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SENATOR ROBERT M. LAFOLLETTE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN CITY

Addresses Large Audience That Fills Auditorium of the Methodist Church to Hear the Brilliant Wisconsin Senator—Deals With Tariff and the Trust Question.

From Friday's Daily.

Senator Robert M. La Follette dictated this message of greeting to the people of Nebraska while crossing the river from Pacific Junction this morning:

"I know from my acquaintance with the people of Nebraska that they are thoroughly progressive. I have learned from coming into contact with them on my annual chautauqua and lyceum circuit trips that they are the same kind of people we have in Wisconsin, with the same kind of political ideals.

"I am confident that the result in the primaries of Nebraska will be a progressive victory, once the real issues are understood. I am here to make as clear as I can the great, dominating question which the people of this country must settle. That is the question of whether they are strong enough to make the power of their will felt in the control of their own government.

"The most progressive people anywhere in the world are found in the middle west. This great awakening for the restoration of government through the people themselves came out of the middle west, and it has begun to take hold strongly in the east. I believe the time is near at hand when our government will become truly representative.

"I am asking for the support of the state of Nebraska on the basis of the constructive legislation accomplished in Washington and in congress, demonstrating that the progressive movement is one that builds up and does not tear down. I want delegates who will stand squarely for the principles on which that movement is founded, and who will not be turned aside by any appeal which disregards them."

It was 9:30 o'clock before the senator was introduced by R. B. Windham to an audience which almost filled the auditorium of the Methodist church, where the meeting had been changed to this morning.

Mr. La Follette addressed himself to the task of opening his presidential campaign in Nebraska. He began at once to speak of the reason for the high cost of living and spoke of the gigantic combinations which had been formed to throttle competition. Beginning back prior to 1897, where there were 6,000 competing lines of transportation, coming on down until at the present time the transportation business is handled by six men.

During the same period manufacturing trusts and combinations had formed with the same purpose in view to stifle competition.

During the same period the republicans had control of the national administration and had advocated the protective tariff for the purpose of protecting infant industries, never taking into consideration that there had been a wonderful change and transformation in the industrial world in the United States, and that there had been combinations in all departments since 1897, when the Dingley tariff was passed with its protective features keeping out foreign goods and raising the cost of living.

From 1898 to 1900 the industrial trusts had increased to 149, with \$3,784,000,000 capital. In the next four years, during Roosevelt's first term, the combinations had increased to 8,000 with a capital of \$20,379,000,000. During the last four years of Roosevelt's administration the trusts had grown in number to 10,020, with a capitalization of \$36,672,000,000, and the industrial world knew of no such thing as free and open competition.

The high tariff had reduced the people into commercial bondage, and their political freedom was a mere shadow and of no particular benefit so long as their

commercial freedom was enthralled. The senator had two ways in which the matter could have been remedied, first by lowering the tariff law, if the men whom the government had sought to protect had violated the law and stifled competition, the senator would have let in foreign-made goods to force down the price. In 1911 the people began to see that there was no necessity for the high tariff and to believe that it was part of the cause of the high cost of living, and began to clamor for a reduction of the tariff. Joe Cannon, speaker of the house, said the tariff suited him (he was with the interests), and stood pat; Aldrich stood pat and President Roosevelt also stood pat with Cannon and Aldrich. The senator thought that someone should take the part of the people, and he jumped into the breach.

When the people were clamoring for tariff reform in 1908 and prior, President Roosevelt, with all of the power which he might have wielded for the people, did not send one message to congress, for fear he would anger the interests. The senator praised Mr. Roosevelt for what he did for the people; he was a preacher for moral reform in finance and politics, but he was not a constructive statesman then and he is not one now. The speaker admitted that Colonel Roosevelt was a politician. When president he thought the tariff reform should not be attempted previous to a presidential campaign and handed the matter over to Mr. Taft. When the Taft regime came into power, in carrying out his idea of the pledges of the party, had the Aldrich tariff law passed, which in 600 instances increased the Dingley rate of tax.

Senator La Follette then referred to John Sherman as a far-seeing statesman, and stated that he was the father of the Sherman anti-trust law, which had stood the test for twenty years without an adverse judicial decision. If Senator La Follette had been president from 1900 to 1908, he said, he would have called every United States district attorney in the country to his office in the White house and directed their attention to the Sherman law, and informed them that if they had overlooked it to take it to their homes and look it over and return the next day. He would then have instructed them to prosecute every unlawful combination in every district in the Union. The law was ample and provided for injunctions and other remedial measures.

