HARDING—THE EDITOR



International.

Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican nominee for President, is thoroughly familiar with the imposing stone and can "make-up" rapidly and skillfully. Here he is shown "making-up" forms in the composing room of his newspaper, the Marion (O.) Star.

A DAY WITH SENATOR HARDING

Calm, Steady, Determined, the American Who Is Leading the Republican Party to Victory Goes About the Business of the Campaign in His Modest Office in Marion.

By WILLIAM HOSTER.

The American people will decide, of course. If they can visualize the vital principle which is at stake—the spirit which is at once the keynote and the mainspring of the campaign upon which the nation has entered, there can be no doubt of the result.

It isn't a thing that can be carried about the country, and exhibited from the rear end of a Pullman car. It is wholly apart from the red fire, blaring bands and stump oratory of old-fashioned campaigns. The issue, in short, goes deep down to that principle which has been the mainspring of the national life since the days of Lexington and Concord; and the patriotic citizen, Republican and Democrat alike, by taking counsel with himself, will find it imbedded in his own heart.

Here in Marion, O., you get a concrete exposition of that vital principle. It is good to come to Marion and get the true perspective. You are brought anew, here, to the realization that the country is in process of electing a chief executive to guide the destinies of 120,000,000 people for the four years ensuing from March 4 next; that the very serious business of bringing about what a European observer described as "a revolution by due process of law," is going forward with a proper regard for the dignity and importance of the task.

Scene Entirely Appropriate.

Your first impression is of the fitness of Marion as the scene for the enactment of such a chapter in American history. It is a quiet little country town, for all its boasted industrial activity; and when you approach the Harding residence, one among many in its simplicity and attractiveness, you feel it is quite in keeping with events that from this typical American home there should come a modest, dignified and capable, up-standing American upon whom the choice of his fellow citizens should fall to uphold the honor and traditions of the nation. This conviction grows when you meet the man. He is typical of the successful business man—of the hundreds of thousands of successful Americans who have accumulated a competence through the ordinary channels which are open to all hard working, straightforward American boys.

Meet him, now. He has established an office in the home of George Christian, Jr., his secretary, which adjoins the Harding house—and this is typical; chief and secretary live side by side, each owning his own modest home. And by the way, these executive officers are illuminating as to the kind of a man it is whom the Republican party has made its standard bearer in this epoch-making campaign. Every room in the house is given over to the business in hand—the senator's conference room is the Christian dining room, his private office, where the important conferences are held, is the kitchen. In the living room sits Christian. Elsewhere, from cellar to garret, the staff are at work. No confusion, no disorder, no hectic shouting at the top of one's voice, no running around in circles, pounding of the table, no Harrying, Jimmying or Billying, with strident denunciations of the other side, and loud boastings of the way the opposition candidate is to be beaten into a pulp. Just a thorough, careful, business-like transaction of the business in hand—precisely the way in which we like to think the work of 120,000,000 people will be conducted at the White House after March 4.

Step into the dining room and meet the senator. Just at the minute he is reading proof on editorials which are to be printed in his newspaper, the Marion "Star," in the afternoon. The senator stands for everything that is printed in the "Star," and is careful to read what goes into its columns before the paper goes to press. Disposing of the proof sheet, he shakes hands cordially with you, and you are at liberty to size him up.

Mark Him Dependable.

He is somewhat above the average, of course, because he has already been singled out by the people of Ohio to represent them in the senate. But aside from this: You are at once struck by his balance and his poise. You mark him as dependable—safe. There is that in his face, on his brow, which gives assurance that he is not the sort of a man who will speak without thinking, or act without deliberating. There is reserve force in his bearing, determination in his jaws, character in his mouth, kindly sympathy in his eyes.

As you listen to him talk here in the Christian dining room, or later, in a speech to a visiting delegation from the front porch of his home, this conviction is strengthened. He doesn't say anything in his office that he wouldn't say out on the porch, nor anything on the porch that he wouldn't adhere to in all sincerity in his office.

