

## OUT IN MONTANA HARSH WORDS FLY IN POLITIC TALK

La Follette Grudgingly Given Credit for Strength—Walsh Has Fight.

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BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 3.—Out here in the open spaces of Montana, where men are men, they express their political opinions in language too strong to print. Expurgated, these opinions are: Republican—Coolidge will carry the State, with Davis or La Follette second; Democratic—La Follette will carry the State, with Davis second, if he continues to make gains as at present; Progressive—La Follette first, Coolidge second, Davis third.

The strong language in which these opinions are expressed result from the warmth of the campaign. With five weeks to go before election, the stage has been reached where they are calling each other names, and the names are all the harsher because party fences have been broken.

### Bob Gets Credit

La Follette's strength, admitted grudgingly by Republican and Democratic managers, is obtained from a combination of farmer and labor voters. Coolidge has the regular Republican organization and the copper companies behind him. The influence of the latter, however, is weakened somewhat by the fight they are making on Governor Joseph M. Dixon, candidate for re-election.

Dixon, who defeated Senator Wheeler for Governor four years ago, had the copper support, but he is now opposing tax legislation that the companies are bitterly resisting so they support a Democratic candidate for Governor.

A so-called Farmer-Labor candidate, who is said to have been poverty stricken before he entered the race, is making an extensive campaign and is accused of having the copper companies' support also. Beating Dixon seems to be a job. He is the same clever politician who managed the bull moose national campaign in 1912. There are evidences that La Follette supporters, their rank and file, at least, are working for him.

### Break Party Lines

A similar breakdown of party lines has occurred in the case of Senator Walsh, seeking re-election. Senator Wheeler's strong endorsement of his colleague in his speeches in the State were welcomed hungrily by the Walsh campaign managers. They admit he has a handright on his hands.

Frank Linderman, known for his anti-Catholic views for years, is the opposing candidate. Ku-Klux Klan voters in the State, mostly Republican, are estimated at from 10,000 to 30,000 voters, out of a total vote of about 150,000.

Despite the Klan issue, however, fears are felt that Walsh may not

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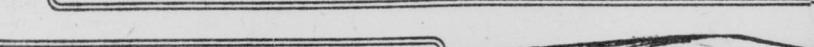
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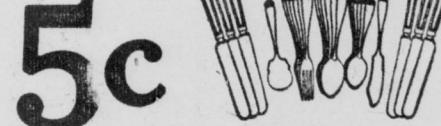
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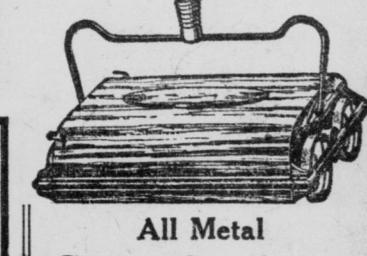
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