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HARDING AND COOLIDGE

Harding Nominated for President on Tenth Ballot and Coolidge for Vice President on the First.

The big contest for the republican presidential nomination at the republican convention held at Chicago last week, ended at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, when Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, was nominated on the tenth ballot receiving 67 1/2 votes on this ballot. Wood having 157 1/2; Lowden 12; Johnson 80 4-5; Hoover 10 1/2; LaFollette 24, and several scattering votes. An attempt was made to declare his nomination unanimous, but LaFollette supporters objected vigorously, and it is said LaFollette will bolt the nomination. Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, was nominated for vice president by a ballot taken on Friday, four ballots being taken, and then an adjournment was taken until Saturday.

On the first ballot Wood had 128 1/2; Lowden 21 1/2; Johnson 133 1/2; Harding 64 1/2; Sprawl 83 1/2; with a lot of scattering votes. The second ballot gave Wood 289 1/2; Lowden 259 1/2; Johnson 146; Harding 59.

The third ballot Wood had 303; Lowden 282 1/2; Johnson 148; Harding 78 1/2.

The fourth ballot Wood received 314 1/2; Lowden 289; Johnson 140 1/2; Harding 61 1/2.

The fifth ballot Wood had 299; Lowden 293; Johnson 133 1/2; Harding 78 1/2.

The sixth ballot gave Wood 311 1/2; Lowden 311 1/2; Johnson 110; Harding 89.

The seventh ballot Wood had 312; Lowden 311 1/2; Johnson 99 1/2; Harding 10.

Commencing with the eighth ballot both Wood and Lowden commenced slipping, Wood having 299; Lowden 307; Johnson 87; Harding 133 1/2.

An adjournment was then taken until 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, to allow the leaders to consult and endeavor to reach an agreement which would break the deadlock.

At 4:50 o'clock the chairman ordered the roll call for the ninth ballot, and word was sent by Governor Lowden that he had released all of his delegates.

The ninth ballot gave Wood 249; Lowden 128 1/2; Johnson 82; Harding 37 1/2.

During the first nine ballots the Iowa delegation had voted their 26 votes solidly for Lowden, but on the tenth and final ballot Iowa cast 26 votes for Harding.

The tenth and final ballot gave Wood 157 1/2; Lowden 12; Johnson 80 4-5; Harding 67 1/2.

It only took one ballot to nominate the vice president, Coolidge getting 67 1/2; Lenroot 14 1/2; Allen 28 1/2; Johnson 22 1/2; Gronna 24; Pritchard 11.

The convention broke all records for balloting since 1880.

Warren G. Harding, the republican nominee, was born on Nov. 2, 1865, at Blooming Grove, Marion county, Ohio, just nineteen miles east of Marion where he now resides. When a boy his family moved to Caledonia, where young Harding taught school for two years. He later received a college education at a Baptist college at Oberlin, Ohio.

When he was 19 years of age he began newspaper work as a reporter on the Marion Mirror. In 1884 he became the owner of the Marion Star, and he has conducted it continuously ever since, being a practical printer. His political life began in 1899 when he was elected to the state senate from the 13th Ohio district. In 1903 he was elected lieutenant governor of Ohio, and was elected to the United States senate in 1914.

Mr. Harding was married to Miss Florence Kling, of Marion, in 1891. They have no children.

Presidential Nominee Spoke in Leon in 1908.

Now that Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, has been honored with the highest gift in the power of the republican party, the nomination for president of the United States, many of our readers will recall hearing Mr. Harding, at that time governor of Ohio, speak at the Leon Chautauque, on Sunday afternoon, August 9, 1908, and The Reporter editor was called upon to introduce him to the audience, as Mr. Harding prided himself on being a newspaper man more than in being governor of the state of Ohio, and he specially requested that a newspaper man introduce him. Little did we think and little did Gov. Harding dream that twelve years later he would be a candidate for the presidency. On the occasion of his visit to Leon Gov. Harding at the last minute changed his topic from "The Big Stick" to "Alexander Hamilton—the Prophet of Our Destiny," and made one of the finest Chautauque addresses that a Leon audience was ever permitted to hear. Mr. Harding is a mighty fine fellow, and the one mistake of his life is in being a republican instead of a democrat.

