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## Bryanites And Radicals Unite Issues And Stampede Presidential Convention

The First Mock Political Convention Brings Out A Large Number of Students And Gives Vivid Illustration Of National Convention In Session—Galleries Filled.

### W. J. BRYAN IS CHOICE ON SECOND BALLOT

Bryan, Wilson, La Follette, Taft, Roosevelt, Debs And Stewart Named As Candidates. Progressives And Radicals Control The Convention.—Newsboys Act As Delegates' Pages

Hon. William Jennings Bryan was nominated candidate for our next president at the independent national convention at the Armory last night, by a large majority, upon an exceedingly progressive, almost radical platform, containing initiative, referendum, recall, preferential presidential primaries, downward revision of tariff, prohibition, income tax and non-ship subsidy planks.

It was evident early in the evening that Bryan would lead, but no one thought that Speers, the Bryan leader, had his forces as well organized as he did. In the first vote Roosevelt and La Follette did not show up as strong as expected, while Taft's showing was a great surprise.

The result in the first vote was Bryan 143, Wilson 71, Taft 68, La Follette 68, Roosevelt 66, Debs 7 and Stewart 28. In the final votes many of the delegates were anxious to leave, and consequently the final count does not fairly represent student preference. The Wilson forces ceded practically all their votes to Bryan.

### Taft Surprisingly Strong.

As no candidate received a majority in the first ballot, the chairman ordered a second roll to be called. The results of this were as follows:

Bryan 204, Taft 69, Roosevelt 42, La Follette 62, Debs 2. A motion was then passed providing that the candidate receiving the majority of delegated votes be declared the candidate of the convention, Wm. Jennings Bryan receiving the majority.

The expected fight against woman suffrage of which Beaton and Harris were the leaders was not forthcoming. Each man expected the other to lead so the responsibility was shifted from one to the other. The women had been busy the day before and sentiment was so strong in their favor that the committee report allowing solid women delegations was quickly and quietly railroaded through.

The delegates began to arrive quite awhile before time for the opening. The different states carried banners and flags of all descriptions with names of the states painted upon them, and the women hung a "Votes for Women" sign from the balcony. The faculty, only a few of whom were present, sat on the platform. There were about 550 delegates present and the balconies were well filled with spectators.

Enthusiasm ran high early in the evening, but even amid the cheering and confusion the states were finally seated in alphabetical order. For some unaccountable reason there was no delegation from Mississippi. The women had solid delegations from six states.

Twelve junior girls in white aprons and caps sold frappe to the dele-

gates and spectators. The proceeds of the sale will be used in defraying the expenses of a banquet to the senior girls' Cap and Gown Society. The senior girls also held a candy sale in a booth in the rear of the Armory.

George Wycoff was in charge of ten newsboys, members of the St. Paul boys' club, who acted as pages for the convention delegates.

### The Convention in Detail.

The meeting was called to order by Marc Fraser, chairman of national central committee, after the delegations representing every state and Alaska, Hawaii, and the Philippines as well, had settled into their allotted places. Mr. Fraser paid tribute to the efforts of the Good Government Club and to its president, Gregg Sinclair, for their efforts in bringing about the convention. After the formal call to the convention was read, the Honorable Stanley Gillam of Arkansas, took charge of the meeting.

Mr. Gillam, upon taking the chair, gave the key-note speech of the evening, an eloquent diagnosis of modern democratic progressiveness, emphasizing the world wide trend toward democracy and urging strong progress measures.

He showed how the energies of the present and past decade have been bent toward political developments, and less toward the solution of economic problems.

Upon the recommendation of the permanent organization committee Mr. Gregg Sinclair was nominated and unanimously elected permanent chairman of the convention. The Hon. Messrs. Reeves, Waters and Vaughan escorted Mr. Sinclair amid loud and prolonged applause, to the chair.

Mr. Sinclair in his speech summed up the problems which confront the Americans of today, and urged that scientific methods be applied more extensively to the solution of political difficulties. His speech was progressive in trend, as was the former one.

The report of the rules committee was called for and adopted. The platform committee was then asked for a report which was read by Walter West, and was a progressive platform embodying initiative, referendum, recall, preferential presidential primaries, downward revision of tariff and other radically progressive planks. An effort was made to railroad the report through without recognition, but Mr. Fabian demanded recognition.

He read a minority report protesting against the judicial recall plank in the platform. In this report charges were freely made that the platform was railroaded through the committee by machine methods, and that upon the platform as formulated one man and only one man, Wm. J. Bryan, (Continued on page 2.)

