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GOVERNOR HATFIELD'S IDEAS OF PARTY REORGANIZATION Would Guarantee Fairness in the Settlement of all Contentions That May Arise in the Party

Insure the Rule of the Majority and Give Every Voter of the Party a Full, Free and Fair Opportunity to Express His Own Wishes and Sentiments

A special National Convention to be held as early as possible. The re-adjustment of basis of representation in conventions, based on popular vote for president. Selection of delegates to conventions in manner prescribed by law of each state, or under rules of State Committee.

Equality and equity, representation should be based upon popular vote for President except that it would probably be prudent to give each state as such two or four delegates at large in the conventions. I believe that the old system of apportionment, fixed on congressional representation, should have been discarded long since and each Republican voter placed on an equal basis. The idea of the Southern States, which never gave a single electoral vote, being able to control the nomination of a Republican candidate for President does not meet with the approval of the American sense of fairness. These states should be given the representation to which they are entitled by their individual vote.

Governor Henry D. Hatfield



W.VA. SEMINARY AND COLLEGE FIFTH SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER AND MARCH EDUCATIONAL DAYS FOR THE YEAR SEP. 1.-AUG. 31.

Eight Groves boys, all large enough to work, help to run the big potato farm. With the attractions of a big city only five miles away you might think that the senior Groves' biggest problem would be to keep those eight boys on the farm. But it isn't. He has made every son interested in the home place by giving him an interest in the farm's business, and a voice in its operation.

The Groves domain consists of 200 acres in all—320 acres of which are devoted to potato growing. Fruit, feed crops, and truck are produced on the remaining 180 acres, which is less fertile upland. The valley land probably is worth \$300 an acre, while the upland is valued at \$100 an acre. That makes the potato farm worth about \$115,000.

SENATOR ROOT THE CURRENCY BILL

It is not at all sure that Senator Root's impressive warning as to the dangers of an inflated currency will do the Democrats in Congress any particular good. It was politics that allowed Bryan's influence to play so large a part in the development of the administration currency bill, Bryan's "cheap money" ideas have been repudiated on two occasions by the American people—but so long as a tractable Mr. Bryan is a necessary part of the great scheme of Democratic harmony, the Nebraska's energetic, if not too skillful, hand will be seen in any currency bill given official right of way under this administration.

words of this article I received a check of \$11.91 on 5th Sunday rally at Hinton, W. Va. I must say that Rev. L. A. Watkins has always proven very loyal to our work. On our tour he subscribed \$25.00 to furnish a room and gave his personal check for \$5.00. Revs. Dabney and McKoy are always one way loyal and large hearted.

THE GENTLEMAN FROM MCDOWELL

Constituting as they do and have for a number of years about fifty per cent of the Republican strength of McDowell, the colored voters of that county will most certainly be within their rights if they should determine to demand a place on the legislative ticket.

True, they have a number of deputy sheriffs, justices of the peace and constables, but these positions are more largely in importance salary and less of the patronage the party has at its command. As in the other counties of the State, but with much less justice, the whites have "hogged" near about every thing worth while. For their share they have taken every county elective office and have been careful to see that only the appointed performed the office duties.

But, if The McDowell Times is an index of the sentiment of the Negro voters of McDowell, when the table is spread for the next political feast there may be a colored face at the formal board.

The movement is now in its formative period. What the voters most interested will decide can not now be determined any degree of certainty, but they may rest assured that a decision to support one of their own for membership in the House of Delegates will be hailed with delight by the Negro voters of the State at large.

"SAFETY FIRST" MOVEMENT Inaugurated by Bureau of Mines, Proves Effective, Says Official

Washington, Dec. 11.—From the increasing number of reports being received by the United States Bureau of Mines of miners rescued from death in accidents, it is becoming apparent to the officials that the general "safety first" movement inaugurated by the bureau already has reached a state of gratifying effectiveness.

BUY UP PHONES SAYS BURLISON

Washington, Dec. 18.—Postmaster General Burlison's annual report made public today bears out the belief that the administration would get back of the bill of Representative Lewis, of Maryland, soon to be introduced, providing for Government purchase of telephone lines by January 1, 1915.

A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED

Shreveport, La., Dec. 16.—Two negroes, Ernest and Frank Williams, were lynched by a mob at Blanchard, La., today. They had confessed that they killed Calvin Ballard, a merchant, whose body was found hacked to pieces in his store Saturday morning.

HUNTINGTON GETTING READY FOR State Sunday School Convention April 8, 9, 10, 1914.

The thirty-second annual convention of the Sunday Schools of West Virginia promises to be the greatest in the history of the Association. Already Huntington, which is famed far and wide as a Sunday school city is preparing for the great event.

EXCELL AND ROPER COMING

The program Committee at the headquarters of the Association in Wheeling is preparing a great program. Among the features will be institutes for Elementary, Secondary, Adult Division workers, pastors and superintendents, and those interested in Temperance, Home and Visitation, Teacher Training, Missionary and Purty Department work.

