

# THE PROHIBITION PARTY AT WORK

## THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S BULLETIN

## MICHIGAN'S CONVENTION

### FELLOW PARTY PROHIBITIONISTS:

Every sign now points to a record-breaking National Convention at Columbus, July 15, next.

Already 160 of the 1512 delegates have been chosen from seven states, and the convention has received more publicity in the press than any previous event in the party's history.

It is not too early for every Prohibitionist in the United States who expects to be there to begin planning his trip.

Chairman F. M. Mecartney of the committee on entertainment writes that he is prepared to furnish individuals and delegations interested with full particulars regarding local accommodations at Columbus, including terms and location of hotels, boarding houses, etc. His address is Board of Trade Building, Columbus, O.

The greater the number of Prohibitionists who attend this year's national convention, the greater the enthusiasm, and the deeper the impression which the council will make upon a public already on the qui vive with interest.

There is no question but that this great rally will go down in American annals as one of the significant events of the Twentieth century.

It will be historic in spirit, aims and achievement, and its influence and consequences may change the whole future history of the nation.

Upon its work and the spirit dominating it, will largely depend the success of the 1908 canvass to elect the Prohibition issue and a Prohibition President.

The Prohibition party state conventions just held the past week at Kalamazoo and Guthrie were full of good omen for the cause.

The Michigan convention, with upwards of 200 delegates, was by far the most enthusiastic and encouraging held in that state for years. Dr. Samuel Dickie and others inspired the convention with their presence and counsel.

The Oklahoma convention, the first since the admission of the new state with a splendid Prohibition clause in its constitution, was made notable by the presence of Governor C. N. Haskell and the Hon. E. W. Chafin, whose addresses were cheered to the echo at a big night rally. Governor Haskell again showed his independence of party lines, by making a subscription to the work.

The states which have already chosen delegates to the Prohibition national convention at Columbus are Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Michigan, Oklahoma.

Nineteen other states have announced their conventions as follows:

	Date.	Where Held.
Kentucky	April 29	Louisville
Kansas	April 29	Peabody
Idaho	May 6	Boise
Illinois	May 6	Springfield
Maine	May 7	Portland
Missouri	May 13-14	Joplin
New Jersey	May 19	Trenton
Indiana	May 19-20	Indianapolis
Pennsylvania	May 28	Sayre
California	May 26	Modesto
Minnesota	June 8-9	Minneapolis
Wisconsin	June 11-12	Milwaukee
Connecticut	June 23-24	South Manchester
Iowa	June 23	Des Moines
Florida	June —	Tampa
Ohio	July 13-14	Columbus
New York	September 1-2	Syracuse
Washington	September 8	Seattle
Rhode Island		Providence

The National Issue movement, which is getting under way quietly, but with genuine enthusiasm, is able to report splendid preliminary progress, with greater things certain in the coming weeks.

The tame and disgraceful smothering of Prohibition legislation in Congress, despite overwhelming demand and heart-breaking need; the internal dissensions among the old party bosses of New York, Indiana, Kentucky, Iowa, Oregon, and many other states; the shameless and open alliance with the brewers by one or both of these parties in Illinois, West Virginia, South Carolina, Nebraska, Colorado, Wisconsin, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; the invertebrate and narrow political expediency which is dictating silence upon and indifference toward the great reform on the part of the three other "reform" parties of the nation—these are all signs which point the Providential opportunity of the Prohibition party in this campaign, and should help every Prohibition speaker and worker to everywhere drive home the supreme argument of the party with irresistible force.

The devil himself cannot thwart the purposes of the united Prohibition forces of America if we but stand shoulder to shoulder. Your help is needed and we expect it.

Yours for The Victory,

92 La Salle St., Chicago,  
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Chairman, Prohibition National Committee.

### Prohibitionists Meet at Kalamazoo—Tracy Endorsed for Presidential Candidate —Taylor Re-elected

KALAMAZOO, MICH., April 15—(Special correspondence)—The Prohibitionists of Michigan held in this city today one of the best conventions that the party in Michigan has enjoyed in recent years. There was a fine representation, covering every district of the state excepting the far away Twelfth, and the workers came with a new spirit of enthusiasm and courage.

The convention was called to order by State



JOSEPH P. TRACY

Endorsed by Michigan State Convention for Presidential Candidate

Chairman Taylor a little after ten o'clock, in the large auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building. A fine audience of delegates and visitors was already present.

The Rev. Dr. F. E. Day of Albion was introduced as temporary chairman and delivered a ringing address. Chairman Taylor also addressed the convention. After the noon recess the Rev. Dr. N. F. Jenkins was presented by the committee on permanent organization as permanent chairman. Dr. Jenkins, on taking the chair, addressed the convention vigorously and served with much acceptance through the remaining sessions.

The principal items of business of the day were the election of a state chairman, the raising of campaign funds, the adoption of a platform and the selection of delegates to represent the state at the national convention.

For the office of state chairman there were two candidates, Dr. Samuel Dickie nominating Chairman Taylor to succeed himself in office, and a strong minority presenting the name of Dr. Alfred Lowther of Detroit. After a number of vigorous nominating speeches upon each side, Dr. Lowther withdrew his name and the election of Mr. Taylor was made unanimous.

The fund raising was in the hands of the Rev. Dr. James Hamilton, and was conducted much after the style of the old-fashioned church dedication collections. Considerably more than a thousand dollars was raised as a starter for