

Gov. Haskell Having Resigned, Will Not Discuss His Case, But His Election Should Protect Him From Condemnation—Two Platforms on Trusts—Purchase of Largest Rival by Steel Trust—Contributors to Fund For Gov. Hughes' Election—Willing to Compare His Record and Ideals With Mr. Taft's.

The letter of Mr. Bryan follows:

BRYAN'S REPLY.

Millwaukee, Wis., Sept. 26, 1908.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—While I have not received your letter and shall not until I reach Chicago, I have not hesitated to give it of it in the press, and beg leave to submit the following reply:

Mr. Haskell having voluntarily resigned from the committee, he might be more free to prosecute those who have brought charges against him. I need not discuss the question of his resignation, but I do think it probable that the public service which he has rendered and the vote of confidence which he has received from the people ought to protect him from condemnation until the charges can be examined in some court where partisanship does not enter into the judgment. I would not deem it necessary to address you further but for the fact that you have been making charges and attempt to make political capital out of it. You even charge that my connection with Mr. Haskell's selection as a member of the committee is a bribe and as treasurer of the committee raises a question as to my sincerity as an opponent of trusts and monopolies. I am a citizen, and I am a candidate of my country. I resent the charge and repeat the insinuation. I have been in the public square and have been sufficiently conspicuous to make my conduct a matter of public interest. I have passed through two campaigns and have been subjected to feeling run high and epithet was exhausted. I have no hesitation in saying that you cannot find an act, a word or a deed which would justify your partisan charge.

found evidence upon which you lay so much stress. The article in the Outlook of Sept. 5, which you have never called to that article until I read the published copy of your letter, and while I have no objection to the Outlook, and I suppose I have the writer (although you do not give his name), I would hardly feel justified in making any statement, except on the basis of an expert statement without investigation.

THE TWO PLATFORMS.

You present an indictment against our platform declarations on the trust question, but you do not refer to all the facts. You do not deal justly with those to which the platform of the platform declares in favor of the "vigorous enforcement of the criminal law against the trusts of magnates and officials." You platform "to protect the main" and such demand. Will you say, that your platform is better than ours that corporations on our platform demands that corporations be sold at the same price be compelled to sell at the same price in all parts of the country, due allowance for the cost of transportation. Will you deny the interest of the consumer and in the interest of the smaller competitors? Will you plan under which no corporation will be sold at the same price more than one-half of the total product. It has been stated that the company, with your express consent, purchased our goods and thus obtained control of more than 50 per cent. of the total output. Will you insist in permitting this? You showed no favor to the monopolistic corporations than I do in opposing them? You quote at length from a speech made by Gov. Hughes in which he said that the trusts were the enemies. Is this the same Gov. Hughes

HE KNOWS HASWELL.

I have never been informed of any charges that had been made against Mr. Haswell connecting him with the Standard Oil company or with any other trust. I had known him as an leader in the constitution convention of Oklahoma and had known him as one of the men principally responsible for the excellent constitution which has been adopted. I had known that a majority of 100,000, much of which was furnished by the Republicans. I had known his election to the governorship of Oklahoma by a large majority of some 30,000; I had known that the constitution was adopted and that Gov.

who was counted as one of the "allies" who endeavored to defeat Mr. Taft when he was running for President represented the "reformers" of your party and his opponents the reactionary element?

HUGHES CAMPAIGN FUND.

Did not Gov. Hughes have the support of the New York delegation in the convention and in the New York State Republican caucus? Was not he conspicuous on their connection with the law-defying corporations? You are certainly aware of the fact that in the New York State Republican caucus, when George H. R. Smith, treasurer of the Republican state committee two years ago after Mr.

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