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THE NOMINEES OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

Senator Warren G. Harding, Facts Concerning His Life.

Warren G. Harding United States senator from Ohio was born on his grandfather's farm, where his father then resided, just outside the village of Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio, November 2nd, 1865. He was the oldest of eight children.

He is the son of Dr. George T. Harding, who at the time of Warren's birth was the village doctor. In those days no night was too dark, no journey too long over almost impassable roads for him to go to alleviate the suffering of some patient.

The Hardings were of colonial stock, coming originally from Scotland, settling in Connecticut, removing later to the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, where some of them were massacred. Others fought in the Revolutionary war. Warren's mother, Phoebe Dickerson, was descended from an old time Holland Dutch family and thus was blended the blood of the Holland Dutch with that of the hardy Scotch.

The country roundabout where the Hardings located was mostly woodland. His grandfather owned a small tract of land and was neither better or worse off than his neighbors. They were all engaged in cutting away the timber and transforming a primitive forest into cultivated farms. And in those days every child was expected to contribute his share of toil in overcoming the obstacles of nature in the transforming process.

As Warren grew up he learned to fell trees, chop wood, split rails, plant and hoe corn and do all the things incident to farm life. Those were the days when farm labor was performed by hand. In this way young Harding acquired the habit of industry.

However, it was not all toil for young Harding. He attended the village school until fourteen when he entered Ohio Central College at Iberia, from which he graduated. During his college course he was editor of the college paper where he first displayed a "nose for news." Like all boys of that day he was obliged to work during vacations to pay for his tuition. He cut corn, was an amateur painter and drove team in the grading of the T. & O. C. railroad which was being constructed through that community.

At seventeen he was teaching school and "tooting a horn" in the village brass band.

One of his fellow musicians, who is now at the head of a great manufacturing plant and who has since sat with him on various boards of directors, recounts that the band once took third prize in a tournament.

At odd times Harding worked in the little printing office in the village nearby. He became a first class compositor and interested himself in the mechanism of the entire plant. When linotypes were introduced he mastered the keyboard so that he finally mastered the intimate workings of a newspaper office from the editorial room to the press room.

A friend recalls an incident which illustrates the "human" side of Harding's character.

Entering the office of the "Star" one New Year's morning he found the senator making up the form and performing all the duties of the foreman who was busy elsewhere.

"What's the idea?" inquired the friend.

"Well, you see" responded the senator, "this is a holiday, and we want to go to press early so that the men may get home and pass the day with their families, so I'm lending a helping hand."

When the forms were made up and the paper went to press the senator and his friend adjourned to the editorial room for a chat. Suddenly the rumbling of the press ceased. The inevitable which always haunts a newspaper office in the rush hour or on a holiday, had happened. Springing from the chair the senator rushed down to the press room. His trained eye soon located the trouble and it was not long before the edition was again on its way.

This mastery of detail was an early trait of the senator and has followed him throughout his career.

But to return to the Star. This was the senator's idol. It was the pet of his youth and the pride of his man-

hood. When he was nineteen, having completed his college course, his father, Dr. Harding, seeking a wider field, removed to Marion, Ohio, the county seat of an adjoining county where he still resides, and despite his seventy-six years, is in active practice of his profession.

The Star was a struggling daily in a backward county seat of four thousand inhabitants. Young Harding wanted to own it however, notwithstanding the fact that it was difficult to tell whether it was an asset or a liability. His father having faith in the young man and wishing to gratify supreme desire lent his credit in assisting in taking the plant over—the consideration being the assumption of its indebtedness. The county was democratic and this paper was not even the official organ of the minority party.

With youthful enthusiasm and the inspiration of a young man who has his foot on the first rung of the ladder of his ambition, he bent his energies to the task of making the Star a power in the community.

He lived with it by day and dreamed of it by night. Thorny was the road and the greater share of the coffers of the treasury were depleted to the point of bankruptcy.

The story of how it grew and expanded, ultimately taking over its competitor is too long to be written here. It was the old story of devotion, energy, resourcefulness and determination.

The Star today is a prosperous, money-making plant and is not for sale. It has the largest circulation of any newspaper in any city of thirty thousand inhabitants in the Middle West. It has always been a "booster and never a "knocker."

After Senator Harding had established the paper on a sound financial basis he organized a stock company, distributing shares to each of his employees and he and they still own it.

Senator Harding is closely identified with many large business enterprises. Since he took over the Star, Marion has grown from a country town of four thousand inhabitants to a flourishing manufacturing city of thirty thousand and the senator has been a factor in its industrial development.

He has been a "booster" for new industries in a substantial way by taking stock in these companies to the limit of his financial ability and at present he is a director in a bank, several manufacturing plants, and other enterprises. He is a trustee of Trinity Baptist church of which he is a member and regular attendant.

