

**HUGHES FOR PRESIDENT.**

**SAID TO BE THE CHOICE OF REPUBLICAN PROGRESSIVES.**

**La Follette Will Withdraw And Support Supreme Court Justice, Is Reported—Roosevelt To Stay Neutral.**

Baltimore Sun.  
New York, Sept. 12.—The so-called progressive wing of the Republican party, which has opened political headquarters in Washington to oppose the renomination of resident Taft, will early in the year, concentrate its forces in an effort to bring about the nomination of Charles Evans Hughes, formerly Governor of New York and now Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, as the Republican candidate for the Presidency, is the information which reached The Sun correspondent today from a trustworthy source.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, it is said, will withdraw from the contest and support Justice Hughes in the national convention.

Progressive or Insurgents in the Republican ranks, including Senators and Representatives in Congress, have agreed, it is said, to begin the work of building an effective organization within the next few months in the States supposed to be controlled by the "standpat" element of the party. Before the contest begins for the election of delegates to the national convention, it is said Senator La Follette will announce his withdrawal from the contest and States controlled by the progressives will name delegates instructed for Justice Hughes.

Those who have kept informed as to the plans of the opponents of President Taft assert that the progressives consider that Justice Hughes is the strongest candidate which the Insurgents can put forward in an effort to defeat Mr. Taft for a renomination.

W. L. Howser, formerly Secretary of State for Wisconsin, who is in charge of the progressive campaign to prevent the renomination of President Taft, is said to be confident that the progressive candidate will receive in the convention the solid delegations from California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

Aggressive campaigns will be carried on by the progressives to divide the votes of the delegates chosen in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Montana. In all States south of Mason and Dixon's line determined fights will be made by the progressives to elect delegates favorable to their candidate.

W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt and a wealthy railroad builder and owner, who is active in politics, will endeavor, it is said, to obtain an anti-Taft delegation. Opposition in other Southern States to President Taft is said to be strong because of the large number of Democrats he has appointed to office.

Senator Bourne, of Oregon, president of the National Republican Progressive League, and other leaders in the movement against the administration are said to be satisfied that delegates from Southern States will oppose the renomination of Mr. Taft, if the progressives can make sufficient headway in the Middle West and the East to give the Southern Republicans the balance of power in the National Convention.

Republicans in the South, according to the progressives, supported Mr. Taft in 1906 because of the fact that Frank H. Hitchcock, now Postmaster General, convinced them that it was the desire of President Roosevelt that Mr. Taft be named as his successor.

Plans have already been arranged by the progressives to have Senator La Follette and other insurgent leaders follow in the trail of President Taft when he makes his swing around the country within the next few weeks. Senator La Follette will endeavor to speak at every place where President Taft appears.

Opposition to President Taft, the Insurgents declare, is taking definite form in all of the Western States, while Mr. Howser and officers of the National Republican Progressive League are preparing to carry their warfare into every State in the nation. Announcement has been made that the Progressives are soon to establish a morning newspaper in Chicago.

From an authoritative source information comes that Mr. Roosevelt will take no part in the campaign against the renomination of President Taft. Neither will he assist the Administration forces in obtaining a second nomination for Mr. Taft.

Much is being made over the fact that a New York man died in a push cart. It isn't where a man dies but where he is going to after he shuffles off this mortal coil.—Wilmington Star.

**COUNCIL ON LIQUOR QUESTION.**

**City Fathers Discuss Re-Opening of County Dispensary.**

The council meeting Tuesday night was enlivened by quibs and jokes on a number of subjects, the biggest joke of the evening being that on Mr. McLaurin when he made a motion and then wanted to withdraw it, but was prevented from doing so by Mr. J. P. Booth, who refused to withdraw his second to the motion.

The motion which turned into a joke on Mr. McLaurin was made some time during the discussion of the city finances. Some one mentioned the fact that during the days of the dispensary the city had gathered about \$25,000 each year from the dispensary profits. There were several members of council who regretted that the dispensary was not now in operation in this city, when Mr. McLaurin suggested that council take up the matter and do all in its power to get the delegation in the legislature to pass a resolution to allow the people in this county to vote on the question again, when he thought the dispensary would be voted back in.

"Why don't you put that in the form of a motion?" asked Mr. Booth. "I'll second it, if you do."

"All right said Mr. McLaurin, I do put it in the form of a motion." The motion was at once seconded by Mr. Booth, while Mr. Cuttino, as quickly made a motion to table Mr. McLaurin's motion. Mr. Cuttino's motion was seconded by Mr. Rhame. Discussion was called for and for ten minutes or more the members of council aired their views of the dispensary law.

Mr. Wright said that he had always been a prohibition man and that he had voted to put the dispensary out of business, but that he would not again vote for a dry county, if he had another chance.