## "IBSEN'S GREATEST DRAMA"

This is Dr. Burton's Estimate of the "Pretenders"—Although Seldom Heard It is Best.

Dr. Burton has given the following criticism on the Pretenders: "On the whole, 'The Pretenders' is perhaps Ibsen's greatest drama of his first, or romantic period. It is not only one of the finest as well as least seen of all his plays, but a piece of literature in its kind ranking with the finest in the history of the drama. Although it deals with early Norwegian history, its implication is world wide, and besides, it has an intensely interesting autobiographic flavor, its two leading characters standing for Ibsen and his friend and fellow genius Bjornson. Minneapolis has never had an opportunity to witness this play, and all who care for literature in dramatic form ought to welcome the privilege and be grateful to our Dramatic Club for enabling local audiences to study and enjoy it in its stage life. The university, in giving it, is living up to its ideal of serving the community."

## SOPH'S MINSTREL SHOW

Academics Evolve Clever Stunt—Engineers in Musical Sketch—Music by Allen.

"Nine Nifty Niggahs; Introducing the Two Gold Dust Twins," is the title of the minstrel show which the sophomore academic students will put on at the Sophomore Vaudeville Monday evening, in chapel. The participants are: Ruth Knowlton, Helen Knowlton, Katherine Leland, Florence Swanson, Marjorie Mix, Arline Peachey, Sieford Stellwagen, Ben Webster, and Frances Statswold.

The sophomore engineers have also decided on their stunt. It is a musical skit entitled "Corporal Hallingsworth," or "The Daisy Tossers" and will include many original catchy songs by Edgar Allen, '11. The following will take part in it: Fletcher Rockwood, Leo Dawn, Ripley Doer, Renville Rankin, Cedric Smith, Leslie Mitchell, Clarence Lilly, Harold Rockwell, and Karl Fastenan.

## SALE UNPRECEDENTED

86 Tickets Sold for Senior Informal to Date—Chaperones Announced

"Everything is coming along in a way to show that the first of series of Senior Informals, which is to take place at the Leamington, March twenty-second, is to be a big success," said President Frazer today.

Tickets are still being received in the ballot box in the postoffice. Up to Wednesday eighty-six tickets had been sold. This sale is unprecedented as in previous years not more than thirty couples have attended. The chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Boucher, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pierce.

## TWENTY-ONE SENIORS MAKE PHI BETA KAPPA

Rev. Richardson Announced Phi Beta Kappa's and the Standard of Elections.

Eugene Bibb Played Three Selections on the Violin in the Chapel Assembly.

The following seniors were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa at a meeting of the society held Tuesday night and their names were made public for the first time in Chapel assembly yesterday:

Earle C. Bailie, M. Augusta Bjeldanes, Homer W. Borst, Alice Branham, Bertha M. Brechet, Lydia B. Christ, Grace O. Daire, Marie B. Denneen, George H. Gamble, Ruth Jessop, Gratia R. Kjerland, Alan J. McBean, Solveig Magelssen, Guy C. Menefee, Marie C. Nehls, Jean Russell, Louise M. Sumner, Theodore E. Utne, Percival W. Viesselman, Effie M. Wicklund, Tillie Will.

Reverend Richardson of the Y. M. C. A. conducted chapel exercises in the absence of President Vincent and preceded his reading of the names by a brief statement from the constitution of the society. This statement characterized the aims of the Phi Beta Kappa society as follows:

"Phi Beta Kappa stands for scholarship in all the elements of a liberal education, specialization in one department being recognized only if based upon excellence in others. The society desires neither those who by mere plodding have attained to average excellence in several lines of study without giving evidence of superior interest and ability in any, nor those who have shown power in a single direction to the exclusion of an intelligent interest in others."

Preceding the announcement of Phi Beta Kappa honors, Eugent Bibb played three selections on the violin, "Mazurka," by Wieniawski; "Shepherd's Dance," by German, and "Souvenir," by Drdla. As an encore he played Ditterdorf's "German Dance."

## SUNLIGHT DANCE ARRANGED.

Nine Hundred Invitations Out for a Program of Eighteen Dances.

Nine hundred invitations have been sent out for the Sunlight Dance to be given by the Woman's League Saturday afternoon in the armory. In order to insure that everyone gets acquainted, the committee has provided name slips for each guest to wear. Partners for the first dance will be secured by matching cards which will be distributed at four different booths. The guests will be assigned to these booths according to their classes.

