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Our Guess at This Time Is Johnson and Pinchot. McAdoo the Winner.

who in the free-for-all presidential Johnson's stock will go up. and he is in the best position to ad. in 1912. This helps explain his strange spect. judge the situation-The Western silence in the Senate, and his gen- McKinley was avowedly his model American will venture the prophecy, eral inactivity otherwise, since Mr. subject to change, that Hiram W. John- Harding became President.

on and Gifford Pinchot will be nominated on the Republican ticket, and Still assuming for the moment that that William Gibbs McAdoo will be the Republican party will not adhere elected President on the Democratic rigidly to the conservative position ticket. Evidently, he is the man whom it took under the latter's leadership, among them I think first of Senator the country needs, whose views are Johnson may have a formidable opthose of the vast majority, who is able ponent in the convention in the perhandle the great problems now son of Goy. Gifford Pinchot of Penn-

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WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 4.- the last year, and shown himself to ing to take thus far. The death of President Hard- be a man of parts." He is the best ing will throw the Republican nation- known and one of the strongest goy- a dozen candidates before the conal convention wide open next June, ernors in the country. The old Rooseand possibly result in the nomination welt following would have difficulty of Senator Hiram W. Johnson, who, in choosing between him and Johnson. whatever may be thought about him in Other Ifberal Republicans who may READ CAREFULLY NOW. this respect, has at present a distinct be candidates are Kenyon of Iowa, FROM HERE TO THE END advantage over everybody else. For- whom Mr. Harding placed on the fed- Can any Republican be elected next tunately for him, he has just returned eral beach, and who was, during the year? It is doubtful. Mr. Harding from Europe, and is in a position to latter years of this senate service, the certainly would have been defeated, take any steps that may be necessary leader of the Progressives in that as things have been going for the to place his candidacy in preliminary form.

Opposing him in the convention will in the Harding cabinet. perhaps be Senator Robert M. La Harding's Winsome Personality Johnson type-he would poll a large lette, who represents the extreme week he sailed for Europe, to go over servative position had Mr. Harding have to do a lot of steadler thinking much of the ground that has been gone lived. Now that he is gone, there is than they have been capable of since over by Johnson. It is safe to say

ould not have sailed had he known may think it advisable to move to a ship and the other things which hat was coming. Whether he will position nearer the center of the con- brighten and sweeten human" internsider it advisable to disclose his fused and jarring Republican line, course have alm adidacy, by immediately returning Mr. Harding's claim to renomina- is the extreme of me, or by materially shortening his tion rested very largely upon his thought and speech, and one can eas stay, remains to be seen. **Presidency Biggest Prize**

The presidency is now the biggest prize in the world, and he has been the Civil War no President elected by garded as something of a mental and abitious to secure it for many years. Mr. Harding's death will give him the best opportunity he yet has had. . It will also be' his last. Johnson being

on the ground, and doing his utmost to make the next few months count, La Follette may feel he ought to make short work of it in Europe.

With the national convention thrown wide open, radicalism will be country because of his winsome per- his life out trying to smooth the stirred to its utmost. I very much sonality, his transparent honesty and rough places, personal and political, doubt whether the Republican party kindliness and constant desire to for those with whom he came in will take a radical position; its history and precedents are against any such thing. It may, however, want

Johnson Looms Large

keep the political peace. Mckinley for Model Among public men in this city his and manner of speech, they have been to try to check the radical swing, and fine personal traits made a strong as far apart as the poles, and if Mr. accommodate itself in other ways to appeal. Those who opposed him as Harding, with all his lovable quali-Everyone is keen to guess who's the country's unrest. If it does, President, respected and loved him as ties, could not get results from Con-

a man. I do not recall a President in gress, it is fair to assume that Mr. contest, which already is beginning As between Johnson and La Fol- 25 years who had so many warm per- Coolidge will be unable to do so.

nomination. Hayes said early that he of reversion to type.

