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Smith and the Democratic Platform

Facts About Smith and the Democratic Party.

"Alfred E. Smith is a Catholic, a wet and a member of Tammany Hall. No other man with these credentials would stand a chance of the Presidency." Why, then, is this graduate of the city streets the political idol and political hope of so many of his countrymen?

Why is he the candidate of a national party which is predominantly Protestant, predominantly dry and predominantly rural?

The answer to these questions is the answer to the question, "What sort of a man is Smith?"

"The answer is Smith," Thus writes Frederick L. Collins, a Baptist, Republican and a Dry, who has been associated with Smith and Hoover, whom he considers "one of the greatest executives of his day" since childhood.

Smith was born in the East Side of New York of Irish parents. The "school of hard-knocks" was his Alma Mater, for he never had the advantages of a high school or college education. Grover Cleveland, Democrat and one-time governor of New York, was a non-college man.

The three great issues of the campaign are immigration, power control and prohibition. Smith thoroughly approves of immigration, but

unlike Hoover he thinks it an unwise policy to show prejudice against certain peoples in refusing to let them enter the U. S. He thinks the quota should be increased according to the census.

There is a plank in the Democratic platform which calls for "strict enforcement," and calls for a balance of state and Federal control of public utilities." Smith promises "reasonable rates and fair distribution of power, only to be secured by absolute retention by the people of the ownership of the power." Smith officially approves of an Amendment to the Volstead law, and a revision of the Eighteenth Amendment, allowing sale of "alcoholic beverages" under the supervision of the States.

The Democrats, like the Republicans, advocate the establishment of "Farmers' Co-operative Associations" and a "Federal Farm Board." Smith promises no alarming change in the present tariff rates, if he is elected president.

The Democratic platform avoids the League of Nations and War Debt issues, but thoroughly approves of development of mining, highways, Hawaii, Alaska, conservation, etc.

Neither the Democrats or Republicans demand a Department of Education.

Miss Van Nostand Speaker In Y. P. M.

Forcefully Presents the Aims and Objects of Near East Relief

Miss Florence Van Nostand, representing the Near East Relief workers, spoke at Y. P. M. on Wednesday, October 10. Basing her talk on her personal experiences, she presented the problem clearly and made a strong appeal for help.

In introducing Miss Nostand Dr. [Name] said that he had for a long time desired that the students might hear of the Near East work from one definitely connected with it. He said that Salem had always called both in persons, gifts and through the "Golden Rule" dinner.

Miss Van Nostand's life has been a peculiarly interesting and eventful one. It has indeed been a fulfillment of that verse which she takes as her text, for her light does shine brightly. Her work in establishing orphanages has been extremely important in the war-stricken districts of France and in Turk-cursed Armenia.

Before going into this orphanage work she served during the war as an ambulance driver for a period of eighteen months. After the signing of the armistice, she remained in France and took up her work with the unfortunate children. The hardships and deprivations that she experienced are quite beyond the understanding of us who were so sheltered from the war's horror. Through her efforts fifty-seven orphanages were established in France in order that these children might be sheltered and nourished and taught to support themselves.

After a few years Miss Van Nostand took up her work in the Near East. Here the orphan problem was much more serious and pitiful than it had been in France. The barbarism of the Turks made it a constant terror for the people. Yet in spite of these misfortunes, the Christian faith of these returned people grew stronger daily as they were forced to face martyrdom for their religion's sake. Floeing alive in front of the Turks to escape torture and slavery, the people went without food and many fell by the way. Naturally thousands of small children were left parentless and it was for these that the orphanages were opened by the relief workers.

June 30, 1929 will mark the culmination of the Near East work. By that time one hundred and thirty-two thousand children will have been reclaimed and will be in training for a trade that will support them and their dependents on them.

"The gifts from Salem students will be handled through the various class presidents of the college and academy."

Delta Sigma Delta Entertains Pledges

Luncheon Is Given at Blue Willow.

