

Burton Extols Coolidge Virtues in Nomination Address

High Ideals, Devotion to Duty, Emphasized by Old Acquaintance

Coolidge the American, the Human Being, and the Man Depicted Before Convention by Dr. Marion Leroy Burton in Presenting President's Name to Delegates as Candidate.

"He Aims to Do What He Knows He Should Do"

There was nothing of the politician in Dr. Marion Leroy Burton as he placed President Coolidge in nomination.

It was the straightforward narrative of a man who knew his subject from long association and intimate contact. He spoke of Coolidge, the man; Coolidge the American; Coolidge, the human being.

I—THE MAN.
"In these days of worthy emphasis upon social obligations and public-mindedness it is easy to overlook the full meaning of the individual. Many powerful forces are now operative in America, which make for the disintegration of personality and a consequent failure always to realize that back of every great movement is a man. There can be no citizenship without the citizen and no virtue without the virtuous. Every cause is identified with a person. Just so today the republican party has its wise leader, tried through many years in faithful and striking public service, his preparation for the high office he now holds has been adequate and ideal. He illustrates the paradox of greatness. A paradox is something, which is apparently absurd, yet true.

Coolidge Has Simplicity of One Truly Great.
"He is not a superman and would be the last to think so. There is not a trace of show or ostentation about him for he does nothing merely for appearance. A great man is always simple and direct. About this there is something elemental. He can see into the heart of things. He knows that every person has a soul and that the greatest thing about America is her spirit. He never lacks dignity. The office he occupies is exalted for when he performs a public duty it is a ceremony.

"He has moral fibre. To me, it is his most distinguishing characteristic. There is a moral grandeur about him, which does credit to American life. You simply cannot think of him as soft or flabby. He aims actually to do what he knows he ought to do. There is a rigor and vigor in his life, which suggests sternness and discipline. He helps one to understand that righteousness has an actual place in the world. Knowing him, you see at once why he believes that the American spirit is 'the supreme moral power of the world.' With him there is no compromise. There is no substitute for virtue. When he knows what is right, he follows it with resistless logic and persistent endeavor. He seems the epitome of sheer self-control.

"He is severe with every form of selfishness and evil. They exist to be conquered. To him character is the first necessity. He welcomes respect, but he provides it. He transmits our wealth into social progress. All our national power and grandeur, all our physical wealth, all of our guarantees of life and liberty will be of real avail just in proportion as individual citizens develop sterling, dependable character.

Method of Living.
Rebuke to Luxury.
"Frugality is part of his being. He inherited it out of the background from which he came. His method of living, always comfortable and in good taste, is a stinging rebuke to current laxity and extravagance. As vice president he did not welcome the idea of maintaining a large establishment. His natural tendency is to be rid of unnecessary things. He has no instinct for cluttering life with mere stuff.

It all eventuates in an insistent policy of economy in government expenditures. He believes there is urgent necessity the world over for actual retrenchment in the use of public funds. His insistence upon tax reduction and tax reform illustrates emphatically the practical application of his sense of thrift.

knows that the past has produced for us much truth and wisdom. Therefore, he believes in history and a thorough knowledge of that past. He uses the past for the future. He is no mere worshiper of the past as the past. It has meaning chiefly as a guide for the future. He recognizes clearly the evils of dead, congealed, conservatism. His emphasis is on the days to come. He is concerned chiefly about our tendencies. Therefore, he says, 'we review the past not in order that we may return to it, but that we may find in what direction, straight and clear, it points in the future.' His is a sane forward-looking conservatism.

"He does not concede that the present clamor for change proves that our national principles are false or that our government organization is weak. Changes must come. Every sane person recognizes that. The real question concerns the uses of our disunion and the uses of our evil. Immediately to destroy existing institutions because human frailties continue to exist and human nature is not speedily reformed is scarcely to be called wise leadership. To destroy is easy but to achieve freedom is hard.

