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THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS READY.

The unexpected has arrived. Charles Evans Hughes is the Republican candidate for President of the United States. Against his wish, without the slightest effort on his part to obtain the nomination, without an authorized leader working in his behalf, without an organization of any kind, with some of the most influential men in the country laboring against him, Charles Evans Hughes is made the unanimous choice of the representatives of the Republican party for the highest office in the land. It is a fact utterly without precedent since the rise of political parties in this country. Never before has the office sought the man with such persistency; never before has it had to overcome obstacles set up by the man himself or by the circumstances of his position. Nothing less than an absolutely overwhelming public sentiment in his favor could have accomplished this result; nothing less than a complete confidence in his ability, his integrity and courage; nothing less than a profound conviction that Charles Evans Hughes was the one man fitted in every way for the present situation.

The development of this sentiment and conviction is not measured by weeks nor yet by months. It has been slowly growing in the minds of the people for a long time. Earnest men throughout the country, men, for the most part not connected with political activities—business men, professional men, farmers, workmen, all classes of citizens who have the interests of the country and of the party at heart, have been giving thought to the question of the candidate to be put forward by the Republicans at this time, and a year ago the trend of opinion toward Hughes was plainly discernible. The Globe-Democrat saw this trend then, and as far back as February publicly recognized it and approved of it.

There should be good reason for such unanimity of popular opinion, particularly so when it is uninitiated by personal appeal or partisan passion; and there is good reason. The public became aware of the qualities and abilities of Mr. Hughes through his conduct of the gas and insurance investigations in New York in 1905-06. The popular approval at that time forced him into the office of governor of the state after he had declined the nomination for mayor of New York City. He did not seek the gubernatorial chair. Then, as now, he felt that the call for his services, if his services were desired, should come from the people without solicitation. He was bitterly opposed by certain strongly entrenched political and corporate interests, but the people would have no other. Nor were the people mistaken in their judgment. "No individual or group of individuals and no private interest will be permitted to dictate my policy," he said, when notified of his nomination for governor in October, 1906. "I shall decide and act according to my conscience and as I believe the public interest requires." And when he became governor he did exactly what he said he would do. His administration was notable for its absolute independence of action. It was a continuous battle against hostile interests for the public welfare, and his triumphant re-election, against all the powers that could be brought to bear against him, was one of the most dramatic and striking events in the history of American politics. His removal from the office of governor of New York to the higher position of justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1910 took him out of the field of political and executive activity, but he left a record as a public administrator for the public good that impressed not merely New York but the entire country. So impressive it was, so remarkable in its quiet but determined aggressiveness, so just in its application of the law to all men with equal exactness, so filled with sympathy expressed in action for the downtrodden, so utterly undismayed by predatory opposition, so free from any indication of sinister influence, that it was not forgotten in the years of judicial retreat that followed; and when the time came to select a candidate for president possessing all the qualities that a Republican candidate for president should have, and who at the same time should be free from the enmities or jealousies of factional bias, the party turned with an unparalleled unanimity to Charles Evans Hughes.

Such is the man whom the Republican party has selected for its standard-bearer. The Republican party is still the Republican party, proud of its record, convinced of the rightness of its cause, facing the future determined and unafraid. With a vigorous and irreproachable leader, with a vice presidential candidate, himself of presidential stature, one who has the confidence and esteem of the entire nation; with a platform that every Republican can support with ardor and sincerity, with a situation in federal administration that demands a change, there can be no doubt of the result. Mr. Roosevelt has shown by his offer to withdraw in favor of Mr. Lodge that the Republican platform is satisfactory to him, and he has shown by his conditional declination of the Progressive nomination that he is prepared to support the nominee of the Republican convention if his attitude on the "vital questions of the day" meet with his approval. This disposition to relinquish the power he unquestionably holds in the interests of the unity of the Republican party merits, and will certainly receive, the approbation of the country. Mr. Roosevelt has shown by these acts the sincerity of his Americanism. Even his most devoted adherents, when the tumult of the convention has passed and they have arrived at a condition for calm thought, must have condemned a candidate that would have put personal feelings above every honor-

