

DISCUSS PROSPECTS IN 1928 CAMPAIGN

REPUBLICANS OPTIMISTIC

Look Forward to Capturing Several Additional Seats in Senate; Prospective Changes

The Republican National Committee booklet on Congress and its good deeds has set the Republicans of the country to figuring in a most optimistic manner as to their opportunities in the 1928 senatorial elections. Thirty-two of the present sitting members of the upper chamber will have to stand for re-election. Twenty-one of this total are Democrats, ten are Republicans and one, Shipstead of Minnesota, represents the Farmer-Labor party. This is in direct contrast to the 1926 election when the majority of those who had to go to the polls were Republicans.

They Are Figuring

Republican experts and workers are figuring, and with considerable justification, on the possibility of capturing 14 of the 21 seats now held by Democrats. They do not anticipate any trouble in electing Republicans to the ten seats now held by Republicans whose terms expire March 4, 1929. In the state of Washington, Senator Dill can be easily defeated, provided, of course, the Republicans develop a reasonable amount of unanimity for a candidate. In Utah, Senator King can be defeated. He won the last time by a narrow margin, and his continued adverse Democratic attitude in opposition to the sugar beet industry should make his ousting easy, provided, of course, the Republicans themselves will give united support to the Republican nominee.

In Montana

Montana Republicans are anticipating that the natural enthusiasm connected with the Presidential election brings the defeat of Senator Wheeler within the line of possibility. In this case, it must be confessed, no really definite steps have been taken for the selection of the Republican opponent, but there are plenty of possibilities. Key Pittman of Nevada has to tempt fate in 1928, and here again there is a serious feeling in view of the figures in the Oddie-Baker contest in 1926 that the seat can be won by the Republicans. A battle is to be made against Kendrick of Wyoming. It is impossible, at this time, however, to forecast its lines.

Michigan Republicans, who have shown a new militant spirit, are anticipating most comfortably the defeat of Senator Ferris and the substitution of a Republican. Here again, there are a number of strong personalities any one of whom could accomplish the desired result.

Need to Quit?

In Missouri, Senator Jim Reed has declared that he will not be a candidate for re-election, and as yet no definite word is at hand as to the likely Democratic nominee to succeed him. Beginning with 1904, Missouri has been inclined toward Republicanism in national elections (save in 1912 and 1916 when Wilson carried it) and there are grounds for the hope that there another Republican brand can be plucked from the burning.

The hint that Senator Jones of New Mexico, because of the condition of his health may not seek re-election, has led to serious discussion of the possibility in that event of electing a Republican because of the inability of the Democrats to pick a man of equal strength to Jones. The Republicans are probably including within the list of possibilities the defeat of Senators Edwards of New Jersey, Copeland of New York, Gerry of Rhode Island, Neely of West Virginia, Bruce of Maryland, and Bayard of Delaware.

This is a most ambitious program, and its complete fulfillment is hardly possible. But in each and every case strong, positive Republican campaigns will be made which will work to the advantage of the national Presidential ticket and of the national Republican organization.

STATE'S ATTORNEYS TO GET SALARY BOOST

State's attorneys in the various counties of Illinois elected to office during 1923 will receive an increase in salaries under the provisions of Senate Bill No. 68. The measure was introduced by Senator Richard J. Barr of Joliet, passed by the senate on March 15 and by the house on June 1. The measure became a law without the signature of Gov. Small.

Under the provisions of the bill, state's attorneys in counties having a population of not exceeding 25,000 will receive an annual salary of \$125 for each 1,000 population. In counties having a population of from 25,000 to 30,000 the annual salary will be \$4,000; in counties having a population of from 30,000 to 40,000 the annual salary will be \$4,500; for counties with a population of between 40,000 and 65,000 the salary will be \$5,500; in counties having a population of between 65,000 and 90,000 the annual salary will be \$6,500; in counties with a population of from 90,000 to 105,000 the salary will be \$7,500 per annum. and in counties having a population between 105,000 and \$250,000 the annual salary will be \$8,000.

