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## WARREN G. HARDING

### In Memoriam

**N**O, not dead, but sleeping,  
Loving vigils angels keeping  
O'er the form when life has fled.  
"Loved disciple, cease thy striving,  
Weary one, no longer stay;  
Come, thou good and faithful servant,  
Come to Me, I am the Way."

**T**HE harbinger of death,  
Fleeting as in-drawn breath,  
On his sacred mission sped.  
'Twas the summons of the Savior!  
Joyously the angels sing,  
Welcoming the great crusader  
To the councils of the King.

—Isabel Likens Gates.

### BUILDINGS MUST BE PROVIDED

**C**ONSTRUCTION of school buildings should not cost any more than is necessary, any more than any governmental expenditure should cost more than is necessary.

But school buildings must be erected in Indianapolis!

There is no reason to believe the school board's present plans involve excessive cost. There is every reason to believe the board wishes to construct new buildings and to eliminate the disgraceful condition which now compels Indianapolis children to attend school in shacks.

In the past there has been evidence that obstacles have been thrown in the way of the building program for the sole purpose of discrediting the school board.

There are those who have sought to control, and when they could not control they have attempted to destroy, at the expense of the helpless school children of Indianapolis.

Perhaps the school board has not always been all that may be desired. No school board ever has been. But when a school board earnestly attempts to provide decent facilities for the children it should be encouraged, regardless of personal feeling.

The Indianapolis school program is now before the State tax board. Three men, only one of whom lives in Indianapolis, must decide whether Indianapolis children are to have decent places in which to obtain their education.

The responsibility of this board is great. It should act as quickly as possible. It should throw aside prejudice and should refuse to listen to those whose interests are selfish.

Above all, it should see that Indianapolis has decent school buildings and that they are erected immediately.

### WHY FARMERS KICK

**T**HE best exposition we have seen of why farmers in Indiana are kicking is contained in a statement on the cost of wheat production given The Times by A. C. Thomas, a farmer at New Harmony.

Thomas figures on a basis of a fifteen-acre wheat field valued at \$100 an acre in 1914 and \$125 an acre now. He also figures on a yield of eighteen bushels to an acre.

Here are his 1914 figures:

Interest at 6 per cent on \$1,500	\$ 90.00
Taxes at \$2 an acre on \$990	19.80
Plowing at \$1.25 an acre	18.75
Harrowing and rolling	9.00
Drilling at 26 2-3 cents an acre	4.00
Cutting at 50 cents an acre	7.50
Twine, 2 pounds per acre	3.00
Putting in shock	4.00
1 1/4 bushels seed per acre	20.62 1/2

Total production cost	\$176.67 1/2
Thrashing, 270 bushels at 8 cents	21.60
Use of 135 bags two days at 1/2 cent	1.35
Hauling to market	8.10

Total cost	\$207.72 1/2
Market price per bushel	1.00
Cost per bushel	.7693

Profit per bushel .....\$ .2307

And here is his 1923 statement:

Interest at 6 per cent on \$1,800	\$108.00
Taxes at \$2.20 per acre	33.00
Plowing at \$1.75 an acre	26.25
Harrowing and rolling	16.00
Drilling at 40 cents an acre	6.00
Cutting at 80 cents an acre	12.00
Putting in shock	10.00
20 bushels seed wheat at \$1.20	24.00

Production cost	\$235.25
Thrashing at 10 cents a bushel	27.00
Use of 135 bags two days at 1/2 cent a day	1.35
Hauling to market	8.10

Total production cost	\$271.70
Average cost per bushel	\$ 1.006
August sale price	.90

Loss .....\$ .106

It doesn't take an economist, a mathematician or even a water company engineer to understand these figures. They speak for themselves.

IF there is anything you are trying to hide don't become President.

AFTER all, band concerts may be more appropriate in the county jail than poker games.

AS a matter of fact, it makes little difference whether the Governor called the public service commission to his office or the commission called on him.

## COOLIDGE IS BENT ON 1924 NOMINATION

President Loses No Time in Forming Own Organization as Party Boss.

BY FRANK J. TAYLOR  
Times Staff Correspondent

**W**ASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Within the next month or two every member of the former Harding Cabinet must decide whether or not he will support President Coolidge's campaign for renomination and reelection to the White House next year.

This became perfectly clear to the Cabinet secretaries as soon as they saw the way in which President Coolidge took over the reins of government.

The new President hurried to Washington not only prepared to run the government, but bringing with him the nucleus of an organization for capturing party leadership and the renomination that goes with it. Coolidge is losing no time at all in making himself boss.

**Policy Is Aggressive**

This aggressive policy of the President has given the old Harding Cabinet members something to worry about. Most of them are not yet ready to decide whether or not they consider Mr. Coolidge the man to lead the Republican party.

Each and every secretary, by wire, letter or by word of mouth, offered his resignation, with the explanation he would stay on the job as long as the new President needed him, but expressing willingness to step out and make way for a Coolidge man as soon as that man was named.

In each case Coolidge refused the resignation, but in some cases he did it much more earnestly than in others. For instance, when Postmaster General Nye offered his resignation, Coolidge was effusive in his effort to persuade Nye to stay.

**Wants New as Ally**

This was taken to mean Coolidge wants Nye for his strategic political value in building a Middle West machine. Another valuable man is Attorney General Daugherty, from a political point of view, but his health is offered as the excuse for leaving the Cabinet early.

It so happens Nye is not ready to pledge his fealty to Coolidge. The same may apply to Secretary Hoover, who, if he stays in the Cabinet, must openly disavow any presidential aspirations as long as Coolidge is his chief.

