

CHARLES CURTIS, MASTER POLITICAL STRATEGIST, CAN SAVE PRESIDENT'S EBBING POWER AND PRESTIGE

So Says William Allen White, Who Thinks Fellow Kansan Can Wrest Reins of Authority From American Congress.

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OF A THOUSAND men, five hundred are hopelessly stupid, four hundred hopelessly indifferent, ninety rattle brained, nine can analyze and sense the moving factors of the world, and one is best capable and wishful of marshalling those forces, putting them in harness and boldly grasping the reins to drive. Such a man is Charles Curtis of Kansas, the man to whom William Allen White says President Coolidge must look for the salvation of his power and prestige, providing always, Presidential power and prestige are destined to be preserved, and the head of the nation be restored as leader of our political destinies.

White may speak truly. He may prove a prophet. The avowed determination of Dawes to clip the wings of the senate and thus reestablish leadership in the executive head of government may make the Kansas editor's prediction die a-borning; but if the upper house stands firm under the fire of our hero with the reversible pipe, if the senate give defiance to the ravings of the mob, then unquestionably the President must grasp a hand such as that of Curtis to lead him safely across the political rapids.

His Rise to Power

Why Curtis?—Because he is the one outstanding figure in Washington that must be reckoned with. Borah with his brilliance and independence casts his shadow from the Hudson to the Golden Gate, the nation knows and admires him; but the people like his fighting power; but they analyze him. They can't analyze Curtis. Curtis moves behind the scenes. No calcium operator has yet been found quick enough to throw the spot light upon him. He moves with the self-reliance and silence of the panther, and is equal in determination to attain his objective. He knows men, he knows life, he senses moving impulses. From the great heights of his Western mountains he views the mass of struggling humanity below, quick to put his finger on the forces that make the mannequins squirm and wiggle. Charles Curtis is a full size man, just as he is no man's man, despite the oft repeated innuendo that he has reached the pinnacle of preferment while running errands for the railroads. Half of his life has been spent in getting other men jobs. "The riff raff of the nation," cry his enemies. "They all died poor," replies Curtis, writing a master brief in four short words. Curtis himself has not too many dollars to his name, yet he is perhaps the master politician of his time. If the time shall come when he must help Coolidge probably he will do so because it is part of the game, just as resisting Populism was part of the game, just as combating Rooseveltian Progressivism was part of the game, just as standing unflinchingly against Wilsonian democracy was part of the game, not because this big silent man from Kansas regarded or even now regards any of these issues or any of the men behind them as at all important. Too astute perhaps to say so, Curtis seems to view the passing of the throng with a kindly sympathy, an easy confidence but a mild disdain. Perhaps there is something in his Indian blood that makes him instinctively impervious, while outwardly broad, simple, persuasive and homely in manner. If you would know the brick consider the mixture.

Inherits Fighting Instinct

The daughter of White Plume, a Kaw Indian chief was the great grandmother of Curtis of Kansas, his great grandfather being a Frenchman. His grandmother, Julie Pappan, lived on an Indian allotment close to North Topeka, Kansas. There among the Indians, Charles Curtis came into being the heir of Captain O. A. Curtis, who won his spurs in the Civil War, and of Ellen Pappan. His paternal grandmother, Pamela Hubbard Curtis gave him that strain of blood that throbbled with the spirit of New England, blood that surged for thrift, for order, for system, for sterling honesty and correct devotional exercises. He was raised in the atmosphere of the prairie. Taken to the reservation when he was three years old and motherless. His boon companions were the dogs and horses. Raised in the saddle, at twelve he was "the In-

