

## HAS NEW IDEA ON NOMINATING

### Prof. Suggests Conventions Pick Slates

Congress should be empowered by amendment to the national constitution to regulate presidential nominations, according to Prof. P. Orman Ray, of the political economy department of Northwestern university, and one of the next moves should be a national presidential primary not to elect delegates to national conventions but to nominate a president and vice president from among half-a-dozen names already put before the country by regular party conventions.

Prof. Ray, who has made a deep study of American elections, primaries and systems of conventions of political parties, made these points in a talk this week over the Chicago Daily News radio, WMAQ. His topic was: "The Reform of Presidential Nominating Methods," and he urged various independent bodies of thinking men and women in the United States to take up this subject at once and strive to obtain the necessary legislation.

"There must be an impressive demonstration of reform sentiment," said Prof. Ray, "before the major parties and their congressional candidates will pledge their support to the admission of the necessary constitutional amendments to the several states."

The Northwestern professor contended that the people of the United States can hardly afford to abolish or even emasculate the national convention, "and substitute direct popular nomination of presidential candidates even under a uniform primary law." He urged, however, that the political convention be regulated by national law and would leave, he stated, the selection of presidential nominees finally to the people after

conventions had offered a slate of half dozen suitable candidates.

"The logical time for holding a nation-wide primary is not before national conventions are held but subsequently," he urged. The function of the primary should not be to elect delegates and seek to control their action by more or less futile instructions or preferential votes. On the contrary, the sole function of the primary should be a far more important one, namely, to make the final choice of presidential candidates from a list previously submitted by the national convention. In other words, both national convention and presidential primary should be retained but their relations should be exactly reversed.

"Under such an arrangement, the new role of the national convention would be restricted to drafting the party platform and to the election of not more than five or six names to be submitted to the party voters at the ensuing primary for final decision. The aspirant on this list who receives the highest vote in the primary will thereby become the presidential candidate for the presidency; and the one receiving the next highest vote (unless he were already president or an ex-president) should be bound to accept the nomination for the vice presidency."

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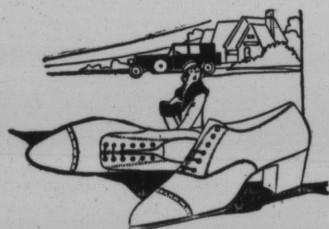
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