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HEDGES SAYS FIGHT IS BARNES VS. ODELL

**Ex-Governor Behind Hinman
and Machine Control
the Stake.**

BOSSISM AGAIN THE ISSUE

Hinman Begs Whitman to Give Him
"Straightforward 'Yes' or 'No,'" and Telephone Wires Him.

Job E. Hedges went up-State yester-

day, and before leaving continued his attack upon Chairman Barnes. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Whitman, who are up in State, continued to attack each other by long distance telephone. On Wednesday Mr. Hoffman fired three questions at the District Attorney, and when the latter failed to reply he followed it up yesterday with this:

"Mr. Whitman fails to answer my questions. I repeat that Mr. Barnes renewed activities can mean only one thing: that he intends, if possible, to retain his control of the State Committee and either to succeed himself or to name his successor. I now ask you

Whitman: Should you be the nominee of the party, will you, Mr. Whitman, after accepting Mr. Barne's support at the primaries, oppose such an attempt on his part? You must realize that the simple question can be answered by straightforward 'Yes' or 'No.' In view of Mr. Barne's open attempt

Mr. Whitman telephoned his campaign manager, Frederick C. Tanner, that he had met with a great reception in Rock Hill and that everything up in South Carolina apparently boded good for him. Mr. Whitman, telephoning to J. Calhoun Knight, his campaign manager, from Liberty, said he spoke to a great meeting at Auburn on Wednesday night and that he had found enthusiastic sentiment for him everywhere. From all his reports he and received, he said the swing was in his favor and in earnest.

Mr. Higgins said:

The developments of the last two

that will enable him to cast his vote with better information on the methods of the machine and the influences surrounding the candidates. The sole justification for the creation of the Progressive Party was found in the tyrannical policy of Republican bosses and the coercive proceedings of the organization. In spite of our common defini-

"Mr. Barnes is playing candidates as if they were mannikins or men of straw and my friend Herbert Parsons, through his automation, Mr. Koenig, is using the New York organization as a brutal instrument to prevent free speech in the

"At Saratoga George Aldridge insisted upon nominating the old ticket. He said it was the only thing to do. He said Barnes, Parsons, and Keenig declared such a course meant a violation of the public district clubhouses to a Republican who led his party two years ago and saved the organization from capture by the Progressives.

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"Barnes in the meantime had promulgated his determination to retire from active politics. No doubt he meant it. But when ex-Gov. Odell appeared as the active manager for Harvey Haiman, the candidates of the old feud between Barnes and Odell were opened, battles were tightly drawn, and the fight settled fiercely down for the control of the State organisation with Barnes

"There you have it. The issue today is no less important as it was two years ago."

aro. If Whitman wins, the Democrats will declare it as a Barnes victory. And if Hinman carries the primaries to headlines will say Odell defeats Barnes.

Mr. Hodges said again that he had been denied the courtesies of Republican clubhouses in New York and Brooklyn.

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