

VIRGINIA NOW IS BATTLEGROUND OF TWO PARTIES

G. O. P. Hopes to Break Into South at State Election.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20.—In Virginia there is a State election this fall to elect a Governor and various other State officers, and a vacancy is to be filled in the Fifth congressional district. The national Republicans, who control the State, have a chance to break into the South and has elaborated a skillful campaign backed with abundant funds. The State organization has set its coon trap to catch the voters "coming and going." When the Republicans held their recent convention in Richmond they loudly proclaimed that the party was a "true friend" to the negro and caused to admit negroes to the hall. This to catch white votes. They soothed the feelings of the negroes by citing a State law forbidding mixed assemblies. The law is old and never has been enforced in such cases.

But inside the convention it was different. The platform adopted on which the Republicans make their campaign pledges the party to the removal of all Virginia laws restricting negro suffrage. In the event of the success of this movement the negroes in the State would be controlled by the negro vote, and in a close election they would control the results in the entire State.

ATTACK NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

The Democrats of the State are waking up and getting in fight shape. They have a State ticket headed by State Senator Trinkle, and have selected H. D. Flood, one of the Virginia Congressmen, a resourceful and energetic organizer, as chairman of the State committee. J. Murray Hooker was nominated for the congressional vacancy, which remained Mr. Hooker went after the national Republican administration with a sharp stick. In the resolutions adopted is found the following:

"Not in fifty years has there party so signally failed to demonstrate its ascendancy and exploded claims of progressiveness, nor has there been a time when unemployment was so extensive and alarming as now. It is conceded that the number of men clamoring for work has increased more than 100 per cent since the inauguration of a Republican President and the assumption of legislative power by his party."

"So striking have been the blunders of this Congress in the field of legislation that the program of legislation already approved by the House of Representatives last such legislation should arouse the resentment of an indignant and outraged people."

"When the Democratic party is in the minority in both Senate and House, it has proved the safeguard of the country in preventing the dangerous and vicious legislation proposed by the interests which the party in control is impelled to reward by legislative favor."

President Harding's emergency tariff bill, which was advertised as being designed to protect the farmer in the price of his wheat, does not seem to function up to specifications. It went into operation in May and wheat, instead of going up, went down very decidedly. Perhaps it was not designed to affect the farmers' wheat as much as the farmers' vote.

Captain Crissinger, the President's personal representative, was a speaker at the New York State bankers' convention, which he says the American farmers are in the same pickle as the Cuban sugar growers; he thinks they profited in grain, cotton and livestock until it turned their heads and that they then speculated in lands until the bottom fell out of the land market, and now they have difficulty meeting the interest payments on their mortgages on the high priced lands left on their hands, on which they can only raise low-priced crops.

COURT SOCIETY'S ONLY GUARDIAN IN DIVORCE WAR

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case where the wife is plaintiff, there is a sort of quasi-civil suit in behalf of the woman plaintiff. This is not according to legal sanction and such feeling should never be consciously entertained or allowed to influence.

"A woman whose father had been a judge in another county, once told me that he had never refused a woman a divorce and never had granted a man one where his wife contested. That judge's notion of the obligation of his official and judicial oath was seriously warped."

"The impression commonly prevails that all a judge is entitled to do is to approve and ratify an agreement made out of court by the parties to have a divorce granted, and the sad part of it is that this impression seems to have some foundation. I was calling upon a judge in a distant county some time ago. While talking to him about a particular case, the bailiff came to the door and announced that the judge was wanted in the courtroom to try a little divorce case." I went out with him and watched the proceeding. The complainant had been filed less than an hour before the summons was served by the sheriff to his estranged wife over the telephone. The husband was present in person and by attorney. An attorney stated that he represented the wife. Two resident witnesses were called in from county offices. The plaintiff himself testified briefly. A decree was announced and in ten minutes with little ceremony the farce of hearing a "little divorce case" was ended. Mockery of this kind is a travesty."

ABOLISHED DIVORCE CALENDERS.

About twenty years ago, the then judges of this country inaugurated the custom of having divorce calendars in the various civil courts, which custom to some extent still prevails. I early saw the vicious results of such a custom and have abolished divorce calendars. For several years, divorce cases have been set for trial in room 5 just as other civil cases, tried by the court. The results fully justify the change.

"The vice of divorce calendars consists largely in their psychological effects.

IN THE REALM WHERE WOMAN REIGNS

Keeping House With the Hoopers

(The Hoopers, an average American family of four, living in a suburban town with a limited income, will tell the readers of the Daily Times how the many present-day problems of the home are solved by working on the budget. Mrs. Hooper, who has evolved and found practical, follow daily in an interesting review of their home life and learn to meet the conditions of the high cost of living with them.)

TUESDAY.

Mrs. Hooper's mother had arrived right after breakfast to take charge of the house during the time that it would be necessary for her to be isolated in order to nurse Betty, Miss Betty, the trial nurse, had been taken to the doctor after returning from the sick room to Mrs. Hooper. While the case was still critical and the doctor had given her no positive assurance as yet that the child could be pulled through, Mrs. Hooper felt new hope the moment she was permitted to care for Betty herself. Following the doctor's instructions would be simple, and this, with constant vigilance, would be the main task for another week at least. Mrs. Hooper remained unconscious, she was positive that her presence instead of that of a stranger, would be best for the child. Her little bed was in the alcove adjoining Mrs. Hooper's bedroom, where there was plenty of light and air, and with easy access to the bathroom. As she had told Henry, she had put an extensive coat on the telephone, which could be carried in a bag and she would be able to keep in communication with the outside world without having to go downstairs. She had put the phone into Roger's unoccupied room across the hall so that its muffled bell would not disturb Betty. Her mother was occupying the guest room and Helen and Roger were being kept on the lower floor.

On the following day, Roger, a family in the laundry. A temporary gas plate, connected by a piece of tubing to the gas jet, made it possible for her to prepare everything Betty needed, and as her own meals were to be brought to the door on a tray, she would not have to go to the kitchen at all, and would thus escape any contact with the rest of the family. She brought her account book, papers to the desk in her room and intended to do her laundry and plan her meals from them, leaving written instructions on her tray every morning, which her mother and Helen and Roger would carry out.

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