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A DEARTH OF CANDIDATES

**REALLY NO MAN WHO IS AVOW-
EDLY IN RACE FOR EITHER
PARTY'S NOMINATION.**

The country is being treated to a rare political phenomenon, marked by the fact that while a whole national campaign for the election of a president and a new congress is considerably less than a year off, no announced candidates have developed in either party, and no pronounced issues have assumed definite form upon which the fight is to be projected.

Political history will have to be searched for many generations back to produce a parallel to the present situation. As a matter of fact, no exact parallel can be pointed to. There may have been campaigns in which as little interest has been manifested, but none in which so many of the essential elements were absent. It is true that the Republican organization is prolific in presidential possibilities, that willing leaders may be found in all parts of the country who might easily be persuaded to assume the responsibilities of a nomination; but it is equally true that not one of them has passed beyond the "favorite son" stage, regardless of the fact that the nominating conventions are less than eight months off.

For instance, New York stands forth with Root, Whitman and Hughes; Massachusetts with Weeks; Idaho with Borah; Indiana with Fairbanks; Illinois with Mann and Sherman; Ohio with Burton, Herrick and Willis; Iowa with Cummins; Wisconsin with La Follette, and so on down the list. In all this host, however, there is no towering figure, no pre-eminent leader, no unquestioned Moses.

Moreover, in this list there is not one avowed candidate for the president—not one whose friends claim the privilege of offering to the nation. Hughes and Root, probably the two ablest men on the roster, have declared and redeclared that they are not candidates for the Republican nomination. None of the others has declared support for this honor, neither have any of them come out into the open with intentions of seeking support.

The truth is, Republican politics and policies are very much in confusion, and this confusion naturally involves possible candidates. There have been many miscalculations on the part of the opposition party since the Wilson administration began. Many readjustments have become necessary, much realigning in order to keep up with the big events.

When the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill was passed, Republican leaders were reasonably sure a winning issue had been created. They believed hard times would be inevitable, and a prosperity platform had never failed to net them thousands of votes. Then when the repeal of the canal tolls was enacted, a piece of legislation that seemed to split the majority party wide open, another hopeful condition arose. Anti-trust legislation was forced through Congress, and this was looked to to increase the dissatisfaction of the business interests with the new regime.

All these forces appeared for a time to be working for the success of the Republican party, and, just as predicted, a period of depression followed the revision of the tariff; business men, pinched by restricted markets, began to murmur, and the majority party organization exhibited signs of division. These were developments that the Republicans prophesied, the eventualities upon which they expected to base their next campaign. To these the minority leadership expected to add an unfortunate Mexican policy.

All this figuring has, however, been futile. The European war came and has wiped the slate clean of old issues. Hard times is rarely mentioned politically now for the simple reason that few sections of the country feel that times are hard. The tariff and anti-trust legislation are spoken of only academically. Party schisms among the Democrats may still exist, but they are not apparent on the surface.

The attention of the American people is fixed upon foreign affairs—Europe and Mexico—and upon no other phase of the present administration's work. There is political dynamite in each of these situations, and nobody knows it better than the president himself; yet he has passed unscathed, so far, through one of them and is concentrating all his intellectual resources in an effort to escape danger in the other.

World war with its attendant hazards, its stimulation to American business, its neutrality problems, its effect upon the "hyphenated" prejudices in America, combined with the merciless sacrifices of blood and treasure abroad, has completely overshadowed domestic politics in the United States. Neither plain people nor politicians are talking or thinking much about the national

campaign which now approaches. This time four years ago Washington was filled with candidates' headquarters. Four Democrats were in the field and two Republicans. Leaders, "managers" and just plain "fixers" crowded the city. Today there are no headquarters and no candidates.

The Democratic leadership has nothing to bother about with respect to candidates. The president will be renominated, if he decides to be a candidate, notwithstanding the possible Bryan opposition. That is all there is to that end of it. The Republicans are simply awaiting the course of events. The Bull Moose are no longer regarded as a determining factor. All in all, it is a most remarkable situation that the country finds itself in—on the eve of a national campaign.

**NATIVE OF GUILFORD DIES
IN IREDELL COUNTY.**

Mr. John W. Vanstory, a native of Guilford county and a brother of Mr. C. M. Vanstory, of Greensboro, died recently at his home in Iredell county. A friend pays his memory the following tribute in the Statesville Landmark:

John Woodson Vanstory, whose death occurred July 26, was the son of John Henry and Katy Gordon Vanstory, of Guilford county, and on the day of his death he was near 68 years old. In March, 1863, when but a mere boy, and while at school at Monticello, he joined the Confederate army, in which he served to the end of the war with the characteristic valor of the boy soldiers of the Confederacy, belonging to Company F, second North Carolina cavalry. He was at Seven Pines, Chancellorsville and fateful Gettysburg, having a part in numerous engagements.

