

## TAFTH RETURNS TO HIS ALMA MATER

Intending to Join Classmates, Found Himself Chief Guest at Commencement Exercises.

### TALK TO ALUMNI AND SENIORS

Says Members of the Bar Need a Moral Awakening as Much as Men in Other Walks Do.

New Haven, Conn., June 22.—Secy. of War William H. Taft returned to Yale, his alma mater, today to attend the reunion of his class of '78. Although his intention was to join his classmates as "Taft of '78," he found himself the chief guest of the commencement exercises and he had scarcely entered the shadow of the university building before he took up his duties as a member of the corporation. Few opportunities came for him to clasp the hands of many of the alumni who had gathered in the old Edwards mansion on Elm street, selected as class headquarters, for he was immediately escorted to Woodbridge hall for the corporation meeting, then into the commons to speak to the young men who were about to be given their law school sheepskins, and finally to College hall, where the medical school exercises were held.

Mr. Taft reached the city at 1 o'clock, unaccompanied. Mrs. Taft and Master Charles Taft having reached here on an earlier train and gone to the home of the Prospector of Mr. and Mrs. W. Farnham, whose guests they are to be until Thursday. Mr. Taft was met at the station by a delegation from his class and after exchanging greetings he stepped into an automobile and was whisked away to the Edwards house, where about 40 '78 men were ready to extend a welcoming hand.

After the short ceremony went to Woodbridge hall, where the corporation was in session. He left this meeting a little later, walked across the campus to the commons and, passing in, was met with a cheer from those who first got a glimpse of him. His advent was just at the conclusion of an address by ex-Senator Spooner of Wisconsin.

The entire alumni rose and cheered the secretary until Memorial hall reached. Later on Mr. Taft spoke to the young men who in cap and gown sat at a long table in front of him. The secretary subsequently returned to the corporation meeting, and at its conclusion donned the robes of a doctor of law and walked to the law school building, where he entered the auditorium.

John W. Foster was making an address, but the audience rose and cheered wildly.

At the close of these exercises the secretary, accompanied by President Hadley and escorted by the faculty of the medical school, walked to College hall, where he attended the exercises.

On the steps of Osborne hall were gathered groups of Yale men back for their reunions, most of them in fantastic garb, and these lustily cheered him. At College hall the secretary was joined by his brother, Horace D. Taft, of Watertown, Conn., who accompanied him back to Woodbridge hall when the exercises were ended. This in effect ended Mr. Taft's first official day at Yale.

Dean Henry Wade Rogers presided at the luncheon of the alumni of the law school.

### SPONOR TO YOUNG MEN.

The first speaker, ex-United States Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, paid a tribute to Mr. Taft as a Yale man who is "abundantly equipped to hold the very highest office in the gift of the people." He then addressed himself to the young men present about to be graduated, saying:

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"The province of the three co-ordinate branches of government ought not to be forgotten for a moment. The United States is to be a lawyer, a lawyer who knows the constitutional limitations of the executive and the other branches of government. Mind you, I do not say who that lawyer will be."

Just as Mr. Spooner sat down, Secy. Taft entered the dining hall and was greeted by Dean Rogers, while the alumni gave the Yale cheer with nine "Tafts" on the end. Mr. Taft sat down and listened to the address to the younger alumni by the senior, Judge Proctor Clark '78, of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York.

ADDRESS BY TAFTH.

After the applause which greeted him had ceased, he said:

"Thirty years ago a band of young fellows in Yale took a pledge that they would stand by each other. Two or three weeks ago I received a letter saying that two or three of these men were under a load and it was the business of every '78 man to go in and help. Had I known that John Proctor Clark was going to be here I should not have come in. I expect to be speaking enough without hurrying for it. Judge Clark has spoken eloquently and given you young men substantial instructions in practicing law. Possibly I could add something to it."

"He suggested that when you have a woman as a witness to lead her along easily. I would add to let the woman lead. And the more certain the woman the more certain this advice should be taken, for I have seen a woman who could not spell her name put a pretty good lawyer to flight. There is something about the intuition of a female, especially on cross-examination, that leads her to always give you information that you do not want. With the result that she is invited of the stand as soon as possible."

"Judge Clark told you to go out into the world and get a lawyer. I would have a case to get right down to the actual conditions surrounding the facts. I rather think it depends upon the person. I do not think a lawyer needs to be advised. And without advice is not likely to be conducive to keep him there; he is likely to get out on his own initiative and get into touch with people and things. I believe with slight legal education and law made aware of my failings early. If there are defects in one's early training it is difficult to overcome them. You young men are fortunate in that the law which many of those who have preceded you found it hard to acquire. I urge you not to give up study of that science of law. Following the discussion of the value of your office waiting for clients to come are days which should be made of value. In these days you ought to lay the foundation of the years of success to come. One thing in the practice of the law to pursue is the principle of well, what I shall call the get there maxim."

