ROOSEVELT WITH SULZER.

Speaks at Rochester, Where Governor Renews Threats. Special to The New York Times.

ROCHESTER, June 11.-Almost 8,000 persons crowded the largest auditorium in the city and the two biggest theatres to-night to hear Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Gov. William Sulzer, with other Progressives and Democrats, advocate the Governor's primary reform meas-Col. Roosevelt, in Convention ures. Hall, said he would not have made the direct primary measure as the Governor did had he been making it, but that as he was not making it he would support the Governor in his effort, since, as Lincoln said, "If you can't get the best, get the best possible."

In the latter part of his Convention Hall address Col. Roosevelt suggested two amendments to the Governor's bill -one which he had not suggested be-

fore. .. "I should like to see in the first place," he said, "a change that would permit us to put up as party officials not only men but also women. I don't see that any one has a right to object to that, because we don't have to put them up. For example, in my efforts for a workmen's compensation bill, a minimum wage, the prohibition of child labor, the limitation of the hours of labor for women in industry, among the persons whom I consult in trying to get them through there are as many women as men-women like Jane Addams, Mary Anton, and Miss Kellar.

"If we have a constitutional convention I should want to see the constitution explicitly provide in such a way as to permit us to pass legislation on these subjects, and I should like to see the convention in close touch with women of this character. If they are good enough to stand in the lobby and tell the men how to vote, they are good enough to go inside and vote."

In opening his address the Colonel

said: "It had not been my purpose to speak on any occasion this year, but I felt that the contest in which we are now engaged was one that so emphatically appealed to every man that, as a good citizen, I should be derelict in my duty if I didn't take part in the fight. I have come here to-night to uphold Gov. Sulzer in the fight he is making for a State-wide direct primary, because I feel that fight supports the foundations of American citizenship.

"I have told you that I should like to see certain amendments in the Governor's bill. I have also told you that whether those amendments were made or not I should support the bill, because it would make the greatest stride forward to general popular government

under the lead of Gov. Sulzer." When Gov. Sulzer took the platform

in Convention Hall he said:

"It is very grateful to me to have the support of one of the greatest of Americans, my friend, Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The Governor's address was a repetition of his arguments in behalf of his direct primary bill. Again he threatened the party leaders with popular vengeance if they failed to have the legislators pass the measure.

Besides the Governor and the Colonel, speakers at the three meetings were State Senator Frederick M. Davenport, Charles M. Bulger of Oswego, and Regis H. Post, ex-Governor of Porto Rico.

Col. Roosevelt was the guest on his arrival at noon of 500 Progressives at a luncheon in the Powers Hotel. Afterward he was the guest at dinner of Charles Stern, Treasurer of the Monroe County Progressive Committee. went for the night to the home of Mr. Stern and to-morrow will go east.

Gov. Sulzer was met at the station by the Monroe County Democratic Committee, a reception committee, and Troop H, Rochester's cavalry organization. Mr. Sulzer was photographed, rode in a parade, held a reception at a hotel, and before going out to dinner was initiated into the Loyal Order of Moose by the degree team of Rochester Lodge. Fred D. Lamb, Secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., had the distinction of "going through with the Governor." Mr. Sulzer was the dinner guest of Chairman George E. Noeth of the Democratic County Committee.,

ASSAILS THE SULZER BILL.

Barnes Says Political Parties Never Were So Essential.

William Barnes, Jr., Chairman of the Republican State Committee, spoke in opposition to the Suizer Direct Primary

bill last night at the West Side Independent Club, at 225 West Ninety-ninth Street.

"I do not know of any subject at the present time that produces more disturbance and confusion than this direct primary matter, and I have yet to find any one who understands it," 'ne said. "The difference over it in the Republican Party is based on a matter of principle that the contention within the party is due to Gov. Hughes, who included in his bill the provision for com-

mittees to designate candidates.
"Any clear-headed person must see that this method of making nominations is an experiment, and should be presented merely as an experiment until

we find what the people want."

Referring to Mark Eisner, the Assemblyman who had introduced the direct primary measure at the request of Gov. Sulzer, and preceded Mr. Barnes in describing the purpose of it, Mr. Barnes said:

"Mr. Eisner, who introduced that bill, stood up here and called it the 'Sulzer bill.' You never heard of Lincoln, Harrison, McKinley, and others like them tellling their party what it should do Are the Executives to supersede the Legislatures?

"Mr. Eisner says parties nominate bad men. I never heard of a party nominating any one but the man whom it thought had the best chance of election. Gov. Hughes assumed that political leaders sat up nights trying to find the worst men to nominate. I do not know where he got his ideas. I never was in any such atmosphere. We are not fighting political battles to put any individual in office, but to get things done which the party believes are best and to prevent others things from being done.

Mr. Barnes said that political parties were never so essential in this country

as at present.

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