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## WHO NOMINATES PARTY CANDIDATES

Duluth Herald Explains Present Method Tracing Route From Caucus to Election.

COUNTY CONVENTION MAY 13

Will Be Held in Bemidji and Composed of Delegates Elected in Towns May 7.

STATE PRIMARY SYSTEM OLD

Was Introduced in 1832 When First Political Assembly Was Held in Baltimore.

The following article, taken from the Duluth Herald, is a clear exposition of the present method of nominating and electing public officials. It has been changed only where it applies locally:

"You ask the man on the street, 'How is the president elected?' 'Easy,' he says. 'The parties choose the candidates and the people vote on them.'"

That's well enough as far as it goes, but if asked to go farther and explain the whole machinery of political campaigns which end with the inauguration of a president every four years, nine out of ten men met on the street—perhaps 99 out of 100—would be stumped.

As a matter of fact the people don't vote on the candidate for president or vice-president. They vote on presidential electors, who vote on the candidates. Such a thing as presidential electors voting for some candidate other than the one they are chosen to support is possible—although very improbable.

The presidential campaign really opens with the conventions nominating the candidates in the preceding campaign. The state delegations at the national conventions name their national committeemen and the conventions choose the chairmen of the national committee. The committeemen are charged with the duty of conducting the preliminaries to the nomination of the candidates at the next election.

There is no law—written or unwritten—to determine when a candidate for a nomination may announce his candidacy or begin to work. Usually candidates begin their work in the year preceding the election. They name managers, who open headquarters, get organizations to work in the different states and flood the country with literature extolling the virtues and qualifications of the candidates they represent.

The procedure is about as follows:

### The Procedure.

The chairman of the national committee calls the committee together some time early in the election year to fix the date and place for the national convention and to fix the basis of representation. This year the Republican national convention will be held in Chicago June 18 and the Democratic convention at Baltimore June 25. The standard basis of representation is two delegates for each congressman and senator and four delegates at large from each state. The Republican convention will have 1,078 delegates this year, and a majority, or 540, will be necessary to nominate. The Democratic convention will have 1,094 delegates and two-thirds, or 730, will be necessary to nominate. The difference in the number of delegates is due to the fact that the Democratic convention will have six delegates each from Alaska, the District of Columbia, the Philippines and Porto Rico, while the Republicans will have but two from each territory.

After the national committee has determined the time and place of the convention and the basis of representation, the state central committees of the party meet and take similar action for the state. The time and place for the state convention to choose delegates is fixed and the basis of representation determined. The basis of representation varies with the states and parties.

### State Conventions.

The Republican state convention in Minnesota will be held at Minneapolis May 16. The basis of representation is one delegate for each 250 votes, or major fraction thereof, of the average vote on the first seven candidates on the Republican state ticket in 1910 and five delegates at large from each county.

The Democratic state convention will be held at Duluth June 6. The

basis of representation is one delegate for each 125 votes or major fraction of that number, cast for W. J. Bryan in 1908, and two delegates at large from each county.

Each party convention in Minnesota this year will choose six delegates at large. The last census gave Minnesota an extra congressman, and the state not yet having been reapportioned, the congressman will be elected at large. Consequently the two delegates allotted for the extra congressman will be chosen at large.

The state committee fixes the dates for the congressional and county conventions. Separate congressional conventions to choose the district delegates from each district are held by the Republican party in Minnesota. They will be held May 15. The Ninth district convention will be at Thief River Falls. The Democratic party in Minnesota elects no separate delegates to district conventions, the delegates from each district to the state convention holding a convention in the state convention city, on the day the state meeting is held.

### County Conventions.

The county committees issue the call for the county conventions and precinct caucuses. Republican county conventions in Minnesota will be held May 13 and precinct caucuses in Beltrami county May 7. Democratic county conventions will be held May 29 and precinct caucuses May 25.

