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Opportunity Of Democrats Is In States Of The West

Hope of Victory for Party Founded by Jefferson Brighter Than Since Victory of 1916 With Much Depending on Development of Issues

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New York, July 14.—The opportunity for a Democratic victory at the polls next November lies in the West. Many things may happen between now and election day to reverse one's estimate, but not since 1916 have the Democrats had the chance they have this year.

Eastern Democrats scoff at the nomination of Governor Bryan of Nebraska, for instance, as Vice President but John W. Davis, who made the selection, had his eye on the West—the one place which may mean his triumph. It is much too early to make definite predictions but it is not too soon to analyze the fight ground on which the campaign will be fought. This is essential to an understanding of the strategy that will be unfolded by all the candidates in the next three months.

First of all, the campaign starts with certain fundamental impressions—the Republicans, for example are cocksure of victory. Their confidence arises out of the Eastern states which at present writing it would seem, they are likely to carry by overwhelming majorities.

Secondly, there is a deep-seated idea that Senator La Follette will develop as much strength as did Roosevelt in 1912. There is no warrant for such an assumption. His electoral vote may not exceed fifty. If the election were to be a close one the fifty votes might throw the contest into Congress for settlement. But this correspondent does not look for a close result. Either Coolidge or John W. Davis will be the next President of the United States and when the tide begins to run it will run strongly in one direction.

The question of whether it will be a Democrat or a Republican depends largely on the way the issues are crystallized. As for the individuals nominated, they will not be the vital factors that personalities were in 1912. For the Republicans and Democrats have nominated two strong men whose character is unapproachable and whose integrity is beyond question. Even Senator La Follette, who runs on a third ticket, is a man of rugged honesty and capacity.

The campaign will not turn on personal fitness but on issues. When Wilson and Hughes were the nominees in 1916 the country was ready to accept either personality but the West had a conviction that the Wilson foreign policies needed to be upheld. In 1920 neither Harding nor James M. Cox were themselves factors in the result. The tide of resentment against the Wilson administration for neglecting reconstruction problems at home while absorbed in foreign policy, would have made the landslide as great no matter who the Republican candidate had been.

So in 1924 Calvin Coolidge is not the issue. The East is more or less contented from an economic viewpoint and is unconvinced that change is desirable. The West is in the throes of economic discontent and ready to grasp straws to obtain relief. Neither the Republican nor Democratic National conventions really appraised the western political situation at its proper value. But it is significant that John W. Davis does. He deliberately selected Governor Bryan of Nebraska as his running mate as first proof of his interest in the West. Now he will campaign there and endeavor to convince the West that their hope lies in a Democratic Congress and executive.

Can Davis make the West feel his progressivism? Will the feeling of resentment over the record of the last Republican Congress crystallize so in the West? The Republican party's record of the last four years will be contrasted with the eight years of Democratic rule and the problem of getting foreign markets so as to improve the prices of farm products will be debated most this year West of the Mississippi. Agricultural questions do not worry the East. The cry about neutrality and keeping America out of the war was a vital thing in the West in 1916 at the very moment that the East was criticizing Wilson for vacillation and praising Hughes for his straight talk from the shoulder speeches about protecting American rights. After election the country woke up to find that the West and solid South could win an election.

That's why this year one cannot dismiss lightly the chances of John W. Davis without being sure that the West is not on the point of revolt. Then the election of Calvin Coolidge can be regarded as a foregone conclusion. But the Democratic opportunity must first be disproved and here is the Democratic chance. Its formula of victory. If this combination fails, no other will win for the East is for Coolidge and Dawes. Here is the electoral table which, at the moment, seems to indicate the direction of Democratic opportunity: Alabama 12, Arizona 3, Arkansas 9, California 13, Colorado 6, Florida 6, Georgia 14, Idaho 4, Indiana 15,

COUNTS SUSTAINED AGAINST SINCLAIR

Washington, July 14.—Six of the ten counts in the indictment of Harry Sinclair for contempt of the Senate were sustained today in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

FORMAL NOTICE TO BE AT CLARKSBURG

New York, July 14.—The ceremony of officially notifying John W. Davis of his nomination for the Presidency by the Democratic party will take place at Clarksburg, West Virginia, it was learned today.

Formal announcement of the arrangements for the event which probably will take place within two weeks is expected within the next few days.

TO NOTIFY COOLIDGE FORMALLY IN AUGUST

Washington, July 14.—The ceremonies notifying President Coolidge of his nomination as Republican candidate for President will be held between August 7 and 14 it was indicated at the White House today.

