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A SURE PROPHECY—All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name. For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things; Thou art God alone. Psalm 86:9, 10.

If Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, runs for president, he might put this plank in his platform: "No immigrants admitted to this country except native-born, 100 per cent Americans."

Somebody wants to know why Justice is represented as blind, with a two-edge sword. As far as we can guess, from observing criminal trials, one edge is for the criminal and the other for herself, and she can't see which way she's striking, so it's a toss-up whether she performs an execution or commits hari-kari.

The prediction of a Northwest lumber trade journal that the slump in the lumber market is at an end will be doubly welcome if orders bear it out during the next few weeks. Seldom has the industry been more demoralized. A rising and active market means a great deal to this section and it is encouraging to learn that prospects are brighter now than they have been for some months.

Coolidge tells the country, as he has told it before, that financial stability and decrease in taxation is possible only by self-denial in expenditures of public funds. There was little that was new, nothing that was sensational, in the president's message. Flood control of the lower Mississippi was urged as a national project and will find general public approval. Farm relief was discussed without urging a remedy popular with those most concerned. The Boulder dam was approved again with the plea that the government keep out of the power business. Etc., etc. It was a long message giving the attention to many matters of importance in the phraseology naturally expected of a chief executive. The fact that it was not more outstanding and contained nothing that was unusual is an indication that general peace and prosperity prevails throughout the country, that no great national emergency exists. Which is most to be desired.

LOW FARES FOR PROFIT

Oakland, Calif., with its neighboring cities and towns, is engaging in a transportation experiment that ought to interest every other community in America with a street car problem.

The trolley company serving the East Bay cities found itself losing money, and asked permission to do the usual thing—raise fare rates. The California railroad commission, after studying the situation, came back with a directly opposite solution. It has ordered reduced fares and improvements that seem to invite an additional loss of \$400,000 a year.

The trouble with the street car business, the commission says, is that not enough people are riding. The problem is not to collect more per passenger, but to get more passengers. Patronage has fallen off because automobiles are comfortable and street cars are uncomfortable. All right! Make street cars pleasant to use by installing more comfortable seats, keeping them cleaner, running them faster and oftener. And make them still more attractive to thrifty people by lowering the regular fare and giving bargain fares for peak traffic hours.

This is the sort of policy that succeeds in other lines of business. Manufacturers of automobiles, radio sets and a thousand other modern necessities and luxuries succeed by improving quality and cutting prices at the same time, thereby enlarging their own market, getting into quantity production and producing more cheaply. The modern method is to sell to many people at a small profit instead of few people at a large profit. Why shouldn't it work in public service utilities as well as in private industry?

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"Well, sir, it wuz th' best I could do at that time," said old Dan Moss, when asked how in th' world he ever happened to marry his uncle's widdler. Laugh an' you make wrinkles, weep an' you git your powder wet.

RECOMMENDS FOUR BILLION U. S. BUDGET

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remote degree would threaten to interfere with the orderly processes of wise financing; to take steps in the interest of tax reduction that would necessitate either revolutionary curtailment of federal projects and activities or compel a later upward revision of tax rates, or both, is unthinkable. I am convinced the people of this country are overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the budget balanced and are just as overwhelmingly opposed to any measure or measures that would make any other results even remotely possible."

If the budget recommendations are followed, navy expenditures for the next year will be increased \$48,000,000. This includes provision for prosecution of work on all projects authorized by congress with the exception of three submarines and twelve destroyers authorized in 1916 for which Mr. Coolidge said no funds are desired now. Under this program two submarines and eight cruisers would be under construction next year and two of the cruisers would be practically completed in 1929. Funds also are recommended for modernization of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada and for the lighter-than-air ship already authorized by congress.

For army housing, a total of \$12,241,000 is recommended for expenditure during this and next year, about half of it being included in the supplemental estimate. The army estimates contemplates a regular army of 118,750 enlisted men, slightly larger than the present, with 12,000 officers, the same as now.

Recommended appropriations for the army and navy air services would give the navy 636 of the 1,000 planes provided by the five-year program and the army an unestimated number of the 1,800 airplanes authorized for it at the end of five years. Also, funds would be available during the next year to complete more than 10,000 miles of lighted airways as contemplated in the department of commerce aviation program.

The president in his message accompanying the budget called for a curtailment of federal aid to state projects, a policy which he regards as hurtful rather than helpful to states.

For the first time since prohibition went into effect, a decrease rather than an increase in the funds for dry law enforcement is sought. A cut of \$57,265 in the prohibition bureau's allotment for next year is the result. It was explained, of economies in administration and in the reorganization of the bureau, which resulted in the transfer of some employees to other agencies of the government.

The effect of transfers is felt by the customs service for which an additional \$1,000,000 was recommended, most of it for salaries of men transferred to paired of the borders to prevent liquor smuggling.

