

## THE EMPIRE STATE

STATE PROHIBITION HEADQUARTERS, OSWEGO, N. Y., April 20—Four people are on the jump at headquarters, pushing arrangements for the about 500 conventions to be held. Thirty-eight kinds of supplies are being furnished, with intention of making the arrangements for holding and reporting conventions almost do themselves, and making the chairman's work ten-fold more efficient and easy than usual.

The primary election law has doubled the work of the state chairman. Mr. Pitts worked all night three nights of last week and until long after midnight on the other evenings, drafting, revising and arranging schedules, ciphering out the details and trying to draw programs and blank minutes to match, containing the statements and blanks required by law.

Supplies will be printed and shipped by May 10, at which time Mr. Pitts will take the road and spend most of the time on the road until the state convention, although he is badly needed at headquarters, as some days more than a hundred letters arrive. But finances compel him to take the road raising funds, while if the Prohibitionists who intend to pay would all send in their money or pledges at once he could spend the time at headquarters pushing work from all over the state.

The Hon. W. W. Smith of Poughkeepsie has just sent in his check for \$500 with a word of cheer. It came very opportunely as there are nearly \$800 in bills outstanding for reënrollment and convention supplies and chairman's salary. If our other comrades will send in \$1,000 between them at once we can push the work free of debt.

Allegany county held an enthusiastic convention Tuesday last at Wellsville, with about thirty-five delegates present, nominated a county ticket and reorganized, held a rousing rally at night addressed by C. E. Newlin of Indianapolis.

Jefferson county held its spring special convention to hear Mr. Newlin and elect delegates to state and national conventions, with about seventy-five delegates present, every man bubbling over with enthusiasm. Over \$3,000 has been pledged for Venango work in that county (available during the next thirty months), and over 2,200 Venango pledges have been secured, making (with present party enrollment), 3,000 pledges of the necessary 7,000 to sweep the county. Chairman Bishop is on the war-path. Chairman Pitts attended the convention and also made a short address which was heartily cheered. Mr. Newlin delivered a speech on the theory of government and politics, showing the utter folly of attempting to achieve Prohibition reform through old parties, consisting as they do of a "divided constituency," part whisky and part dry. Local people say it is one of the strongest party speeches ever made in Jefferson county. He was complimented by old party men present. One enthusiastic Roosevelt man, who had a Roosevelt badge on, took it off and went home with his pocket full of cards to work for signatures for the Prohibition party.

Niagara county holds its convention Friday of this week at Lockport and Chairman Scholefield, who is everlastingly at it, is looking for a very enthusiastic affair.

Dr. Tiffany has been working in Herkimer county, also in Chemung county, receiving enthusiastic welcome wherever he goes. He is this week in Westchester county.

Secretary Harger has addressed enthusiastic rallies at Cortland, Cincinnatus, Bainbridge, Sidney, Delhi, Walton, Liberty, Middletown, Newburg and Spring Valley. He is in New York, Kings, Queens and Westchester counties this week.

Mr. Newlin received a perfect ovation at

Jamestown, and addressed an immense audience, which continued to insist upon "more" when he finished. He spoke Tuesday at Wellsville; at Alfred University Wednesday, where he was finely received by the faculty and students; at Oswego Thursday, to an audience of 350, including leading attorneys and business people of the city; and at Watertown Friday night, where he addressed 600 people in Washington Hall.

A large number of dates for conventions have been taken, but only on following are arrangements completed. The list gives date, hour, place and town of meeting and name of the state committee's representative who will attend.

Columbia, May 11, 2 p. m., Home, Jas. McNeill Hudson, C. E. Pitts.  
Ontario, June 2, 1:30 p. m., City Hall, Canandaigua, E. L. Tiffany.  
Orange, July 10, 1 p. m., ..... Middletown, Tiffany.  
Orleans, May 16, 2 p. m., Court House, Albion, Pitts.  
Oswego, Aug. 18, 10:30 a. m., Theater, Oswego, Harger, Pitts.  
Rockland, July 28, 1 p. m., Opera House, Spring Valley, Tiffany.  
Schuyler, May 30, 1 p. m., Court House, Watkins, Tiffany.  
Monroe, June 24, 1:30 p. m., City Hall, Rochester, Pitts.  
Niagara, April 25, 2 p. m., F. M. Church, Lockport, Dr. J. A. Hartman.  
Onondaga, July 4, 11 a. m., Fiddlers Green, Jamesville, Pitts.  
Westchester, April 25, 11 a. m., City Mission, White Plains, Tiffany, Harger and Pitts.

### A VETERAN GONE

#### Alva Ames, Formerly Connected with The Defender, Ceases from Labor

NEW YORK, April 15—(Special correspondence)—Alva Ames of Brooklyn, an oldtime Prohibitionist, connected with the *True Reform* for a long time, and with *The Defender* while it was edited by Henry W. Wilbur in New York, after a lingering illness passed away a short time ago. No truer man, or more earnest Christian could be found anywhere within our ranks, and all who knew him well feel that they have met a personal loss in his death.

