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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY SEARCHING FOR A HEAD

Difficulty In Selecting a Successor to Dr. Wilson

Finley, Hibben, Garfield or Hill May Be Chosen

PRINCETON university faces a crisis in the effort to select a president in succession to Dr. Woodrow Wilson, now governor of New Jersey. Nearly a year has elapsed since the presidency was vacated by the resignation of Dr. Wilson, and in that period there has been a most energetic search for an available man having the qualifications to fill the post. The country has been scoured, and the hunt has even been

led at the university. Dr. Hibben is very popular in the university, both among the members of the faculty and the students. He is affable, sympathetic, charming in manners and a most entertaining conversationalist or speaker.

John A. Stewart of New York, senior member of the board of trustees, was selected several months ago to act as president pro tem. of the university. Actual administration of the details of the institution has rested in Professor Fine, as dean of the faculty.

Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Garfield, Dr. Finley and Mr. Hill are not graduates of Princeton, but Dr. Finley and Dr. Garfield have held professorships in the university. The fact that all of them are not alumni of the institution has operated against their eligibility, though very little in the cases of Dr. Garfield and Dr. Finley, who are familiar with the inner workings and the policies of the university.

Problems attending the administration of the university are so many and



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conducted abroad. Yet the tendency has been and still is to choose for the office a Princeton graduate who is in thorough sympathy with the policies of the university and who understands its life and aims.

The first three presidents, Dickinson, Burr and Edwards, were graduates of Yale before the college of New Jersey was founded.

The four presidents covering the period from 1795 to 1898, seventy-three years, were Princeton graduates of the following classes: Smith, 1799; Green, 1783; Carnahan, 1800; Maclean, 1810. Moreover, they had all been officially connected with the university teaching and administrative staffs before being elected to the supreme office.

President McCosh came direct to the presidency from Scotland, but President Patton graduated into it in 1888 from the department of ethics, over which he has presided continuously since 1884. Woodrow Wilson, Princeton '79, was professor of history, jurisprudence and politics from 1890 to 1910.

Among the trustees the closest secrecy has been kept regarding the de-



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so critical in some of their phases that the introduction of a "stranger" in the presidential chair would certainly cause a severe shock.

The selection of a president for Princeton is also awaited with the keenest interest by the educators of the country. Dr. Wilson, in a series of speeches extending over several years, has outlined in a general way the ideals of Princeton. Outside interests center mainly in whether these ideals, all or part, will be continued in the new administration. It is safe to say they will be in a large measure. The policies are so fixed that not even an "outsider" as president can dislodge or change them very radically. But the wrong man in the presidency could cause much trouble.

Dr. Lowell, president of Harvard, and other university heads have been observing Princeton's experiments with absorbing interest. Dr. Lowell has mentioned that Princeton's position in the field of education is such that she can be regarded as the institution which will be able to stand the strain of working out educational problems of great importance to American universities as a whole and particularly the eastern institutions.

Putting the situation in a nutshell, it may be said that Princeton is trying



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liberations of the special committee which has the task of recommending a president. Fully fifty names have been considered, and the process of eliminating candidates has been going on for months.

While many men have been mentioned in connection with the presidency, the most prominent have been Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California; Dr. H. A. Garfield, president of Williams college; Dr. David Jayne Hill, the retiring American ambassador to Germany; Professor Henry F. Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History; Dr. John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York; Professor Henry B. Fine, dean of the Princeton faculty; Dr. Andrew F. West, dean of the Princeton graduate school; Dr. Hibben and Dr. Henry van Dyke.

The situation apparently has narrowed to this: If a Princeton graduate is chosen instead of an outsider by which is meant a scholar who was not graduated at Princeton, that person will probably be Dr. John Grier Hibben, who is the Stuart professor of log-



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to evolve a scheme of education along highly liberal lines, which will have incorporated in it the best features of the English, French and German systems, with such modifications as will mean a distinct advance in American education. Dr. Wilson has said repeatedly that Princeton has the opportunity of setting the leadership, and it is with that leadership in mind that the trustees of the university are proceeding with the utmost caution in the selection of a president.

FAMOUS STAIRWAY MAY BE FENCED OFF

People going to and from Hood River via the stairway have bumped into a fence. Mrs. Swartz, owner of the property at the head of the stairs has had the fence on the east side moved over about 30 feet and the short steps preliminary to the main stairway pulled up. It also caused Chas. Spencer to move his fence back several feet as he had mistakenly got over the line. A narrow path is now left between the two fences to get down to the main stairway. When Mrs. Swartz bought a few years ago she purchased acreage up to the section line and lately decided it was about time that her property was correctly enclosed. The town is supposed to have a strip between the Spencer and the Swartz property 30 feet wide, in which case Mr. Spencer would have a very narrow margin on the west of his house. The main stairway is in its present location by the sufferance of Mrs. Swartz, she claims, and should be moved over to the 30 foot strip and a zigzag walk built. Mrs. Swartz has left a narrow passage at the head of the stairway in order to get to it.

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The State Forester is constantly getting notice through the daily press and from residents of the State of fires having gotten beyond control after several days fighting, that have not been reported to his office until after becoming a menace to the neighborhood. He wishes to urge upon all state fire wardens the necessity of reporting to him all fires as soon after being discovered as possible, instead of waiting until they become dangerous to life and property. One such fire has just been brought to his notice after having burned three weeks, that might have been controlled and probably entirely extinguished if reported earlier so that proper assistance could have been given.

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NIGHT WATCHMAN AT DEE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS

Considerable apprehension is being felt for the welfare of E. H. Smith, night watchman at the mill of the Oregon Lumber Company, who has mysteriously disappeared. Smith, who is 60 years old, after being on duty Tuesday night, disappeared Wednesday, and all attempts to locate him have proved unavailing. He is said to have had considerable money on his person, and it is thought that he may have met with bodily harm at the hands of thugs.

ISOBEL HOME CONSUMED BY FIRE FRIDAY NIGHT

W. A. Isobel, who resides two miles from Hood River, had the misfortune to lose his barn Friday night by fire. The entire crop of hay, wagons, and farm implements were destroyed. Several of the large apple trees near the barn were burned and nearby houses had a narrow escape. The property was partially insured.

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