

SHARP TRICK BY DEFENSE

Farris's Chief Witness Was Not in Arkansas at All

Now Judge Graves Has Issued a Warrant for Ex-Senator

Orchard's Arrest.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 10.—Circuit Judge Waller W. Graves of Butler, instructed Sheriff Smith, of Cole county to-day to proceed at once to Poplar Bluff, Mo., and arrest ex-State Senator James Orchard, the important witness whose failure to appear at Jefferson City last Monday caused a postponement of the Farris bribery trial to December 19, after the election.

Attorney General Crow says he understood Mr. Jourdan to say that subpoenas for Orchard were sent to both places, but the records of the Cole county court show that no summons was forwarded to Poplar Bluff, where Orchard's office is and where he spends nearly all of his time. A subpoena, however, was sent to West Plains and returned last Saturday and marked unserved.

Sheriff Hogg of Butler county, declares most emphatically that no subpoena was sent to him for service and Senator Orchard's own admissions prove he has not been out of the state within the last ten days, although it was represented to the court that he had gone to Arkansas on business affairs. Judge Graves was astounded after he had been informed of the situation at his home in Butler, to-day.

"These developments, if correct, are very surprising," was his comment.

Judge Graves then stated to the correspondent that he had sent word to the Cole county authorities to arrest Orchard and have him placed under bond to appear at Jefferson City December 19. He remarked that he considered this would be all the action necessary to insure Orchard's appearance. Discussing the Orchard incident, Judge Graves said that Orchard had been summoned, but possibly the subpoena was sent to West Plains instead of Poplar Bluff.

"Next to the defendant," said Judge Graves, "Senator Orchard was the principal witness for the defendant. He had always been present and testified. It was shown when the application for a continuance was made that Orchard was in Arkansas on business for the railroad. This showing was not controverted by the state. To have refused a continuance would have been absolute error upon this showing if the facts as they were represented proved to be true. The court had no reason to doubt the showing as made."

Attorney General Edward C. Crow, who has been trying to bring Farris to trial since the indictment was returned, April 18, 1903, said:

"The state was ready to proceed with the trial of Senator Farris, but we felt there was no reason upon which to base an objection to a continuance when counsel for the defendant stated that his principal witness was out of the state and, therefore, beyond the reach of a subpoena."

In an interview at Poplar Bluff to-day Senator Orchard said:

"I was not informed either by subpoenas or otherwise that I was wanted in Jefferson City Monday. I saw by the paper that forty blank subpoenas had been issued and I knew that it had been the custom heretofore to subpoena the witnesses for each term, and as I had not been subpoenaed for this term, I naturally supposed I was not wanted. I have not been in Arkansas since June 15."

Mr. Jourdan, attorney for Senator Farris, when seen by a reporter, declined to discuss the Orchard incident contenting himself with the statement that the record of the court spoke for itself and he saw no need of going behind it.

Rich Haul of Burglars.

Winston, N. C., Sept. 7.—During the night burglars blew open the safe in the office of the county treasurer in Yadkin county, getting between \$4,000 and \$8,000. The post office safe was blown open and \$300 taken. The county treasurer has offered \$2,000 for the recovery of the money.

WILL MEET HELEN KELLER

Progress of a Denver Girl, Who is Blind, Deaf and Dumb, Astounds Education.

Denver News.

To stand out as a wonder among the wonders of the world is what Lottie Sullivan of 3300 Julian street of this city is doing at the World's fair at St. Louis. Blind, deaf and dumb since she was a child of 2, she is startling educators from all over the country by her marvelous achievements and by the exhibitions of her skill, which she is giving under the tutelage of Superintendent Argo, to illustrate the methods used in educating the blind, deaf and dumb in this state.

Miss Sullivan is 17 years of age and has been a pupil at the state school for the blind since she was 8 years old. She was born in Denver and was the unlucky thirteenth of fourteen children. Until she was 2 years old she was unusually bright child. Then she was stricken with an attack of spinal meningitis, which deprived her of three of her senses. She then began to use signs of her own which were understood by the members of her family and many of these signs were so good that they have been adopted for use in the school for the deaf and blind.