The senator was accompanied by his wife, who was met at the hotel by Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mrs. A. B. Street, Mrs. William McCauley and other ladies. After the speech the senator and his party, accompanied by F. A. Harrison of Lincoln and E. E. Wolfe of the Lincoln Star, were driven to the M. P. station, where they took the train for the south.

Becker Appeal Case.

From Thursday's Daily.

In the Lincoln notes of the World-Herald appears the following: "The appeal of William Becker, convicted in Cass county of receiving stolen property, was submitted to the supreme court today. Becker is a farmer, and the accusation is that he aided John Crawford, who stole some wheat from Robert Propst, a neighboring farmer, in getting rid of it. Crawford is now serving time for the theft. Becker was sentenced to five years."

Albert Schuldic, one of Plattsmouth's athletic young men, who was returning from Omaha last night, got left at Pacific Junction and concluded to walk home. He arrived here on time, having made the trip at a 2:30 gait.

HAVE HYMENIAL KNOT TIED IN PLATTSMOUTH

In Passing Through City John W. Hadley and Miss Kittie A. Ellis Conclude to Marry.

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. John W. Hadley and Miss Kittie A. Ellis, en route from the bride's home at Cromwell, Iowa, stopped off in Plattsmouth to solemnize their lives in matrimony. After procuring the license at the court house, the bride being a member of the Christian church, requested that a clergyman be secured, and County Judge Allen J. Beeson kindly called Rev. A. L. Zink of the Christian church and informed him that a couple would be at his house in a few minutes to be married. Rev. Zink quickly adjusted his thinking machine from theology to matrimony, and when the couple arrived had Colonel W. T. Askwith as a witness, Mrs. Zink acting as another, and at 6 p. m. the words were spoken which made these people co-partners for life. Mr. Hadley is a prosperous farmer of Sholes, Nebraska, where he takes his bride and where they will make their home. The groom is a handsome bachelor of 40 summers and the bride a beautiful woman past the age of girlhood, possessing many charms and we wish them a happy and prosperous life together.

High School Convocation.

From Thursday's Daily.

The convocation hour at the High school this morning was of more than ordinary interest, being in charge of the senior class. The entire program, with the exception of one vocal number, was given by the talented members of the class, and much more time could have been utilized by members who did not appear on the program, but the allotted time was all that could be devoted to the entertainment at this time. Miss Molly Godwin gave one of her beautiful instrumental solos, Miss Mildred Cook played a violin solo. The class in history was read by Rue Frans and the class prophesy was prophesied by Barbara Clements. Glen Scott, not of the class, sang a tenor solo. Each member was heartily applauded by the students.

The class history was written by Elmer Hollstrom and the class prophesy by Goldie Noble; both were written in humorous vein and were very entertaining.

Plattsmouth Boys Heard From.

The Journal has received a copy of the Carbon County (Utah) News, marked X. On opening the paper we noticed the name of W. C. Benfer at its masthead as one of the company in its publication. Billy is an old Plattsmouth boy and printer, having been reared in this city, and always has the best wishes of the Journal family for his success. While the News is not a large publication, it has the appearance of being a very healthy one. Billy formerly published the Lead (S. D.) Daily Register, where he met with some misfortunes, which were entirely unavoidable, and the receipt of the News is the first that we were apprised of his location. We are informed that Willard Wise, also a Plattsmouth printer, is one of the company.

Sustains Painful Injury.

From Friday's Daily.

Bob Hunter, one of the Burlington store-house clerks, had the misfortune yesterday afternoon, while removing a heavy iron to the platform, to drop the same on his foot, crushing the nail from his great toe. The injured toe was bound up by James Higley, and Bob went to see the company physician. When he arrived at the doctor's office the toe was so badly swollen that he could hardly remove his shoe. The injury was dressed, the nail being entirely removed, and Bob will take several days' rest while the injury heals.

Paul F. Clark, republican candidate for congress, was in the city over night, a guest of the Riley, and heard Senator La Follette this morning.

Mrs. Hickson Gets Pension.

