

the campaign fund. In view of the fact that the committee was quite seriously in debt, Chairman Taylor suggested a procedure by which he assumed the responsibility for all the outstanding debts, with the exception of three or four amounting to perhaps \$500, with the privilege of reimbursing himself by the collection of such overdue pledges as it may be possible to realize upon.

The platform adopted was a straight, middle-of-the-road document, making no expression upon any subject except Prohibition.

Michigan is entitled to seventy-one delegates to the national convention. These were selected,



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sixty of them from the districts, with eleven delegates at large. The delegates at large were as follows:

Samuel Dickie, Albion.
Edward Townsend, Ionia.
Joseph P. Tracy, Detroit.
John Russell, New Haven.
James Hamilton, Grand Rapids.
Wm. A. Taylor, Battle Creek.
F. W. Corbett, Adrian.
G. L. Adams, Fowlerville.
Dr. Alfred Lowther, Detroit.
Dr. M. M. Callen, Jackson.
John W. Sheehan, Hastings.

The convention adopted a resolution strongly endorsing the "Tracy boom" which has been started by the Prohibitionists of Detroit, and commending Joseph P. Tracy to the Prohibitionists of the United States as candidate for President.

The evening mass meeting was favored by the presence of four of the party's orators. State Chairman Taylor presided, introducing President Samuel Dickie of Albion College as the first speaker. Mr. Dickie spoke somewhat briefly but with much force and was highly appreciated and vigorously applauded.

After Dr. Dickie's address Mr. Joseph P. Tracy was introduced and received a most gratifying ovation. Mr. Tracy said in part that since the state of Michigan leads—or believes itself to lead—pretty much all the rest of the Union in the excellence of its manufactured products, he believed that the time has come when Michigan ought to lead in the building of a water-wagon that can cross a county or a state line without jarring to pieces; that will not shy out of the road if it meets the "elephant," and can run straight over a whisky "jackass."

Mr. Wm. P. F. Ferguson, of *The National Prohibitionist*, was then introduced and addressed the convention at length upon the present status and prospects of the Prohibition party

movement. The speech was enthusiastically received. National Chairman Jones, with a brief address, then concluded the speaking and at the invitation of Chairman Taylor, the Rev. V. K. Beshgetoor closed the memorable day with the benediction.

"Father" John Russell, though unable to attend, wrote a ringing letter to the convention from his home in New Haven.

OKLAHOMA CONVENTION

New State Organizes Party—Democratic Governor Attends and Addresses the Gathering

GUTHRIE, OKLA., April 15—(By the Associated Prohibition Press)—The Prohibition party of the new state of Oklahoma today held its first convention in this city. There are no state offices to be filled at the coming election, so the work of the convention was confined to perfecting the organization of the party in the state and naming an electoral ticket.

The principal feature of the convention was the lively debate over the adoption of planks in the platform, endorsing the state agency feature of the Billups bill which recently became a law and which is now in effect. This, together with the mass meeting addressed by Governor Haskell and E. W. Chafin of Chicago, made a great day.

The law provides a state agency for the sale and distribution of liquors under the most rigid restrictions, solely for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes. As a matter of fact, the law was drafted by the Prohibition leaders of the state and the state agents have practically all been selected from the ranks of the Prohibitionists. No provision whatever has been provided for sales for beverage purposes and the most stringent provisions are provided by law to guard against prescriptions for unlawful purposes.

But the whisky crew which, from the beginning, have masked themselves as "Prohibitionists who want a reasonable law," have savagely attacked this state agency, dubbing it a "state saloon," and have so industriously misrepresented the measure that many Prohibitionists were deceived, and were inclined to oppose the measure. The subject was thrashed out in the committee on resolutions with the result that planks endorsing not only the Billups law, but specifically endorsing the state agency feature of the proposal. The subject was debated again in the convention, resulting in the planks being carried with but three adverse votes.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Christian church at which Hon. E. W. Chafin of Chicago and Governor Haskell were the speakers. Chafin spoke for an hour on high ideals in politics and Governor Haskell closed the meeting with a half hour of masterly arguments for Prohibition.

The delegation to the national convention was made up of the following: Charles Brown, Carmen; R. W. Pender, Sapulpa; C. A. Mitchell, Cherokee; J. M. Monroe and J. J. Thompson, Oklahoma City; I. C. Rankin and Lila D. Lindsay, Tulsa; M. Fellows, Alva; Mr. Turner, Boynton.

The electoral ticket was made up of the following: J. Hubbard, Miami; L. Fisher, Lamont; I. C. Rankin, Tulsa; W. R. McKnight, Roosevelt; J. E. Brewer, Guthrie; R. W. Pender, Sapulpa; and E. S. Stockwell, Muskogee.

Charles Brown and J. M. Monroe were chosen national committeemen and Charles Brown was elected state chairman. A good beginning for a state fund was raised.

THE WHEELER BOOM

California Prohibitionists Enthusiastic Over Reception of their Suggestion by the Party

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., April 14—(Special correspondence)—The committee appointed to canvass the country in favor of the candidacy of Mr. Fred F. Wheeler for Presidential nominee on the Prohibition ticket are jubilant over the responses they are receiving from all over the country. While there is no attempt—and there will be no attempt to force the nomination of Mr. Wheeler, the committee feels that it has been highly successful in calling the attention of the Prohibitionists of the nation to the exceptional qualifications of California's candidate.

Although no request has been made for the instruction of delegates in Mr. Wheeler's behalf, North Dakota has taken the lead and at its recent meeting the state central committee instructed its delegates to cast a solid vote at Columbus for Fred F. Wheeler as the Prohibition Presidential nominee.

Stanislaus county, having one of the largest and most effective Prohibition organizations in this state, recently adopted a series of resolutions endorsing Mr. Wheeler and warmly advising all Prohibitionists of the country to make him their Presidential candidate.

WHEN THE HOOSIERS RALLY

Great Convention in Prospect at Indianapolis, May 19 and 20

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16—(Special correspondence)—As the date for the gathering of the state Prohibition convention of Indiana, which will meet in this city on May 19, draws near, the indications increase that point to a great gathering and a memorable occasion. The convention will be preceded on Monday evening, May 18, by a diamond medal contest which will take place in the First Baptist church. The convention proper will open on Tuesday and will continue through the day, Wednesday.

Among the prominent speakers who will be present are National Chairman Chas. R. Jones, the Hon. E. W. Chafin, Michael J. Fanning and Wm. P. F. Ferguson of *The National Prohibitionist*.

The music of the occasion will be under the direction of the well known Prohibition singer and song writer, Chas. M. Filmore.

The work of Mr. M. J. Fanning, which began in this state on January 20, has done much to prepare the way for a great convention. Mr. N. B. Eldridge of Minnesota is also holding local conventions and organizing a Venango campaign that will strengthen the state work and add to the interest in the convention.

THE KANSAS CONVENTION

Prohibitionists to Meet at Peabody Next Week

PEABODY, KANS., April 18—(Special correspondence)—The state Prohibition convention of Kansas will open its sessions in this city on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 29. A mass meeting will be held on Wednesday evening. The principal business session of the convention will open on Thursday morning, April 30. National Chairman Chas. R. Jones will be present and the Rev. E. H. Shouse, pastor of the First Baptist church at Parsons, Kans., will address the convention. News from various parts of the state indicates a good attendance.