

PROGRESSIVES UNITE UPON ROOSEVELT AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

LA FOLLETTE SAYS ROOSEVELT MUST SPEAK

Insurgent Leader Declines to Get Out of Race Unless Teddy Most Publicly Adopt True Principles of Progressive Government by People.

OTHERWISE WISCONSINITE WILL BE CANDIDATE

Governor Johnson of California Is Practically Only Big Figure Remaining Loyal to La Follette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The only terms on which La Follette will accept Roosevelt as progressive republican candidate were made public today in a personal statement by the Wisconsin senator. He said: "I have been the standard bearer of principles, not of individuals. No possible change in circumstances can alter the great issues for which I fought and will continue to fight. I can enlist in the ranks with no man unless he adopts publicly, in binding terms, the true principles of progressive government by the people."

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Feb. 6.—"I regret Senator La Follette's illness and trust he may recover," was former President Roosevelt's comment today on the collapse of the Wisconsin progressive leader. "One man may retard or advance the progressive movement," he added, "but the movement is not dependent upon any man or group of men, and is bound to be successful."

Declaration Wanted. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Unless some bargain is struck with Colonel Roosevelt, unless the former president makes some declaration of principles to which Senator La Follette can subscribe La Follette positively will enter the Chicago convention against all comers and will fight for the presidential nomination to the last ditch.

This, in brief, is the situation in the republican progressive camp today, following the practically general demand of his chief supporters that La Follette quit the race.

To clear the air so that effective opposition may be presented to President Taft and the standpat element of the party, several leading progressives today are trying to bring about correspondence between Roosevelt and La Follette, hoping to induce the colonel to declare himself and to map out the general lines on which his future activities will be directed. They hope thus to convince La Follette that in their fundamental beliefs he and Roosevelt are on the same ground. It is planned also to use the declaration—if Roosevelt will make it—against President Taft.

Johnson Still Loyal. It is freely admitted that should Roosevelt not make some statement of his position satisfactory to La Follette the Wisconsin man will go into the Chicago convention to fight for his own nomination.

Practically the only big figure who today stands loyal to La Follette is Governor Hiram Johnson of California. In an interview with Roosevelt Johnson told the ex-president that he was pledged to La Follette and will not transfer his support until personally.

BOOSTS MEDFORD



J. A. Westerlund in Characteristic Pose.

WESTERLUND IS LOYAL TO HOME WHILE IN SOUTH

In a Los Angeles dispatch, J. A. Westerlund of Medford, well known horticulturist and part owner of the new Holland hotel, is quoted as giving the Rogue River valley the following boost: "When 180 persons from one town in a neighboring state charter a special train and travel 1000 miles to visit your city, they must certainly have a liking for Los Angeles," said J. A. Westerlund of Medford, Ore., who is a visitor here, at the Baltimore hotel.

"Now that is just what we did in our city, and on the 29th day of December last we left home bound for Los Angeles with tickets good to carry us back home any time within 90 days. Some of us stopped on the way down and have just arrived, but we are all here for the limit of the tickets. To make the trip the party just put up 6300 big round dollars. "About Medford? It is the metropolis of the Rogue River valley, one of the greatest apple growing regions in the world. We have 85,000 acres planted in orchards in the valley, specialties being made of Spitzenberg and Yellow Newtown Pippins, one a bright red and the other, as its name indicates, yellow, and both are of the highest quality, highly attractive and long keepers. The bulk of this crop goes to England, Europe, Russia, South America and Australia. We also specialize in pears of the Comice variety.

"Eight years ago when I went to Medford we had a population of 1500; now we have 15,000. Apples made it, just as citrus fruits have erected communities in your state.

"No, this is not my first visit to Los Angeles. Twelve years ago I was here and again three years ago. Not only have the changes between my first visit and this one been astonishing, but the change in three years has been marvelous. What has become of the landmarks? They have all disappeared. And these skyscrapers, there is no end to them and more building. And they are all full, too. Where will you go to in the next three years? Everything indicates that you will be the greatest city on the coast and one of the greatest cities in the country. It is the push and progress you show that causes Rogue River valley people to come to see you and to make long visits."

STANDARD STOCKS IN FAR BETTER DEMAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Standard stocks, especially the Harriman, were in better demand on the stock exchange today and prices advanced generally, covering of short contracts giving some stocks pronounced strength. Lehigh Valley rose 2, Reading 1 1/2, Union Pacific 1 and Soo Line preferred 2 1/2. The action of the market was helped by the indifference to the weakness in tobacco and other specialties. American Tobacco dropped 6 1/2 and American Express 4 points. The market closed with an average reaction of 1/8. Bonds were firm.