The thing that strikes you at all times—it is the very atmosphere of Marion—is his moderation, his restraint—the absence of all bombast and exaggeration in his statements, the careful presentation of the issues, the avoidance of all attempt to array one class against the other, the conveyance of the desire, if called to the presidency, to be president of all the people: and, without making any high-sounding promises, to give all of the people the best that is in him.

Avoids Personal Controversy.

Particularly noticeable is his avoidance of personal controversy. Not once since his nomination has Harding referred in a public speech to his opponent. He adheres to the issues. Not once has he permitted himself to indulge in personal denunciation of his rival.

He is sane. He has fixed convictions as to the moderation and balance which should characterize candidates for the high office of the presidency; departure from which he believes, without doing any good to the candidate who offends, does serve to bring American institutions into contempt.

During the war there was a Harding-kind of man in service as bo'sun on an American merchantman. The time came when the ship was torpedoed; and the bo'sun was put in charge of the tiller on the whaleboat in which a goodly portion of the crew took refuge. A storm arose, and there was imminent danger that the boat would be swamped. In the stern sheets sat the bo-sun, rigid and erect, his hand locked to the tiller. He said little—"Steady!" now and then to the rowers; or "hold fast; take her head on!" as the boat rose on the crest of a giant wave, and then plunged straight down into the trough of the sea. But for twenty-three hours straight-away, he held fast to the tiller, and he didn't relinquish it until he had guided the boat hard and fast on a friendly beach.

Then he got up and stretched and asked for a pipe of tobacco.

Calm, steady, determined and knowing his business, one conceives of the other Harding thus guiding the ship through any storm that may arise, to a safe harbor.

To Find the Gear of Bicycles.

To find the gear of a bicycle, divide the number of teeth in the front sprocket by the number of teeth in the rear sprocket and multiply by the diameter in inches of the rear wheel. For example: Twenty-one teeth in the front sprocket seven teeth in the rear sprocket and a 28-inch wheel. Twenty-one divided by seven equals three; three times twenty-eight is eighty-four—the gear of the bicycle.

Must Keep Fit.

There's something magnetic in the ability to do a difficult thing well. Yet how often we let our powers get away from us. The sweetest singer in a small town decided she wouldn't sing for a while. Then one day a distinguished visitor came to town and the town wanted to do him honor. The young lady was delighted when she was asked to sing. But alas, she was far below par when she attempted to sing, and her performance was a general disappointment. One can't keep fit without keeping at the fitting business.—Grit.

True Friendship.

What is it that charms us most in a friend? It is that he can read the transient expression in our face, and modify himself to suit the feeling we are ourselves but half conscious of possessing; it is that he knows when to be silent and when to speak; it is that he never mistakes, but sees us true, when all the world is wrong about us. Such a friend has not only power of character, but beauty of character.—Stopford Brooke.

John Chinaman at Home.

In China everything is eaten—from cockroaches and lesser vermin to rats and cats, also dogs. Kippered rats are on sale in the market, and a story is related by the writer of "John Chinaman at Home" of a lady who having expressed approval of the dish she had partaken of, was considerably taken aback when she was told by her hosts, "Oh, that is the rat I caught in your room this morning!"

Why the Sky Is Blue.

When you refer to the blue sky, you really mean the blue rays in light, which is a compound of many colors. The blue of the sky is mainly due to particles floating in the air. These particles, which consist almost entirely of the gases which constitute the atmosphere itself, scatter and break up the blue rays in light, with the result that while the sky becomes azure, the sun looks yellow.

Statue of Egyptian King.

An Egyptian statue of King Tout-Ankh-Amar has been acquired by the Museum of the Louvre for just over $45,000. The statue, which has been in a French prince's possession since 1860, is said to be a great work of art. It was badly mutilated thousands of years before Christ by the king's subjects, wrathful over his misrule.

Bird Songs at Pairing Season.

The tender emotions of the pairing season urge almost all birds, however unproficient in minstrelsy, to become troubadours for the time being—even from such birds as sandpipers, stints, and others, the season calls forth a tribute of song. This often takes the form of a trill executed as the bird descends through the air, with wings upraised and trembling.