able consideration of the country's welfare. The time has come to put aside every thought is not centered upon the national good. Politics should always be synonymous with patriotism, but never was the synonym more essential than now. No animosities should be permitted to have weight, no personal advantage should be allowed to influence; the sole question should be, what is my duty to my country? In answer to that question is to be found the guide to the action of everyone who believes in Republican principles, whatever party name he may give to himself. The Republican party has spoken. It has no regrets and no doubts, and it looks forward to November with a firm faith in the intelligence and patriotism of the people.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A call has been made for the mobilizing of our state militia, preparatory to going to the Mexican border, and the work is going on rapidly. In this state there are about 1200 members of the National Guard. The natural place for the members of the guard to mobilize was at the military grounds south of this city, as all the equipment was stored here and it would possibly have saved time and expense, but notwithstanding these facts, officers of the National Guard were here the first of the week and packed the equipment to the extent of three car loads and the same has been shipped to Fort Lincoln, near Bismarck, where they will go into camp and await further orders, and probably will never be returned here. Possibly they may be in camp for a month, two months, or more. Now, to have had them encamped at the local militia grounds would have meant thousands of dollars to this city, and the people of the Lake region would have been here by the hundreds to see the soldier boys leading regular camp life. It would have been the greatest thing for the people and business men of Devils Lake that has ever occurred, and many are wondering just why they should gather up their equipment and move to Fort Lincoln instead of coming here. Let us suggest that if they had been treated fairly by the mouthpiece of the Democratic machine—the Daily Journal, such might have been the case. But as the average citizen of Devils Lake knows, when the soldier boys have come here in the past the company and their officers have come in for all kinds of abuse through the Journal, all for political effect. The officers have been accused of crime, and the members of our national guard have received their share of abuse which has been heaped upon them at the hands of this great moral sheet. While that paper has not voiced the sentiment of only a handful, it is naturally supposed to be the representative of the city and county, and thus it has caused much ill feeling from the soldier boys. And now that they are being called together they feel that they are not at home in the vicinity of Devils Lake, and we have been informed that not only the officers but the members of the guard has made strenuous objection to mobilizing here. And thus again, it is plainly shown just how the city has been injured by the persistent and unfair tactics of an unfair newspaper. It is another case of the "chickens coming home to roost." It is all very nice to slander and abuse public officials in order to gain some political point, but as in this case it is very evident that the "wrom will generally turn", and the business men of Devils Lake can thank the antics of the Democratic Daily for the loss of thousands of dollars of business in this particular case.

Last Sunday one of our citizens, a popular young man of this city was drowned in Devils Lake and up to this time he sleeps in a watery grave. Up to this time no concerted action has been taken either by the Chautauqua management or our city officials to recover the body. The heartbroken parents and relatives have done what they could in the matter, but to no avail. They cannot rest in the fact that their boy is still at the bottom of the lake instead of having a Christian burial, which would in a measure relieve their grief stricken minds. Notwithstanding this fact our mayor has had time to hold night seances with various "ward healers" to see how they could carry the city for this candidate or that candidate, and he has even had time to write a proclamation asking the people to give their time over to a holiday in order to entertain his pet candidate for Governor. We are prone to do any kicking either against a private individual or a public official, unless there is a kick coming, but in this case it seems to us that our city officials should have taken some united action long ago toward recovering the body of this young man. Suppose it was your boy; how would you feel? It may be your boy next, if you have one. Who knows. Are we wrong or are we right? Which is of more importance, the fact that some man wants to be governor of this state, or to know that a resident of our city lies at the bottom of Devils Lake and no effort being made to recover the body? Even last Monday, the day after this young man was drowned, Sheriff Olson informed us that he was the only person who was searching for the body and that he worked all the forenoon alone, with the exception of the help of a couple of boys, whom he got to row the boat for him. While it may not be compulsory from a legal standpoint to lend aid in trying to secure this body, that the aged parents and friends might give it a decent burial, we deem it little short of criminal that instead of issuing a proclamation to close our places of business for the purpose of entertaining the Burdick special, Mr. Johnson, who poses as mayor of our city, did not issue a proclamation or call for volunteers to go to the lake shore and aid in this work.

There are two candidates running for State Senator from this county, F. H. Hyland of this city, and W. P. Faulk, of Northfield township. In sizing up and comparing these two men, we find that there is really no comparison. Mr. Hyland has represented this county for the past four years in the Senate, and those who have kept track of his record will admit that he was generally right on the most important questions coming up in that body. His very active experience as a business man, farmer, and auctioneer travelling over the state and seeing things, has kept him in close touch with the needs of the state. Nothing we might say here will neither add or detract from the standing which Mr. Hyland has in this county. His opponent, W. P. Faulk, we consider a pigmy as compared with Mr. Hyland. He is one of those fellows who seems to have the office itch, but owing to his standing has never gotten very far, politically speaking. We would consider him as entirely unfitted for the position of Senator from this county, and it has repeatedly been said that in his own township, and in the vicinity where he is best known that he will not get a majority of the votes cast. It is our humble judgment that to swap Frank Hyland for W. P. Faulk would be a mighty poor change. When the primaries arrive see to it that you cast your ballot for Mr. Hyland.