A program of fifteen dances and three extras has been arranged, and the dancing will begin promptly at 3 o'clock, as the armory can be secured only until 5:30.

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**PRaise FOR THE CONVENTION**

The convention is all over, but it will be a matter of conversation for some time to come. Comments of every kind have been heard about the affair for the past two weeks, and the most exciting events of all happened last night.

The principal thing about the convention, however, is not who won or who lost, but that the affair created so much interest among the students. The convention is just the sort of student activity that is instructive as well as interesting and exciting.

Politics needs a great deal of study on the part of all the citizens of the United States, including the women. As college graduates are expected to be the leaders of their respective communities after they have left college, they should be able to lead in politics as well. It takes a great deal of intelligence and lots of study. One of the chief criticisms of the American people is their indifferent attitude towards politics. The college man or woman ought to be the one to start a revival of interest. Politics will improve when more and better citizens take an active part.

Anyway, the convention was a success. It is one of the real big student enterprises of the last few years. It ranks with last year's May Fete and things of that kind. A great deal of credit is due the students who labored for its success.

The convention did a great deal for the student body. Besides showing some of the actual phases of politics which are not ordinarily known to college students, it has aroused great interest in the politics of the country. And the convention was a good thing for the university. It ought to show some of the people of the state that there are some, at least, of the students here who are not wasting all their time. It is an enterprise that stands for something. Let us hope that four years from now the students at the University of Minnesota will have another mock convention.

**BRYANITES AND RADICALS  
STAMPEDE CONVENTION.**

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could by any possibility be elected.  
The Hon. Mr. Speer as a member of the platform committee, took issue with Mr. Fabian's statement that the steam-roller was used, and declared that the judicial recall was essential to true progressiveness, and called upon every one who called himself a progressive to support the plank. Mr. Hodson in turn attacked Mr.

Speer's statement that the judicial recall is a principle of the true progressive and declared that the judicial recall aimed at the very life and usefulness of the bench. A roll-call was demanded which resulted in the loss of the motion by 213-199.

The Hon. Mr. Markve then presented a second minority report condemning the methods employed in the platform committee meeting, and advocating a prohibition plank. A hand-vote was taken, but resulted in victory for the dries 247-211. Many of the suffragettes voted against prohibition. The rest of the platform was then carried.

Upon roll-call by states for nominations, Hon. Geo. Gamble of New Jersey nominated Gov. Woodrow Wilson. Robt. La Follette was nominated by Theo. Thompson, and Miss Tillie Well, the suffragette leader seconded. Joe Carrol nominated Theo. Roosevelt, Ray Speers chose Bryan. Latimer spoke for Debs, Burgstahler nominated the prohibition candidate, Oliver Stewart, and Mr. Hodson brought the name of William Howard Taft before the convention.

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Prof Tweakitt of the Archeological Department Waxes Warm Over Minnehaha.

The Devil's-Own-Number of the Minnehaha which appears tomorrow has been received by Prof. Tweakitt of the Archeological department in strong terms.

"The whole performance to my mind, borders on the inelegant. The denunciation of various members of the faculty is uncalled for. We always have the best interests of the students at heart.

"The editorial attack on Dean Downey called forth by his recent action regarding the political meetings being held on the campus, I think I may say with due moderation, is libelous and profane. The Dean should take action against the editors of this publication at once, for speech unbecoming gentlemen.

"The problem play which burlesques Dr. Craig and the honor system, I need not discuss. The whole attitude maintained, in this piece, to my mind, is light and unwholesome. The rest of the issue is fair enough and will doubtless find readers among the lighter and more frivolous minded of the student body."

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 \* Meeting of Track Team Today at 5 o'clock in Armory.  
 \* Men who expect to go to Evanston Indoor meet must attend.  
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**CAP AND GOWN TO BANQUET**

Junior Girls Will Banquet the Seniors on Cap and Gown Day.

This year the junior girls are hoping to establish a precedent by giving to the senior girls a big spread on Cap and Gown day. To raise money for this purpose the junior girls are going to give a candy sale Friday in Postoffice, Library and Folwell Hall.

**Help the Famine Sufferers!**

Following the lead of Columbia and Yale, the students of Minnesota will today be given an opportunity to help the famine sufferers of Central China. The Red Cross Society has taken the matter up, and with a view to preventing such floods and famines in the future, is putting the population to work on dykes, under the direction of American engineers. The Red Cross Society is greatly in need of money to keep the people alive until the next crop, in May. As two cents will keep a man alive for a day, even small contributions to this fund will be of great value. Contribution boxes will be placed in Folwell, the post-office and Shevlin Hall, from 8 until 3 today, in charge of the Y. W. ann Y. M. C. A.