The members of the Delta Sigma Delta sorority entertained their pledges at a lovely four-course luncheon at the Blue Willow Tea Room on Monday, October 8th. The guests of honor were presented with rings. The colors of the sorority—lavender and white were expressed in the plates, cards and favors. Covers were laid for the following: Alice MacInte Caldwell, Agnes Paton Pollock, Louise Lassiter, Dion Armfield, Sue Jane Mauney, Hazel Betschler, Annie Koonee Sutton, Mary Miller Falkner, and Edna Lindsay.

Hoover and the Republican Platform

Facts About Hoover and the Republican Party.

Citizens of the United States foresee a crisis in political affairs when the final ballots for president are cast. The chief executive will either be Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York, nominated by the Democrats, at Houston, or Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, Republican, nominated at Kansas City.

It is interesting to note that this is only the second time in the history of the United States that neither of the presidential candidates is a lawyer.

Hoover was born of Quaker parents in Iowa on August 10, 1874. He was left an orphan at an early age, and went to another portion of his native state to live with his progressive Uncle Allan. His association with a prominent mining engineer, was an outstanding feature in his deciding definitely upon his career. Instead of attending a Quaker college as his brother Tad, Hoover entered the newly established Leland Stanford University in the class of '95. Delivering laundry and the morning papers, assisting his father and working as a part-time clerk, were sources of income he found other subjects difficult. Hoover excelled in geology and won for himself trips on geological surveys with expenses paid. Hoover was not an athlete, but he was at one time manager of the football team, shortstop on the baseball squad

and treasurer of the athletic association. When once out of college Hoover discovered that he must take the best job offered him, even though it be a poor one. So he worked as a laborer at two and one half dollars a day, but his great opportunity came when he succeeded in becoming clerk in the office of Louis Janin, a wizard in the engineering profession. Hoover's steady and conscientious work won favor with Janin, and the young mining enthusiast was promoted readily, his salary increasing with his responsibilities. Finally, upon Janin's recommendation, a well known London firm offered Hoover the position of managing Australian properties. The delighted Hoover accepted, discharged his duties so successfully that he was later sent to China. His salary increased to \$15,000 a year, and Hoover was only twenty-four.

His associations and experiences with peoples and affairs abroad while following his engineering profession, his relief work in Belgium, his membership in the Debt Funding Commission and his efforts in the promotion of American trade have made Hoover thoroughly familiar with foreign conditions.

The various plans of the parties are not definite enough to cause alarming differences between the two, but

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Impressive Talk Given In Y. W. Vespers

Dr. Rondthaler Speaks on "Personality."

The Y. W. Vesper program Sunday night contained two outstanding features. One was a solo, "Grateful O Lord, Am I," by Amelia Bruns, and the other was a talk "Personality," by Dr. Rondthaler.

Dr. Rondthaler centered his remarks around the third verse of the twelfth chapter of Romans, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, to think of himself most highly that he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

"Personality," said Dr. Rondthaler, "is a vague and elusive subject. It is not an external thing with which we may clothe ourselves any size, or lack of it, it cannot be secured in education; it is not a gift bearing or attitude. He who searches for a winning personality, searches in vain. He who uses to the best of his ability, the powers and faith that have been given him, is more than apt to acquire personality."

"We read in Romans, 12:3, not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought, more highly than we have the right to think. On the other hand, we are not told to ignore ourselves entirely. We must strip off all self-conceit, all thought of superiority of self. And we must definitely and with wisdom appreciate ourselves. Personality, when sought by the seeker, causes him to become down-hearted and discouraged in seeing others get ahead of him, but when he decides and makes an effort to use the best that is in him in every phase of life and work, he finds that he, too, is getting ahead.

Personal faith in everything and everybody is what really produces personality. Dr. Rondthaler said that he had learned this through experience with several persons who

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Registration For Voting Oct. 16-17

All Pupils Are Urged to Register In Order to be Eligible.

Smith or Hoover? Which shall it be? The *Salemite* has introduced something new, and some of these sedate and dignified Seniors have actually become loquacious on the subject of politics. Arguments have become so heated and feelings so aroused that a few "free for alls" have been staged over certain "Smith and Hoover" discords. Despite the fact that Miss Stipe and Margaret Sells are strong backers of the Republican candidate, Margaret Hauser and some of the other Smithites are steadily gaining strength.

