

Davis Has Never Won To McAdoo's Place In West

To West He Represents Same Trend of Thought as Coolidge and Radical Vote, Weakened by Promise of Prosperity, Will Go to LaFollette

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Mid America, Oct. 15.—There is something hopeful, something buoyant about the spirit of the West today which finds its reflex in politics, of course, but which makes the wayfarer feel the throb of ever-growing confidence that the dark days of depression have passed and that the dawn of a prosperous tomorrow has come.

It is not altogether due to the rise in the prices of agricultural products or the favorable crops. It is due to some extent to a feeling of stability, a feeling that the reconstruction of America's economic life following the war has come to a steady, upward, but assured pace. There is an air of progress, of things moving, of unrest dispelled, of great opportunity.

He would be blind who saw no discontent, no symptoms of political upheaval in the years to come if the West is left to hear its own protesting voice as the cry is raised for a lower tariff or a reduction in freight rates. President Coolidge has achieved considerable strength on the farms as well as the cities of the West but it would be a mistake for his supporters and advisers to interpret the votes that will be cast in his direction as due entirely to the enthusiasm of approval. It is in a sense a passive acquiescence, a belief in things as they are, in the maintenance of the status quo but with it a hope for the future.

The West is changing. Co-operative marketing, diversified farming, improved methods of production, better credit facilities, motor transportation all have played their part. The political parties have been torn by local strife and the wounds of the everlasting controversy between conservatives and radicals. Persons mean more than issues as a factor in the balloting.

President Coolidge's strength with the voters of the West is a curious thing. It was the same West which threw its hat in the air for the tip-raring cowboy, the irrepressible T. R. of 1912. And today the West silently but just as effectively utters its favor for the rugged, honest, simple, unassuming plain man of the New England hills.

John W. Davis is always well spoken of. His speeches are commended and his record is applauded but the West regards him as of the same school of thought as President Coolidge on most of the important issues of the day. The emphasis placed on LaFollette at the left side of the political scene and Coolidge on the right, has meant a shunting to one side of Davis. Western sentiment which clamored for McAdoo has not accepted Davis as a substitute. It is because his record was not that of McAdoo who stood for high wages on the railroads, a record of achievement in office with respect to agricultural credits, and generally speaking, a liberal radical. He would have carried many Western states but not all of them. The favorable economic condition helps the party in power.

Had McAdoo been nominated, Senator LaFollette probably would have thought twice about an independent campaign as the railroad brotherhoods would have supported McAdoo financially and otherwise. His name was a symbol of what they stood for. As director general of railroads he was responsible for the very things which the railway employees are today striving to preserve or insure with respect to Congressional act as they demonstrate their political power in the LaFollette vote.

The LaFollette movement calls itself "progressive" and argues that it is the inheritor of the Bull Moose spirit of 1912. It has many progressives in its ranks. There is no doubt about that. It has a platform with progressive doctrine, but the writer found the LaFollette movement in the West nothing more nor less than a protest movement. It is not to be taken any less seriously for that reason for its capacity to affect the political problems of the next few years cannot be underestimated. But analyzing the component parts of the LaFollette campaign, one finds it consists of those farmers who have had ill-fortune and have not been able to recoup through one year of good crops, railway employees who are fighting against the railway executives and those who would tear down what advantages labor achieved during the war, and finally Germans who see in LaFollette an opportunity to express their gratitude to one who voted and argued against the war when the whole country was entering the fight with impassioned energy.

No program of social welfare, no specific proposals of concrete value as a solution of the many complex questions of the day, only an appeal to the man who imagines himself the under-dog, the man who has lost confidence in the personnel of Government for one reason or another, and lastly the man with a grievance—this is the LaFollette movement as it has been presented to the West. It may have constructive purposes. It may have plans to improve the condition of the poor man but only those who are in a receptive frame of mind to accept such promises are being led from their

Soviet Head



Here is A. I. Rikoff, chairman of the Council of People's Commissaries of Soviet Russia, who has succeeded the late Premier Nikolai Lenine.

BIRTHDAY PARTY AT CHAPEL HILL

Oldest State University in America Observed Its 131st Anniversary on Saturday.

Chapel Hill, October 16.—The oldest University in America in America in point of operation Saturday celebrated its 131st birthday. On October 12, in the year 1793, General William Richardson General William Richardson Davie, Revolutionary patriot, and a small throng gathered here and laid the cornerstone of the Old East—the oldest university building in the country.

The principal speakers at the celebration here were Dr. H. W. Chase, president of the University of State and president of the General Alumni Association. The exercises were held Saturday owing to the fact that October 12 falls on Sunday this year. More than 40 alumni groups in this and other states were also meeting formally to celebrate the day, according to reports received by Daniel L. Grant, Alumni Secretary.

Interspersing his address with interesting sidelights to show the difference in manners and customs of students of the bygone days, President Chase briefly sketched the history of the institution from the time it opened with three faculty members and a handful of students in 1793 on down to the present University of 176 faculty members and 3,275 students.

In preparing the address President Chase had delved deep into accustomed political paths to the third party ticket. The Democrats of the West, disillusioned about their own party's convention in New York, have given LaFollette most of his support in the West. The radical fringe of the Republican party has gone over to LaFollette too. But the improvement in agricultural conditions has cut down that Republican radicalism to a large extent. LaFollette will poll a large vote. He will be second in most of the Western states. But to achieve his objective he should have been running in 1922 when the West was despondent. It is not today free from worry or debt or care. But it has seen a ray of light at last. And that means a change—an opportunity to win the battle of the last five years and a confidence that as European conditions improve the long-expected wave of real prosperity may not be far distant.

