

9-TIME AMERICA SPIRIT AT MARION

Nation That Was Is Born at
Harding Notification
Ceremonies

BRINGS BACK DAY OF 1896
By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Marion, O., July 23.—Warren Gamaliel Harding—one uses the middle name because it is part of the picture—was formally notified yesterday of his nomination to the presidency with the perfect background of his own home town, with his neighbors taking part in the show as they would in old-home week or in a farmers' picnic.
What you saw all about him was America—America as it was, some would say, and the mass of the ceremonies gave a little touch of archaism, with the marching perspiring paraders from Canton clad, as in 1896, in black silk hats and the long-tailed coats affected by undertakers and occasionally known as Prince Alberts.
But it was America as it is, leaving out the 1896 stuff, for Lawrence, Kan.; Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Loansport, Ind.; and a thousand other small towns and cities are exactly like Marion.
It is an America of well-kept lawns, shady streets, prosperous, respectable almost untouched by modern industrialism, with no congested population, where the struggle between men is not bitter, where life is simple, and from the point of view of New York, Chicago or Philadelphia, a little Arcadian, but an America well worth observing.



AARON S. WATKINS
Prohibition nominee for President. Mr. Watkins is a professor of literature in a military academy at Germantown, O., was vice presidential candidate of his party in 1908 and 1912 and was formerly a clergyman.

to be what the Presidents were when the America he knows and loves was made out of the three equal and ordinate branches of the government. Though he may be President himself he wants no power greater than the framers of the constitution intended the Chief Executive to have. He said so himself in his speech.
And he wants parties to play the role in our affairs which they played when men marched in honor of candidates wearing prince alberts and high silk hats, or wonderful capes of bright colors and tall white beavers above them, when men did this in great numbers, joyously believing in their parties as they did in their churches. Mr. Harding would get back to this. He said so in his speech. He believes in party government not as its modern practitioners believe in it, whose rule is "the party, it is I," but in party government where the President is no more than Congress.
And he rejects all our modern notions about class consciousness as applied to politics. He applies to it the same test that he applies to aggrandized executives and supergovernments of the world, namely, the constitution. The constitution contemplates no appeal to groups or classes in the body politic, he says. Perhaps you cannot push the class struggle aside so easily, but it may be worth while to be less conscious about class consciousness, a rule that applies to physical ailments. At any rate Mr. Harding offers a chance to try it.

League of Nations Mr. Harding rejects as he rejects all these other things. It is not American. It violates the traditions of the country as much as the aggrandized executive does, or the class struggle or the breakdown of the party government does.
Takes Bitter-Ender Stand
After Senator Lodge had spoken, telling Mr. Harding of his nomination, Senator Harding replied to him there could be no question that the Republican party, if put into power, means to reject utterly the League of Nations. The leaders of the party have come around to the bitter-ender position. They had not a word to say for the Lodge reservations.
The Marion Glee Club was in the big auditorium where the notification took place, which seats 2000 people, and which opens on all sides so that thousands more can sit and stand around it outside and hear and see what goes on within. The glee club sang a song which had a line about League of Nations rhyming later with reservations. That was the only reference to reservations during the ceremony.
The author of the reservations, Senator Lodge, incidentally neglected them. He condemned the league outright, as a super government, imperling our in-

Marching Clubs Come Early
The American Club, of Pittsburgh, came early, wearing capes in spite of the heat and high white hats, which were handed down from the Daines campaign. The Canton Club, in the formal frock coats and high hats of the McKinley days, the straggling Detroiters, who come from an uptown town and don't know the fine traditions of uniform and marching preserved in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Canton and other places with memories going back to the 1890s.
Mr. Harding shook hands and acknowledged cheers and applause till he was tired, smiling and saying graciously "Glad to meet you, boys." When Mr. Harding stood on the steps beside him he said, "I am glad to have you boys see the head of this household," in the good old-fashioned way, unconscious of how many times that compliment had been paid. The boys replied, "The next first lady of the land," falling into the good old Americanism about the President's wife.
It was an affair between neighbors and the actual neighbors of the candidate stood about outside the ropes, which were there merely to reserve the crushed stone-covered lawn for the paraders. The national commitment, watching what happened proudly and sympathetically, were middle-class people, quite simply, almost rurally dressed.

