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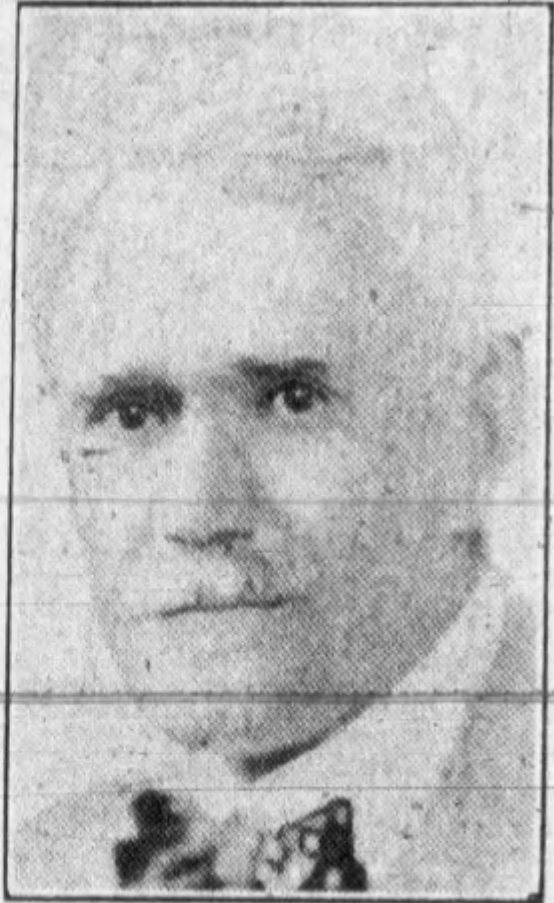
**Nominee for State Senator
Stricken at Home of Daugh-
ter—Rites Monday**

**SERVED AS MEMBER
OF 3 LEGISLATURES**

**Led Field in Thirty-first Dis-
trict Primary After Being
Drafted for Race**

Ellis J. Westlake, veteran business, civic and political leader of Minneapolis, and one of its best loved citizens, died yesterday in Washington, D. C., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. J. O'Hara. He was called there a few weeks ago by sudden illness and death of his son-in-law, Colonel O'Hara, and was stricken with mortal illness himself, before he could return to Minneapolis.

E. J. Westlake



Police Hide Easter Quiz

The Journal's Washington bureau reports that funeral services will take place there Monday, and that burial will be at Ridgefield, N. J.

J. E. Westlake of Minneapolis, a son, and Mrs. O'Hara, a daughter, survive him. Mrs. Westlake died last year.

3 Sessions in Legislature

Mr. Westlake had served in the legislature three sessions, retiring to devote himself to business in 1918, but this year friends drafted him to make the run for state senator in the thirty-first district, where Sumner T. McKnight declined to run again. Without making a campaign he was nominated, leading the field. W. P. Wolfe, who was third in the race, now becomes the second nominee, opposing Edwin A. Hendricks, who ran second in the primary.

Mr. Westlake had been affectionately known as "Dad" Westlake for many years by friends all over Minnesota and in other states. He was 76 years old, and celebrated his last birthday April 30 with a dinner to some 30 friends at the Hampshire Arms, shortly before the tragedy in his family called him to Washington. His birthday feasts had been an annual event.

Recommended to N. P.

Born at Horseheads, Chemung county, N. Y., in 1854, Mr. Westlake came of old colonial families on both sides, a fact which gave him keen interest in early American history. Through the reverses that came to many after the Civil war, he was thrown upon his own resources very early in life, and in 1875 entered employ of the Pullman Company as a conductor on the Erie railroad. In that day conductors wore high silk hats as uniform.

In 1881 he had been advanced to the position of assistant commissary, having charge of hotel cars operated by the Pullman Company on various railroads. Henry Villard, who had obtained control of

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the Northern Pacific railroad, asked George M. Pullman to recommend a man for the post of superintendent of dining cars for the company. As a result of that inquiry, Mr. Westlake came to the northwest, locating in St. Paul as first superintendent of the commissary department of the Northern Pacific. He had supervision of hotels and leases, as well as the dining cars, and in 1883 he established the first accommodations for tourists in Yellowstone Park, conducted and managed under his supervision for some years by the Northern Pacific.

In 1885 Mr. Westlake resigned from the railroad work and engaged in business for several years. In 1896 he was elected assistant secretary and manager of the St. Paul Commercial Club. He filled that post until he was engaged March 4, 1904, as secretary and manager of the Minneapolis Commercial Club. He occupied the position with marked success until May 1, 1910, when he resigned to go into the insurance business with William B. Joyce & Co., a connection that continued until his death. This connection was the result of an accidental meeting in Los Angeles, when Mr. and Mrs. Westlake were returning from a vacation trip to Honolulu.

Voted six Months' Vacation

He had been manager of Minneapolis offices of the company for a number of years, and in token of his 20 years of long and valuable service, he recently was voted a six months' vacation. He had planned a tour around the world until that idea was spoiled by his forced re-entry as a candidate for the legislature.

In 1912 Mr. Westlake was elected to the lower house of the legislature from the forty-first district, including the fifth and sixth wards. After one term in the house he was elected to the senate, and served in the 1915 and 1917 sessions, doing valuable service in Minneapolis matters, especially.

Mr. Westlake in 1917 joined with George K. Belden and others to form the Nicollet Park Association and purchase the Minneapolis Baseball Club from M. E. Cantillon. For several years he was associated in the ownership of the club, but not actively.

Planned for Twin Cities

Always Mr. Westlake had visions of development and of a great future for this region. He was a charter member of the Ten Thousand Lakes Association and served as its treasurer until appointed by the governor a member of the Land and Lakes Attractions Board. He served as secretary of that body. Up until the last he urged untiringly an effective co-operation, contending that any success attained by either Minneapolis or St. Paul would benefit the other city. In 1917 he introduced and obtained passage in the senate of an enabling act, that would permit union of the Twin Cities into one city. It failed of passage in the house because of adjournment of the legislature.

Mr. Westlake had served as president of the Minnesota chapter of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution. One of his ancestors was Gamaliel Truesdell, a noted patriot, who was killed in the Wyoming battle and massacre.

In various affiliations, Mr. Westlake was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., St. Paul, a sustaining member of Scottish Rite bodies; a member of Zuhrah Temple, Mystic Shrine; of Minneapolis lodge of Elks, Minneapolis Athletic Club, Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts, Civic and Commerce Association and the Automobile Club of Minneapolis.

For a number of years Mr. Westlake had made his home in an apartment at the Hampshire Arms.

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