

## ALL ABOARD FOR COLUMBUS

### Details of Preparation in Ohio's Capital for the Greatest Prohibition Convention Ever Held--Advance Notes of Gathering That Will Make National History



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COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 29.—(Special correspondence)—The local committee on arrangements for the national Prohibition convention is making strenuous efforts to get everything in good shape before the opening of that grand national meet. Some state chairmen are a little slow in answering the correspondence in regard to the time of arrival of their trains and the number of delegates expected, and some have not yet selected their hotel headquarters. *The National Prohibitionist* published on May 7 the list of hotels, the distance of each from the convention hall and their rates. It is urged that state chairmen and others select their hotel headquarters and inform the local committee at what hour and day they expect to arrive in Columbus. Many of the places for the meeting of state delegations are located in the capitol building and these offices will have to be notified at what hour the delegates will hold their meetings. It is, therefore, necessary that this information be forwarded to the local committee on arrangements at the earliest possible moment.

The following delegations have reported and have been assigned places for their delegation meetings, as follows:

Connecticut—Arrives in Columbus at 10:30 a. m. July 14; hotel headquarters at the Vendome; holds its delegation meeting in the governor's reception room in the capitol building at 2 p. m. of the same day.

Georgia—Headquarters, the Virginia Hotel, delegation meeting in the Virginia Hotel parlor. Time of arrival not reported.

Illinois—Headquarters, Southern Hotel; meets in the east hall of the Southern Hotel at 2 p. m. July 14; arrives in Columbus, July 14, 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. (two sections.)

Indiana—Headquarters, Hotel Hartman; meets in the hotel parlor at 7:30 a. m. July 15; arrives in Columbus, 6 p. m. July 14.

Kansas—Hotel headquarters not selected; meets in the auditor's office (excise room) in the capitol building at 8 a. m. July 15; arrives in Columbus 7:55 p. m. July 14.

Kentucky—Headquarters, Virginia Hotel; meets in the mine inspector's office, capitol building, 2 p. m. July 14; time of arrival not fixed.

Massachusetts—Headquarters, Bryden Hotel; holds delegation meeting at 2 p. m., July 14, in dairy and food commissioners' office in the capitol building; arrives in Columbus on the New England Special 10:30 a. m. July 14.

Minnesota—Headquarters, Jefferson Hotel; meets in the state treasurer's office, 2 p. m. July 14; arrives in Columbus 7:10 a. m. July 14.

Missouri—Headquarters, not selected; meets in rail-

road commissioners' office (hearing room) capitol building, 8 a. m. July 15; arrives 6 p. m. July 14.

New Hampshire—Headquarters, Neil House; meets in room 41 Neil House, 2 p. m. July 14; arrives in Columbus on the New England Special, 10:30 a. m. same day.

New Jersey—Headquarters, Neil House, meets in adjutant general's office in capitol building, 2 p. m. July 14; arrival not given.

New York—Headquarters, Chittenden Hotel; meets in the Chittenden Hotel auditorium 7:30 a. m. July 15; arrives 6:25 a. m. July 15.

Pennsylvania—Headquarters, Southern Hotel; meets in Southern Hotel hall, 4 p. m. July 14; arrives 1:45 p. m. July 14.

Rhode Island—Headquarters, Vendome Hotel; meets in hotel parlor, 2 p. m. July 14; arrives on New England Special 10:30 a. m. same day.

South Dakota—Headquarters, Neil House; meets in Neil House 2 p. m. July 14; arrival not known.

Texas—Headquarters, Virginia Hotel; meets in board of health office in capitol building, 2 p. m. July 14; arrives 7:55 p. m. July 13.

Wisconsin—Headquarters, The Norwich; meets at 2 p. m. in insurance department office, annex of state capitol, at 2 p. m. July 14; arrives at 6:30 a. m. same day.

The times of meetings of these delegations are suggestive only and may be changed by the circumstances, or wishes of delegations themselves.

The local committee are busy getting out a fine souvenir booklet containing the order of business of the national convention, the program of the convention and oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, which meets July 14, cuts of prominent Prohibitionists, statistical, historical and other matters of interest to delegates and visitors to the convention. The booklet will be printed on excellent paper with a suggestive cover design, and will be the souvenir booklet of the convention. Every delegate will want to take one home.

The badges are the most beautiful that any Prohibition national convention has had. Delegates, alternates, ushers, doorkeepers, and invited guests will have a badge made from the same design, but different in color. The badges will be ready July 3.

