

DEMOCRATS IN LEGISLATURE PLAN FOR 1930

Hopelessly in Minority,
Party Hopes to Build
Future Strength.

The Democratic minority in the legislature, which convenes Jan. 10, will be shaping the party's platform for 1930. Democratic senators and representatives were told at a conference with State Chairman R. Earl Peters here Thursday.

Hopelessly in the minority, with only twelve senators and twenty representatives, Democrats in the legislature pledged one another to formulate and prosecute a legislative program that will commend the party to the voters two years hence, to vote as one where party interests do not conflict with local sentiment, and to vote the wishes of their constituents in non-political legislation.

Admitting disappointment in the outcome of the November election, particularly in the defeat of Frank C. Dailey for Governor, the legislators professed no discouragement.

Party "Never Subdued"
"The old Democratic party often has been defeated, sometimes defrauded, but never subdued," was the way Representative-elect Emerson E. McGriff of Portland, a former circuit judge, expressed it.

State Chairman Peters expressed hope of Republican support for the bill he has suggested for placing names of presidential electors on a separate ballot or on a separate row on voting machines.

"One hundred fifty thousand Republicans who voted in the last election were just as disappointed and dismayed as any Democrat that Frank C. Dailey was not elected," he declared, arguing that separation of the ballot would have brought Dailey's election.

Representative Fabius Gwin, of Shoals, a candidate for minority leader of the house, echoed Peters' views on simplifying the ballot and said approval already had been given the proposal by a number of Republicans of both houses. Republicans stand to gain as much as Democrats by the change, he contended.

Plans for 1930 Platform
"Let's introduce a bill for every pledge in our 1928 platform, see that it comes out with a minority report, if we can do no better, fight it out on the floor, and so build a platform for 1930," Gwin proposed.

Representative Delp L. McKesson, of Plymouth, also a candidate for house minority leader, advocated introduction of the bill which Peters had proposed, but expressed doubt of its success.

Peters said he has found that a majority of both parties oppose modification of the primary law, as proposed by the Republican platform, to throw nomination of United States senators and Governor into state conventions and the nomination of representatives in congress into district conventions, while repealing the presidential preference feature of the existing law.

"It would be a serious mistake for any Democrat to take a position just to be an obstructionist," the state chairman said.

Giving advice to new members, Senator Andrew E. Durham, of Greencastle, who may become minority leader in the senate, said: "Politics only works in the legislature when the parties are about evenly divided. There can't be politics there this year. We haven't even got a quorum!"

Oppose Teacher Law
McGriff advocated paring down the number of "field men" of various state departments, decentralization of government, and repeal of the teacher tenure law.

A committee to prepare and furnish summaries of bills to Democratic members of both houses was suggested by Senator Anderson Ketchum, of Anderson.

Representative George L. Saunders, of Bluffton, a veteran representative, said he would carry out the wishes of Adams and Wells counties by opposing establishment of a rural police force and by careful scrutiny of proposals to speed up the state's paving program by increasing the gasoline tax or license fees.

Reapportionment, which should have been undertaken in 1927 under constitutional provision, will have Saunders' support this session, he said.

"It is going to take away rural control of the legislature," he said, "and farmers are opposed to it; but the constitution calls for it and we cannot refuse to recognize the fact that rural population is decreasing, while urban population is increasing."

Praise for Leslie
"I feel in my heart that in Harry Leslie we will have a very capable Governor," Saunders said. It was Saunders who introduced the "probe resolution" in 1927, when Leslie, it was charged, whipped Republican representatives into a straight vote for his defeat.

"We couldn't expect Leslie, a Republican, to do other than he did," Saunders said.

Democrats of both houses will caucus at the Claypool at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, the night before the legislature convenes, it was decided. At that time minority leaders will be chosen for both houses.

CONFER ON BUDGETS

Purdue University and Soldiers' Home Needs Discussed.

LAPAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 4.—The state budget committee has conferred with officials of Purdue university and the Indiana State Soldiers' home in regard to the institutions' budgets for the next two years.

Action of the legislature on the budgets will be based on the report of the committee.

Jesse Murden, Peru, member of the state highway commission, accompanied the committee.

\$200,000 LEFT BY J. C. DEAN

Employees Receive Share of Estate.

Provisions for employees of the Dean Bros. Company were contained in the will of the late John Candee Dean, filed for probate before Judge Mahlon E. Bash Thursday afternoon. The document was filed by Ferris T. Taylor, nephew of Mr.

