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The brewers did not fight us in the open but we were made to feel their powerful influence at every turn. When the bill was before the legislature the LaCrosse brewers urged the legislators to vote against the bill in the interests of the home.

Although the stockholders and editors of certain influential papers in the state were suffragists the papers opposed us, to our astonished inquiries we received the reply "It is the policy of the paper to oppose woman suffrage." Who controls the policy of the paper if not the stockholders. These papers were carrying large advertisements for the brewing companies.

The women did not confuse suffrage with prohibition they were working for the ballot only. But Progress and the Reflector the official organ of the retail liquors association fought us bitterly and take the credit for having defeated us. The liquor dealers have declared the issue and thrown down the gauntlet. We shall have to fight it out on these lines. We are up against a powerful antagonist (an antagonist that yields as much power in our legislature to-day as the Railroad and Insurance companies once did.) but we have with us the cream of the Wisconsin press and the progressive men who freed the state from the domination of the corporate interests, these together with the most intelligent and self-sacrificing women.

 Permit me to quote the last paragraph from an article by Mrs. LaFollette, in LaFollette's Weekly of Nov. 16.

"**There is a principle at stake. When any powerful business of whatever nature, undertakes on a false basis to dominate the state and to thwart a great Democratic movement and so make itself an issue-- that issue must be met. It becomes a part of this great fight against the encroachment of the special interests upon the rights of the people.**"
allied with ignorance and prejudice, and we shall make it our business to cut off these allies.

Yours for a coming victory