"The administration of criminal law of the country is defective. Members of the bar do not recognize that their duty is not only to the court, but to their clients at large. A lawyer is not justified in reporting to the tricks of a pettifogger just to indicate that a man sitting beside him is his client. We are having a general moral awakening, and the members of the bar need that awakening just as certainly as men in other walks of life. We cannot afford to sacrifice everything for success, nor permit loyalty to a client to carry one beyond the line marked by duty to the court. If you have opportunity to take criminal cases, to become a prosecutor, take them; for criminal law develops recognition of the importance of facts. I venture to say that when presentation of facts is needed the men who have had experience in criminal cases show greater skill."

"I am glad to have this opportunity to speak to you. Because we have been out thirty years, we must not forget that we have a great deal to learn. Take the advice of Judge Clark in preparing your cases; sit up nights and prepare your statement of facts, put it in plain language, and I know you will reach the heart of the court. I know that I must have reached the heart of Justice Brandeis, when as solicitor general I rose and asked to have dismissed 40 Chinese appeal cases. The judge wrote me a letter praising my prompt disposal of the cases, and assuring me that the future was opening for me."

LIVE WIRES FAIL.

Several persons at First South and Main street narrowly escaped death at 6:30 last evening when a number of wires carrying heavy voltage fell. Two men in the crowd were struck and knocked down but were not seriously injured.

At 7:30 this morning, a trolley was fell on South Temple between Eighth and Ninth East streets and for a time endangered the lives of persons driving along the street. The wire fell across one of the car rails causing flames to shoot out in every direction. The motorman finally fastened a rope to the live wire and hauled it off the tracks.

NEW RATE BOOK OUT.

The new fire insurance rating books are out from the local office of the Pacific board of underwriters. There is a reduction of about 10 per cent in this city rating from \$5 to \$4.50. The last year's assessment, the reductions being due to improved precautions against fire by property owners. In some cases, though the rates are raised, especially where brick buildings are adjoining frame structures.

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## VIRGINIA MAN FOR BRADY'S SEAT

W. G. Conrad, Formerly of the South, Now of Helena, Mont., Is a Candidate

### FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

William Jennings Bryan Is Himself a Grandson of the Old Dominion.

W. G. Conrad, formerly of Virginia, now of Helena, Mont., is being strongly supported for the Democratic vice presidency.

Mr. Conrad comes of the purest American stock, for he is the son of colonial families of Virginia, the Old Dominion. On Aug. 3, 1848, he was born in Warren county, Va. His father, Col. James W. Conrad, married Miss Maria Ashby, who was a member of the his-

toric Ashby family, whose destinies intertwined with the history of Virginia from its earliest colonial period. Indeed, for his ancestor, John Ashby, loyal subject of Charles I, and one of the first Englishmen to land on Virginia soil, John Ashby, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was with Washington, under Braddock, at Fort Duquesne, and his great-grandfather, Benjamin Ashby, was one of Washington's confidential officers in the Revolutionary struggle.

Col. James W. and Maria S. Conrad owned a large Virginia plantation, and besides being a colonel in the state militia, the father was long a prominent judge. They removed to Montana in 1874, and there the old colonel's life came to a peaceful end at Great Falls in 1894, at the age of 82 years.

W. G. Conrad was reared on the plantation, attending the district school and supplementing this education by a course at the famous Washington academy, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi chapter. His favorite studies were mathematics and geography. He became interested in the far west, then an unbroken, almost lawless country, but with boundless possibilities for the young man of the future. He was in the threes of reconstruction, and so the town Conrad brothers, W. G. and his younger brother Charles E. Conrad, in 1888, set out for Montana, there to carve out their lives destined. They were well endowed with ambition, industry, vitality and character, but were without means.

JOURNEYED 4,000 MILES.

Fort Benton, Mont., was reached after a three months' journey of 4,000 miles. Then began Mr. Conrad's marvellously successful business career in the west. It began in a humble, simple fashion as clerk for I. G. Baker & Co., merchants of the little town. But the boy was industrious, and in four years had become a partner in the firm, and at the end of four more years was its sole proprietor by purchase.

The firm had grown to have an immense business, probably the largest mercantile enterprise in the entire northwest, and one of the most extensive conducted by private capital at that time in the world. With his brother Mr. Conrad conducted this vast business until 1888, when he sold it out to the Hudson Bay company, the sale before the end of the year, including their freighting business also.