Mr. McLaurin said that he had voted for a dry county at the polls, when it came to a vote for wet or dry, but he would not be caught doing so again.

Mr. Booth had voted for a dry town, but he had changed his mind since he had seen how the prohibition law worked, and he did not want any more of it. He wanted the city to get some of the money the many blind tigers were now getting.

Mr. Cuttino was heartily opposed to the sale of liquor and he thought that the present law was working splendidly. He knew that some blind tiger liquor was sold, but not sufficient to take into consideration, and there were not so many drunk people on the streets now as there had been when the dispensary was in operation.

Mr. Jennings stated that he had always favored the dispensary and that he was still in favor of it. He would like to get the chance to vote in the dispensary again.

Mr. McKelver was in favor of allowing the sale of liquor, while Messrs Wilder and Glenn, without stating what they would do when it came to a show down on the dispensary question, stated that they did not think that the "Fathers of the City" were the proper persons to ask the delegation in the legislature to pass an act allowing them the privilege of voting the dispensary back into operation.

The matter was discussed in an unofficial sort of way for some time and Mr. McLaurin decided that the members of City council were not the proper parties to take up the matter with the legislative delegation. He, therefore, asked to withdraw his motion. Mr. Booth objected to this and despite the repeated requests of Mr. McLaurin that Mr. Booth allow him to withdraw the motion Mr. Booth stood firm, objecting to withdrawing his second.

Upon this standing there was nothing for the Mayor to do, but put the motion to table made by Mr. Cuttino. He did this and there was a majority in favor of tabling Mr. McLaurin's motion, so the original motion was not put to council. As the Mayor announced that he would not put Mr. McLaurin's motion since it had been tabled, Mr. McLaurin heaved a sigh of relief and muttered something like "That was a narrow escape."

**POLICE REPORT FOR AUGUST**

**Large Amount of Fines Collected During the Month.**

Officers	Arrests	Fines	Days
J. K. Bradford	3	11.00	
J. M. Barwick	6	197.50	20
P. Gallagher	6	12.50	
T. P. Ward	19	99.00	50
A. D. Owens	20	215.50	30
H. G. McKagen	26	225.50	30
G. J. Williams	3	10.00	
Geo. D. Hatchell	12	123.00	90
W. A. Tribble	2	1.00	30
Totals	94	795.00	250

It is "root hog or die" with the city from now on until the first of January, for with all funds spent and notes coming due faster than taxes are coming in it looks like a case of being hard up against it.

**GRAFT CASES CALLED.**

**ONE OR MORE OF DEFENDANTS MAY BE ARRAIGNED.**

**Solicitor Cobb May Bring Them Up During Fourth Week of Present Term of Court.**

Columbia, Sept. 14.—It is probable that one or more of the defendants in what has become to be known as "the dispensary graft cases" will be brought to trial during the fourth week of court of general session for Richland county, which convenes September 25. There will be no third week of court at this term.

The announcement that these cases might be heard at this session was made yesterday by W. H. Cobb, solicitor, when the matter was brought up before Judge Wilson at 1:30 o'clock was the time set last week for attorneys for both sides to appear and make definite plans as to the trials. J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general for the State of South Carolina, was out of the city, owing to illness in his family, but the State was represented by M. P. DeBruhl, assistant attorney general. It is not known which of the cases will be first called.

Council for defense asked Judge Wilson as to the likelihood of the cases coming up at this term. Judge Wilson replied that the matter was entirely in the hands of the attorney general, but that if the defense would not be ready at the fourth week by reason of lack of information concerning the cases to be tried, he would not press them. Solicitor Cobb stated that it was the probable purpose of the State to bring some of the defendants to trial during the fourth week, but he did not know which cases would be called. He is leaving this to the attorney general. Saturday morning was announced as the time for the attorneys for the defense and for the State to meet and determine which cases will be called during the fourth week.

**PETER H. MELLETTTE CONSTABLE**

**Magistrate Wells Appoints Former Resident of Wedgefield Constable.**

Magistrate H. L. B. Wells of this city has, after going without one since the resignation of Mr. J. B. Baker some time ago, at last appointed another constable. Mr. Peter H. Mellette, who formerly lived in this county, but has recently been working in Columbia, has been appointed to the position.

Judge Wells has had some difficulty in filling the position as it is one that requires a live man, but one with a poor salary. Although he has had a number of applicants for the place, he did not think any of them could satisfactorily fill the office, so he waited until the right man came along. During the time between the expiration of Mr. Baker's service and the present time the position has been temporarily filled by Mr. H. D. G. Muldrow. However, Mr. Muldrow went off Monday without saying how long he would be gone and it was necessary to get a constable at once.

