

Harding Will Be G. O. P. Leader In Next Campaign

All Doubt of President's Renomination Practically Dissipated by Reception Tendered Him and Genuine Affection Shown Him During Speaking Tour

(This is the first of a series of news articles in David Lawrence's "Presidential Possibilities" series, dealing with an appraisal of the political scene and likelihood of the next presidential election.)

President Harding may or may not have won the confidence of the country on his Western trip—that is a matter for the 1924 election to settle—but he has certainly assured himself of renomination. It will take a political earthquake to dislodge him.

Before the President went West there were all sorts of rumors to the effect that he was not particularly keen about a second term and that he might be disposed to withdraw voluntarily from the race. These were predicated on the assumption that he would find himself unpopular in the West and that he would be much more likely to decline to be a candidate for renomination than to place the party in a position which would mean inevitable defeat in the 1924 election itself.

The writer has talked with the President on the subject of renomination and can say with authority that the true viewpoint of Warren Harding has not been accurately reflected either by those who have insisted that Mr. Harding was seeking a second term or those who have represented him as undecided whether he would strive to be renominated. Naturally Mr. Harding is anxious for a continuation in power of the Republican party. Even as early as the first few months of his administration there were people who sought to discuss with him the matter of a second term. He always put it off, arguing that the business in hand was to make good in the term for which he was elected without thinking of a second one. Just before he went to Florida Mr. Harding told friends who inquired about it that he did not feel it proper to make an announcement of candidacy one way or the other and that he believed it was a matter which the Republican party should decide for itself. Friends of the President, like Attorney General Daugherty, however, took it upon themselves to predict that Mr. Harding would be renominated and while these public statements were accepted as the equivalent of an announcement by Mr. Harding himself, they

were not intended as such by him. They were designed by the friends of Mr. Harding to checkmate possible opposition and to squelch incipient booms. It was a case in which the friends of Mr. Harding boldly took the strategy into their own hands. Nor could the President show displeasure because the move was obviously in his interest.

Yet the fact remains that the President feels it is not incumbent upon him to seek the nomination. If his record is deserving of a renomination, he would feel honored to have the party give it to him. It is too early to say what his attitude will be toward the primaries next spring but not being a very ardent believer in the primary system, it will hardly be surprising if Mr. Harding refrains from entering the primary campaign.

One of the reasons why so many political people have been intimating that possibly the President would withdraw from the race is their knowledge of his own sense of resignation to fate. He has said upon occasions that there were lots worse things in life than being beaten for the presidency. He is the type of man who when the rule of the majority is against him, accepts the verdict with a feeling that he has done his best. Should he fall of reelection or renomination, or re-election, Warren Harding will be a good loser.

But on the Western trip the President himself was inspired by the warmth and cordiality of the receptions given him. He is convinced that what America needs at the present time is a continuation of this policy of calmly trying to avoid the extreme in anything. He believes more can be accomplished by steadily pursuing a middle of the road, persuasive, conciliatory, indeed, soothing policy, in these days of trouble and confusion than by the spectacular methods of the super statesman.

The President's platform as thus far enunciated can be summarized as follows:

1. Agriculture—a generous extension of credits to rural enterprises

with a promise of a comprehensive scheme for co-operative marketing to be laid before the next Congress.

2. Transportation—consolidation of railroads into regional groups with an expressed confidence that this will lead to substantial economies and indirectly bring about a reduction of the public debt.

3. Government finance—continued reduction of the public debt, undiminished efforts to economize on Government expenditures, but with no promise as yet of further reductions in taxation. This is more likely to be made definite in the spring of 1924 when more is known of the revenues available for the year 1923.

4. Labor—a distinct expression of friendship for organized labor and a flat repudiation of the idea that the Republican party will encourage any conspiracy to overthrow the unions or the advantages they have achieved in the last generation.

5. World Court—A willingness to meet the "irreconcilables" more than half way and to amend the proposal so as to detach the court from the League of Nations in the selection of judges.

These are the essentials but the President will also have a good deal to say on the subject of conservation of natural resources on his return from Alaska. This ought to be of great interest to the Pacific coast region where Mr. Harding will make addresses at Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The President thereafter will make several speeches in Eastern and Middle-Western states in September. He will not lose the opportunity to give his ideas to the public while he has the advantage of nation-wide publicity.

Few Presidents have known how

effective a campaign can be when conducted from the White House but Mr. Harding does and he is starting in early. The real contest for presidential nomination will hardly be in the Republican party, but in the Democratic party.