Acceptance Speech in Harmony
And the speech of acceptance delivered in the afternoon at Gasfield Park was in perfect harmony with that background. It was the speech of a man who knows America in some of its kindest, most lovable aspects and now wants to keep America what it was, what he knows it to be today and what the people of Emporia, Kansas; Canandaigua, N. Y., and a thousand other towns like Marion know it to be.
Mr. Harding rejects anything which would take us away from the America which he knows and loves, the America of the past, one might say, when one regards the emphasis laid here today on the McKinley tradition, the marching clubs, the archaic regalia, the farces which Marion fed the multitudes but the America of the present, you would say, when you saw Marion itself and realized how typical of such that best in this country today this small city is.
The candidate wants the President

stitutions, and offered no suggestion that it be patched up with reservations or otherwise.
The candidate, a little less definitely, followed in the path of the notifier. His speech meant clearly that the Republican party takes boldly the extreme position of rejecting the league outright. It will favor disarmament and an arbitration tribunal as means of making war less likely, but the league, with its tendency to involve us in European politics, it rejects.
The Republicans intend to press this issue. They intend to keep it uppermost if they can. They believe they can win on this issue. They believe they want to get back to American traditions—the traditions out of which Marion grew and became what it is and which are so large a part of the political consciousness of Mr. Harding.
The candidate's speech was full of words beginning with "re"—renew, re- turn, restore, reveal—words that meant getting back to something which was forgetting, losing or in danger of losing. It came appropriately from his lips in his surroundings. He is a man of the old American statesman type. His face has that handsome distinction you see in faces on our postage stamps. And the "let us get back to safer and better things" motive of the day was staged, a little deliberately and consciously, with a harmonious background.

DRY CANDIDATES ASSAIL HARDING
Watkins and Colvin Condemn Republican Nominee's Stand on Prohibition
BRYAN REFUSED TO RUN
By the Associated Press
Lincoln, Neb., July 23.—Aaron S. Watkins, of Germantown, O., and D. Leigh Colvin, of New York, Prohibition party candidates for the presidency and vice presidency, today issued statements condemning the stand on prohibition taken by Senator Harding in his speech of acceptance yesterday.
"We notice with regret," Mr. Watkins said, "that Senator Harding mentions and even emphasizes the fact that many dissent from the law, and he will, if possible, I think, secure its repeal."
"It is all right for Senator Harding to speak of law enforcement," said Mr. Colvin. "A man who would do that. But his broad statement about repeal makes his stand absolutely unacceptable."
Bryan Rejected Nomination
The national Prohibition convention adjourned shortly after midnight after Mr. Watkins and Mr. Colvin. The nominations came after William Jennings Bryan, nominated Wednesday, had sent word that he could not accept because he wished to remain a Democrat, although he had "not decided how he would vote this fall."
Mr. Watkins won on the second ballot. He and R. H. Patton, of Springfield, Ill., each received 85 votes on the first ballot. The vote was: Watkins, 108; Patton, 74; D. A. Poling, 24; C. A. Randall, 2. It took 105 votes to nominate.
Teacher Now, Once a Preacher
Mr. Watkins is a professor of literature in a Germantown military academy. He was a professor in Ada College, Ohio, several years and was vice presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket in 1908 and 1912.
He was born on a farm near Rushsylvania, O. He is fifty-three years old. He preached seventeen years in the Methodist church before starting teaching and was nominated for governor of Ohio on the Prohibition ticket in 1905 and 1908.
Mr. Colvin is an author. Like his associate on the ticket, he is a native of Ohio.
The party adopted a platform favoring the League of Nations, but expressing no opposition to reservations; advocating greater participation by women in federal agencies for bettering the condition of workers; promising farmers aid in equalizing prices, obtaining farm labor and co-operative marketing, and demanding industrial courts to end industrial warfare.

