

JUDGE BREATHITT TALKS FINANCE

Attorney General Exposes Errors in Democratic Charges.

BECKHAM LEFT NO SURPLUS

Judge James Breathitt, attorney general of Kentucky, in an enthusiastically received speech at Williamsburg, in behalf of the Republican state ticket, headed by Judge O'Rear, completely disproved the wild assertions by the Democrats that the present Republican administration inherited a million dollars and will finish the term owing a million dollars. He showed that by splendid management of state finances, although the Democratic legislature appropriated many large sums aside from current expenses, the present administration will go out of office with the state not owing more than \$125,000. On the subject of state finances, Judge Breathitt said:

My Friends: They accuse the Republicans of squandering the money of the people, and they say as an evidence of that that when they went out of power on the 31st day of December, 1907, they left in the treasury of the state a million and four hundred thousand dollars, and that the Republicans have by extravagance and by squandering the money there dissipated that entire sum of a million and nearly a half of dollars.

Answers the Charge.

Now, is this true? If it is, my friends—I am going to be candid with you—if it is true that the Republicans have squandered nearly a million and a half dollars of the people's money that was there in cold cash, left to them by a previous Democratic administration, then the Republican party does not deserve the applause or the approval of the people of this state. And upon that issue now, I am perfectly willing to rest the case of this administration.

You left in the treasury, so you say, nearly a million and a half dollars. For argument's sake, I am going to grant that this is substantially true. It is substantially true that in the treasury of the state of Kentucky, at the close of Mr. Beckham's administration, there were a million and a half dollars. But, my friends, if the Republican party should pursue the same course pursued by that Democratic administration, we could go out of power at the close of this year and leave more than two million dollars in the treasury. (Applause.)

Republicans Paid Debts.

The Republican party has always believed in paying its honest debts, in meeting its honest obligations. Now, when we took office the Democrats had not paid the school teachers for two months. They had not paid the officers of the courts. They had not paid fees due the clerks in Louisville and other places; and they had permitted to accumulate in the treasury claims unpaid, which they should have paid, more than sufficient to wipe out every dollar that they had in the treasury of the state of Kentucky. Now, is this true? Let's see. I want to call your attention to a proposition which these Democrats strenuously avoid. During the first legislature after we went into power, when all these facts were fresh in the minds of the people, the senate of the state of Kentucky passed this resolution:

"Be it resolved by the senate of Kentucky that the auditor of public accounts be required to furnish the senate a statement showing the gross receipts of the state treasury for the year preceding the 31st day of January, 1908."

The senate and the house of representatives were in session at that time, and this is the resolution sent to the auditor. And the auditor responded promptly and he shows that the Democrats left in the treasury up to 1908—of course that included some collections that we had made in the month of January—there was in the treasury and collected during that month \$1,790,480.88.

Some Big Claims Paid.

Now listen, my friends. When that money was found there the question came up, have they paid the debts? Here is what the auditor said to the senate of the state as to what disposition was made of that money. On January 7, 1908—that was just one day after the officers elected by the Republican party went into power. The governor was in, of course, in December, but the other officers did not take their places until the 6th day of January. One day after that time and before we had had an opportunity to collect a dollar of taxes or accumulate a single claim against the treasury of this state, there were presented for payment to the auditor of your state the following claims: School claims \$557,299. Now, the Democrats had left that unpaid. It was due in December and January and they had failed to pay a single cent of it. Why didn't they pay it? Simply because they wanted to accumulate, as they claim, a large surplus in the treasury and go before the people and say "We have accomplished wonders; we have left this

large sum there to the Republican administration."

To asylums we paid \$53,000.
Penitentiaries, \$38,000.
Idiot claims, \$15,000.
Trustees of the jury fund, \$11,000.
Criminal procedure, \$18,000.
Eastern Kentucky normal school, \$7,500.

Attorney fees, \$2,550.
Peeble mitted institute, \$4,410.
Jefferson court fees, \$5,352.

Making the amount which we paid out immediately upon going into office, and which the Democratic administration should have paid—leaving out one item to which I will call your attention later, a total of \$737,216.

If they had paid that sum themselves, which they should have paid, they would not have had the great big balance which they claim to have left there. In addition to that, we paid \$336,229.95 school money in addition to the \$557,299 that I called your attention to, making the total paid out by us \$1,073,645. They would have you believe that they turned over to us a million and nearly a half and that we have squandered it, but you see, my friends, when you look into the facts, it is not true. That money, every dollar of it, was paid out on Democratic debts.

