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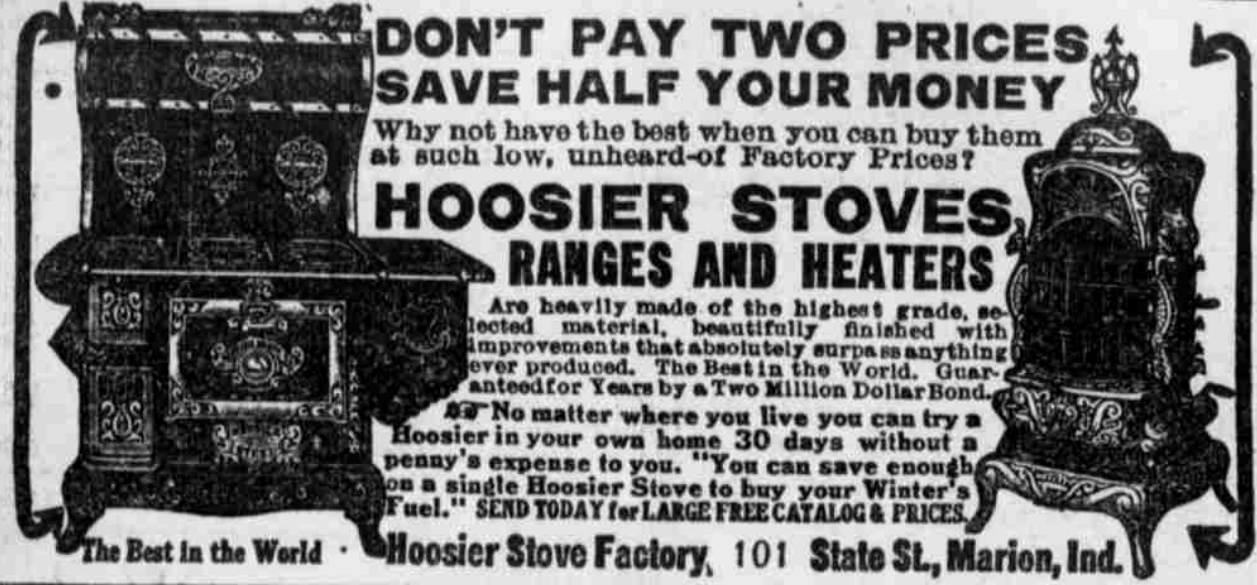
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made "without expectation of return." After saying he had contributed \$150,000 to the fund of 1904, and \$30,000 to the fund of 1908, Mr. Morgan turned to the committee and exclaimed earnestly:

"I want it distinctly understood that J. P. Morgan & Co. never made a single subscription to any election with any promise or expectation of anything or return in any way, shape or manner and we never made it without we deemed it advantageous for the government and the people. We never had a communication from any candidate for money and anything that we did or done was on my suggestion—and we were all in harmony—because we thought it was necessary for the good and the business of the people. There was never a commitment or any expectation of any return and we never got return either from anybody."

This statement followed a series of questions by Senator Pomerene as to whether the New York financiers had conferred and ascertained the attitude of various candidates toward business before making contributions. Mr. Morgan repeatedly denied that there was any concerted action among New York business interests in support of the republican candidate in 1904.

Mr. Morgan said that after making his original contribution of \$100,000 in 1904, he was importuned to give another \$30,000 which he did. This, he understood, was part of the so-called Harriman fund and was turned over to B. B. Odell for use in the New York state fund.

Charles H. Duell, assistant treasurer of the 1904 fund who followed Mr. Morgan on the stand, said that all of the accounts of the committee were open to Mr. Cortelyou, the chairman.

Theodore Roosevelt was the star witness October 4. The following is from the Associated Press report concerning his testimony:

In reference to the Harriman fund of \$240,000, raised in 1904, Colonel Roosevelt declared the statements of J. P. Morgan, George R. Sheldon and others had fully corroborated his earlier statements that this fund was raised expressly for the New York state campaign and had not been solicited by him for his own support in the fight for the republican campaign that year.

"There was not one word spoken by Mr. Harriman or by me having any reference to any collection of funds for the national campaign," he said, referring to his interview with Mr. Harriman in October 1904. "On the other hand the request was from Mr. Harriman, that, inasmuch as we had ample funds, for the national campaign was safe, we could help him out in the state campaign.

The sessions of the committee were picturesque throughout.

Colonel Roosevelt arrived at the committee room fully ten minutes before the hour of opening. His progress into the building was marked with cheers from a throng that surged through the corridors.

Colonel Roosevelt was placed in a chair on a little square platform, from which he looked down upon the table at which sat Senators Clapp, Oliver, Pomerene and Paynter. William Loeb, jr., his former private secretary, now collector of customs at New York, came with him and occupied a seat at his left.

The former president turned repeatedly to ask Mr. Loeb for facts and records, and at the end of his testimony Mr. Loeb himself took the stand to corroborate statements Colonel Roosevelt had made. Expressions that brought laughter from committee and spectators interspersed the colonel's remarks throughout the day. Once he said: "I have actually sent for, while I was president, trust magnates, labor leaders, socialists, John L. Sullivan,

'Battling' Nelson"—there was a pause—"and Dr. Lyman Abbott." This was in response to questions

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