

LA FOLLETTE STORY ONLY TOLD IN PART

Every Effort Made to Overthrow Him and in This His Enemies Were Aided by Stevenson, Whom He Once Supported.

(By John E. Lathrop.)
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 3.—It is regarded as strange that the story of the fight against Senator La Follette in Wisconsin by the Taft forces has not been told more in detail than the simple recording of the fact that the state organization had been taken over by the Taftites.

Back of that incident, is the cluster of facts, duplicated in all other states which had candidates other than Mr. Taft before the Chicago convention. Briefly set forth they are:

When the national campaign opened, Taft managers publicly announced that they would not contest in any state which had a favorite son. This they said of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, New York.

Immediately, however, they began to contest for each state. They discovered that they could not wrest the states from the favorite sons. They picked up a vote or two in each state, but failed miserably in the plan of publicly announcing "hands off" and actual secret intrigue.

In Wisconsin, a precinct to precinct fight was made. They sought by every means in their power to overthrow La Follette.

In this they were aided by Senator Stephenson, who, elected by La Follette support, had quickly after going to the senate gone over to the majority which was striving to pillory La Follette.

Money Freely Used.

So open is the allegation of use of large sums of money in finally wresting control from the La Follette forces, that one of the issues in the Republican state convention to frame a platform the other day was a plank offered by the La Follette people pledging publicity of primary expenses before primary elections.

Some express surprise that the Taft forces, professing to be progressive, should seek to down the one man in Wisconsin who has stood for progress. I have the privilege of recording here the sentiments of a Wisconsin man who says that there are good reasons why his name should be kept secret:

"I am a La Follette man. I was a Taft man after the Chicago convention, for I always have been a Republican. I thought it better to maintain the Republican party in power, and then, too, I always have been a Roosevelt man, in spite of the difficulty I have experienced in harmonizing the record

of the services Senator La Follette has given the American people and the apparent hostility towards him of the president.

"Roosevelt stood for Taft, though, and so I followed him into the Taft campaign. Wisconsin, with Taft on the national ticket and La Follette in the ascendancy in that state, was so certainly for Taft in November that the Democrats could not have made a dent in the Republican armor.

Old Stalwarts Called.

"But, although it was not necessary to Taft's getting the electoral vote of Wisconsin to crush La Follette, nevertheless they tried to do it, and to do this they allied themselves with the old stalwart republican element at the head of which formerly was Senator Spooner. So since his voluntary retirement from the senate he has openly espoused the reactionary cause and sneered at every movement which has had for its object the elevation of civic morals and practices.

"Will you tell me why it was necessary for the Taft forces to seek to crush La Follette? Without that they could have had Wisconsin's electoral vote.

"But, let me tell you, Taft cannot have Wisconsin's electoral vote. I regard Robert M. La Follette as one of the men of the times, one who is entitled to support for his brave stand against selfishness in using government for personal advancement.

"The Taft people, ruthlessly and not in the interest of good government, sought to crush La Follette, they proved to such men as think as I think that they do not desire to ward civic reform, but wish to build up a machine for their own personal profit.

"I predict that Wisconsin will give Bryan its electoral vote. La Follette has done more than square things for Taft; but we people who have followed 'Little Bob' on many a political battlefield to experience now victory, defeat, but always to see him arise eventually holding the banner high in the air and cheering his hosts to renewed efforts, purpose to resent the machine put into operation by the Taft forces in our state to crush Bob La Follette."

Endorsed Taft.

When it was announced that Senator La Follette had endorsed Taft, the latter spoke in La Follette's home—Madison—it was said to me by a leading manager of the republican campaign at the headquarters here, that that settled the whole question, that La Follette following thereby would follow that hint.

He asserted that the La Follette forces would follow it blindly, and that they wouldn't stop to reason why; I asked him whether or not he thought that the people who had followed La Follette would stop to reason why; whether he thought they had not something more than passing interest in the personality of a brilliant, brave man. He insisted that that made no difference; they'd be for Taft, now, and that 'saw wouldn't save Bryan,' to quote him exactly.

When Bryan spoke in Madison a few days later, Senator La Follette attended, and sat in a front seat, and when someone on the stage asked him "right out in meeting" if he endorsed what Mr. Bryan said about publicity of campaign contributions he promptly and with spirit answered: "Certainly I do."