While in the main the bill provides increased salaries, in counties with a population between 25,000 and 30,000 and those between 30,000 and 40,000 the new schedule provides a reduction of \$500 per year under certain population conditions.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACHES EXCELLENT

Bulletin of Chamber of Commerce Says, However, Crop Not Very Large

Southern Illinois peaches are the finest peaches in the world in aroma, taste, texture and appearance, according to a bulletin just issued by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Commercial peach orcharding in Southern Illinois is a comparatively new but a swiftly growing industry. "The Southern Illinois peach crop will go onto the market about Aug. 1 this year and the marketing season will close about Aug. 20," says the bulletin. "The 1927 crop will not be a very large one because of late spring frosts. It is estimated that the yield will be between 1,000,000 and 1,200,000 bushels. Last year it was more than 2,000,000 bushels."

"The quality this year, however, is very good and no marketing problem exists." Demand should be greater than the supply. Because of the marked superiority of Illinois peaches over all other peaches, the smart buyer who demands quality should put in his order early.

So good are Southern Illinois peaches that in recent years they have invaded the Georgia market and have outsold the famous Georgia peach, in its own stronghold, from 75 cents to \$1 a bushel. The best known varieties of Southern Illinois peaches, are the Hale and the Elberta. But due to climatic conditions and the nature of the soil these varieties are for more toothsome here than when grown in other peach districts.

Individual Southern Illinois peaches have been known to attain a diameter of four inches and a weight of from one pound to a pound and a half. No one knows how good peaches can be until he has eaten Southern Illinois peaches.

The Federal Government barberry eradicators working in some of the western states under a federal appropriation have aroused the ire of some of the newspaper editors. One of the editors who confesses that for two weeks he has been entertained at the spectacle of two of these experts sitting at ease in a parked car and doing nothing except resting, expresses wonderment as to how long this is going to keep up.

"Their hours," he says, "seem to be from 10 to 11 in the forenoon and 2 to 3 in the afternoon. The eradication of the common barberry may be a great issue, but if the laziest white man in the whole county was given the job these fellows have, they would clean up all the barberries in Union county in one half the time."

Soviet officials blame their beef with Great Britain to the trouble in China. Well, what the Reds have done in China ought to be sufficient grounds for divorce.

NEW LAW PROTECTS EMPLOYEES' WAGES

PASSED BY STATE SOLONS

Provides that Corporations Must File Statements Showing How Much to Be Paid Workers on Pay Day

With interest centering during the legislature in the Woman's Eight Hour Bill and the Old Age Pension measure, against both of which the capitalistic lobby waged its fiercest fight, organized labor was successful in securing passage of its most important legislation of the session. This was Senate Bill No. 75. The measure is regarded as affording to the workers of the state the strongest protection ever guaranteed in Illinois.

The measure is entitled: "A bill for an act to promote the general welfare of the people of the state by providing for the security of wages of domestic and foreign corporations."

Financial Statements Necessary Under the provisions of the measure on or before the first day of December each year all domestic and foreign corporations are required to file with the secretary of state statements showing as near as possible the amount of wages to be paid to employees on each pay day, together with conditions of the corporation and attesting its ability to meet the payroll.

At the same time the corporations are required to file a bond equal to one-tenth of the annual pay-roll, as assurance of ability to protect employees, while the stockholders, jointly and severally are held liable to payment of wages to the amount of the par value of the stock held.

Enforcement

The attorney general is authorized to file a bill to enjoin all corporations failing to comply with the provisions of this measure until the requirements are met, and fines of from \$500 to \$1,000 a day are provided for failure to promptly comply with the provisions.

The measure was one caught in the legislative jam of the last two weeks of the session, but in the closing day it was brought to the front by its sponsor, and passed practically without opposition. Labor leaders regard the measure as the greatest protection ever afforded to workers in the state, and of even greater import than other labor legislation in which more bitter fights were waged.

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