

BRYAN WANTS PROOF

Asks President Roosevelt to Furnish Evidence Against Haskell in Bribery Matter.

William J. Bryan Tuesday demanded that President Roosevelt prove his charge that Haskell was connected with the Standard Oil company and that the Standard Oil was back of the present Bryan campaign.

The demand was made in a telegram addressed to the chief executive and came as a result of Roosevelt's statement that Taft's defeat would only bring a lasting satisfaction to but one set of men who, as shown in the correspondence published by Hearst, were Foraker, the opponent of Taft within his own party, and who are now behind Governor Haskell and his associates, the opponents of Taft and the opposite party.

Bryan's telegram is worded courteously, but can hardly be ignored by the president, or considered other than as a challenge. He says:

"In a statement given out by you, you endorse the charges against Governor Haskell, to the effect that he was once employed by the Standard Oil company in connection with an attempt to bribe Attorney General Mott of Ohio to dismiss a suit pending against that company.

"In endorsing this charge you attack the democratic party, saying that Haskell stands high in the councils of Bryan.

"This is a charge so serious that I cannot allow it to pass unnoticed.

"Mr. Haskell demands an investigation now and agrees with you that if he is guilty he is unfit to be connected with the democratic party.

"I think you will agree with me that if he is innocent he deserves to be exonerated from so damning an accusation.

"You add that the publication of this correspondence has not merely justified in striking fashion the action of the present administration, but that it also casts a curious sidelight on the attacks upon the administration in the Denver convention and in Mr. Bryan's campaign, as the selection of Mr. Haskell as chairman of the resolutions committee at Denver and also as treasurer of the national committee had my approval and endorsement.

"For this reason I feel it my duty to demand an immediate investigation of the charge which is endorsed by the president of the United States, as one in your high position as well as your sense of justice would prevent your sanctioning any such charge if not proven.

"I respectfully request you to furnish what proof you possess or if you have none, request that you indicate the method in which the truth may be ascertained."

Roosevelt's Answer.

In answering Bryan, President Roosevelt grills the leader of the democratic party for standing on a platform which he assumes to be drawn by Haskell, who is now treasurer of the democratic National committee; alleges that Haskell was connected with Standard Oil interests; voted against the child labor bill and reiterates the fact that he was defendant in suits brought by the government in Oklahoma to prevent the Creek In-

dians having their land taken from them fraudulently.

The president takes advantage of this opportunity and compares Taft to Bryan, saying:

"I put Taft's deeds again your words. I ask that Taft be judged by all his deeds for he wished none of them forgotten. I ask you be judged both by the words you wish remembered and by the words seemingly, you and your party now desire to have forgotten."

A New York dispatch says it has become known at headquarters that several committeemen are preparing to use every influence to bring about the removal of Governor Haskell as treasurer of the national democratic committee.

The Potato Shortage.

The following from a Spokane paper indicates the price of potatoes may change soon: Potatoes are now selling for \$1.75 a sack on the market, and from the present outlook the price will soon be higher than that, for all new potatoes are being sold as fast as they come in and the demand for them is increasing steadily. The potato crop is poor this fall the absence of rain and the hot, dry winds having injured the growth of the plants and prevented the potatoes from filling out properly. If the crop in other parts of the country are as poor as in the immediate vicinity of Spokane, potatoes will be hard to find and will bring a high price before the year is out.

Complete Macadamized Roads.

With the completion of an extension to the College Place macadamized road Walla Walla and the little Adventist town are connected with a continuous chain of good road, which extends a short distance beyond College Place, says the Union. There are all together about five miles of an excellent road as can be found in the state. The entire extension from the Blalock fruit farm to College Place cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Freewater Democrats.

A meeting was held in Vancil's hall on Saturday evening and a Bryan-Kern club was organized with George Millner as president; vice president, W. Shafer; secretary and treasurer, Robert Vancil. The club was organized by C. P. Strain, county assessor, who gave a fine speech. There was a good attendance and the new membership is fifty-six.

Freewater Lights.

The Walla Walla Valley Traction company offers to light the town of Freewater free of charge, the city to buy the poles, wire and fixtures and pay for the cost of construction and keep them in repair. This is something the city has needed for some time and great praise is due Mr. Drake manager of the Traction company, for this generous gift to the city.

Poisoned at Conference.

Poisoned by something he ate while in Wenatchee in attendance at the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. L. K. Rufus, pastor of the church at The Dalles, died recently in a hospital, following an operation.

Cigar Stores, Too.

The cigar stores of Portland are now under the ban of the district attorney. Next Sunday another cinch will be taken in the reform belt of the town and all cigar stores will have to close, as have the saloons.

WALLOWA HEARS ENGINE TOOT

First Passenger Train Bears Excursion Into Joseph's Land.

The opening of the new extension of the O. R. & N., railroad into the Wallowa country was elaborately celebrated Sunday. A special excursion train from LaGrande carrying several hundred people arrived at the town of Wallowa at 1 o'clock and was the first passenger train to enter the country for which Chief Joseph made such a determined fight in the late seventies. People from every section of Wallowa county were present and enjoyed the hospitality of the citizens of the city of Wallowa, the present terminus of the road. There were also present representatives of the various Portland and Spokane newspapers. The commercial associations of Portland were also represented by prominent business men.

To reach this wonderful country the road just opened traverses a canyon, which for scenic beauty and grandeur is hardly surpassed by the far-famed Colorado. The line has been built from Elgin down the Grand Ronde river to its junction with the Wallowa. Hugging close to the lapping rapids of the turbulent stream as it pours its limpid waters from the smiling valley beyond, the roadbed is oftentimes hewn out of solid rock, crosses and recrosses the river to prevent tunneling. It was the overcoming of this barrier of nature that long deterred Harriman from annexing the wealth of the Wallowa valley.

Wallowa City, the present terminus of the road, is not to enjoy that prestige long. A track laying crew is continuing on up the valley at the rate of a mile a day and will be in Enterprise with a special train service inaugurated after October 1, and Joseph, the final terminus of the road, will be reached before snow flies.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Umatilla.

In the matter of the estate of Susanne Gagnon, (known as "Susanne"), deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that William McBride has been appointed administrator of the estate of Susanne Gagnon, known as "Susanne," deceased, and that letters of administration have been issued to him.

All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, duly verified as required by law, to the said administrator, at the office of his attorneys, Peterson & Wilson, at Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice which will appear for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press.

Dated this 11th day of September A. D. 1908.

William McBride, Administrator.
Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys.

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In the matter of the estate of Sylvia Gagnon, (known as Sylvia Williams) A Cayuse Indian, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that William McBride has been appointed administrator of the estate of Sylvia Gagnon, known as Sylvia Williams, a Cayuse Indian, deceased, by the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, and is qualified as such.

All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, duly verified as required by law, to the said administrator at the law office of his attorneys, Peterson & Wilson, at Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice which will appear in the Athena Press once a week for four consecutive weeks.

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How to Get Strong.

P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., 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 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 Palace Drug store. 50c.

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