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MOORES' ORGAN NOW CHARGES BLACKMAIL

It Says the Men Who Were Pushing
the Prosecution of Its Pet

Offered to Stop Action for \$2,500, but
that Moores Declined.

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER.

The People Are Asking "Who Were the Black-
mailers?" and We Challenge Mr. Rosewater
to Publish Their Names.

It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that the charges against Frank E. Moores originated with a brace of blackmailers who offered to suppress them for \$2,500. It is to the credit of Moores that he rejected the infamous proposal and defied the scoundrels to do their worst, confident that no jury would convict him of intentional wrong.—Omaha Bee.

The above statement appears for the first time in the columns of the Omaha Bee of September 26, 1898. The American has learned to take all statements made by the Bee with a great deal of allowance, especially where the character and political fortunes of Frank E. Moores are at stake.

But here is a statement which is sufficiently direct to justify an inquiry. If any responsible citizen did, in fact, attempt to secure hush money from Frank E. Moores, that fact will not weaken in any degree the decision of the supreme court which convicts Mr. Moores of being a "willful and intentional" defaulter, but should be made known to the people in order that the blackmailer may have meted out to him that degree of public opprobrium which his acts deserve.

It is well to note in passing that the charges against Frank E. Moores could never have been possible had his records not furnished the evidence of his guilt. The points on which the supreme court made its findings related to only a small part of his wrongs and misdoings, and it is a piece of impertinence for the editor of the Bee to attempt longer to defend a convicted man who has not to this day rendered an accounting of his affairs to his successor in office, and who still retains many thousands of dollars in his hands which belong to other people.

It is also passing strange that if there was any substantial grounds for the charge of blackmail that the attorneys for Mr. Moores did not bring that fact out in the great trial which took place in the court house before Referee Clements.

The American is in a position to know that the charges against Frank Moores originated at a meeting formally called, of men who desired the success of the republican party, and who believed that the party did not deserve success if there was not virtue enough in it to purge itself of the corruption that had been engendered through the office of the clerk of the district court during the incumbency of Frank E. Moores.

The American has a partial list of those who were present, and proposes now and here to call them to their feet to answer the charge made by the Bee.

Fred J. Sackett (Rosewater tax com-

missioner): Did you at any time approach Frank E. Moores directly or indirectly, and agree to suppress the charges you swore to wherein you sought to impeach Frank E. Moores of all the offenses which the statute lays down as a sufficient cause for removal from office?

Clarence L. Chaffee: Did you lend yourself to a "brace of blackmailers" who offered to suppress the charges against Frank E. Moores for \$2,500?

James Walsh: What have you to say? You were one of those who met to prefer the charges against Frank E. Moores. Did you agree that Mr. Moores' acts should be kept from the public for \$2,500?

W. G. Whitmore: When you were in the legislature Rosewater made several charges against you which the people did not believe. We know that you have demanded an editorial apology from him for these charges, and that the most he has ever done has been to admit to you privately that he was mistaken. He now makes the sweeping statement that the charges against Frank E. Moores originated with a "brace of blackmailers" who agreed to suppress them for \$2,500. You were one of the citizens of the county who thought Moores should be brought to justice, and we want to know what you have to say to this charge?

James H. Winspear: You were one of those who had the temerity to sign charges against a protégé of Mr. Rosewater. Before Mr. Rosewater would consent to your appointment as a member of the Board of Public Works, he gave you a trial in his own editorial rooms to determine whether you were blamable for the payment of \$1,500 made by Frank E. Moores in order that he might buy his way back into the office of clerk of the district court, there to plunder the people of their money. Mr. Rosewater consented to your appointment and you held the office for several years with credit to yourself and the community. The American wants you to stand up and say whether you were one of the "brace of blackmailers" who offered to suppress the charges against Moores for the sum of \$2,500? The American also thinks this is a proper time for you to make known the truth about your efforts to get Rosewater to expose the stealings that were perpetrated in the county hospital job, but which he refused to do for fear it would defeat Dick O'Keefe for a third term?

