

PETERSON-TROUT FIGHT WILL BE A HOT ONE

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 8.—Mrs. Florence Bennett Peterson, secretary of the Illinois Equal Suffrage Ass'n, has been selected to run against Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout as presidential candidate at today's election. Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch will nominate her.

Dr. Anna Blount and Mrs. Peterson has issued a statement explaining the cause of the very evident split in the ranks of the women's suffrage party, in which they claim that a minority of five of the ten or eleven board members have stood with persistence for parliamentary procedure, while Mrs. Trout has adopted the method of deciding beforehand what motions should be made, thus causing most questions to be decided first and discussed afterward.

"Such methods have made board meetings seem like farce comedy," the statement declares. "Mrs. Trout has refused to put questions presented and seconded in due form."

"The president has repeatedly, and we think, willfully, arrogated to herself the functions of the board, as when she signed the lease of the new headquarters without authority, and when she signed a contract for the suffrage edition of the Examiner, involving the honorable name of the board. In fact, in most important matters throughout the year she has acted and then asked the board to ratify her action."

Mrs. Trout has strong support in the convention and it is believed that she has a good chance of re-election.

Catherine Waugh McCulloch, pioneer suffragist of Illinois, today was hissed and Grace Wilbur Trout cheered in a demonstration that caused the president's supporters to rise to their feet, fluttering their handkerchiefs and cheering wildly.

The situation was dramatic. Mrs. Trout started the fireworks by denouncing as "lies" published rumors that the condition of the finances of

the association was open to investigation. She also attacked a signed statement in which Dr. Anna Blount and Florence Bennett Peterson criticized the administration of President Trout.