**Cadets Notice.**

The Cadets of Companies "A," "B," "C," "D," "I," "K," "Band," Bugle Corps, and Signal Corps, who wish to be vaccinated against typhoid will report at the Armory Friday, March 22nd., at 4:00 p. m., in place of 12:00 noon March 21st, and 12:00 noon March 23rd, as previously ordered.

**Wrestlers Notice.**

All candidates for the All-University Wrestling Meet, which is to be conducted in conjunction with the big Northwestern Gymnastic Meet in the University Armory next Saturday evening, are notified to hand in names at the Gymnasium office at once.

Candidates must weigh in before 12 o'clock, noon, on the day of the Meet.

The March meeting of the Scandinavian Society will be held next Tuesday evening, March 26, in Shevlin. A special program commemorating the deeds of Roal Amundsen and John Ericsson will be given. This will be followed by a social time.

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**"WHITE WASHING" EXPECTED**

**Presidents at Session at Chicago Will Probably Recommend "Immunity Bath" to Conference.**

The meeting of the presidents at Chicago, according to the present outlook will not accomplish more than to recommend measures to be acted upon by the regular conference meeting later on. Considerable disappointment is felt in that the "white-washing" of the athletes who confessed to minor offenses is thus put off to an indefinite date, and in all probability, action of any kind will be too late to clear some of the best men who are slated to represent Minnesota at Chicago, March 29-30.

Among other measures expected to be advocated by the presidents is that of the "immunity" bath, although Chicago's attitude has been adverse to this from the first. President Harris of Northwestern expressed himself as follows:

"The enforcement of the amateur rule to the limit at Minnesota has worked hardships on that institution, in the case of her present track athletics. I believe that the 'immunity' bath should be provided for those cases up to a certain time before he enters college. It might be placed at one year."

**Geneva to Be Discussed.**

The "Geneva Conference" will be the subject for discussion at the Y. W. C. A. meeting today, at 12:00 o'clock. Mrs. Franklin W. Sweet, Truma Brockway, Ruth Elwell, Evelyn Camp, Erma Forbes, and Elizabeth Ware will discuss various phases of the conference.

**Dents Elect for Council.**

The dental college students held their election for the Students' Council Saturday. James Weeks was elected by a plurality of one vote over Dennis Hogan. The other two candidates, Arthur Juni and Joseph Little were but a few votes behind the winner.

The question of required morning chapel at Yale was favored by a large majority of seniors who voted on it.

**ALUMNAE TO PLAY JUNIORS**

**The Alumnae Will Play Off the Basket Ball Challenge Friday in the Armory.**

The challenge of the Alumnae girls of the university to play the winners of the Girls' Annual Basketball Tournament, has been accepted by the juniors and the championship game will be played in the Armory Friday night of this week.

The alumni team is composed of such old stars as Marjorie Simmons, Nell Loberg, Ruth Erickson, Helen Cummins, and Polly Brown, so that an exceedingly fast game is looked for. The juniors by virtue of winning the university title have clearly shown their ability, and with any break in luck should stand more than an even chance of winning.

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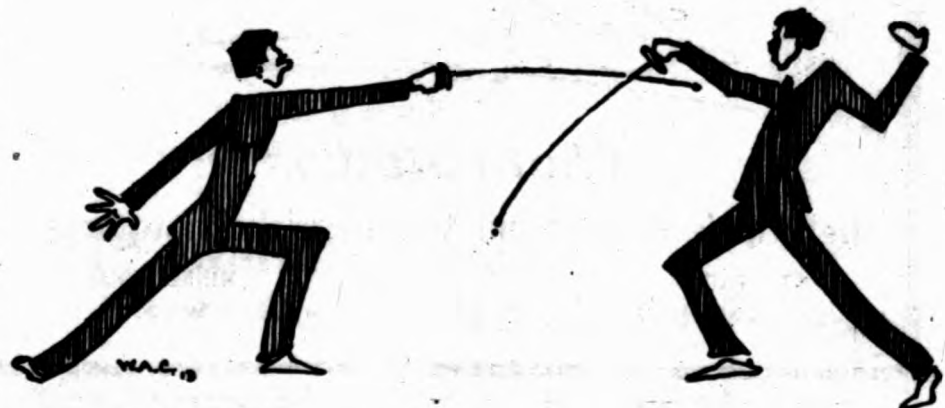
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