Progress Requires Unrelenting Toil.
"He knows that progress will require hard, unrelenting toil. To him a better future means continuous struggle and presents a constant challenge. He is no day dreamer for he knows the stern realities of a work-a-day world. We can not legislate mankind into a state of perfection. "With sharp incisiveness this man writes: 'The sole guarantee of liberty is obedience to law under the forms of ordered government.' How few understand, or, if they do, are willing to live by it. It goes without saying that 'the authority of the law is questioned in these days all too much. The binding obligation of obedience against personal desire is denied in many quarters.' Upon this issue there is no mistaking where he stands. Law observance is a necessity for perpetuation of American institutions. He points out among others, two vital considerations. First, laws go back to the individual citizen. To enact for to repeal law is not to secure real reform. It is necessary to take these problems directly to the individual. It is upon him that the ultimate test must come. Second, we all live in a world controlled by law, a fact which we can not ignore with impunity. He never showed better his comprehension of this solemn fact than when he wrote these words: 'We are a race of beings created in a universe where the law reigns. That will forever need all the repetition and emphasis which can be put on it. Law reigns, it can neither be cheated, evaded nor turned aside. We can discover it, live in accordance with it, observe it and develop and succeed or we can disregard it, violate it, defy it and fall. Law reigns.'

Enjoys Confidence of Capital and Labor.
"On the side of logic and theory his position is equally clear and his attitude through a long period of years has been the same. He has the confidence of both capital and labor. He believes firmly in the value and right to organize.

"Any man who believes what he evidently does must be opposed to war as such. But he is no impractical idealist. So he advocates adequate military preparedness by sea and land. He is anxious to win the peace with a world view can support and advocate. When America's fundamental ideals are at stake anywhere America must be there.

Loves of America.
"His speech on Memorial day of this year was a culmination of his thought on this subject. 'We are not going to be able to avoid meeting the world and bearing our part of the burdens of the world,' he said. 'We must meet these burdens and overcome them, or they will meet us and overcome us. For my part, I desire my country to meet them without evasion and without fear in an upright, downright, square American way.'

III—THE HUMAN BEING.
"He was thoroughly in sympathy with the Washington conference. Its methods and results, because it, in no way contradicted American principles. No nation was to suffer any diminution of independence.

"As early as 1895 when he was a college student he wrote in his prize essay that 'sovereignty is always finally vested in the people.' He constantly reiterated his conviction that the people have nothing to depend upon but themselves. They must and can work out their own destiny. It is a mistake to place too much reliance upon government.

Early Supporter of Equal Suffrage.
"In 1907 he was supporting equal suffrage. Those were the days when it required courage to be a suffragist. But he saw the principles with perfect clearness and was its ardent advocate from the beginning of his public career. Likewise when he was in the senate of his own state he actively supported the mothers' relief bill, and as governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1919 he signed the 48-hour bill designed to safeguard the vital interests of women and children.

"We must add to these convincing practical evidences of his position the deeper human aspects. His speeches reveal a peculiarly beautiful and gracious appreciation of the mother and the home. An unvarying note of nobility permeates his utterance whenever he alludes to these factors of our life and social order. To him the home is our most sacred institution. In these days when some think there is accumulating evidence that the home is a vanishing institution, that monogamy is an outworn social form, and that our social and moral standards are changing rapidly and radically, it is refreshing to come upon this man with his sanity and confidence.

"A second deduction from his fundamental confidence in the people makes clear with equal cogency that the integrity of the nation is a supreme consideration, that sectionalism and class distinctions are intolerable in a true America, that group must co-operate rather than engage in bitter conflict, and particularly that capital and labor must for the sake of both and the public welfare pool their interests and work together as human beings. In all these complicated problems he never fails to emphasize the fundamental fact that human values are supreme. In very practical ways he has contributed through the years to the solution of these vexed problems. In his home state organized labor was interested in the modification of labor injunctions. In keeping with the wishes of the employees desired results were brought about without any invasion of the fundamental legal principles involved. As early as 1912, the first year he was in the senate of his state, he supported the full crew bill for the railways providing for an adequate number of men on each train in keeping with the judgment of those who actually operate them.