JUNE COTTON REPORT

Washington, July 14.—Cotton consumed during June totaled 359,227 bales of lint and 39,583 lintless. Census Bureau announced today. Exports totaled 239,979 bales including 13,381 bales of lintless. Cotton spindles active during June totaled 29,216,486.

Kansas 19, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 19, Maryland 8, Mississippi 19, Missouri 18, Montana 4, Nebraska 8, Nevada 3, New Mexico 3, North Carolina 12, Ohio 24, Oklahoma 19, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 29, Utah 4, Virginia 12, Washington 7, West Virginia 8, Wyoming 3. Davis total, 290.

Republican: Maine 6, New Hampshire 4, Vermont 4, Massachusetts 18, Connecticut 7, Rhode Island 5, New York 45, Delaware 3, New Jersey 14, Pennsylvania 38, Michigan 15, Illinois 29, Iowa 13, Oregon 5. Coolidge total, 296.

Independent Republican: Minnesota 12, North Dakota 5, South Dakota 5, Wisconsin 13. LaFollette total, 35.

The electoral college consists of 531 votes of which 266 are necessary to a choice. Mr. Davis, according to the foregoing table, could lose 24 votes and still be the victor. It will be noted that the tabulation gives Coolidge everything east of the Mississippi with the exception of Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia and the South, while Davis gets everything west of the Mississippi except Oregon, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa.

In 1916 Wilson carried Ohio and New Hampshire but neither West Virginia nor Indiana. He also carried North Dakota which would appear this time to be headed for the LaFollette column. It will be immediately argued by staunch Democrats that the East is by no means lost to Davis and that if Al Smith runs for governor of New York he may swing the empire state into the electoral column for Davis. The Republicans will by no means concede either Ohio or Indiana as lost to them. West Virginia, being Davis' home state, is likely to go Democratic.

Californians will contend that Coolidge will carry it because he showed himself strong in the primaries against Hiram Johnson, but it will be best to await the development on between the regulars and the Johnson wing of the Republican party before reaching a conclusion. So in Indiana the verdict of the people on the administration of Governor McCray who now is in the penitentiary, is giving the Democrats hope. As for Ohio, Harry Daugherty may be an issue there just as in the Western states Teapot Dome will be revived to the discomfiture of the Republicans. The East has already digested the oil controversy and forgotten it, but the West is much more interested in conservation of natural resources and all that goes with it. Theodore Roosevelt won the West that way and he was by no means a radical. John Davis may make a Roosevelt play on conservation. He will at any rate carry the fight into the heart of the West. It's his one big chance.

Meanwhile the rise in the price of wheat and corn is making the Republicans optimistic. The most that can be said of the campaign at its sharp line of cleavage between a contented East and a discontented West and at the moment the chances of victory for either party may be said to be even.

WANTS TO KEEP JOB

In the resignation of R. J. Job as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce not only sustains the severe loss, but the resignation comes to Elizabeth City as a whole. The Chamber of Commerce is only an agent for promoting the general welfare of Elizabeth City. The question naturally arises as to whether Elizabeth City wants the Chamber of Commerce or not. If so, the citizens of Elizabeth City ought to make it possible for the Chamber of Commerce to function. The writer attended a meeting of the Rotary Club a few days ago and that live body of business men went on record as feeling that the city must have a Chamber of Commerce, and the 35 men present unanimously promised to give some time individually to help complete a drive for members. In addition, 12 Rotarians put down their names as willing to underwrite the amount due Mr. Job on his salary.

My appeal to Elizabeth City is to keep Mr. Job here if possible. There are too many big things pending at this time for us to let him go without suffering as a city. SAML H. TEMPLEMAN.

BRITISH FLIER TO CROSS THE PACIFIC

Minato, Japan, July 14.—A Stuart McLaren, round the world British flier, hopped off from here today on the first jump across the Pacific by the way of the Aleutian Islands. Tokyo, July 14.—The British round the world aerial party landed on Yeterofu island today, said a dispatch from the Japanese destroyer on duty there.

FEDERAL TROOPS TRY RECAPTURE CITY

Rio de Janeiro, July 14.—With rebel troops in command of Sao Paulo the authorities are surrounding the city with federal troops in order to recapture the place without destroying the city.

Washington, July 14.—The reported evacuation of Sao Paulo by the Brazilian-federal authorities was confirmed in official dispatches received today by the State Department.

