OLD GUARD PUT HARDING OVER IN G. HARVEY'S ROOM

By David Lawrence
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Chicago, Ill., June 15. — Harry Daugherty made a mistake. Three months ago, as campaign manager for Warren G. Harding, he predicted that about 2:11 a. m., within a "smoke filled room" on a certain night during the Republican national convention, the next nominee would be chosen. His mistake was on the time—it was 3:11 a. m.

That conference will go down in the history of politics as the final breakdown of the American primary system, so far as selecting presidential nominees is concerned. Senator Harding had carried his own state in the primaries only with the greatest difficulty and did not figure prominently in the nominating campaign in any other state.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT

Wood and Johnson carried many a state, but were sidetracked by the leaders of the Republican party and Harding was chosen because he was the only man upon whom an agreement could be reached.

Many a prominent man was present at the fateful conference.

Representatives of the candidates were on hand; several senators, managers and friends. Colonel George Harvey had the historic room, together with Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., Will Hays, the national chairman, and several of the national committeemen. Everybody had the feeling that a president was being chosen, for the expectation of victory in November was sure.

It was the plan of the Old Guard to nominate Lowden, but the Missouri expose on campaign expenditures, together with the threat of Hiram Johnson and Senator Borah of opposition to the ticket, prevented the Illinois executive from getting the prize. Really Senator Johnson vetoed both Lowden and Wood, and the leaders of the party decided upon Harding as the most unobjectionable of all the dark horses mentioned.

Of course, if Johnson had consented to run for vice president with Knox, the junior senator from Pennsylvania today would be the Republican nominee. Word was sent to Senator Johnson during the early hours of the morning asking him to go on the ticket with Knox, but he absolutely refused. So the old guard decided on Harding.

GOES WRONG ONCE

Tales galore are going the rounds about the dark horses that were in reserve. There seems to be no question about the fact that Senator Penrose would have made a drive for Knox at the psychological moment if he could have done it. And there is a well substantiated story that friends of Will Hays had it all fixed up for him.

Indeed, this convention was really a struggle between members of the national committee and the senatorial group. And the latter quietly took charge of things during the middle of the week and put through a man of their own choosing from the United States senate.

Old guard strategy went wrong in only one particular. Word was first sent to the Kansas delegation that if 20 votes were swung to Harding, Governor Allen would be made vice president.

And Kansas swung into the Harding column. Folks gasped with surprise, as they knew Kansas didn't like Republican conservatives as well as Republican progressives. But that was the promise, and being loyal to Governor Allen, the delegation swung to Harding.

Then came along another group and insisted that Senator Lenroot be the vice presidential nominee, and after Kansas had voted word was sent again to the Kansas delegation that it was deemed best to name the senator from Wisconsin for reasons of party expediency. Senator Medill McCormick made the nominating speech for Lenroot, but even the Lenroot boom was deflated suddenly, this time by no wish of the old guard.

McCamant of Oregon nominated Coolidge, and Alexander Gore jumped to his feet and seconded it in behalf of Pennsylvania. All through the day the 76 votes from Pennsylvania had been watched as the keystone of the convention itself. The delegates believed it must be the wish of Penrose.

TIME WILL WORK CHANGE

It wasn't. But in the confusion and in the desire to get the convention over with, delegation after delegation voted for Coolidge. As usual there were expressions of disappointment over the selection of the presidential nominee. Progressives talked bitterly for a few hours after the choice was made, but already they are beginning to be converted.

The situation is best illustrated by an incident in the lobby of the Blackstone hotel when a woman who had supported the candidacy of Leonard Wood remarked: "Well, I am not reconciled to it."

"That's why we have conventions in June and not in September," answered a Republican editor, who is himself a progressive.

The fact is there are probably more republicans who dislike the Wilson administration or anything that savors of a prolongation of it than there are Republicans who dislike Warren G. Harding. Slowly the disappointment will be worn away by processes of political attrition that makes for solidarity in most campaigns.

It is too early to say what Hiram Johnson will do. He will not, though, bolt the ticket. He probably will do his share in stumping California, but he probably will not go elsewhere. He is known to be deeply disappointed, but far from bitter over the result. He will be regular, but he will make little effort, in my judgment, to deliver his own strength to the Republican ticket, the strength which he marshaled in the primaries.

For one thing he couldn't deliver it because in moments of confusion the Republican resolutions committee omitted from the platform a plank sympathising with the cause of Irish freedom. Many of Johnson's followers were Irish American. The Democrats will probably insert an Irish plank and hold many of their Irish voters.

The Republican managers, however, are confident that this will not affect their chances for success in November. They are as sure of victory as if inauguration day were tomorrow. The campaign will be an old fashioned one Delegations will be brought to the new shrine in Marion, Ohio, just as they used to come to the veranda of the McKinley home in Canton, Ohio. But there is this difference—Warren G. Harding makes a splendid speech and a fine impression. He need risk nothing in going out on the stump. He is a dignified, statesman-like "individual who really looks like a president.

New Ashland D. A. R. Chapter Is Honored On Its Medford Visit

Ashland, June 15.—Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution were guests of the Medford Crater Lake chapter at luncheon Monday in Memorial hall and on a trip to Jacksonville, where, with Miss Alice Hanley as guide, the visitors were taken over the noted trails in that vicinity.