E. P. Davis: You are another of the parties who signed the charges against convict Moores. "Nebraska's greatest man" who knows no law but his own sweet will, who believes the supreme court should register partizan decrees,



AN IMAGINARY SCENE:—In the Rosewater home after the meeting of the Republican County Central Committee, at Washington Hall, last Saturday afternoon.

DOCTOR UNCLE SAM:—Rosewater, your condition is very critical. From your very intimate association with "venal vampires," "corporation cormorants," "political swashbucklers," and "blood-sucking leeches" your whole system has become corrupted. The disease is so deeply-rooted and of so long standing that the only treatment left is a course of "Dr. J. L. Webster's Homoeopathic Remedies." You will begin with No. 1 and alternate the doses with Nos. 2 and 3. When you have completed the course, if you are still alive, you will take this bottle of "Pure Republicanism," to build up your constitution.

DR. JOHN L. WEBSTER'S HOMOEOPATHIC REMEDIES.

[ADAPTED FROM SHAKESPEARE.]

PRESCRIPTION No. 1:

Round about the cauldron go;
In the poisoned-entrails throw.
Toad, that under cold stone,
Days and nights hath thirty-one
Sweltered venom sleeping got,
Boil thou first i' the charmed pot!

PRESCRIPTION No. 2:

Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the cauldron boil and bake,

Eye of newt, and toe of frog,
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and owlet's wing,
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble,

PRESCRIPTION No. 3:

Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf;
Witches, mummy, maw and gulf
Of the ravin'd salt-sea sharp;
Root of henlock digg'd i' the dark;

Liver of blaspheming Jew;
Gall of goat, and slips of yew,
Silvered in the moon's eclipse,
Nose of Turk, and Tartar's lips;
Finger of birth-strangled babe,
Ditch-delivered by a drab,
Make the gruel thick and slab;
Add thereto a tiger's chaudron
For the ingredients of your cauldron.

and who stops not to question either the wisdom or the authority of its decisions, has found out that a "brace of blackmailers" offered to suppress the charges for \$2,500. Our columns are open for your answer to this statement.

M. H. Redfield, ex-county clerk: After convict Moores had escaped the Board of Education, after he had been whitewashed by a Rosewater board of county commissioners, after the city convention with the aid of Rosewater and the "long green" had placed Moores upon the ticket, notwithstanding the fact that you had told many of the delegates that he was a defaulter and would oppose him if nominated, you had the audacity to make formal charges of dishonesty and defalcation against the party nominee. You ran the gauntlet that was enflamed by the batteries of the prince of character defamers, but no charge then that you had belonged to a "brace of blackmailers" who agreed to suppress the charges against Frank E. Moores. When you went down in defeat after exposing Rosewater's hypocrisy as it was never exposed before, you were called as a witness in the celebrated case. Your testimony went to the core of the defendant's crime, and you were subjected to a searching and sensational cross examination, but no word was uttered by Moores attorney that tended to incriminate you in the reprehensible work of "blackmailing" Frank E. Moores. What have you to say to the charge made by the Bee?

W. J. Broatch, you who have been twice elected mayor of the city against the wish of "Nebraska's greatest man," did you agree to suppress the charges against convict Moores for the sum of \$2,500?

Wright, Ransom & Shean, attorneys, you were not the originators of the charges, and the Bee man may not

have had you in mind. But your connection with the case may lay you open to the suspicion that you are in some measure guilty, and the American will give you a chance to defend yourselves. What have you to say?

T. O. C. Harrison, chief justice of the state of Nebraska, come into court: You are a late but a grievous offender. "Nebraska's greatest man" says that you erred in handing down a decision in the midst of a "momentous campaign." Is it possible that you could in any way have made overtures to Convict Moores that the charges would be suppressed for \$2,500? Did you solicit a bribe? As with all other "suspects" we throw our columns open to you, and if we have failed to include all parties in our list who have incurred the Rosewater displeasure we invite them to the free use of our space.

Reviewing the whole situation as a dispassionate umpire, who favored neither Moores nor Howell, but which induced A. C. Foster to go on the city ticket against both these men, we are constrained to believe without further testimony, that if as a matter of fact "a brace of blackmailers" offered to suppress the charges against Convict Moores he did not accept the offer. It would be doing violence to logic. The decision of guilt handed down by the court is a consummation which should hush the voice of criticism. If the prosecutors of Convict Moores were at any time tempted to fall down and worship mammon, it will be said that al luf them, barring the present city tax commissioner, recanted.