did not want one and there would

in a preliminary way. President lette, if it decides to move toward sonal friends among the members of I do not mean to disparage him; Harding's lamentable death changes the liberal position, it will probably both houses of Congress. They knew far from it. I am simply trying to he situation. The best political writer prefer Johnson. There is hardly a precisely where he stood, and while tell Western readers what manner and forecaster of record, at Washing- chance that it will take a position as they did not always agree with him, of man he is. In his favor it is to be D. C., is, almost by common con. extreme as that occupied by La Fol- they respected opinions that had not said that he is honest and upright. sent, Mr. W. W. Jermane, staff corres. lette. 'If it turns toward liberalism, been warped by ulterfor motives of a man of high moral purpose, Godcondent of the Seattle Times. He is Johnson will be its limit. He has any kind. In other words, he had fearing and sincere in all his dealpartial, unprejudiced, and usually been cultivating the conservatives moral fiber and moral courage, and a ings. Of ability he has more than the correctly. Read carefully for a couple of years, and trying to way of standing up for what he be- average man's share. In public ilife what he says, if you want the true in. place himself in a position where he lieved was right that disarmed per- in Massachusetts he gave such a fine wardness of the situation. With all could overcome their opposition to sonal antagonisms and at the same account of himself-among his own due respect for Mr. Jermane's opinions him growing out of what happened time commanded confidence and re- people-that "he was nominated for Vice-President. In that office he has

the people ever has been denied a re- psychological curiosity. a clear case

have been no denial in this case. In He is all brains, is cool and calcu-

addition to his record, which is far lating, with few human sympathies or

better than anybody believed it would tender emotions: while Mr. Harding,

unsettled state of public thought, Mr. ity-certainly with less culture-was

Harding had a strong hold on the all sympathy and emotion, wearing

contact.

be possible to make, considering the perhaps with less intellectual capac-

and he was more nearly like McKinley on the personal side than McKinley was like any of the other Presi-

dents, unless it was Lincoln. There will be conservative candidates for next year's nomination, and

had Mr. Harding lived, but who will even if he has believed that American be free to assert himself now, should he desire to do so. He has worked political miracles in Pennsylvania in

barred.

body; and Secretary Hoover, who was last year, and yet his renomination

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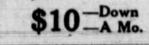
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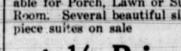
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> duty as well as interest demanded that we take a livelier part in world settlements than we have been will-It may be that there will be almost

vention. It will be a presidential free-for-all, and nobody

presidents have held the presidency

through election-John Adams and

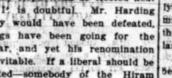
Thomas Jefferson, a generation prior

to the formation of political parties

Buren and Roosevelt. I doubt wheth-

nomination next year; if he is, he will

be defeated.



the main source of liberal influence was inevitable. If a liberal should be nominated-somebody of the Hiram The Republican party would have vote; but it is by no means certain

borne himself with modesty and propriety. Having a gift for public speaking and the making of telling epigrams, he has been one of the Harding administration's most convincing supporters on the stump.

But he seems to lack the qualities that are essential to White Honse Watson of Indiana, who has long success, especially in these unsettled thought that he was of presidential and troubled times, and for that rea-

son Washington looks forward to doing while Mr. Harding was alive. Rigid as Granite Hill-

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'Coolidge Is All Brains

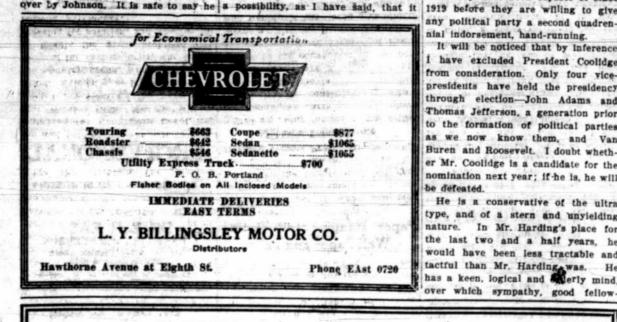
In temperament, habits of thought

between the two, Mr. Coolidge would have handled the coal and railroad strikes of last year very much more vigorously than Mr. Harding did, and he would have done it regardless of the consequences to himself. He doesn't know much about compromise. or about getting along with people who radically differ from him, and he

is deficient in imagination. He analyzes a proposition, makes up his mind which is the right side, and thereafter is as rigid as the New England granite hills.