She has been an unusually apt pupil and specimens of her work have been shown at various fairs and exhibits.

Perhaps no greater evidence of her skill has been shown than her use of the typewriter. After becoming familiar with the arrangement of the keyboard she was at once able to write on the machine and has acquired great speed. So acute is her sense of touch that she is able to read the Braille writing through twelve thicknesses of ordinary linen.

Her wonderful progress has more nearly approached that of the world-famous Helen Keller than any other on record. A meeting has been arranged for these two at St. Louis October 22. Since she has been at the fair, Miss Sullivan has been taught to speak a few words, and it is thought, in time, she may be able to regain her speech. Members of her family say that she is affectionate and extremely sympathetic and through all her misfortunes has preserved the sweetest of dispositions. At the close of the fair Miss Sullivan will return to the school at Colorado Springs, where she will finish her course.

H. G. DAVIS GIVES \$50,000

The Campaign Contribution of the Democratic Candidate

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 10.—It was ascertained to-day from a most reliable source at Elkins that Henry G. Davis, Democratic nominee for Vice President, and his brother, Colonel Thomas B. Davis of Keyser, W. Va., a millionaire several times, who was the Democratic candidate for congress in the second district four years ago, have each contributed \$50,000 to the Democratic candidates' campaign fund for all purposes. This will be the limit of their contribution.

It has always been believed by persons knowing the Davises intimately that ex-Senator Davis would not be a heavy contributor. His daughters Mrs. Elkins, wife of Senator Elkins, who dislikes the fact that his aged father-in-law has been burdened with campaign responsibilities, and Mrs. Arthur Lee are opposed to their father putting large sums in the campaign. They are known to have so expressed themselves. His only son, John T. Davis, now ill with typhoid fever, objects to his father making large contributions. Four years ago John T. Davis spent large sums in four counties, hoping to aid his uncle in his race for congress, but no results were obtained. Colonel Davis was defeated by a large vote. Since then the Davises have had little faith in spending money for politics. Col. Davis is now ill at his home in Keyser.

A Fine Kansas Wheat Field.

Sylvan Grove, Kan., Sept. 10.—Frederick Bentrup has just finished threshing forty acres of wheat here, for which he received \$1,044.70. On this market this is about \$250 more than the value of the land.

DAVIS SPEAKS AT A FAIR

An Address on "Agriculture" by the Democratic National Candidate.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 10.—Henry G. Davis, Democratic candidate for Vice President, spoke at the state fair here to-day. In the course of his short talk on "Agriculture," ex-Senator Davis referred to this as man's natural occupation and the most important and useful to mankind. He said the agriculturist has always been found in the advance guard of the march of civilization. Nearly all who worked and fought for independence and liberty were tillers of the soil; nearly all of the early presidents had been farmers; the majority of successful men of to-day have come from the farms; farmers as a class are liberty-loving people, he said. Mr. Davis continued: "Agriculture started England upon the high road to prosperity, and the commercial supremacy which it has maintained in the world for 500 years. Agricultural products fed us at home and pay our foreign debts. Exports 60 and 70 percent of all our exports are from the farm. Our government expends annually for the war department 121 million dollars and for agriculture 5 million dollars—over twenty times more for war than for agriculture, and the farmer pays a larger share of taxes than any other occupation."

When I was a member of the United States Senate I made a speech calling attention to the neglect of the agricultural interest by the national government, and upon my motion a bill passed the senate making the agricultural bureau a department. The farmer can live well and prosper without the towns or cities, but the people of the towns or cities will starve if the farmer does not feed them."

QUICK TURN IN AN OIL DEAL

How a St. Louis Capitalist Made Expenses in Ft. Scott, Kas.

