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HARDING AND COOLIDGE

"Warren G. Harding, Republican, of Marion, Ohio, was born in Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio, November 2, 1865; has been a newspaper publisher since 1884; is married; was member of the 75th and 76th Ohio general assemblies as senator from the thirteenth district, 1889-1903, and lieutenant governor of Ohio in 1904 and 1905; elected to the United States Senate November 3, 1914. His term of service will expire March 3, 1921."

The above is the modest sketch written by himself for the Congressional Directory.

It occupies less than six lines of type in that directory.

It is in marked contrast with many of the sketches written by other members of the two houses of Congress—some of them occupying many times six lines of type.

It shows Senator Harding to be a modest man.

But he is what Former Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio described him to be in his nominating speech:

"In personal character he has the dignity, urbanity and breadth of vision of McKinley. Like that other great Ohioan, he is one of the common folks' best loved fighting Republicans, who believes in the efficiency of representative government under party sponsorship . . . . that modest, dignified, substantial citizen; that aggressive, sane, cool headed leader of men; that typical American."

The Republican hosts will march to victory next November with this modest Ohio editor and Governor Calvin L. Coolidge as the standard bearers of their party.

OLD GLORY

Last Tuesday evening some of the Rosarians attended the Cherrian meeting at the Commercial Club and one of the speakers, in closing an eloquent address, made a suggestion which I believe all Cherrians will remember and follow and all Americans should—take off your hat when the Flag is passing.

Another speaker told us he was in the Philippines some months ago and noticed that when the American Flag went by every one, native or American, took off his hat in salute.

That all came home to me, for the reason that Decoration Day I stood in a crowd at the corner of two of our main streets. As the Grand Army men came along, with Old Glory leading them, my friend and I were the only two men who took off their hats.

What were the other men thinking about?

Did they not see Washington, Lincoln, McKinley and the vast army of men sleeping in graves from Bunker Hill to the Argonne—our men who had died so willingly and gladly for that Flag? Could they not see the sorrow, the suffering and the glory of it? Three years ago we all saluted—is not the Flag more to be honored because of those added graves "somewhere in France?" Are we less patriotic and reverent than those natives across the Pacific?

"Take off your hat as the Flag goes by.
Remember the countless dead who lie
On land, in sea, so proud to die
For that dear Flag.
Take off your hat—Our Flag goes by"

AN HONORED RETURN

(Portland Oregonian)

Not all of the boys who crossed with the old Third Oregon came back with the scattered units to which they were assigned in France. When disloyalty, grown bold again, prates of the right of free speech and assails the nation for which the state's sons bore arms, it were well if every listener remembered this. For some are just returning. The first of these reached Portland yesterday, his body in a leaden casket, his soul with the proud fellowship of those who fell in every righteous war. Portland has outstripped her memories, else there had been, to greet the sacrificial return, such throngs as banked deep the streets when the regiment left for training and the front.

This particular comrade, so his buddies say, was "a great pal of his mother." To her it was that destiny presented a future barren of his filial affection. Not his young life alone, but all the rich fruitage of love and endeavor, were dispensed with in an hour of peril to America. Such is war. It is too terrible in price, too exacting in its decreed toll, for men ever to forget that the privileges of freedom were contracted and paid for by such as this silent clay from overseas. Those who now imperil the national safety within, by utterances and acts un-American, desecrate the knightly dead.

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Poland is about to institute a senate Why? Look at ours.

The British fleet has been sent to Ireland. But that may mean nothing. It will be recalled that President Wilson sent the fleet to Vera Cruz.

Benjamin Hyde, a Chicago man, offers a reward of $1000 to anyone who can tell him tow to get some much-needed sleep. He might try a few days in San Francisco.—Los Angeles Times.

It was Henry Watterson who made the prediction that at the end of the second term of Woodrow Wilson there would be a Wilson party, but not a Democratic party. He hit the nail on the head.

It now seems that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the rich slacker, who is now missing, was allowed to go free temporarily on the direct orders of Secretary Baker. Is there any other situation in which our noble secretary of war can insert both feet?

HELP MAKE A GREATER OREGON

Editor Statesman:

Another chance for Oregon to go over the top.

Five thousand representative men are coming to Portland. Executive men of all the different activities of life, from every state of our great nation. They are coming prepared to accept our hospitality and give due consideration to our advancement, our climatic conditions and future possibilities. It now behooves us to do our duty as citizens of this great state and send a car to Portland to help carry this large delegation from Portland to Salem, that they may see a part of our beautiful valley, and thereby draw conclusions of what our entire state has to offer to the homeseekers. We owe this pleasant effort to the societies who have succeeded in bringing about this opportunity for us to do our part to show the merits of our state.