Senator Charles Curtis

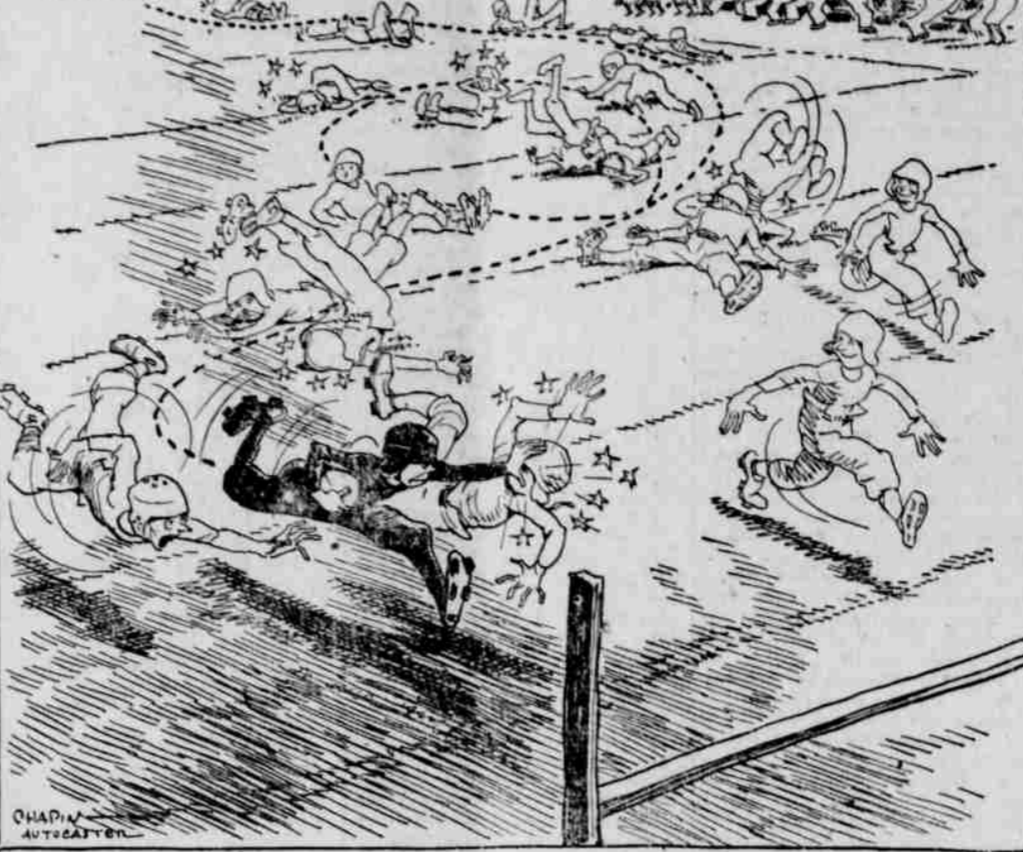


dian Jockey," riding for prizes at nearby festival gatherings. Then came the transfer of the Kaw Indians to Indian Territory, and Charles was "shooed" to his paternal grandmother. When the day of parting came his Indian grandmother faced one way, and he another bidden to walk to Topeka and shape his future. He walked, and followed then the impress of New England thought. Charles gave up "jockeying" and went to school. His first job was that of a reporter on a North Topeka paper. Then came politics. When he was twenty-four, having studied law, Shawnee County elected him as prosecuting attorney. The county was dry. The folks with the pull wanted it wet, and so they slipped the "jockey" into office, and in three months the county was as dry as the Sahara. Then "Our Charles" was sent to Congress, and from that hour his motto seems to have been "For God, For Kansas and For Curtis." Those who had favors to bestow became the friends of Curtis. He sought them and made them count him as worth while. He never failed to serve them when he could. He sensed the value of patronage. He learned that no man is in office save through his friends. Building friendship became a profession. He stood for the right, but the immaterial was swept aside. The shrieks of the reformer had no charm for his ear. Friends were his objective and friends he made. The great railroad vote had little meaning as a disorganized mass, but the man who controlled the railroad vote, the attorneys of the railroads, the officials whose word was largely law, were sensed as the key factors to be considered. And so thru the United States Senate this wise and understanding man has gathered

RED LETTER DAYS

By A. B. CHAPIN

THE DAY YOU CAUGHT THE KICK-OFF ON YOUR OWN ONE YARD LINE AND RAN AND DODGED AND SIDE STEPPED THROUGH THE ENTIRE OPPOSING TEAM FOR THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN — AND THE TOWN PAPER CAME OUT THE NEXT DAY WITH A LARGE SPREAD THAT YOU WERE A SECOND RED GRANGE — OH, BOY — THEM WERE THE RED LETTER DAYS!



