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**NOT A QUESTION OF CREDIT**  
 "I want to renew my paper," said a prominent Union county farmer, as he walked into The Journal office the other day. "You dropped me from the list last month," he continued, "and I am renewing with the understanding that if you stop my paper again it will stay stopped for good. Other people credit me."  
 We didn't tell him so, but his paper will be stopped next year if he does not renew. It is not a question of credit. We would gladly accommodate that man with a small loan without any security other than his word to pay, but when we went on a cash basis, we decided to treat all men alike whether they be banker, merchant, preacher or farmer. Notice of expiration is given, and if a subscriber doesn't send in his renewal we take it for granted that he does not want the paper, and accordingly stop it.

**ELECTION POST MORTEMS**  
 Burdened with taxes, suffering from a depression in the price of farm products, and disturbed by the wranglings of the Senate, the country sought a change in administrations in the fallacious belief that it is in the power of the Republican party to end our economic wrongs, and to restore the stability and normalcy that prevailed before the war. These conditions are largely responsible for Senator Harding's landslide.  
 There were other causes, however, chiefly of which was the rank inefficiency of the Democratic organization. Our campaign managers really made no effort to put Governor Cox and the Democratic cause before the people until the campaign was about over. No systematic attempt to collect funds was inaugurated until even Democrats lost hope of victory, and then it was too late. The staunchest of partisans seldom care to contribute to a losing cause. Then the League of Nations, which should have been the dominant issue of the campaign, was never properly stressed. Little effort was made to get the immortal document before the people, and millions voted against Cox without ever having studied the issue for which he stood.

**HARDING OF GOOD STOCK**  
 The bounds of common decency and propriety were overstepped when the story that Senator Harding had negro blood in his veins was bandied about during the closing days of the campaign. Investigation long ago proved the utter absurdity of the charges, and the Wooster College professor, who was the first to sign his name to the story, is under surveillance to determine his sanity.

This story, which is to the effect that Warren G. Harding's father was Amos Harding and that he married Mary Ann Harding, a negress, is alleged to have first been used by General Leonard Woods' supporters in an effort to defeat Harding for the Republican nomination at the Chicago convention, and therefore cannot wholly be laid to the Democratic party, although some of the Cox workers, believing it to be true, spread it over the country in the hope of influencing the vote their way.

"The story is false in every respect," says the Cincinnati Star, owned by the Taf family. "It even," continues the Ohio paper, "has the wrong names for Harding's grandparents. The Senator's grandfather was not Amos, but Charles Alexander Harding. Charles Alexander Harding's wife, and the grandmother of Warren G. Harding on the paternal side, was Mary Ann Crawford. She was the daughter of Joshua Crawford of Baltimore and Sophie Stevens, whose family lived in Albemarle county, Virginia. The Crawfords were of Scotch-Irish descent, the family originating in Lanarkshire, Scotland. The first of the family came to America in the seventeenth century. The Crawfords appear all through the genealogies of Virginia and are related to most of the prominent families of Colonial days in that state."

"There was an Amos Harding among Warren G. Harding's ancestors. He was not the Senator's grandfather, however, but his great-grandfather. The name of his wife was not Mary Ann Dixon, but Phoebe Tripp, who belonged to a well known Colonial family of Pennsylvania and was a cousin of Frances Slocum, 'The Lost Sister of Wyoming.' Amos Harding lived in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, from 1777 to 1800. He came to Richland county, Ohio, early in the nineteenth century, and died there in 1899."

No matter how great our disappointment over the defeat of Mr. Cox, we have the satisfaction of knowing that Mr. Harding is a descendant of a fine, old American family, and reports to the contrary should be promptly discouraged.

The Harding landslide has even engulfed the veteran Missouri congressman, Champ Clark, who was defeated by his Republican opponent, T. W. Huskville. Among the other shining lights of the great democratic war administration who will be retired to public life after March 4 are Josephus Daniels, and our own David Franklin Houston. Doubtless both of them personally welcome the change, as the supremacy of Daniels' paper in North Carolina has been seriously threatened for several years by the Charlotte Observer and the Greensboro News; and Mr. Houston has several times expressed the desire to return to his studies and the quiet, even tenor of the class room.

**NEWS & INTERVIEWS**

Mr. A. C. Penegar was undoubtedly the happiest man in Monroe over the result of the election. Major W. C. Heath, who was confident that Mr. Cox would have a landslide, had promised Mr. Penegar a Woodman funeral after the election, but after it was known that it turned out just the opposite, the popular mail carrier had the laugh on his democratic friends.

