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## Bryan and Others

It took Secretary Morton six weeks to change from a democrat to a republican and get into the cabinet. Can it
be possible that Mr, Bryan has been studying the Morton system.-The World.
We belfeve that Mr. Bryan would give the country far better service in the president's cabinet than Mr. Paul Morton gives. And this is not saying as much for Mr. Bryan as he deserves to have said for him.
We are certain Mr. Bryan would be vastly more useful to the ccuntry in the cabinet than anyone or an of the folsenate.
Aldrich, of Rhode Island
Dietrich, of Nebraska.
Elkins, of West Virginia
Spooner, of Wisconsin
Burton, of Kansas.
Mitchell, of Oregon
Gorman, of Maryland.
Sorman, of Maryland
Slare, of Montana.
Clark, of Montana.
Depew, of New York.
Hansbrough, of North Dakota.
And when we gay this, too, we do not say much for Mr. Eryan.-New York Press

## LaFollette

The personnel of the United States senate will be distinctly and noticeably raised by the addition of noticeably M. La Folletce, of Wisconsin. He is one of the few state politicians who rises above party. He is a man first, a patriot second and last of all a republican. He is of the same mold as Folk,
News.

## Setting Fistory Straight

The charge has been brought against Tom Platt, of New York, that he represents the interests of his express company first in the senate and the people afterwards. This is manifestly a slander. Tom Platt has never given anyone excuse or warrant for charging him with representing the people at any time.-Joplin Globe.

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Additional Washington News.
The president has arranged fo transfers in the diplomatic posts in European countries, and they will be put into force March 4, or shortly
thereafter. Ambassador MeCormick, thereafter. Ambassador MeCormick,
now at Sit-Petersburg, will be transnow at St.-Petersburg, will be trans
ferred to Paris to succeed Ambassado Porter. George V. L. Meyer, ambassador to Italy, will replace Mr. McCor
mick at St. Petersburg. Henry White mick at St. Petersburg. Henry White secretary of embassy at London, wil
be made ambassador to Rome. Henry L. Wade ambassador to Rome. Henry
Wilson, at present minister Chile, will be made minister to Bel gium, succeeding Lawreace Townsend of Pennsylvania, who retires from th diplomatic service.

The two senators and the two mem bers of the South Dakota delegatio sage of a bill hard to secure the pas sage of a bill to aniend the homestead laws of their state. The bill has passed the house and, although the senate committee disagreed to its favorablo report a few days ago, it is believed that the committee will reconsider and report the bill soon, so that it can be passed in the senate this month. The bill provides that after sixty days from the passage of the law settlers in what is known as the Sioux reservation South Dakota, be allowed to enter upon 640 acrea instead of 160 acres the law now permits.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Waintaining its record for the "After dispositiong its record for the rapid being pion of private pension bills, 433 he housed in an hour and a hall, while the bill providing a government or the Panama canal zone. An early adjournment was taken to enable th republicans to confer on the statehoo vide for a land district in Will to pro Uintah counties, Utah. The bill viding for the government of the Panama canal zone, which, among oth er things, abolishes the Panama cana commission, was then considered. In explaining the measure, Mr. Man (III.) said that it was not intended as a reflection on the present commission or its methods, but that it was neces sary to separate the engineering prob ems from the administrative problem in constructing the canal. The bill, h said, left to the president authority to continue any of the present commis sioners as consulting engineers. M Adamson (Ga.) called attention to Chairman Hepburn in appointing democratic chairman of the sub-com mittee-Mr. Shackleford-a thing unprecedented in republican politics. He did not think the house now shoul orestall any action by that sub-com mittee. We will indorse the selection of the chairman of the sub-committee, said Mr. Mann, which caused Mr. Wil liams, minority leader, to comment that "this universal republican approval is getting toc suspicious." The
measure was still under consideration when the house adjourned until to morrow."

The house committee on ways and means has authorized a favorable report on the Philippine tarifi bill. It is complete revision of the duties col ected by the Philippine government on imports from all countries. An unsuccessful $\quad$ prt was made by Mr Williams of Mississippi to provide ab solute free trave i.eretofo:e purchased Prom the United States and also to reduce the duty on rice.

The investigation of the affairs of the Panama Railroad company will house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.





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