

PROHIBITION PLANK PEEVES DRY DEMOCRATS

Failure to Endorse Prohibition Amendment and Suffrage Charged to Machine of Hitchcock and Mullen.

The democratic state convention at Hastings last Tuesday offered the anomalous situation of being as interesting in what was not done as what was done.

Sections from the republican and democratic state platforms, relating to the national prohibitory amendment, follow by way of comparison.

The republican platform reads: We favor the ratification of the proposed amendment to the federal constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the United States and we condemn the present democratic governor of Nebraska for failing and refusing to include in the proclamation for the recent special session of the legislature the question of the ratification of this amendment.

The democratic platform reads: "We favor legislative action consistent with the people's will on the proposed prohibitory amendment to the federal constitution."

Demos Side-Step. The woods are full of progressive democrats who maintain that their state's convention side-stepped the national prohibitory proposition.

Mullen succeeded in getting Donohoe of his old home town as chairman of the convention and the latter, during the early hours of the convention, made bold to state that if the selections were left to him he would not appoint on the resolutions committee any who favored the ratification of the national prohibitory amendment.

Omaha Bank Clearings Increase 59 Per Cent; Now in Twelfth Place

Omaha has advanced two notches in the list of cities that have the largest bank clearings and is now 12th on the list. All cities on the following list have maintained their positions held in 1917, save Cincinnati and New Orleans, whose bank clearings have decreased during the last year.

Too Late to Contest. J. J. Dunn, whose particular chore at the convention was to oppose any indorsement of Senator Hitchcock, offers this comment on the inanity of the prohibitory amendment reference in the democratic platform:

"The state platform of the democratic party, adopted at Hastings, does not favor the ratification of the national prohibitory amendment. So far as the state platform speaks for the party, it is against ratification. Of course, a large majority of the democrats of Nebraska favor ratification, just as an overwhelming majority of the delegates to the state convention were in favor of it. The platform was not submitted by the committee on resolutions until after 12 o'clock at night, after many of the delegates had departed and all were tired. The references to woman suffrage and prohibition were contained in the last few lines of the resolutions. No doubt many delegates thought the platform declared in favor of the ratification of the amendment and of national equal suffrage. I know, of course, that it did not, but I felt that it was too late to engage in a contest over those provisions. I had been informed that the chairman of the convention would not place on the resolutions committee any person who was in favor of ratification of the prohibitory amendment, giving as his reason that Governor Neville was opposed to a declaration of that kind. There are just two sides to the question of ratification of the prohibitory amendment. Individuals and political parties in this state are either for or against it. And a state convention that had an opportunity to speak on the subject and did not declare in favor of it, was simply against it."

Thomas Against Platform.

Elmer E. Thomas, another Omaha democrat who attended the Hastings meet, is outspoken against the state platform of his party. He is one of the leaders of the "committee of 500," which is affiliated with other organizations in working for a ratification in this state of the proposed prohibitory amendment. His statement follows:

"It was just enough to keep down a fight on the floor of the convention. In the haste of reading the resolution at 12 o'clock at night, when everybody was anxious to adjourn, the delegates did not get the full purport of the language used, and we thought that the resolutions committee had indorsed suffrage and prohibition, but on analysis it looks as though the resolutions committee played a trick on the convention. The sentiment of the convention undoubtedly was for prohibition and suffrage and against Hitchcock and Mullen. The resolutions committee held the resolutions back until a large number of the delegates had left, and those that remained were weary. I think Arthur Mullen engineered the whole show and his purpose was to have the resolutions refer only to the war, but on account of fear of the people, they concluded at the last to add the equivocal statements which they did about suffrage and prohibition."

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Grand Island offered the resolutions committee a resolution which urged Senator Hitchcock to support the equal suffrage bill in this congress, but that resolution suffered asphyxiation in the committee room.

Frank L. Weaver, another democratic leader who has been looked upon as progressive, explained the prohibitory section of the democratic platform by stating it meant that the people should express themselves first on the subject. He added that it meant "let the people rule." Other progressive democrats insist that the people of this state recently expressed themselves on this issue.

W. T. Graham of the "committee of 500," said he believed that the democratic platform contained an "inference" that the party is in favor of ratifying the prohibitory amendment, but he agreed that the republican platform was an out-and-out declaration of principle.

Judge Lee Estelle, republican, said: "The democratic platform on the prohibitory amendment is an invitation to the people to elect a republican legislature. The democrats did not declare for ratification of the proposed amendment. Of course, they will do what the will of the people dictates. The people of this state have already, by a majority of more than 30,000, declared in favor of ratifying the national prohibitory amendment."

There are many democrats who confess that their state platform sounds like a tinkling cymbal, while the republican platform is puncture-proof and needs no explanatory accompaniment. It is the opinion of many leading democrats that the effect of this situation will be to hasten the disintegration of the Hitchcock-Mullen-Neville machine, which already has been showing signs of decadence. It will also mean election of a republican state ticket in this county, as well as throughout the state this fall, according to the prognostications of those who follow the causes and effects of politics.

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Table with 3 columns: Position, City, Clearings. Lists cities like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, etc., with their respective bank clearings.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Miss Sadie Solomon of Chicago is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. W. Tracy McGraw, 1327 South Twenty-third street.

Mrs. E. R. Zabriskie has gone to New York, where she will study organ with Clarence Demorest, warden of the American Guild of Organists; Miss Flora Shubert and Miss Gertrude Koeper, violin pupils of Mrs. Zabriskie, accompanied her to continue their studies during the summer.

Deputy United States Marshal "Dad" Quinley and Earl Young left Omaha Friday for Colorado, where they will spend their vacation.

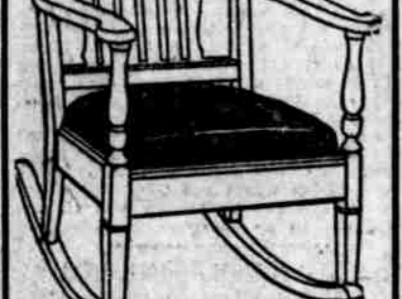
Arthur Blakely, Union Pacific conductor, leaves Omaha for Clear Lake, Ia., where he will spend his vacation.

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