Republicans Increase Collections.

Now then, let me show you another thing. They tell you that we have been favoring banks. We have collected more money from the state and national banks than did the Democratic administration preceding us. We have collected more money off of railroads; we have collected more money on whisky. For instance, the highest sum they ever assessed whisky per barrel was \$8.00. We raised the assessment to \$10, and we have collected more than 25 per cent more than the Democratic administration from that source.

They assessed the Southern Pacific railroad on its franchise for years at only \$5,000 per year. This administration, and under my advice as attorney general, raised that assessment on the franchise tax of the Southern Pacific railroad from \$5,000 up to \$25,000, and over. And yet they would have you believe that the Republican party favors corporations.

We did more than that. There are millions of dollars of assessed value of property owned by the distillers of whisky. Now listen, my friends, the Democratic party has been in power all the time save, as Mr. McDermott says, for two terms, and they had the legislature one of those. Now, listen: Every distiller in this commonwealth sells the output of his distillery immediately upon making it. It is sold to people in New York and other foreign states, and they issue what they call a receipt for it, and in that receipt it is stated that the holder of that receipt, when he calls for this whisky, shall pay 5 cents per barrel per month storage, or 60 cents per barrel per year. On that character of property the Democratic party had never collected a single solitary cent of taxes. And yet we brought suit, this administration brought suit, against these liquor people, these distillers, claiming that these storage accounts were just as much assessable for taxation as your mortgage note or any other property which you hold. And that case was fought out in the lower court and taken to the supreme court of the state and the court of appeals held that those accounts were subject to taxation and made them pay on it, and the state will collect more than \$100,000 from that one source alone; and they never had collected a dollar from these people.

State Nearly Out of Debt.

Another thing the Democratic legislature did. They made appropriations out of the current revenue of this state amounting to a little less than \$1,800,000. They said to us, "You have got to pay these appropriations;" and yet they made no sort of provision at all for raising a single dollar to pay any part of those appropriations. They left us to run the state, to pay the ordinary expenses and these extra appropriations for charitable and other institutions.

Now, in the management of this state of affairs in the state of Kentucky, we have wrestled with those appropriations, we have paid nearly all that was appropriated to the normal schools and to the state university, and we have paid all that was appropriated to these various charitable institutions, practically. Yet, notwithstanding these heavy appropriations that were made, when the Republican party goes out of power in December there will not, in my judgment and according to the figures, be exceeding \$125,000 of indebtedness of the state of Kentucky. (Applause.) And this is due not to any mismanagement on the part of the Republican party, but it is due to these heavy appropriations made by the Democrats.

They overlook the proposition that we have had all these heavy extra appropriations to handle and the ordinary running expenses of the state to pay, and received nothing from any outside source. They received just before, or just after, the contract was let for the construction of our magnificent capitol \$1,300,000 from the federal government. Now, what became of that \$1,300,000? They say they paid debts with it. But suppose they had not received this money, you could not have found \$1,400,000 in the treasury of the state when they went out of power. It would have taken every dollar they had raised from taxes to pay what they paid in the construction of that capitol.

FARM TOPICS.

LIFE OF THE GRAPEVINE.

There are some who contend that the life of a grapevine is longer than that of the oak. It is rare that a wild grapevine is found that has died of old age. Piny mentions a vine 600 years old. There is a vine at Barton Court, England, planted in 1769, while here in America there is a wild grapevine on the shores of Mobile Bay within a mile of Daphne, Ala., commonly known as the "General Jackson" vine, more than 6 feet in circumference at its base. There is a grapevine in Carpinteria, Cal., under which more than 800 persons may stand, its trunk is 8 feet in diameter at the base and it has borne as high as 10 tons of fruit. It is said that this vine was planted in 1842.

VARIATIONS IN VARIETIES.

It is quite certain that potatoes will not mix in the hill any more than chickens will mix in the nest, but this does not prevent a change in potatoes in the hill, not due to mixing but to the tendency of all living things to "sport." There will be occasional ears of red corn when non-red kernels are planted, and red corn can be propagated by planting these red kernels so will there be variations in potatoes, and new varieties may be propagated by planting these sports. Ordinarily, new varieties are obtained by planting the seeds grown on the potato tops, and these seeds will mix because they are seeds—the potatoes are merely swollen places in the roots.

MOLE AN INSECT DESTROYER.

