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Bryan Winning Votes For John W. Davis In The West

Giving Democratic Nominee Wholehearted Support and His Speeches Drawing Large Crowds But on Defensive Because Brother on Ticket

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1924, by The Advance) Enroute to Salt Lake City, Oct. 1.—William Jennings Bryan, America's oldest political campaigner, who was running for the Presidency 28 years ago when the men now in public life were still youths, is making what may be his last active campaign. With characteristic vigor the Commoner is travelling the West he knows so well and giving to John W. Davis an enthusiastic support which permits of no reservation or doubts.

Mr. Bryan is speaking to enormous crowds. His powerful voice, his eloquence, his dynamic personality are still as fascinating as they were years ago. He is the symbol of Democracy in this part of America and it is not denied even by the Republicans that he has made votes for Davis. At least he has kept many wavering ones from going to LaFollette.

It's about the same speech every day but it has telling effect for as usual there are kindly words for an opponent, no assault on character but a scathing denunciation of what seems to him to be the erroneous philosophy of his opponents.

LaFollette hasn't a chance in the electoral college," explains Mr. Bryan. "He has only a remote chance in the House. Your only way to beat Calvin Coolidge is through John W. Davis. I never called the Republicans scoundrels. I know Mr. Coolidge and like him. He is clean in public and private life, of high character and as well meaning as any man who ever occupied the White House. That's high praise of a Republican by a Democrat. I'll go farther and let any Republican go through the dictionary and pick out the best adjectives from A to Z and I'll agree they all fit Mr. Coolidge if I can add just five words, but he is a reactionary."

"Mr. Dawes is just as fine a man. We are good friends and practiced law together in Lincoln. We enjoy visiting each other and we wish each other everything but votes. But Dawes is more reactionary than Coolidge, if such a thing is possible. They are in perfect accord. Dawes is articulate while Coolidge is silent. Cal. Dawes says what Coolidge thinks. I've known LaFollette for 30 years. I know Bob is progressive and can prove it by his record. I know Wheeler too. He was originally a Republican but came in to the Democratic ranks during my 1896 campaign and stayed there. He is still a Democrat and doesn't deny it although running on another ticket."

"Mr. Davis is as well qualified for the Presidency as any man I ever ran. He has had greater experience than any other bearing Jefferson. There is no greater lawyer in the country. He is President of the American Bar Association, solicitor general for five years—and we never had a better one for law enforcement than he represented us at the court of St. James. He is a better candidate than I ever was. He is 14 years older and has that much more experience than I had when I started running for the Presidency."

"Why did I oppose him? It was not because of what he said or did that I opposed him, but only on account of the position which he had held and my fear that the presumption which rested on his legal relationships would handicap us in the campaign. I feared the Republican papers would attack because of his clients and try them in the campaign. Now they are doing that, criticizing his clients—not him."

"They don't tell you that he was a country lawyer 24 years and a corporation lawyer only three or that he was on the people's side five years and on the corporation's side only three. Was he corrupted? I never said he was. I had no knowledge of his views. I know them now for I have talked with him and I know he was never corrupted. He came through fire with no smell of smoke. I talked to him and I know he was a progressive when he was away. At heart he is with the people and can be trusted by the people."

"And so the speech runs with a modest reference now and then to the brother, Governor Bryan, and his business ability. "He was not nominated for the Vice Presidency," remarks the Commoner, "because he is my brother. Mr. Bryan wanted a running mate with the agricultural West, a progressive, and a dry, and Governor Bryan is all of them."

REVEALED PLOT BURN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Oct. 2.—Two spies employed by the Kiangsu forces attempting to take Shanghai were shot to death today by Chekiang troops as they fled from the burning town of Latien ten miles north of here. Letters found on the spies revealed instructions to burn Shanghai.

ASSEMBLY VOTES FOR THE PROTOCOL

Geneva, Oct. 2.—The League of Nations assembly today unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that all states accept the protocol of arbitration and security. Forty seven states supported the resolution and no state represented at the meeting abstained from voting.

Acquitted



It took a jury at Fortson, Miss., just four minutes to acquit Mrs. Murray Pennington, 29-year-old bride of the murder of Money Warren. She pleaded she had been Warren's mistress. In defense of her life and honor after he had chased her from a field, threatening to attack her.