A HUGE JOKE.

Tuesday of this week the train known as the "Burdick Special", and carrying Hon. U. L. Burdick, who is a candidate for Governor, and a large number of other people, visited our city, and they met with a very welcome reception. The big joke is that Monday evening's Journal carried a "proclamation" issued by A. L. Johnson, who happens to be president of the city commission, asking all business houses to close up and suspend business on account of this train coming to Devils Lake. In the field asking for the nomination for governor of this state are seven or eight candidates, and in this city can be found business men who are supporting various ones of these candidates, and just why these business men should be asked to close their places of business when this politician or that politician comes to town is not quite clear to us. The consensus of opinion seems to be that Mr. Johnson is assuming altogether too much authority and is asking things of the business men of this city entirely beyond his jurisdiction. If Mr. Johnson is anxious to see our business houses closed for some good purpose, would it not have been much better for him to have asked us to close up and go to the Chautauqua grounds and aid in the search for the body of one of our citizens, who was drowned in the Lake Sunday, and for whose body a search has been going on for several days? Mr. Johnson may be a Burdick man, and we assume that he is, but has he any right as mayor of our city, to ask men who have other political views to close their places of business in order that he may make a big showing for his candidate? We notice that when Mayor Fraine came to town that Mayor Johnson did not ask that business places be closed to do honor to him, and there was no call for such action any more than there was to ask that business be suspended when Burdick came to town. It seems to us that these nonsensical proclamations are coming altogether too fast.

The strength of a life insurance company depends chiefly upon the small mortality of its policy holders, the earning power of its investments and the economy of its management. In no less degree, the strength of American industry depends upon the small losses through industrial failures, the high earning power of manufacturing institutions that employ labor, and the relative economy of operation made possible by operation at full capacity. The protective tariff is a measure that keeps production at full capacity, insures constant employment at good wages, and reduces to a minimum the losses by commercial failure. Every man who wants insurance in a safe life insurance company should also want the economic policies of the United States maintained by a party that believes in a protective tariff.

The Silk Traveler's Association were told a few things by Chas. Cheney, of Cheney Brothers, silk manufacturers, the other night at the Aldine Club, New York City, which set them to thinking. "Are we going to be flooded?" he asked, "with merchandise from abroad? That is the only thing that they, the nations at war, can pay their debts with, and they will have to sell it where they can get the money for it." He then told the salesmen present: "I want you to go out and preach protection."

Every salesman in this country knows how he was up against it for months before the European war broke out. If every salesman would speak from experience, and go out and preach protection, as Mr. Cheney advises, it would be of tremendous influence in bringing about a nation-wide appreciation of the value of the Republican protective policy in giving stability and prosperity to the industries of the United States.

COLONEL FRAINE.

When the call came for the mobilization of the national guard it found the commanding officer of the guard in this state, Col. J. H. Fraine, in the midst of a campaign leading up to the primary election, in which he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. It was impossible that close personal attention could be given to both the military duties which had so suddenly become pressing and to the political campaign. Col. Fraine's choice was made without a moment's hesitation. He took hold at once of the work of organizing the North Dakota regiment for service, and announced that his political campaign would be left in the hands of his friends.

No one who knows Colonel Fraine was surprised at this decision. Nearly 20 years ago he answered the call for men to go to the front on active service, and in the long and arduous campaign in the Philippines he gave to his country the best there was in him. He proved himself not only a brave soldier but a capable commander. The experience which he gained in that campaign will serve him and his men in good stead now.

Col. Fraine's friends who have supported him in this campaign will feel that the withdrawal of their candidate from personal participation in campaign work has placed an added obligation upon them, and many of them have declared their intention of putting still greater energy in to the work of the campaign on behalf of the leader who has answered the call to other duties.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CULTIVATE

The prospects are that this will be a better season for small grains than for corn. Perhaps not, but it looks that way. But last year was not regarded as a good year for corn, and yet some remarkably fine corn was ripened in North Dakota in 1915. Those who produced that corn did so by means of thorough cultivation. Of course, there were other elements. There were the thorough preparation of the seed bed and the selection of good seed and some other things, none of which can safely be overlooked. But, when all other necessary conditions have complied with, the corn crop will fail utterly in a poor year, and it will not be the success that it should in any year without thorough and persistent cultivation. Cultivation kills weeds, and one of the very useful functions of the corn crop is to clean the soil. Tillage destroys the seeding weeds and brings others to the position where they will germinate, to be killed in turn. Cultivation admits needed air to the soil, and provides one means for the accumulation of nitrogen. And cultivation keeps the moisture in the soil from evaporating, and holds it available for the uses of the plant. When in doubt, cultivate.

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