Ed K. Pitman Was Defeated.

We regret that our old Leon citizen, Ed K. Pitman, of Northwood, Iowa, was defeated for the republican nomination for representative from Worth county in the primary election last week. There were three candidates, Schulte, a farmer, Pitman, an editor, and Paulson, a banker, and the voters of Worth county picked the farmer, Schulte, by a total of 1085, Pitman 562 and Paulson 373. Mr. Pitman can now get down to hard work on his newspaper again, and won't have to worry over the campaign this fall.

Reuben Chase Died Monday.

Reuben Chase, for many years a well known character of Leon, who although badly crippled up with rheumatism, made a living by selling cigars and shoe strings on the streets until a couple of years ago, when he went to the county home to make his home, died at the county home Monday evening, and was buried in the cemetery at that place Tuesday.

COUNTY NURSE FOR DECATUR COUNTY.

Leon and Lamoni Red Cross Chapters Will Provide County School Nurse For Next Year.

It is with pleasure we announce all arrangements have been made for the employment of a county nurse for the school children of Decatur county next year, the result of the combined efforts of the two Red Cross Chapters of Decatur county, Leon and Lamoni. County superintendent Miss Kate Hull has been working on the project for some time, as she realizes the necessity of providing a trained nurse to visit and examine as well as care for the school children, many of whom no doubt need attention and are not aware of it. The nurse will be secured through the central division of the Red Cross at Chicago and will be on duty by September 1st. Last Friday W. A. Hopkins, G. W. Blair, Oscar Anderson and Prof. Carmichael, of Lamoni, met with a committee from the Leon Chapter in that city, and all details were arranged. Miss Kate Hull being appointed as temporary chairman of the combined committee on Nursing Activities, the other members being E. G. Monroe and Miss Eva Rhea of Leon, Miss Grace Rayn of Woodland, Mrs. Ed Gaunt of Garden Grove, Mrs. Ira Brown of Grand River and G. W. Blair of Lamoni, with the two chairmen of the Red Cross Chapters, V. R. McGinnis of Leon, and W. A. Hopkins, of Lamoni, as ex-officio members. Mr. T. J. Edmonds of Des Moines, representing the Iowa tuberculosis association was present at the meeting and rendered assistance in the work of the organization.

This is one of the best things which have ever been done for the school children of Decatur county. The nurse will devote all her time to visiting the various schools of the county, examining the children, and advising in regard to their care, especially those who show symptoms of tuberculosis, diseased tonsils, adenoids and other ailments, often unknown to pupil or parent, and which should have attention to insure the good health of the child. In counties where the county nurse has been tried out great good has been accomplished, and Decatur county will now take a place in this progressive work.

\$300,000 Real Estate Deal.

One of the biggest real estate deals, which involves a little over \$300,000, was closed up in this city Wednesday evening. The deal was for 667 acres of his farm in Woodland and Morgan townships known as the old Beaumont farm, to J. T. Haugh, of Los Angeles, California, for \$150,075, being \$225 per acre, taking in exchange three new flat buildings in Los Angeles at a valuation of \$151,000. The flat buildings are the largest and finest in Los Angeles, each of the three buildings containing four seven room flats with garage in the rear, and they are occupied at a good rental. Mr. Bowsher retained the north eighty acres of the farm, so that in case he goes broke on his California investment, he will still have a Decatur county farm which will make him a good living. Mr. Haugh had been in Leon for a couple of weeks looking over the farm and closing up the negotiations, which were begun while Mr. Bowsher was in Los Angeles the past winter. The deal was made out and possession of both properties pass to the new owners July 1st.

We are pleased to state that while Mr. Bowsher has disposed of his big farm, he has no intention of leaving Leon, but will continue to make this city his home, but will spend a few months in California each winter. For some time he has been arranging his business affairs so that he would not be confined so closely, and desired to turn his farm into income property, and he thinks he has a splendid investment in the flat buildings in Los Angeles which will bring him a good rental each month.

Food Displaces Hounds as Fox Chaser.