Judge Archer received notice today to the effect that Mrs. Ellen E. Hickson had been granted a pension commencing January 4, 1912, at the rate of \$12 per month. This will be welcome news to Mrs. Hickson, who is the widow of the late James W. Hickson. The application for this pension was filed three months ago and has been put through with reasonable speed.

Elect Officers.

YOUNG PEOPLE STEAL MARCH ON FRIENDS

Popular Young Couple of This City Surprise Their Many Friends.

From Friday's Daily.

Miss Agnes Ward, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward of this city, and Mr. Alexander Floy Moore of the city, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore of Bucklin, Missouri, were united in marriage in Omaha, Nebraska, Wednesday, February 14, 1912, at high noon, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, the Rev. Milton B. Williams officiating. The ring form of ceremony was used, and which was beautiful and very impressive.

The bride was gowned in white silk chiffon over white satin, carrying a large arm bouquet of bride's roses. Only a few friends and relatives were present. The bride is well and favorably known in this city, having been night operator for the Plattsmouth Telephone company for the past two years, resigning, taking effect on March 1st. She was an operator respected by all the patrons for her faithful and efficient services rendered, strictly attending to business, always courteous, kind and accommodating to all, and is greatly missed from the telephone office, being the best night operator the company has ever had.

The groom was attired in a business suit of blue serge, with white tie. He is employed as second trick telegraph operator by the Burlington at the Oreapolis tower. He is a young man possessed of the highest honor and integrity of character and strictly of business ability and is respected by all for his manly ways and steadfast habits.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Floy Moore will reside in Plattsmouth for the present, where they are very popular and have an army of friends, who will congratulate them.

Rough House in Weeping Water.

Some eight tramps boarded the Omaha main line passenger train last Saturday night and refused to pay fare or be put off. Our police force was summoned to meet the train, and with a little assistance rounded up the gang and unloaded them. Walter Lovel, we are told, assisted C. T. Noel. The gang was searched and then marched to the lockup, where they were incarcerated. Later a rough house ensued, window lights were broken, a nice clean (?) comfort burned up, and such a noise as you never heard at a camp meeting ensued. The fire bell was tolled, the mayor roused from his slumbers, and instead of turning the hose on the fellows, they permitted them liberty and a walk out of town.—Weeping Water Republican.

Ashland Bridge Open.

From Friday's Daily.

The Burlington reopened its Platte river bridge to regular traffic between Omaha and Ashland at 2 p. m. yesterday. Train service via the Burlington to the east and west will now become more regular. No. 2, east-bound, was the last train to cross the bridge before it went down, after the onslaught of the ice, and No. 2 yesterday was the first train to use it.

The bridge at Oreapolis is still out of repair and no trains between Plattsmouth and Omaha are run. The stub still meets trains at Pacific Junction, Omaha passengers going that way. It is thought that the repairs on the bridge will be completed today and regular trains will be resumed via Plattsmouth.

VOTE FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Important Amendments to Constitution to Be Voted on at the Primary Election.

Whereas, The legislature of Nebraska submitted a number of constitution amendments; and, Whereas, All of the aforesaid amendments will be voted on at the general election held in November, 1912; and,

Whereas, It is necessary in order to carry said amendments, at said general election, to have the same endorsed by a majority vote of the various political parties in the April primary; and,

Whereas, Said amendments were submitted and adopted by the legislature in fulfillment of pledges made by the democratic party in the platform adopted at Grand Island. Therefore, be it Resolved by this committee that we endorse and approve the constitutional amendments which were submitted by the last legislature of this state. Be it further

Resolved that we recommend all democrats to vote at the April primary in favor of the following proposed amendments to the constitution, viz:

1. Senate File No. 1. The amendment providing for the initiative and referendum.

2. Senate File No. 147. The amendment providing for a change in the compensation of senators and representatives, changing the time in which bills may be introduced in the legislature.

3. House Roll No. 27. The amendment providing for a non-partisan board of control for state institutions.

4. House Roll No. 32. The amendment providing for biennial elections.

5. Senate File No. 7. The amendment giving cities the right to make their own charters.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished by the officers of the committee to all democratic and independent newspapers in the state.

The foregoing resolutions were unanimously adopted by the democratic state central committee in its meeting in Columbus February 8, 1912.

Too Drunk to Navigate.

