

Republican Timber For Vice-President Growing Scarce, Leaders Believe

Politicians Agreed That Curtis Is Eager To Return As Senator, Leaving Few Suitable Candidates For Second Place On 1932 Ticket

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WASHINGTON—Tip-top Republican vice-presidential timber is a commodity of which there is no present prospect of a surplus next year.

A blight appears to have struck on the fine forest of 1932 Republican vice-presidential timber. It is not yet 16 or 18 months ago—not only checking its growth, but actually thinning it out.

As expressed by one of the G. O. P. leaders with whom I happened to be talking recently, "It begins to look as if we should have to do considerable shopping around, to find a suitable candidate for second place on our 1932 ticket."

VICE-PRESIDENT CURTIS has not said so yet, but few politicians remain in doubt that he intends to seek his old seat in the senate, from Kansas, in preference to running for the vice-presidency again.

A man of small private means, it is no secret that Curtis needs to hang onto a job, and cannot afford to take unnecessary risks of defeat.

If Curtis chooses not to run, there are plenty of others who would be glad to take his place, risks and all. But a willingness to take risks is not quite the sum total of the G. O. P. management's requirements in aspirants

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Congressman John Q. Tilson of Connecticut, Republican, floor leader in the house of representatives during the last several preceding sessions, and now as aspirant for the speakership, succeeding on the 14th of March, 1932, though formerly vice-presidentially ambitious, is reported now profoundly indifferent on the subject.

MR. HOOVER often has been spoken of as favorable to Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley's nomination with him in 1932, but some of the more practical among the G. O. P. arrangement makers with whom I have conversed concerning him has displayed much skepticism for the Oklahoma man. That Hurley is perhaps the handsomest man in the public life of today they concede readily—after which they return to the discussion of the various candidates they really would like to see nominated.

Nevertheless, the war secretary is available. He would not be hasty and haw, as some of the more cautious brethren do. He would run, if invited.

YOUNG TEDDY ROOSEVELT is prominently referred to, and by no means is the most improbable among the possibilities; nor would it necessarily be a bad choice. He made a poor start in New York politics a few years ago, but has done remarkably well as government administrator. He has a magnificent background, of course, and with years, apparently has been developed. But whether he would accept or sidestep has yet to be determined.

"General Pershing would be fine," remarked a loyal Hooverite the other day.

Others whom one heard mentioned were:

Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon hitherto a dry, who has just declared for a referendum on the eighteenth amendment; Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, who has his present seat copper-riveted and would prefer to keep it; would think, with Curtis' example before him, Congressman William H. Fish, Jr. of New York, the anti-Communist investigator; Postmaster General Walter F. Brown; Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde; Hanford MacNider, former national commander of the American Legion, former assistant secretary of war and present minister to Canada, ex-Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey, now ambassador to France; Governor Louis L. Emmerson of Illinois, who vetoed the Sucker state legislator's last anti-prohibition bill; General James G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America.

Which ones among them would accept, if urged, however, and how much any of them would strengthen the G. O. P. ticket is a matter of guesswork.

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must borrow at this time at least an additional million dollars. "Where that money is to come from at this time, no one knows, whether some one will loan Oakland County an additional million dollars is yet to be determined. Before May 1, 1932, the county must provide from the general fund a sum of money sufficient to take care of the deficiency in the road and drain special assessment funds and that sum, it is estimated, will be in excess of \$1,000,000.

"A careful observer of county finances must realize that day by day this county is increasing its delinquency; that it is being obliged to bolster its financial situation by additional loans of money, and that if the tax delinquency continues in the future as it has in the past, there will soon come a day when the borrowing power of this county will be exhausted and its ability to pay current bills to maintain the necessary cost of government will be at an end.

State Tax Commission "I think it decidedly unfortunate that in the midst of this situation the State Tax Commission has seen fit to come into this county for the purpose of effecting a further distribution of property taxes. In the manner in which they have in the past, there will soon come a day when the borrowing power of this county will be exhausted and its ability to pay current bills to maintain the necessary cost of government will be at an end.

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