The fivers manufactured by Henry Ford have been put to many uses, but Leo Hoffman has decided they are better than fox hounds when it comes to catching foxes. Last Wednesday evening, Leo was returning from Garden Grove, and when near the W. H. Snyder farm six miles northeast of Leon, saw some kind of a wild animal start across the road, so he just stepped on his new Ford and the wheel caught the animal and keeled it over. Leo stopped his car and went back to see if he had killed something and found a half grown red fox lying by the side of the road stunned, so he took an old coat and threw it over the fox and brought it home with him, and as it showed signs of life he put it in a cage and the next morning found Mr. Fox just as chipper as before he was struck, and Cal Hoffman says it is the reddest fox he ever saw and he is going to keep the fox and make a pet of it, at least until it gets busy with the chickens on the Hoffman farm.

Fig Tree is Bearing.

Mrs. Cliff Woodard has a fig tree at her home in Decatur, which this year is full of fruit, the first time it has ever had any figs on it. Cliff's grandfather, the late Wm. Woodard, had the tree for a number of years, but it never bore figs, and after his death it was taken to his grandson's home. They are hoping the figs will mature as they will be quite a novelty in this county.

Leon 8, Chariton 7.

The Leon ball team went to Chariton Sunday and defeated the Chariton team in a hotly contested game by the close score of 8 to 7, this being the second time Leon has defeated the Chariton boys.

Odd Fellows Decoration Next Sunday.

The Leon Odd Fellows will observe their annual decoration day on next Sunday afternoon. The members will assemble at the hall at 2 o'clock and march to the cemetery, where the exercises will be held, and the graves of the departed brethren decorated with flowers. There are about sixty Odd Fellows buried in the Leon cemetery.

A FAIR WILL BE HELD

Directors Decide to go Ahead and Hold Fair in September. Begin Work on New Amphitheatre.

The new Decatur County Fair Association will hold their first fair this year. That has been definitely settled, a meeting of the directors being held Monday at which this action was decided upon. The tightening of the money market and scarcity of material for a time made it look as if a fair could not be held before next year, but the officers are confident they have overcome the difficulties and things will hum from now on. It was decided that a fine amphitheatre 52x200 feet would be erected, and work was commenced Tuesday holding materials for the structure, and the concrete footings will be in place by the last of this week. The amphitheatre will be built so that when necessary additional sections can be built, right on to it. It is to be built for the fair, but if this cannot be done tents will be secured for the exhibits the first year and the permanent buildings will be erected next spring. Many attractions have been booked for the fair, and everybody can get ready to make exhibits and attend the fair. Although the time will be short, the men behind the fair are the kind that will make a success of it, and they don't know what the word fail means.

Mrs. Frank Farquhar Injured in Auto Accident.

Mrs. Frank Farquhar of this city, was quite seriously injured in an auto accident near Wick last Saturday morning. Mrs. Farquhar in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Orel Estes, were driving bars west of Leon on the highway, and when just north of Wick collided with a big touring car owned by a man residing at St. Charles. Mrs. Estes was driving, going north on the right hand side of the road, and at a turn on the hill the big car came from the east driving about twenty-five miles an hour, and turned the corner on the wrong side of the road. Seeing she would strike the car, she tried to turn right, but the car was too close, and she was unable to avoid a collision. Mrs. Farquhar was thrown out and the two cars came together. Mrs. Estes escaped with the shaking up, but Mrs. Farquhar, who was in a front seat, was thrown against something and then fell back in the seat again. The car was only slightly damaged and the two ladies drove on to Des Moines, where Mrs. Farquhar was taken to the Methodist hospital for examination, and an X-ray disclosed that her pelvic bone was broken in two places. She was later removed to the home of James Alexander, where she is being cared for, and getting along as well as could be expected, and may be able to be brought home on a cot the latter part of the week.

A Big Family Picnic.