FALL TO DEATH FROM SMOKESTACK

Greensboro, Oct. 2.—James Waggoner of Reidsville and Fritz Dietrick of South Richmond, Virginia, were killed when they fell 225 feet from the top of the smokestack of the new heating plant of the North Carolina College for Women here today. The men had volunteered to place the ornament on top of the nearly-completed stack. Whether they lost their footing or the timber supports broke is not known.

CONFERENCE ABOUT LaFOLLETTE TICKET

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—A conference will be held here today which may determine whether the LaFollette ticket will be distributed by the State.

DAWES IGNORES THE BROOKHART LETTER

Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 2.—Charles Dawes in his first speech in Iowa today ignored the demand made by Senator Brookhart that he be displaced from the Republican County ticket.

THREE CASUALTIES IN WILSON FLOOD

Wilson, Oct. 2.—C. C. Bell and Leroy Coley were drowned here yesterday when the swift current in a flooded creek caught them as they tried to get to a boat. Bernard P. Vaden Jr., of Richmond drowned here yesterday when his auto ran off the road here the bridge had been washed away.

CHINESE LEAVE LEAGUE MEETING

Geneva, Oct. 2.—Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Sweden, and Uruguay were today rejected non-permanent members of the League of Nations council.

RIOTS FOLLOW FLOOD

Harrisonburg, Virginia, Oct. 2.—News of three nights of rioting between the white and the negro population of Bridgewater, near here, reached Harrisonburg today with the resumption of communication interrupted by floods. One white boy has been shot in the leg and half a dozen or more negroes have been severely beaten and many others arrested. Mayor Arey declared today, however, that he thought that if the negroes would stay off the streets the trouble would blow over.

MRS. WILSON'S BROTHER DIED TODAY AT FRANKLIN

Dr. M. H. D. Wilson received a message Thursday telling of the death of Mrs. Wilson's brother, A. W. Mangum, at Franklin, Macon County. Mrs. Wilson was on her way from Chapel Hill to the bedside when his death occurred.

SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS DECREE

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—The Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of the Elizabeth City Water and Sewerage Company vs. Elizabeth City affirming the decree of the lower court in denying the injunction sought by the utilities to prevent the city from issuing bonds and building its own utilities.

GASOLINE IS LOWER IN ELIZABETH CITY

The wholesale price of gasoline has been reduced in Elizabeth City to 15 cents by The Standard Oil Company, according to J. N. Whitehurst, representative of the company here. Thursday morning the reduction was from 18 cents, the price which has prevailed for some time, and includes the State tax.

BERGDOLL MISSING

Karlsruhe, Germany, Oct. 2.—Government officials here are inclined to believe that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wanted in the United States for draft dodging, has returned to America. They base their conclusions on his prolonged absence from Eberbach, where he has not been seen since April 6.

SAYS MADE GOAT

New York, Oct. 2.—Jimmy O'Connell, Giant outfielder expelled by Landis after he had confessed he offered a bribe to Horace Sand of the Philadelphia Nationals to throw last Saturday's game, declared today that he had been made the goat and that other members of the New York team were instigators of the plot.

SATURDAY WILL BE TIME TO REGISTER

The registration books for Pasquotank County will be opened at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, October 4, and remain open until sunset October 25.

GOLDSBORO IS IN MIDST OF FLOOD

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—Flood conditions have improved in the east with the exception of the Neuse at Goldsboro which is nearing flood stage today and rising rapidly.

WHEAT GOES UP

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Wheat and Rye touched new high prices for the season today, bare wheat rising to \$1.50 a bushel.

NINE MEN SAVED BY COAST GUARD

The Coast Guard office here received news of the rescue of the crew of nine men from the water-logged schooner Perry Setzer Tuesday at noon. The rescue was effected by the Coast Guard crew of the station at Fort Macon. The schooner is to be towed to port.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 25.65, Dec. 24.93, Jan. 24.98, March 25.24, May 25.45.

