

THE WEST IS IN THE SADDLE



U.S. Senator W. E. BORAH of Idaho
U.S. Senator MILES POINDEXTER of Washington
U.S. Senator HIRAM W. JOHNSON of California

The political center of gravity in the nation has shifted . . . to the states that lie between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast.—New York Times editorial.

This opinion is typical of an idea which is rapidly spreading throughout the country. There is a feeling that "the West is in the saddle for the presidential nomination in 1920."

The fact that the West decided the last presidential election has made it a potent factor in future calculations. Moreover, the politicians know that in case the woman suffrage constitutional amendment does not become operative in time for the next national election there are, nevertheless, 16 states west of the Mississippi which have already given their women the franchise, adding an increment of some six million votes, which might easily turn the election one way or the other. Hence, the Republican leaders of the East as well as of the West are seriously considering whether it would not be good politics to take a western candidate.

It is significant that three of the most generally talked about presidential possibilities for 1920 come from the Far West. They are United States Senators Poindexter, Borah and Johnson.

The first mentioned, about whom considerable discussion is now centering, is from the state of Washington. Though a native of Tennessee and graduate of a Virginia university, Poindexter chose the Pacific Northwest as his field for life work, opening a law practice in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1891. Later he was judge of the su-

preme court, and attracted much favorable attention by his judicial ability. In 1908 Poindexter was elected as a representative from the state of Washington to the Sixty-first Congress. He soon became known as an able, progressive Republican. In the senate, to which he was elevated in 1910, he was a staunch advocate of measures favoring the control and restriction of big corporations, especially of the railroads. He sought the conservation of all natural resources of the country, including water power, coal and oil lands. Before the war he stood strongly for preparedness, and later he vigorously supported all measures of the administration for the protection of American rights. He advocated throwing the whole power of the nation into the successful prosecution of the war.

Mr. Poindexter believes that Federalism and all other movements destructive of representative government and national spirit should be strongly taken in hand and that leaders in attempts to overthrow our institutions should be severely punished. He is opposed to any scheme for creating a hybrid government of the world whereby Europe and Asia, in his opinion, would inevitably dominate this country and control its policies.

Hiram Johnson, a native of California, was governor of the state before he was chosen senator. He is extremely popular in that commonwealth and will be strongly backed in his fight for the Presidential nomination. Johnson was successful, after a long struggle, in ridding California of the domination of the Southern Pacific. For years the political machine of the railway held the state within its hand,

and without the sanction and support of this great power candidates for state or judicial offices could not be elected. Johnson, first as counsel for interests opposing the railroad corporation and later as governor, waged a bitter and unrelenting warfare against railroad domination. His final victory was a potent factor in his election to the senate in 1910. Johnson is a Republican, but generally regarded as one of the radical type. He has, like Poindexter, strongly opposed the League of Nations.

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho does not differ greatly in the degree of his achievements from the two other westerners. Born in Wayne county Ill., Borah was educated in the common schools of that state and at Kansas State University. He was admitted to the bar in 1890 and devoted his time to legal practice until his election to the senate in 1907. Borah is one of the most active figures in the United States senate. His efforts largely have been directed toward the proper development of the great natural resources of the country, especially of the West. He is known as a progressive Republican, fearless in fighting for what he believes to be right and like the others included in this presidential group, has opposed from the start the League of Nations covenant.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast is a long jump for national politics to take. However, all precedent both in business and politics, seem to be vanishing in these days of remarkable readjustments, and the old theory that a Presidential candidate must necessarily come from east of the Mississippi is no longer tenable.

COULDN'T MATCH THAT STORY

Senator Set Altogether Too Fast a Pace for Even Veteran Bore to Follow.

A senator was entertaining some friends with stories about the Arizona desert, when a bore joined the party. This bore was the kind of a chap that always laughs in the wrong place and spoils a story by trying to guess its climax. The senator undertook to silence him.

"Poor Ferguson!" he said. "That was a close shave he had in the desert last August."

"Sunstroke, of course," said the bore. "No, not exactly," said the senator. "You see, Ferguson stumbled accidentally on the Cañon—our famous spring, you know, that gushes out of the rock at freezing point and immediately begins to boil from the fierce heat of the sun."

"Of course, of course," said the bore. "And what happened to Ferguson? Did he fall in the cañon and boil to death? Get on with your story, man." "Ferguson fell in," said the senator, "but he managed to scramble out again. The peril, however, was not yet over for him. Our Arizona air, you see, is so dry that it absorbs moisture with astonishing rapidity. Well, the boiling water in Ferguson's clothes evaporated so fast that the poor fellow instantly froze stiff."

"I see," said the bore. "He died of cold. Well, that reminds me—"

"No, he didn't die," said the senator. "He almost died, but he had a miraculous escape. In his stiff-frozen state, you understand, he began to shiver with chill, and he shivered so hard that in a few moments he became overheated and would have succumbed to sunstroke if he hadn't providentially broken into a cold sweat."

Hiding a King's Statue.

The fine equestrian statue of King Charles I, which was hidden in London for protection during the war, has been brought to light again. The statue, which was cast during the reign of the monarch, according to reports has not enjoyed the uneventful career permitted to most works of its kind. It was executed for Sir Richard Weston, afterward earl of Portland, who intended to place it as an ornament in his garden at Richmond. But this function it never fulfilled, for it was seized by parliament during the Civil war and sold to one John Rivett, a brazier, to be broken up. John, however, being a royalist, hid the statue and, by selling hundreds of bronze knife handles purporting to be made from it, disarmed any parliamentary suspicions in the matter. On the restoration of Charles II in 1660 Rivett produced the statue, which was claimed by Sir Richard's son. The brazier refused to yield it, and after years of dispute it was eventually presented to King Charles II and erected on the spot formerly covered by the original Charing cross.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts	\$305,872.21
Notes and bills rediscounted (other than bank acceptances sold)	22,056.66
Overdrafts, secured, \$1,709.62; unsecured, \$654.65	2,364.27
U. S. Government securities owned:	
Owned and unpledged	\$6,500.00
War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps actually owned	1,891.35
Total U. S. Government securities	8,391.35
Securities, other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged	7,315.30
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock	1,800.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,176.62
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	26,681.94
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	57,431.66
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies	3,412.74
Checks on other banks in the same city or town of reporting bank	436.40
Total of last three items above	\$61,280.79
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	4,515.39
Interest earned but not collected—approximate—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due	6,259.34
TOATL	\$403,600.45

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits	\$11,188.51
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,582.26
Net amounts due to National banks	7,606.25
Net amounts due to banks, bankers, and trust companies	1,794.52
Certified checks outstanding	989.89
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	200.00
Total of last four items above	1,057.85
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
Individual deposits subject to check	292,731.24
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	1,015.29
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits subject to reserve)	\$293,746.53
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	20,204.22
Other time deposits	7,926.13
Total of time deposits subject to reserve	\$28,130.41
Bills payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank (including all obligations representing money borrowed other than rediscounts)	10,000.00
Letters of Credit and Travelers' Checks sold for cash and outstanding	75.00
TOATL	\$403,600.45
Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 22,056.66
Total contingent liabilities	\$ 22,056.66

State of Oregon, County of Morrow, ss:
I, S. W. Spencer, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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