

BOOTH'S REPLY
TO WEST TO DEBATE

Republican Senatorial Candidate Challenges Governor to Discuss Record.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY EVADES

Executive's Attacks on Life and Integrity of Mr. Booth Prompt Him to Offer to Meet Mallinger at Armory Next Friday.

R. A. Booth, Republican nominee for the United States Senate, challenged Governor West yesterday to engage in a joint debate on the subject of Mr. Booth's personal record and his business integrity.

Governor West's reply was an evasion. He declined to accept the challenge, but offered Mr. Booth the opportunity of appearing on the platform at one of the Governor's regularly scheduled speeches and answering whatever charges the Governor makes against him.

Governor West has been going up and down the state in the last few weeks making attacks against the Republican candidate and throwing out further insinuations against him by suggestive innuendos of his own.

At noon today Mr. Booth and the Booth managers have encountered this conduct on the part of the Governor without replying, but the recent intimation of Governor West that he would make "other charges" yesterday aroused Mr. Booth to the point of challenging the Governor to make such charges at a time when Mr. Booth will be able to hear them and answer them.

Mr. Booth therefore suggested that Governor West appear at the Armory in Portland at 7:30 o'clock next Friday evening, October 23, so that Mr. Booth, himself, might appear with him and answer whatever charges the Governor may make.

The message was sent to the Governor at Medford and was delivered to him there about 6:30 o'clock last night.

Challenge Is Sent.

Mr. Booth's message in full follows: Oswald West, Governor of Oregon,

Salem, Oregon. The personal charges that you have made publicly against my business methods and personal life are so serious and so many that you will make other charges against me before the present political campaign closes. If you have any other charges that you have made or of others that you make make I earnestly request you to make them at the Armory in Portland, October 23, at 7:30 P. M., that I may appear with you for the purpose of answering them.

There are a number of great citizens in the people of Oregon and my character I have considered my greatest asset. I am ready to give an account in the public eye, and let the people and to defend what I believe is a good name, and I trust you will grant me the favor of an immediate reply by wire?

BOOTH. Governor West, in his answer, made no reference whatever to Mr. Booth's invitation to meet at the Armory, but insisted that Mr. Booth be present at one of the West meetings and hear what the Governor has to say. The Governor offered to divide the time of one of his own speeches at the Armory, but expressed no intention of accepting the challenge to debate at the Armory or at any other place before a neutral audience.

SALEM THROUGHS HEAR BOOTH

Candidate at Enthusiastic Meetings Gives Convincing Talks.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 17.—(Special).—In a dignified address, free from invective and personal attacks, straight and convincing, Robert A. Booth, Republican nominee for United States Senator, delivered an important message to the people of Marion County and the Capital City.

Old-timers, who have heard the greatest orators the state has produced, declared that they never had ever been delivered in Salem. A demonstrative audience, but not one uproariously so, for Mr. Booth's attitude forbade it, fast, firm and gave close attention to every word he spoke. Already the leader in the race here, it was declared after the address that Mr. Booth had added many hundreds to his list of supporters.

Touching upon his invitation sent to Governor West today by telegraph to meet him in Portland, which was to be next Friday night if he has anything to support charges against the speaker's integrity and business methods, Mr. Booth said he was sure that his challenge had been published before Governor West had replied to it. He said the publication had not been made with his consent and by mistake.

Then facing his audience squarely he declared that he had made answer repeatedly to the charges against him regarding timber dealings, and was ready again to do so if any one present desired. If there was any doubt in the mind of anyone present as to the charges, he invited questions so they might be answered. There were no questions, for the people of Marion County and Salem know Mr. Booth.

In closing his address the speaker again called attention to the answer he had made to his enemies, and said that he would make another—evidently referring to the invitation to Governor West to meet him in Portland—which would be more convincing and let the people know another phase of his character.

About 800 persons heard Mr. Booth and his campaign manager, Judge Gran B. Dimick, of Oregon City, deliver short addresses from an automobile at State and Liberty streets, but the candidate's principal address was made in the Grand Opera-house before an audience of about 1200 persons.

Mr. Booth said he had no doubt as to the result. He said he would give to the people of Marion County. He had stood all his life, he said, for a full dinner's time, before the Democratic Administration lowered the tariff on lumber than \$100,000 had come into Oregon daily from timber, but that was not so now. Then all men were employed, but now half were voted from a report of R. G. Dun & Co. showing that the business failures the third quarter this year exceeded those of any corresponding quarter since the war.

