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H. M. Dougherty of Columbus, O., who managed Senator Harding's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

NEGRO CONFESSES TO SHOOTING BRAKEMAN

The Dalles.—After six hours of grilling, Oles Brown, colored, alias "Little Ole," of Pensacola, Fla., confessed that he shot and killed Otis Mayes, O-W. R. & N. brakeman.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

American relief activities have been discontinued in Smyrna. The British Labor party went on record against prohibition. Recent statistics published in Germany on that country's war losses state that 1,350,000 men were killed.

PLATFORM ADOPTED BY THE DEMOCRATS

League of Nations Indorsed and Republican Senate is Condemned.

The platform is silent on prohibition enforcement. Foremost among the planks is an indorsement of the league of nations and condemnation of the republican senate for having interposed "partisan envy and personal hatred" in the way of world peace.

The important planks summarized are as follows:

Sends greetings to the president, and hails with patriotic pride the great achievements for our country and the world wrought by a democratic administration under his leadership, and declares its adherence to the fundamental progressive principles of social, economic and industrial justice.

Praises the administration's conduct of the war, commends the patriotic efforts of American citizens to aid the government and praises the military and naval forces with mention of General Pershing by name.

Extols the federal reserve system and the financing of the war.

Denies republican claims of economy, declaring that no money was saved except at the expense of the efficiency of government bureaus.

Demands prompt action by the next congress for a complete survey of existing taxes and their modification and simplification.

States diminished production for high prices and declares the republicans are responsible in that they delayed peace and failed to provide the president with necessary legislation.

Pledges the party to a policy of strict economy in government expenditures and to the enactment and enforcement of such legislation as may be required to bring profiteers before the bar of criminal justice.

Reaffirms the traditional policy of the democratic party in favor of a tariff for revenue only and confirms the policy of basing tariff revision upon the intelligent research of a non-partisan commission.

Defends President Wilson's veto of the budget bill, and advocates a budget system that will function in accord with the principles of the constitution.

Praises the democratic record in establishing farm loan banks and other farm legislation, and favors such legislation as will confirm to the primary producers of the nation the right of collective bargaining and the right of co-operative handling and marketing.

Declares resort to strikes and lockouts which endanger the health or lives of the people an unsatisfactory device for determining disputes, and pledges the party to contrive, if possible, and put into effective operation a fair and comprehensive method of composing differences of this nature.

Congratulates legislatures that have ratified the suffrage amendment, and urges democratic governors and legislatures of Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida to complete ratification in time for women to vote this fall.

Declares against child labor. Favors legislation for child welfare and maternity care. Advocates increases in teachers' salaries.

Advocates vocational education, better conditions for working women, and indorses separate citizenship for married women.

Advocates generosity to disabled soldiers, and pledges the party to the enactment of soldiers' settlement and home aid legislation.

Commends federal administration of railroads during the war, declaring it was efficient and economical, despite inadequate and worn equipment. Criticizes the recently enacted transportation act and says congress temporized until so late a date that the president was forced to sign the bill or else throw the railroad situation into chaos.

Favors continuance of federal aid in road building.

Pledges the party to a policy which will promote the growth of our merchant marine under proper legislation.

Indorses the creation and work of the federal trade commission.

Favors the enactment of legislation for the supervision of live stock markets by the national government.

Deplores the misfortunes of the Mexican people and upholds President Wilson's Mexican policy, declaring that as a consequence order is reappearing in Mexico. Advocates recognition of new Mexican government when it has proved its ability to maintain order.

Within the limitations of international comity and usage, repeats the several previous expressions of the sympathy of the democratic party of the United States in the aspirations of Ireland for self-government.

Commends the administration for Alaskan railroad construction and coal and oil development, and advocates modification of the coal law to facilitate development, and also extension of the farm loan act to Alaska.

Favors the granting of independence without unnecessary delay to the Philippine Islands.

Deplores the pre-convention expenditures of republican presidential candidates, and advocates regulation of such expenditures by federal law.

Reaffirms respect for the great principles of free speech and a free press but asserts as an indisputable proposition that they afford no toleration of enemy propaganda or the advocacy of the overthrow of the government of the state or nation by force or violence.

The big demonstrations came with the presentation of Palmer, Cox and McAdoo, although there was a spontaneous outburst with the presentation of Governor Smith.

No Speech for McAdoo.

Dr. Burris Jenkins of Kansas City who placed the ex-secretary of the treasury in nomination, made one of the shortest speeches on record when he merely announced that he placed Mr. McAdoo in nomination, fully assured that if "drafted for the service of the nation" he would not refuse the nomination.

Perhaps the most exciting scenes of the convention occurred when Senator Glass, chairman of the resolutions committee, presented the platform and the battle of the wets and dries got under way. After the platform had been read without making mention of a prohibition plank, W. J. Bryan was recognized to offer a bone-dry plank, as a minority report.

W. Bourke Cochran of New York offered a plank permitting for home consumption the manufacture of cider, light wines and beer.

E. L. Dooney of California presented a minority report on the Irish question, proposing a plank providing for the recognition of the Irish republic.

Bryan Lambasts Liquor.

Bryan, showing the oldtime fire of his oratory, lambasted the liquor interests in his regular fashion.

Beginning with an argument in support of the eighteenth amendment, Mr. Bryan soon got the convention to cheering.

Every democratic state, he said, had ratified the amendment and every one recognized that the "liquor traffic is dead, never to be resurrected."

"The only question is whether we shall recognize it as dead," he continued, "or allow it to lie out on the ground uncovered. Decency requires that a corpse be put out of sight."

As he worked into his speech the Nebraskan mixed many Biblical references with his rounded rhetorical periods. His full voice filled the hall, and he got the galleries and some of the delegates going into longer and longer bursts of applause as he went on.

Minnesota Woman Speaks.

Mrs. Peter Olesen of Minnesota was called by Mr. Bryan in support of his program. She said she spoke in the name of the motherhood of America in supporting the dry declaration.

In a dramatic emotional appeal which got the convention to its feet, Mrs. Olesen asked that God should help her in the fight she was making for it was for the sake of her child that she was fighting.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

Whose Platform Amendments Were Rejected at San Francisco.

"Let it never be said," she cried, "that the Democratic party thinks more of its appetites than of the children of the land. God speed the right."

Mr. Cockran, arising to reply, said it is a peculiar thing in history that most of what is bad has been conceived by people who were good, by ill-digested efforts to coerce people in their daily lives.

"I am opposed to the word prohibition. I abhor it. It is the word you will find chalked up in all the penitentiaries. If it is necessary to have prohibition and to force the people to do what they do not want to do, then I say they are not fit for self government and are ready for submission to a monarchy."

All Amendments Fail.

Secretary Colby and Senator Glass defended the platform as framed by the resolutions committee.

In quick and successive votes the convention voted down by heavy majorities all attempts to amend the report of the platform committee and threw out all substitute proposals, including the bone dry plank by William J. Bryan and the wet plank offered by W. Bourke Cochran.

The administration's league of nations plank as reported by the committee was sustained against all attacks. The administration supporters were in control by heavy majorities all along the line.

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