Dean and secretary of the company, who qualified as executor.

Value of the estate has been estimated at more than \$200,000.

Employees who will benefit and the amounts they receive are: Louis Reinhart, Fred C. Freuhdt, Christian H. Aichorn and Sol Erb, \$1,000 each, and John Scheaffer, William Ronk, Edwin N. Baldwin, Otto Prim and Henry L. Patrick, \$500 each.

Lombard college, at Galesburg, Ill., Mr. Dean's alma mater, will receive \$2,000. The Rev. F. S. C. Wicks, pastor of the All Souls Unitarian church, of which Mr. Dean was a member, will receive \$5,000.

Ward Hunt Dean, son of the late Thomas Dean, a brother, will receive \$35,000. He also is named with three other children of Thomas

Dean as beneficiaries in one-third of the residual estate.

A niece, Mrs. Charles Brossman of Indianapolis, is given \$15,000. Amounts are set aside for children of Edward H. Dean, a deceased brother. The four children of a sister, Mrs. Emma D. Taylor, who died a few years ago, will share \$25,000.

Waldorf Gives Last Employees' Party

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Waiters danced with chambermaids while scrub-women looked on from the gilded boxes at the last annual banquet given by the Waldorf hotel to its employees Thursday night.

EX-LAWMAKER'S FUNERAL SET

W. C. Adamson to Be Buried in Georgia Town.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The body of former Representative William Charles Adamson of Georgia, author of the Adamson eight-hour railroad law, lay in state at the Campbell funeral church here today, following his death Thursday night

of pneumonia. He was 74 and had been ill only eleven days.

Adamson until a year ago had been judge of the United States customs court, receiving appointment to that position by President Wilson in 1917.

Besides drafting the eight-hour railroad bill and engineering its passage through congress, Adamson was active in the drafting and enactment of Panama Canal legislation, the law for physical valuation of railroads and the interstate commerce commission act. He steered the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill through to enactment and drafted the present law for the quarantine system of the public health service.

Funeral services and burial will be

at Carrollton, Ga., the former home, Sunday.

Lady Heath Flies Toward Miami

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 4.—Lady Heath left here at 7:50 a. m. for Jacksonville, on her flight from the north to Miami.

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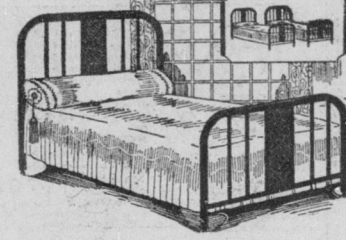
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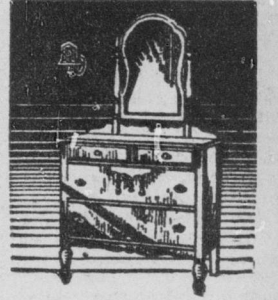
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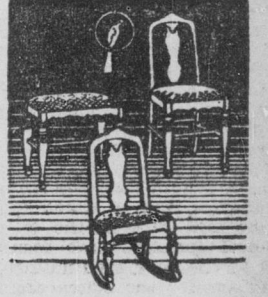


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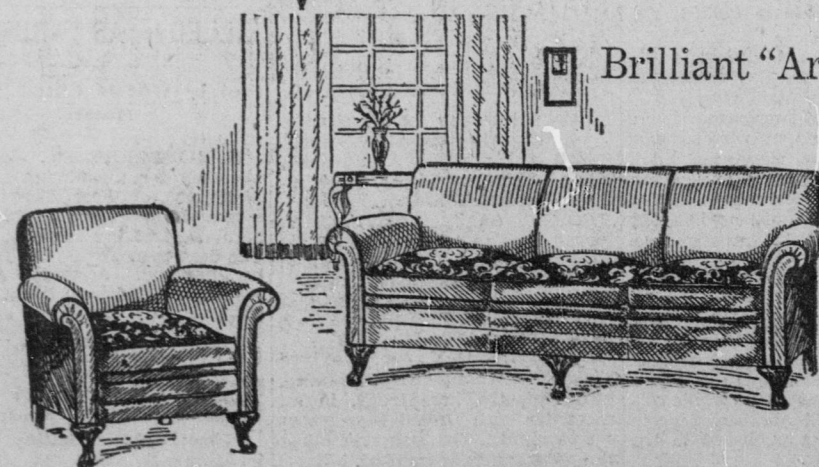
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