The procedure at precinct caucuses is prescribed by statute in Minnesota. The caucuses are held at the regular polling places. The precinct chairman or any voter of the party may call the caucus to order and a chairman, secretary and two judges of election are chosen by the assembled voters. The polls may be open between 2 and 9 p. m. and must be open for at least one hour. Voters who have been affiliated with the party by voting at the last general election may vote. Any voter may be challenged and must take an oath administered by the chairman if he should be challenged.

Voting at the caucuses is by ballot, each precinct electing delegates to the county convention. The county convention elects delegates to the state and district conventions.

The state convention, in addition to electing delegates to the national convention, nominates the presidential electors.

After the general election the presidential electors meet on an appointed day, cast their ballots for president and vice-president, and send them sealed to the president at Washington. The president opens the ballots in the presence of the members of the senate and house and declares his successor elected.

In case no candidate for the presidency has a majority, the members of congress may elect the president. Each state representation must vote as a unit and a majority of all the states serve to elect. Three candidates must be voted upon, if such a contingency should arise.

If no candidate for the vice-presidency is elected at the election, the members of the senate, each having a vote, elect the vice-president, voting on two. The one having the majority is declared elected.

A man to be eligible to the presidency must be a native born citizen of the United States, at least thirty-five years old, and a resident within the United States at least fourteen years. A child born of representative American citizens abroad is considered a native born citizen, while a child of foreign parents, residing in the United States as official representatives of another nation, is not a native born citizen.

### Direct Primaries.

The present system of preliminaries to elections is undergoing a change, direct primaries on delegates to the national conventions being in operation in several states. The system which is still used in Minnesota has endured since 1832, when the first political conventions were held. Three conventions were held that year in Baltimore.

From 1796 to 1800, there were no parties and candidates for president and vice-president were informal. The presidential electors were chosen by the legislatures of the states.

The first party nominations were made in 1800 and were by the representatives of the parties in congress. At that time the man receiving the highest vote of the electors was declared president and the man receiving the next highest was the vice-president. The twelfth amendment to the Constitution, providing for the separate election of president and vice-president, was adopted in 1804.

The choice of presidential electors was gradually turned from the legislatures to the people until in 1828 only one state chose its electors in that manner. In 1832 the first delegate convention was held.

The political platform dates from 1832 when a second Whig convention at Washington adopted a declaration of principles.

Beltrami county voters will vote this year on the following officers: Presidential electors, United States

## ATHLETICS

The box score of American Association games will be posted on the Pioneer bulletin board, corner Fourth and Beltrami, each day as fast as they come in by telegraph.

### Win Slug Fest.

Yesterday afternoon the Bemidji Independents defeated Nymore by a score of 38 to 5. Earle Riley pitched the entire game for Bemidji and made thirteen strikeouts. Smiley and Sparks pitched for Nymore. The Bemidji lineup was as follows: Myers, s; Riley p, Tanner ss, Graham 1b, Baker 2b, Murphy 3b, Graham, D-lley, Malone and Plummer fielders.

### Cornhusker Dates Out.

Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—The University of Nebraska football schedule was given out tonight. It has one open date, Oct. 26, which may be filled with a game with Utah or Texas. The schedule follows:

Oct. 5—Bellevue at Lincoln.  
Oct. 15—Kansas Aggies at Lincoln.  
Oct. 17—Minnesota at Minneapolis.  
Oct. 26—Open date.  
Nov. 2—Missouri at Columbia.  
Nov. 9—Doane at Lincoln.  
Nov. 16—Kansas at Lincoln.  
Nov. 25—Oklahoma at Lincoln.

### BASEBALL NOTES.

It was up to Pitcher Marty O'Toole to put the Pirates in the win column and the "\$25,000 beauty" turned the trick with a few fancy benders and a smile.

Right Fielder Miller, of the Terre Haute Central league team, is from Hillsville, Va., and the bugs have named him Sidna in honor of the great outlaw.