A very pleasant family picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yant Wasson on Friday night, August 13th, in Morgan township last Sunday, the occasion being a reunion of the Rockhold families and a few friends, it being held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Rockhold and son, of Los Angeles, California, who are visiting in Leon. They had good eats galore and everybody enjoyed the gathering. Among those present were Crit Rockhold and family and Earl Rockbreath and family of Leon, and Mrs. J. E. Van of Garden Grove, Mr. Hubbard, of Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wasson and grandson Bobby Bradley, of Adelphi, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Wasson and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Varga and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Varga and children, of Leon.

Contest Over Will of Mantie Mitten.

Objections have been filed in the district court to the probating of the will of Miss Mantie Mitten, by her nephews and niece, Chleo Roberts, Clyde Mitten, Clair Mitten and Mrs. Maud Hinkle, alleging that the will is not in fact her own, but was procured by the undue influence of others, and was not and is not the voluntary act of said Mantie Mitten. The contestants have retained Marion Woodard and Baker & Parrish as attorneys. Chleo Roberts, and the other contestants are children of a deceased brother. In the will which was filed for probate Miss Mitten bequeathed \$100 each to Clyde and Clair Mitten, and Mrs. Maud Hinkle, but made no bequest to Chleo Roberts.

Elected President of Big Insurance Co.

Mr. E. Housh, of Leon, was last Saturday elected president of the State Horticultural Insurance Co., of Des Moines, the big crop insurance company organized some years ago by W. F. Ghormley, a former citizen of Leon, which now ranks as one of the biggest companies in this line of insurance in the United States, having more than \$3,000,000 worth of policies on their books, the success of the company having been phenomenal. We understand that a controlling interest in the company is now owned by Mr. Ghormley, Mr. E. Housh and Mr. Charles Housh.

Leon Tackles Davis City Next Sunday.

The first game between Leon and Davis City this year will be played at the Leon ball park next Sunday, June 20th, the game being called at 3:30 o'clock. Davis City has been putting up extra good ball this year and will be a good game. Sample, Overton and Smith will be the Leon battery and Tarilton and Butcher for Davis City.

Round—Frisby.

Mr. Herbert E. Roush of Ellipton, Iowa, and Miss Carla Frisby of Keokuk, Iowa, were united in marriage on June 9, 1920, at the Bethesda resort. The best wishes of their many friends go with them to their new life.

Marriage Licenses.

Hubert E. Roush, Ellipton 28  
Carla L. Frisby, Keokuk 19  
J. Lawrence Calhoun, LeRoy 24  
Nina Newman, Leon 23

Official Canvass Nominated Ray Scott for Sheriff.

The board of supervisors canvassed the returns of the primary election Tuesday, and the discovery was made that Ray Scott was nominated as the republican candidate for sheriff, receiving five votes more than the required 35 per cent of the total vote cast, the error being made in a very peculiar manner. In Center township when the election officials filled out the returns on the outside of the election envelope they credited Bob Scott and M. S. Sullivan each with 22 votes, but when the votes were canvassed it was discovered that they wrongfully credited M. S. Sullivan with 22 votes when in fact he only received seven votes, this reducing the total number of votes cast for sheriff to 1662, and Ray Scott received a total of 587, gaining one vote on the official canvass which gives him five votes more than the required 35 per cent. The official canvass for sheriff on the republican ticket gives Ray Scott 587, Bob Scott 33, M. S. Sullivan 227 and Clem Thompson 354.

The official canvass for representative on the republican ticket for representative reduces Ralph Rumley's majority over Oscar Anderson from 23 to 18.

Many scattering votes were given to various candidates on both tickets for offices for which no nominations had been filed and no names printed on the ticket. Dr. H. R. Layton on the republican ticket leads for coroner with 19 votes, and on the democratic ticket Charles Horn had 25 for county treasurer and Olin A. Jones 23, Ralph McGinnis received 30 votes for county attorney, but none of the republican ticket leads for coroner at ten per cent of the votes cast for governor at the last election, so they were not nominated, and the vacancies will have to be filled at the county conventions.

K. of P. Decoration Day.

Last Sunday was the annual K. of P. decoration day, and again was the remarkable good weather record which has lasted for almost a third of a century, maintained. Each year it seems to revive some time the Knights will strike a rainy day for their decoration day exercises, but they have had good weather for more than thirty years.

