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Why They Don't Follow.

Senator Cummins takes opposition to the new party move and says that personal disappointment, however keen, and individual-dishonesty do not furnish a proper foundation for a new party. So he will stay with the republican party even though he did not approve of President Taft's renomination.

It is noteworthy that almost without exception the other men who were big progressive leaders at Chicago take the same view. La Follette does. So do Borah, Hadley, Osborn and Poindexter. Very likely this feeling by the progressive senators and governors is due in part at least to the colonel's attitude of "Me or nothing." The republican convention would have been glad to have named a progressive candidate if it could have secured anyone but the colonel. The nomination was offered to Hadley but he did not dare take it in view of the declaration from the Roosevelt headquarters that if the convention named a progressive he had to be from Oyster Bay and no other place.

Roosevelt's attitude in this connection was entirely different from that of Bryan at Baltimore. Bryan saw he could not be named himself and he did the next best thing by forcing the nomination of a thoroughgoing progressive in the person of Governor Wilson. In Bryan we have the spectacle of a man who effaced himself to advance the progressive cause. In the colonel, if he persists in running on a third party ticket, we will have the spectacle of a man who insists on getting into the race himself even if to do so he must divide the progressive vote in the general election.

In the eyes of the progressives Bryan stands in far better light than Roosevelt. It is easy to see why he is more popular than Roosevelt with his generals. There are drawbacks to the game when one man must always be it.—East Oregonian.

Seeking Office Comes High.

It costs a pot of money to run for office now-a-days, with two campaigns to make. It is estimated that no less than a million dollars was spent for Taft and Roosevelt together in the primary campaign. Vast sums were also spent in behalf of the democratic candidates. La Follette got off the cheapest of all, with an expense bill of only \$60,000. A man must either be rich or have rich friends to run for president, and if he is elected it goes without saying that his rich friends will have some influence at the White House. Nor can a man be a piker and run for Congress, either. Senator Stephenson spent \$100,000 in his Wisconsin campaign, and was able

to show the senate that he had spent it legitimately, too. A popular Maryland senator whom everybody wanted re-elected and who had practically no opposition spent \$18,000, so expensive were the requirements of the nomination. Forty members of the lower house have declared that they will make no effort to return to Congress, so costly is the process of reaching its portals. All of this shows that the direct primary is not an unmixed blessing, although one that the modern voter will never consent to do without. One of its tendencies is to deprive the public of the able man of moderate means who finds that he cannot afford to run for office on his own hook, and who hesitates to place himself under obligations to his wealthier friends.—Weston Leader.

According to press reports many republican leaders, now that Woodrow Wilson has been nominated, do not favor a third party movement and are preparing to support the democratic candidate. However, Ex-president Roosevelt is not one of that number. He wants another trial; his ambition has not yet been satisfied. Perhaps he thinks that he has not killed President Taft sufficiently dead, politically. The way of political opponents is dubious.

Search lights are being used to discover the difference between a Republican and a Democratic steam roller, and the answer is given that the latter had a reversible lever. However, we are inclined to think the answer incorrect as the only difference we can see is, the Democratic concern had a master in front of it.

Bryan killed his chances for nomination in the Baltimore convention by being a man who fearlessly denounced dishonesty when policy would have counseled silence; Roosevelt destroyed any chance he may have had for any election by pursuing a dishonest policy that had its beginning in the violation of the pledge he made to the people.—Sheridan Sun.

Votes for Women.

In answer to the charge that women would be office seekers if they had the ballot, Mrs. Orlov Black, a prominent woman of San Francisco, replied:

"The women who are interested in civic and social work are not so much interested in politics and political leaders as they are in measures for the social, civic and moral betterment of the community. They are interested in things that work for the welfare of the race, for its protection and its conservation. The women do not indorse everything that is said at the lectures delivered before them. They think for themselves and have views of their own; they want to hear both sides of the case and that is the first and most important reason for their exhibition of interest. I think they will try to keep out of politics as much as possible—at least that is the avowed intention of most of the women now. But there may be times when some reform they initiate or are interested in becomes a party measure. In such event they will support the measure or the men who champion it, regardless of their political party affiliations.

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