**RIVERS OF LAVA FROM ETNA.**

**Make Clean Sweep of Mountainsides, Peasant's Foolish Practices.**

Catania, Sicily, Sept. 14.—The river of lava from Mount Etna is still advancing, sweeping all before it. Thousands of people have been driven from their homes. Hoping to arrest the advance of the flaming lava, the peasants erect before their vineyards and humble homes a cross of sticks and place on top pictures of the Madonna and the saints, but these barriers of faith have in no wise tended to check the flow.

Crowds of peasants gather to kneel and beat their breasts, calling for mercy and declaring that this must be a punishment for their sins. Mgr. Arista, Bishop of Acireale, has gone to the front to encourage the faithful to conduct services, lead the processions and impart a benediction of the people.

The house of Giuseppe Rampolla, a relative of Cardinal Rampolla, has been overwhelmed by the lava, which is expected soon to enter the Alcantara River. Three thousand years ago the lava from Mount Etna swept into the same river, the bed of which is now sixty feet deep. The entire crest of Etna has been changed by the present disturbances, ragged elevations having appeared which look like the teeth of an immense saw.

The Sumter Orchestra has recently secured a quantity of new music and started out with new life. The personnel of the orchestra is the same for the most part as that of the old orchestra. Starting with Wednesday, Sept. 20, the orchestra will give a series of dances on Wednesday's of every other week following, for their own benefit, to which all of the dancing men of the county are invited.

**OLD TESTAMENT TIMES**  
**BROOKLYN TABERNACLE**  
**BIBLE STUDIES**

IN A DEN OF LIONS  
Daniel vi—Sept. 24

"The angel of the Lord encompasseth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."—Psalm xxxiv, 7.

At the time of this study Daniel had been long in service, wise and faithful in his administration of the government entrusted to him. He had seen the Babylonian Dynasty perish. In its place came the empire of the Medes and Persians. By these also Daniel's grand character was recognized—his loyalty to principle, his faithfulness as a public servant, his obedience to God and the principles of righteousness.

That which will specially mark Messiah's Kingdom will be that it will not only have perfect ideals in respect to human government, but that it will be backed by Divine Power, before which, eventually, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess."—Philippians 2, 10, 11.

A man like Daniel, in so important a place as that which he occupied as one of the three supervisors of a great Empire, was sure to be in the way of grafters—a hinderer of their schemes. And for this reason his fellows in office were desirous of getting rid of him. Realizing that he could not be deposed, the endeavor was to secure his removal; but the man's integrity and uprightness gave no hope in this direction. Finally, however, the scheme was concerted.

The conspirators approached the king with a project which they assured him would help to make strong and united the various parts of his empire. It was this: The king should be recognized for a month as the only channel of mediation or access between his subjects and their gods. King Darius felt flattered and agreed to the arrangement and issued an order to that effect—never thinking of what might be the result in the case of Daniel, and never suspecting that his counselors were seeking to entrap him and to accomplish the death of his most trusted officer.

**Prayed Three Times Daily**  
Daniel heard of the decree but altered not his custom of praying three times daily before a window of his house which looked out toward Jerusalem. Morning, noon and night he remembered his God and his vows of faithfulness to Him and called to mind the gracious promises respecting the Holy Land, that it would yet be the center of the whole earth and of God's holy people; that eventually, through these, Divine blessings would be extended to every nation, people and tongue.

Unquestionably the best men and women in the world are those who pray, and pray regularly, who bow the knee, as did Daniel. Unquestionably it is impossible to live a consecrated life in neglect of prayer. What would Daniel have been without his praying time! How would his loyalty to principle have maintained itself in the midst of corruption had it not been for his communion with his Maker? To the Christian this privilege is still further enhanced by a realization that "We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous."

**Jehovah Sent His Angel**

The conspirators were on the lookout. They had witnesses ready to testify, not that they had seen Daniel do anything wrong, but that he had violated the edict which the king had been entrapped into making and signing. The matter was laid before the king. King Darius felt himself bound hand and foot and ensnared—trapped. All day he sought means whereby he could avert the consequences of his royal mandate, but found none. He assured Daniel that he believed his God was able to deliver him. What a beautiful testimony to the uprightness of Daniel's life!

That night, we are told, was one of great distress to the king. He could think only of his faithful officer, the noble man so unrighteously treated. He was abroad early in the morning, to call to Daniel, to learn whether or not he were still alive. His joy of heart was great when he learned that he was still safe, that his God had sent His angel to stop the lions' mouths. Daniel was soon lifted from the pit. The king now made another decree—that those counselors who had thus sought the life of a faithful man should themselves be cast into the den of lions; and this, in their case, meant destruction, as the result proved.

Oh, that every Christian would live as high above the world's standards as Daniel did, so that their enemies might see that they have no ground for charges except those to their credit; and so that their superiors in the walks of life might discern that their God whom they serve is indeed the true God, the living God, the God of all Truth.

Mr. E. Taylor Koels visited friends in Charleston this week.

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