

# Students flexed muscle at political convention

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portunity to settle the old score with him. Related the May 8 *Telephone*: "Among the amusing spectacles of the past few days is the circulating of a petition about the university to secure signatures, the petition setting out that Capt. Theodore Loudon is not a suitable man for the Supreme Court reporter, is not qualified, and that he has not the support of his own community, all of which is too foolish for consideration when it is known that the whyfore of the milk in the cocoanut is that when a few students were making spectacles of themselves a year or two ago on the university removal question, they found Capt. Loudon one of their strongest adversaries."

The students' plan was to take the petitions to the state convention to try to influence delegates to choose someone else. The someone elses were W.H. Ripley, J.H. Heinrichs, Ambrose Moore and Charles Remy. After the votes were tallied, Remy was the winner with 614 votes, and Loudon came in second with 327.

Did the student petition have any effect on the outcome. The *Telephone* didn't seem to think so. Prior to the convention, the newspaper commented: "A State convention

with its 1,500 delegates, thousands of visitors and contesting candidates is not likely to be thrown into a commotion by a self-appointed students' committee of three, carrying a petition in their inside vest pocket. Not this year, boys."

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