

**PLATFORM IS BRIEF**

**Prohibition Party Declares for Sixteen Important Principles—Many Planks Same as Other Parties'.**

Prohibition party's platform for 1912:

The prohibition party in national convention at Atlantic City, N. J., July 10-12, 1912, recognizing God as the source of all governmental authority, makes the following declaration of principles and policies:

1. The alcoholic drink traffic is wrong; is the most serious drain on the wealth and resources of the nation; is detrimental to the general welfare and destructive of the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

All laws taxing or licensing a traffic which produces crime, poverty and political corruption, and spreads disease and death, should be repealed. To destroy such a traffic there must be elected to power a political party which will administer the government from the standpoint that the alcoholic drink traffic is a crime and not a business, and we pledge that the manufacture, importation, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited.

2. Suffrage for women on the same terms as for men.

3. A uniform marriage and divorce law. The extermination of polygamy and the complete suppression of the traffic in girls.

4. Absolute protection of the rights of labor, without impairment of the rights of capital.

5. The settlement of all international disputes by arbitration.

6. The abolition of child labor in mines, workshops and factories, with the rigid enforcement of the laws now flagrantly violated.

7. The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

8. A presidential term of six years and one term only.

9. Court review of postoffice and other departmental decisions and orders; the extension of the postal savings bank system and of rural delivery, and the establishment of an efficient parcels post.

10. The initiative, referendum and recall.

11. As the tariff is a commercial question it should be fixed on the scientific basis of accurate knowledge, secured by means of a permanent, anti-partisan tariff commission, with ample powers.

12. Equitable graduated income and inheritance taxes.

13. Conservation of our forests and mineral reserves, and the reclamation of waste lands. All mineral and timber lands, and water powers, now owned by the government, should be held perpetually and leased for revenue purposes.

14. Clearly defined laws for the regulation and control of corporations transacting an interstate business.

15. Efficiency and economy in governmental administration.

16. The protection of one day in seven as a day of rest.

To these fundamental principles the national prohibition party renews its long allegiance, and on these issues invites the co-operation of all good citizens, to the end that the true object of government may be attained, namely, equal and exact justice for all.

**INVESTIGATE MINING.**

**Kansas City Men Looking Over Gold Hill and Vicinity.**

J. O. Fife and son of Kansas City spent several days in Gold Hill and vicinity last week, says the Gold Hill News, looking over mining properties with a view to future investment. They were accompanied by W. B. Sherman, the Grants Pass timber magnate, and were introduced to the "signal opportunities of the Gold Hill district by J. H. Beeman, who conducted the party in a tour of the Sardine creek, Blackwell and Willow Springs properties. Both father and son, who have long been associated in mining, declared that they have seen no better prospects elsewhere, not even in the famous Galice district which they recently inspected. They were attracted to Gold Hill by the splendid exhibit of this community at the Grants Pass mining congress, which was arranged largely through the efforts of J. H. Beeman and Rex H. Lampman. The Fifes, father and son, until recently operated a fine concession in the state of Sonora, Mexico, and deserted their prospect only when the sanguinary activities of the Yaqui Indians and insurgents against aliens, and particularly Americans, became too pronounced for comfort. From this city they departed for Kansas City, announcing their intention of returning to Gold Hill within the next six months, at which time they will in all probability make a large investment in local mining properties.

**RATTLERS NUMEROUS.**

**Klickitat County, Washington, Over-run With Reptiles.**

Goldendale, Wash.—According to reports from localities in Klickitat county where rattlesnakes are found, the reptiles are much more numerous this season than in former years. Several people have been bitten, but no deaths have resulted except that of the 3-year-old daughter of a rancher on Crofton prairie, who was struck in the hand by a large rattler while hunting for a kitten in the garden near the house, and died three hours afterward. Charles McEwen of Goldendale killed seven rattlesnakes in the Elk Klickitat canyon, while on a fishing trip to the Rusk Soda Springs last week.

"I was cured of diarrhoea by one dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes M. E. Gebhardt, Oriole, Pa. There is nothing better. For sale by Poley's Drug Store.

**UNCLE SAM VICTOR.**

**Balloon Lands Near Bunker Hill, 925 Miles From Start.**

Manassas, Va.—Uncle Sam proved a winner again Monday when the balloon of that name, piloted by Captain H. E. Honeywell of St. Louis, landed here in the early dawn near the historic Bull Run battlefield, having defeated all other entries in the elimination race from Kansas City to decide which three balloons should take part in the international balloon contest to start from Stuttgart, Germany, October 26, for the James Gordon Bennett trophy.

