### SEPTEMBER, 27, 1912

La Follette is a thousand times better reformer than Roosevelt ever was."

Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 18.—William J. Bryan arrived here tonight after a day spent in speechmaking in the Utah and Salt Lake valleys. Large crowds greeted him at every stop. In his speech here tonight Mr. Bryan briefly outlined the democratic platform and compared it with the republican platform. He also compared it with the progressive platform and charged the third party man with stealing a number of democratic planks. He said the platform contained all the reforms that the people of the country were ready for today.

His speech was largely an attack on Colonel Roosevelt. He assailed Roosevelt's plan for the regulation of trusts.

"Mr. Roosevelt's plan," said Mr. Bryan, "to control the trusts through the establishment of a bureau of five men to be appointed by the president is merely an invitation to the trusts and to the leaders in Wall street to enter politics and control presidential elections."

In closing Mr. Bryan charged Colonel Roosevelt was not for the people, but was aligned with the trusts and with the men of Wall street.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 19—Upon the same platform from which Theodore Roosevelt spoke two weeks ago to the first Montana progressive state convention, William J. Bryan tonight challenged the progressiveness of Colonel Roosevelt and declared at best Mr. Roosevelt was but an eleventh hour convert to the cause of progress, joining only when it was apparent that the progressive cause was sweeping the country.

Colonel Bryan was greeted by a large audience and was vigorous in his attacks upon Mr. Roosevelt. He called the roll of reforms for which he declared the progressive democrats had been fighting for years and wanted to know where Roosevelt when he was president stood on these questions. He declared never once during his seven years' occupancy of the White House had Colonel Roosevelt aided in the fight which Senator La Follette, at first the lone progressive in his party, was making against the reactionary interests, which, he said, controlled the White House during the Roosevelt administration.

Mr. Bryan spoke earnestly in support of the democratic candidates for congress, declaring he was interested in the election of a congress which would support a democratic president.

"We have the house at this time," he said, "and it is highly probable that we will elect a president and we will also maintain our control of the house but we must not overlook the senate."

Bozeman, Mont., Sept. 20 .- Declaring that "when president and ex-president fall out, honest people come to their own," William J. Bryan, in two addresses, made a denunciation of Colonel Roosevelt, saying that the latter had come into the vineyard of progressivism "at a quarter to twelve." He declared that more trusts had come into being in the Roosevelt administrations, when he had a chance to control them, than ever before. He denounced the proposed trust control by a bureau as a method advised by George W. Perkins. Mr. Bryan took issue with Colonel Roosevelt's reply at Denver to his statements regarding a third term by saying that if no limit were placed on the holding of non-consecutive terms a president easily could elect his successor. He declared that the steam roller that had run over Colonel Roosevelt at Chicago had been constructed in 1908, and stated that Wall street had failed to carry out the program at Baltimore that it had put through at Chicago. Mr. Bryan attacked President Taft's tariff board policy and said that the United States has a president who did not trust the people who had elected him. Mr. Bryan praised Governor Wilson as the people's candidate, who "has intelligence, moral courage and sympathy with the people.' Butte, Mont., Sept. 20 .- William J. Bryan closed tonight his campaign trip through Montana, with a speech before a large assemblage in a local theater. The trip from Bozeman, where he spoke late today, to Butte, was interrupted by platform speeches at every stop. Mr. Bryan will go into Idaho tomorrow. Mr. Bryan tonight repeated his plea for the election of a democratic senate as well as a democratic president, so that party policies and pledges might be given force. He flayed the republican national committee and that of the progressives. One reason why he attended the Chicago republican convention, Mr. Bryan said, was that he had become accustomed to one exciting convention every four years and that "fearing our convention might be tame, and knowing that the

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republican would not be, I went with an abundance of caution rather than risk the loss of my guadrennial stimulus."

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