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had stopped it. He referred to the commission to revise tariff schedules.

"After what the Democrats had done to the Pacific Coast it requires nerve for them to come back here asking for indorsement," continued Mr. Booth. "They said their tariff was to liberate business, but it has liberated something else. It has liberated men from work. I was informed last night that 16,000 men are idle or working on short shifts and facing the loss of these jobs in Portland."

The speaker then called attention to the large shipments of hogs from Canada, the closing of shrimp mills in the Northwest because of the Canadian competition, as a result of the Democratic tariff reductions, and the bringing of oranges from that country and corn from Manchuria and Argentina.

Butter, he said, was coming from New Zealand and eggs from China. The English Board of Trade had recently reported that since the Democrats came into power that country is selling more hogs than it can absorb, and is holding under the Republican tariff. The Democrats had liberated business in the British Isles, but not in the United States.

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CATHLAMET, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special).—Claire Evelyn McKeun, 13-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve McKeun, of Skanakawa, was awarded the first prize in the baby show at the Wahiakum County Fair.

States. The proposed war tax, he asserted, was due to Democratic mistakes, and became necessary, even though that party had help from the income tax.

"But why speak of incomes under a Democratic Administration?" asked Mr. Booth. "There are none."

The audience laughed. "The great issues are," declared the speaker, "whether the food on American tables is raised on American farms and whether the clothes on American backs are made by American workers."

A beautiful tribute to the workers was paid by Mr. Booth. He showed how all classes were dependent upon each other, and declared the greatest glory was due the workers, for they were the backbone of the nation.

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"I consider the Rock Island one of the finest railroad properties in the United States today. It traverses a great territory. It has wonderful terminals and it is everything that a railroad ought to be. I can put it no stronger than that."

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HARRIMAN'S ROCK ISLAND WIPED OUT

Every Dollar Invested in Securities Companies Regarded as Lost.

YOAKUM TELLS OF DEALS

Sale of Frisco Lines, on Which Rock Island Lost Heavily, Described—Alton Purchase Made in Harriman's Absence.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Disclosures of details of losses to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, through financial operations, were made to the Interstate Commerce Commission by witnesses intimately identified with transactions.

B. F. Youkum, who participated actively in the sale of the Frisco lines to the Rock Island, and who subsequently repurchased the Frisco for himself and his associates described in detail the negotiations which resulted in a loss to the Rock Island of approximately \$7,500,000.

Mr. Youkum also gave, incidentally, and briefly, his views on such supervision as he believed the Government ought to exercise over railroads.

Governor Partnership Favored. He said his idea was that a partnership ought to exist between the Government and the railroads by which each should have a share in the responsibility and in the earnings. He thought one of the great achievements of the present National Administration was its decision to construct and operate railroads in Alaska.

Through the testimony of J. N. Wallace, president of the Central Trust Company, New York, it was shown there was strong probability that the securities of the two Rock Island holding companies will be wiped out absolutely and that every dollar invested in them would be lost.

As trustee of the bondholders, the Central Trust Company is pressing for the sale of the Rock Island stock held as security for its bonds. The sale of this stock would eliminate the securities of the holding companies as a factor of any value.

Time "Propitious" for Buying. Discussing the acquisition by the Rock Island of the Chicago & Alton, Mr. Youkum testified he participated in that purchase as one of the directors of the Rock Island.

"I purchased much of the Alton stock in my name through six brokers and five other blocks of the stock were purchased in the names of W. D. Leeds and William H. Moore. To get a majority of about 200,000 shares of the railroad property is a pretty good job. Of course, we had to keep the matter quiet."

"Was not E. H. Harriman in control of the Alton at that time?" asked Mr. Folk.

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\$18 Brass Bed of the popular, continuous-post style, 2-inch posts, full size or three-quarter size, now... \$11.85

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This distinctive suite, of solid mahogany throughout, design of the Georgian period, is finished in shimmering enamel, with Prima Vera panels. Four pieces comprise the suite—Dresser, Chiffonier, Chair, Bedroom Rocker. One of the most attractive offerings in Bedroom Suites in the closing-out sale.

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An exquisite Sheraton production from the shops of Berkeley & Gay, in antique mahogany, with satin wood, holly and ebony. A complete suite, consisting of Full-Size Bed, Large Dresser, Chiffonier, Dressing Table, Chair, Bed Room Rocker.

\$856 Solid Mahogany Bedroom Suite Now \$585.

From the shops of that celebrated maker, Cowan of Chicago, is this beautiful Hepplewhite Suite, consisting of Large Dresser, Chiffonier and Dressing Table.