Attitude Toward Material Prosperity.
"The whole side of his life culminates in a striking attitude to the problem of material prosperity and its effects upon the quality of our national life. To him there is not the slightest need of regarding material and spiritual resources as conflicting elements in civilization. Some maintain that materialism is our national curse. He insists upon the possibility of wholesome relationship between these two great factors. He recognizes that there is great current discontent, but he believes it to be due largely to unworthy confidence in the things we touch and see with our hands.

Dry-Eyed Widow of Slain Burglar Says She Will Begin Anew Where She "Left Off" Five Years Ago; Describes Tortures

Haunted by Dead Mate's Cruelties, She Cannot Realize They Are Ended Forever.

"With every lightning flash I saw him and every clap of thunder jerked me back to consciousness of the fact he is dead."

Mrs. Agnes Mansi sat on the edge of her narrow steel bunk, blanket-covered by thoughtful "Mother" Gibbons, matron at Central police station.

As the gray-eyed, half-stunned girl drew her knife-scarred arm over her face she tossed back a yard-long luxurious strand of deep red hair.

"You are not a bobbed-hair bandit—"

"Neither bobbed nor bandit," she parried, with a half smile. "Just a fear-tortured girl."

"If I've done wrong it was through fear. The fear he instilled in me, the same fear I had last night when the storm broke, just at the hour he was killed on Monday night. Every flash of lightning seemed to bring him infuriated into my cell. Each knife-edge of light cut me as he used to."

Defied Him Once.
"That is the only thing I ever defied him in. He wanted me to bob my hair. I don't know why I didn't. I feared him so. I had sacrificed my pride. I wanted something—so I kept my hair long."

Agnes Mansi, born of respectable Chicago parents, for the last five years the slave to whims of Omaha's most recent dead burglar, faces the future as one coming suddenly from another world.

She declares she will attempt to pick up the thread of life where she dropped it five years ago, as stenographer and bookkeeper for a Chicago firm.

She cannot realize, she says, there will be no more greetings from him with knife in hand, no more walks through lonely parts of town where he could torture her with threats.

Tells of Tortures.
"Once he took me across a vacant lot, I had previously told him he

would be sick from smoking a cigar. He always used cigars. Suddenly, with a curse, he pinned my arms with one hand and jabbed the burning cigar at my eye. I missed, but caught me on the cheek. He lost the light and snatched a can from the pathway, and, crushing it, gouged my cheek."

Outside, in the hall of the matron's quarters, pacing tearfully to and fro, is Mrs. Joe Fox, wife of the wounded pal of the dead burglar. Of the underworld she knows nothing. Her thoughts are divided between dread of coming to trial and restoration of her statement. "It is all my fault. I urged Joe to come with the Mansis—to go west for his health."

"I don't blame Agnes. She has her grief—hers is mingled with relief from a hideous past. I did not know. She never spoke of him to me while we were together."

"I only blame myself. I want Joe available in the city treasury."



Agnes Mansi

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YORK TO PAY OFF DEBT OF \$400,000

York, Neb., June 12.—York city council has adopted the estimate of expenses made by the financing committee for the coming year. The estimate calls for a total of \$68,000 by August 1. The estimate makes a reduction of 1 1/2 mills in the last two years, or a yearly saving of \$10,000 to the taxpayers.

On August 1 the city of York will pay off a debt of approximately \$400,000 in outstanding bonds, money being available in the city treasury.

Teacher Turns Down No-Courtship Contract

Columbus, Neb., June 12.—"Our school teacher can't be courted while she is teaching," declared a member of the board of rural Platte county school district No. 3. Then Miss Anna Olson, St. Edward girl, reacted to teach the school next fall, flatly refused to sign the contract. The board then decided to place a no-courtship agreement in its teacher's contract. Thus far no applicants for the job have appeared.

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