Over Production Serious American Farmer Problem

And Only in Co-operative Marketing or in Some Sort of Back to Town Movement Would There Seem to be Any Practicable Solution

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New York, July 14.—Now that the cash for the crops of the country, both grain and fruit, is beginning to flow back to the farms in constantly increasing streams, the effect of co-operative marketing and grower control is becoming more and more apparent. Those are the factors which are making headway toward taking care of surplus products. So great a menace has surplus of farm products become that the Sears-Roebuck agricultural foundation, in close touch with agricultural communities, predicts a "back to town" movement to decrease production and increase consumers.

Modern facilities have so enhanced production, according to Wheeler McMillen, Mid-West agricultural expert, that the average American farmer now produces 2 1/2 times as much as the European farmer. "The principal reason farming does not pay as well as we would like," he continued, "is that the American farmer produces more of certain commodities than the markets can absorb at profitable prices. There is no assurance as to when foreign countries will be able to pay for more than they are buying now. America's best market is the domestic market. I do not agree that the growth of cities is a menace. Unprofitable agriculture, long continued, would be a greater menace."

Leaders in the co-operative movement in agriculture, assert that grower control is the remedy which will obliterate the danger of surplus production. Ralph P. Merritt, president of the Sun Maid Raisin Growers' Association, declares that through application of this co-operative principle, the liabilities of his organization had been reduced from \$18,000,000 in January, 1923, to less than \$4,500,000 today and that while the largest annual sales ever made previously by the organization were 140,000 tons, raisins now were moving into consumption at the rate of 240,000 tons a year with the remainder of production getting into converted products. "The philosophy of our merchandising," he said, "has been founded on the fact that the raisin association has for distribution to consum-

STATE FIREMAN AT HIGH POINT

Address by Mayor Hedrick and Prizes Valued at \$1,600 Awarded Winner Competitive Drills.

High Point, July 14.—High Point firemen from throughout North Carolina gathered here for the annual convention and held much of the State Firemen's Association. Friday was consumed with the details of registration of both delegation and entries of competitive teams.

The most popular feature was with a parade and the assembly convention. It will continue through Thursday. Leaders in the fire prevention work of the state will speak. The address of welcome will be given by Mayor J. W. Hedrick, and the response will be by Chief John W. Lewis of Statesville. The principal address will be by Insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade.

Prizes valued at more than \$1,600 will be awarded to the winners of the competitive drills in fire fighting. Much interest is being shown in these drills and the fire departments of the various cities of the state have been training for the events for some months. Every unit in the competition has declared to capture the state honors from Statesville which brigade has held that honor for four consecutive years.

Many entertainments have been arranged by the city of High Point for its guest in an effort to make this the greatest meet that the Association has ever held. Among these will be a barbecue on Wednesday afternoon, theater parties, musical entertainments, luncheons and a reception.

One of the feature entertainments which will also be a competitive event, will be the horse shoe tossing contest. Some of the best horse shoe tossers in the state, it was said, will participate in this event and the delegates as well as the citizens of this city are looking forward to this part of the program with much interest.

KILLED IN COLLISION

Wilson, July 14.—Miss Ida Baran is dead and three others were injured in an auto collision near here yesterday.

Fair This Fall Program Albemarle District Body

Dates Same as Last Year With Management by County Farm Agent Falls Assisted by Dr. Nixon Is Present Program of Local Fair Association

BAPTISTS MEET AT CHOWAN COLLEGE

Begins Tuesday With Classes for Religious Workers and Lasts Through Thursday, July 21.

Murfreesboro, July 14.—The first annual session of the Chowan Baptist Assembly for Baptist workers of northeastern North Carolina will be held at Chowan College in this city beginning Tuesday, July 15, and continuing through Thursday, July 21, according to an announcement made here today by those in charge of the arrangements.

Classes by expert teachers will be conducted along denominational lines, the announcement said, and will include work in the B. Y. P. U., Women's Missionary Union, the Sunday School and evangelism. The training school, it was explained, will be held for four associations. These are Roanoke, Tar River, Chowan, and West Chowan. Its large attendance at the assembly from all four associations is expected.

Among the prominent Baptists who will form the faculty, it was stated are the following: Dr. Kyle M. Yates, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Zen. Wall, Goldsboro; Dr. W. N. Johnson, King's Mountain; J. N. Bazzelle, Dunn; Dr. Hugh A. Ellis, Henderson; Miss Elma Farabow, Raleigh; Miss Sophie Berghauer, Asheville; and Perry Morgan, Raleigh. E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, will be director and dean of the school.

