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Of the four or five hundred; delegates from Cuyahoga County who attended the annual State Republican Convention at Columbus, Ohio Wednes- i day and Thursday of last week, 30 or 40 of them were members of

the Kace. Just before leaving for the meciing, Councilman Lawrence O. Payne and W. O. Waiker drafted an equality plank which was approved by

were headed by Payne, and later inserted in the state Republican platform.

Jackson, leader of Ward 16 was in gainful positions in industry. selected by the Twenty-first district tions committee. Mayor Harold H.

Burton was elected permanent chairman.

Rev. Sandy F. Ray, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church of Columbus tions during the convention.

The Equality Plank

reads as follows:

CLEVELAND, Sept. 30- the Republican party in Ohio has been one of liberal friendship for Negroes. We pledge ourselves to continue this fine tradition.

"Our colored citizens are entitled to our aid. We pledge to them the full and equal protection of the law throughout the state.

"We favor the passage of a federal anti-lynching bill. We also favor equal opportunity for colored citizens in industry and pledge to them a fair and equitable participation the Race delegates of the state who in our state government. We pledge ourselves to work for their complete integration into the economic life of this state. We will do our City Police Prosecutor Perry B. best to further their employment

"We condemn any policy which delegation of Cuyahoga county of would regiment and ultimately both races to serve on the resolu- eliminate the colored citizens from the country's productive life and make him solely a ward of the federal government."

Cleveland Delegation

Among the Clevelanders who gave a thrilling address on the helped insert the plank into the opening day of the convention. Rev. platform were L. L. Yancey. Harold John W. Arnold, pastor of the H. Gassaway, Charles White, secre-African Methodist Episcopal church tary of the Cuyahoga county execuof Columbus gave the opening tive committee; Mrs. Lilly B. Maprayer at the opening session Thurs- son. Mrs. L. H. Hogan, Clayborne day morning. A Race delegate from George. Harry E. Davis and Chester Cincinnati seconded one of the mo- K. Gillespie, candidates for the legislature: Lawrence O. Payne, W. O. Walker, Perry B. Jackson, Mrs. The Squality in Citizenship Plank Lucinda K. Baker. George Qu'nn, Rev. Charles H. Crable, Mrs. Will-"The tradition of the history of iam Turner, Rev. J. R. Yewell, Rev. lief, employment, old age pension.

B. J. Glover, Mrs. M. Bell, Mrs. R. Rosen, Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming. Ralph Tyler, M. Boyden, Mrs. J. King, "Foots" Mitchell, Charles Gray. Arthur Johnson, and Dwight Brooks.

Other planks of the platform deal with labor, education, welfare, re-

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