Captain Honeywell and his aide, Roy F. Donaldson, passed 35 hours in the air, and as the crew flies, covered a distance of 925 miles. They alighted on the farm of John Lewis, at 5 o'clock in the morning. Neither slept while in the air.

"A storm which overtook us in our eastward race and the fact that we were approaching the Atlantic ocean drove us to the earth," said Captain Honeywell. "We could have remained in the air all day and if conditions had been favorable I believe would have established an American record. But when it began to rain and with a storm surrounding us, we were afraid we might be blown out over the ocean."

Allowing for the fact that their course from Kansas City to Manassas roughly was in the shape of a crescent, the airmen estimated that they sailed more than 1,200 miles.

It was the captain's 175th trip in a balloon. His longest previous journey was 870 miles.

The other two balloons which will represent America in January are the Kansas City II and the Drifter.

**MAILBOX PARASITE.**

**New Breed of Vandal Makes Appearance in Portland.**

A new breed of vandal has appeared in Portland—the mailbox parasite. His method of operation is to drop a lighted match down the mail tube of the large buildings and ignite the contents of the government boxes.

Two fires of this character have been discovered by the postmen, one in the Wells-Fargo building and the other in the Gerlinger. When the carrier opened the Wells-Fargo box he found it filled with smoke and a large percentage of the contents in cinders. He extinguished the fire and saved some of the letters. At the Gerlinger building the carrier opened the mail soon after the fire had started and but two letters were burning.

A large cotton cushion is put in the bottom of the mail boxes in high buildings to break the force of the fall of letters sent down the chute. This cotton is very inflammable. By sending down the chute a lighted match or burning taper, it is easy to get a spark into this cotton.

Postmaster Merrick says he knows of no protection, except general vigilance. If every occupant of a large building would have his office force watch carefully for some time, it is believed that any one indulging in this practice would be caught.

**YOUNG FISH PROVIDED FOR.**

**Oregon Fares Well, Being Allocated \$50,000 for Two Hatcheries.**

Washington, D. C.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries has reported favorably an omnibus appropriation bill for additional fish hatching and fish culture stations in the various states of the United States.

Twelve states receive appropriations under the bill, Oregon being the most favored on the list. Eleven of the states get \$25,000 each for the establishment of one station, while Oregon gets \$50,000 for the establishment of two stations.

Representative Lafferty appeared before the committee in behalf of Oregon and made an argument in favor of two stations, submitting a letter from the department of commerce and labor to Senator Bourne reciting that the salmon output of the Columbia river can be doubled in four years by proper management. Lafferty also submitted telegrams from Secretary of State Olcott showing that the state of Oregon has recently appropriated \$70,000 of state money to promote fish hatcheries in Oregon.

**HOTEL MEN VOICE PROTEST.**

**Traveling Men Join in Objection to Parcels Post.**

Chicago.—The hotel men of Illinois have declared against the parcels post, fearful that its operation will cause the traveling men to become as extinct a species as the pterodactyl and the dinosaur.

The action was taken at the recent annual meeting in Chicago of the Illinois Commercial Hotel Men's Association.

B. F. Clark of the Travelers' Protective Association and A. F. Brundage of the United Commercial Travelers, representing the traveling men's interests, appeared before the meeting.

"With the parcels post in operation," they urged, "the hotels will lose their best customers, the traveling men, as the small dealers will order their goods by mail. The mail-order house will also boom and the need for the traveling man will disappear."

The consensus of opinion at the meeting was against the employers' liability law and for its repeal.

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**King George and Queen Mary At Windsor Garter Ceremony**



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A NOTABLE ceremony took place recently at Windsor, when the chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter was assembled to do homage to the king, who is the head of the order, and to Queen Mary, who bears the title of Lady of the Order. This most ancient and honorable of the English orders has twenty-six knights, the twenty-five besides the king being known as knights-companions. Princes of the blood are admitted as supernumerary members. The religious ceremonies pertaining to the occasion to which reference has been made took place appropriately enough, in St. George's chapel, for St. George is the patron saint of the order, and the badge, which is pendant from the gold collar of the insignia, is called "the George." The photograph here reproduced shows the king and queen in their robes of office entering the chapel.

**GYPSUM AID TO CROPS.**

**Farmers Along White Salmon Use Water for Fertilizer.**

Husum, Wash.—During extreme warm weather the water of the White Salmon river turns to a milky color. This transformation is not caused by volcanic ash soil being mixed with the stream, as is generally surmised, but is the result of melted snow on Mount Adams rushing through banks of gypsum located on the west side of the mountain, near its base.