The Illinois authorities recently made an examination of the stomachs of moles. It was found that half or more of the food of the mole consists of insects and their larvae, most of them noxious. So far as its food is concerned, the mole is thus beneficial on the whole. There is no direct evidence that it will eat potatoes or other tubers, but circumstantial evidence admitting that mole of herbiferous habit may occupy mole runs in fall. It was shown that corn may form an important item of the food of moles; that recently planted corn is sometimes destroyed by them, and that if numerous in corn fields in spring they are capable of doing considerable damage there.

A GOOD TRAP CROP.

It requires considerable vigilance to keep insects from destroying cabbage. The cabbage plant furnishes almost an ideal place for insects to hide from the gardener and continue their destructive work. Do not permit them to injure your plants.

Muscards has a pungent taste and usually attracts insects by its peculiar smell. It is sometimes advisable to plant muscard as a trap crop to catch insects and keep them from destroying other plants. When the insects have made a raid upon the muscard the plants may be sprayed with poison or pulled up and destroyed.

NUTRIENTS OF FOOD.

Protein, starch, fat, sugar and fiber are the nutrients that make up foods. Protein is the only one form which muscle and tissue can be made—the others serve to produce heat, energy and fat. Starch and sugar are equal in food value. The fiber in the plant cut green has the same food value as starch; when the plant is mature, the fiber becomes largely indigestible as in straw. Fat serves the same purpose as the animal body as starch; it is more concentrated, having two and one-half times as much nutriment in a given weight.

ROTATION IN THE GARDEN.

The garden needs rotation as well as the field. Do not think that you can grow cabbage or onions or lettuce upon one particular spot continuously without meeting with failure. Besides receiving a generous yield, a number of insect pests and fungous diseases will thrive from year to year when a complete rotation is not practiced. Change the different garden crops from one part of the plot to another, and occasionally send the plot to clover for a year and grow the garden on a fertile spot on the back part of the farm.

GREEN MANURING.

When green-manure crops are plowed under, there is more or less tendency of such material to sour the land, and applications of lime after plowing under such crops sweeten the soil and secure a more favorable condition for the growth of clover. It is very important to work in clover as often as possible, and a sweet soil is necessary to get good results with them.

TREES FOR THE FARM.

Nut trees have many things to commend them for shade and ornamental purposes. While many of them are slow in growth and require good soil and plenty of moisture, they are noted for longevity, beauty, grace and

utility. In most cases the demands of other trees are little less, while most species fall short of these desirable points.

SYSTEMATIC ROTATION.

A rotation of crops without definite aim is of little value. To grow crops without a purpose in view would be foolish, yet it is just as foolish to follow a rotation without a definite object. Have a well-defined reason for your rotation and let the rotation be adapted to your purposes. This is the only way to get any benefit from a crop rotation.

VALUE OF EARTH WORMS.

The little earth worm is a very valuable insect and should be spared whenever it is possible. By burrowing in the earth the earth worm brings up subsoil and mixes it with top soil; opens the particles and permits air, water and organic matter to enter, and this causes chemical and physical changes that produce plant food.

COST OF KEEPING A COW.

It is said by those who are in a position to know, that it costs upon an average about \$300 a year to keep a dairy cow. Upon this estimate she must produce 150 pounds of butter to pay her board. All above this amount is profit and any amount below represents loss to the dairyman.

The Philosopher of Folly.

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Tower Hill is perhaps both the most important eminence and the most notable spot in all London. Few of us think what great persons have quietly lived there and what others, equally great, have wept and died upon it.

To it, or rather to Great Tower street, came Rochester to pursue his trade as an Italian fortune teller, while the bedridden Buckingham often walked thither to consult a conjurer, a strewed, farseeing rogue, who, when Felton bought at the cutler's shop on the summit of the hill for a shilling the knife with which he killed the duke's father, may have known for what purpose it was required.

William Penn was born on this hill in a house close to London wall. Forty-four years later—that is, in A. D. 1685—a poet lay dead, choked by a crust which starvation had urged him to devour too greedily, in an upper room of the Bull tavern. This was the ill-fated Otway. At the time when the son of the muses lay dead Betterton, the celebrated founder of the stage after the restoration, was wringing tears from the eyes of the public, not for the vanished dead, but at his own fictitious sorrows in "Venice Preserved."

It was in Great Tower street that Peter the Great used to pass his evenings drinking hot pepper and brandy with his boon companion, Lord Carmarthen—London Standard.