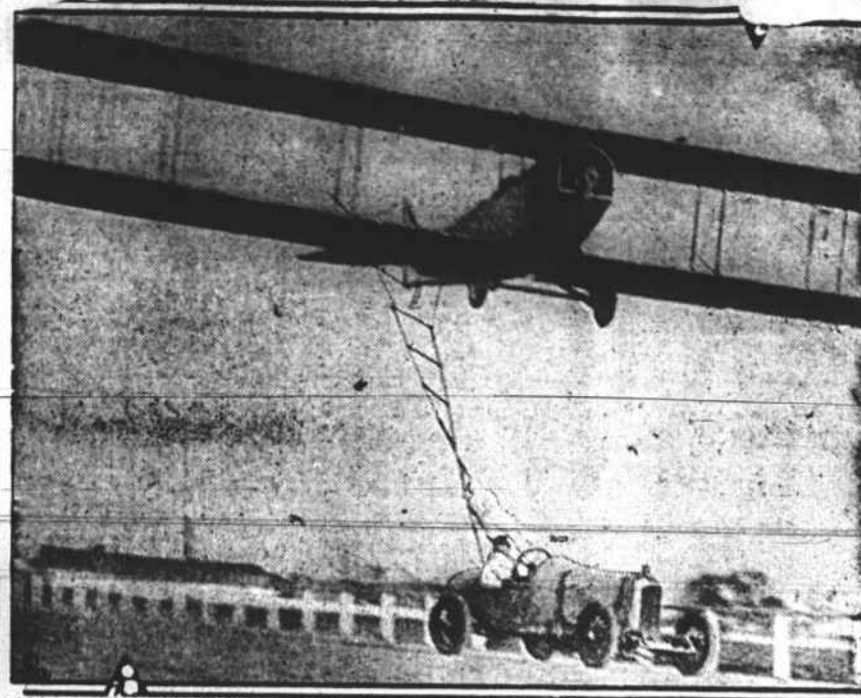
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University records and Dr. Battle's history of the institution. The spirit of service of the University has not changed through the years, President Chase said; but there has been a change in the ways and methods of doing things and in making such changes to meet new demands we have in no way broken faith with the past.

HOME DEMONSTRATION

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- T. Jackson, second prize.
- Best light rolls, Mrs. M. B. Sample, first prize, and Mrs. W. T. Jackson, second prize.
- Best buttermilk biscuits, Mrs. M. B. Sample, first prize, and Mrs. John Wilson, second prize.
- Best baking powder biscuits, Mrs. E. V. Pritchard, first prize, and Mrs. M. B. Sample, second prize.
- Best beaten biscuits, Mrs. J. W. Price, first prize, and Mrs. C. E. Overman, second prize.
- Best eggs white, one dozen, Mrs. F. W. Lowry, first prize, and Miles L. Davis, second prize.
- Best eggs brown, one dozen, Mrs. F. H. Lowry, first prize, and Mrs. John Wilson, second prize.
- Best corn bread, Mrs. John Wilson, first prize, and Mrs. C. E. Overman, second prize.
- Best corn meal muffins, Mrs. E. V. Pritchard, first prize, and Mrs. M. B. Sample, second prize.
- Best layer cake, chocolate filling, Mrs. M. P. Jennings, first prize, and Mrs. M. B. Sample, second prize.
- Best layer cake, white filling, Mrs. Iola Hathaway, first prize, and Mrs. M. B. Sample, second prize.
- Best apple pie, Mrs. C. E. Overman, first prize, and Mrs. Mary Scott, second prize.
- Best lemon pie, Mrs. Clyde Seymour, first prize, and Mrs. E. V. Pritchard, second prize.
- Best grape pie, Mrs. C. E. Overman, first prize.
- Best sweet potato pie, Mrs. M.

- B. Sample, first prize, and Mrs. W. T. Jackson, second prize.
- Best school lunch, Mrs. E. V. Pritchard, first prize.
- Best home made unfermented grape juice, Mrs. Paul Ives, first prize, and Mrs. D. W. Morgan, second prize.
- Best cider vinegar, Mrs. N. P. Jennings, first prize, and Mrs. W. L. Jennings, second prize.
- Best tomato catsup, Mrs. Scott Parker, first prize.
- Best mince meat, Miss Lillian Pritchard, first prize.
- Best corn meal, Mrs. John Wilson, first prize.
- Best rection of comb honey, Mrs. N. P. Jennings, first prize, and Mrs. Zennia Jennings, second prize.
- Best extracted honey, Mrs. N. P. Jennings, first prize, and Mrs. Martin Pritchard, second prize.
- Best ginger bread, Mrs. John Wilson, first prize.
- Best baked pears, Mrs. Paul Ives, first prize, and Mrs. D. W. Morgan, second prize.
- Best chocolate cream candy.

- Miss Lena Davis, first prize.
- Best mint, Mrs. John Wilson, first prize.
- Best laundry soap, Mrs. John Wilson, first prize, and Miss Mildred Ives, second prize.
- Best chocolate fudge, Mrs. M. B. Sample, first prize, and Mrs. Mary Scott, second prize.
- Collection preserves, Mrs. G. R. Harrell, first prize, and Miss Lessie Winslow, second prize.
- Dried apples, Miss Lillian Pritchard, first prize, and Mrs. W. T. Jackson, second prize.
- Canned fruit, Miss Lessie Winslow, first prize, Mrs. R. E. Wynne, second prize.
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