

1936 CAMPAIGN NOW UNDER WAY

Outcome of Fall Election Hangs on Doubtful States

(Special to The Press-Maconian)
 WASHINGTON, June 11.—With the Republican Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates selected, the party's position defined in its platform and the party organization set up and ready to go into battle, the Presidential campaign of 1936 is now actually under way. While the Democrats are still to meet at Philadelphia, on the 23 of this month, to renominate President Roosevelt and Vice-President Garner, political observers here do not anticipate any startling developments.

So far as the best informed poli-

tical prophets can peer into the future, none of them foresees any declarations in the Democratic platform which have not already been anticipated by the acts and utterances of the party leaders and spokesmen.

The political situation, therefore, thus narrows down to the extremely practical question of which party can carry which states.

Of course, both party's managers are claiming everything in sight. That is ordinary political tactics, and fools nobody, not even the politicians themselves. And, while neither party officially concedes that the other will carry any state that may be named, the wise men whose business it is to analyze such things and to bring the light of long political experience to bear upon the subject, are pretty well in agreement on certain conclusions.

How Will States Go?

The consensus of observers is that New England will go Republican, with only one New England state really doubtful. That is Massachusetts. Certainly outside of Boston and its immediate environments there is ground to believe that Massachusetts' sentiment today is Republican.

New York is regarded as decidedly a doubtful state this year. It is not difficult to find prophets to predict that Mr. Roosevelt cannot carry his own state. The influence of Tammany Hall in New York City is expected to be massed against him, while upstate New York is always overwhelmingly Republican.

Keen political observers class Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky this year as doubtful states with the chances about even between the two parties; Virginia as a doubtful state with the odds favoring the Democrats. They are practically unanimous in giving the rest of the Northeast to the Republicans, while conceding most of the Solid South to the Democrats.

The one exception in the South is Florida, which is split open over the issue of the Florida Canal. North Florida will vote according to its historic tradition, but South Florida has an enormous new population of recent immigrants from the North, mostly Republicans. Some expert guessers put Florida in the fifty-fifty class.

Battle in Mid-West

The rest of the old South, including the comparatively new state of Oklahoma, is regarded as practically certain to go Democratic, although some not very sanguine hopes are expressed by Republicans that they may carry Tennessee.

The Mountain States, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, are regarded at this time as being Democratic. Colorado is regarded as about 50-50. Of the three Pacific Coast States, Oregon is the only one which the Republicans, as of this date, have any great hope of carrying.

That leaves, as the main battleground of the campaign, the great area in the drainage basin of the upper Mississippi, commonly termed the Middle West. The real fight will be waged in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas. Of these, the seers of Democratic leanings admit the probability that the Republicans might carry Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kansas. Republican realists

don't concede any of these Middle West states to the Democrats.

Nobody knows yet just how the Farmer-Labor vote, which dominates Minnesota and North Dakota and is strong in South Dakota, will swing. Nobody can be certain as yet how the La Follette Progressive voters of Wisconsin will swing. It would be hard to get an experienced Republican political observer to bet that his party would carry any one of those states, at the present stage of the campaign. And Nebraska certainly must be classed as at least a fifty-fifty chance for the Democrats.

Republican hopes of carrying Ohio and Indiana amount almost to sublime confidence, while great confidence is also expressed as to Michigan and Illinois.

Electoral Votes

Of course, both sides will extend themselves to the limit to try to carry New York with its 46 electoral votes. The Democrats might conceivably elect their ticket without New York. As the line-up now stands, however, the Republicans have got to have New York to win. There are 531 votes in the Electoral College. Either party, to win the election must get 266 electoral votes.

The forecasters who have come nearest to guessing right in the past give Mr. Roosevelt 197 assured electoral votes, without counting New York. With New York, he would have 243 and would only have to gather up 23 more to be reelected. Ohio alone has 26 electoral votes. Michigan and Massachusetts have 37 between them. If the Democrats can carry New York and Ohio, or New York, Michigan and Massachusetts, they can elect their candidate, these observers contend.

A lot of water will flow under the bridge, however, between now and election day, November 3. In June, 1932, Mr. Hoover had an apparent advantage over Mr. Roosevelt, as Mr. Roosevelt appears to have over his Republican opponent today.

Lake Emory

By LUTHER ANDERSON

Our news mill is not on full time this week. But we presume The Press would prefer short and regular news letters rather than long and irregular correspondence. (Editor's Note: Amen.)

The music of the reaper is heard in our valley, while the farm and garden crops are responding to the effect of recent rain. The record is about two inches rainfall for first half of June. This is nearly normal. Authentic records for Franklin area are not available over a long period. Highlands area has a greater rainfall than Franklin by possibly 40 per cent.

Death claimed Mrs. Taylor Hyatt at the home of a daughter at Sylva, June 11. Mrs. Hyatt was the mother of Mrs. J. A. Mincey of this place, with whom she made her home till a few weeks ago.

Lon Thompson is in from Perryville, Ohio, where he has been engaged as a foreman on tunnel work, a line in which he is an expert.

Mrs. A. W. Reid had as a visitor last week her brother, Prof. George Jones, of Loris, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart have returned from their honeymoon tour to Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Knoxville and other points. Mr. Stewart has resumed work in the operating department of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

A. W. Reid and Mr. Page made a business trip to Spruce Pine last week. Mr. Reid is active in the mica industry in this section.

Rogers Hall Now Open For Summer Season

Mrs. Sam L. Rogers has announced that Rogers Hall, one of Franklin's foremost resort hotels, is now open for the summer. For some months Rogers Hall, which occupies a beautiful hill overlooking the Little Tennessee river, has been under the management of Mrs. Arthur Waldrop; but Mrs. Rogers will operate it herself during the summer season.

"Little England"

Barbados, flat and unimpressive from the sea, is one of the most densely populated spots in the world. "Little England," the inhabitants call it.

'Uncle Elbert' Watson, 93, Visiting in Franklin

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Watson, of Glenville, N. C., are spending this week visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Fouts at their home on Iotla street. "Uncle Elbert," as he is known to his many friends throughout Western North Carolina, celebrated his 93rd birthday anniversary in March; but despite his advanced age he is remarkably active, mentally and physically. Since his arrival in Franklin last Thursday he has been almost continually "on the go."

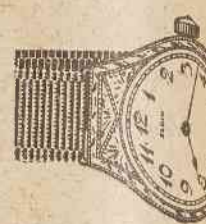
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