

# Calvin Coolidge

The Biography of a President

## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president, was born July 4, 1872. His early life was spent on a farm. Coolidge attended Amherst and was a star student. After graduation he studied law and finally passed the bar examination. He married Grace Goodhue in 1898 and held many offices in his city and state, including state senator, lieutenant governor and governor. As governor he helped bring order to Boston following a police strike. This threw him into national prominence and brought him the vice presidency. When Warren G. Harding died August 3, 1923, Coolidge automatically became president. His father, minister.

### The Presidency

It was an expectation in Washington which the new president came. President Calvin Coolidge, thrust upward through the death of Warren G. Harding, would simply be, in the opinion of many, someone to fill the time between August, 1923, and the next election. It was an open secret in the capital that Coolidge was not being considered for re-nomination.

But the Coolidges immediately went to ground with the public by a spontaneously kind, considerate act. They invited Mrs. Harding to remain in the White House as long as she wished, and Coolidge took up temporary White House quarters in the New Willard Hotel. Here he worked for a number of days, slipping out the early morning for a walk about Washington streets before many other persons were awake.

There was consternation in the ranks of many high officials, to whom rumors floated about, and this is what cabinet members were surely asked to get the ax. But no one "got the ax," and things went on much as usual. Coolidge drank in moderation a thirsty man drinks water.

He retired into his shell even more than usual. He said nothing, only listened. The time came for the first conference with newspaper men, and he didn't sidestep this rather trying duty.

He knew that every word he spoke would be relayed to every citizen in the country. Much depended upon that first interview, James Preston, superintendent of the press gallery in the Senate, individually introduced the newspaper men, some of whom Coolidge already knew personally.

It is the custom for newspaper men not to quote the president directly. But in this case one newspaper violated this rule and printed questions and answers. In truth it was not a violation, but rather an exception to the rule.

It was, as said, an important conference. It would do much to form the opinions of the writers as to the man himself and would be instrumental in shaping the future. Here is the way that interview was conducted:

Q: Mr. President, will we have the regular conferences with the president at the White House twice a week?  
A: Yes.  
Q: Under the old schedule?  
A: Yes. That will be arranged in due time.  
Q: May I ask about the resignation of cabinet officers?  
A: My statement of yesterday covered that.  
Q: Do you have them all before you?



FIRST PHOTO OF CALVIN COOLIDGE AS PRESIDENT.

Q: I have none. My statement of yesterday covers that.  
Q: Can you say anything about proclamation?  
A: Of course, the arrangements for the funeral are going forward. My details will be given out during the day by the secretary of state and by Colonel Sherrill.  
Q: When will you give out your proclamation?  
A: Some time during the day.  
Q: Have you a draft before you?  
A: I looked over last night, but it will be signed and given out some time today. I think the cabinet and secretary have approved it.  
Q: Mr. Coolidge is the secretary of the president?  
A: Yes, he is the secretary of the president. Everything stands as it is until you are notified to the contrary.  
Q: You said there will be no announcement of the administration policies until after the funeral. Does that mean you will then simply summarize your views?  
A: There is no interpretation necessary to be put on my statement. My statement stands just as I gave it.  
Q: Will that also apply to any questions relative to an extra session of Congress?  
A: I think that question is answered by my statement.  
Q: Are the cabinet members returning to Washington?  
A: Yes, they are.  
Q: Have you any date in mind for a cabinet meeting at any time soon?  
A: No.  
Q: And whether or not, as usual, you will hold the semi-weekly cabinet meetings?  
A: I expect to do so. I do not know just what arrangements have been made about it. Of course the

president was not expected until about the 25th of August. Cabinet members evidently have made commitments which would prevent their being in Washington very much. Of course they all stand ready to come here whenever their presence is required.

Q: Is there any word from members of the cabinet as to their arrangements?  
A: No, I have not seen any communications from them. Here Secretary Denoy, who has just come in. The only two members of the cabinet who were here last night were Secretary Hughes and Postmaster General Nease. The distribution of the others you probably know better than I do.