The secret of the bountiful grain and grass crops raised in the Trout Lake region is credited to irrigation, the water of which comes from the White Salmon river, and especially are beneficial results obtained when the stream is of a whitish color, the gypsum penetrating the soil and acting as a fertilizer. Some of the ranchers turn this water on their lands when irrigation is not needed, but realize the importance of fertilization, from which the best crop results are obtained.

**MANY PATENTS WAITING.**

**Commissioner of General Land Office Gives Number as 250,000.**

Washington, D. C.—The commissioner of the general land office says that at the present time 250,000 land patents are held in the general land office awaiting the application of the owners to receive them. The possession of a patent is not absolutely necessary to pass title to the entrymen, consequently thousands of entrymen entitled to patents do not make application for them and they have accumulated until they have aggregated the number given. Recently some enterprising law firms have been writing to entrymen offering to secure their land patents for them for a nominal sum, and apparently are doing literally a "land office business." (The services of attorneys are not necessary in order to obtain these patents, and those entitled to them can get them by making application to the officials of the local land office in which their entries are situated, without cost.

**TICKET LIMIT IS QUOTED.**

**Suit for Loss of Baggage is Answered By Company.**

San Francisco.—The first word in defense of the many damage suits against the Pacific Coast Steamship Company by passengers aboard the ill-fated steamer Santa Rosa, which went on the rocks off the Santa Cruz coast a year ago, was filed in the superior court Monday.

The initial appearance of the company is in a suit to recover \$520 for loss of baggage, brought by George A. Ryan. The complainant does not ask for personal injury or inconvenience damages, as do the other claimants, the total of whose suits for damages exceed \$300,000.

As against Ryan's claim the company sets up that he has not sued within the time limit fixed by printed contract on the reverse of his ticket upon which the baggage lost was checked. Neither was any demand for damages, it is asserted, made upon any officer of the company within the prescribed contract limit.

Ryan's demand for damages was made within the year provided in the statutes in which action to recover damages are permitted. This period, it is the contention of the company, is nullified where a ticket, upon which a passenger is riding, bears a contract requiring demand for damages within a specified period shorter than covered by law.

**STORY OF TORTURE TOLD.**

**Man Who Says He is American Victim of Mexican Rebels.**

San Antonio, Texas.—Amado Suarez, who said he was a citizen of New York, arrived here Monday from Monclova, Mexico, and related a story of cruelties at the hands of Mexican federal soldiers.

Suarez says he was arrested, suspected of being a rebel. For three days after his arrest, he said, he was kept standing in a narrow cell, a sentry being on hand to prod him if he attempted to sleep or fell to the floor from exhaustion.

Notwithstanding he steadfastly insisted he was an American citizen, he said he was hung up by the thumbs for more than an hour and while in this position was given 38 strokes across the back with a sabre. He fainted under the ordeal and exhibited scarred and badly wrenched thumbs as proof of his story.

Next, said Suarez, he was imprisoned in a dungeon 43 days and then sent to the front with the federal troops. Finally he was released, but before leaving prison signed a statement, with the muzzles of four rifles pressed against his body as persuasive arguments, that he had received the best of treatment while held prisoner.

**AIR MISHAPS ARE DEFINED.**

**Frenchman's Report Shows Unfitness of Aviators Chief Cause.**

A report on the causes of aeroplane accidents has just been presented to the French Ecole Supérieure Aeronautique by Major Renard. He classifies the fatalities as follows:

Twenty-five per cent due to the want of natural aptitude on the part of the aviators.

Thirteen per cent due to the insufficient training of the aviators.

Six per cent due to the desire of aviators to "show off."

Six per cent due to rashness and want of foresight on the part of aviators.

Thirteen per cent due to imperfections in the designs of the apparatus.

Twenty per cent due to flaws or weaknesses in the machinery.

Ten or possibly 12 per cent due to atmospheric currents and similar disturbances.

If that estimate be correct, a reduction in the percentage of accidents ought soon to be brought about; a view which is held by the new French League for the Greater Security of Aviation.

**CLOSE SLOT MACHINES.**

**Prosecuting Attorney Issues Ban On Devices in Medford.**

Monday marked the closing day for the "nickel-in-the-slot" machines in Medford. The edict came from Prosecuting Attorney Mulkey's office after a careful examination of the claims of the makers of the machines for their existence.

According to Mr. Mulkey, the machines were leased out with directions for technical circumvention of the law. Should these directions have been followed implicitly, no cause for their removal could have been found.

According to the plan of the makers, a package of inferior gum was to be given for each coin deposited in the machine. In this manner each player received something for his money. It soon developed that no one wished the gum and played the machine entirely for the chances that it afforded for large returns in tobacco or refreshments.