A policy of that kind is not the best policy for the country in times like these, and the American people owe Mr. Harding more than they yet left of Republican liberalism. This been compelled to adhere to the con- that he would win. The people will know anything about for his skill in seeing affairs from the other man's position, and accommodating himself

next winter and spring with even more uncertainty than it had been As indicating one of the differences



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of his administration was not a time any political party a second quadrenfor the strong arm, whatever Mr. nial indorsement, hand-running. It will be noticed that by inference Coolidge may make of the other half have excluded President Coolidge of it.. from consideration. Only four vice-Lacking in Magnetism

The American people admire traits of this kind, when they are displayed under the restraining influence of sound judgment. It remains to be as we now know them, and Van seen whether Mr. Coolidge has that judgment. Even if he has, he will er Mr. Coolidge is a candidate for the not draw public men to him. Nobody will care anything for him on

the personal side for 'he is not a He is a conservative of the ultra man who can awaken friendships and type, and of a stern and unyielding inspire enthusiasm. He is not in symnature. In Mr. Harding's place for pathy with the radicalism of the Midthe last two and a half years, he tle West nor with the development would have been less tractable and of the bloc power in Congress. He is tactful than Mr. Harding, was. He a graduate of the Lodge school of pol-has a keen, logical and every mind, litics, and I doubt whether he could litics, and I doubt whether he could get the delegates from any section of over which sympathy, good fellowthe country, outside of New England

if a candidate for the nomination next year. He surely could not do it now. Besides, the political scepter passed from New England many years ago, with the shifting of the center of population, and will not return. That section does not think like the rest of the country on public questions; and its public men grow up in an environment that makes them unsympathetic with the aspirations of the teeming millions beyond the Alleghenies where the political scepter now is.

There Is Uo Boss Today Andrew Jackson dictated the nom ination of Van Buren, for he was the political boss of his day. There is no political boss at this time, in either party. Roosevelt succeeded to the presidency on the death of his chief, as Mr. Coolidge has done, and was elected President in 1904. But there has been but one Roosevelt. Mr. Coolidge bears not the slightest resemblance to him.

The Harding policies will be continued, to some extent, as the McKinley policies were continued, but the difference between the two vice-presidents and between the times will No other vice-president has had that

difficult than Mr. Roosevelt's was. The world was then at mace; now ple. He is the first vice-president to justly belongs to you; work for the there is no peace. Party ties were succeed to the presidency with a full right and if necessary fight for it.

d into two well-defined groups; now there are half a dozen different kinds of Republicans, all rampant and eager for the fray, and several of the major groups are pretty evenly balanced in strength. If Roosevelt were succeed-ing, McKinley at this time, his task would be infinitely more difficult than It was.

Coolidge on World Court Mr. Coolidge will not be as ardent in his advocacy of the world court as Mr. Harding was. He may give it his formal indorsement, but it is to be doubted whether he will fight for it as Mr. Harding would have done. His New England training will stand in the way. The majority of the New England senators at this time are openly hostile to the court, and their people support them.

Mr. Coolidge, it is believed, will not oppose a soldiers' bonus. He will put the ship subsidy bill into the discard. Foreign relations will be conducted more after the Lodge rather than after the Hughes plan, not because Lodge will dictate, but because the two men think alike on that question. Mr. Coolidge may try to carry out the Harding policies, but I doubt if he does it very vigorously.

He also wants the Harding cabinet to remain with him. It will, at least understanding of public affairs from lieved, Attorney-General Daugherty, not to be the last. who was appointed by Mr. Harding for personal reasons, will resign. He has self and for the country, that four wanted to do so for a number of months will elapse before he will be months. It is at least an even chance called upon to take up the cudgels that Secretaries Hughes and Hoover

will if they have presidential aspirations. The rest don't count for much politically, and may stay. .

Understands Public Affairs. It will be easier for Mr. Coolidge

to keep within range of the Harding alted station. And, to be perfectly policies because he has been an unofficial member of the Harding cab- tirely by his intellect, and not by such inet, attending all its meetings and feelings as he may have. participating in all its discussions.

make Mr. Coolidge's task much more training, the value of which will now impress itself upon the American peo- abuse; be patient but secure what

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for the present. Ultimately, it is be- the cabinet standpoint. I hope he is

It is also fortunate, both for him with a refractory Congress. He can will quit in due time. They obviously add immeasurably to his stock of knowledge in that time.

I don't look for him to do anything brilliant, but I do look for him to keep his promise, to be just, to think

before he acts or speaks, to give attention to all the duties of his excoldblooded about it all, moved en-

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