

upon the top of all that, they gave again. No one knew that afternoon just how much had been given and another collection was taken in the evening, but, in all told, when Treasurer John Whitson totaled it up this afternoon, the convention contributions lacked only \$243 of reaching the \$5,000 mark. If Mr. Whitson had been a "lightning calculator" and had been able to go before the convention in the closing minutes with that statement, that \$243 would have been quickly contributed. The convention's committee on finance approved the state committee's plan to raise a large fund for the legislative campaigns and a special fund to use in those districts where the campaign shall develop special opportunities.

At the conclusion of the fund-raising Mr. Stewart called to the platform the editor, business manager and treasurer of *The National Prohibitionist* and introduced them to the audience with some very kind words to which the audience responded enthusiastically. Mr. Woolsey, the editor of the *Danville Banner*, was also introduced and greeted warmly.

In the early evening a large number of the delegates formed in procession and, headed by the excellent Court of Honor band, marched from the Leland hotel around the public square where the old-time statehouse stands, where Abraham Lincoln used to help make laws for the people of Illinois, to the Armory where the convention was held. People said there were a thousand men in line, though an actual count would probably have shown much less, and the column was long and made an impression upon the people of Springfield, hundreds of whom watched respectfully from the sidewalks and the windows. At two or three points, in front of saloons, little gangs of toughs shouted insulting remarks at the marchers who trudged on without a word of reply. The Chicago papers this morning are responsible for the statement that those who gave the insult were drunken members of the Illinois legislature.

The evening session was an inspiration to all present. The Hon. Alonzo E. Wilson, the state chairman, presided and the first speaker was the Hon. Dan R. Sheen of Peoria. Mr. Sheen read his address but read so ably and so entertainingly that the manuscript was forgotten. It is not too high praise to say that those who listened to Mr. Sheen heard one of the ablest, most logical, most convincing presentations of the Prohibition argument ever listened to by any audience anywhere. The full address is to appear in pamphlet form and will be eagerly sought after by all who had the pleasure of hearing him. Mr. Sheen tried to coerce his audience into refraining from applause in order that he might have the more time in which to attempt the impossible task of delivering a two-hour speech in forty minutes, but the audience would applaud and did it both long and loud.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sheen's address Mr. Stewart spoke briefly and presented again the financial needs of the state committee, receiving a generous response, and the Rev. Dr. E. L. Eaton was introduced for the closing address of the evening and, as always, spoke both entertainingly and convincingly.

When the speaking was over, led by the band and by the quartets from Hedding College and Taylor University, the great audience sang three verses of America and thus closed the day.

Speaking of music, the music of the convention must not be overlooked. There was the band, of course, and it was a good one and played patriotic airs to the awakening of much enthusiasm. Professor Thatcher was here with his tremendous base solos and he buried the "rum demon" "deeply down" amid volleys of applause. The quartet from Hedding College and the quartet from Taylor University at Upland, Ind., rendered good service and were much appreciated. The King's Daughters' Quartet, just upon the eve of its departure for the summer's campaign in Nebraska,

was also present and their singing was much admired.

Promptly at nine o'clock this morning the final session of the convention was called to order and the remaining business taken up. The forenoon was chiefly occupied with the adoption of the platform and the selection of a "slate" to be suggested to the Prohibitionists in the August primary election.

The committee on platform had been hard at work, but the statesmanlike document which they presented and which will be found in *The National Prohibitionist*, was understood to be largely the work of Mr. Eugene W. Chaffin. Mr. Chaffin admitted that it was the fruit of his labor and meditations "since January." Very fittingly Mr. Chaffin was selected to present the report and no speech of the convention called forth more applause or aroused more enthusiasm than the reading of the proposed platform. With the exception of a brief amendment presented by Miss Brehm, adding the sentence with regard to child labor to the plank upon labor and capital, the platform was adopted by acclamation and as a whole.

Then came the question of the slate and the first material difference of opinion in the convention was visible for a few moments. A considerable number of those present, acting in harmony with what was understood to be the wish of the state committee, desired to submit to the voters of the party only one name for candidate for governor. These people had selected Mr. Eugene W. Chaffin for that service. On the other hand, a considerable number, and, as it proved, a majority of the delegates present, including many of Mr. Chaffin's warmest friends, believed that the spirit of the primary law would be violated by such a procedure and urged that at least one more name be placed upon the ballot. The matter was finally decided by the selection of Mr. Chaffin and the Hon. Dan R. Sheen of Peoria. The remainder of the primary ticket was rapidly made and the whole "slate" reads:

Governor—E. W. CHAFFIN, Chicago; DAN R. SHEEN, Peoria.

