

GOVERNOR GIVEN CLEAN BILL BY JURY

AS ANTICIPATED, VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY IS RETURNED IN CARROLL LIBEL CASE.

STATE HANDICAPPED BY FIRST RULINGS OF JUDGE HOWE

Whole Case Finally Hinged on Question as to Who Was Aggressor in Controversy Between Carroll and Cowles—Verdict of Guilty Impossible Under Court's Instructions.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Sept. 30.—Governor B. F. Carroll was declared by a jury not guilty of criminal libel of John Cowles.

The deliberations of the jury were brief and the verdict reached was anticipated by everyone who has closely followed the case.

The jury went to its room at 5 o'clock and a verdict was returned shortly before 9.

It is stated that on the first ballot the jury was divided eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. This division remained for six ballots, it is stated, when the one man who had been holding out for conviction joined with the others.

John Cowles refused to comment on the verdict when asked for a statement last night, except to say that the verdict was expected.

Before the trial was half finished it was thought by the governor would be acquitted. Friends of the governor were especially confident after it became generally known that the instructions of the court as to the law in the case, were favorable to the governor.

Attorneys for the state expected the instructions which would be adverse to them, but made no complaint to the court, being satisfied in their own minds that the court's instructions were the law.

A Clean Bill. Hence when the jury reported a clean bill for the governor after short deliberation there was no surprise, even among counsel for the state.

The verdict is not taken as a condemnation of John Cowles, nor proof of the charges made against him. It was merely a finding that the instructions which would be adverse to them, but made no complaint to the court, being satisfied in their own minds that the court's instructions were the law.

At no time during the trial did Governor Carroll or his attorneys contend that the charges made by the girls were true and this action on the part of the defense made it impossible for Cowles to take the stand and enter his specific denial of three affidavits also he denied, in his own examination, all such charges.

"I have at no time been guilty of an immoral act or word with any inmate of the state industrial school for girls at Mitchellville, which charges were used by the governor as basis for the removal of Cowles from the state control board."

Later in the trial the state put Cowles on the stand for the express purpose of entering his denial to the charges, but was foiled in this by objections by the defense.

In arguments to the jury attorneys for Governor Carroll put stress on the fact that the verdict in this case does not affect Cowles nor prove or disprove the charges made by the girls. Every effort was made by the governor's attorneys to remove from the minds of the jurors any idea that in deciding this case they were going on record either for or against John Cowles.

The state in trying to prove its case against the governor was confined by the instructions of the court to proof of the claim that the governor acted with malice in publishing the statements he did against Cowles, and that the governor in these statements exceeded his legal right of self defense and retort to charges made against him.

The charges that Cowles had sold cattle from the state asylum at Glenwood in violation of the federal quarantine laws, and that he also purchased goods for state institutions without securing estimates as required by law, were in evidence during the trial, but were lost sight of during the closing days.

Mr. Cowles Aggressor. The whole case, as it went to the jury, hinged upon one question—who was the aggressor in the controversy, Cowles or Carroll? Attorney Read for the state, in his closing argument to the jury, asserted this was the pivot upon which the case turned.

The state to prove that Governor Carroll was the aggressor had to rely upon the claim that the governor in calling in editors and others and telling them of the charges against Cowles, acted with malice and became the aggressor, forcing Cowles to make the statements in order to set himself right before the people of the state. In this, however, the state was handicapped by the failure to show that the general public knew anything of the governor's disclosure to them of the charges against Cowles, there being no evidence that any of the men disclosed what the governor had told them.

To combat this and prove that John Cowles was the aggressor, the defense claimed before the jury that John Cowles wrote the first letter that appeared in the public press, and in that letter all the charges made against him by the governor were disclosed.

Court Favors Carroll. Judge James A. Howe gave unusually long instructions to the jury as to what is the law in the case of criminal

LIBEL, AND WHILE DOUBTLESS FOLLOWING THE STRICT LETTER OF THE LAW GAVE THE OPINION OF THE LAWYERS, EVERY POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE UNDER THE LAW TO THE DEFENDANT AND THEN SOME.

In connection with the investigation the governor, as such, made of charges brought to his attention regarding John Cowles, the jury was instructed "that the said B. F. Carroll, as governor, had a legal right to investigate such charges and act thereon, and that malice can not be inferred nor predicated upon any act of the said B. F. Carroll as governor of the state of Iowa shown on this trial in investigating such charges or in acting thereon."