During the past twenty years Senator Harding has been three times abroad, visiting most of the European countries to study at close range their systems of government and the economic problems with which this country has to deal.

After his election to the United States senate, and before taking his seat, Senator Harding visited the Hawaiian Islands to get first hand information upon the production and distribution of sugar.

Senator Harding has twice represented the thirteenth senatorial district of Ohio in the state legislature, served 1 term as lieutenant governor, refusing to stand for re-election, and he is now nearing the close of his first term as United States senator.

One of his first official acts upon reaching Washington was to sponsor the bill for preparedness which had the endorsement of Colonel Roosevelt and he was closely associated with the late president during its pendency.

He was selected as chairman of the national convention soon after he entered the senate, without factional strife.

As a public speaker he is plain yet forceful. He has a wide vocabulary and is quick at repartee.

Senator Harding was selected to present the name of William Howard Taft for renomination at the turbulent convention in Chicago and was again selected to present the keynote speech at the last national convention. He was the presiding officer at this convention.

His friends point to the fact that he resembles in many ways the late William McKinley. Both were of Scottish descent. In presence and manner of speech, in painstaking

MORRISON HAS A LEAD OF 87 OVER GARDNER

Raleigh, June 15.—Cameron Morrison in the official count of the primary vote on June 5, leads Max Gardner by 87 and lays upon the Shelby man the disagreeable duty of calling for the second primary.

Chairman Wilson G. Lamb leaned to the opinion that there was a mistake of 100 against Gardner and that the correct vote would show less than 100 difference in the most spectacular race ever run for a state office and late developments prove that this is true. The Morrison total is 49,170 against 49,083 as the corrected result shows. Page polled 30,180, and the fight of the two candidates is to hold what they have and to take what belonged to Page.

WESTERN UNION OPENS UP-TOWN TELEGRAPH OFFICE

Mr. E. N. Williams, district manager of North Carolina for the Western Union Telegraph company, spent several days in the city this week looking after the opening of the new up-town office of his company, which is located in the Bluemont Hotel building on B street. Mr. Williams stated Tuesday that the office would be complete in every detail and that the remainder of the office equipment would arrive within the next several days. Mr. Ed Turner, who has been connected with the company for a number of years, will have charge of the new office.

Cicero Chambers of Wilkesboro, charged with having too much liquor gave bond yesterday in the sum of \$500 for his appearance next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock before Mayor L. B. Bristol.—Statesville Sentinel, June 16th.

CITIZENS OF KENSINGTON AVENUE TO LAY CONCRETE

A number of citizens who live on Kensington Avenue held a meeting last Monday night for the purpose of formulating plans for concreting the avenue. The estimated cost of this progressive move is \$4,000 and each property owner has already pledged himself to pay his portion of the cost. Construction will be started within the next several weeks.

Wilkesboro Road Bridge Out of Commission.

The Williams Mill bridge on the Wilkesboro road over Rocky Creek will be out for repairs for about two weeks. Signs have been placed at detouring points on each side of the creek.—Statesville Sentinel, June 16.

mastery of detail and tact in bringing opposing factions on a common ground mutual friends point out the similarity.

In 1891 Senator Harding married Florence Kling, daughter of Amos Kling, now deceased, who was one of the leading business men of Marion. Mrs. Harding inherits the business acumen of her father and has been a wonderful helpmate in business and political aspirations of her husband. Mrs. Harding's ambition is for the success of her husband but she laughingly remarks that "a man must be well fed and well groomed if he would succeed." They have no children.

Governor Calvin Coolidge, Brief Sketch of His Career

Governor Coolidge was born in a typical American town—Plymouth, Vermont—twelve miles from a railroad on July 4th, 1872. His family was a typical American family and behind him were generations of Massachusetts ancestors who had served their country in every emergency. He was not brought up in poverty but enjoyed the comforts of a farm free from luxuries. Early in life he learned the dignity and necessity of work.

He was educated at Amherst college. He was an able and industrious student. It was during his college course that he began the study of American politics. His conception of this intricate subject then formed and since maintained is that "there will come out of the government exactly what is put into it." He believes that "politics is the process of action in public affairs."

At Amherst in his senior year he won the first prize, a gold medal, for the best essay on the principles of the War for American Independence. This competition was open to the un-

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COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL IN SESSION AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

The county summer school at Mountain View opened on Tuesday, June 8th, with an enrollment approximately double that expected by the educational authorities of the county. Before the close of the first week it was around one hundred.

The most encouraging thing, however, is the spirit which seems to actuate every teacher present, the determination to make the very most possible of the opportunity for professional improvement.