In the meantime Mr. Conrad had become interested in cattle and sheep raising, an industry that he has pursued since. He owns many stock farms and ranches, and is one of the most successful cattle kings of the west.

Mr. Conrad has also done notable work as a banker in Montana, and is interested in a number of banks there. He is now senior partner of the Bank of Conrad Brothers, president of the Conrad National Bank of Kalispell, president of the First State Bank of Livingston, president of the Conrad-Stanford company of Helena, president of the Queen Mining & Milling company of Nelhart, and treasurer of both the Conrad-Circle Cattle company and the Conrad-Price Cattle company, which owns large ranches in Canada and northern Montana.

A PIONEER IN IRRIGATION.

But his most laudable service toward Montana has been his keen interest in irrigation work that has made miles of arid land glow like the rose. Early in his western residence Mr. Conrad became convinced of the urgent need of irrigation, and pioneer spirit led him, before the government took up the work, to organize the Pondera Canal company, which is an adjunct to the Conrad Investment company, and owns also the Pondera Canal reservoir, which has a capacity to irrigate the 60,000 acres of land Mr. Conrad jointly owns in the Pondera valley and 150,000 acres more of government land contiguous to this princely estate. Through his generous foresight this valley has been made fertile and a splendid example set, believed by many to

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have awakened government eyes to the need of universal irrigation in the great northwest.

So much for W. G. Conrad, the merchant king, the banker and business philanthropist; now what of him politically? Many believe that he is made of presidential timber, or at the very least vice presidential timber.

Mr. Conrad is a simon-pure Democrat and was twice a candidate for the senatorial toga in Montana, and in 1888 barely missed the election in that now famous contest with Senator Clark, when he came within four votes of being elected. His hearty energy and executive ability would be a boon to serve the nation nobly. He has held political office as first mayor in Helena and senator in the territorial legislatures of 1879 and 1880, and is the recognized leader of his party in Montana.

In 1876 Mr. Conrad was united in marriage with Miss Fannie E. Bowen, of Virginia. Four of their children are living—Maria, Josephine, Minnie Atkinson, George Harfield and Arthur Franklin. The girls are society belles and well known and liked in Washington and Virginia, as well as in Montana society. They are accomplished and beautiful, and Miss Minna Conrad served as sponsor for the battleship Montana several years ago.

THREE HOSPITABLE HOMES.

The Conrads have three beautiful homes—one in the picturesque Shenandoah valley of Virginia, a charming home at Great Falls, Mont., and the finest residence in the state at Helena, Mont., where his numerous friends are royally entertained.

Of masterful personality, Mr. Conrad is a forceful man, a man of magnetic presence and genial, kindly disposition. He is a fraternalist and holds high office in the Masonic order. In church, in social and in business circles alike Mr. Conrad is regarded as a leader of men, one whose thoroughness deserves the praise showered upon him.

All the southern states, and especially Virginia, are flocking to Mr. Conrad's support, because, as a southern man born and bred, and the southern delegates feel that, as they have so long supplied the votes, they should name the candidate from amongst the natives of the south, and Mr. Conrad fills the bill; at the same time, having such large interests in Montana will help to carry many doubtful western states. Then, too, Virginia has caused to be doubly proud, for Hon. William Jennings Bryan, the undoubted leader of Democracy, and who, it is conceded, will be the nominee of the party at Denver, is a graduate of the Virginia school, and with W. G. Conrad, a native Virginian, for a running mate, the old Dominion will again loom to the front in all her pristine glory as the mother of presidents.

ARMY OFFICERS' CAREERS.

Sketches Covering Last Decennial Period Being Prepared.

Washington, June 22.—The work of preparing sketches of the careers of army officers covering the last decennial period for the memorial hall at West Point is now in preparation in anticipation of the bringing of the archives of that collection up to the year 1910. Many people not of army circles are not familiar with the liberal bequest of the late Gen. Cullum of the army, who left a fortune for the building of what is deemed by most people to be the most beautiful memorial hall ever erected. It is the resting place of tablets commemorating the deeds of officers who died in battle and in it are preserved the records of all graduates of the military academy. A long time is required to gather the information deposited in the memorial hall every 10 years. Men who are engaged in this work declare that among all the officers of the army, few if any, will show such a record of having been under fire during the last 10 years as Gen. Bell, chief of staff.

Gen. Bell is said, during his service in the Philippines was under fire in 51 battles or skirmishes. Many other officers have extensive records of striking careers and as the past 10 years have been eventful in military circles, the biographical collection to be deposited at West Point will be filled with incidents worthy of study by the cadets who look to that hall of fame for inspiration.

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