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The Bull Moose Strength

The progressive vote in Missouri at the next November election will not be more than six per cent of the same party vote in this state for Roosevelt in 1912, in the opinion of Jacob L. Babler, chairman of the Republican state committee, who has just completed a survey of the state political situation based upon the primary vote of Aug. 4, and reported in the St. Louis Times last Monday. Chairman Babler estimates that at least 90 per cent of former Missouri progressives already are back in the republican party.

Reports have been received at the republican state headquarters showing the strength of the progressive vote in counties where there were contests for the nomination in that party and from other counties where there were no contests. In the opinion of Chairman Babler, these reports give a fairly accurate index to the bull moose vote in November.

Accepting the predictions of Chairman Babler, the progressive vote in the entire state in November, outside of Kansas City and St. Louis, will not exceed 5000. The state vote for Roosevelt in 1912 was 77,000, outside of these two cities, and 47,000 within them.

Previous to the Aug. 4 primary, the republican state committee had received reports from 92 of the 114 counties of Missouri, estimating that the progressive vote in these counties in November would shrink to 10 per cent of the 1912 vote. Reports since the primary, indicate that in some counties the progressive vote cast foretells a complete return to the republican party, Chairman Babler said.

He pointed to the fact that despite the interest in Polk county, where the progressives had a ticket in the field, only 98 votes were cast Aug. 4, where 754 votes were cast for Roosevelt two years ago. A somewhat similar condition, he said, existed in Cedar county.

"My whole object has been to find out the exact situation regarding the progressive vote in Missouri with the view of harmonizing and uniting the progressives and republicans of this state for the November election, and with no intent to belittle the progressives," said Chairman Babler. In obtaining my reports, I have asked for unbiased opinions, and subsequent investigation has shown these reports to have been as accurate as it is possible to get in the absence of a personal canvass.

"As I have said heretofore, I have always felt that every progressive is a republican at heart and would be glad to return to the republican party to help bring prosperity back to this nation.

"In a recent trip through southern Missouri I was told on more than one occasion by progressive leaders of their counties that they were going back into the republican party before Mr. Roosevelt took them back. There is a general feeling in this state that Mr. Roosevelt's indorsement of the republican candidate for Governor of New York is an indication of a united republican party in the near future."

Chairman Babler said he would await the announcement from Jefferson City of the full official primary vote in Missouri before issuing a statement of the plans of the republican state organization for the coming fall campaign.

State Silo School

The silo school which is a new feature of the state fair, is attracting a lot of attention outside of Missouri. This is the first silo school that has ever been held in connection with the state fair and promises to be wonderfully successful. The object of the school is not to instruct as to the superiority of one silo over another but to instruct as to the value of silos and methods of securing best results with them. The farmers will have a varied line to select from for all of the leading silo manufacturers will have exhibits on the grounds. There will be wooden, brick, tile, steel, concrete and other kinds of silos exhibited. It is planned to make the silo school one of the strong features of the 1914 fair to be held September 26 to October 3.

Burlington Route Diner

A standard Burlington Route diner, operated exactly as if it were speeding over western plains, will be one of the unique features of the Nebraska state fair, held at Lincoln, September 7 to 11. It will form a part of the state pure food commission's exhibition and will be the first one ever so exhibited. Breakfast, luncheon and dinner will be served to State Fair visitors. The service and menu for each meal will be the same as that of every other Burlington train running through that territory on that day. The same supply of food will be given it by the commissary department of the road, which is headed by A. E. White.

A Good Ear of Corn

Farmers of this county remember well the terrible drouth in the year 1901 says the Rothville Bee. That year, Frank Todd, who lives about five miles northeast of Rothville, had about seventy acres planted in corn and gathered just one good ear of corn and that was in one corner of a field on bottom land.

Mr. Todd placed that ear of corn in a trunk in his house and this spring they brought it out and as it seemed to be in perfect condition they decided to plant it. It was planted separate from the other seed and from that seed Mr. Todd will have some mighty good corn this year.

Notwithstanding the fact that the ear had lain in the trunk for thirteen years it was in good condition and when planted produced as good corn as if it had been gathered last year.

Married Life Most Dangerous

United States Government reports show the fourth and fifth years the most dangerous of married life. One statistical report shows more divorcees in those years than any others.

"No period in married life is to be considered as a margin of safety. Throughout all lifetime the danger of divorce remains," says the report.

"Two out of every 100 divorcees obtained in this country are sought within the first year after the marriage ceremony. Three are granted in the second year, six in the third year and eight in the fourth. In the fifth year the percentage is a fraction higher.

"After the fifth year comes the turning point. The sixth year finds only six divorcees out of the ultimate 100.

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