From Friday's Daily.

Richard Parker was found last night by Night Policeman Henry Trout sitting on the steps of the Coates' block too drunk and sleepy to walk. With the assistance of the policeman he managed to get as far as the county jail, where a bed was provided and lodging was paid for. This morning Police Judge Archer believed the city ordinances had been damaged to the extent of \$5 and increased costs. As Parker was accused of doing the damage and could show no good reason why he did so, the judge, in his wise discretion, fixed the amount as above stated. Richard did not appear to have the coin and was permitted to board it out and work for the city.

Tires of City Life.

From Friday's Daily.

County Commissioner M. L. Friedrich lost his fine driving gray yesterday. It is presumed that the sensitive animal tired of the noisy city and worked the barnyard gate open and took a hike for his country home. This is the second time "Old Charley" has worked the same game on Mr. Friedrich. Last fall when corn was in the roasting ear the horse took a day off and went to the country without his owner's consent.

"Chopie" Does the Work.

From Friday's Daily.

Henry Keil went to Omaha and Council Bluffs yesterday to look up a hurry call for repairs on his machinery and failed to find in either place a pinion such as he needed. On returning he went to consult Chopieske, the engine man, who informed Keil that he could furnish him the part he wanted in a short time, and the order was left for the repairs.

G. Spreck in Town.

From Friday's Daily.

G. Spreck and wife of Stanton, Nebraska, arrived today and will visit their son, Otto, at Louisville, and C. M. Seybert and wife at Culion, for two days, before departing for Excelsior Springs, Missouri, for a visit. Mr. Spreck reports plenty of snow last winter at Stanton, with a fine prospect for a good crop this season. He and his good wife dropped in at the Journal office for a short call and renewed their subscription. They have been valued readers of the Journal for many years.

SOMETHING THAT NEEDS LOOKING AFTER

Farmers and Everyone Else Should Begin to Think About Good Roads Right Now.

Congressman McGuire is sending out to parties who will make use of them copies of "Farmers' Bulletin 324," by D. Ward King, treating of the "use of the split log drag on earth roads."

The season of the year has arrived when the question of making the best road possible with the material at hand will receive attention of the road overseers of the country. Mr. King has had a number of years of experience and has given the question of dirt roads a great deal of attention. In the bulletin above referred to he says that in this country there are about 2,000,000 miles of such roads, most of which must be maintained by some means more or less expensive. The split log drag is of great service on roads of this class, and an increasing mileage of rural highways of this country is being kept in repair economically and well by the use of this simple implement.

Mr. King says that he has found the two-slab log drag with liberal "set-back" the most satisfactory. A dry, red cedar log is the best material for a drag. Red elm and walnut, when thoroughly dried, are excellent, and box elder, soft maple or even split willow are preferable to oak, hickory or ash. The log should be seven or eight feet long and from ten to twelve inches in diameter and carefully split down the middle. The heaviest and best slab should be selected for the front.

As to the time to use the drag, the author says that it does the best work when the soil is moist, but not sticky. The earth moves freely along the faces of the slabs. If the roadway is very badly rutted and full of holes, it may be well to use the drag once when the ground is slushy. This treatment is particularly applicable before a cold spell in winter when it is possible to have a roadway freeze smooth.

Now is the time for those who favor better roads to get busy, and keep busy until the roads are in fine shape.

Fine Sign.

V. Zucker, the genial manager of the M. Fanger department store, has had erected at the front of the store a fine clearance sale sign 3x4 feet, painted and designed by Frank Gebel, the sign artist. Under the sign are the tastefully decorated show windows. The ladies' department of cloaks, suits and millinery goods are displayed in attractive style and exquisite flowers and foliage and ready-to-wear hats make an interesting picture to gaze upon. In the gents' department a nice line of shoes are displayed in one window, showing the style and finish of the goods to great advantage, the window being neatly decorated, while opposite is brought to view nobby suits and gents' furnishings for spring wear. These enterprising merchants are bringing in the goods that the trade requires, and bargains can be had here as good as can be found in any city of the west.

Lester Dalton Home.

From Saturday's Daily.

Lester Dalton, the High school student, who was operated on for appendicitis about two weeks ago, returned from the hospital yesterday afternoon. Lester was able to walk home from the station and is rapidly gaining his former strength.