Returning from the war in 1866 Mr. Vanstory married Mary P. Brown, of Guilford county, and to them were born three daughters—Mrs. G. W. Sicheloff, of Statesville; Mrs. G. W. Stikeleather, of Olin, and Mrs. A. D. Chandler, of Brown Summit, Guilford county. His wife dying in the early seventies, he removed to Iredell county, and some time thereafter married Susan E. Allison, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gill Allison, who survives. From this marriage were born five children—two sons and three daughters—Mrs. J. A. J. Farrington, now of Spray; Mrs. James Weisner, of Olin; Walter Vanstory, of Texas; Charlie Vanstory and Mrs. Fannie Feimster, at home. Mr. Vanstory is also survived by two brothers—C. M. Vanstory, of Greensboro, and W. A. Vanstory, of Fayetteville, and two sisters—Miss Mollie Vanstory, of Statesville, and Mrs. Louise Feimster, of Rutherford College.

The subject of this sketch was in every respect a most worthy citizen, affable in disposition, intelligent and progressive, a sincere Christian and for 20 years Sunday school superintendent in the Methodist church at Olin. He leaves behind him the record of a well spent life.

Mr. Vanstory was one of a trio of Confederate veterans—John F. Holland, John C. Sicheloff and John W. Vanstory—who lived side by side, lands adjoining—on Little Rocky creek, Olin township. Comrades, neighbors and friends were they. To each those who knew might point and say, "Behold the upright man!" Mr. Holland passed away last March; so soon Mr. Vanstory follows. Mr. Sicheloff lingers yet a little while alone, awaiting the "roll call." Associated with these, oft it was the writer's privilege to hear them recount their war experience, and often she was made to wonder what sustained their courage in the fierce conflicts, in the long hours of suspense, in the cruel hardships endured; she learned the secret from their own lips. It lay in that sublimest of all words—duty—deeply rooted in the heart of every true patriot. It was the lofty conception of this that made each of them good citizens as well as good soldiers, and enabled them to grapple not less bravely with the hard lines with which they were faced in establishing homes and rearing families in tumultuous and poverty-stricken days of reconstruction. If success be measured by opportunity, then may not the name of the Confederate soldier be written higher than many others whose lines have fallen in better times?

I would weave this chaplet to the memory of the two that have "crossed the bar," I would entwine it as a garland around the brow of him who is left behind; and to the consorts of these—the one the young wife waiting at home the news of her husband's fate; the other the daughter of the widowed mother, made so by war's ruthless hand; and still the other the faithful helpmeet of the returned soldier—to each of these be all honor in that they have kept their trust so well. May gentle peace rest like a benediction upon them, and when life's warfare shall be o'er, may they, too, "lie down to pleasant dreams."

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**EVERY GIRL MUST BE
ABLE TO COOK AND SEW.**

Every girl who graduates from the Greensboro high school must be able to make her own clothes and conduct the cooking of a household. Dr. J. L. Mann last year refused to sign any diploma of graduation for a girl who would not make her graduation dress. This year he will make the same restriction bear upon the problem of cooking dinner. He says that individual cabinets have just been installed in the domestic art department of the building, so that each person in the class can be made responsible for her own cooking and keeping of her cooking utensils.

This is all in line with Dr. Mann's idea of making the school one for the development of a real culture, the teaching of the boys and girls how to be independent of the manual help of others. His requirement for the girls to make their own graduating dresses last year was a huge success.

The students appeared on the day of the class exercises robed in dresses of pattern alike and made a fine public impression. Instead of ranging in price from \$5 to \$50, as is often the case, the cost was uniform and the only difference existed in the manner of the making, and this was the look-out of the wearer. At the graduation exercises proper the boys and girls, too, wore caps and gowns, bought at \$1.50 per person, and Dr. Mann thinks the local high school was the first in the South to take this step. Instead of one of the boys having a \$35 tailor-made suit and his fellow-student wearing a \$9.98 hand-me-down, they were all alike, and only in noses and other unchangeable features did they differ.

The high school will have eight fully defined literary courses this year, in addition to the excellent special departments. One of these will include Spanish taught by a North Carolina lady, imported from High Point, who can talk Spanish as well as she can English, and she is thoroughly at home in the latter, said Dr. Mann. This course will be elective.

The additions to the teaching staff of the school are of men who are capable and strong, said the superintendent. The new ones are Mr. J. H. Workman, of Cherryville, in the department of mathematics; Mr. Nevin Biser, of Frederick, Md., teacher of Latin; Mr. J. B. Webster, of Haw River, science, and Mr. J. J. Ingle, of Catawba College, teacher of English. The school is being improved physically as well as in work.

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