It's Youth vs Master Mind In World Series This Year

Gray-haired Master Strategist McGraw Doesn't Give a Cuss for Psychology and Believes He's Bound to Win Against Harris

New York, Oct. 2.—"The master mind" against the "boy wonder." Or if you would have it expressed otherwise: Simon Legree against a hero of the Horatio Alger type.

Here are the opposing personalities of the World Series baseball games which open at Washington on Saturday. One is gray-haired, a little too stoutish about the waist line, a veteran of 51 and acknowledged peer of any strategist the national game has ever known. The other is a frail, dark haired youth, who hasn't played major league ball half as many years as his hated opponent has won pennants.

In the managing line it would seem an unequal struggle from the first, but as David once beat Goliath in a rather cruel battle, so may Stanley Raymond Harris, kid manager of the Washington Senators, hand John Joseph McGraw a sock in the eye that he will remember for the rest of his hectic days. Harris is filled with imagination and ambition. But John McGraw has the colorful background of baseball history and will always be considered one of its greatest if not one of its best beloved figures.

John McGraw never has gone in for the affections of either his public or his players. He has been a driver and he has not hesitated at the means to gain an end. McGraw has treated his players the best that any manager could treat them. But he has demanded much in return. He has exercised discipline. He has demanded strict obedience. Any player who has attempted to go against his iron will has been broken in the attempt. He has been ready to "mix it" if it needed any time any one has wanted to know who was boss around the Giant dugout or the Giant club-house.

McGraw always has had the respect of his players—never the love. They have done their best for him because they knew that if they didn't they would be told something when the game was over. There are those who might find fault with the McGraw system but there are none who can deny its success. Ten National League pennants won in 21 tries—a pennant batting average of .451—that defies all the critics; it tells its own story.

To those who have pressed him to say something about his record-breaking performance in landing four pennants in succession—the last one against seemingly insuperable odds—McGraw has shrugged his shoulders. You can get no expression from McGraw indicating that he got a real thrill out of this year's achievements by his Giants. McGraw thinks it unportsmanlike to express undue elation. Yet he feels the pride of every big business man who has put over an important deal.

And the Saturday will see as tense a figure sitting in a corner shielded from the eye of the batsmen as ever sat upon a baseball field. It is more or less of a myth that John McGraw directs every

play of his team during the regular season. It is no myth at all that he signals how every ball shall be pitched during a World Series. The signal may be merely a shake of the knee, a wave of the hand—those things are shrouded in mystery—but nonetheless John McGraw tries his best to outguess every American League batsman who steps to the plate. In the series of 1923 Brute Force beat Master Mind. The Yankees trimmed the Giants. This year it will be Master Mind against youth and courage and pluck and daring.

McGraw is sending a machine, of which he is the sole engineer, against an outfit down in Washington that feels itself inspired. McGraw is about to get a taste of the psychology which "breaks" the hearts of the Yankees as they tried to keep pace with the Senators. The great American public is with the Senators. Of that there can be no doubt. Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees, called it the collective pull of fandom creating a subconscious influence upon the players, inspiring the Senators and bringing dejection to their opponents.

McGraw is a practical man. He does not believe in unconscious or subconscious influences. He believes that the men ought to get out there with their bats and gloves and beat the other fellows to a pulp in the good old hand-to-hand fashion. McGraw believes he will win. It would hurt his prestige to do otherwise. World's Series have come to be regarded as a personal conflict between McGraw himself and all the rest of the profession. Therefore to have a "kid" manager like Stanley Harris outguess or outgeneral him on the field of battle is beyond the bounds of possibilities, as McGraw sees them.

Years ago, in Baltimore, in the days of the old Orioles, they called McGraw "Muggsy." Nothing ever hurt him so much as that. He got the moniker not because of actual pugacity, as so many have supposed, but simply because he talked so much. From the moment he hit the bench as a raw recruit he couldn't keep still. He was gabby. He was working his "g" all the while. To this day, even in his present state of embossment, McGraw would like to fight 12 fast rounds with the guy who dubbed him "Muggsy," though to the fans of today he is the silent wonder on the field.

