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**OBEDIENT CHILD**

The curly-haired little sprite of the house came running to her father in the study and, throwing her arms about his neck, whispered confidentially in his ear:

"Oh, papa, it's raining!"  
Papa was writing on a subject that occupied his mind to the exclusion of matters aside, so he said, rather sharply, "Well, let it rain."  
"Yes, papa; I was going to," was her quick response.—Harper's.

**Governor Haskell Wins**

The following statement is self explanatory:

McAlester, Okla., September 29.—The statement that Governor Haskell escaped in the town lot indictments by claim under the statutes of limitations is false, the facts being that the statute of limitations was never presented or invoked in the Haskell-Eaton case. The court held that no overt acts charged against Haskell or Eaton were offenses against the law, no matter when they were claimed by the government to have been committed. The special attorney general then admitted that he had no evidence to connect them in any way with any overt act that did violate the law, and therefore the government would not care to prosecute further the cases. Signed:  
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Attorneys for defendant.

The Oklahoma Daily Oklahoman, referring to this noted case, said: "The specific charges against Haskell and his associates were that when the government by treaty with the Creek Indians agreed to dispose of the lots at Muskogee, Haskell falsely registered the names of his friends as being entitled to purchase the land at one-half the appraised value. When the deeds were issued it was charged Haskell and others paid small fees and procured the property in their own right, although the law required that not more than two lots should be sold to any one person."

"Had Governor Haskell ever had a doubt in his mind as to the strong friendship the people of McAlester and Pittsburg county bore him, it must have been dispelled today when the decision of the United States court was rendered, declaring that he was in no manner connected with the town lot frauds in Muskogee. If any there were, and the people en masse rushed to shake hands with him and congratulate him on his deliverance, honorably, from under one of the most gigantic political prosecutions ever undertaken within the history of the United States."

"It was as clear and complete a vindication as had it been given by the verdict of a jury; in fact, more so, for the government was on the evening before the morning when the recess was taken given an opportunity to find witnesses to show 'conscious participation' on the part of the governor, and after waiting twenty-four hours and wiring all over the country they were not able to procure one witness to testify along this line."

"Ten minutes before 10 o'clock this morning United States Marshal Grant Victor filed the jury out of the hotel and marched them toward the federal court room, followed closely by Governor Haskell, his attorneys and half a hundred friends and witnesses. Mrs. Haskell, who has been constantly beside her husband throughout his various court hearings, was accompanied by Mrs. E. W. Dick, wife of the warden of the Oklahoma state prison."

"Plainly the government's attorneys displayed uneasiness when they entered the court room, for it was evident that they had abandoned all hope of producing evidence of a character that was necessary to bolster up their tottering case."

"Following the hour's argument by Judge Hainer, for the prosecution, came the final admission of Special Attorney General Rush that he would be unable to produce evidence sufficient to show an overt act that would come within the previous ruling of the court. Rush spoke in a low tone. He was a crest-fallen

man, and not the assumptious, haughty prosecutor, with a smile of self-satisfaction, that distinguished him in early stages of past hearings.

"As he spoke the faces of the defendants and their attorneys were at times wreathed in smiles. Governor Haskell chewed on a long cigar, looking straight at the prosecutor and judge. At times the semblance of a smile was to be seen. Mrs. Haskell beamed with satisfaction."

"When Judge Marshall had completed his decision, which was given without delay at the conclusion of the final arguments on the part of the government, a movement forward on the part of spectators and the exchange of congratulations within the enclosure, was suppressed for a moment by the United States marshal."

"A moment later District Attorney Gregg had promised to dismiss the two other individual cases against Governor Haskell, when court convenes at Ardmore. Then a speedy adjournment came as a relief to the suppressed excitement. A large part of the audience surged forward to congratulate the governor and his wife. The other defendants not being so widely known, were almost lost in the shower of greetings. Republicans and democrats alike were to be seen wringing the hand of Governor Haskell, expressing their satisfaction at the terminus of the long-fought battle."

"Jurors, too, congratulated the governor, and although they had no part in the solution of the case, not having heard the testimony of a single witness, yet the interest aroused by the opening statements of attorneys and the arguments in open court seemed to impress them with the magnitude of the responsibility they had escaped as well as the true character of the case."

"Surrounded by two score of friends and admirers from various sections of the state, Governor Haskell returned to the Busby hotel, where an impromptu reception was given him by another throng of well-wishers. Within ten minutes telephone bells were ringing and messenger boys were running about carrying the news to be wired to the four corners of the nation."

