

## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN WORK ON PLATFORM

Feminine Party Members Hold Conference to Discuss Their Planks.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22—Democratic women today turned political carpenter and tackled the task of building a party platform.

Mrs. George D. Thomas, chairman of the women's bureau of the democratic national committee, called the female leaders into formal conference today to discuss the demands of the women with regard to the platform which will be constructed by the resolutions committee of the national convention next week.

On the question of a league of nations plank, the democratic women will stand solidly behind the president, according to Mrs. Bass.

Women leaders of the party are not likely to concern themselves with the question of prohibition in the party platform, Mrs. Bass believes.

"I have found that women are satisfied with the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act," said Mrs. Bass.

"I don't think prohibition is an issue at all in this campaign."

"I am sure I don't understand what Mr. Bryan or Mr. Edwards want."

"The law is there and it has been upheld by the highest tribunal in the land."

Women leaders in the democratic party will not concern themselves to the things which directly concern women.

However, I believe the interest of the women will crystallize on certain planks in the form which concern woman and children, but they will not work for these things alone."

Planks which the women will urge in the platform were outlined by Mrs. Bass as follows:

Protective legislation for child labor.

Legislation continuing wartime protection for women in industry.

Legislation favoring increased pay for teachers.

The suffrage amendment is passed by the congress and only the ratification by two states is necessary to make suffrage a reality, and that ratification can be easily accomplished by two republican states," Mrs. Bass stated.

"I think the republicans should do the most of the worrying about suffrage, they are responsible."

We women are hopeful that there will be at least two women members on the resolutions committee which will draft the platform.

## HAAG BOOZE CASE IN JURY'S HANDS

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store were at all times open to public inspection.

Never, probably, has a "conspiracy case" of this magnitude been tried in such a short time as the Haag case.

### NEITHER SIDE LOSSES TIME.

Neither the government nor counsel for the defense lost a minute's time and so speedy was the case that District Attorney VanNus was making the first of the closing arguments for the government shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The swiftness of this case is in marked contrast to the defendant's delay in the part of counsel for Edgar Schmitz in the Evansville "whisky ring" conspiracy case, which were tried last week.

Attorneys in the Haag case at no time drew critical comments from the court, as happened in the Evansville cases, because in the Haag case the attorneys hit the ball every minute and tried the case solely on its legal merits.

The defense introduced only two witnesses, Louis E. Haag and Julius A. Haag, the two defendants standing trial.

Julius Haag while on the stand in his defense contended that the "pieces of paper" presented to him were prescriptions and that he regarded them perfectly proper on which to sell the amount of whisky stated on them for medical purposes.

### DEMAND CAUSED BY THE FLU.

He explained that the big demand for whisky was caused by the "flu."

"Was the flu worse on Christmas eve, 1918, than on Christmas day of that same year that many more prescriptions were filled on Dec. 23 than the next day?" asked the district attorney.

"I don't remember," answered Julius Haag.

The witness testified that he never personally investigated the large number of prescriptions filled at his store, because he considered his clerks' competent and qualified to take care of all prescriptions.

"There was a sign in your front window which stated that whisky was on sale in the inside on a doctor's prescription, it wasn't there," asked the district attorney.

The witness admitted he thought it was so.

"Why did you put Vermouth on the shelves on Christmas eve?" asked Mr. VanNus.

"And, pray, tell me, what medical prescription has it?"

"With all due respect," answered Haag, "and I guess we were afraid that the people were going to eat too much."

### TESTIMONY NOT AWARE OF PROFIT.

He testified that he was not aware that the Haags made \$100,000 profit on the whisky traffic, in answer to a question put to him by the district attorney.

The government immediately began introducing rebuttal testimony when the defense rested with the conclusion of the testimony by Julius Haag.

Rev. George S. Henninger, pastor of the First Methodist church, testified he went into the Pennsylvania street store to see if it was possible to obtain liquor on false prescriptions.

He testified, he wrote out two bogus prescriptions, signed his name to one and a fictitious name to the other.

He testified he presented one of the prescriptions to the clerk and when the clerk attempted to wrap up a quart of whisky, he changed his mind and refused the liquor.

Mrs. Ollie F. Gray, 2305½ East Tenth street, testified she entered the Pennsylvania street store on Jan. 1 and saw a man obtain a quart of whisky without presenting a prescription, and that she saw a man obtain a half pint after showing the clerk a piece of paper which was returned to the purchaser of the whisky.

### ADmits WRITING MANY PRESCRIPTIONS.

Dr. Charles T. Burris, a negro physician, admitted writing many prescriptions for whisky for "patients" who had various "complaints."

Dr. Burris' memory failed when asked to specify the various "complaints" and could not explain why he prescribed sixteen quarts of whisky for one "patient" in three months' time.

"How much did you charge a prescription?" asked Judge Anderson.

"Seventy-five cents or a dollar," answered Burris.

"Then you had two prices for the same prescription," said the attorney.

The negro physician failed to see why the court expressed surprise at that.

"Why was it that William Jones, one of your patients, had to have a quart a day for a while?" asked VanNus.

The witness could not remember.

"You were tried in the criminal court in regard to this whisky prescription business, were you not?" asked the district attorney.

The negro doctor reclined easily in his

## SHAKEUP HITS 4 HIGH OFFICERS IN RANK OF POLICE

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5. 1914; was made detective sergeant April 5, 1916, and promoted to lieutenant today.

Capt. Othello D. Thomas was appointed May 6, 1908; April 9, 1913, was placed on the flood honor roll; was promoted to the

rank of captain April 1, 1916.

The petition of Newcastle for a survey of the water plant in that city and the auditing of books and records, that adequate water rates may be established by the commission.

The Laporte Gas and Electric Company was granted authority to maintain the increased rates for power and lighting, adopted and established by the commission by an order issued Aug. 10, 1918.

Kokomo consumers of steam heat will be forced to pay additional rates as a result of authority given the Indiana Railways and Light Company, to continue the surcharge in the order issued June 29, 1918.

Authority was also granted the Frankfort Power and Light Company to establish a surcharge for electricity, water and gas in that city in addition to the rates set Aug. 1, 1918.

The Oakland City Electric Light and Power Company will continue the temporary increased rates granted two years ago in that city for electric lights and power.

The Waterloo Telephone exchange was granted authority to increase the rates to subscribers in that community.

A 50 per cent increase in telephone rates will go into effect in Spencerville by authority granted the Spencerville Telephone Company.

Citizens of Elletton will be forced to pay rates for electric lights and water as increased July 1, 1918.

The town of South Whitley was authorized by the commissioners to increase its electric light rates.

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