

RAINEY FLAYS SUGAR TRUST

In Bitter Speech, Illinois Democrat Charges That Taft Was Nominated and Elected by Sugar Trust—That Trust Steals Continually From the Public Treasury.

"MOST CORRUPT COMBINE OF WHOLE TARIFF SYSTEM"

Vituperative Attack Made on Wick-ersham and on Brother of Presi-dent—Says Trust Controls Cuba.

CHARGES MADE BY REPRESENTATIVE

That President Taft was "nominated and elected by the sugar trust."

That Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, was a sugar trust attorney, as was also George W. Wickersham, prior to becoming attorney-general.

That the sugar trust saved \$125,000,000 by settling for \$2,000,000 the customs frauds.

That officials of the trust, despite their stealing of millions, still go about in private yachts.

That the men who "contributed millions to the campaign fund are permitted to now reimburse themselves by stealing from the treasury."

That the trust contributed from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to the Republican campaign funds in 1896.

That the trust controls Cuba and Cuban politics.

That Representative Herbert Parsons (Rep. N. Y.) is a sugar trust attorney.

committee to bring about the nomination of President Taft commenced almost as soon as the activities in that direction of President Roosevelt.

"Herbert Parsons is a sugar trust attorney, is the son of John E. Parsons, who organized the sugar trust, who directed its crime for years, and who is now under indictment charged with wrecking the real estate company of Philadelphia, and whose only hope for escape seems to lie in his right to interpose the bar of the statute of limitations—the same Parsons who retained the firm of Strong & Cadwalader as sugar trust attorneys, and who is now able to exercise over the attorney-general of the United States so much influence."

Rainey, referred to the dilemma with which the trust found itself confronted recently on account of the attempt to wreck the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company and the admitted thefts on the Williamsburg wharves. Out of the Philadelphia trouble grew the failure of the Real Estate company and the suicide of Frank Hipple. He stated that in this difficulty the trust appealed to the law firm of Strong & Cadwalader of New York—"one of those important New York City legal firms to which great corporations appeal for aid when they propose to violate the laws of the land or when they have violated the laws of the land."

The Illinois representative named the members of that firm, among them George W. Wickersham, second senior member. Henry W. Taft was fourth. He declared that when Wickersham was appointed attorney-general, Henry W. Taft moved up to number two place. Next he specified by page in the Federal Reporter, where the name of Henry W. Taft could be found, recorded as trust attorney.

Continuing, Rainey discussed Attorney-General Wickersham's denial of the recent charges made by Representative Martin (Dem., Colo.) in the house, that he received fees from the sugar trust. He declared that the statement was "read into the Record in violation of the rules of the house," and sarcastically demanded further information on the matter. "I submit," he said, "that the attorney-general ought not to seek to avoid even the inactive connection with this infamous trust by throwing the entire burden and the disgrace of such connection upon the brother of the president."

PHONE LINES UNDERGROUND

Twenty Thousand Dollar Extension of Conduits Being Made by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., Giving Medford More Underground Wires

B. A. Haab, who has charge of the underground construction work for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, has arrived in Medford to superintend the laying of extensions to their present underground conduit system. Two carloads of material arrived today and is being distributed throughout the city. A large force of men will be put to work immediately digging the trenches for this work and when completed Medford will have more underground conduits than any city of its size on the Pacific coast.

These extensions are made necessary on account of the rapid growth of this city and represent an outlay of \$20,000. Engineers of the company have just completed a thorough study of the city and its future growth and are now preparing an additional estimate to cover same, showing the confidence that company has in the future of the city.

MASONS BAR WOMEN FROM BEING SHRINERS

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—That a ban is placed on the organization of the Daughters of Isis, a proposed auxiliary, women's branch of the Shriners, was the announcement made by Imperial Potentate G. L. Street of Richmond, Va., in his annual address of the opening of the imperial council convention this morning at the Scottish Rite cathedral. This recommendation was made as the result of a long fight in the order made principally by the married nobles, who wanted their wives and daughters to share in their pleasures. The bachelors won, and the issue will be settled tomorrow when it comes up before the imperial council in executive session.

The address of Imperial Potentate Street created a sensation in Shriners' circles and has been the subject of much comment. It was caused by the application of several temples, principally Syrian of Cincinnati to form a ladies' patrol.

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It has been announced that the speech will not indorse the movement. The anti-suffragists declare that the speech will, in reality, approve the movement of the women who want the ballot. It is feared in either case that trouble may follow and precautions have been taken to prevent any outbreak.

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BERKELEY DON'T WANT FIGHT AT EMERYVILLE

BERKELEY, Cal., April 15.—By a resolution passed at this morning's session of the city council, the city clerk was instructed to communicate with District Attorney Donahue with a view to ascertaining whether the city council can be of any assistance to the district attorney in putting a stop to the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Emeryville, scheduled for July 4.

The decision of the council was made after much discussion, the plan being first proposed by Councilman McClure that the district attorney be requested emphatically to take measures to prevent the fight, if such a procedure were possible. The reason for the council's action is a supposition that the fight will attract a number of undesirable persons to Berkeley.

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