TEDDY CHOICE OF INSURGENTS FOR PRESIDENT

Pinchot Issues Statement to Effect That Opposition to Taft Has Concentrated Behind Former President and War in Party Will Continue.

LA FOLLETTE'S WITHDRAWAL ONLY MEANS OF UNITY

Roosevelt Not as Advanced as Wisconsinite, But Satisfactory as Against the Trusts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Progressives in the house and senate, accepting Senator La Follette's withdrawal as accomplished, conferred this afternoon and are preparing to accept Roosevelt's leadership. It is understood that Senator Bourne of Oregon and Senator Clapp of Minnesota will soon issue statements favoring Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Amos Pinchot, brother of Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States, today discussed the progressive republican nomination imbroglio in a statement to the United Press. He said: "When the small group of progressives met in Washington to discuss placing a presidential candidate in the field, it had two definite ends—first, to bind the progressives together as an effective fighting force, and, second, to prevent the nomination or renomination of a reactionary candidate."

Taft for Big Interests. "We believed that in practically every case where the interests of the average man conflicted with the interests of the standpat machine and great business interests, the Taft administration would be found lined up with big business. Since the organization started, largely through the work of Senator La Follette and the men supporting him, political leaders have clearly seen that the only way to save the party in 1912 and make it serve the average man is to nominate a progressive candidate for the presidency.

"Senator La Follette's withdrawal from the race would simply mean that the progressives realize that owing to the demand for Theodore Roosevelt, and owing to the Wisconsin senator's health La Follette cannot himself accomplish the purpose which has always meant more to him than individual success. With La Follette out of the race and his followers free to get behind Roosevelt, the old fight with another republican leader will be continued.

Roosevelt the Choice. "Many supporters of La Follette feel that Colonel Roosevelt is not as advanced as the Wisconsin senator in progressiveism, but is clear that Roosevelt and La Follette agree in most of the fundamentals and above all have the same convictions that the country belongs to the people and the government must be an instrument for the people's benefit.

"It seems clear that Senator La Follette's withdrawal is the only means of uniting all progressives."

32 INDICTMENTS FROM INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 6.—Charging conspiracy to violate United States laws by transporting explosives on passenger trains, engaged in interstate commerce and with concealment of their knowledge that felonies had been committed, 32 in-

THE ORDER OF THE COCKED HAT.



GREENOUGH'S BACK OF FOOTS CREEK PLACER PURCHASE

Salt Lake and Butte Operators Said to Be Back of Deal—Dredge Land, Then Plant It to Commercial Orchards—New Dredge Ordered.

That the Greenough interests of Salt Lake, Butte, Spokane and New York City are behind the large Foots Creek placer deal closed yesterday, is the story circulating the rounds of local mining men. Claude Inman, the man who made the \$292,000 deal, when interviewed this morning, would neither affirm nor deny the story.

The Greenoughs operate placer and quartz propositions in Montana, Utah, Washington and southern California and all are worked on a large scale, no money being spared. Alex Hall and W. H. Goss, the Salt Lake men who bought the 2100 acres through Mr. Inman, are former Butte men. Mr. Inman will manage the Foots Creek operations and retains an interest.

It is the plan of the company to dredge the land and then reclaim it for orchard purposes. A large bucket dredge has been ordered. This will work upstream, large hydraulics being used to wash the upper benches down to the dredge. In this manner the land will not be washed away, so that as fast as dredging is completed orchards may be set out for commercial purposes.

The property bought includes the Bowling, Mattis, Lance, Osborne and Matthews holdings.

dictments were handed down here today by the federal grand jury. More than 40 labor men are said to be implicated. This is caused through a grouping of names in the same indictment.

34,000 TROOPS READY TO LEAVE FOR BORDER LINE

Six Thousand Additional Soldiers in Texas Awaiting Orders for Invasion of Mexico if American Interests Are in Any Way Jeopardized.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Thirty-four thousand American troops today wait orders from the state department to leave for the Mexican border to protect American interests jeopardized by the Mexican situation. Orders to prepare for immediate duty were sent to the troops yesterday, following the receipt of dispatches that President Madero of Mexico had ignored a note from Washington demanding protection of American citizens and American interests.