Q: Will there be any interruption of the negotiations with Mexico?  
A: I do not know of any reason for interrupting any negotiations. My statement that things will stand as they are until you are notified differently will cover that. I thank you very much for coming in, gentlemen.

Q: When will we see you again?  
A: Keep in touch with Mr. Preston.

Newspaper men retired from that conference satisfied.

After Mrs. Harding removed the Harding belongings from the White House, the Coolidges moved in. And then for several months Calvin Coolidge became as communicative as a sphinx. He received many visitors daily; hundreds of them came from all parts of the country. But he said nothing. He merely listened. As one writer has said, he put his ear to the funnel into which a vast amount of conversation was poured.

One thing he certainly did: That was to take some of this advice and to surround himself not with personal friends, outside the few like Frank W. Stearns, but with men who could be of the best service to him.

Thus he appointed C. Bascom Sloop as his executive secretary. Sloop was a trained politician and when Christian stepped out, there was no hesitancy about moving Sloop in.

Some of the president's political critics say he had his eye on the 1924 convention. Sloop, they said, could deliver the delegates and that was the chief reason for having him about.

There was no question about Sloop's ability to deliver delegates, especially southern ones, but nevertheless the charge probably was unjust. Coolidge wanted trusted men around him. He did not want to make a mistake.

He chose Edward T. Clark as his personal secretary, because Clark had been his secretary as governor of Massachusetts.

He got about putting his house in order. But he did it quietly. His retiring nature came to be a national by-word. He was known everywhere as "Silent Cal." But that was just for the period of drinking in information. As soon as he thought he had enough of it, he started a bit of action himself.

The beginning of another session of Congress was the immediate occasion. The president prepared his initial message carefully and on the appointed day drove from the White House up Pennsylvania Avenue to the capitol to tell the country just what he thought about burning issues of the day.

# WILL PROTECT SOLDIERS' HOME

### City Fire Department to Be Permitted to Go to State Institution.

### ORDINANCE AMENDED

### Truck Cannot Be Taken Outside of City Limits Except to Other Towns or Veterans' Home.

The city fire department will answer calls at the Soldiers' Home, and will provide protection for that institution, it was decided by the city council at the regular meeting held last night. The ordinance regulating the taking of equipment outside of the city limits, was amended by the committee before it was presented to the council, and then adopted. As it now stands the fire apparatus is not to be taken outside of the city limits, except in the event of emergencies in neighboring municipalities, and the Soldiers' Home. If the trucks or any of the city's equipment, is taken outside the limits, the members of the fire department are subject to fine, and the department will forfeit its monthly allowance.

The department is strictly forbidden to use the city's trucks at any rural fires or points outside of the boundaries of Roseburg, without the exceptions already mentioned. The council felt that Roseburg should be ready to aid the other organized municipalities of the county, in the event they experience fires which get beyond the control of their own departments, but it does not feel that the citizens of the city should be required to maintain expensive equipment for the use and protection of rural communities.

Considerable time was spent by the council considering the needs of the department. The committee recommended that insurance in the sum of \$10,000 be taken out on the new fire truck, the cost being \$75 yearly. This recommendation was adopted and the insurance policy will be procured.

The council ordered additional equipment amounting to about \$150, the equipment consisting of four pair of turnout pants and boots, a shlemet connection, a play-pipe nozzle, and materials for the construction of an equipment basket on the new truck.

It was also voted to allow the department an additional \$50 on their allowance to cover their warrants for the past month, when 13 calls were answered. But that was in order to provide additional sleeping quarters, it was proposed to construct a balcony in the west end of the fire hall, gutting windows through the brick wall. This matter was thoroughly discussed, but was held over for another meeting in order to procure an estimate of the expense.

Among other matters the council heard the petition of H. C. Waddell for a refund of a part of his expenses in constructing his sidewalk. It was shown that the excavation was made for the walk according to the grade furnished, but that the grade was not suitable, and it became necessary to refill, and change the forms. The cost of the change, \$19, was ordered paid by the city.

