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Biography:

Notes should be made on the ^{Campaigns} application of biography, reasons for them. Note those on Lincoln and one by Frederick Palmer on Landon.

Explain my notion about the Owen D. Young biography, not undertaken with any notion that he would be a nominee, did not think he would and did not want him to be. My interest in him was double as an attempt to bring about cooperation between the different factors in the industrial set-up, adjust their functions so that they would work harmoniously, and his unusual qualifications as a negotiator. Great need of these qualities as I saw them. As it turned out there was a determined effort to bring him into the field as a nominee in 1932; as I know from personal observation and talks Franklin Roosevelt resented him as a candidate. That was my impression from a luncheon at Van Hornesville, also my impression that he resented Richie when his name came up/in at a little dinner Albany when he said ~~when Bobbets name was~~ "Oh yes, his hat is in the ring."

My notion was that Young was doing his best to indicate to Roosevelt that he had no ambitions for the presidency. At that time would not consider it. Note his repeated refusals. But the agitation persisted. It looked for a moment as if he might be a nominee in spite of all. The book was ready, the publisher had it slated for the Spring.

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My friend, Elisabeth Marbury who was a/National

~~obscure~~ Democratic Convention called me up, asked me the status of the book, said the Committee would take ten thousand copies if Young was the nominee. Well, that of course is something - a great deal for me. But before the book was out Mr. Young put his foot down flatly after having put it down gently, this time with a stamp and said:- ^{John} (Last refusal)

When the book came out the reasons for which I had written it were entirely over-looked, or practically over-looked, it ^{was not a} being a campaign book .
 John Finley / told me that he told Mr. ^{Knex} ~~Knex~~ that the book was to be published ^{Knex} ~~Knex~~ said it should not be, it should not come out now. Young will not be nominated this time, later perhaps. Something of that kind. I do not remember exactly only my impression was that ^{Knex} ~~Knex~~ thought it was a mistake for anybody to publish a book on Young at that time, but he, of course, was thinking purely from the political stand point. I had not been thinking that at all. I saw no reason I should not write and / publish a book if I could find a publisher on a man that I thought was making a contribution to peaceful adjustments to difficulties in the world. That is a great business.