In regard to the Carroll attack being privileged because of his being a newly published article the jury was instructed that, as a matter of law, "such publication by the said defendant of said article, on the occasion and in the manner which it was published, was a privileged occasion, and before you would be warranted in finding the defendant guilty you must find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant in the publication of said article was actuated by malice, with a design to causelessly or wantonly injure the said John Cowles."

As to Self-Defense. As to the principle of self-defense the court said:

"In this connection you are instructed that everyone has a right to defend his character against false aspersions, and when attacked in a newspaper may rebut the charges, and retort upon his assailant when such retort is a necessary part of his defense or fairly arises out of charges made against him, and in so doing, and while so doing, can not be held guilty of libel. If, however, in making such reply or retort the defendant exceed such right of self-defense, and himself becomes the aggressor, and while so acting as such aggressor maliciously libeled the said John Cowles, then, for such libel, the defendant would not be exempt by reason of his legal right of self-defense."

The jury was instructed that if in the Carroll-Cowles conversation Cowles "challenged the defendant to publish what was said in the conversation," the defendant "then unless you shall further find that in the published article the governor 'made charges or disclosures not discussed in said conversation there can not be a conviction.'"

So, also, if Cowles disclosed and made known to the public the charges discussed by the defendant "then the reference to or discussion of said charges by the defendant without making other or additional charges against said John Cowles than those so disclosed and discussed by the defendant would, in law, be deemed a defense and not a libel."

As to State Contracts. In regard to the matter of the alleged irregularity in the manner of making awards by the board of control, that Mr. Cowles made illegal awards, setting up all the averments in detail, and the governor received from the board a communication setting forth these facts, then:

"If you find from the evidence that defendant B. F. Carroll was in receipt of such communication from the board of control he would not under the circumstances disclosed by the record be guilty of criminal libel in disclosing the foregoing to the public, and if he is elsewhere instructed in these instructions that if you find from the evidence that such goods and supplies were in fact so purchased you need inquire no further."

In this connection the court set out in full the law as to the manner of making awards of contracts, and the provisions of the statutes were not complied with in the purchase of prison goods or supplies, then the said B. F. Carroll can not be held guilty of libel in making the charges he did."

Privileged Communications. In more general terms as to the privileged and responsive character of the matter complained of as libelous the court said:

"If you find from the evidence that the defendant B. F. Carroll, did have in his possession the letter referred to in the statements to which he referred in the Des Moines Capital on or about May 24, 1910, and fall to find that his reference thereto was a retort or response to an attack upon his character by the said John Cowles, or in response to a challenge from the said John Cowles to publish under the law as laid down in these instructions, then, before you can find the defendant guilty of libel, by reason of what he said concerning said letter and sworn statements, you must find from the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the words used by the defendant in relation thereto were such as to provoke the said John Cowles to wrath, expose him to public hatred and contempt, and deprive him of the benefits of public confidence and social intercourse, and that such words were used by the defendant with malice as defined in these instructions. If, however, you find from the evidence that the reference of the defendant, in said article, to such letter and affidavits was a retort or response to an attack upon his character by the said John Cowles, or in response to a challenge from the said John Cowles to publish their conversation when he was requested to resign, concerning which you are more fully instructed elsewhere, then, in that event, there can be no conviction based on what the defendant said in said article concerning the said letter and sworn statements."

Governor Not On Trial. On two other matters the court said: "The fact that the defendant is the governor of the state of Iowa should not have, and, if you are faithful in the discharge of your official duty, will not have any influence with you in the trial and determination of this case. In this respect it is your duty to see that such fact neither influences you

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LAFOLLETTE NOT ILL OF INTERNAL CANCER

SENATOR'S PHYSICIAN DENIES ALARMING REPORTS CONCERNING HIS CONDITION.

NECESSITY FOR OPERATION BELIEVED TO BE REMOTE

Condition at Present No Worse Than For Some Time Past—At Rochester to Consult Famous Surgeons and Condition is Not Critical, According to Family Physician.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 30.—"Senator LaFollette, who is here to consult physicians, is not in a critical condition, and it is not thought he will undergo an operation at this time." This was the statement this morning by Dr. Keenan, of Madison, who accompanied the senator to Rochester.

