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REPUBLICAN RALLY.

The "Get-Together" Meeting at Bloomington, May 29, was Probably the Greatest Affair of the Kind Ever Pulled Off in Illinois.

If anyone wanted evidence of the fact that Republicans are united they should have been at Bloomington last week Friday.

The seventeenth congressional district of Illinois, including McLean, Livingston, Logan, Ford and Woodford counties, is the richest agricultural district, in many respects, in the United States. It has been ably represented in congress for many years by Republicans, but at the last general election the district went Democratic.

Those Republicans who voted the third party ticket now see that the result was just what they didn't want, and most of them will vote right this fall.

Today thousands of Republicans all over the country who voted for Roosevelt, especially among those who composed the rank and file, say that if Mr. Roosevelt wants to run again let him come out and try for the Republican nomination and they will be with him, but if he runs independent again they will not support him.

Already thousands upon thousands of people are out of employment and the hard times are being felt by those,

and also by the business men who do business on borrowed capital and the farmer who wants to buy the adjoining forty or eighty, or who is paying off a mortgage. The cost of living has not been reduced.

The railroads are laying off thousands of men, and there is no better business barometer than this immense enterprise. This is being felt in every town or city where there are a number employed. It is being felt right here. The men who split the Republican party two years ago are looking for some way to put the Democratic party out of business. Beside there being a large number who stood by the party at Bloomington, there was also a large number of the third party Republicans, and as far as the meeting and greeting was concerned, it was cordial and pleasant, and turned into a regular reunion before they separated.

Of course there are a few of the leaders, not many of whom had ever been very faithful Republicans, who won't come in publicly. They got in so far and abused the Republican party so much that they are ashamed to come back but most of them will come in the back door, as it were, and will be out on the front porch before we know it, shouting for the G. O. P.

NEW BLOOD.

There was one important feature which cropped out at Bloomington, and that was that at least nine-tenths of those present expressed views that the Republican party in Illinois should have a new deal. That the old party leaders and office holders be advisers or well wishers in the future, and push the new blood to the front. That men should be nominated for state office who have not been bitter supporters of any faction. This is no time for factions; no time for quarrels; no time for disagreements; but it is the time to see that all districts are represented by good Republicans.

The Chicago papers had representatives at the meeting and gave considerable space, but there is not a Republican paper in Chicago.

The occasion was the celebration of the fifty-eighth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party in Illinois. It was just that long ago when Abraham Lincoln made his celebrated speech, which has not been found and is known as the "lost speech." The meeting was held in the Coliseum and there were about 650 at the banquet tables, and more than double that number in the galleries.

Three former governors and one former U. S. senator attracted much attention—Joseph W. Fifer, Richard Yates, Chas. S. Deneen, and Ex-Senator Hopkins.

Ex-Attorney General Geo. W. Wickersham, of New York, and Ex-Secretary of Commerce Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, were the principal speakers, and proved to be able orators and both delivered splendid addresses, and two of the quotations from President Lincoln seemed to govern the great meeting, as follows:

"With malice toward none and charity for all."

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

No better texts could have been chosen from which to preach the right kind of political doctrine, than the above.

Personal abuse of Colonel Roosevelt or his friends will not get anyone anything in the future.

Besides the above speakers the crowd called for the ex-governors, senators and others, and several responded.

Livingston county was, as usual, largely represented and all are anxious for victory this fall, and some of them were for the Colonel two years ago. Indeed the whole district was well represented, and it was a very pleasant affair and many old friends visited and talked over affairs in different parts of the district.

Ex-Congressman John A. Sterling was holding receptions everywhere. Col. Frank L. Smith was largely instrumental in making this meeting the great success it was, and is popular throughout the state.

There were several candidates, or "willing workers" for office there, but the meeting was a "Get-Together" one, and nothing definite was announced.

Among those who were talked of for governor were Col. Frank L. Smith, Col. Frank O. Lowden, Ed. Murphy, Tip Doyle, John A. Sterling and others.

La Salle county was represented and came with a candidate for state treasurer. He was exhibited by "Busty" Gardner and others.

We are indebted to the Pantagraph for the following excerpts:

"Large in its proportions, brilliant in its spectacular features, great in the personality of its chief participants and surprisingly spontaneous in its enthusiasm, was the gathering of Republicans of the seventeenth congressional district, held in Bloomington in celebration of the fifty-eighth anniversary of the Major's hall convention which marked the launching of the Republican party in Illinois."

AT THE SPEAKERS' TABLE.

"Seldom in the history of the city has there been so large a gathering of Republican leaders at one occasion here. The list of names of men at the speakers' table included three former

governors of the state of Illinois, one former vice-governor of the Philippine Islands, one former attorney general of the United States, one United States senator, numerous state senators, congressmen, and men of less notable station in political life.