The Knights assembled at the hall at 2 o'clock and were led by the Leon boys band, marched to the cemetery, each Knight carrying a large bouquet of flowers in addition to the beautiful floral triangles for the graves of the twenty-three Knights buried in the cemetery. At the cemetery the beautiful ritualistic services were conducted with Chancellor Commander J. S. Parrish and Harry Bradford officiating as prelate, the Knights being under the command of the Knights Charles Horn. Many citizens were in attendance to witness the beautiful ceremony of stripping the graves of the departed Knights with flowers. In the list of Knights as published last week, two names were omitted, so the list is printed again this week, with the missing names added:

W. A. Brown.  
J. E. Brooks.  
R. I. Benefield.  
J. Bennett.  
Robert Bowsher.  
A. E. Chase.  
O. W. Curry.  
O. D. Edmiston.  
Frank Gardner.  
Emma C. Gindler.  
James Goins.  
Charles Harrell.  
George E. Hurst.  
E. B. McClelland.  
Henry Ott.  
E. V. Roberts.  
W. W. Sanger.  
Orr Sang.  
Ed Gray.  
J. H. Stover.  
Ed H. Schenck.  
S. W. Wallace.  
Len Zimmerman.

Found Dead in Bed.

Miss Iona Coll was found dead in her bed at her home a block north of the city last Friday night a few minutes after 10 o'clock, and had evidently died some time Thursday night. Miss Coll, who was sixty-seven years old, resided alone in the house where she died. Mrs. Anna Wallace occupying the house a part of the house. Miss Coll was up town Thursday afternoon, returning home about 4 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Wallace did not see her at all on Friday, but supposed she had gone away for the day as she never reached home. Friday evening Mrs. Emma Pace Crouse was visiting with Mrs. Wallace and asked about Miss Coll, and Mrs. Wallace told her she must have gone away as she had not seen her all day. Mrs. Crouse noticed as she was leaving the house that the windows upstairs were all open and thought it strange Miss Coll would go away and leave her windows open, so she went upstairs and found Miss Coll dead in bed. She had retired the previous evening, in apparent good health, and evidently had passed away without a struggle, as she was in a very natural position, and had probably died soon after retiring. In the absence of coroner Layton an inquest was held by Justice J. S. Parrish, and it developed her death was caused from heart disease.

Sold Two Good Farms.

Earl Akes, who has been up at Eldora for several weeks writing ball insurance, has also been doing some real estate business, as the past week he brought some Hardin country farmers here and sold them two good farms, the 240 acre owned by C. M. Akes north of Leon, known as the James Casey farm being bought by Omer T. Weigand of Whitten, Iowa, at \$165 per acre, and adjoining 240 acres owned by Akes & McDonough, known as the Cahill farm, being bought by Mr. Vinton of Hardin county, at \$160 per acre. Both of these farms are part of the old Henry Miller farm, one of the good farms of this county. The new owners will take possession March 1st, and they expect to move here and operate the farms.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

The following marriage licenses were issued the past week: David O. Thomas 21 to Minnie W. Alley 17.

Eddie W. Barrett 21 to Mattie Ivey 17.  
Frank N. Slade 31 to Mary Varga 22.  
Frank E. Chamberlin 21 to Eva E. Thompson.

Aunty Patterson's house and lot was sold at referee's sale Friday, being purchased by S. W. Hurs, for \$1,200.

A bouncing boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamilton, of Kingston on Tuesday of last week. Dr. H. R. Layton was granted a patent on June 14th on his invention for preventing rust in gun barrels.

James Hatfield, one of the pioneer settlers of Decatur county, died at Excelsior Springs, Mo., June 11th, aged 59 years.

Triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Driskill, of New Buda, township, Monday night, all three boys, but one of them died shortly after it was born.

Mrs. Will Huffman died at her home in this city Friday morning after a lingering illness. The funeral was held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. George M. Hughes.

At a special meeting of the city council held Monday night C. M. Akes was appointed to fill the vacancy as constable caused by the resignation of Will Shields. W. R. Kline was the other contestant for the place.