LORD OF CHRISTMAS

Lord of Christmas, where today The sweetest of the children stray Where want and woe and illness bide, Where canker and care and sin hide, Where canker and corruption brew, Let the dear gentle light pass through— Lord of the Christmas, help the poor! Where mothers lean with weary breast Above some little crib of pain; Where dark threatening shadows rest And all the heart hope seems vain; Where little hearts beat timidly So all uncertain in their gloom, Lord of the Christmas unto these The Christmas of eternal bloom.

G. O. P. Cuts South's Vote in Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Republican national committee last night ended agitation of long standing by changing the basis of representation in national conventions so that the voting strength of the South will be reduced to a trifle more than 16 per cent.

CONVENTION PLANS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—There will be no extraordinary Republican National Convention in 1914. The Republican National committee will adopt a new basis of apportioning delegate strength in national conventions, substantially cutting in half the voting power of the Southern States and the Republicans of the various states will have the opportunity to reject or ratify this action through the instrumentality of State Conventions.

SELECTION OF DELEGATES

Concerning the selection of delegates to the convention, the National Committee should provide that these should be chosen in each state in the manner prescribed by the law of that state; and in the event that there is no statute regulating the selection of delegates, the method should be left largely in the hands of the State Committee, trusting implicitly that the members of such Committee will act in the spirit that they are the servants of the party and not its master, and that they will carry out the wishes of the majority.

In the absence of any law and action by the State Committee, delegates should be selected as hereofore, by State and Congressional district conventions. Outside of the laying down of general rules by the National organization, I am of the opinion that the greatest degree of satisfaction could be obtained by permitting voters of each state to determine the way they shall select their delegates. Personally, I favor that delegates be chosen by a primary election in each district and the delegates-at-large named in a state-wide primary, thus giving to each voter a direct voice in the selection of the nominees of his party and in choosing those who will promulgate the party platform. I believe that the presidential primary is soon to be realized, but am of the opinion that in this state should remain the unit

"I am heartily in favor of the plan of calling a special convention to amend the rules and regulations that shall govern the future conventions of the Republican party. I believe it advisable to have this convention as early a date as possible, and I hope it will be the sense of the Committee to adopt this method of bringing about a reorganization."

"The amendments to these rules should include the re-adjustment of basis of representation in the national convention, the method of choosing delegates, the settlement of contests, and the holding of proxies of members of the National Committee.

"These are the paramount subjects to be considered in the reorganization of the party. The proper solution of these problems will, I believe, insure protection against the evils that brought disruption to the party, and will guarantee that our future action will be obedient to the wishes, desires and sentiments of the majority.

"The millions of voters of this nation, opposed to minority rule, which we now have, are anxious for this convention. They are ready to act on short notice. They will participate heartily in the election of delegates to this special convention. A majority of those who believe in the principles of the Republican party have indicated their patriotism and loyalty to their past acts, and there is no semblance of doubt in my mind about their desire to bring the party together, if given assurance that they will have a fair, square deal in the administration and management of the party they have so long cherished and whose principles they have so long advocated.

"These principles are too great to perish because personal feelings and ambitions may have brought about abuse of authority. We must eliminate the cause which made this abuse possible, provide against its possible recurrence, and then the party can go forward in its march of progress, dedicated to the proposition that the welfare is the supreme good."

"Taking up one by one the various subjects which he deemed it necessary to a proper reorganization of the party, Governor Hatfield was asked for an expression as to how he thought these matters should be worked out in the event the National Committee called a special convention."

It is obviously certain that some changes should be effected in the basis of representation in the national convention. I believe that as a matter of jus-

KANSAS "POTATO KING"

376 Bushels to the Acre—Farm Worth \$115,000—Eight Sons.

From the veranda of his elegant, twenty-two-room country home overlooking the fertile Kaw Valley, J. G. Groves, negro farmer, can look down on his domain—120 acres of potatoes. It's a "domain" rather than a farm, because Groves is the "potato king" of Kansas—recognized as such, respected, envied, imitated. Fifty-five thousand bushels was the output of the Groves farm last year, and the maximum yield for one acre was 386 bushels! Of course there is "Groves' own way" back of these big yields, but it is not a secret. In fact the "king" has confessed it often in farmers' meetings and in farm papers, much to the good of potato growing in Kansas.

Like many another industrial monarch of the day the breath that made Groves "king" was a long one—thirty years long. Years of intelligent, well-directed toil they were, too, for since the very first day, way back in 1882 when he came to the Kaw Valley with only a few dollars, rented six acres and started on his famous epopoeic career, Groves has been a faithful follower after scientific ways. There isn't much doubt that that is the reason he is "king." And in the Kaw Valley of Kansas where farmers are devoting their lives to potato growing it means something to be the champion.

It isn't every farmer that can get the big yields with potatoes. It requires a wide knowledge of methods under varying conditions. On a farm adjoining the Groves acres is a farmer who has been a potato grower for several years. But his land, endowed with the same natural characteristics as that of the "potato king," produced only 125 bushels an acre as a maximum yield last year—271 bushels short of the top yield of his illus-