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THE LORD'S DOINGS! I waited patiently for the Lord; and he heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, and set my feet upon a rock. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:1-2.

Maybe coming west had something to do with it. When most people try living out this way even being president wouldn't persuade 'em to try anything else.

Two years from now Mr. Coolidge can come out and fish for trout with worms, or anything he likes, without fear of being seriously disturbed. That's one consolation for a retiring president.

COOLIDGE DECLINES

The announcement by President Coolidge yesterday that he did not "choose to become a candidate" for re-election in 1928 came as a general surprise. His silence on the subject he last few months had been interpreted as giving consent and it was widely predicted that his election would be a matter of course. At the present stage of the game it looks as if he has refused a certain nomination and a fairly certain election.

Many things have been said of Calvin Coolidge. Those who have known him most intimately and have given unprejudiced voice to their knowledge could not paint a very compelling picture of the chief executive. Republican politicians and administration leaders have, on the other hand, over-emphasized his good qualities and have endowed him through newspaper publicity with many he never possessed. Some of the things said of him have been uncolored, however, and among them is that he is a canny politician.

Coolidge is that, and his refusal to become a candidate in 1928 indicates how smart he is politically. It has been said, and truly, that he never has been defeated for any public office—and he went from mayor of Northampton, Mass., to the White House. He has always been certain of winning—and has then gone ahead. Perhaps his ambition is satisfied. Or perhaps he is unwilling to chance what might easily become a doubtful campaign. He may feel that conditions are favorable now but likely to be otherwise twelve months from now. He may have, as has been indicated by some past opinions, a prejudice against a chief executive taking a third oath of office and breaking a national precedent. He may, and probably does, have many reasons for his decision to step out. He doesn't say what they are, but without question they are good reasons—because he is the only man influenced by them ultimately.

His method of telling the country of his decision was typical of Coolidge. It saved words, saved effort. He did not choose—That was all. No explanation; no comment; no indication of a potential favorite. Good old New England thrift and New England silence. Regardless of mediocrity along many lines Coolidge has been a happy example, a most beneficial example, we hope, to the American citizenry with those two qualities—silence and thrift. Not that the country would be better if we all became direct copies of Cal in these respects, but a start in that direction would do no great harm.

Who will receive the mantle thus flung aside? No one can predict anything except that candidates will be as plentiful as this season's wheat in the Pacific Northwest. Lowden will be a strong candidate. Hoover would have an excellent following if he could be induced to get in. Dawes might at quite a figure. Longworth is known to be ambitious in that direction—and is a real power in the republican party. New candidates among the democrats will be slower to show themselves. It is doubtful whether Coolidge's retirement has helped or hurt the minority party's chances.

Regardless of what happens Coolidge has supplied the country with an interesting topic of conversation for the balance of the summer. Speculation in politics will be cheap in every corner. New interest was aroused in the affairs of national government. Voters may actually become sufficiently enthused to go to the polls. The country may not fare much better after election day but there seem to be numerous pre-election compensations. The campaign is off to an early start.

WALKING THE PLANK



TWO WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRL DEAD

Auto Accidents in Washington State Prove Fatal to Passengers

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—Struck by an automobile on the baseline road, just east of Portland today, a woman and her daughter, age about nine, were killed. The woman died instantly, and the girl died within 20 minutes after the accident. Officers were trying to identify the victim.

W. J. Smith, driver of the car which hit the two persons, told deputy sheriffs he was going about 25 miles an hour, and had just taken off his hat and laid it on the seat beside him when he looked ahead on the road and saw the two directly in front of his car. Tracks showed he swerved about a foot off the pavement just before his car hit the woman and child.

OREGON WOMAN KILLED

LONGVIEW, Wash., Aug. 2 (AP)—Mrs. John Studley, of Rainier, Ore., was killed, and her sister, Mrs. E. L. Shepherd of Spokane, suffered a fractured jaw, collar bone and ribs, and four other persons were cut and bruised when a car driven by John Studley was forced off the Columbia River highway four miles west of Rainier yesterday, by a hit and run driver.

Studley's car went into a ditch and struck a telephone pole. The two women riding in the back seat of the open car were thrown out, striking the telephone pole. Mrs. Studley was killed almost instantly and Shepherd and the two Studley children were bruised. The hit and run car bore a Washington license. The driver was not apprehended. Mrs. Shepherd is in Longview hospital.

To reach a calf to eat grain, place a little grain in the pail as soon as the calf gets through drinking its milk.

If we had the making of the days we'd put some other color in Monday besides blue.

Farm Pointers

Cows should be watered twice a day. The more milk a cow gives the more important it is that she be watered twice or more often. It makes little difference with low producers whether they are watered once or twice, as they often refuse to drink more than once a day.

Space six by six feet apart. The number of trees required for planting an acre of farm woodland is 1,270.

Laying and brooding qualities of the poultry flock can be improved considerably by frequent culling. Removal of birds from the flock at the first indication of debility or sickness is a necessary precaution against loss.

Official records when grouped according to the age of the animals, show the production of cows increases up to the age of five to seven years, remains nearly constant from three to four years, and after seven years declines with advancing age.

Losses small of wheat, which causes an estimated loss of ten million bushels annually in the United States, is controlled best by use of resistant strains. While it is possible to control the disease

by treating the seed with hot water, the treatment is difficult to apply and frequently reduces the stand and yield.

Wild bees, parents of the modern sugar beet, are being utilized by U. S. pathologists in an effort to impart disease-resistant characteristics to the cultivated sugar beet. No commercial variety of sugar beet is known to possess any marked degree of resistance to leaf-spot or curly top, two diseases that take heavy toll annually from the growers.

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ing to be a third term candidate for president of the United States is fully in keeping with his unexcelled ability on many important problems during his term of office. It is not surprising that he has added to his popularity. While declining to consider the presidency in 1928 Mr. Coolidge does not offer any information regarding his attitude in succeeding years. This will remain an open question for the nation to draw its own conclusions. Mr. Coolidge has made a minority view decision. The field is now open for new presidential candidates from the republican ranks and already local politicians are losing Lowden and Longworth hats in the ring.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP)—The Pulling building, occupying the southeast corner of Third and Washington streets, was bought today by W. C. Beckell, realtor, from the Abernethy holding company. The purchase price was not made known, but the property was recently appraised at \$310,000.

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