CHAPIN AUTOCAT

to himself a deep rooted knowledge of human nature and a host of friends with power and faith in the Senator from Kansas, for he never breaks his word, and he is never too tired to seek a favor for a friend. If the Senate lines up for war with Coolidge on the issue of leadership, then if the President wins the man from Kansas more than likely the tomahawk will be buried, and Chief Save His Face perhaps retain full feathery.

the issuance of these bonds," says the statement, "include state aid realty contracts of \$71,214.60, state aid real estate (city property), \$19,589.52; state aid real estate (farm property), \$168,430.07, and state aid funds (cash on hand), \$331,469.40."

THE FLASHLIGHT

Published weekly by the students of the Union high school at Hardman. Lee Merrill, editor, Teddy Burnside, assistant.

Play practice is now in full swing. The members of the cast are working hard and are very interested. December 4 is the date set for "Daddy."

"Let there be light" said the school board. A Delco electric light plant was installed last Saturday.

The English II class began the study of "Ivanhoe" Monday. Miss Nellie Flynn and Miss Beth Bleakman were visitors at Boardman Saturday and Sunday.

The dance given by the Odd Fellows Saturday night was a great success. Refreshments were served by the Rebekahs at midnight.

Mr. Cowdry, who has been sick for a month, is slowly improving. W. P. Prophet was in Hardman Sunday and Monday. He was busy repairing the roof of his hall.

Kay's Report Shows Oregon Indebtedness

Salem, Nov. 14.—A report made by State Treasurer Kay shows that on November 1, Oregon's outstanding bonded indebtedness was \$60,589,690, while the credits of the state totaled \$23,991,068.92.

Of the bonds outstanding \$37,268,750 are highway bonds. Principal and interest on these bonds are paid from the receipts from motor vehicle license fees, gasoline taxes and other receipts of the motor vehicle department, so they cause no direct or indirect tax on real or personal property.

State aid bonds for world war veterans aggregate \$21,000,000. That part of the amount going to loans to veterans will be repaid to the state with interest at four percent.

Oregon district interest bonds, issued to pay interest on the bonds of irrigation districts under the law whereby the state may guarantee the interest for five years, total \$1,875,940.

State Treasurer Kay says the sum of \$1,994,020.38 now in the highway fund in the state treasury is a partial offset against the highway bonded indebtedness.

Under the veterans state aid act there is a sinking fund aggregating \$3,062,537.66. Loans under this act are secured by real estate mortgages aggregating \$15,122,857.39.

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Thanksgiving

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We have every Thanksgiving delicacy and the materials that go to make them from the soup to the nuts.

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A Thanksgiving Thought

OUR forefathers prospered by practising Thrift in foodstuffs—the money of their day. Their method left us a lesson that we would do well to follow. You, your wife, daughter or son, sister or brother—all can prosper and in time be thankful for this hint by opening a Savings Account in this reliable and strong institution. Practice Thrift with your spare dollars and let us help you in that pleasing task by courteous service plus 4% interest on your savings.

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Thanksgiving Day Offerings

Let us furnish you with some of the trimmings for your Turkey Dinner

- Cranberries
- Sweet Potatoes
- Celery
- Head Lettuce
- Cauliflower
- Squash
- Carrots
- Parsnips
- Pumpkin
- Dromedary Dates
- Seedless Raisins
- Memorie Figs
- Black Mission Figs
- Empress Grapes
- Maraschino Cherries
- Budded Walnuts
- Soft Shell Almonds
- Stuffed Olives
- Queen Olives
- Sliced Pineapple
- Orange, Citron and Lemon Peel
- New Currants

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