### THE LONE STAR

#### Work in Texas—Even El Paso Impressed

DALLAS, TEX., April 13—(Special correspondence)—Splendid reports are received from Field Organizer Ulmer, who has been engaged for the past three weeks in Parker and Palo Pinto counties. At Weatherford, the county seat of Parker county, about thirty-five new recruits were added to the party ranks and that in the face of much lethargy and strong Democratic feeling. At Santo and Brazos, in Palo Pinto county, splendid meetings were held and many recruits gained. The national vote pledge is meeting with much favor among temperance Democrats, who see little hope of controlling their own party for Prohibition. Meetings were held with good results at Graford, Oran and Palo Pinto, and at all points return dates were requested. At Palo Pinto the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church and the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church each contributed \$10 to the campaign fund—an example that might be imitated with profit. At Mineral Wells, Mr. Ulmer spent a week, holding several meetings and making many votes for the cause.

Mr. O. W. Outland has been forced to temporarily drop his work in South Texas and return to his home in Upland, Ind. He has done splendid work, securing many recruits and arousing much interest. Another worker will be placed in South Texas at an early date, and it is hoped that Mr. Outland will return.

Tom A. Seavey sends in a good report of work in Milam and Williamson counties. H. B. Davis, who had just made a good start in the East Texas work, has been indisposed, but expects to be in working harness again in a few days.

The Dallas county work is progressing well under Chairman J. B. Hickman. The vote in Dallas county in 1904 was less than 100, but today more than 200 pledged votes have been secured in Dallas city alone. We ought to get 500 votes in Dallas county this year.

The state fund for 1908 is now nearly \$4,000 in subscriptions. The committee is seeking to secure at least \$10,000 for the year's work.

For the past two weeks the state secretary has been campaigning in West Texas. At Big Springs, where only one known party Prohibitionist was to be found, six men agreed to vote the ticket. At Stanton, J. H. Good and J. E. Garrett are going to go after new men. At Midland several young men, just of voting age, agreed to cast their first vote for the Prohibition party this year. At Odessa the Rev. J. F. Woods, who has recently moved there, will be a tower of strength to our old standby, Geo. B. Ely, and promises to try to secure a largely increased vote. At Pecos and Barstow sentiment is growing, as evidenced by a subscription of \$175 at Pecos, \$100 coming from one man who is "almost persuaded." He will probably vote the Prohibition ticket, though declining to pledge himself.

EL PASO, TEX., April 16—(Special correspondence)—The secretary has spent several days in this growing and cosmopolitan city. El Paso is on the extreme western border of Texas, 646 miles from Dallas, and 216 miles from the nearest town of any importance. It is the state's western gateway and is the distributing point for a large territory in New Mexico, Mexico and Arizona. Up to a few months ago El Paso was a wide open city. The tremendous growth of Prohibition sentiment all over Texas, however, had its influence on El Paso, and today the saloons are being forced, in some measure at least, to obey the Sunday law, and gambling has been practically stopped. El Paso has had few party Prohibitionists, but this is being changed. A few men like H. A. Taylor, E. E. Nold, W. L. Allin and J. N. Hughes have always stood at the front, but now the promise is that a good number of recruits will be added to our ranks.

H. L. Reed, a hustling young man, is pushing for a good club organization, and he will have the active assistance of his brother, as well as W. G. Abbott, H. A. Taylor, R. W. Merrill and others. Only five votes were cast in 1904 for the national ticket, but twenty are now enrolled, with many more to follow.

[The enormous increase in Prohibition work necessitates a change in the method of presentation of much of the party news, and hereafter local work in the various states, so far as possible, will be condensed into paragraphs. Workers everywhere are requested to write us news of all Prohibition party happenings in counties and towns as well as in states.—Editor's Note.]

The Prohibition party in Philadelphia, that has grown in the last two campaigns from some 400 votes to almost 3,000, stands with the Republicans as one of the two parties having full tickets nominated at the recent primaries.

New York City Prohibitionists believe that the temperance field day at the Twenty-fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church, on Sunday, April 26, will be one of the greatest gatherings in recent party history in that city. Mr. John T. Stanley is in charge. Dr. Chas. Henry Mead will speak; Mr. William T. Wardwell will preside in the morning and Mr. Alfred L. Manierre in the evening.

The Prohibitionists of Winnebago county, Ill., held their convention at Rockford on April 17, with a large attendance. Chairman Hoisington and the other county officers were continued in office. The Hon. James Lamont, the first Prohibitionist to be elected to the Illinois legislature on the Prohibition ticket, away back in 1886, attended the convention and was received with marked honors.

The Prohibitionists of Steuben county, Ind., at Hamilton, on April 15, adopted a strong platform, declaring high license, local option and dispensary laws futile and pronouncing for absolute Prohibition.