

BLAINE REPEAL RESOLUTION HAS ALMOST ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS, SURVEY INDICATES

Only 15 of 83 Senators Questioned Say They Will Ballot Against Proposal When It Comes Up Next Week.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Blaine prohibition modification resolution today almost has enough senate votes for passage by the necessary two-thirds.

A poll by Scripps-Howard newspapers of eighty-three of the ninety-six senators shows surprising support for the measure, despite its disregard of party platform pledges, from former drys and political wets. Many of the anti-prohibitionists took the stand that although its methods of ratifying by legislatures was contrary to the party platforms, and although it provided for federal policing of dry states, it was the best that could be expected.

Only fifteen said they would vote against the resolution when it comes up, probably next week. Fifty said they would vote for it; eighteen were non-committal.

About a dozen, including Senator John J. Blaine (Rep., Wis.), author of the measure, are preparing a vigorous fight against the federal police feature, but their fight faces the difficulty that only a majority is needed to retain it.

New, Interesting Comment

The poll brought forth many new and interesting comments on the rapidly-changing prohibition situation. The report of the poll:

Alabama—Black (Dem.)—Opposed to the resolution so long as it contains the provisions for concurrent jurisdiction in dry states and ratifications by legislatures; Bankhead (Dem.)—Prefers conventions, but may vote for Blaine plan.

California—Johnson (Rep.)—Favors straight repeal, and would prefer conventions. "Don't know how I shall vote." Shortridge (Rep.)—"Think I shall vote for it." Favors convention ratification.

Colorado—Costigan (Dem.) "will listen to both sides." Schuyler (Rep.) opposed Blaine plan in committee, undecided.

Connecticut—Bingham (Rep.) favors direct repeal and conventions, will support Blaine amendment if necessary.

Delaware—Hastings (Rep.) and Townsend (Rep.) both ex-drys, will support Blaine amendment.

Oppose Federal Policing

Florida—Fletcher (Dem.) non-committal, indicated opposition to federal policing.

Georgia—George (Dem.) will vote for Blaine amendment, incoming Senator Russell (Dem.) expected to follow.

Iowa—Borah (Rep.) and Thomas (Rep.) both drys, will oppose Blaine amendment.

Illinois—Lewis (Dem.) non-committal, but says police and protection of dry states provision "inconsistent with Democratic platform." Glenn expected to support Blaine amendment.

Indiana—Robinson (Rep.) will oppose any change in amendment, and then vote against amendment. Watson (Rep.) expected to support.

Iowa—Dickinson (Rep.) will support Blaine amendment. Brookhart (Rep.) will oppose.

Kansas Is Against Plan

Kansas—Capper (Rep.) and McGill (Dem.) will oppose.

Kentucky—Farkley (Dem.) and Gough for it.

Louisiana—Long (Dem.) for resolution but opposed to police regulation. Broussard (Dem.) will back it.

Maine—Hale (Rep.) favors all features of amendment. White (Rep.) likewise insisting on federal anti-saloon feature.

Maryland—Goldsborough (Rep.) won't say. Tydings (Dem.) a vigorous wet, will oppose entire measure.

Massachusetts—Walsh (Dem.) and Coolidge (Dem.) favor straight repeal and conventions, but will support amendment if they have to.

Michigan—Cousens (Rep.) and Vandenberg (Rep.) want conventions, but will take this if they have to.

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Nebraska—Norris (Rep.) opposes any change in amendment, and will vote against passage. Howell (Rep.) against measure.

Nevada—Pittman (Dem.) will oppose. Oddie (Rep.) will support it.

New Hampshire—Moses (Rep.) will vote for it, but opposes police power, although he believes "it won't mean a darn thing."

New Yorkers to Fight

New Jersey—Barbour (Rep.) and Kean (Rep.) will support it.

New York—Wagner (Dem.) will oppose it unless the federal police section is cut out. Copeland (Dem.) expected to take same stand.

North Carolina—Reynold (Dem.) will support it, but prefers "Democratic plan."

North Dakota—Nye (Rep.) for Blaine amendment as is. Frazier (Rep.) non-committal.

Ohio—Bulkeley (Dem.) will oppose it. Fess (Rep.) thinks police provision should be more strict.

Oklahoma—Thomas (Dem.) will oppose it as long as state constitution contains prohibition clause. Gore (Dem.) uncertain.

Oregon—McNary (Rep.) for it. Steiner (Rep.) will vote for it.

Smooth to Battle Measure

Pennsylvania—Reed (Rep.) and Davis (Rep.) expected to vote for it. Rhode Island—Hebert (Rep.) and Metcalf (Rep.) want straight repeal, but will support the measure after attacking its details.

South Carolina—Byrnes (Dem.) opposed to federal policing. Smith (Dem.) will support it, but objects to legislative ratification.

South Dakota—Norbeck (Rep.) non-committal, opposes any change.

Tennessee—Hull (Dem.) and McCall (Dem.) non-committal, may vote for Blaine plan.

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New Legislators Veterinarian Starts Duties in Legislature

Alanson L. Albright, new senator from Fountain, Vermillion and Warren counties, is a veterinarian and has been an active Democratic worker for the last twenty years. Born Dec. 5, 1893, Albright is married and has no children. His public and political experience has been varied. He has served as precinct committeeman and township chairman and eight years as town alderman. He also served eight years on the school advisory board and one year as assistant state veterinarian for South Dakota. Albright was a second lieutenant in the World War and now, in addition to practicing veterinary medicine, is a farmer near Cayuga.



Connally (Dem.) expected to support Blaine plan.

Utah—Smoot (Rep.) against it. King (Dem.) for straight repeal.

"It's Best We Can Get"

Vermont—Austin (Rep.) for it, but prefers conventions. Dave (Rep.) won't say.