Mr. Marvin, a seven year old son of James Marvin Jr., met with a serious and painful accident Tuesday. He was in his bare feet and stepped on a garden rake one of the teeth going clear through his foot. He stepped back to pull the rake out and stepped on another rake with his other foot, running it half through that foot.

The Reporter office force were the recipients of a large and beautiful card yesterday with the compliments of Mr. Francis Varga.

George Hamilton, a farmer living about four miles south of Pleasanton, was struck by lightning last Friday and striking Hamilton, he was thrown in the air and his shop in Pleasanton when the building was struck, the lightning running down a rafter and striking Hamilton. He was knocked senseless, his hat being torn all to pieces and his hair badly singed.

He was carried to Hicknell's hotel and rendered every attention and on Sunday had recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home. The building scarcely showed any effects of the lightning, but a picture hanging on the wall was badly splintered and it is thought the current jumped from the picture frame to Hamilton's head.

Mr. Frank N. Slade, of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Mary Varga were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Varga in this city in the presence of about forty guests, the ceremony being performed by Rev. M. Noerr, of Sidney, Iowa, a former pastor of the Leon Presbyterian church. They will make their home in Pittsburg, Penn., where Mr. Slade has extensive business interests.

President J. C. Newton and superintendent T. C. Sherwood of the M. & K. C. passed through here Thursday going to Cainsville to look after matters connected with the extension of the road to Kansas City.

Svl B. Johnson dropped into Leon last Thursday and commenced working for John Ledgerwood at the New Hamilton hotel.

John Cover returned from Anamosa Saturday, his visit being cut short by the death of his mother, Mrs. Will Huffman.

The plans and specifications prepared by Jacob Hawk for the new building on the north side of the square, were accepted by the building committee Monday, and the contract for the erection of the building was awarded to Mr. Frank Hawk, who already had the contract for less than \$2000, and the contract for other extraordinary expenses, the plaintiffs alleging that defendant Wm. C. Young by fraud, duress and undue influence induced his father who was over 80 years old, totally blind and in failing health both physically and mentally, M. Moriarty and Baker & Parrish attorneys for plaintiff.

Robert Krenz vs. A. J. Fulton et al. Suit is to foreclose a real estate mortgage for \$4631.81. Varga & Son and L. M. Fisher attorneys for plaintiff.

George A. Friend vs. A. J. Fulton et al. Suit is to foreclose a real estate mortgage for \$667.00. L. M. Fisher and Varga & Son attorneys for plaintiff.

Garden Grove Consolidation Tie Vote.

The election on the proposed consolidated school district at Garden Grove and surrounding territory, was held last Thursday, and while the vote in the town of Garden Grove was strongly in favor of consolidation, 70 to 20, the vote in the rural district was a tie, there being 42 for and 42 against, and as the law provides that the proposition must have a majority in both town and rural districts the proposition was defeated, but it will be submitted again in the near future, steps having already been taken to the effect that a series of the prospects are that with a change of territory and the addition of the McAllister district the proposition will carry the next time it is voted on.

"Broken Blossoms."

People who have seen D. W. Griffith's great photoplay which will be shown again this evening at the Idle Hour theatre, say it is one of the best and prettiest pictures he ever produced. It is a story of love and lovers, and the story has a force and series of the most exquisite pictures ever projected on the screen. If you want to see a real picture see this one. If you have any doubts about it, ask anyone who saw it last evening.

Early Potatoes.

Every spring there is considerable rivalry among our local gardeners in bringing the best new potatoes to the Reporter office, but this year the men are outstripped by a woman, Miss Zilpha Davenport bringing us in the first new potatoes Monday, which were considerably larger than new eggs, and to make it work in raising them, spading up the ground, planting the potatoes and cultivating them. Score one for woman suffrage.

Top Price for Second-Hand Fords.

Estes & Co., the Leon Ford dealers, are establishing a great reputation for the prices they are paying for second-hand Fords and all other makes of cars. They have an outlet which permits them handling a big lot of cars, and many parties are driving from adjoining counties to their second-hand cars. Estes & Co. are handling more second-hand cars this year than any dealer between Kansas City and Des Moines.

Help Wanted—Night Clerk. Apply at Hotel Leon.