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Editorial.

THE UNIVERSITY AT THE STATE CONVENTIONS.

When the predominance of a particular political party becomes firmly fixed in the public mind, that interest and enthusiasm so manifest upon sharply contested elections, is no where to be found. The struggle for political aggrandizement rests not with the body politic, but with a few chosen representatives, instructed as the interests of their respective constituents demand. Around these, as a result, flock politicians, lobbyists and party-manipulators. Guided and helplessly controlled by this element, nominating conventions resemble more frequently a frenzied rabble than the authors of our civil magistrates.

But aside from the din and tumult of the nightly session, the interests of state demand an attentive ear. And in whatever convention those interests may be considered, the claims of the University, as one of her public institutions, stand first and foremost in the lists.

The University in its struggle for existence, has contended against much opposition, and has suffered materially from the fluctuating policy pursued by the Regents. But never in its history has its

condition been more critical than to-day. With every department of executive authority divided against itself, with every enemy cutting off her supplies and crippling her resources, with every friend probing her wounds for fresh proofs of her utility, with every fanatic wild in his resentment at supposed injuries that his creed has suffered.—Prosperity under such circumstances would be a contemptable expectation. What the University needs, is for these difficulties to be alleviated. What her condition imperatively demands from the State at large, is that the nominees for Regents, be men;—men not qualified by creed alone, but by a little mental calibre and sound judgment. Let them be firm in the execution of their duty, and if possible add stability to the reputation of that institution which has, during the last year, brought disgrace upon higher education throughout the State. If they be men capable of sustaining a fixed policy, let the University be benefited by some regular system of government. Under such a regime, that tranquility, so much needed for the success of the institution, may be made to prevail. Without due attention from the political parties in the selection of Regents, the University is destined to be still a crippled and incompetent factor of the State. With their assistance in its hour