Not only are methods stressed and emphasized here but subject matter is also taught to prepare those who desire it for the examination during the closing week of the term.

The State Department of Education has allowed the counties to increase the salaries of the teachers holding State Elementary Certificates and who are not required by law to attend the school for renewal credits an increase of salary. This will not become effective, however, after Monday, June 21st.

It will be well, too, for those teachers desiring county certificates the coming year and those wishing to take the Reading Circle work to attend the school and thus be better prepared to pass successfully the examination.

It will be well, too, for all those who can spend as much time as possible taking the method work given here, thus enabling them to become better teachers and hence to command better salaries.

The school enjoyed quite a treat on Tuesday evening, June 15th, when the State Community Service gave its first moving picture exhibition in the school auditorium. About one hundred people gathered to witness the show and seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. It will come again before the close of the term.

We have had a few visitors already. Mrs. T. E. Johnston, of the State Board of Examiners, and Institute conductor, Mrs. Cunningham, of the Fire Insurance department at Raleigh, Rev. S. S. Jennings and others who talked to the teachers.

The people of the village have thrown open their doors to the faculty and student body and everything possible is being done to make the stay of the teachers, at this delightful place, both pleasant and profitable.—Reported.

SHORE-FOSTER.

A marriage that comes as a surprise to friends of the contracting parties was solemnized last Wednesday evening at nine o'clock when Miss Elizabeth Shore was married to Mr. Charles C. Foster, the ceremony being performed near Purlear postoffice by Rev. F. C. Watts.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. M. H. Blythe, of Yerkes, Ky. For a number of years she has made her home in Wilkesboro with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Forester. She was a member of the graduation class of the Wilkesboro High School this Spring, and is one of Wilkesboro's most attractive and popular young ladies.

The groom is a son of Register of Deeds and Mrs. W. H. Foster, of Wilkesboro. During the past session he was a student of Oak Ridge Institute. He holds a responsible position in the office of the register of deeds and is a young man of sterling worth.

The happy young couple have many friends who wish them many years of happiness.

Saturday evening at her home in west Wilkesboro Miss Gertrude Johnson entertained a number of young people of the town at a delightful party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Foster.

ROSS-WILLIAMS.

Mrs. F. J. Williams, who resides on Wilkesboro Route 2, received the following announcement Friday which will be of interest to many of our readers:

Mr. John G. Ross announces the marriage of his daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to Mr. Edwin Michael Harold, Tuesday, June 20, at Norfolk Virginia. Mrs. Williams is the groom's great-aunt and he made his home with her for quite a number of years. He has many friends in the county who extend best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold will be at home after June 18th at 104 W. Grace street, Richmond, Va.

MISS PEARL SMITHEY IS FATAL- LY INJURED NEAR SPENCER.

Spencer, June 14.—Miss Pearl Smithey of Moravian Falls, one of the young women injured in the automobile accident at the Spencer crossing late this afternoon, died in a local hospital shortly before midnight.

Miss Kate Grubbs, another one of the injured, is barely alive and her death was said to be expected.

Spencer, June 14.—The deadly grade crossing one mile north of Spencer on the main line of the Southern railway claimed another victim and sent two young women to a Salisbury hospital when a light switch engine, running backwards, struck an auto owned and driven by H. Matt Grubb, a well known farmer residing two miles from town on the Bongs Ferry road.

Mr. Grubb was killed instantly by the impact of the engine in charge of Yard Engineer Tracey Benton. A daughter, Miss Kate Grubb, age 21, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured by the blow, her limbs and body being badly crushed.

Miss Pearl Smithey, of Moravian Falls, aged 19, was also seriously injured about the head and body.

At a late hour tonight both young women are still unconscious at a Salisbury hospital and very little hope is given for their recovery. Two other daughters of Mr. Grubb, occupants of the car at the time of the accident, Misses Cora and Josephine Grubb, saw the approaching engine in time to jump and escaped with slight bruises.

Another auto party, composed of Mrs. Daniel Efrid, Mrs. J. H. Culp and A. W. Hicks, a Spencer newspaper man, had a narrow escape from the same engine while returning from Yadkin, crossing the tracks just ahead of the car that was wrecked.

The body of Miss Pearl Smithey, who was fatally injured in an automobile wreck near Spencer last Monday afternoon arrived here Tuesday evening and was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smithey, who reside near Moravian Falls.

Miss Smithey was about 19 years of age and had been making her home in Spencer for sometime with her brother, Mr. L. R. Smithey. She held a responsible position in the office of a large mill near the city.