HARDING STEPS IN TO AID SUFFRAGE
Marion, O., July 23.—(By A. P.)—"Earnest hope" that Republican members of the Tennessee Legislature will support ratification of the woman suffrage amendment was expressed today by Senator Harding in a telegram to John C. Houk, a Republican member of the Senate of that state.
The message was sent in reply to one from Senator Houk asking for advice and was as follows:
"I have your message asking me if I would advise that the Republicans of the Tennessee Legislature vote for ratification of the woman's suffrage amendment."
"It is my earnest hope that the Republicans in the Tennessee Legislature, acting upon solemn conviction, can see their way clear to give their support to this amendment. I believe in suffrage for our party has endorsed it in our national platform; twenty-nine republicans states have ratified the amendment; but one more state is needed to ratify every loyal American woman, and it would be gratifying to me personally if the Republican members of the Tennessee Legislature accomplished that enfranchisement."
Senator Harding's stand on the League of Nations, outlined yesterday in his speech formally accepting the Republican nomination for the presidency, was expected today by his managers here to furnish the chief bone of contention during the next stage of the political campaign.
Democratic demands that the candidate make a more specific exposition of details of the proposed "understanding" are fully expected here, and the senator's friends declare he will be ready to answer. In that connection they singled out today one paragraph in the acceptance speech as indicating what from his replies might follow.
"If men call for more specific details," he said, "I remind them that moral commitments are broad and all-inclusive and every country comprising peoples in the concord of humanity advancement. From our own viewpoint the program is specifically American, and we mean to be Americans first, to all the world."

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CONVENTION WAS COMPLETELY UNPLANNED
when informed by the Associated Press that Mr. Bryan had flatly refused the nomination.
The convention was in recess when the first dispatches from Roseman, Mont., were received, but the news quickly spread, and a funeral could not have given a more disconsolate appearance around the Prohibition headquarters.
QUIZ HARDING AND COX
Candidates Will Be Asked to Reply to Farmers' Questionnaire
Chicago, July 23.—(By A. P.)—Senator Harding and Governor Cox will be pressed for an answer to the questionnaire sent out before the convention by the national board of farm organizations, according to a decision by the board meeting here today. The board decided to send a committee to see each candidate and request that he give a statement outlining his stand on agricultural questions.
The national board represents farm organizations with a membership of 2,000,000 farmers.

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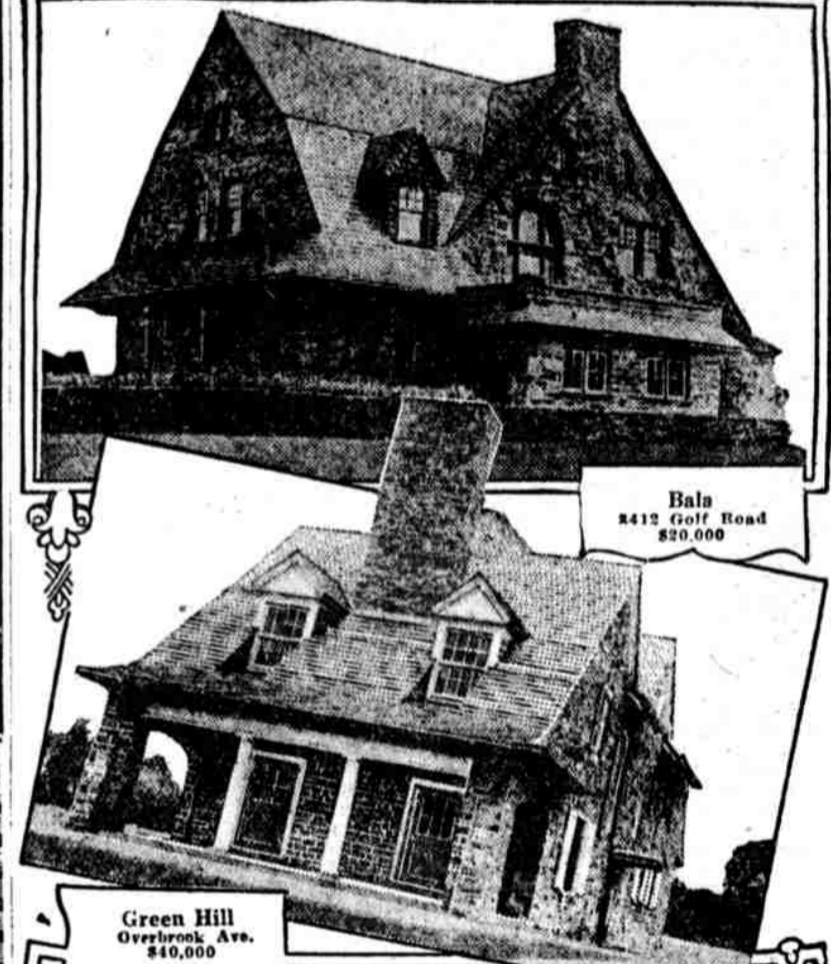
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