The budget estimate for the post-office department, \$748,270,412, is \$19,000,000 more than the amount available for expenditures this year. An increase of \$2,000,000 in the provisions for carrying air mail by private contractors and of \$150,000 for the carrying of foreign mail by air, was recommended.

The budget bureau approved a \$19,253,229 program for the agriculture department, a net decrease of \$301,000; allotted the shipping board \$12,688,750, a reduction of \$2,691,250, and in addition to the \$200,130,000 total recommended for the interior department for use next year said that an appropriation of \$2,440,000 for the Coolidge dam irrigation project should be included in the next deficiency bill.

CONGRESS' HAND IN 1928 CAMPAIGN

Legislative Body May Shape Fortunes of the Presidential Race

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The seventieth congress will write a large part of the record upon which the major parties will go into the 1928 presidential election.

Virtually every piece of important legislation holds promise of bearing political import, and every maneuver by republicans and democrats alike will be watched with keen eyes by those interested in the fortunes of the major parties as the election year of 1928 is reached.

At the helm of both houses will stand men who are themselves either avowed or prospective candidates for the presidential nomination. Outstanding among these are the presiding officers, Vice President Charles G. Dawes in the senate and Speaker Nicholas Longworth in the house.

The senate presents the largest crop of present and prospective candidates, but the house has its possibilities in Longworth, Cordell Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the democratic national committee, and others.

Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, republican floor leader, has the jump on his many colleagues who have their ears attuned to the call of the highest office in the land, as he is the only avowed candidate in congress.

Clattered about Curtis on the republican side of the senate will be many other presidential possibilities. Near the leader sits Borah of Idaho, and almost as close is Norris of Nebraska, the "favorite son" of the independent group in the senate.

Then there are Watson of Indiana, assistant majority floor leader; Moses of New Hampshire, president pro tempore of the senate; and the first to predict that President "Coolidge" would not "choose" to run; Willis of Ohio, and still others whose names have been mentioned in connection with the nomination.

The democratic side of the senate provides almost as many possibilities as does the republican. Like the majority, the minority has its leader's name well up on the list of those whose names are discussed where politicians foregather.

Besides this leader, Robinson of Arkansas, there are Reed of Missouri, who stalked through the evidence of huge primary expenditures in Pennsylvania and Illinois last year; Walsh of Montana, who fought his way through difficulty after difficulty to expose the naval reserves scandals; and Carter Glass of Virginia, co-author of the Federal Reserve Act.

Within the senate ranks also are many vice-presidential possibilities, republicans as well as democrats. These are to be counted among both the conservatives and the independents in the two major parties.

With this formidable array of presidential and vice-presidential possibilities and aspirants it will be but natural that politics and campaign issues will have a pre-dominant part in the congressional debates. The demagogues to assault the republican administration and the majority leaders will retaliate in kind and point to the party record in appeals to the voters of the country.

Farm relief alone carries no small amount of political importance. Taxes and the tariff are subjects upon which the leader will dwell, and while not strictly political issues, flood control and the Great Lakes-to-the-Atlantic waterway are certain to draw sharp political lines among the leading shades of opinion on Capitol Hill.

The latest turns in the oil scandal leave ample room for the reviving of that subject, which was dwelt upon at great length during the 1924 presidential campaign.

COOLIDGE, HUGHES NOT IN 1928 RACE

President "Eliminates" Self as Candidate—So Does Ex-Secretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—In his own words, Calvin Coolidge is "eliminated" as a candidate for president in 1928.

He has not changed his stand of Aug. 2, when in the Black Hills he said "I do not choose to run," and he is emphatic now that "my decision will be respected."