Saturday the two parties, or rather three if there are any "Will Rogers" ladies, will elect their campaign managers and on Tuesday and Wednesday, October the sixteenth and seventeenth, the books will be open for registration. Both faculty and students, this, of course includes day pupils, are requested to register in order to be able to vote next Friday, October the nineteenth. Please, do not forget to sign your vote.

As yet there have been very few stump speeches. How about a little more oratory on the campus? Every body, come on and support your candidate.

French Club Holds First Meeting

Delightful Social Hour Enjoyed By Members.

Wednesday afternoon the Cercle Français held a delightful meeting in the Alice Clewell campus living room with Mrs. Wendhold and Miss Wilson as hostesses. Margaret Stevenson, president of the society, was in charge of the program.

After the president called the meeting to order, the club members loyally joined in the singing of "La Marseillaise." When the roll had been

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Pierrette Players Meet

English Forum Presents Play.

The Pierrette Players held their first meeting of the year last Thursday evening at seven o'clock in the living-room of Alice Clewell Building.

First, the new members were welcomed. Then followed a short business meeting in which it was decided that the club sponsor a play writing contest open to the entire student body. Details of the contest will be published at an early date. Miss Elizabeth Lily was elected to take the place of Mrs. Hopkins, nee Miss Helen Hall, as a faculty representative.

The entertainment for the evening was rendered by the English Forum Class. The play, "Grandma Pulls the String," by Edith B. Delance and David Cart, was delightfully interpreted by the cast which was as follows:

Mary Brewer—Grandma.
Frances Hancock—Hildegarde.
Charlotte Grimes—Jillie.
Doris Shirley—Nona.
Marion Bloor—Mrs. Cummings.
Margaret Hauser—William.

Pierrette Players take this opportunity to thank the Forum Class for its co-operation. We appreciated it! We enjoyed it! Again, we thank you!

Politics Invade Campus

Much Excitement and Interest Is Shown in Coming Straw Vote

Politics have invaded our territory. Even at the National political convention there could surely be no more enthusiasm than that which is evinced on the campus of Salem College in the dining-room, in the dormitories, in the class rooms. The forthcoming presidential election is the inexhaustible topic of conversation; its appeal is irresistible; no one is immune to it.

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Miss Shaffner Gives Delightful Recital

Is Assisted By Mrs. Audrey Clore LeGrand

On Monday evening, October 8, a most delightful harp recital was given by Miss Eleanor Shaffner, head of the harp department. The unusually large and appreciative audience responded readily to the charming program by demanding several encores which she performed graciously rendered. Miss Shaffner displayed the skill of an artist in both interpretation and technique. Each number was characterized by its distinctive phrasing and lovely nuances in rhythm and tone. The program included selections from the classics, folk music and negro spirituals, all of which were transcribed by Carlos Salzedo. The last group consisted of modern compositions of which Debussy's *En Bateau* was especially outstanding.

Miss Shaffner was assisted by Mrs. Audrey Clore LeGrand, lyric soprano, who was accompanied by Miss Viola Tucker.

The entire program was as follows:

Gavotte ("Jean-Philippe Rameau (From "Le Temple de la Gloire")
Theme and Variations—Josef Haydn
Gavotte—Christopher W. von Gluck (From "Iphigenia in Aulis")
Miss Shaffner

Bel Raggio Insingher.....Rossini (From "Semiramide")
Mrs. LeGrand

My Old Kentucky Home.....Foster
Believe me, if all those endearing
young charms were like mine
Deep River.....Negro Spiritual
Miss Shaffner

E se un giorno tornasse
Ottonini Respighi

Celle que je prefere.....Felix Foudrain
The nightingale, near the house
Edgar, L. Beinton

Mrs. LeGrand
En Bateau.....Claude Debussy
Mirage.....Carlos Salzedo

Whirlwind.....Carlos Salzedo
Miss Shaffner