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THE COMING CONTEST IN AMERICA.



UTSIDE of the United States the interest taken in the approaching election for Presidentwhich is to be decided on the sixth of next month—has probably been less general and less keen than is usually the case, and under the circumstances this is hardly to be wondered at. In the first place the struggle in South Africa and the very serious situation of affairs in the

Far East have for some time past overshadowed all other matters and completely engrossed public thought. In the second place when the election campaign was first com-