Virginia—Swanson (Dem.) will support Blaine plan. Glass (Dem.) uncertain.

Washington—Dill (Dem.): "It's the best we can get." Grammer (Rep.) will support it as a Republican measure.

Wisconsin—Blaine (Rep.) thinks it will pass the senate, although "I am preparing to oppose vigorously the police section." La Follette (Rep.) "Prefers outright repeal."

Wyoming—Carey (Rep.) for it. Kendrick (Dem.) to vote for resolution as written.

THORNTON WILDER TO ADDRESS TOWN HALL

Famed Novelist to Lecture Here at 11 Friday Morning.

Thornton Wilder, famed novelist and literary authority, will lecture at 11 Friday morning at English's in the Indianapolis Town Hall series.

His subject will be "The Future of American Literature."

Author of several outstanding books in recent years, including "The Bridge of San Luis Rey" and "The Cabala," Wilder is a native of Wisconsin. He lived for many years in China as a boy when his father was an American consul general.

He was graduated from Yale university and spent two years in the American Academy in Rome. His books are written from intimate knowledge of history and social life in countries in which they are based.

CITY MAN IS FREED OF MURDER CHARGES

Second-Degree Court Is Dismissed in Franklin Circuit Court.

By United Press

Second degree murder charges pending against James Crawford, 56, of 446 East Merrill street, in connection with the fatal shooting last July 3 of his son-in-law, Merle Lustig, was dismissed Tuesday in circuit court at Franklin, where the case had been taken on a change of venue.

Crawford claimed his son-in-law came home in an intoxicated condition, threatening Mrs. Lustig. He intervened, and when threatened by Lustig drew a gun in self-protection, the gun accidentally being discharged, killing Lustig.

Deputy Prosecutor John J. Kelley said the case was dismissed for lack of evidence.

\$6 SALARY IS URGED

Senate Asks Raise for Elective Employees of Assembly.

Restoration of the \$6-a-day salary for elective employees of the general assembly has been recommended by the senate finance committee. They had been cut to \$5 in the house.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

EASIER CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION ASKED IN BILL

Present Difficult System of Amendment Would Be Altered.

Difficulties in amending Indiana's Constitution will be removed if a joint resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator J. Curtis White (Dem., Indianapolis), is passed.

It provides that a majority vote cast for the amendment in a referendum makes it prevail and that more than two can be started on their way in any legislative session and need approval of but a single session for submission.

At the present time, the proposed amendment, with not more than two being submitted, must be approved by two successive legislatures and receive a majority of all votes cast at the election.

Difficulty lies in the fact that the proposed change must hurdle the obstacles which it seeks to abolish, it was pointed out.

Appropriation Bill Passes

The senate today passed one bill and fifteen were introduced.

The bill passed is the measure appropriating \$129,500 for expenses of the session.

Two bills introduced concerned changes in election proceedings. Senators Whipple W. Druley (Dem., Boston), and William V. Doogs (Dem., Carmelton) sponsored a measure providing for names of electors to be printed on separate ballots from those used to designate candidates for offices. Separate colors will be used to distinguish ballots.

The other measure, introduced by Senators John Bright Webb and E. Curtis White, Indianapolis Democrats, provides for eliminating minor parties from ballots. One per cent of the vote at the last preceding election for secretary of state will be necessary to get a place on the ballots.

Would Abolish Office

Abolishment of the office of county highway superintendent and succession to it by the county surveyor is provided in two bills in which Senators John B. Webb, Indianapolis; William V. Doogs, Carmelton; William D. Hardy, Evansville, and W. S. Chambers, Newcastle, all Democrats, collaborated.

Salary of the county surveyor in counties having 15,000 to 93,000 population is fixed at a maximum of \$2 yearly for each highway mile under supervision. Mileage of 5 cents per mile is provided for traveling.

Members of the county councils are charged with stating surveyor's duties.

Hiss Free Gravel Law

Bill to repeal the act creating the state highway commission was introduced by three Democrats—Doogs, Druley and James B. Brewster, Corydon.

Russell Moore and Earl Marple were convicted several days ago of aiding in violation of a permanent injunction issued by Ryan.

The injunction was granted the Polk Sanitary Milk Company against Frank Dowden, a former employee.

Dowden, a former employee of the company, was alleged to have served the firm's customers after starting a private milk route. The injunction, for nine months, was issued to prevent this.

The fines are to be paid on or before Jan. 18, and failure to pay will result in commitment to jail, Ryan said.

HOLD THREE AS AUTO BANDITRY SUSPECTS

Warrants for Men Sent Here by Hamilton County Sheriff.

A native of Kansas, Beals has been in several revolutions in Latin-American countries. He has written several books and often has been referred to as "America's greatest ambassador-without portfolio."

BARE TRAIN WRECK PLOT

Crew Removes Hacked Ties Just in Time to Avert Tragedy.

By United Press

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 11.—A plot to wreck a fast freight train on the Louisville and Nashville railroad Tuesday night was discovered an hour before the train was due at Mascoutah, Ill., railroad officials said today.

The plot was reported by a farmer named Ross, who telephoned the station agent at Mascoutah that ties had been stacked on the tracks near the Links mine.

A crew removed the ties before the next train, No. 79, from St. Louis, arrived.

Dies in Mine Accident

PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 11.—Chauncey G. Carr, 39, trip rider in the Francisco mine, near here, was killed last night when he tripped and fell headlong into a motor. He began work at the mine three days ago.

Local police failed to connect the three men with the holdup-slaying. They are Raymond Jutte, 30, and George White, 34, both of 247 North East street, and Archie Lawson, 29, of 436 West Norwood street.

Warrants for their arrest on auto banditry charges were sent here today by the Hamilton county sheriff.

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GOOD ROUND TRIP EXCURSIONS