The sessions will be held in Chowan College and will include besides the regular class work a number of recreational features. Chowan College, the announcement stated, is the oldest Baptist college for girls in the state and one of the oldest girls' colleges in the South. The area covered by the assembly, it was said, covers over 60,000 Baptists.

OFFER WAREHOUSES FOR STORING IRISH POTATOES

The Foreman-Derrickson Veneering Company announces that as the potato market is very low, the price having gone down to \$2.00 a barrel, farmers of the community who want to hold their potatoes for a while longer may use the company's warehouses to store them in until the market improves.

ROUND THE WORLD FLIERS AT PARIS

Paris, July 14.—The American round the world fliers arrived here today from Vienna. Vienna, July 14.—The United States round the world aviators arrived here yesterday and started today on another leg of their journey.

MR. AND MRS. L. R. FOREMAN TO ENTERTAIN GROWERS

Mr. and Mrs. Rossen Foreman will entertain the adult members of the First Methodist Sunday School Monday evening at 8 o'clock on a boat ride down the river. The refreshments will be ice-cold water-cucumbers. Preparations have been made for every adult and the entertainers will be sadly disappointed if all are not present. The boat leaves promptly at 8 o'clock at the foot of Main street.

FIGHTING HAS BEEN OF DESPERATE KIND

Santos, Brazil, July 14.—Fighting in the city of Sao Paulo, seat of Brazilian insurrection, has been of the most desperate character during the last few days, according to two employees of an American concern who arrived here Sunday after a perilous journey afoot from the beleaguered metropolis. They estimated that the dead among the troops and civilians will reach 3,000.

MINNESOTA POTATO GROWERS ARE WELL ORGANIZED

St. Paul, July 14.—(Special.)—The Minnesota potato growers' exchange has bought a large warehouse at Moorehead in the Red River Valley, where 50 per cent of the Minnesota potatoes are produced, for \$175,000. Seventy-five warehouses also have been acquired in other towns bringing the investment of the exchange in such property to over \$500,000.

Miss Nellie Hastings continues quite ill with typhoid fever at her home on North Road street.

BELIEVE MAJOR MET FOUL PLAY

Canton, N. C., July 14.—The automobile in which Major Samuel H. McLeary, army officer who disappeared on July 2 from Raleigh while en route from Norfolk to Charleston, was found yesterday with his suit case and papers in it and a blood-stained army cap. Search was begun immediately for the Major who it is feared has met with foul play.

FINED FOR ASSAULT

Charles Davis, Cypress street merchant, paid a fine of \$5 and costs in police court Monday for assault on Joe Sawyer, small boy. The boy, it appeared, had been teasing Mr. Davis and the latter undertook to teach the youngster better manners.

MORRIS BEARS, FOR RIDING A BIKE ON THE SIDEWALK, WAS FINED \$1 AND COSTS

Wallace Godfrey James Knight, and Isaac Copeland, for operating motor vehicles without displaying proper lights, were let off with the costs. Arrests in these cases were made by the County traffic officer.

CHARLIE RIDDLER, ERNEST PHILLIPS, AND TRIM SOARS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY TAXES AND COSTS FOR FAILURE TO LIST TAXES

Washington, July 14.—Recessions in employment in several Southern states were noted by the Department of Labor in its monthly review of conditions made public today but the industrial situation in the section generally is fairly satisfactory.

CONDITIONS IN VIRGINIA WERE SUMMARIZED AS AFFORDING EMPLOYMENT TO THE MAJORITY OF SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABOR, AND INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS CONTINUE ON A FAIRLY SATISFACTORY BASIS.

In North Carolina there is very little unemployment and considerable building is under way.

ATTEND ASSEMBLY

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Templeman and family and Miss Dorris Abbott will leave Tuesday by automobile for Chowan College where they will attend the Chowan Baptist Assembly. Among others who will attend this assembly are: Mrs. Sam Leigh and her sister, Mrs. S. M. Combs of Columbia, Mrs. E. W. Cherry, Misses Evelyn and Vera Jennings.

COTTON MARKET

Spot cotton closed steady, middling 31.30, an advance of 35 points. Futures closing bid: July 30.25; October 25.32; December 24.60; January 24.38; March 24.67; May 24.63.