"I had a funny deal in oil while in Ft. Scott, Kan., last week," said J. S. Lapey, a St. Louis capitalist, who was in Kansas City last week. "I went there on business and was compelled to remain about the hotel several days. I became acquainted with the secretary of a newly organized oil company. He wanted me to take \$500 worth of stock in the enterprise. When I demurred he insisted on my going to the bank to interview the president, who was also president of the new oil company. There the president asserted that \$500 worth of oil stock was worth \$800 at any time at his bank."

"Will you please that proposition in writing?" I asked. "Certainly," replied the president. "Then you may issue \$500 worth of stock to me."

That night the president of the bank came to the hotel and elaborated on the wonderful oil prospects and wanted me to interest my friends in St. Louis. The following morning I entered the bank bright and early, threw down my oil stock and written agreement and demanded \$800 which I received, but not until after the president did a little quiet kicking. That was the quickest turn I ever made in a stock deal."

Seven Days in a Coal Shaft.

Leavenworth, Kas., Sept. 9.—John Gilbert, a "hang," or life, convict in the Kansas penitentiary, who was missing since Saturday, died in the prison hospital a half hour after being found in the penitentiary coal shaft, where he had been hiding for seven days. When discovered Gilbert was nearly starved and his lungs were affected by fire damp. Prisoners frequently hide out in the penitentiary coal shaft, but Gilbert remained below two days longer than any other man who has descended there. Gilbert was brought to the penitentiary from Salina for killing his wife and four children. He acted at times as though his mind was affected.

Was a Veteran of Two Wars

Baltimore, Sept. 10.—Major Henry Seton of New York, 66 years old, a veteran of the United States army in the Civil and Spanish-American wars and an Indian fighter with General Crook, a brother of Archbishop Seton of Rome and grandson of Elizabeth Ann Bailey Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity in the United States, died here yesterday. About a year ago he contracted pneumonia in Arizona and coming east, fell a victim to tuberculosis. His last active service was with the Twelfth Infantry in the Philippines.

TAGGART TALKS ABOUT VERMONT

The Democratic Chairman Not Discouraged by Result

New York, Sept. 10.—The following statement, concerning the result in Vermont, was issued by Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee last night, and was concurred in by William F. Sheehan, chairman of the executive committee, and Delaney Nicoll vice chairman:

The result in Vermont is not surprising, in view of the unparalleled efforts made by the Republicans and the quiet campaign conducted by the Democrats. The administration concentrated all its forces and resources upon that state, holding in the last week 200 meetings. The candidate for vice president, the secretary of war, the speaker of the house of representatives, senators of the United States and representatives in congress, assisted by a host of lesser lights, made urgent appeals to the Republican farmers to go to the polls. Moreover, it was proclaimed throughout the state that the president had promised the candidate for governor to attend his inauguration in case he obtained a majority of 40,000.

In view of these efforts, never made by any party in a September election it is remarkable that the administration did not succeed in increasing the majority. Indeed, it did not even increase the Republican vote. That does not exceed 48,050, while in 1896 it was 53,256 and in 1900 it was 48,441."

Eloped With First Cousin.

Chillicothe, Mo., Sept. 10.—W. B. Hammond, a constable of St. Joseph was here yesterday with a warrant for the arrest of Ed. Mace, a prominent young man of Chula, who is charged with marrying his first cousin, Lucretia Kiger, of Wathens, Kan., a girl of 16.

It is claimed Mace met her at the Wathens Chautauqua and eloped with her to St. Joseph where they were married August 20, against the will of the girl's father. The specific charge against Mace is that in securing the license he knowingly made a false statement. Mace and his young bride were traced to Chillicothe, but here the trail was lost.

The Democratic Ticket.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The Democratic campaign textbook will be issued from the headquarters of the Democratic congressional committee here, probably Monday. There will be two editions of the textbook. The first will contain the speeches of Representative John Sharp Williams, temporary chairman, and some of the other officers of the St. Louis convention, speeches of members of Congress during the last session and similar campaign arguments. The second edition will present the letters of acceptance of Judge Parker and ex-Senator Davis and other material.

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