"As soon as he could break away from his friends Governor Haskell personally wrote telegrams to his children, Mrs. L. G. Niblack of Guthrie, Miss Lucy Haskell of Edmond, Miss Jane Haskell, who is attending school at Cincinnati, and Joseph Haskell, who is a student at Culver, Ind."

"Within two hours the governor had received several hundred telegrams of congratulations from over the country. So busy was he with his friends that he was forced to miss his dinner."

**ROUND THE CIRCLE**

Chronic Old Growler (whose subject, as usual, is the country, and how quickly it is going to the dogs) — "And after all, it's you farmer chaps as is at the root of all the evil. You raise the corn, the corn raises the whisky; whisky raises politicians, and politicians raise all the trouble we have in the country." —M. A. P.

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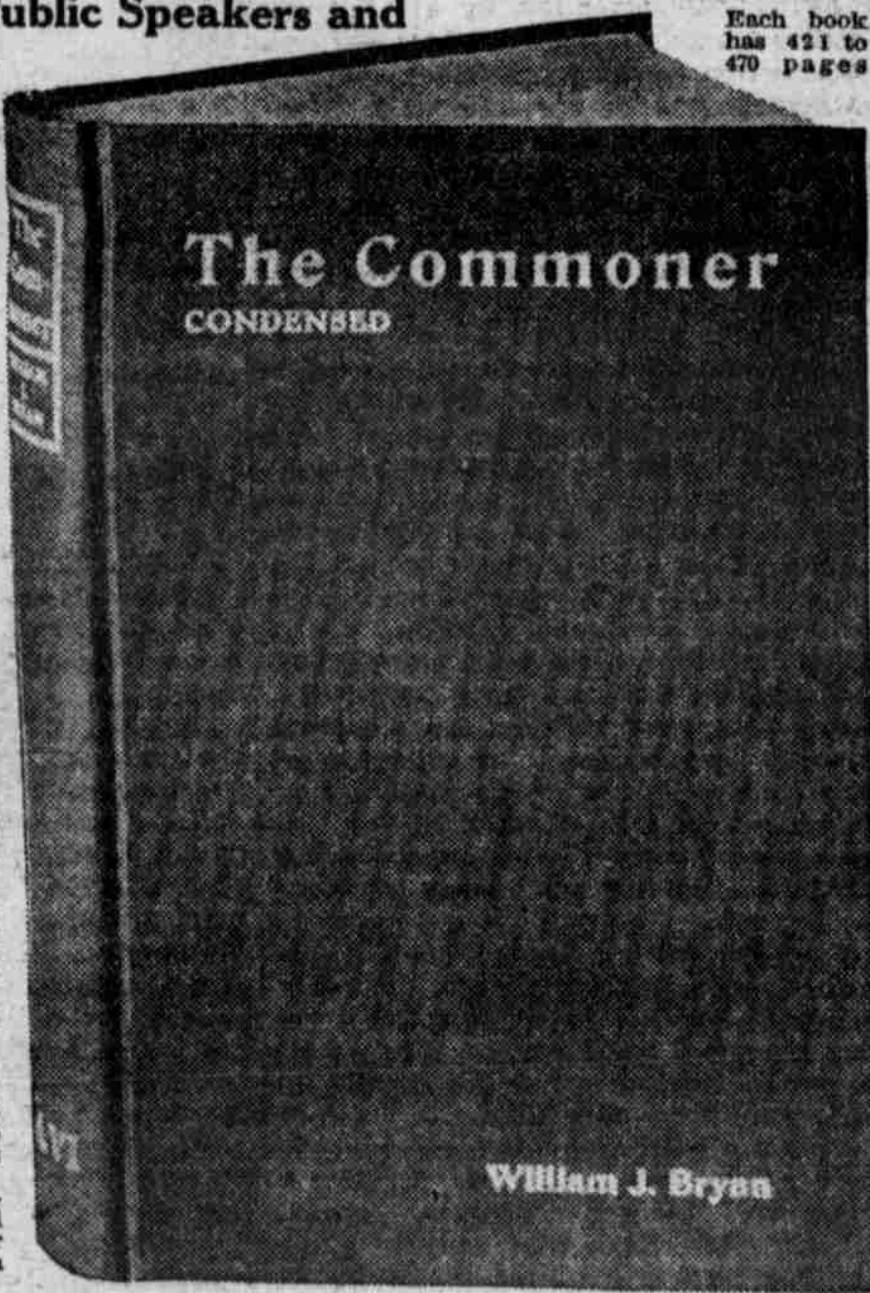
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