The local committee are rapidly completing their arrangements, appointing sub-committees, each of which has a certain part of the machinery of preparation to look after. Everything in local conditions is being organized like an army and delegates will be properly taken care of when they arrive in the city. We are preparing for the greatest national convention ever held in the United States, and it may devolve upon the old Buckeye State, which is the birth state of the Prohibition party, to start the campaign which will elect the issue and decide the fate of the liquor traffic in our nation.

All aboard for Columbus!

### INTERCOLLEGIATE CONVENTION

#### Gathering of Students Engaged in Prohibition Movement at Columbus in National Contest and Council

Six of the strongest college orators of America, representing twenty states from California to New York and from Minnesota to Texas—the winners in hundreds of local college and university oratorical meets, in thirty oratorical state battles and in six great interstate contests during the past two years, will compete for the highest honors in student oratory open to the colleges of the country at the grand national contest at Columbus, Ohio, on the night of July 14.

And every speech is a clear-cut, up-to-date and original call for Prohibition. Every man has written his own oration, most of them having

spent at least two years in research and writing.

From the extreme West come Mr. Evert L. Jones of Oregon and Mr. Raphael H. Blakesley of California. Mr. Jones won the right of entrance to the national by securing first place in the western interstate sectional meet of 1907. Mr. Blakesley, of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, was awarded similar honors this year at the contest at San Jose in May.

The representatives of the central interstate section for both years are from the South, the home of orators. Mr. Charles S. Pierce of Baylor University and Howard Payne College, Texas, won first place in the interstate at Wichita, Kans., in 1907 in a very hotly contested meet. Mr. Fred C. Mesch of Central Holiness University, Oskaloosa, Iowa, won the same honors for the state of Iowa, in the interstate held this year at Waco, Texas. But Mr. Mesch himself lives at San Antonio, Texas, although attending school in Iowa, where his honors rightly belong.

Both years Indiana orators have won out in the eastern interstate and, by a unique coincidence, both are from the same college, Earlham, at Richmond. The orator for 1907 is Mr. Gustave Hoelscher, now in the law department of the University of Michigan, and for 1908, Mr. Levi T. Pennington of Earlham, who secured first honors in the interstate at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on June 22.

One hundred and fifty dollars will be awarded in gold as prizes, one hundred to the winner and fifty to the second honor man. The contest will be held in the main auditorium of Memorial Hall, East Broad St., Columbus, at 8 p. m. on Tuesday.

Throughout the day the national convention of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, with its student delegates from all parts of the country, will be in session at Post Hall No. 1, in Memorial Hall. The great demand for hundreds of trained college men in various lines of Prohibition work the past year, and especially in the legislative campaign movements in those states where Prohibitionists are "out-to-win" and have learned to depend upon the college men to furnish the actual hand-to-hand workers, as in Minnesota and Illinois, has given heavy work to the college movement and this conference must face the problem of enlisting literally thousands of students for the future, if these "out-to-win" movements continue.

In the morning will be the meetings of the national executive committee of the association and the business sessions of the convention. At 3 p. m. there will be a special public session to which all are invited. The leading workers in the college movement will have part in pointed ten-minute speeches as follows:

"The Purpose of the College Movement," President D. Leigh Colvin.

"The College Movement on the Pacific," Mr. L. C. Brown, Coast Traveling Secretary.

"College Men in the Illinois Legislative Field," Joseph E. Harvey, Traveling Secretary.

"College Men in the Minnesota 'Out-to-Win' Battles," Mr. John A. Shields, Assistant State Secretary, Minnesota Committee.

"The Student's Part in the Reform," Harley H. Gill, Sioux City, Iowa.

"Opportunities for 1908-9," Virgil G. Hinshaw, Minneapolis, Minn., National Treasurer I. P. A.

"The Call for Service," Mr. Dan A. Poling, Columbus, Ohio.

First honors for 1908 in the student Prohibition oratorical contest of the eastern states was won, at Saratoga Springs, New York, June 22, by Mr. Levi T. Pennington of Indiana. Five states were represented, each by an orator who had previously won local college or university, and then state, honors, in order to gain admission to the eastern Interstate. Mr. Pennington was awarded a prize of \$50 and will represent the entire eastern section in the grand national contest at Columbus.

"The New Patriotism" was the subject of the oration by Mr. Chas. W. Young, of Greenville College, Illinois, which secured the second honors. Third place was awarded to the New York state orator, Mr. Chas. M. Cobb, of Colgate University, Hamilton. His topic was "The Great American Issue."