The street superintendent reported that Contractor L. W. Metzger had failed to clean the new streets in Laurelwood, making much additional work for the street cleaning department, and recommended that the sum of \$5 be deducted from the amount due him. The recommendation was accepted and the \$5 ordered held out.

All citizens agreed to remove several poplar trees which are said to be interfering with sewers in North Roseburg.

Residents of Commercial avenue filed a protest against the acceptance of the pavement of that street, claiming that the grade is improper and that the water does not run off the street. This matter was left for investigation until next meeting.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

**SPEAKER URGES BILL BE KILLED**

Mr. K. C. Eldridge, of Portland, representing the interests of oleomargarine manufacturers and particularly the Oleomargarine Products Committee, of Portland, spoke briefly before Kiwanis club members at a luncheon today noon.

Mr. Eldridge took up three phases of the question, the first being the matter of health, secondly economic and last constitutionally. From the health viewpoint he said that of the four vitamins, A, B, C, and D, he answered the contention that oleomargarine does not contain the soluble fat A, by alleging that scientists prove that this is also true of white flour, cream of wheat and other articles of diet. He said that the per capita consumption of butter was three-fourths of an ounce per day—16 or 17 pounds for a whole year, so that the amount eaten would make little difference even if it were true that oleomargarine did not contain those growth promoting substances contained in vitamin A, but that it has a dietary food value nevertheless.

Authority quoted to prove that oleomargarine does contain vitamin A was Dr. Phillip B. Hawk, director of the food research laboratory at Powder Point school, Duxbury, Mass., who, after three years of experimenting with oleomargarine products, claims that Nucoa has the fat soluble A vitamin in it, and that it has the same digestibility, heat, and energy producing values, properties as the best creamery and the same growth and building butter. These experiments were carried on with white rats, those fed on butter and those fed on oleomargarine showing the same growth, and the X-ray showing the same proper calcification of bones, and the same curative properties for rickets.

Economically he said, quoting authority interested in passage of this legislation, who said: "Immediately upon passage of this law we will be able to advance the sale price of butter three to five cents." The southern states produce thousands of tons of cotton seed oil and peanut oil. The people there buy Washington and Oregon products, hence resent the virtual boycott of their products of the south. The same is true of the Philippines Island products. In answering the claim that farmers here cannot compete with the small weighed Philippine worker, Mr. Eldridge stated that we must consider the millions of railroad workers, mechanics and others who are averaging \$3.75 per day, and whose right it is to buy economically the food for their tables, provided that product is pure, wholesome and nutritious.

Prejudice against oleomargarine had its origin years ago, when the conditions under which it was made were not as favorable as at present, he said, but went on to explain how those conditions have changed and oleomargarine is now the only food commodity that is sold under complete federal control. He alleged that the farmers and dairymen of Oregon, instead of fighting this oleomargarine industry, is to increase their herds, improve their stock, and take care of the demand for butter. He expressed the hope that in what he alleged was the general interest of the bill restricting oleomargarine would be voted down at the November election.

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Ed Noah, blacksmithing, st. cl.	20.50
W. F. Carter, services, st. cl.	1.00
Arthur Long, supplies, st. cl.	4.25
Denn Gerretsen Co., 1 tier wood, city imp.	3.50
Roseburg Plumb. & Heat, Co., P. and W.	24.80
J. W. Dreyer, H. and P.	23.00
Improvement Fund	
Root Avenue:	
H. L. Eppstein, engineering	8.00
Pare Lumber Company, stakes and markers	1.88
Harvard Avenue:	
H. L. Eppstein engineering	16.00
Glenn Street:	
H. D. Graves, inspecting	6.00
M. C. Bowker, surveying	2.00
H. L. Eppstein, engineering	8.00
Haynes Street:	
H. D. Graves, inspecting	6.00
M. C. Bowker, surveying	6.00
P. D. Wolford, surveying	2.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	10.00
Lilburn Street No. 2:	
Leroy Howard, surveying	2.00
P. D. Wolford, surveying	2.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	16.00
Madrone Avenue:	
P. D. Wolford, surveying	4.00
Leroy Howard surveying	4.00
Harry McCabe, Surveying	8.00
M. C. Bowker, surveying	14.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	24.00
Page Lumber Co., stakes	3.75
Commercial Avenue:	
M. C. Bowker, surveying	2.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	18.00
East Fourth Street:	
M. C. Bowker, surveying	2.00
Harry McCabe, surveying	1.00
Robert Belt, surveying	1.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	8.00
Page Lumber Company, stakes and markers	1.88
Chapman Street:	
Harry McCabe, surveying	6.00
M. C. Bowker, final estimate	6.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	24.00
Page Lumber Co., stakes	2.50
Spruce Street No. 2:	
Harry McCabe, surveying	1.00
M. C. Bowker, surveying	1.00
Leroy Howard, surveying	4.00
P. D. Wolford surveying	2.00
Robert Belt, surveying	3.00
H. L. Eppstein engineering	24.00
H. D. Graves inspecting	1.50

