

TEN WITH PENROSE OUT CONVENTION FINDS ITSELF IN CHAOS

No Candidate Or Manager Of
Candidate Is Confident
Of Winning.

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Chicago, June 6.—When the news finally came that Penrose would not be here, it carried implications not merely of his absence from the convention, but of the passing of that dynasty altogether. One would have supposed that instantly there would have been a new chief in the chair, and that an ancient and powerful organization like the republican party would have been studied here and there with ambitious men, trained for the vacant post and ready to step into it. But it is not only an individual, but a generation that has passed, and in its place a younger generation there are no figures comparable to Penrose in power or personality.

What is happening, so far as anything definite at all is happening, is that Penrose's place is that in the conferences will be agreed upon the next day or two to agree upon the generalship of the convention.

For the moment, Penrose's feeble strength ebbs along a thousand miles of telephone wire to a room in the Congress hotel, where his words are regaled by John T. King, of Connecticut, and Senator James Watson, of Indiana.

If the situation here is chaotic as to leadership, so also is it chaotic as to candidates. There is, as I have said, just a faint beginning of coagulation looking toward leadership, but as respects the candidates, nothing grows more definite. There is no candidate who is confident of winning; there is not a manager who is confident of winning. There are men scheduled to make nominating speeches who are spending the day in earnest discussion looking to the selection of a candidate other than the one they represent. There is no candidate who is adding to the number of his delegates. There is nothing definite; nothing that takes form. Under these circumstances your correspondent is not a strong distaste to share in the predictions that are so common. But it would be reasonably safe to say these things: Somewhere in the early ballots there is likely to be a tug of war between Wood and Lowden in the deciding of that tug of war the 984 delegates can be divided roughly into four groups. There are about 300 delegates who are, in varying degrees, loyal to Wood. There are about 250 delegates who are, in varying degrees, loyal to Lowden. There are about 250 delegates who compose what may roughly be called the "balance of power" group. They are delegates who are not pledged, without pledges and without personal preference. They come in little groups from various states. They have been brought together by a few of the old guard leaders who have an understanding; the understanding is very loose and intangible. It is not in favor of any candidate and goes no farther than merely an assent to act as a group under a common leadership. As the opening day of the convention approaches this group tends to grow in compactness and cohesiveness. It is increasingly reasonable to expect that this group will be able to exercise the balance of power. The fourth group of delegates consists of about 200 who are entirely individual in their leanings and who are acting independently. In this tug of war between Wood and Lowden, the tendency will be for all to unite against Wood. The whole convention will become, for a few ballots, Wood and anti-Wood. In this tug of war it is comparatively easy to foresee a man whose name is Wood, with delegates that he has and delegates that he may get out of the fourth group, may reach as high as 400 or 420. It is possible, but not easy, to see how he can get enough to nominate him, if the balance of power group remains steadfast against him.

If Wood is prevented from winning, the balance of power group will turn to dark horses in place of Lowden. If they regard their situation as dangerous, they will name Lowden and be done with it. If they have sufficient confidence in their power they will probably pick another. Even this tentative outline is so full of qualifications that one hesitates to set it down. To go farther than this would be to deal wholly in the field of surmise.

TRANSPLANTING IS BIG
ITEM IN POTATO CROP
Careless Setting Often Proves
Serious Handicap.

Successful commercial growers of sweet potatoes claim that careful transplanting of well grown plants is one of the secrets of success with this crop. Careless setting often damages the crop very materially by the loss of a stand and the slow weak growth that follows. The secret of good transplanting depends upon putting the plants deep into the soil with the roots of the plant in close contact with moist earth and then firmly pressing the soil to the plant.

Several hours before the plants are drawn the bed should be thoroughly watered. In pulling plants, hold the seed potato down with one hand while the slips are being removed. Only good stocky sprouts six or more inches in length should be taken, the smaller slips being left for a later drawing.

"Puddling" the roots by dipping them in a batter made of clay and water will help to save the vitality of the plants. Pack the plants in baskets with the roots in one direction and the basket covered to prevent wilting.

Water to Settle Soil.
After the plants have been pulled, water the bed to settle the soil.

When slips are not set after a rain, many growers believe that the plants will get a quicker start if they are watered. Transplanting machines that automatically water each plant as it is set can be used to advantage in setting large areas.

Plants generally set 18 inches apart in rows 3 feet apart with 9,684 plants to an acre. For the early crop, plants may be set after all danger of frost has passed, but for the storage crop settings made from the 25th of May until the middle of June generally give the best results.

Sweet potatoes thrive on a moderately fertile sandy loam which does not contain an excess of organic mat-

ter. An excessive amount of organic matter will frequently produce an abundant growth of vines at the expense of roots.

As a rule, the same piece of ground should not be used for sweet potato culture two years in succession. Plant sweet potatoes in rotation with other staple farm crops—this is one of the fair keynotes of success. They yield a fair crop on the so-called "worn out" top-crop lands and are especially valuable for use in a rotation with these crops.

Depth of Plowing.
The usual depth of plowing in preparing land for sweet potatoes. Local conditions will determine whether the high ridge, low ridge or level surface method of culture is used. Many growers secure splendid results by using a comparatively high ridge.

If planted on ridges, it is best to make the ridges at least ten days before planting to give the soil an opportunity to become settled. A common method of making the ridges consists in marking the rows with a middle breaker or row marker and then by means of a turning plow to throw two or three ridges to the right. Certain types of arrow-shaped attachments for riding cultivators can be used to an advantage in making the ridges.

The general practice in this state is to apply the fertilizer where the ridge is to be made with a 1-row distributor and then to make the ridge over the fertilizer. Heavy applications of fertilizer at planting time have been known to kill the plants and for this reason it is advisable to distribute the fertilizer at least ten days before planting.

A fertilizer formula cannot be recommended that will have general application. Every grower should make a study of the requirements of his soil and apply the fertilizer that will give the best results. A complete fertilizer should be used, the quantity depending entirely on local conditions.

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TO STEAM BOLL WORM.
New Orleans, June 3.—The pink boll worm, more destructive to cotton than the boll weevil, is to be steamed. Poisoning has failed to kill the pest, but it is expected that steaming will do the job and make it possible for oil mills to handle seed from infected territory.

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