Lieutenant Governor—W. A. BRUBAKER, Chicago; JACOB HOOFTSTITTLER, Sterling.

Secretary of State—H. A. DUBOIS, Union County; MARION GALLUP, Livingston County.

State Auditor—L. F. GUMBART, Macomb; JOHN HARPER, Chicago.

Attorney General—FRANK S. REGAN, Rockford; M. C. HARPER, Chicago.

Treasurer—A. S. SPAULDING, Springfield; L. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Pike County.

This brought the work of the convention to a close and while some workers' conferences are in progress in the convention hall this afternoon, by far the greater part of the multitude who have been here are on their way to their homes scattered from the Wisconsin line to Cairo, to take back the enthusiasm of Illinois' greatest convention and spread the news that the Prohibition party is in the field to take possession of the government of the Prairie State and manage its affairs for the welfare of all the people.

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Prohibitionists who speak the Norwegian language or who are interested in work among people of Norwegian birth, may find it profitable to remember that there is a Prohibition paper bearing the name *Reform*, published in Eau Claire, Wis. The company which publishes *Reform* also publishes tracts and booklets on the Prohibition question.

The Rev. E. A. Wasson, rector of St. Stephens Parish church of Newark, N. J., publishes a little monthly bearing the name "*The Crown*." If the *Crown* is not subsidized by the liquor dealers, the dealers are grossly ungrateful. About half the space of its latest number coming to this office is devoted to attacks upon Prohibition. The *Crown* is published, according to its own announcement, "in the interests of practical religion."

## MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN NOTES

### How the Studentry of the Middle West Is Rallied in the North Star State

[From Minnesota Headquarters.]

The other day a man from the University of Minnesota came into the office of the state Prohibition committee to investigate the summer campaign proposition, and when he had read the list of names of students from the State University who had signed up for the work he remarked: "Why, you have the best men in school." He was exactly right about it.

Among others who will spend the summer in the interests of Prohibition in Minnesota, from the University of Minnesota, are winners of both first and second prizes in the inter-class oratorical; the leading debater of the institution, who has occupied first place on the Minnesota inter-state team several times, as well as another inter-state team man; the winner of the local and state Prohibition oratorical contest, several of the leading students in school, and perhaps some of the professors.

Kansas will send the winners of both first and second prizes in the state oratorical, in addition to other competitors in that contest. One Kansas man has refused a commission firm's offer of \$120 a month, guaranteed, to take \$10 a week from the Prohibition committee, and risk getting his \$10. Another gives up a professorship in his alma mater at a handsome figure to work in the out-to-win campaign.

Nebraska sends the winner of her state contest for the regular inter-state series of oratoricals, and Iowa will be represented by prominent students, several of whom have won local prominence in debate and oratory. Three of the six contestants in the Minnesota Prohibition oratorical contest for the state honors will spend the summer with the Prohibition committee, and a large number of local contestants have signed up for the work. New York, Illinois and Michigan will doubtless be represented by prominent students who have won recognition in college and state oratorical and debating contests.

The committee is still in need of several good men to take charge of county work in order to complete the quota of 106 field workers. Any student who enjoys a scrap ought to get into the Minnesota fight, for the devil and all his angels can't whip the Minnesota crowd.

## THE INDIANA BOOM

### Progress Moving on Ball-Bearing Rollers in Hoosier State—Great Convention Expected

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 9.—(Special correspondence)—One of the features of the great Prohibition convention which will be held here week after next will be a monster street parade in which it is expected that more men than ever took part in any other Prohibition parade will be in line. Special honor will be done to the veterans of 1884, the men who voted for John P. St. John, and they will be given the head of the column. Mr. George Hitz of this city will be grand marshal of the parade.

Another feature will be a dinner of the county chairmen of Indiana on Tuesday evening. This will be for the purpose of getting the county chairmen in closer touch with each other and discussing plans of work.

The big rally on Tuesday night will be addressed by Mr. Eugene W. Chaffin of Chicago. All save two of the counties of Indiana have already held their county conventions and are into the campaign.

From all directions the same story is told—the greatest campaign in the party's history. The report of Michael J. Fanning, who has now been campaigning fifteen weeks in this state, shows \$8,423 raised in cash and pledges.

The report of the secretary of the Cook county (Chicago) Prohibition committee for April shows \$662 subscribed in cash and pledges, of which \$306 was cash. The total in cash and pledges thus far in 1908 is \$2,204. The total cash receipts for April reached \$525.