(Tomorrow will appear the first article on the chances of some of the aspirants for the Democratic nomination for the presidency.)

NORTH CAROLINA IS HELD UP TO GEORGIA

Atlanta, July 6.—Governor Walker today presented the legislature what he termed a suggestive message dealing with taxation, and calling attention to North Carolina tax laws as a good model for Georgia.

CITY ROAD OBSERVES SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

Sunday School Day will be observed at City Road Church Sunday, July 8. The Sunday school hour will continue into the 11 o'clock service, an appropriate and helpful program being rendered.

PAYNE-GAY
Paul M. Payne and Miss Alice M. Gay, both of Norfolk, were married here Tuesday by Justice of the Peace T. B. Wilson.

CALBERT-PEBWORTH
Edward M. Calbert and Miss Elsie L. Pebworth, both of Norfolk, were married here Tuesday by Justice of the Peace T. B. Wilson.

FOLLOW THE CROWDS
To Melville's big Tent Theater and enjoy yourself. Jy.5,6,7-np

CHIEF OF FRENCH NAVAL STAFF DIES

Paris, July 6.—Vice Admiral Jean Jacques Debon, chief of the French naval general staff, died at his home here today after a long illness. He was at the head of the French naval advisory board at the Washington Disarmament Conference.

again the first of October, prizes going to those who improve most. This is unusually hard weather on babies and extra care is necessary about their food, their rest, and their comfort in order to make them better babies.

MELVILLE'S COMEDIANS
Now showing in their big waterproof tent on West Main street, Jy.5,6,7-np

MOTHERS PLANNING FOR BETTER BABIES CONTEST

On account of the weather there was a small attendance at the Mothers' Club meeting at the Community House on Fleetwood street Thursday afternoon and the Better Babies Contest was postponed for another week. The matter was discussed by those present, however, and at the regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon it is hoped that a large number of mothers and babies will be present so that the contest may be begun.

The plan is, briefly, to weigh and examine all babies now, and then

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In thanking the hundreds of eastern North Carolina shippers of peas and potatoes who have taken advantage of our forwarding organization this spring, we take this opportunity of explaining the reason we were so successful in caring for your shipments, and why we were at all times able to lead the local markets. In the first place, we have the largest potato warehouse in Elizabeth City. In this respect we are more able to care for your shipments than many other firms. There are no shipments so large that we cannot handle them, and none so small but that they get our most careful attention.

We have not been dependent on the markets of one or two cities, because long ago, we perfected a nationwide marketing organization. Our connections with the markets of the North, the West, the Middle-Western and Central States make it always possible for us to get more for your peas or potatoes than any individual shipper can get. The May pea market is safer for you when you ship through Brock & Scott, for we ship May peas to only those firms which specialize in green vegetables.

We Grade Your Potatoes and Market Them Under a Recognized Brand

We have done better on the Irish Potato markets this season because we have graded potatoes in our power grading machine and we have shipped them according to grades under a brand that is recognized and sought after on markets where North Carolina potatoes usually have a black-eye. In this way we are each year raising the standard of Irish potatoes from the Elizabeth City section.

Our policy of handling shipments helped the local market and we practically made the F. O. B. markets this season the best ever in Elizabeth City. By buying many potatoes on a spot cash basis we were able to dispose of the crops of many farmers in a manner more satisfactory to the owners.

We are Ready to Put You in Touch With America's Best Early Sweet Potato Markets

We are prepared to handle all the early sweet potato shipments you can send us, and through the same methods that have helped us to lead the markets on other crops, we expect to do as well on sweet potatoes. It will be the wisest plan for you to route your shipments through a tested marketing organization, far better than shipping them haphazard, and any old way without knowing the condition of the markets on which they are to go. Here is another reason we can do much for you: We know each day by special telegram, just how much each market will stand. We know where your stuff is going and what chance it has, before it leaves our tracks. You remove the element of chance when you forward your shipments through this firm.



Just an Ordinary Day in the Potato Season at the Brock & Scott Warehouse

Our big warehouse on Burgess Street has the most room for wagon deliveries of any potato warehouse in Elizabeth City. The picture above shows potatoes being unloaded from the wagons to pass through our grading machines. We are able to take care of more wagons, and we have more track room than other warehouses. There is no waiting to fall in line at Brock & Scott's warehouse.

We are located on the main tracks of the Norfolk Southern freight yards, an advantage that is worth much in the fast shipment of perishable truck, for we get quick service from railroad engines. Cars never hang over on the tracks at the Brock & Scott warehouse.

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