In his day McGraw was a great ball player. He soon graduated into a great manager. He is a great manager because he knows and loves the game. Even despite the girth that is his today, McGraw would like to go out to the Polo Grounds every morning, get a bat and stand up there and "knock 'em out" for two or three hours. His increasing years, his gray hair, and his retorted figure have not dimmed his eye a whit. McGraw was one of the greatest natural batsmen the game ever knew. He was as natural as Babe Ruth—and more reliable. Even today there is not a pitcher on his staff who can put one by him.

In the training season in the playing season, John McGraw who looks like a successful banker or business man today, gets out there on the field and shows the "boys" how. He says he is getting too old for that sort of thing, that this may be his last season, but he can't give it up. He loves the game. He has fought it all his life and fought for it as well. If the people are pulling the other way in the coming series, well and good. John McGraw will be out there fighting

Progress on the final preliminary preparations for the opening of the Ham-Ramsay Evangelistic campaign is well under way and indications are that the campaign will open most auspiciously, according to a statement by Earl S. Rodgers, private secretary to Mr. Ham and pianist for the campaign who is now in the city in charge of the final preparations.

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Fine Co-operation Here For Ham-Ramsay Revival

Earl S. Rodgers, Secretary and Musician, Forecasts Splendid Results from the Evangelistic Campaign—Choir Will Practice at the Tabernacle Tonight

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The first preliminary choir rehearsal will be held tonight at the tabernacle at 7:45 o'clock at which time it is urged that all the singers of the city and surrounding country be present in order to secure their seat assignments and familiarize themselves with some of the choruses which will feature the musical program for the opening services Sunday. The choir platform will be in readiness by tonight with individual numbered seats to which the singers will be assigned, thus assuring them of seats throughout the campaign.

Tomorrow night Mr. Rodgers will meet with the usher corps which has been organized for service in handling the great crowds and it is also urged that every singer be on hand to receive full instructions as to his duties. A force of workmen have been busy at the tabernacle for the past two days placing the finishing touches to the immense structure and it is now completely equipped with an ideal auditorium. Board walks have been laid at the approaches to the tabernacle and ample lighting has been provided at all the approaches to assure the crowds safe and dry walks, ample parking space will be provided for automobiles and sufficient police protection is assured for the protection of the interests of those attending the services. Stoves are being installed in the tabernacle today to insure the comfort of the audience Sunday and Mr. Rodgers states that no one need fear coming to the services in any kind of weather as the tabernacle will be made perfectly comfortable.

Mr. Rodgers was in long distance communication yesterday with Greenville, Wilson, Washington and New Bern and states that each of these towns is expecting to be represented by delegates at the opening services Sunday. At the afternoon service Sunday prominent laymen of the State will have charge of the introductory services to be testimony to the nature of work done in their respective cities by the Ham-Ramsay party. This part of the service will be in charge of Mayor Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, who is president of the North Carolina Christian Men's Federation. Ten or twelve prominent laymen from the ranks of the leading business and professional men of their respective cities will speak at this service and it is urged that the local citizens pack the tabernacle to greet them as well as to hear the opening message of Evangelist Ham.

No Connection Between This Action and Resignation of Bray Which Was Culmination of Differences of Long Standing

The City Council has offered to buy the city's utilities at \$370,000, or only \$5,000 less than the price at which the private corporations owning these utilities had agreed to sell them, and the resignation of City Manager Bray has been tendered, effective November 1, and accepted by the Council.

The far-reaching steps outlined in the foregoing paragraph were taken by the City Council Wednesday afternoon, but were taken in a called meeting, no public announcement of which had been made, and what had been done did not become generally known until Thursday morning.

There is no immediate connection between the action of the City Council Wednesday and the resignation of City Manager Bray, but rather the resignation of Mr. Bray was the culmination of differences with the Council of long standing. Mr. Bray has had the matter of resignation under consideration for some time and already has made tentative plans for the future, which, so far as he now knows, will not involve his leaving Elizabeth City. Mr. Bray does not believe, however, that the city should own and operate utilities for profit.

The action of the Council as to the purchase of the utilities was taken after a tie vote which was broken by Mayor Goodwin, who as presiding officer of the Council prior to the present administration, refused to consider compromise or arbitration as to the city's offer of \$259,000 for the properties which he voted on Wednesday to pay \$370,000 for.