Captain William M. Briggs left Monday for the preliminary camp of instruction at Camp Lewis, accompanied by the following officers and men of First company: Lieutenants Lynn D. Mowat and Merrill D. Thorne, Sergeants H. T. Elmore, E. H. Weren, Beecher Danford, and Charles Robertson, Corporals Homer Elhart, Edwin L. Mowat and Paul Gulley, Sergeants H. G. Wolcott and Oscar Silver and Mechanic William Lindsay.

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SINN FEIN PARTY WINS IN ELECTION

(By United News.)

Dublin, June 15.—Without firing a shot, the Sinn Fein Monday gained control over the governmental machinery of the entire southwest of Ireland, when it became known that they had won in election at least 75 per cent of the seats in the county council.

State Development Campaign Renewed; $30,000 Yet to Raise

Workers in the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce budget campaign started out this morning on a supplementary canvass, to bring the Portland subscriptions up to the quota of $60,000. This means that the workers will have to raise $30,000 if they reach their goal. A similar amount was subscribed.

The old team organization was practically intact this morning, when the workers rallied at the state chamber. Their ranks had been augmented by recruits from Monday's conference when several speakers pointed out that Portland "must keep faith with the rest of the state in this movement for the intensive development of Oregon."

Hot Lake Arrivals

Hot Lake, June 15.—Arrivals at Hot Lake sanatorium Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Jameson, Baker; E. J. Manche, Tacoma; Mr. and Mrs. Will Nordean, Weston; Norman J. Jacobson, Boise, Idaho; H. C. Gregg, Portland; R. Calvin, Baker; J. S. Williams, Aberdeen, Wash.; A. G. Davids, Corvallis; C. M. McClaren, Boise, Idaho.

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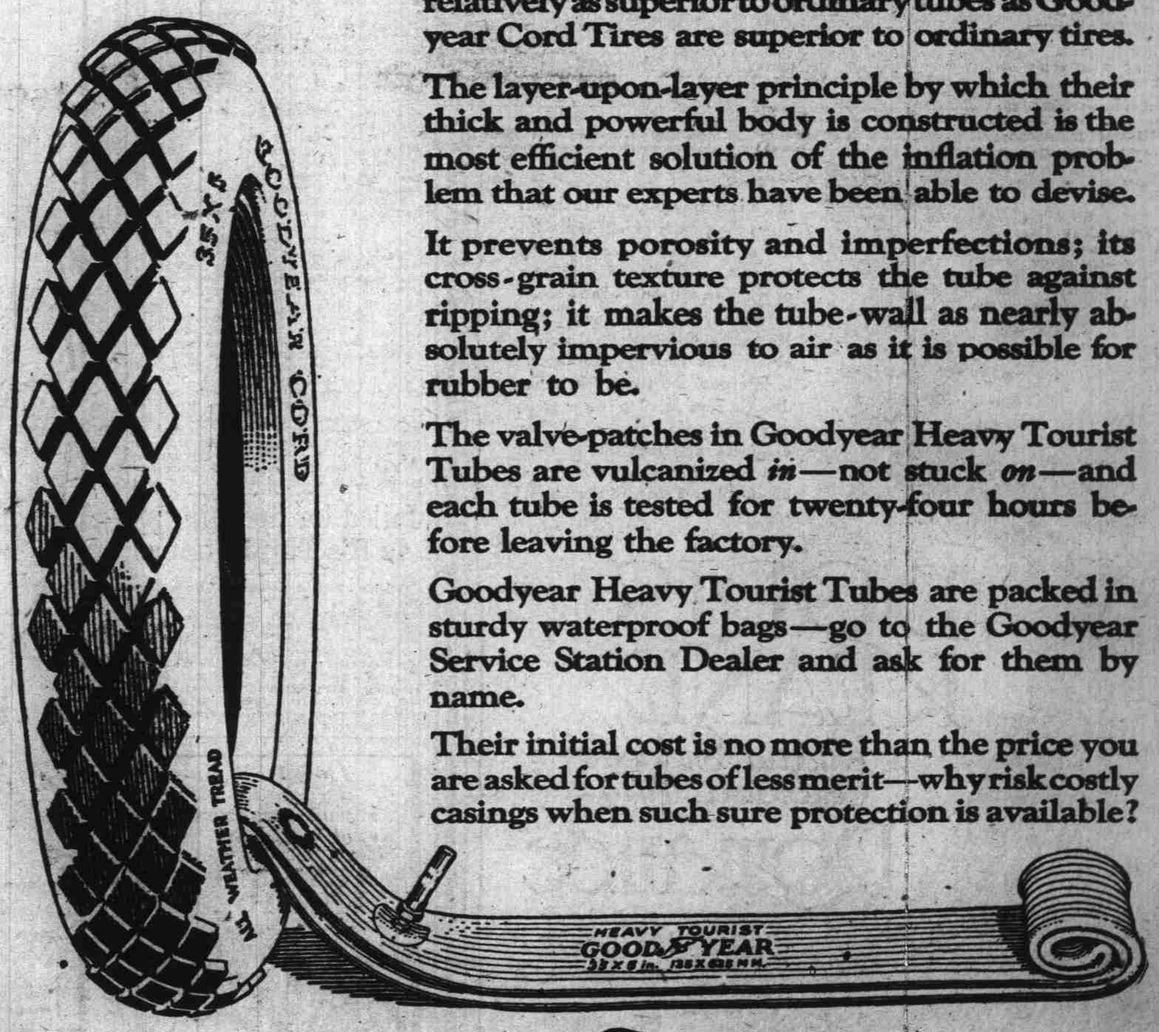

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