

Mrs. Calvin Coolidge Known as Best Dressed Lady of White House



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WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20—Grace Goodhue Coolidge, first lady of the land for nearly three years, is known to social Washington as "the best dressed woman who has ever graced the White House."

But this doesn't mean Mrs. Coolidge has deserted the cause of Coolidge economy. No president's wife within memory spent as little on her wardrobe as does Mrs. Coolidge. She has solved woman's hardest problem—how to spend little, but be well dressed.

And she makes no bones about it. She even chuckles a bit over the consternation she sometimes sees on the faces of high-hat guests when they see her in a made-over gown at a White House reception.

Dislikes Formality
Mrs. Coolidge dislikes formal dress of stiff brocades and glittering stuffs. Hundreds of pictures of her have been taken—but rare indeed is the picture showing her in décolleté.

"The president doesn't like it," says one picture agency.

Besides, the expense! This is an economical administration.

Although Mrs. Coolidge is rarely seen without a string of beads of some sort, she does not wear expensive jewels. In fact, it is said that she owns no diamonds but her simple little engagement ring. But she loves earrings.

She is as conservative in dress as her husband is in politics. No matter what the mode, she wears skirts that reach nearly to her ankles. She seldom pays more than \$2 for a pair of hose, although she buys large quantities of them, owning hose in a hundred shades to match various costumes.

Looks For Bargains
When she does her own shopping in one of Washington's specialty shops she is not above picking up a "bargain," a flower from the tray of those "slightly soiled," a "sample" comb or a string of beads.

An incident at a recent glittering White House reception is illuminating.

The cream of Washington's society was in the line that moved past her. As the gowned and jeweled women walked up to take her hand, a woman less modestly dressed came up. She was a "society tattler"—a woman who has made her living for years by attending Washington's functions and writing

articles about them. Her eyes were busy as she approached Mrs. Coolidge, trying to note every detail of the first lady's costume. Mrs. Coolidge, noticed it. Her eyes sparkled. She leaned forward and whispered:

"You can get the description from some old clippings, Miss ————." It's an old one again. Just made over a little bit."

I know this a true anecdote, for I heard it myself. I was next in line.

Always Genuine
White House attaches who have attended countless receptions in many administrations marvel at Mrs. Coolidge's poise. Always she manages to inject real warmth and sincerity into the hundreds of greetings she must give to strangers.

And she seems to enjoy it, too. She almost grins when she comes down the marble stairway into the Blue Room while the Marine band plays "Hail to the Chief." Some of her intimate friends say she has said:

"I rarely go through this act but what I am thinking of the days when my daily promenade consisted of going to market in Northampton with a basket on my arm, while I tried to decide whether to buy steaks or chops for supper."

Another woman, who knew her in the days before she entered the White House says:

Still Light-Hearted
"She has refused to be made miserable by the demands put upon her as president's wife. She giggles and chatters as much as in the days when we lived to-

gether at the hotel and borrowed one another's ironing board."

Everyone in Washington, in fact, has a good word to say for Mrs. Coolidge. It has been many years since a first lady was as well liked as the present one.

The young woman who comes to the White House to dress her hair is one of her boosters.

"I was scared to death the first time I was called in," she says. "I kept thinking, 'what if I get water down the back of her neck?' But, honestly, I'm not afraid of it at all now. In fact, I did spill some water on her once, and she only laughed and said, 'Do I get a bath, too?'"

The Funny Presents

A White House attache says: "She gets a big laugh out of the funny letters people write her and the things they try to give her. And whenever a child tries to send her a guinea pig or a white mouse or a rabbit, she is especially sure that the little letter is answered at once."

Mrs. Coolidge does not give interviews. She did, when she first entered the White House—but she found that the reporters wrote of her only as an economical housewife. And her vanity was a bit hurt.

"They might at least have remembered that I like music as well as to bake shortcake," she is said to have commented.

Platform of Republicans Is Approved Today

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through the state fish and game commissions, reads another portion of the platform. The convention also went on record as being opposed to the titling bill.

At the outset, the platform reiterates the desire of the Republicans to strengthen the district primary rather than to destroy it. They favor making it "an instrument of good government through responsible majority rule, where now it encourages factionalism, minority dictation, repudiated pledges and shifting responsibility."

In this connection a resolution was adopted calling upon the Jackson county delegation to re-introduce in the coming session of the legislature the pre-primary convention bill which was defeated at the last session.

Ralph Cowgill Gets Pre-Primary Indorsement

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In which John Kelly, political writer, stated a coalition had been formed between Briggs and Cowgill in order to force Dunn out of the race. Mr. Briggs stated this was erroneous.

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J. W. Wakefield, chairman of the Republican county central committee, opened the convention. Rev. T. H. Temple led in prayer. J. J. Buchter was then appointed chairman of the convention, with Carl Jönswald as secretary.

Committees Named
The following committees were appointed and each went into session before making their reports: Platform, A. J. Crose, Bert Anderson, Mrs. S. L. Leonard, Harry Tomlinson, G. M. Green, O. D. Morrow, Mrs. F. L. Touvell, W. T. Grieve and Alex Sparrow. Rules and Order, Steve Nye, Fred Homes, Mrs. D. W. Luke, George Hilton, Jr., Ross Kline and George J. Parker. Credentials, A. C. Nininger, appointed chairman in place of V. V. Mills who was absent. Royal Brown, S. M. Tuttle, Mrs. Beulah Joy and S. S. Smith.

Reports Accepted
The reports of the various committees were accepted. Wm. Carle and wife of Foot's Creek questioned the platform report, but when prevailed upon to name article in Sunday's Oregonian, definite objections said the only tangible evidence was the allegation against Governor Pierce on his pardoning record. Mr. Carle stated he was in the governor's office when he "heard there had been only five pardons issued." Pop Gates stated, after actual records of the pardons had been shown Mr. Carle, that "the governor must have

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wept on Carle's shoulder, and Carle must have believed him."

The delegates present from Ashland were as follows: Precinct One, C. A. Malone; Two,

A. C. Nininger, Cash Walker and Mrs. Pracht; Three, G. M. Greep, L. A. Roberts and R. P. Campbell; Four, Harry Tomlinson; Five, T. H. Simpson, H. S. Emory and W. S. Stennett; Six, C. W. Fraley and Clint Baughman; Seven, Dr. Gregg, committeeman absent; Eight, E. Thornton, committeeman, absent; Nine, E. H. Jackson, committeeman, absent; Bellview, Fred Homes, Mrs. Beulah Joy and A. W. Lowe. Mrs. D. Perozzi, a member of the state executive committee, was present.

A resolution instructing the county's representatives in the legislature to diligently work for the amendment of the present law applying to warehouse certificates to the end that the funds of the federal intermediate bank be made available to the farmers of Oregon, was introduced and approved by the convention.



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