This moved to sudden and startling culmination the negotiations that were initiated in August when a committee consisting of Councilmen Ferbee, Foreman and Cohoon was appointed to enter into conference with representatives of the utility companies with a view to ascertaining what new offer, if any, the utilities would make and also with a view to recommending a course of action to the Council.

On September 23, Councilmen Ferbee and Foreman presented a majority report advising that President Howard E. Crook of the utilities corporations had offered to sell the water and sewerage properties of his companies to the city for \$125,000 under an agreement that at the end of five years the Electric Light Company would not oppose the city's building, operating and owning its own light plant if it so desired, and recommending that the city accept this proposition. Councilman Cohoon in verbal report opposed such action on the ground that to acquire these utilities without acquiring rights and power would necessitate the issuing of bonds which there would be no revenues to retire and which therefore would have to be retired by taxation.

The action of the Council Monday night over-rode the recommendation of its committee and also over-rode a motion to offer the utilities \$300,000 for their properties.

On the proposition to follow the recommendation of the majority report of the committee the vote stood as follows: For adopting the recommendation, Gordon, Foreman, Anderson, Ferbee; against adopting the recommendation, Kramer, Hughes, Cohoon, Weatherly. The Mayor broke the tie here voting against the proposal.

Prior to the vote on the foregoing motion, the Council voted down the proposition to offer \$300,000 for all the utilities, which was presented in form of an amendment. The vote on the \$300,000 offer amendment stood: For the amendment, Kramer, Cohoon, Weatherly; against the amendment, Foreman, Anderson, Hughes, Ferbee, Gordon.

Then came the motion to offer the utilities \$370,000 for all their properties, and on this the vote stood: For offering \$370,000, Gordon, Ferbee, Anderson, Kramer; against offering \$370,000, Cohoon, Foreman, Hughes, Weatherly.

The majority of the committee appointed to study the question and make a report and recommendation to the Council follows: Honorable Mayor and members of City of Elizabeth City, N. C. Gentlemen:

We, the members of the special Utility Committee, appointed at a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen on August 8, 1924, wish to report as follows:

We have had Mr. William C. Olsen of Raleigh, N. C., in consultation and have taken the report of Dalmeijer H. Maury as a basis from which a fair value might be arrived at. This report dated March 23, 1922, gives the following valuations:

Electric Light Co. \$166,612.00
Water Company 138,855.00
Sewer Company 18,305.00
Total \$321,772.00

We submit this as Exhibit A. We have had Mr. William C. Olsen to revise his report, correcting and bringing same down to date as of September 6, 1924, which reports the following valuations:

Electric Light, Water & Sewer properties \$272,937.65
Water & Sewer prop. \$120,376.65
We submit this report as Exhibit B.

We have requested Mr. Howard E. Crook to give us the cost of all additions and improvements to said utilities since March 23, 1922, which is as follows:

Electric Light properties \$13,367.52
Water and Sewer properties 14,928.42
We submit this report as Exhibit C.

We submit as Exhibit D a proposal from Howard E. Crook to sell to the city the water and sewer properties for the sum of \$125,000 and to enter into an agreement with the city to continue to furnish electric light and power under a contract to be made hereafter between owners of the Light Company and Board of Aldermen for a period of five years from date, and at the expiration of said five years, the City of Elizabeth City shall own and operate its own light and power plant without opposition or interference of any nature from said Light Company, or if the City of Elizabeth City so elects they may purchase the Electric Light Company's plant existing at that time at a price to be agreed upon in the following manner to-wit:

That the Electric Light Company select a competent engineer and that the city select a competent engineer and that these two select a third competent engineer and that these three agree and submit a price to be paid by the city for said property.

After carefully reviewing the foregoing reports we respectfully recommend that the Board of Aldermen offer the owners of the utilities the sum of \$125,000 for the water and sewer properties including all real property now used or acquired for the use of said water and sewer properties and enter into a contract with owners of said Electric Light Company said contract to carry out an option on all the property of the Electric Light Company with all additions, improvements and extensions upon the terms as set forth in the preceding paragraph. Respectfully submitted, M. W. FERBEE, L. R. FOREMAN.