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## TWELVE ARE BOOMED FOR THE G. O. P. NOMINATION

No Dearth of Candidates Will Bother Delegates—Several Favorite Sons—Possibility of Dark Horses, Too.

Scant is the possibility of any notable figure escaping the attention of the delegates, who will assemble to ballot for the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Booms, with an objective of nomination, have been inaugurated for twelve of the foremost aspirants for the great honor. The candidates, who will vie for the votes of the country, are: Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, of New York; Justice Charles E. Hughes, of New York; Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana; Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin; Senator L. Y. Sherman, of Illinois; William E. Borah, of Idaho; Elihu Root, of New York; Senator Albert B. Cummings, of Iowa; Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts; Henry Ford of Detroit, Michigan; former Governor Hadley, of Missouri, and Theodore Burton, of Ohio.

With these twelve candidates in the field, there is still a possibility that some dark horse will be nominated and cause an upheaval during the balloting. The promoters of the different booms will seek to enlist the aid of various state delegations in support of their candidates.

Some of the most able men in the University will sponsor the causes of the aforementioned candidates. The committee on sub-organizations which consists of R. P. Hobson, C. E. Worth, M. L. Masinter and S. M. B. Coulling, made the appointments of the supporters in order that the various candidates might be ably supported and their cause espoused.

### Candidates of All Kinds.

Numbered among the contenders for the nomination are several favorite sons, advocates of preparedness, opponents of militarism and radicals. There can be no complaint that there is an insufficient number, from which the ultimate candidate is to be chosen.

Espousing the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt is Paul R. Scott, chairman of the Illinois delegation. The Colonel with his watchword of "preparedness" and "no pussyfooting" on any of his policies is sure to have a strong following.

Hughes, the stoical Justice, will be presented for consideration by Morris L. Masinter and Robert B. McDougle. Masinter, the chairman of the populous delegation from New York State, will have a big following, if he can suc-

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## THE G. O. P. INVADES DEMOCRATIC SECTION

President Smith Decrees a Holiday for Big Event—Organized by National Committee.

The invasion of the Republicans into a democratic stronghold is unique. The approaching Republican Mock Convention will be the first assembly at which the delegates will extoll the virtues of the G. O. P. and its principles, instead of arraighing the party for its "inefficiency" and inveighing against its tenets.

The decision to hold forth as a Republican convention rather than as an assembly to nominate the Democratic nominee was reached on account of obvious conditions. In the camp of Democracy, it was a forgone fact that Wilson would win easily. But, as there exists a vast variance of opinion among the Republicans as to who shall be the nominee, the National Committee decided that Washington and Lee would confer a great favor upon the country by seeking out and determining the logical candidate. By virtue of these considerations, a Republican convention was decided as that which would arouse the greatest degree of interest and serve to be most profitable as a lesson in political training.

In 1908 and 1912, the conventions begot such a degree of enthusiasm and resulted in such practical experiences that President Henry Louis Smith was pleased to grant a full holiday that the undergraduates for this purpose. His ordaining of a holiday for Friday, April 28 follows:

Referring to your request of April fifteenth that the University grant a holiday of April twenty-eight, the Friday of the Republican Mock Convention, I write to say that I will take pleasure in granting your request in recognition of the fact that the convention as heretofore held is not only of great interest to the student-body and the public, but of equally great benefit.

Cordially yours,  
Henry Louis Smith,  
President.

For the purpose of organizing and promoting the convention fifteen were appointed on the National Committee.

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## PERSONNEL OF THE STATE DELEGATIONS DECIDED

### CONVENTION FOLLOWS THE SET G. O. P. RULES

Opening Session on Thursday Night—Provisions for Temporary Chairman to Be Made Soon.

The mock convention to be held on April 27 and 28 will be conducted throughout along the lines followed by the National Republican Convention. In order that its organization and procedure may be understood in advance, the following outline of the working of a national convention is given.

The preliminary arrangements are entrusted to the National Committee, which has for the present convention been appointed by the executive committee of the student body. This committee appoints a sergeant-at-arms, who selects a force of assistants to seat the delegates and spectators and to maintain order during the sessions.

The convention is called to order by the Chairman of the National Committee, who calls on the Secretary of the Committee to read the call of the Committee by which assembly is convened. The Committee Chairman then immediately announces to the gathering the name of the temporary chairman, previously chosen by the National Committee. This nomination is usually accepted by the convention without contest or division. If there is opposition, however, any delegate is entitled to place another name before the convention and call for a vote.

### The Keynote Speech.

After the temporary presiding officer is selected he addresses the convention in a formal speech on public measures and on the political situation. The temporary chairman then announces that until a permanent organization is effected the convention will be governed by the rules of the preceding convention. Some delegate then offers a resolution like the following:

"Resolved, That the roll-call of States and Territories be now called, and that the chairman of each delegation announce the names of the persons selected to serve on the several committees, as follows:

"Permanent Organization;  
"Rules and Order of Business;  
"Credentials;  
"Resolutions and Platform."

As soon as this resolution is adopted these committees are named, not by the chairman, but by the respective

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Scott, Masinter, Brown, Falk and Donahue Direct Big States—Every Student Will Participate in Convention.

The various state delegations to the mock national convention will include every man in the University. As there are fewer than 500 in college this year none of the states has its full representation. However, the men have been apportioned to the delegations proportionally. By this arrangement the states having the largest delegations in the real convention will have their proportionate number in the mock convention. In the mock convention of 1912, when there were more than 550 undergraduates at Washington and Lee, almost every state had its full quota.

Practically every man on the mock national committee was assigned to a chairmanship of one of the delegations. Other men, prominent as leaders on the campus and interested in the political realm, were likewise made chairmen. The five largest delegations will be actively directed. Pennsylvania will be headed by D. A. Falk, New York by M. L. Masinter, Illinois by P. R. Scott, Ohio by W. M. Brown, and Massachusetts by E. A. Donahue.

The District of Columbia and the territorial dependencies of the United States will also have their delegates present. A. H. Toothman will represent the District, while T. C. Waters will seat himself for Hawaii; Charles Kupfer for the Philippine Islands; H. C. Holden for Alaska; and G. de la Haba for his native land—Porto Rico.

The personnel of the various delegations will be as follows:

Alabama: R. A. Lewis, chairman; R. G. Graig, N. B. Cranford, E. D. Crocherson, L. S. Dowdell, J. J. Tucker, W. H. Tucker and J. B. Wadsworth.

Alaska: H. C. Holden.  
Arizona: L. D. Estes, chairman; G. A. Revercomb, J. S. Riley.

Arkansas: R. S. Smith, chairman; W. E. Buchanan, J. M. Faulkner, E. A. Howell, D. T. Hyatt, L. D. Lyle, J. H. Penick, J. H. Sorrells.

California: W. A. Wright, chairman; J. C. Ambler, J. R. Arbogast, W. H. Brandon, A. N. Cocks, V. C. Dotson, F. C. Ford, W. C. Hagan, C. T. Herndon, S. P. Hileman, V. L. Page, H. A. Westcott.

Colorado: W. J. Cox, chairman; E. G. Bailey, H. J. Blackford, W. T. Greenlee, T. A. Myles, L. E. Sadler.

Connecticut: L. B. Bagley, chairman; R. M. Bear, J. W. Blake, R. M.

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