It is not for the American to look into the motives of another set of men who held influential positions in the Moores' controversy, but we wish to be impartial, and will throw our columns open to them to defend them-

selves. We make no charge that hush money was used. But a great many people would like to know what was the moving cause that brought Mr. Rosewater to the support of the greatest boodler in the State of Nebraska. In this connection a little current history should be related. On last Monday evening a committee called upon Rosewater to induce him to withdraw his opposition to the republican ticket. Rosewater informed the committee that he would not support V. B. Walker for the legislature, even if it lost him every subscriber he had, if it defeated Dave Mercer, Kierstead and the entire republican ticket. When asked how he harmonized his position with his action in supporting Frank E. Moores, who was publicly and notoriously charged with defalcation before the election. He said that the contest had narrowed down to a choice of evils, and of the two he chose the least. But he did not say that he was responsible for A. C. Foster withdrawing from the ticket, the only candidate whom the people believed at that time was fit for the office.

Why did county attorney Baldrige remain inactive when there was a demand for him to put to work the criminal court of the county against Mr. Moores. What have Judges Keyser, Fawcett and Slabaugh to say? Will Beecher Higby and John Butler, Mr. Matthieson, Captain Palmer, D. M. Haverly, Ralph Breckenridge, W. I. Kierstead, Henry Ostrom, T. W. Blackburn, Dave Mercer and several others explain their position. Will A. C. Foster explain to the people if it was the pledge that he was to have a nomination for governor that induced him to withdraw from the ticket?

The American also believes that the

IT IS ROSEWATER OR, ANTI-ROSEWATER

That is the Slogan in the
State, County and Mu-
nicipal Campaign.

Men Who Are Tied to, or, Who
Are Known to Fear the Dic-
tator Will be Defeated.

THE PEOPLE ARE SOVEREIGN.

They Want No Sympathizers
With Men Who Are Dishon-
est in Public Office.

Gentlemen: Now is the time for each and every one of you to place yourself on record before the people of Douglas county as being opposed to the Rosewater-Moores ring—the most corrupt combination which ever attempted to foist themselves on the republican or any other political party.

To J. H. Van Dusen:

Usually you have been credited with having a mind of your own, but it is a known fact that at one period in the contest you were the choice of Rosewater for the office of county attorney, and this fact has laid you open to suspicion. You will have a chance to define your position, and if you wish to avail yourself of the space of the American we cheerfully offer it to you. We also tender space in our columns to your associates on the ticket—Messrs. Crow and Noyes.

To Miles D. Houck:

You were nominated for the legislature by the Webster forces, but you have been a strong supporter of the Moores-Rosewater machine, so much so that you are classed as a Rosewater man. The voters will require that you define your position. They will not be satisfied for you to simply support Mr. Webster for the United States senate, and serve Rosewater in other matters. Are you for Rosewater dictation or against it? The people would like a square-toed answer.

R. H. Olmsted: You secured your nomination for the legislature because of the fight you made against the fire and police commission and also the manly fight you made in the interest of the farmers in the agricultural association cases, and as a result of that police commission fight the city of Omaha has had foisted upon it a non-resident for chief of police, in violation of the letter of the law. You did not vote for this chief of police, it is true. The American does not hold you responsible for his election, but what the people want to know is whether you have a Rosewater tag concealed about your person, which means that your vote in the legislature will be controlled by that individual on any proposition whatever. Our columns are open to you.

To J. A. Beverly:

Sheriff McDonald is authority for the statement that over a hundred prisoners were voted at the Fourth ward republican primary for the ticket bearing the name of Frank E. Moores. What did you have to do with this transaction? Does this account for the "flattering vindication" which the Bee claims that Moores received at that primary? One other question: Did you go to the Bohemian Catholic priest and request him to furnish men to do street work? Is it not a fact that you have made it a practice to consult this priest in the matter of the em-

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