## The World At Its Worst

Ten Minutes Before Dinner. By GLUYAS

SEATS GUESTS AND MAKES THE USUAL INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH, THEIR NIDDIES, AND THE WEATHER.

WONDERS IF ALMA GETTING ALONG ALL RIGHT IN THE KITCHEN AND HAS SHE REMEMBERED TO PUT THE OLIVES ON

STEALS A LOOK INTO THE DINING ROOM TO SEE IF THE TABLE IS SET RIGHT. WISHES THE PEOPLE HADN'T COME QUITE SO EARLY

TRIES TO KEEP HER MIND ON CONVERSATION BUT WISHES SHE COULD MAKE OUT WHETHER THAT'S SOMETHING BURNING OR NOT

TEELS CONVINCED THAT SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG. IT'S TIME DINNER WERE READY - STEALS A LOOK AT WATCH

FILLS PAINFUL LULL IN CONVERSATION BY ASKING THOSE- BY ARE THE NIDDIES ALL WELL. REALIZES IT'S THE THIRD TIME SHE HAS ASKED THAT QUESTION

ALL THOUGHTS SUDDENLY VANISH BEFORE ANXIETY THAT THE ICE-CREAM HAVEN HARDENED. DREAMS NEVER TO HAVE LET HUSBAND MAKE IT ALONE

SIGNALS TO HIM HE'S NOT TO FINISH MRS. BASSITT'S COCKTAIL. HE CARVES BODILY ENOUGH AS IT IS

LOOKS AT WATCH AGAIN. CASIS ANNOUS GLANCE INTO DINING ROOM AND DECIDES SHE'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO GO SEE WHAT THE DELAY IS

**MARKETS**

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 7.—Hills ranging from a half to a cent higher in cube butter today denoted an improved tone in the local butter market. While there is no change in the print price of 40 cents, it is now generally felt that the next move will be upward.

On the local dairy exchange half and firsts were posted a half cent higher at 38½ and 34½ cents respectively, while standards and prime firsts closed a point higher at 38 and 37 cents.

Firmer feeling in other coast markets together with higher values in the east has done much to strengthen the undertone in the local market. It is now believed that the local dairy exchange has been reaching a level with cooler weather and increasing exports. Excess cream exchanges with a 51 cent top were changed but the demand for quiet Review classified.



**People Have a Habit of Reading the Evening Paper**

It is a most commendable habit, too, because it is profitable diversion from work and informs you of current events at home, and gives news of national and international importance. You owe it to yourself to read up on affairs at the close of each day.

**The Business Man Who Neglects to Tell**

The evening reader of his store or shop, is failing to reach customers who buy when suggestions are offered that have a real appeal in them—an appeal to "under the skin" of the buying public.

**The News-Review Your Home Town Newspaper**

is read nightly by approximately 15,000 people—they are mostly buyers, and are why not talk to them, Mr. Business Man, through these columns? The public is your invitation to "come in." We want to suggest to business concerns who are not in "folders," "programs," etc., that the money subscribed to transmitting mail is lost to the community much as is the money the farmer or mechanic who sends out to the mail order house for goods they might better buy in the home. Advertising schemes are worthless, reach only a handful of people and are, for all practical purposes, gone tomorrow with your cash.

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