Surviving are her parents; and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. W. E. Smithey, of Wilkesboro; Lloyd Smithey, of Moravian Falls; F. G. Smithey, of Moravian Falls; Baxter Smithey, of Texas; Shelly Smithey, of West Virginia; L. R. Smithey, of Spencer; Fred Smithey, of Moravian Falls; and Mrs. Fred Phillips, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. B. M. Pardue, of Moravian Falls; Miss Viola Smithey, of Moravian Falls.

Funeral and burial services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Cub Creek Baptist church by Rev. R. N. Garner, assisted by Rev. J. M. Barber.

Miss Smithey's untimely death is deplored throughout the county and a large number of relatives and friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. W. W. Barber, and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Barber, and son, Joe, spent Sunday in Lenoir with Mrs. Barber's daughter, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Jr.

NOTICE.

The Wilkes County Republican Convention is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Wilkesboro N. C., on Monday, July 19th, 1920, at one o'clock, P. M.

The object of the County Convention is to nominate the respective County officers and a member to the Legislature and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

Each Township Chairman is hereby requested to call a Republican Primary to be held at the respective polling places on Saturday, July 17th, 1920, at 2 o'clock, P. M., except the Township of North Wilkesboro which will be called to meet July 17th, 1920 at 12 o'clock M.

That each Township is requested to elect delegates to the County Convention and perfect, reorganize and transact any business that may rightfully come before said Primary. This is the 15 day of June, 1920.

J. C. Wallace, Sec'y. Rep. Exec. Com. and John R. Jones, Chm. Rep. Exec. Committee.

SENATOR WARREN HARDING IS REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

Chicago, June 12.—Warren G. Harding, United States senator from Ohio, was nominated for the presidency today by the republican national convention after a deadlock which lasted for nine ballots and which finally forced out of the running all the original favorites.

As his running mate the convention named Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, upsetting a plan of a combination of the Harding backers to nominate for the place Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin.

The collapse of the forces of Governor Frank O. Lowden and their transfer in large part to Senator Harding put the Ohio candidate over. General Wood lost heavily, however, when the Harding drift began, and Senator Johnson, the third of the trio of leaders on the early balloting yesterday, also went steadily down hill.

Entering the convention four days ago as a candidate distinctly of the "dark horse" class, Senator Harding got only 64 votes on the first ballot yesterday and on the second he dropped to 56.

When the convention adjourned last night at the end of the fourth ballot, he had 61.

In all night conference among the party chiefs, however, he was mentioned many times as the most likely to break the nomination deadlock should neither Wood, Lowden nor Johnson take a commanding lead today. They all failed to do so. Wood and Lowden running a neck and neck race for leadership on four more ballots while the strength of the California candidate dwindled steadily.

Meantime Harding pushed his total to 133, individual delegates from many states swinging to him from the columns of the leaders and of various favorite sons. The Johnson managers, fearing a landslide was impending, then made a last play to save the fortunes of their candidate. They moved to recess for a couple of hours in order to take an inventory and seek a new combination. The Wood and Lowden forces, both virtually at the peak of their strength, but both disheartened at the long string of ballots without material gains, fell in with the recess plan, and the convention adopted it.

In the dramatic succession of conferences that followed the fate of the candidates virtually was sealed. Some of the Wood and Lowden managers tried ineffectually for an agreement which would hold their delegates in line and kill off the Harding boom. Some tried to get a Wood-Lowden-Johnson agreement to adjourn until Monday without making a nomination. There also was a conference between Johnson and Harding supporters in which the Ohio's supporters tried without success to have the remaining strength swung to Harding.

It was the parleys between the

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CAMP-MEETING TO BE HELD AT MILLERS CREEK NEXT MONTH

Plans are on foot for holding a camp meeting at Millers Creek, which will begin the third Sunday in July and continue several weeks. Rev. Harold K. Cornish, evangelist, who conducted a successful meeting in Wilkesboro in April, will conduct the series of services. Eight churches, both Methodist and Baptist, are expecting to labor for the success of the camp-meeting. A large arbor will be constructed near the Boone Trail highway to shelter the large congregations that will attend each service.

JAS. M. MITCHELL, OF IREDELL COUNTY, COMMITS SUICIDE

Statesville, June 15.—James M. Mitchell, an influential farmer of north Iredeell, committed suicide at his home this morning by hanging himself. After feeding his horses and hogs about 5 o'clock, he climbed into the barn loft, fastened one end of a log chain around his neck and the other around a rafter, and jumped from the stringer. Death was produced by strangulation. Brooding over imaginary trouble during the past week or two led to the tragedy. Deceased was 77 years of age.

The deceased was the grandfather of Mrs. W. J. Allen, of this place, and the news of Mr. Mitchell's death did not reach here until Wednesday afternoon.—Carter's Weekly.