

THE OSKALOOSA LADIES.

MANY persons are expressing interest in the experiment being made by the little city of Oskaloosa, Kan., which, as we stated some time ago, has elected a municipal council of ladies. The experiment of a government composed entirely of women, will be carefully watched, not only by persons specially interested in women's rights, but by all who hold the opinion that woman's influence wherever allowed full play, is potent on the right side of every public question.

It is perhaps to be regretted that so many journals are inclined to treat the whole matter as a joke, whereas it is really the result of carefully planned action of the best citizens of the community. Some of our readers will be interested in the following statements by one who is thoroughly conversant with the facts of the case:

"The musical Indian name of Oskaloosa is all at once upon everybody's lips, and special reporters, special telegrams and special artists are daily affairs. And all because of the fact that the good people of the city (taking advantage of one of those progressive Kansas ideas formulated into a state law, which allows women the right to vote and to hold office in incorporated cities) have ventured upon the unheard of experiment of trusting the reins of government of any other than household affairs to the dainty hands of women!

"Yes, the election of a woman mayor and five councilwomen by a large majority over a conventional ticket of every-day, humdrum men, was a matter of deliberate intent, done in good faith and in the belief that needed public improvements and the moral welfare of the city were perfectly safe in the hands of representative wives and mothers. It is no wild freak of a border Kansas city town, but the sober action of an intelligent and cultured people. Oskaloosa is the county seat of Jefferson, second county west of the Missouri river, a fine farming county, filled with the well cultivated fields of men from all the States east and north of us. The town is twenty-eight miles from Leavenworth and the same distance from the State capital, forty-six miles by rail north-west of Kansas City, twenty north of Lawrence, and thirty south of Atchison.

"The following personal descriptions will satisfy the curiosity which has brought such floods of inquiry, and so sorely perplexed the modest ladies who had never a dream of such results following their consent to serve as candidates for official position.

"Mrs. Mary D. Lowman, the mayor, is a pleasant-faced, kindly-voiced woman of 49 years of age, a native of Pennsylvania, but a resident of Kansas twenty years and of Oskaloosa eighteen, of medium height, with hazel eyes and dark hair, now streaked with silver. She has been for five years an assistant in the office of the register of deeds, which position her husband formerly held. She is the mother of a son and a daughter, both grown, is a Presbyterian religiously and a Republican in politics, as is her husband. She is a woman who has the universal esteem of all who know her.

"Mrs. Emma K. Hamilton, a native of Indiana, is aged 39, the wife of W. A. Hamilton, one of the firm of the Blue Ribbon real estate office, and the mother of three children. A zealous Methodist, a strong Republican and an ardent Prohibitionist, she has decided convictions and the ability to forcibly express them. She has dark hair and blue-gray eyes, and is well known for her kindly deeds of charity. She was educated in Ohio and has lived in Oskaloosa fifteen years. Her husband is of the same political faith.

"Mrs. Sarah E. Balsley, a handsome woman of 36, of plump figure and with the red hue of health still in her cheeks has bright black eyes and hair to match. She was born in Ohio and has resided in Oskaloosa fifteen years. She is a devoted Methodist, and holds to the Democratic faith of her father, though her husband, a leading physician, is a republican.

"Mrs. Hannah P. Morse, a native of England, has spent 22 of her 45 years in the city which she is now called to sit in council over. She is a pleasant lady, with dark hair and eyes, and decidedly plump, matronly form—the mother of a son and grandmother of a little girl and the wife of a prominent attorney. She is of the same political faith as her husband and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Mrs. Mittie Josephine Golden, a petite woman of blonde hair and blue eyes, is the wife of a well known mechanic of the city, and the proud mother of two bright and pretty little girls. A Methodist in religion, she is with her husband politically in name, at least. She was born in Independence, Mo. thirty-one years ago.

"The Youngest member of the board is Mrs. Carrie I. Johnson, who was born in Oskaloosa some twenty three summers ago—a pretty, vivacious lady of decided blond complexion, the wife of the cashier of the Oskaloosa bank, whose pronounced Republicanism doesn't deter his better half from asserting the Democracy of her father. In religion Mrs. Johnson is an Episcopalian."

NOVA SCOTIA PROHIBITION PARTY.

Several of our readers have lately been inquiring about the platform adopted by the Prohibition party of Nova Scotia. We present in full for their information, with the following further facts in relation to the steps which led to its adoption.

At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Alliance the motion in favor of a Prohibition party was defeated about two thirds of the members voting against it.