Cause of Forest Fires.

The greatest mechanical cause of forest fires is the operation of the railroad locomotive through woodland regions, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington, D. C. Fires caused by portable steam mills and other engines are negligible as compared to the total.

Inauguration Day.

Inauguration day was fixed on March 4, 1789, by the Continental congress simply because the date was convenient upon which to get the new government established, a thing which congress wanted to accomplish as soon as possible after the adoption of the Constitution.

Pets of the Famous.

Goethe and Emperor Tiberius were devoted to tame serpents. Richter was fond of a huge spider. Rembrandt had a favorite ape, Cardinal Mazarin a pet monkey and the great Richelieu preferred a collection of cats.

Reversed Position.

A friend took her four-year-old son to the circus. And upon returning home his father asked him: "Did you see the elephants, too?" The little fellow replied: "Yes, and they wagged their tails in front."

Jokes Brought Recollection.

"I liked that last story of yours," he said to the funny merchant. "Always have liked it. I recollect when I first heard that yarn I laughed so much I nearly kicked my cradle to pieces."

Big Area in Parks.

There are 18 national parks located in 14 states and territories and comprising nearly 8,000,000 acres of land, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington.

To See What's Inside.

In giving little Willie a present you can greatly facilitate matters by also presenting him with a hammer with which to break it.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Belong in the Museum.

A well-appointed carriage and team of horses is so rare a sight on the streets of New York as to excite general comment.

Foolish Mankind!

Jud Tunkins says the ego is unconquerable. Everybody imagines he is going to live a hundred years or so, although nobody ever does.

Paper Devoted to Rheumatism.

One of the oddest periodicals in the world is a monthly paper devoted entirely to the interests of rheumatic sufferers.

Their Method.

"In the days of the cave man," remarked the man on the car, "the girls wore their hair loose down the back, so they would be easy to catch."—Toledo Blade.

Nature Evens Things Up.

If the poor man cannot always get meat, the rich man cannot always digest it.—Giles.

One-Foot Oyster in Australia.

The largest edible oysters in the world are found in Australia. They measure sometimes more than a foot across the shell.

"Inspired Idiot."

We are told that this was a nickname bestowed by Horace Walpole on Oliver Goldsmith, because of the strange medley of wit and foolishness, genius and stupidity which entered into his mental makeup.

WM. J. BRYAN SAYS FILIPINO WON THE HONORS

(In a signed, copyrighted article written from the Democratic convention hall at San Francisco for the International News Service, William J. Bryan paid the following remarkable tribute to Jose P. Melencio, the young Filipino who is in charge of the Philippine Independence Publicity campaign in the United States:)

By WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

The greatest personal victory yet won in this Democratic convention was scored by a young Filipino by the name of Jose P. Melencio. He has charge of the Philippine Publicity Bureau at Washington.

He is only twenty-six years old and received his education in the public schools of the Philippines—under American teachers, as he proudly boasted—and at Georgetown, D. C. He is a remarkably promising young man.

Speaking with grace, using the best language and without a trace of embarrassment, he presented the claim of the Filipinos to independence. The audience was astonished at the strength of his argument, the skill with which he marshaled his facts and the high tone of his speech. He captivated everyone and committeemen and visitors paid him the compliment of rising and cheering when he concluded his plea.

When one of the committee asked him some questions he returned to the platform and answered them with as much logic and precision as if he had taken weeks to prepare his answer. It was a remarkable triumph.

As one who began twenty-two years ago to fight for the promise of independence I was proud of this illustration of what the Filipino is capable.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

The University of Santo Tomas is 25 years older than Harvard.

The Filipino people number 10,350,640, of which 9,495,272 are Christians and only 9 per cent non-Christians.

They have been Christians for 300 years and have a culture and refinement that will compare very favorably with that of other nations.

There are only 6,684 Japanese in the Philippines. There are about 100,000 Japanese in California alone, or 15 times as many as in the entire Philippine archipelago.