We owe it to them for their untiring efforts in this direction to make possible this grand excursion. We owe it doubly to those grand old pioneers who fearlessly struck the emigrant trail, who bared their bosoms to the desert winds and turned their faces to the setting sun, who cheerfully struggled on under trying conditions to lay the foundation for a greater Oregon.

Then let us, with one happy accord, give notice to the Salem Commercial club, phone 302, or the Oregon Statesman office, Main 23, or write them that we are coming to join the merry patriotic band to carry our visitors on a joy ride and if possible, a number of our good old pioneer friends of Portland, that they may enjoy the day and add to the entertainment of our visitors by pointing out the many scenes of interest. Let us not forget while we speed along in our beautiful valley to faithfully draw a mental picture of our great eastern Oregon—that vast inland empire, with its treasures of cereals, livestock and mineral wealth—our southern Oregon of fruits, forests and mines, our great coast line, abundant in harbors, minerals, dairying, and giant forests now finding markets in ports throughout the world.

Welcome to our western homes,
Where bright Willamette flows away,
Where Cascades rear in towers and domes,
Condensers of our ocean spray.

Where smiling Nature welcomes you
With verdant lea and wild bird's lay,
Where hopes are bright and sorrows few,
Here may you live for many a day.

—Wm. H. Egan.

Gervais, Or., June 10, 1920.

AN AMERICAN VICTORY.

Finance has its victories as well as war. Standing out among the recent news items is an Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco which records a great success won by an American banker in the Far East. It tells us that Japan has entered the consortium to aid China and that its entry is made upon precisely the same terms as that of America, France and England. This was brought about through the efforts of Thomas W. Lamont of New York, a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co., the firm so often unjustly attacked by the yellow newspapers. Mr. Lamont states that this international group, which means so much to China, has been formed upon the formula proposed by the American government. This is a matter for congratulation, and Mr. Lamont should receive praise for doing so much to bring it about. It is an open secret that before he went to the Far East the nations were deadlocked. Japan was suspicious of the other powers. Mr. Lamont was able to remove those suspicions and to achieve success where banking interests of Europe had failed.

JOHN BULL ON THE PACIFIC.

America, of course, is highly interested in knowing what policy Great Britain intends to pursue with regard to having a fleet on the Pacific.

Will it revive the old naval station at Esquimalt and restore Hongkong to its ancient importance as headquarters of a large fleet?

These are matters on which a decision must be publicly announced sooner or later; but at present the British admiralty seems to be sidestepping. Commander Bellairs, who may be said to have taken the place in the house of commons of the late Lord Charles Beresford as heckler-in-chief of the government on naval affairs, vainly sought to induce First Lord Long to "cough up" during the discussion on the naval estimates last week. The commander, who has attracted attention by his slashing attack on Viscount Jellicoe for timidity at the battle of Jutland, is strongly in favor of abandoning the policy of concentrating in home waters. Now that the German high seas fleet no longer exists as a menace to Britannia, the commander evidently thinks the British fleet should again spread out over the seven seas. He's strong, at any rate, for more naval representation for John Bull on the western ocean. To put it in his own words, he contends that "England must have an outlook on the Pacific." If it had kept that "outlook" before the war, instead of confiding it to Japan, Von Spee might not have achieved that success over Cradock's weak squadron off the coast of Chile which gave victory to Germany in the first sea fight in the Pacific.

LONG FLIGHTS.

Two Italian aviators flew the 12,000 miles between Rome and Tokio, arriving at the Japanese capital less than an hour apart. The flying time of each was less than 95 hours, or better than 120 miles an hour while in the air. This is said to be the longest aerial journey on record, but the Italians take readily to the air and may grab many records before aerial navigation is thoroughly established. It was Gabriele d'Annunzio who had planned this trip to the capital of the Oriental allies, but he has been too busy around Fiume to get away and these two compatriots flew in his stead. The poet is up in the air most of the time, even when his hind legs reach the ground, but he does not want to get too far from his base of operations.

KEEPING STILL.

Federal prohibition officers found 12,000 gallons of mash ready for whiskey-making on a farm near Peoria, Ill. The farmer said he needed a little of the stuff for medicinal purposes for his family, but the officers thought that baby might get an overdose and so they destroyed it. Twelve thousand gallons is a lot of whiskey, even when there are several chronic ailments in the family. But around Peoria they get so used to it that it is a wonder they didn't try it for bathing purposes.