A meeting was subsequently held of those who supported the defeated motion, and arrangements were made for another Convention, the call for which was signed by a very large number of clergymen and other temperance workers, and was widely circulated. In response to the summons a Convention met in the Y. M. C. A. Hall at Truro, N. S., on March 27th, organized, transacted routine business, and adopted the following—

PLATFORM:

- 1. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Divine Ruler of the universe.
2. We recognize that it is the duty of the State to protect by law the health and morals of the people. The liquor traffic is the prolific source of disease and crime, and the State has power to prohibit both the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.
3. Prohibitory legislation affecting the revenue must emanate from the Government.

4. With regard to the organized financial interest of the liquor interest in the old political parties, we have no ground of hope that either the Government or the opposition will make Prohibition a plank in their platform in the near future if at all.

5. We fail to distinguish any distinct issue of principle between the existing political parties making their continued existence necessary.

6. The absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic is our chief aim, as it is the supreme law of the hour.

7. We call upon all good citizens to join the only party that is making open warfare upon the saloon.

8. We pledge ourselves not to support any candidate for political honors who will not pledge himself to oppose all and every government or party which will not give an immediate prohibitory legislation.

9. We further pledge ourselves that if at any time the Prohibition Party of Nova Scotia duly assembled and constituted in Convention, shall nominate a candidate or candidates to contest any Provincial or Federal election, we will support by our votes such nominee.

It was further resolved at this meeting, that a convention be held in every county in the Province to secure further local organizations upon the lines adopted. It was also resolved that a prohibition paper, for the new party be published by a joint stock company, and about one-fifth of the stock necessary to commence operations was immediately subscribed. The convention further adopted the following:

- 1. That we be known as the Prohibition Party of Nova Scotia.
2. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain, who shall be elected by ballot annually.

3. That seven members be elected by ballot annually, who with the officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to call the Party together and appoint the place of meeting, and to perform such other duties as in their judgment is required, subject to the approval of the Party.

5. Any person of the age of 18 or upward may become a member of this Party upon subscribing to its platform.

The Convention transacted a good deal of other business in connection with the movement thus inaugurated, and elected the following staff of

OFFICERS.

- Rev. J. B. Giles, President, Southampt-on, Cumberland County.
Samuel Archibald, Vice-President, Waterville, Pictou County.
D. Graham Whidden, Secretary, Antigonish.
B. D. Rogers, Treasurer, Stellarton, Pictou County.
Rev. S. H. Cain, Chaplain, Lunenburg.
Executive Committee: The officers are P. J. Chisholm, Truro; J. T. Baines, Rev. W. Brown, Halifax; J. W. Harvey, South Brookfield; E. B. Elderkin, Dr. C. A. Black, C. R. Cusny, Amherst.

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In view of the present position of the Prohibition Movement, it has been thought desirable by very many earnest workers that there should be held at an early date a

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

of persons who would be thoroughly representative of the advanced temperance sentiment of every part of the Dominion, to discuss the situation, and plan for further action towards the attainment of the great object of the Total Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

The Dominion Alliance has been asked to call this Convention, and make the arrangements necessary to secure its having the character desired. After much careful consideration this responsibility has been accepted, and the following plan has been agreed upon.

THE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN THE

CITY OF MONTREAL

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

A Local Committee of Management will make complete arrangements for place of meeting, reception of delegates, etc., and full particulars will be announced later on.

To this Conference all Societies and Organizations for the promotion of Temperance or Prohibition are earnestly and respectfully invited to send representatives, the basis of representation to be as follows:

THE CONVENTION TO BE COMPOSED OF

- 1. The Executive Committee of every PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION OF TEMPERANCE WORKERS of an equal number of representatives selected by such Executive Committee.
2. Representatives from Local Organizations of Temperance Workers (Unions, Church Temperance Societies, Lodges, Divisions, Councils, etc., etc.) on the basis of one representative for every fifty members, any membership less than fifty or in excess of even fifties to have also one representative.
3. Five representatives for every county or city Alliance or Scot. Act Association.
4. Twelve representatives chosen by the Executive Committee of the Branch of the Dominion Alliance of each Province.
5. The Officers of the Dominion Council of the Alliance.

It is confidently anticipated that this meeting will surpass in magnitude and interest any ever before held in the Dominion of Canada. A special request is made for the co-operation towards this result of all temperance societies and all friends of Moral Reform.

REDUCED FARES.

Full particulars will be given later on of rates of railway fares to this Convention. They will be unusually low, and arrangements will be made that will reduce to very little the local expenses of Delegates who have to travel long distances to be present, so that the total expense of attendance at the convention will be very small.

Friends are earnestly requested to give this announcement as wide a circulation as possible. Ministers will oblige by calling the attention of their congregations to it, and officers of Temperance Societies by laying it before their respective organizations.

All editors are respectfully solicited to kindly call attention to it in the columns of their journals.

Organizations entitled to representation at this meeting according to plan above stated, are cordially invited to appoint and send delegates, without waiting for any further notice.

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