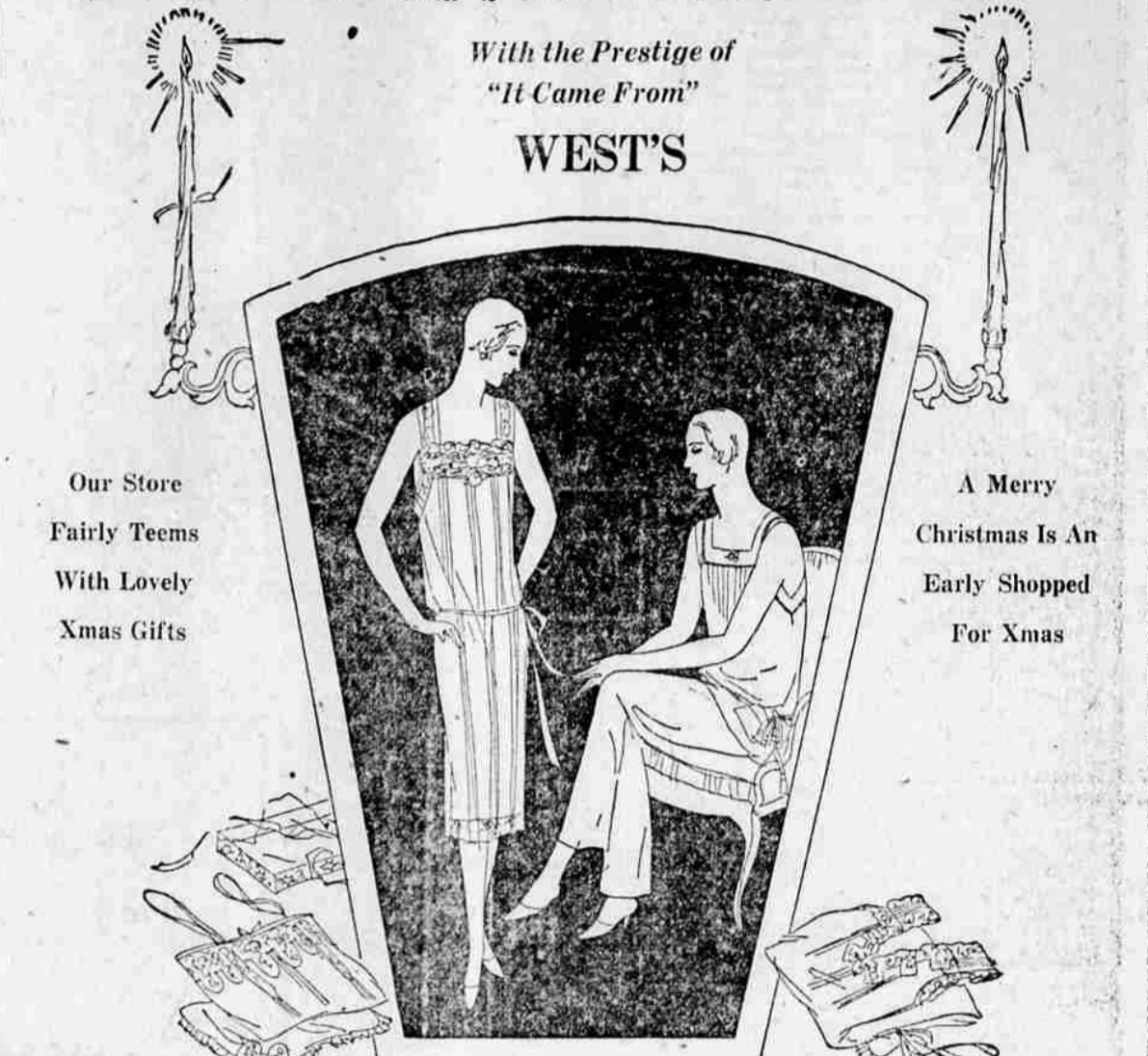
Amplifying his Black Hills pronouncement the president announced the national republican committee yesterday by administering it to "vigilantly continue the serious task of selecting another candidate from among the number of distinguished men available."

HUGHES WON'T RUN

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—Charles Evans Hughes, former secretary of state, issued a statement today saying he was not a candidate for the republican nomination for president of the United States.

"I am not a candidate in any better health—longer life for a normal thoroughly relieving normal flow, cleansing the system of wastes that poison and impair health, like Foley's. It's direct and feel again the urge of an active, ache-free body, good appetite, sound sleep, London Taylor, Eastchester, Iowa, says: "I never thought that any medicine could bring me so quickly and so entirely to my health. Foley's is a tonic. Men and women everywhere use and recommend them. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sold everywhere."

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OF crepe de chine and rayon. These are very new with a garter girdle made inside a dainty pair of step-ins with a brassiere of the same material to match. These will make ideal Xmas gifts. \$2.75 to \$4.95

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IN myriads of clever new styles, both in separate fronts and collar and cuffs to match; of ecrú and linen colored lace and silk crepes in colors. \$1.25 - \$3.50

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THE CHRISTMAS STORE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

JEWELLED BUCKLE CHAZE PAIRS (AP)—Bigger and brighter jeweled buckles are the ambition of French dressmakers and costume jewelry designers. The success of brilliants is one of the earmarks of 1927 winter fashion.

Paris professes blue and white, sapphire imitations, or crystal and amethyst make-believe. Amber and topaz are also popular. Dressmakers utilize the buckles for straight belt fastenings on evening dresses, for ornaments on draped velvet dresses and even as trimming on sport dresses of wool.

OTTO KAHN HONORED WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—OTTO H. Kahn, New York banker and patron of music, is now a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Elected by the chapter of the college of William and Mary, he said at the initiation that America is not the land of the almighty dollar; that it is conceiving itself with more spiritual home-ness, with art, science, culture and other things of the spirit.

Ranch Hand Says Testimony False

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 7 (AP)—Charges that he had been intimidated by defense attorneys, prior to the trial of Michael Murphy, charged with manslaughter in connection with the shooting of Love Chandler on Nov. 2, were made this morning by Phil McCann, aged ranch employe.

McCann charged that he had been forced by Homer Manning, attorney for Murphy, to sign an untrue statement of the shooting which favored Murphy, and that he which favored Murphy, and that he had been kept away from the grand jury room and the coroner's inquest over Chandler's death.