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State Convention Takes Stand Against Prohibition — Urges Repeal of Eighteenth Amendment

Jamestown, N. D., April 2—(AP)—
Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act was urged by the North Dakota Democratic state convention here today in the principal plank in the platform upon which the party's candidates will make the race for state and national offices next fall.

State Chairman H. H. Perry of Ellendale, Secretary Fred W. Clean of Grand Forks, and P. W. Janler of Jamestown, congressional candidate in the Second District, said they felt the anti-prohibition stand of the party gives it a real chance for victory. North Dakota is normally Republican.

The plank on the liquor question asserted North Dakota Democrats favor temperance and are against the saloon, but that 10 years under prohibition has resulted in a reign of intemperance in words, expenditure of money, crime and corruption.

"Unholy Alliance."

"The unholy alliance between the underworld bootleggers, rum runners, moonshiners and fanatic prohibitionists is being financed by our prohibition law and sponsored by the National Republican Party and has gotten to a place where the very foundation of our national government is threatened."

"Prohibition," the plank continues, "has robbed the farmer of his market for corn, rye, barley and hops, thereby throwing farm production out of balance and resulting in overproduction in wheat, overproduction of feed grains, and the general and complete breakdown in land values and ruination to the farmer, not only in North Dakota, but in all agricultural districts."

The platform asserted that the party "favors the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Prohibition law, and recommend that right to pass on this question be returned to states under government control, and in this connection we call the attention of the people to the method of government control now in effect in Sweden, Norway and provinces of Canada."