions, and freely predict that the manifestations to be held next Sunday will force Premier Canalejas to retire on the eve of the assembling of the Cortes on October 2.

The President of the Chamber of Deputies will succeed Premier Canalejas.

BENSON STARTS FOR HOME

Acting Governor of Oregon Leaves California Today.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 27.—Acting Governor Frank W. Benson, of Oregon, who was nominated at the Oregon primaries Saturday for Secretary of State, left for his home today.

Railway Mail Clerks Named.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 27.—William E. Austin and E. A. Deuber, of Portland, and John C. Hugill, of Gervais, have been appointed railway mail clerks.

Catholic Commitment Prosecuted.

BILBAO, Spain, Sept. 27.—The president of the Catholic committee, of this city, has been prosecuted for his violent manifesto in connection with the proposed demonstration next Sunday.

GRAFT IS ASSAILED

Roosevelt Delivers Speech to New York Republicans.

LIABILITY LAW IS NEEDED

Ex-President Also Gives His Indorsement to Direct Primaries as Method of Making Nominations to Public Office.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Chairman Woodruff amid thundering cheers, announced that Colonel Roosevelt was duly elected temporary chairman and named Vice-President Sherman and State Superintendent of Prisons Collins as committee to escort Colonel Roosevelt to the chair.

Mr. Sherman came smilingly down the aisle and shook hands cordially with his successful opponent, congratulating him on his victory. The Colonel whispered something in the Vice-President's ear while the convention shouted and cheered. There was a volley of cheers when Vice-President Sherman introduced Colonel Roosevelt, saying briefly: "Gentlemen, your selection for temporary chairman, Colonel Roosevelt."

Colonel Takes Chair.

The Colonel took the chair and gavel. He looked straight out in the auditorium, his face streaming with perspiration and his jaw firmly set.

"Republicans of the State of New York," he began, "I thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me, and the confidence you have displayed in me and all of my power will be exerted so that you shall not have cause now or hereafter to regret what you have done."

"We come here feeling that we have the right to appeal to the people from the standpoint alike of National and state achievement."

Many Laws Enacted.

"In the last 18 months, a long list of laws, embodying legislation most heartily to be commended as combining wisdom with progress, has been enacted by Congress and approved by President Taft."

"Turning from the Nation to the state we find that during the term of office of Governor Hughes an extraordinary amount of wise and good legislation in the interest of all the people has been put upon the statute books and the standard of business integrity and efficiency in the administration of the several state departments has been steadily raised."

"Of course, with a party as long in control of Nation and state as we have been, there has been individual instances of misconduct and corruption. But there is no need of any other party raising the cry of 'Turners the rascals out!' for we have turned our own rascals out."

Party Believed In.

"I believe in the party to which we belong because I believe in the principles for which the Republican party stood in the days of Abraham Lincoln, and, furthermore and especially, because I believe in treating these principles not as dead but as living. Empty glorification of our past state is less than nothing if we put it forward as an excuse for not doing our duty in the living present. We can deserve the confidence of the people only by proving in deed as well as in word that we face the problem of dealing with political and business corruption and of working for social and economic justice and for the betterment of the conditions of life and the uplifting of our people with the same fervor and sincerity that Lincoln and his followers brought to the great tasks allotted to them in their day."

"Corruption in every form is the arch enemy of this Republic; the arch enemy of free institutions and of government by the people, an even more dangerous enemy than the open lawlessness of violence, because it works in hidden and furtive fashion."

Honesty Best Attitude.

"Let no man say that this is an assault upon the honest business man. In short, our attitude is merely that we stand for honesty as well as for progressiveness and for efficiency; that we believe both business men and politicians should be just and upright and honest as well as wise, courageous and fearless. We are against crookedness in the surest and most effective way. We are against it just as strongly in the big man. We judge each man by his conduct, and not by his wealth or his social station; and we hold it to be our bounden duty to strive steadily to make and to keep this great American commonwealth as a true democracy, and steadily to endeavor to shape our legislation and our social conditions so that there shall be a far nearer approach than at present towards equality of opportunity for all."

"The corporation must be paid, must be given its rights, but it must be prevented from doing wrong, and its management must be held accountable when it does wrong, and it must be deprived of all secret influence in our public life. We must strive to do away with the social and economic injustices that have come from



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Workers Must Be Protected.

"We must see that, by far-reaching legislation, the workman who is crippled and the family of the workman who is killed in industry, are compensated, so that the losses necessarily incident to certain industries shall be equitably and fairly distributed, instead of being on the shoulders of those not able to bear them."

"We must make it a matter of obligation upon the state to see that the conditions under which workmen and women do their work shall be safe and healthful. So far legislation as is possible, we must strive to give to the workman laws to achieve and maintain a high standard of living."

"We who come together to set the standard of our party have a grave responsibility to that party and to the public. Democracy means nothing unless the people rule. The rule of the boss is the negation of democracy."

"We should at once introduce in this state the system of direct nominations in the primaries, so that the people shall be able themselves to decide who the candidates shall be, instead of being limited merely to choose between candidates with whose nominations they have had nothing to do."

Dolph Payne Is Sued for \$947.85.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—A suit was filed in the Circuit Court today against Dolph Payne. The complaint alleges that the defendant, who had been awarded a sub-contract by the plaintiffs for grading a portion

of the Astoria Southern Railway Company's road, purchased supplies from the Ross Higgins & Co., amounting to \$737.85, which the plaintiffs were compelled to pay, also that they advanced to the defendants and divers other persons small sums of money amounting in all to \$153.30 and sold him two drag scrapers for \$17, making a total of \$947.85, for which they ask judgment.

Vancover Library Needs Fumigator.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—That a dry fumigator should be installed in the basement of the city public library is the opinion of Dr. R. G. Black, city and county health officer. As the books circulate in their rooms through the hands of those who may be affected with different diseases they may on their second trip convey the disease germs to those reading them.

Man Says He Loves Wife He Accuses

To prevent his wife from securing a divorce from him, Julius W. Knispel filed in the Circuit Court yesterday his answer to Selma W. Knispel's complaint. He does not ask a divorce himself, although he accuses his wife of

threatening his life, of throwing a sugar bowl at him, of unfaithfulness. He says he married his wife's world, which amounts to nearly 38,000 tons, valued at \$41,000,000.

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