I have not seen La Follette since that Taft machine gained temporary control in Wisconsin. But, judging from reports coming in, and from the history of the fight he has made for 30 years and the substantial measures for the common good which he has written into Wisconsin law and into federal statutes, it is quite apparent that "Little Bob" remains still the largest factor in Wisconsin's civic life, the biggest asset of the people there, and in times past they will come back to the La Follette standard.

I believe from personal observation in Wisconsin and talks with many Wisconsin men of both parties, that while the democrats may carry Wisconsin this fall, Bob La Follette will before long again be handed the reins of control, and will demonstrate his ascendancy, momentarily questioned by a combination of Taftites and the old Stalwart-Spooner element, long since discredited.

W. C. T. U. Preparing for the State Convention of Next Week



Mrs. Henrietta Brown.



Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh.

The headquarters of the W. C. T. U. is a busy hive at this time, with the committees who are planning for the comfort of their guests from all over the state for the convention of next week. The state officers have already begun to arrive. Mrs. Ida Marsters, the recording secretary, came in Wednesday and will be busy getting out the roster for the new year. Mrs. Unruh is gathering reports and answering letters of inquiry and Mrs. Hattie Shane, the state treasurer, is looking after the financial matters with the closing of the fiscal year. While the W. C. T. U. is a philanthropic institution, it is also splendidly organized and every part of the machinery is well looked after.

Rev. Eugene St. John, the principal speaker, will come in early, to be with the officers for some conferences. Mrs. St. John is one of the veterans in the work of the W. C. T. U., having been a close friend and co-worker with Miss Willard. She is also a personal friend of the state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harford, who will be in from a tour of eastern Oregon, where she has had more than ordinary success in the matter of audiences and the new organizations that she has recruited. Mrs. Harford returned not long since from a tour of British Columbia, and Oregon women are very much gratified that she has been so enthusiastically received by our friends across the border. The programs are now out for the Silver Jubilee convention of the W. C. T. U., which is to be celebrated next week beginning Tuesday evening, though the official board will be in session all day.

The dainty programs of silver are not a disappointment when one looks at the pages. Tuesday evening will be given to the young people's work of the organization. The women who have charge of this part of the work will be

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Only Cazadero and Oregon City Cars Will Start from East Side.

The Sallowood, Oaks, Hawthorne and Mount Scott cars are not to be affected by the new order of the street railway company relative to the transfers to the Cazadero and Oregon City carlines. Cars on these lines will run as usual.

In the future, however, cars on the Cazadero and Oregon City lines will start from East Water and East Morrison streets. The new terminal has been decided upon by the company officials on account of the order of the county commissioners which prohibits signs with trailers running on the Madison street bridge.

Under the new ruling all cars crossing the Morrison street bridge to the east side will transfer to the Cazadero and Oregon City lines, making the connections practically the same as if the cars started from First and Alder streets, as has heretofore been the custom.

DIES AT FATHER'S HOME IN HARRISBURG

Mrs. Ida Bennett, well known among a large circle of friends in Portland, died at the home of her father, Henry M. Roberts, of Harrisburg, September 18, after a lingering illness of a year or more. Mrs. Bennett had made her



home with her father since the death of her mother, three years ago. She was married to L. A. Bennett in Harrisburg in 1859 and is survived by one son, Chester Bennett. Another son died in Indianapolis when four years of age. A sister, Mrs. Myrtle Hearn, and a brother, Edward, also survive.

Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Home E. D. S. Benefit association, and a lifelong member of the Christian church. Her funeral was held this afternoon from the Christian church, the services being conducted by Rev. W. H. Hinchey of Eugene. The interment was in the Masonic cemetery. A large number of friends from other valley cities were present at the funeral.

Exposition Rink

The Exposition roller skating rink will open Monday night after being closed for the summer season. There are thousands of skaters in the city, and all will be glad to know that Prof. A. De Cappel has been engaged for the season. The rink has been all remodeled and the floor and skates were never better. Roller skating is a most fascinating sport and healthful pastime. The rink will be conducted upon a high plane, and a clean, careful policy has been adopted.

Skating bids fair to be more popular this season than ever before. It is an exercise bringing all the muscles and fibers of the body into play, and is highly recommended by all physicians. Ask me that can walk out here to state. The skates now seem to be "hot" the skating has!

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