**Senator Price Will Be Here.**  
 "Am I coming to Monroe sometime today? You can bet your bottom dollar that I'll be there," said Mr. J. N. Price while in Monroe yesterday to certify the election returns from his precinct. "Why I'm the daddy of the day," he continued. "I'm going to close up my store, gin and everything else so as to let all of my hands join in the celebration. Everybody else ought to do the same."

**Expects to Be President.**  
 A crank, or practical joker, signing his name "M. D. Bowman," writes to The Journal, as follows, from Charleston, S. C.: "I am positive I received the nomination at Chicago last June, giving me 714 delegates on the first ballot, and 770 on the second. Afterwards the delegates of the other American countries were counted to my credit. I would like the electoral vote by March 21. I am unmarried and resided in the state of Pennsylvania for 38 years, 2 years in New Jersey, California four and one half years, and the remainder of my life in the South. Try and take up this question with Charlotte, Salisbury and other cities in your state. I expect to be the President of the United States by March 21. I represent the Republican party."

**Veteran Railroad Men.**  
 In search of an inspiration, Col. Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, took a railroad journey Tuesday. On the trip he encountered some veteran railroaders, and as a result of a conversation he had with them a long editorial appeared in Thursday's Observer, in which he related the experiences of some of the old-timers on the road. Most of the subjects of the Colonel's editorial work of the Southern, but he had the following to say about some well-known railroad men on the Seaboard:

"On another occasion we may have to count up the round trips Capt. Jas. G. Baskerville has made to London town. Captain Baskerville saw his first railroad service in South Carolina, but 46 years ago went to the old Carolina Central, and he is yet in the service of that company—now the Seaboard Air Line—running an engine between Charlotte and Rutherfordton. Captain Baskerville brought the first passenger train into Monroe. Then there is Capt. Joseph F. Misenheimer, who only last week celebrated his 40th anniversary with the Seaboard, and who is yet running an engine. There are some long-termers on the Southern whose mileage would be productive of interesting speculation and we may get to these in time."

**The Sheriff Gave It Up Early.**  
 Among the first to reach the court house to hear the election returns Tuesday evening was Sheriff Griffith. He sat patiently, listening to the reading of bulletins that clearly proved a Republican trend, until one was received forecasting about a million majority for Harding in New York state. He then arose in disgust. "According to those telegrams," remarked the Sheriff, "Harding already has about 10,000,000 votes. There must be some Republicans at the other end of the wire. I'm going home." Seizing his overcoat, he suited the action to the word, going asleep thinking Mr. Cox would be elected in a manner similar to the Wilson victory in 1916.

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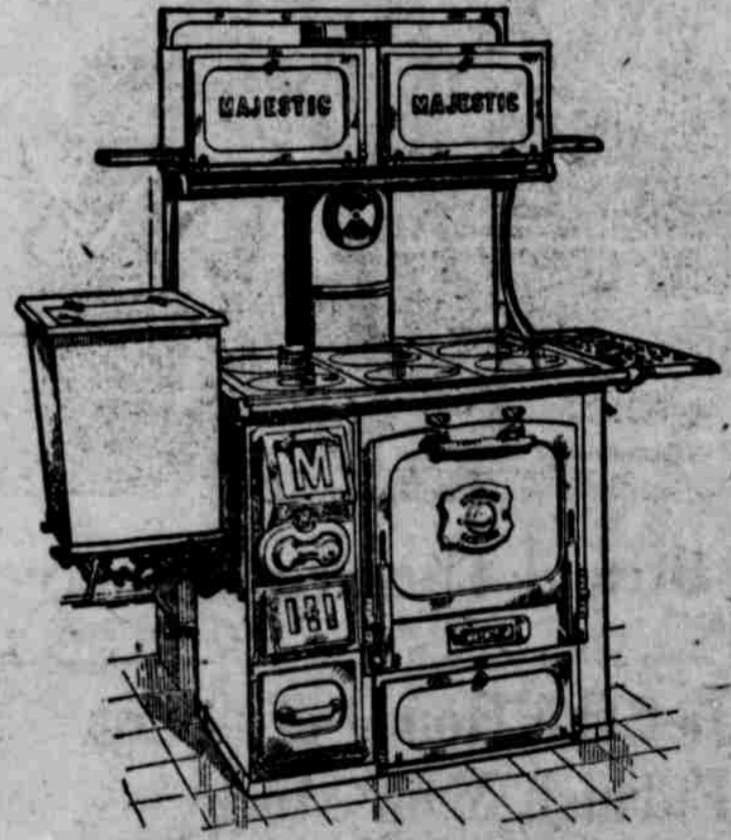
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