When the dealers were shown that they were violating a law, no remonstrance was made against the order.

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Lightning striking the fire alarm system at Vancouver, Wash., sent in a general alarm and the firemen all turned out in the rain and darkness to answer it.

**JUDGE FILES ANSWER**

**Archbald Admits Practically All Acts in Impeachment Charges But Denies Guilt.**

Washington, D. C.—Admitting practically all of the acts in the impeachment charges against him, but emphatically denying that he corruptly used his judicial influence, Judge Robert J. Archbald, of the commerce court, Monday filed his formal answer in the senate. He asserted that no case had been made against him by the house of representatives.

Archbald admits being involved in numerous coal deals while on the bench. He admits soliciting high railroad officials to further such deals. He admits that promissory notes bearing his endorsement were presented to attorneys and litigants in his court. He candidly concedes he wrote letters to and visited railroad officers to further private business negotiations for himself, associates and friends.

But the jurist says every such act was innocent. He declares many were without hope of private gain, although realizing the railroads would have cases before him in the commerce court.

Archbald admits he figured in negotiations with railroads heads for settlement of the suit of William F. Boland, Archbald's accuser, against coal carriers, but denies that he did so for any pecuniary consideration.

The judge also admits writing letters to Helm Bruce, attorney for the Louisville & Nashville railroad, without consent of other parties in the case, to get Bruce's opinion upon evidence in the case. He denies such action was wrong.

"Solely out of friendship for Fred Warnke," Archbald says, he asked Reading Railway officials to extend Warnke's coal lease.

The charge that he received money from Henry W. Cannon, capitalist, identified with many railroads which were concerned in litigation before him, for a European trip, is met by the statement that Cannon is a relative by marriage. Archbald denies ever favoring roads in which Cannon was interested. That he received a purse of \$525, donated by lawyers in his court when he left for Europe, is admitted, but Archbald says it was a mere testimonial of friendship, which he could not have refused without impugning the motives of his friends.

**STAB AND JUMP.**

**Stowaway Japanese Attempt to Swim Ashore at Portland.**

Stabbing the engineer in the shoulder, M. Inowye and S. Yamamoto, stowaways on the Japanese steamship Hokuto Maru, and who had been handcuffed together for safe-keeping, leaped overboard as the vessel was coming up the Columbia river Monday evening and attempted to swim ashore. Lashed to a board, and apparently most exhausted, one of them was picked up by a fisherman and taken to Kalama and placed in jail.

Two other members of the crew escaped immediately after the arrival of the steamer at the Banfield dock at 2:30 in the morning. These were K. Kosaka, a coal passer, and Y. Tei, the cook, and they still are at large. The Hokuto Maru, Captain S. Iwazawa, came from Oturu with a cargo of 1,200,000 feet of oak logs consigned to the Pacific Lumber & Manufacturing Company.

The account of the affair is that the stowaways, handcuffed in quarters below, became engaged in a quarrel as the steamer was bound up the river. The engineer went to their room to put a stop to the row. While trying to settle the disturbance, it is alleged, that handcuffed as they were, the belligerents managed to stab the engineer and to get over the side of the vessel. How they did it is a mystery.

**ANGLER PAYS FINE.**

**Shows Fish to Warden But Can't Produce License.**

Gold Beach, Ore.—While Chief Game Warden Baker was taking his noonday lunch at Myers creek, a short distance below here, a stranger came over to show him what a fine string of trout he had caught. After admiring the speckled beauties, Mr. Baker asked him for his license, and when he failed to produce one, invited him to come before the justice of the peace here and show why he should not contribute toward the protection of the game of the state. He proved to be O. B. Hinsdale, at one time a lumber mill operator of Gardiner, more recently from Los Angeles. After paying a fine of \$25 and buying a license, he proceeded on up the coast, but before going he made a solemn vow never to show any fish to anyone unless he had a license.

Mr. Hinsdale and his family were traveling to Marshfield by easy stages.

**IMMENSE COUGAR KILLED.**

**Body of Animal in Coos County Is Over Eight Feet Long.**

Camas Valley, Ore.—The largest cougar ever seen in this neighborhood was killed Friday by W. H. Lehnher, in the eastern part of Coos county. The body measured 8 feet 2 inches from tip to tip, the feet measuring 6 inches across, the hide alone weighing 17 pounds.

The cougar has been making his rounds in this neighborhood for some time, his tracks having been seen near some of the mountain settlers' homes. He had grown quite bold and trailed two prospectors from Philomath who came out of the mountains late in the evening.

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