"Senator LaFollette is not in a critical condition," said Keenan, "but his health is poor, as we have known for a long time and we are simply here to consult the Mayos. The case is undoubtedly one of gall stones. I do not consider his condition in any worse."

When asked regarding the report that an operation might not be possible because of adhesions as well as gall stones, Keenan said there was absolutely nothing to the report and denied it in emphatic terms.

LaFollette will visit the offices of Doctors Mayo this morning for consultation, but he will not see them again before this afternoon.

GUARANTY LAW IN TANGLE. State of Kansas Seeks to Enjoin Supreme Court From Reviewing Case.

Washington, Sept. 30.—A legal contest over the constitutionality of the Kansas law guaranteeing deposits in state banks was further complicated today when representatives of that state went on record in the supreme court of the United States as opposed to that court issuing a writ directing the court of appeals of the eighth circuit to send up for review its decision upholding the constitutionality of the law.

The national banks of Kansas July 21 filed in the supreme court a petition for a writ of certiorari, which is now opposed. In their brief today Attorney General Jackson and his associates for the state express the belief that adequate authority exists for the national banks to appeal from the decision of the court of appeals, but they claim the supreme court has no authority to issue the writ directing the case to be sent up for review.

TAFT WARNS PRISON WARDENS. Convention Delegates Cautioned Against Making Jails Too Cozy.

Washington, Sept. 30.—In receiving the delegates to the international prison congress in the east room of the White House, President Taft cautioned them against making prisons too comfortable as to inmates in practice. He expressed the hope, however, that this government now had prisons that illustrated at least some of the improvements that the prison congress recommended.

The opening session of the convention was held last night at the American Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., president of the organization, delivered his annual address.

FATHER SELLS BOY FOR \$25. Deal Revealed in Sentence for Failure to Pay for Go-Cart.

Detroit, Sept. 30.—Twenty-five dollars is the price said to have been paid for Joseph Kaninski, Jr., 4 years old, his father making the sale to his employer.

The transaction was revealed when Kaninski was sentenced to thirty days in the house of correction for selling his little boy's go-cart, which he had purchased on contract and failed to pay for.

Mrs. Schirinos said they wanted to buy the boy, and they bought him. The sale probably will stand, as application for legal adoption has been made.

AUTO COLLIDES WITH TRAIN. Two Dead and One Fatally Injured at Piqua.

Piqua, Ohio, Sept. 30.—Two people were killed and three others injured, one probably fatally, when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton train here last night. The dead are: Miss Mare Anderson, aged 25, and Edward Piper, aged 28, of Sidney, O. Miss Grace Galt, of Piqua, may not survive her injuries.

DIEHL HEADS GOOD ROADS. Buffalo, N. Y., Man Elected President of National Association.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 30.—Resolutions were adopted and a national committee for 1911 was named at the closing session of the national good roads convention today. George C. Diehl, of Buffalo, N. Y., heads the national committee.

DEMOCRATS ALL AT SEA

New York Convention Unable to Pick Candidate For Governor—Alton B. Parker May Be Selected.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Everything was undecided, not to say chaotic, when the democratic state convention was called to order today for the second session, an hour and a half after the appointed time. Conferences that lasted through most of the night and all morning to settle upon a candidate for governorship has been fruitless except as they brought into view as possible nominees John A. Dix, chairman of the state committee, and Judge Alton B. Parker.

Dix is not a willing candidate, but there were indications that, could he be assured of the support of those avowedly in the field for the nomination, he would accept. The Parker attitude is even less clearly defined. The committee on resolutions was held awaiting the decision of the question of nationalism as exemplified in the recognized leaders for its report. Parker, as temporary chairman, called the convention to order. The permanent organization was affected with Herbert B. Bissell, of Buffalo, chairman. Bissell immediately took the platform and addressed the convention.

The speech of permanent Chairman Bissell was devoted largely to a denunciation of republican extravagance and the new tariff. He declared for reform in governmental abuses; for nationalism as exemplified in the achievements of Jefferson, Lincoln and Cleveland, and opposed to the "dangerous tendency to further centralization of power in the national government."

The platform denounces the new tariff, favors statehood primaries; popular election of senators; income tax, and parcels post.