The list of the names at the table included the following: Col. D. C. Smith, toastmaster; Hon. George W. Wickersham, of New York; Hon. Charles Nagel, of St. Louis; former Gov. Charles S. Deneen, former Gov. Richard Yates, former Gov. Joseph W. Fifer, Hon. Newton Gilbert, of Ohio, former vice-governor of the Philippines; former United States Senator A. J. Hopkins, of Aurora; Judge Frank K. Dunn, of the Illinois supreme court; J. McCann Davis, clerk of the Illinois supreme court; Hon. John Oglesby, former lieutenant-governor of Illinois; Charles W. Vail, former clerk of the superior court of Chicago; Hon. David Shanahan, of Chicago; Judge John M. Harlan, of Chicago; Judge Clyde M. Stone, of Peoria; Senator George D. Chaffee, of Shelbyville; Hon. Frank D. Whipp, of the state board of administration; S. S. Tanner, of Minier; Senator C. P. Gardner, of Mendota; Senator I. M. Lish, of Livingston county; Col. Frank L. Smith, of Dwight; Hon. H. D. Ireland, of Washburn; Hon. Walter M. Provine, of Taylorville; E. J. Murphy, of Joliet, former warden of the penitentiary; Postmaster J. T. Clyne, of Joliet; Col. Fred Smith, of Peoria; Hon. W. A. Northcott, of Springfield; Senator H. M. Dunlap, of Champaign county; Secretary Garret DeForest Kinnie, of the Republican state central committee; Judge Harris, of Lincoln; Judge G. W. Patton, of Pontiac; B. A. Eckhart, of Chicago; Judge Fort, of Woodford; Judge Hill, of Clinton; Senator Ettelson, of Chicago; Hon. George Keys, of Springfield; E. O. Phillips, special correspondent of the Chicago Tribune; Arthur V. Evans of the Chicago Record-Herald; E. I. Lewis, of the Indianapolis News; Dr. Wilcox, of Minonk; Reuben Stoddard, of Minonk; J. N. Rodman, of Moweaqua; C. L. Stone, of Mason City; Hon. William Rowe, of Saybrook; R. S. McIlhuff, of Pontiac; Bert Adsit, of Pontiac; F. D. Thompson, of Paxton; Judge R. M. Benjamin, Judge C. D. Myers, George P. Davis, LaFayette Funk, Judge Wesley M. Owen, B. F. Harber, Judge Homer W. Hall, E. E. Jones, T. C. Kerrick, John T. Walton, Edward Wilson, John Stubblefield, M. H. Newton, Simon Lantz, J. P. Lindley, Hon. John A. Sterling, J. B. Ayers, William Rodman and many others, from Bloomington.

Those present from Dwight were M. W. Tambling, J. J. Doherty, C. J. Ahern, F. L. Smith, Wm. Wyllie, Joe

Miller, J. R. Oughton, W. G. Dustin, J. C. Parker, Chas. Flomerfelt, A. S. Holbrook. Tom Walsh, of Campus, was also in attendance.

BIG AUTO TOUR PLANNED.

To Go Through Grundy, Will, DuPage, Lake and DeKalb Counties.

The biggest auto tour of farm inspection yet undertaken, is being planned by the Livingston County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, in co-operation with the Will County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, for June 9th and 10th. The chief object of the tour will be to inspect the sweet clover fields on the farm of W. P. Graham, near Rochelle, to study his methods of production and the use to which he puts the crop. In DuPage, Lake and DeKalb counties, scores of silos, model dairy barns, many dairy herds and large fields of alfalfa will be seen. It is arranged to inspect a number of these silos, dairy barns and herds, also several alfalfa fields and bunches of fattening cattle.

The Livingston county farmers will leave Pontiac at 7 a. m. June 9th and go by auto through Grundy county to Joliet, where they will be met by the Will county farmers, led by their County Agent, F. C. Grannis. No stops will be made in Will county. The party will go direct to Aurora, where the Lake county farmers, led by their County Agent, E. B. Heaton, will join the train. County Agent Readhimer, of Kane county, with a delegation of Kane county farmers, will meet the train in Kane county and conduct it to Geneva, where a stop will be made for dinner. Prof. Readhimer will put the farms along Lincoln Highway, through Kane county, on dress parade for that day and no one who will accompany this train will forget Kane county as a great dairy district, bristling with silos and whose many green fields are alive with hundreds of clean, high-bred herds of browsing Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey dairy cows; threaded with clean, white crushed rock roads and checkered with fields of alfalfa.

The train will be met in DeKalb county by Mr. Eckhardt, County Agent of that county, with a delegation of DeKalb county farms. Mr. Eckhardt will arrange an interesting program for the trip through DeKalb county. Many interesting fields of alfalfa will be seen in this county, also dairy barns, silos and farm homes. Mr. Eckhardt will have entire charge of the program which will be pursued in DeKalb county.

The train will reach Rochelle late in the afternoon and will stay over

night there. In the morning of the 10th, Mr. W. P. Graham, with a committee of Ogle county farmers, will conduct the train to his fields of sweet clover, where he has 60 acres of two year old sweet clover, on 40 acres of which he is pasturing 60 head of cattle and horses. This livestock will be seen in the field. It will be noted that about 100 head of cattle and horses could be readily maintained on 40 acres of sweet clover. Eighty acres of corn land will be seen where sweet clover was plowed under last fall. On 40 acres of this land many sweet clover plants are to be seen over the entire field and there is evidence that it will be a serious weed in the corn. Upon the other 40 acres, however, no trace of sweet clover is seen. Twenty acres of yellow sweet clover will also be seen and 10 acres of sweet clover will be inspected also, and Mr. Graham will review his method of sweet clover management and his result with the crop as hay and for pasture, ensilage and as a green manure to be used in soil improvement management. Those who are interested in sweet clover will get more reliable information on this trip than it is possible to get from any other source. This trip would be worth while to see Mr. Graham's sweet clover alone.

It is planned for the train to break up at Rochelle immediately after noon the second day. The different parties will choose their own return routes. From Joliet to DeKalb the train will follow the Lincoln Highway, which is of crushed rock the entire distance. There is probably no prettier drive or section of country in Illinois, than is found along the Lincoln highway between Joliet and DeKalb. Everyone who takes the trip will be fully repaid by the genuine pleasure of viewing this pretty country and driving over the splendid Lincoln Highway.

Livingston county is a big, rich county and should be represented on this tour accordingly. Let every machine carry a Livingston county pennant and a full load upon this occasion. This tour will be a pleasure trip, in addition to a source of education. It is advisable for those desiring to take this trip to notify the Livingston County Soil and Crop Improvement Association. — Roy C. Bishop, Agent, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

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