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Dick T. Morgan,

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Father:-

Dodson came to the office yesterday at noon, he said that he had received a telegram from you which came during his absence from town, asking him as to whether the appointment of Benedict as disbursing officer of peoples funds would be satisfactory to him. He didnt get to answer it but said that he had written you a letter concerning the matter which, however, does not state to you in reality the way in which he felt in regard to the matter.

As regards Benedict, he says that in the first place, that it is pretty well understood that the Times has been sold to Haskell, the transfer not to take place until after the coming election, but it being understood that its policy during the coming campaign will be directed by Haskell even though on its face it is a republican paper. That the republicans desire to avoid the calling of this special session of this legislature, in order that a referndem might be had upon Taylors election found that Benedict spent one day and night in conference with Bill

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Cross and Haskell, the conference ended early one morning after a drinking bout, that the next day Benedict come out in an editorial in favor of a special session of the legislature. Furthermore that Benedict and a man by the name of Burk here are in partners running a "boot-legging joint" in the city here, that protection was given this "joint" sometime by Scales, that Hubatka finally raided it and that the next day after the raid in which a large quantity of liquor was secured, Benedict called Hubatka to his office and put Hubatka and Burk in a room together and told them to fix the matter up some way, that Burk tried to bribe Hubatka, and Hubatka refused to have any thing to do with it. Personally I would not bank much on Hubatka's honesty except that from the fact that he has had to be straight in order to keep Scales from throwing him entirely out of office. Dodson also says that he has succeeded for six or seven weeks in keeping the resolutions from being indorsed at meetings of the Metropolitan Club announcing the Times, and that day before yesterday several menwaited upon him and gave him to understand that he must stop trying to defend said resolutions or lose their support in matters in which he was interested, and he said that of course he had to agree to do as they said and at the next meeting of

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the Metropolitan Club and resolutions condemning the Times and Benedict will be introduced and he said he knew it would go with a whoop. You will notice that the Club at its last meeting Tuesday noon passed a resolution upholding Wilson, the fellow who runs the paper over in Capitol Hill, and who has been fighting Benedict all along. He also said that Baxter, who is the Secretary of the Metropolitan Club has been clipping expressions from papers all over the State on political matters and that practically their republican editor in your district had condemned the Times and Benedict. I learned during the noon hour from William Mee, Vice President of the Security National Bank, that Mr. Hales of the State National Bank had been appointed to the above place, and in talking with Dodson over the 'phone later he expressed his approval of the appointment. I learned the interesting fact from Mr. Mee this noon that I dictated the appointment of Mr. Hales.

Regarding Benedict, Dodson further said that only a few nights ago Scales and Benedict held an all night spree in Benedict's office in the City here, and was found the next morning by the office force Benedict on the table and Scales under the table. Dodson says that all of these matters I have, doubtless are being covered by affidavits. Mr. Mee spoke to me concerning the fact of the Directors of his bank, The Security National Bank here to obtain a charter for National Bank to be  
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known as the First National Bank of Capitol Hill, that subsequent thereto and before they were ready for business Capitol Hill had been annexed to Oklahoma City and he understood crowd of fellows who are the same as the directors of the State National Bank of this city were endeavoring to procure a charter for bank to be known as the First National Bank of Oklahoma City. He pointed out to me that this would cause a great deal of confusion in a great many ways and that he thought that if the matter was properly presented to the proper authorities that the charter would probably be refused the second group of men under such a name. I advised him to write you fully regarding the matter and will be glad if you will do what you can for them.

Dodson also said you wrote that it was certain that Holcomb was out as a candidate for the nomination for Congress, that he resigned his position at the bank for the express purpose of making the race and also said that he decided from what he had heard that Lewis was supporting him. He said that he understood that Dennis Flynn did all he could to keep Holcomb from coming out.

I am giving you the above detailed statements, of course, for what

they are worth, and you being in touch with the whole situation will understand it all probably better than I will.

I presume The letter which I wrote last night will reach you about the same time this letter does.

Very sincerely your son,

H/C.