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Roosevelt Appeals to Democrats.

Secretary Roosevelt was then introduced and said in part:

"I want to talk to the organization Democrats and talk as a regular enrolled Democrat of Dutchess county. This year we have a State primary election for the first time. The theory is that anyone who is a regular party member of the party can present himself to his fellow members as a candidate for any office.

"I have been endorsed by my regular organization and by other regular organizations and more than my opponents can say. I think the endorsement of Mr. Murphy for which I am glad and I have the endorsement of some of his lieutenants.

"I am running on a platform in support of the national administration. This year Murphy with the help of Mr. Hite decided to put Ambassador Gerard in the field for United States Senator without his knowledge or consent. All of the 9,000 names signed to the nominating petition of Ambassador Gerard except 240 came from Tammany districts in New York. Gerard declined to accept the nomination if it required leaving Berlin to campaign this Fall.

"The National Democrats want your support. I don't believe there is anyone more than one Democrat in 100 in Broome county. He who in his heart believes the control of the country by Murphy is an asset to the party has got to go out and get the country voters with us. I think it has been shown that it will be a difficult thing to add to the strength of a party which Murphy controls. If I am going to be beaten I want to be beaten only after all the voters have cast their ballots.

"I hope I will have the opportunity of coming back here after Sept. 23rd and contributing all that I can to a victory for the party in November, but I am going to support my opponent if he beats me."

William Gorham Rice, candidate for lieutenant-governor, and John K. Sage, Federal applier of the ticket, in a speech at the Fillmore, address urging the enrolled Democrats to turn out and support the Hanseus ticket, thus supporting the Wilson administration as against Murphy and Tammany Hall, which was attempting to handicap and discredit the National administration.