English is taught exclusively in the Philippine public schools. Two million natives now speak English fluently, and there are 700,000 English speaking children in the public schools. It is destined to be the national language.

Seventy per cent of the inhabitants of the Philippines over ten years of age, according to a census just completed, are literate. This is a higher percentage of literacy than that of any South American country, higher than that of Spain and higher than that of any of the new republics of Europe whose independence is being guaranteed by the Allies.

The Filipino people are unanimous in their desire for independence. Whenever they are called upon to deposit their ballots they have always ratified this aspiration. At every session before adjournment their representatives in the Legislature reiterate their faith in the principles of liberty and the independence of the Filipino people.

The Filipinos declare they have no grudge or grievance against the American people. Their appeal is accompanied by a message of friendship and gratitude for all that America has done for them. They point out that Uncle Sam gave independence to Cuba, and they hope that they, too, will receive that boon without which, they declare, no civilized and patriotic people can enjoy the maximum of happiness and self-respect.

A special delegation of Filipinos, officially representing the Filipino people, attended the Republican and Democratic National conventions, seeking an indorsement of the Filipino desire for independence in the two platforms. Their arguments, briefly stated, were as follows:

First.—That the American Declaration of Independence declares that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed;

Second.—That the American Congress, in the Jones law, solemnly promised the Filipinos independence upon the establishment of a stable government, and that their claim that the said stable government is now in existence in the islands has been officially confirmed by America's own representatives there; and

Third.—That America went before the world in the recent war as the avowed champion of "self determination," American soldiers having been told it was one of the things they were fighting and dying for.

Rare Metal in Coal.

The coal production at Vostergotland, Sweden, is said to have the special characteristic of containing the rare and valuable metal vanadium. Analysis shows 0.95 per cent of ash, of which 25 per cent is vanadium.

A Single Skull Craft.

English paper—He lived by himself in a lonely old household, from which he paddled himself ashore every morning in a top-hat.—Boston Transcript.

Humble Poet.

A lasting contribution to English literature was made in the eighteenth century by a domestic servant. This was Robert Dodsley, who as a young man served as a footman, and brought out his first work, "The Muse in Livery, or the Footman's Miscellany," whilst still in service. With the proceeds of these works and of "The Toyshop," a farce, he set up as a bookseller in Pall Mall, and within a few years became the most prominent of London's publishers. He issued the works of Pope, Johnson and Goldsmith, and inaugurated the "Annual Register."

Sing Sing.

The prison at Ossining, N. Y., is called Sing Sing because the city of Ossining formerly was named Sing Sing. The name is of Indian origin. The town was first settled in 1700 and incorporated under the name of Sing Sing in 1804. Because of the universal association of Sing Sing prison with the village the name of the place was changed to Ossining in 1901. A new charter went into effect in 1906.

Where Chinese Women Rule.

The boatwomen of China have no need to agitate for women's rights, they possess them. The boatwoman, whether she be a single woman or a wife or a widow, is the head of the house, that is to say, of the boat. If she is married, the husband takes the useful but subordinate place of deckhand. She does the steering, makes bargains with the passengers, collects the money, buys supplies and in general lords it over everything.

Relic of Old Barbarism.

In ancient times, when the young man was unable to arrange with the parents for the purchase of the girl, he would run off with her and hide. Many times he employed the help of a trusted friend. From these incidents came the well-known custom of the wedding journey of hidden destination. The trusted friend of long ago is the best man of today, who still helps with the arrangements of the wedding.

Good Medicine!

The Journal of the American Medical Association recommends a laxative fruit cake made of equal parts of senna leaves, figs, dates, prunes, and raisins. It does not matter much whether the ingredients be weighed or measured, as exact proportioning is not essential. The dose is one slice, large or small, according to the requirements of the individual.

Robins.

Robins seem almost always to run along when they want to get anywhere. But now and then they take pretty strong hops that cover the ground much faster. When they run they lift their heads as though they were very proud indeed to go at such a pace.—Christian Science Monitor.

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