Former Ambassador to Mexico Returns to Spokane. Diplomat, Who Saw Many Southern Rebellions, Declares President Helps Bandits, Not Patriots.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special).—Henry Lane Wilson, American Ambassador to Mexico during the still in progress, arrived in Spokane today and probably will resume the residence that he dropped 17 years ago, when he entered the diplomatic service.

"I see that Mexico is getting the headlines again in your papers," Mr. Wilson said this morning. "There is no cure for Mexico. While I have always favored intervention, nothing remains for the United States, failing the establishment of some strong military dictatorship, but intervention. Properly, the United States should never intervene in Mexico except to protect the lives and property of its citizens, but we have made ourselves responsible to the world by interfeering in the politics of Mexico."

"You see, the mistake the President has always made has been that of regarding these leaders in Mexico as patriots, when as a matter of fact they have simply been bandits. I presume that Villa is the next 'friend of the people' who will attain

Lumber Rates Are Cut

Blue Funnel Line Reduces to Bolster Northwest Timber Trade.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 17.—Announcement was made today by officers of the Blue Funnel Line, operating steamships between Puget Sound and Liverpool via the Orient, of a reduction of 20 per cent on lumber from North Pacific ports to the United Kingdom, effective November 1.

It was explained that the reduction was being made to stimulate the lumber trade, which has been badly crippled by the war.

Elma Postmaster to Remain. CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special).—Following a telegraphic request from the Postoffice Department at Washington, Alex Jolley, who recently

Appetite Follows Good Digestion

Nearly everyone indulges their appetite and digestive organs are abused, resulting in a congestion of poisonous waste that clogs the bowels and causes much misery and distress.

The most effective remedy to correct this condition is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. This is a natural, pleasant-tasting remedy, gentle yet positive in action, and quickly relieves indigestion, constipation, sick headache, belching, etc. Drug stores sell Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at fifty cents and one dollar a bottle, and in thousands of homes it is the indispensable family remedy. For a free trial bottle write Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 451 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

Sage Tea and Sulphur properly compound brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Year ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Weyth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle for about 50 cents. Every body uses this old, famous recipe, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.

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Now \$1.35 Square Yard for the \$1.80 square yard grade Inlaid Linoleum, all domestic made.

Now \$1.10 Square Yard for the \$1.65 square yard grade Inlaid Linoleum.

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Special \$5.65 For This \$9.50 Arm Rocker. Of solid quarter-sawn oak, in the returned finish, is this Arm Rocker, with upholstered seat covered in genuine S. P. A. H. leather. Whether or not you have immediate need for a piece such as this, its price lowness should stop you falling half an ARM CHAIR TO MATCH AT SAME PRICE.

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Full size, extra special \$6.25

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Fine Wilton Rugs, size 11 feet 3 inches by 15 feet; former price \$89.50, now... \$101.50.

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Fine Wilton Rugs, size 9 feet by 15 feet; former price \$81.25, now... \$69.50.

Hartford-Saxony Rugs, size 11 feet 3 inches by 12 feet; former price \$63.50, now... \$81.25.

Fine Wilton Rugs, size 9 feet by 12 feet; former price \$60.00, now... \$52.50.

Wool Wilton Rugs, size 9 feet by 12 feet; former price \$43.50, now... \$34.75.

Body Brussels Rugs, size 9 feet by 12 feet; former price \$33.00, now... \$27.85.

Axminster Rugs, size 9 feet by 12 feet; former price \$30.00, now... \$23.75.

Tapstry Rugs, size 9 feet by 12 feet; former price \$20.00, now... \$14.75.

Tapstry Rugs, size 9 feet by 12 feet; former price \$17.50, now... \$13.20.

Feather Pillows, Pair \$2.50. Exceptional values are these—regular price of the pair. Covered in fancy striped ticking. They go on sale tomorrow.

This \$100 Solid Cuban Mahogany Library Table, Made by Cowan, Now... \$55. Cowan superiority of workmanship and finish, and excellence of material and design are features of this library table, bearing the Cowan shopmark. A true Colonial type, of solid Cuban mahogany, even to the drawer interiors. Top measures 34 inches by 54 inches. A size that meets well the average requirements of living-room or library.

Another Cowan Library Table. Regular Price \$105.00, Now... \$65. Also of solid Cuban mahogany, in the beautiful scroll Colonial design, and typical of the Cowan productions in workmanship, material and finish size of top 34 inches by 54 inches.