CHOLERA GRIP LESSENS

Situation in Russia Improving, Altho Death List is Appalling—Fresh Outbreak in Amur Province of Siberia.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—The cholera epidemic has taken a strong hold in the Amur province of Siberia, twenty-six cases and twelve deaths being reported from that section during the week ending Sept. 23. On the whole, however, the situation is improving. Totals made up at the sanitary bureau show 28,815 cases and 9,329 deaths since the outbreak of the epidemic. In the week ending Sept. 23 the cases and deaths numbered respectively 3,023 and 1,474. There has been a considerable falling off of cases in this city, today's record being fifteen, with five deaths. During the present week there were 215 new cases and eighty deaths in the capital and 393 patients in the hospitals.

NO GAME AT WEST POINT. Called Off as Part of Discipline to Cadets for Affront to Captain Langan.

West Point, N. Y., Sept. 30.—There will be no football game at West Point tomorrow. The game with the University of Vermont has been cancelled, as part of the discipline being administered to cadets for their affront to Captain Langan, while he was in charge of them at meals. Football practice also has been discontinued for the present.

DEMANDS ON GERMANY

Uncle Sam Asks That Redress Be Made For Wanton Attack on American Newspaper Correspondents By Police of Berlin.

Berlin, Sept. 30.—American Ambassador Hill, acting upon instructions from the state department, called at the foreign office today and requested an inquiry into the affair and proper official redress for wanton assault made by the police upon Frederick W. Wile, the correspondent of a New York paper, during the coal strikers' rioting last Sunday night. The correspondents of various newspapers were watching the riot and were attacked by the police and severely injured.

Missouri's Gain Not Large. Washington, Sept. 30.—The state of Missouri has a population of 2,293,335, according to the new census, an increase of 186,670 over 1900.

Missouri was saved from an actual decrease in population by her two large cities, St. Louis and Kansas City, which together gained 3,750 more than the aggregate increase for the entire state. The Missouri representation in congress is liable to be diminished at least one member.

Railroad President Dead. New York, Sept. 30.—Nicholas Monahan, of Columbus, Ohio, president of the Kanawha & Michigan railway, died suddenly in this city today following a surgical operation.

Vanderbilt Cup Entrants. New York, Sept. 30.—Thirty-one cars in the Vanderbilt cup race are expected to start at 6 a. m. tomorrow at fifteen seconds intervals.

Sultan of Sulu in Chicago. Chicago, Sept. 30.—The Sultan of Sulu spent today in viewing the sights of Chicago.

WHITE WAS FLOSH AFTER LORIMER VOTE

STENOGRAPHER TO LEGISLATOR RELATES THAT HE HAD BIG ROLL AND PAID BILLS.

THREE OTHER LEGISLATORS BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

Representative Link Testifies That Supposed Money Paid Him Was For Campaign Expenses—Sheppey and Clark Also Called to Give Evidence.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The senatorial inquirers are expected to have before them as witnesses today at least four Illinois legislators who voted for Lorimer. These were Senator Broderick, and Representatives Link, Sheppey and Clark.

Miss Mollie Van Devere, of East St. Louis, Ill., who was a stenographer for Representative White, testified that about the middle of June White, who claims to have received \$10,000 for voting for Lorimer, returned to East St. Louis and paid a number of accounts. He exhibited a large roll of bills, she said, in denominations of \$50, \$20 and \$10. This was subsequent to the date White says he received \$850 from Brown. "White paid me \$50.50," said Miss Van Devere. "I showed me \$65."

"Why were you not paid in full?" "Well, Mr. White owed so much that I felt sorry for him and compromised for \$50.50. He owed so many people I was afraid his money would not go around."

"Campaign Expense" Money. Representative Link, who received \$1,000, he says, after voting for Lorimer and \$900 from the "jack pot," told the committee today that when he received the money he thought it was for campaign expenses.

In his testimony today Representative Link admitted that he received \$1,000 from Brown, but flatly denied it was given him for his vote for Lorimer and declared he never was promised anything to vote for Lorimer.

BROOKINGS COMPLETES FLIGHT. Aviator Reaches Springfield But Made Two Stops.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 30.—Walter R. Brookings, the young aviator pupil of the Wright brothers, smashed a world's aviation record and sent the Illinois countryside wild with enthusiasm by flying in a Wright biplane from Chicago to Springfield.

By flying the 183 miles in a continuous flight the young aviator annexed the \$10,000 prize offered by the Chicago Record-Herald and easily eclipsed the long distance continuous flight record made by Curtiss when he covered the 143 miles from Albany to New York.