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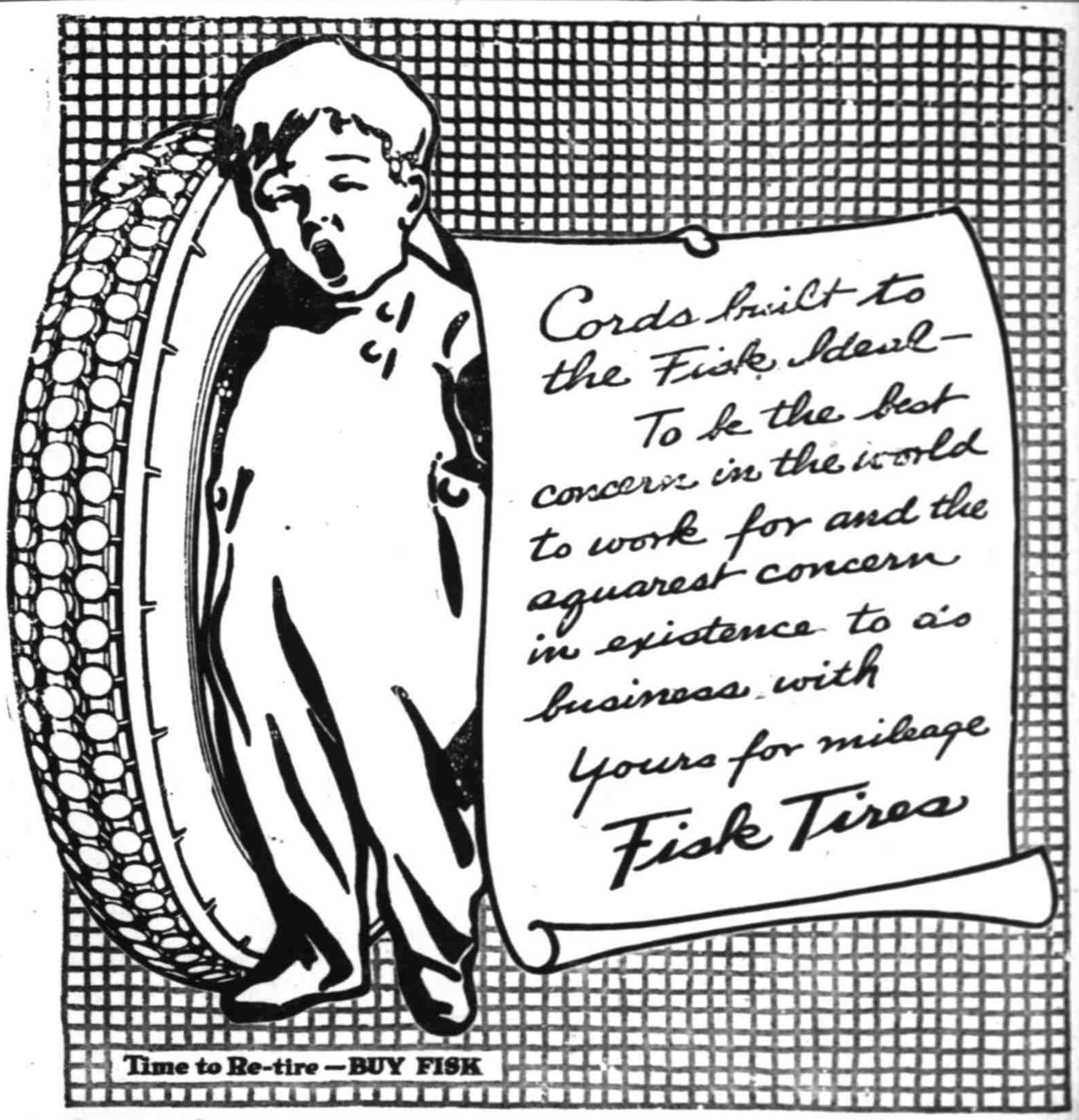

FUTURE DATES

June 13, Sunday — Baseball, Woodburn vs. Salem.
June 13 to 16 — Willamette commencement week.
June 14, Monday—Flay day.
June 14 to 17—Officers' schools for Oregon National Guard at Vancouver and Fort Stevens.
June 17, Thursday—Iowa picnic at fair grounds.
June 17, Thursday—Musicale by Miss Beatrice Shelton's advanced pupils.
June 19, Saturday—Pioneer picnic in Waldo hills.
June 19 and 20—National gypsy-tour motorcycle events in Salem.
June 20, Sunday — Baseball, Woodburn vs. Salem, at Woodburn.
June 21, Monday—Musicale by Miss Beatrice Shelton's advanced pupils.
June 21, Monday — Annual school election.
June 22, 23 and 24—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine in Portland.
June 23, Wednesday—Imperial conclave of Mystic Shrine to visit Salem.
June 24, 25 and 26—Portland Rose festival.
June 26, Saturday—Letter Carriers' convention in Salem.
July 3, Saturday—Independence day celebration at Stayton.
July 5, Monday — Salem business houses close in observance of Independence day.
July 5 to 24—Summer school for rural pastors at Willamette university.
July 6 to 20—Annual encampment of Oregon national Guard, infantry and engineers at Camp Lewis, artillery at Fort Stevens.
July 18 to 24—Salem Chautauqua.
July 22, 23 and 24—State Elks convention in Salem.
September 27 to October 2—Oregon state fair.