Kids in school have the sympathy of the Giants. When the National League Champs fail to deliver the goods, McGraw keeps the team on the field after the regular game, and compels them to go through an hour's practice.

senator, three justices of the supreme court, a congressman-at-large, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, two railroad and warehouse commissioners, congressman, representatives in the state house of representatives, county auditor, treasurer, register of deeds, sheriff, attorney, judge of probate, surveyor, coroner, clerk of court, superintendent of school and two county commissioners.

## NO PLACE TO LAND



## EXTRA

### FILE HARVESTER SUIT.

Minneapolis, April 29.—(Special Pioneer wire service at 4 p. m.)—It has just been announced here that Attorney General Wickersham will file a suit tomorrow in the United States court at Minneapolis for a dissolution of the Harvester trust under the Sherman anti-trust act.

### Dog's Services Recognized.

A silver collar, suitably engraved, was sent to an Irish dog, the other day, which rendered valuable assistance at the wreck of a Hull-owned steam trawler on the Irish coast. The presentation was made by the Hull-derwylers of the ship.

### Worked at Typewriter in Air.

An interesting experiment was made at the Pau, Northern France, aerodrome not long ago, when a typist taken up together with his machine, wrote his impressions in the air at a height of 1,500 feet.

### Gophers to Invade East.

Minneapolis, April 29.—On Friday, May 10, the Minnesota tennis team will start on its second invasion of the eastern courts. The remarkable and almost unexpected success achieved by Adams and Armstrong last year has been given the university authorities an incentive to try again.

Selford Stellwagen, who replaces Adams on this year's team, is one of the youngest of Minneapolis' experts, and his rise up the tennis ladder has been rapidly accomplished. Armstrong is much more experienced, having won the Minnesota title in singles and doubles, and the tri-state honors at Des Moines.

### Gerlinger Has Best Average.

Charles Gerlinger has the best average during his high school career of the senior class, but as he has not been in the Bemidji schools long enough he cannot be valedictorian. His average was 87.81. Leopoldine Rauscher has the second best average so will be the valedictorian for this year. Her average was 83.56. Miss Dorothy Torrance is salutatorian with an average of 82.72.

## TWO SOLOISTS TOMORROW

Will Furnish Extra Numbers at the Band Concert to Be Given Tuesday Evening.

### INFORMAL DANCING TO FOLLOW

Mr. Sherman Berg and Mrs. Alden Remfrey will be the soloists at the band concert to be given in the city hall tomorrow evening. Mr. Berg will sing "King of the Forest Am I," and Mr. Remfrey will play a selection from Il Trovatore on the violin.

This will be the last concert to be given indoors as if the weather warms sufficiently the May concert will probably be played in the band stand on the city dock. It will also mark the first appearance of the band with Mr. Remfrey as director. Dancing will follow the concert.

The following program has been arranged:

1. March...The Outlook...Jewell
2. Selection...Maritana...Wallace
3. Waltz...Spanish Silhouettes...Pomeroy
4. Solo...King of the Forest Am I...Mr. Sherman Berg
5. Selection...The Motor Girl...Edwards
6. March...Joyce's 71st N. Y. Regiment
7. Solo...Il Trovatore...Mr. Alden Remfrey
8. March...Aphrodite...Althouse

### Hamline Hopes Boosted.

Hamline's success in the opening game of the college season against Macalester last Thursday afternoon gave baseball stock a considerable boost at the Midway institution and the students are already predicting another championship. Hamline won the state title last year from Macalester by a close margin, and should the fight for this year's pennant narrow down to Hamline and Macalester, the Methodists will have to put everything they have into the scrap, as the Macs are anxious to even up for last year.

With one game for the state championship safely tucked away, the Hamline warriors will try to annex a second in their fight with the Carlton team, which will take place tomorrow afternoon on Norton field. Very little is known of the strength of the down-state team as they have not met any high-calibered organizations this spring. Practically the entire lineup used last season is back in school and undoubtedly a strong team has been developed. The lineup for Hamline tomorrow will be the same as that of last Thursday unless Coach Baird elects to send Davy in to start the mound work. In that event Wickham will go to centerfield and Lienke to right, Lokke taking up the work behind the bat.