Forty thousand persons greeted the daring air driver as he made a perfect landing in the state fair grounds here at 4:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon, seven hours and forty minutes after his start from Chicago. His actual time in air was five hours and forty-nine minutes. The big shouting crowd in Brookings' average speed, in the teeth of a wind which blew continuously at the rate of ten miles an hour, was 32.7 miles an hour.

Only two stops broke the passage of the air craft from Chicago to the capital. At Gilman the aviator dropped to the ground for gasoline after he had been making seventy-six miles in the clouds for the space of two hours and twenty-eight minutes. Again he stopped for fuel and water at Mount Pulaski, when only twenty-four miles from his goal.

BIG REPUBLICAN RALLY. Cedar Falls Planning to Have Dooliver, Carroll and Others Oct. 11.

Cedar Falls, Sept. 30.—The local republicans are laying big plans for a meeting to be held in this city on Saturday, Oct. 11, at which time Senator Dooliver, of Fort Dodge will be present and likewise Governor Carroll, Congressman Pickett of Waterloo will assist in making the event the banner meeting for the district during the coming campaign. Four bands and a drum corps have been secured to help enliven the day and the meeting will be held in the city park providing the weather is favorable. If not it will be held in the opera house. There will be a determined effort to secure the presence of Congressman Nicholas Longworth for the occasion.

Naval Estimates Shaved. Washington, Sept. 30.—Total estimates for appropriations necessary for the naval service during the next fiscal year, announced today, are \$128,300,000, as against \$132,384,000 for the present fiscal year.

T.-R. BULLETIN

Noticeable News of Today

The Weather. Sun rises Oct. 1 at 5:57, sets at 5:42. Rain generally fair tonight and Saturday, slightly cooler tonight in the east and south.

Telegraphic News: Governor Acquitted of Libel Charge. Cowles Does Not Plan Civil Suit. White Flush After Lorimer Vote. LaFollette Not Ill of Cancer. PAGES TWO AND THREE.

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Markets and General: Wheat Some Stronger. Export Sales Steady Corn. Hogs in First Bulge of Week. Little Change in Cattle. Heavy Livestock Movement in August. PAGES ELEVEN AND TWELVE.

CHELSEA BOY MISSING

Joe Melisha, a Bohemian Lad, Leaves Home, Presumably to See the World—Angered at Father Because He Was Forbidden to Go to Dance, Lad Leaves Home.

Special to Times-Republican. Chelsea, Sept. 30.—Joe Melisha, a 16-year-old Bohemian boy of Chelsea, is missing and auto parties are searching towns and country for a radius of fifty miles in an effort to find some trace of the lad. Melisha left home Wednesday night after a long quarrel with his father, and has not been seen since. Young Melisha asked his father's permission to attend a dance Wednesday night, but the elder Melisha tried to persuade the boy to go to the Tama county fair at Toledo the following day instead. The lad became angry, and later in the night crept away from home and has been missing since.

A boy answering the description of young Melisha was seen east of Chelsea the following day, and it is believed that the boy might have been headed for Cedar Rapids. He had often expressed a desire to make a trip around the world, and it is feared by his relatives that he has resolved to carry out his cherished plan.

Melisha is large for his age and might appear older than he really is. When he left home he was dressed in blue overalls and jacket and wore a light felt hat.

One of the searching parties visited Marshalltown this forenoon, but no trace of the lad has been found there.

MAY DEVELOP MURDER

Husband of Woman Found Shot to Death Near Mt. Vernon Taken Into Custody—Three-Year-Old Babe Says "Papa Shot Mama."

Special to Times-Republican. Cedar Rapids, Sept. 30.—The alleged suicide yesterday at Mt. Vernon of Mrs. Genor Beeson may develop into a murder. Linn county officials this afternoon are bringing the husband back to Marion to keep him under surveillance until the mystery can be cleared. The 17½-year-old daughter of the Beesons declared that "Papa shot mama" when questioned by the sheriff and coroner. Beeson denies that he is guilty of any crime. The Beesons quarrelled frequently and the officials maintain that the circumstances look very suspicious.