There are today 6000 American troops in Texas and if the 34,000 men now in readiness to move are ordered south, practically the entire mobile army of the United States will be prepared to enforce any demand made by Washington upon the Mexican government.

Announcement was also made today that the South Atlantic squadron was under orders to prepare to sail for Guantanamo, off the Cuban coast. In explanation of the move, a state department official said that "it was possible that some of the warships would go to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras celebration."

HARRISON'S GRAND-DAUGHTER WEDS HARRY WILLIAMS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Miss Marathana Harrison, grand-daughter of the late President Benjamin Harrison, today is the bride of Harry Williams, Jr., of Norfolk, Va. Only relatives and intimate friends attended the wedding.

SCHMITZ TRIAL FOR BRIBERY IS ON AT FRISCO

Trial of Bay City's Grafting Mayor Begins—Six Jurors Selected at Noon—Accused of Bribing Supervisor for Higher Gas Schedule.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—Six permanent jurors are in the box in the trial before Judge Lawlor of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, on a charge of bribing a supervisor in connection with the fixing of gas rates in 1906, following the exercise by the defense today of five of their 12 peremptory challenges.

The prosecution used one of its five peremptories on Edward R. Moffett. The six men who will be on the jury which decides Schmitz' fate are: Walter R. Snell, Edward D. Bachman, broker; Daniel Hagerty, Ramus Ramussen, Oscar Harris and John J. King.

Drawing of the other six jurors was then proceeded with.

PROMISES TO WIPE OUT WASHINGTON'S TROOPS

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—"If elected governor, I shall start a fight to wipe out the state militia." This is the declaration of Sheriff Robert T. Hodge of Seattle, progressive candidate for governor in an interview here. "The militia costs the taxpayers \$200,000 a year, has been filled with corruption and petty grafting and its only purpose is to break up strikes," says Hodge. "If elected I'll veto any bills carrying an appropriation for the 'tin soldiers.'"

UNITE 3 BIG FRUIT BELTS IN SELLING AGENCY

Rogue River, Hood River and Wenatchee Fruit Unions Report Favorably Upon Consolidation to Handle Market.

COMMITTEES NAMED TO DISCUSS CO-OPERATION

Combination Is Next Step in Organization—System of Distributing and Selling Needed.

Manager K. S. Miller of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association has returned from Hood River and has issued a circular which gives the result to date of the effort to combine the three big fruit districts of the northwest—Hood River, Rogue River and Wenatchee—in one selling agency. The circular is as follows: Rogue River Produce Association, Medford, Ore.

To the stockholders of Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association:

Your board of directors during December sent me to Hood River and Wenatchee to see if these two sections would consider combining with Rogue River in maintaining a selling agency. Heretofore all movement toward co-operation was halted because no way was provided in the plans for selling the fruit. The practical business arrangement of taking over the control of the Northwestern Fruit exchange, the only existing selling agency covering all the markets, seemed to your board of directors well worth looking into, not as the only plan but as a workable, feasible plan.

Committees Appointed.

We succeeded in getting committees from the Wenatchee and Hood River sections to examine the system and methods of the Northwestern Fruit exchange with the result in each case that the exchange was found to be a most excellent, highly specialized fruit selling agency. The next step is to have committees from Rogue River, Hood River and Wenatchee meet and formulate some plan for the combination of the three districts so that they can work together. Hood River, at a large and enthusiastic meeting, has appointed such a committee; Wenatchee valley will appoint on this week, and if you approve of these steps already taken you will be asked to appoint such a committee at your annual meeting on February 13.

These committees will then meet about February 15, and the plan then determined upon, after considering all the possible plans for co-operation between the three districts, will be presented to the growers of each district for their final approval or disapproval. This is as far as your board of directors have gone in this important matter; these steps are only preliminary, the final action will rest with you.

Combination Decided Upon.

Combination is the next step in the organization of the fruit business. If we are to conserve the large fruit interests of the northwest it is necessary that we evolve some system of distributing and selling, out of the chaos now existing. The merger of these three fancy fruit districts will protect our fruit; will be a start in the direction of an inclusive selling agency for the northwest; will inject a steady influence into the markets of 1912; will eliminate wasteful competition; will give us thoroughly comprehensive distribution for our fruit on an economical basis, since we shall use one machine instead of three; it will preserve our identity as a fruit section and enable us all to extend our markets.

It is the beginning of an attempt to put system against chance in the fruit business and so attain an organized industrial basis. Very truly yours, R. S. MILLER, Manager.