### Contestants Tell About It.

H. A. Simons and Miss Cathryn McGregor this morning told the High school students of their trip to Park Rapids, Friday. Mr. Simons thinks that Mr. Ripple deserved second place as he had never spoken better. After the Bemidji contestants had been heard the audience broke forth in applause although they had been warned not to.

## M. E. CONFERENCE OPENS WEDNESDAY

To Hold Session at Minneapolis Which Will Continue Through Month of May.

MEMBERSHIP IS 3 1-2 MILLIONS

Question of Dancing, Cards, Theaters and Other Forms of Amusements Will Come Up.

PROPERTY VALUED \$183,542,603

Sunday School and Epworth League Membership Numbers Over 4,000,000.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opens at Minneapolis next Wednesday. The session will continue throughout the entire month of May.

To show the scope of the work done by this denomination, the following has been gathered by a Methodist journal.

The Methodist Episcopal church has:

- A membership of 3,234,988, 18,936 ministers, 30,398 churches and 163 conferences.

- Total membership of the Methodist family of churches in America is 7,409,763, and representing a constituency of not less than 25,000,000.
- The largest publishing house in the world, doing an annual business of about \$3,000,000.

- A board of foreign missions that has disbursed during its life the sum of \$46,485,957.17. Last year it raised \$1,072,997.

- Foreign mission fields manned by 1,096 missionaries, operating twenty-two printing presses, with 340,893 church members, 336,455 Sunday school scholars and 82,838 students in educational institutions.

- A woman's home missionary society with 119,130 members, publishing periodical literature with a circulation of 60,047. Money raised last year amounted to \$701,217.

- A woman's foreign missionary society with 186,114 members and annual cash receipts well over \$900,000. Since its organization this society has disbursed \$12,280,874.

- Educational institutions, at home and abroad, to the number of 360, with property worth over \$54,009,000, giving instruction to over 75,000 students.

- Sunday schools numbering 35,445 having a staff of 374,881 teachers and officers and an enrollment of more than 3,500,000 scholars.

- An Epworth league having 14,075 having a staff of 374,881 teachers and officers and an enrollment of more than 3,500,000 scholars.
- Church property valued at \$183,542,603; parsonage property worth \$32,747,834.

- A board of home missions and church extension having \$1,500,000 in the loan fund. Collections for 1911, \$886,065.86.

### Amusement Rule an Issue.

Contrary to a general impression, there is no specific rule of the church against any form of amusement. But in the rule providing for the trials of members, the principle is laid down that a member shall be brought to trial as follows:

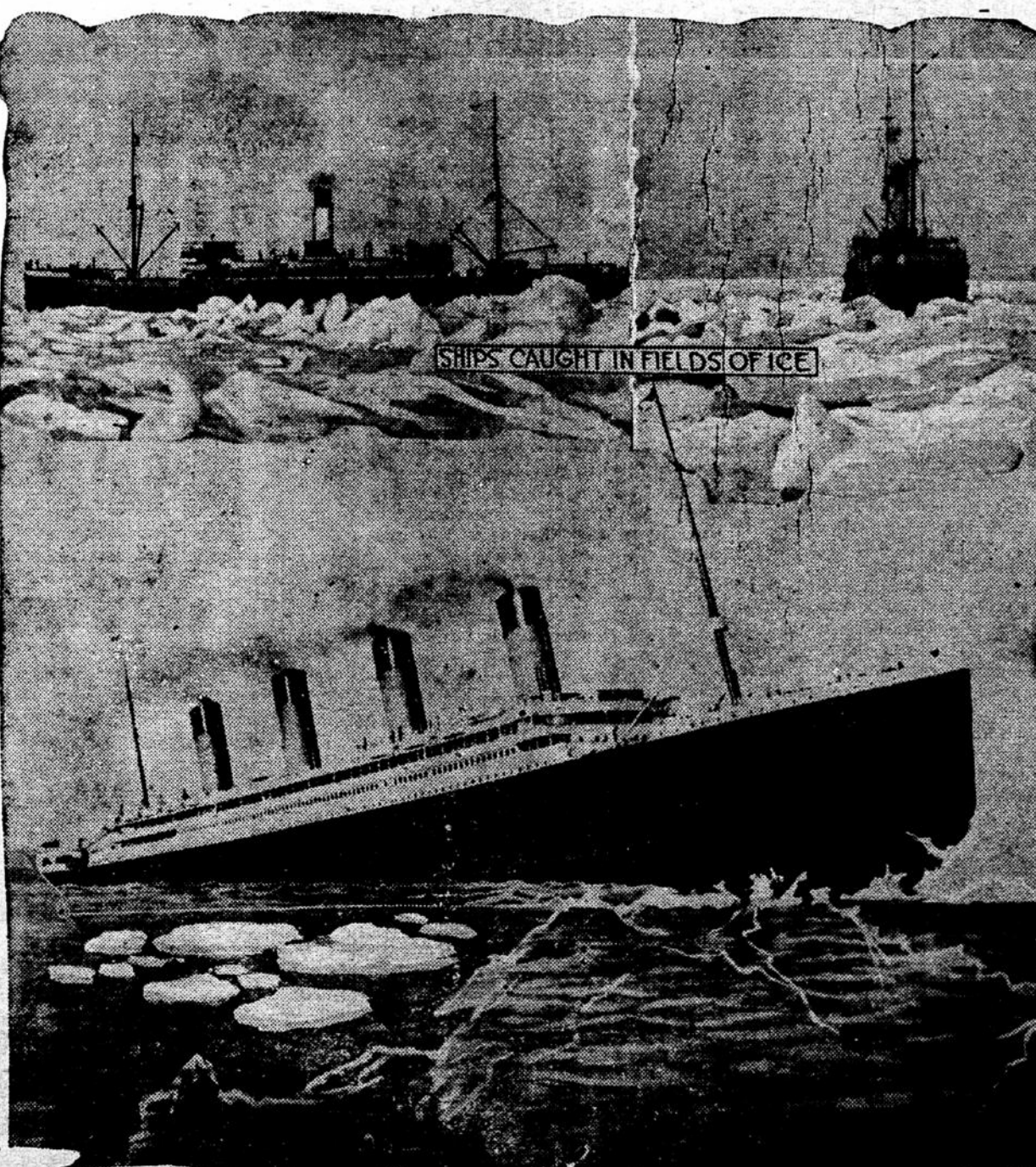
"In cases of neglect of duties of any kind; imprudent conduct; indulging sinful tempers or words; the buying, selling, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage; signing petitions in favor of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors; becoming bondsmen for persons engaged in such traffic, or renting property as a place in or on which to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors; dancing; playing at games of chance; attending theaters, horse races, circuses, dancing schools, or taking such other amusements as are obviously of misleading or questionable moral tendency; or disobedience to the order and discipline of the church."

### Change May Be Made.

It is this rule which many have sought to change, in preceding general conference, but each time the movement has failed. Those who seek to change it wish to go back to first principles of the church, when no form of amusement was specifically placed under the ban, but it was left to the individual conscience to determine whether the member was participating in amusement which could be participated in in the name of Christ. Advocates of the change declare the rule a source of irritation.

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## How the Ill Fated Titanic May Have Been Ripped Open by a Submerged Iceberg.



The larger picture is a combination photograph and drawing showing how the ill fated Titanic may have received the blow that sent her to the bottom of the Atlantic. The artist's idea is based on the opinions of experts, who declare that the liner must have been rammed by a submerged iceberg, or growler, as they are called. The two inserts show how steamships look when caught in great fields of ice.