UNDER WATER SIX HOURS. Submarine Boats Indulge in Target Practice While Resting on Bottom of Pacific—Men Withstood Test Well.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 30.—One of the severest tests to which submarines of the United States have been subjected was made yesterday by the Grampus and Pike, now in harbor here. The submarines were submerged until they rested on the bottom of the bay near the Coronado island shore, and remained there six hours. During that time torpedoes were fired at targets and the results were watched by the officers and crews of the torpedo fleet at anchor in the harbor. The officers and members of the crews of the submarines said they felt no inconvenience from their long stay under water.

COWIE DOES NOT PLAN CIVIL SUIT

MAN WHOSE CHARACTER WAS ATTACKED BY CARROLL SEEMS DISCOURAGED.

THINKS CIVIL ACTION WOULDN'T BE WORTH WHILE

Realized Case Was Lost When Court's Ruling Eliminated Question of Truth or Falsity of Carroll's Charges—Governor's Political Friends Hold Council.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, Sept. 30.—"I have no plans," said John Cowles today in regard to the verdict in the Carroll libel suit. "I do not know that any civil suit would be worth while, and there is no appeal in the matter. Of course, I realized fully as soon as the defense refused to try the case on the theory of the truth of the charges that an acquittal would be secured. They absolutely refused to stand for the contention as to the truth of the accusations, which was all there was in the case, and with this out, the rulings of the court as to the evidence left but little to be considered."

The governor expressed his satisfaction over the case. A conference of his political friends was held today, his manager, Joe Long, of Osceola, coming to the city for that purpose.

VETERAN FOUND PARALYZED. Had Fallen Near Old Slough Well and Special to Times-Republican.

Creston, Sept. 30.—A W. Mateer, an old soldier living out of Cromwell a few miles, was discovered near a well in an old slough near his home paralyzed. He had been in a peculiar condition, and was being tended by his wife. He either fell from his wagon or else climbed out and was stricken. No one knows just how it happened. His team came home without him and his wife and a neighbor boy started to look for him and found him in an unconscious condition. Medical assistance has caused him to recover consciousness, but he can not talk and is in a serious condition. He has been in poor health for some time.

BOMB AT PALMER MANSION. Police Think Confessed Marauder Was Seeking to Obtain Reward.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Fred C. Wahlenmeyer, arrested last night for having attempted to force an entrance to the residence of Mrs. Potter Palmer, and accused of having placed a bomb beside the mansion, confessed today, it is said by the police. He would give no reason, but the police think he expected to receive a reward by pretending to have discovered the bomb.

Wahlenmeyer's relatives claim he has been a drug addict in a peculiar manner for some time. He once was in a Des Moines, Iowa, garage. In his pocket the police say was found a letter signed with the name of a woman named Cummins, who the prisoner says is a niece of Senator Cummins.

HALF MILLION FIRE. Chicago Brewing Company's Grain Elevator Burned.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—More than a half a million dollars' damage was done by fire at the Griffield Brewing Company's grain elevator today. During the fire several hose companies narrowly escaped death in the falling debris.

Preacher to Manage Hotel. Special to Times-Republican.

Creston, Sept. 30.—The adair mansion here has been taken over by Rev. David Ferguson, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, he having acquired an interest in the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Allen, the former managers, while still retaining an interest in the house, will take a vacation. Rev. Mr. Ferguson and wife will assume the new duties Oct. 1.

Auto Driver Charged With Murder. New York, Sept. 30.—Edward T. Rosenheimer, a wealthy manufacturer, was today indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree, charged with being responsible for the death of Miss Grace Hough, who was killed by an automobile said to have been driven by Rosenheimer.

President Taft Eulogized. New York, Sept. 30.—The convention of the Republican National League opened today. President Hammond, in a speech opening the convention, eulogized Taft's administration and urged earnest efforts by all republicans to elect a republican house this fall.

Bank Exchanges Decrease. New York, Sept. 30.—Dun's Review tomorrow will say that bank clearings continue to show a considerable loss, the total this week in leading cities of the United States aggregating \$1,385,809,642, a decrease of 12.1 per cent compared with last year.

President to Go to New York. Washington, Sept. 30.—The president will leave tomorrow morning for New York City, where he is to make the first political speech of the campaign tomorrow night before the league of republican clubs.

New Agent at Steamboat Rock. Special to Times-Republican. Steamboat Rock, Sept. 30.—L. R. Platts was yesterday checked in agent for the Iowa Central here. He succeeds R. O. Chase, who is to be transferred to some other station.