One man who declared for Coolidge at once was Secretary of War Weeks, who may become the President's campaign manager. The difficulty Coolidge faces is the Harding Cabinet selections who would be most valuable to him are not ready to hitch themselves to his star at once. Hoover is one man he needs, for the sake of the Western vote.

**Hughes Hangs Back**

He wants Hughes, but a quiet little Hughes boom started by a group of Senators makes it doubtful whether Hughes is ready to count himself entirely out of the running. Work, Wallace and Denby are regarded as unimportant factors, from a political point of view.

In view of this situation, and the aggressive Coolidge booming being done right under the President's nose by his New England friends, it will not be surprising at all to see some Cabinet resignations taken seriously within the next few weeks.

## Family Fun

Inexperienced

Down in Texas the "short cotton crop forced a large number of country negroes to the cities. One of them applied for a job at one of the large employment agencies.

"There's a job at the Eagle Laundry," said the man behind the desk. "What's it?"

"The applicant shifted uneasily from one foot to the other. "Tell you how it is, boss," he said finally. "I sure does want a job mighty bad, but de fact is, I ain't never washed a eagle."—The Open Road.

**Breakfast Criticism**

"I told my wife yesterday she made very poor coffee." "You shouldn't have thrown it in her face." "I didn't. She threw it in my face."—Boston Transcript.

**Dad's Favorite Music**

"What is your favorite music, John?" "Any that I haven't heard you practice."—Judge.

**When Pa Took Notice**

It was Donald's first experience in grown-up church, though the little chap had attended Sunday school. When the collection was being taken his father placed the weekly family offering in the plate. The pew was a short one and no other contribution was received from it. This aroused Donald's curiosity, and he blurted out, with all the eagerness of childhood, trying to understand: "Pa, did you have to pay for the whole row?"—Atlanta Journal.

**Heard in Smoking Room**

**T**HE train wasn't more than twenty miles out of Memphis, when a Covington doctor proceeded to monopolize all the talk in the smoker. First, he got off this one:

"What's the difference between a painter and an undertaker?" "Four of us remarked 'Chestnut!' but the doctor answered, just the same:

"The painter covers up the carpenter's mistakes and the undertaker covers up the doctors."

"Speaking of doctors," he went right on, "there was an old doctor down in the Louisiana backwoods who took on two young colored fellows as students and aides in his practice among the colored folks. He was very persistent in urging his two students to closely follow his every word to patients, and, one day, the trio went to

## TOM SIMS - - - Says

**T**HE mad college graduate tells us the men who wrote "Yes, We Have No Bananas" made \$50,000.

Good news from Seattle. Woman stabbed her husband. Maybe they are running out of ammunition.

Aviator who flew from Chicago to New York wasn't any better off.

Keep away from Waukegan, Ill. Haircuts are 75 cents there.

Marshalltown (Ia.) golfer who broke his wife's jaw while driving, claims it was an accident.

Not having time to become cashiers, three men robbed a Pawhuska (Okla.) bank by force.

Chicago gas company will make its girls wear sleeves, and the girls will laugh up them.

In Detroit, two detectives disguise themselves in bathing suits. They may catch a cold.

Many may enjoy learning a dancing school burned in New York.

American girl has married a Turk Prince. Bet she's boss.

## What Editors Are Saying

Nostrums

(Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel)  
Wheat farmers who think their troubles can be cured by nostrums voted by noisy politicians looking for votes and ready to promise anything and everything, are badly mistaken. It simply can't be done that way.

Utilities

(Tipton Times)  
A modern public utility organization is part and parcel of "the public."

Utilities are actually and literally owned by the public. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,500,000 thrifty citizens have invested their accumulated savings in gas, telephone and electric securities, and this number is constantly and very greatly increasing. The public has come to realize that this class of investment is safe and affords a fair rate of return, and the companies, on the other hand, have come to realize that their best interest lies in taking their customers and the public generally into partnership with them as holders of their securities.

Weeds

(Decatur Democrat)  
Cut the weeds. It's only a request now but it soon may be any order to which is attached extra cost. In Ft. Wayne a fine of \$25 is being added to the cost of cutting weeds for those who neglect them. Needless to say they are cutting them. It's just as easy to do it before such stringent measures are used and it's much better for the community. Cut the weeds now and be a good fellow.

Dr. Alek

(Bluffton Banner)  
In advocating the nomination of Dr. Alek as the Democratic candidate for Governor, the Banner has just two reasons—that it is a candidate around whom the voters will rally, because of his high character, his Democratic ways of doing things will attract independent voters by the thousands—and we must admit there are thousands of them in Indiana—and that when elected he will do all the platform talk for.

Science

The old question of "what is life" is being rapidly narrowed down.

As a result of long study, Dr. Herbert M. Evans, University of California, recently discovered that sterility in animals is due to the lack of a certain vitamin. Dr. Evans now has a small bottle containing all that has been isolated and all that has been made in the world of this new anti-sterility vitamin. A dose of one-tenth of a gramme of this substance will cause a sterile female animal to bear offspring.

It will be months before the researches of Dr. Evans will be given to the world through scientific channels. Meanwhile his work has gone far enough so that all scientists are awaiting the details with great interest. The substance which Dr. Evans finally has isolated is abstracted from certain foods by means of ether. The original experiments were made by means of white rats. Since then they have been carried far enough to indicate that sterility soon may be banished wherever desired.

## POET BURNS BELOVED IN SCOTLAND

Monuments and Statues Pay Tribute to Favorite Writer.

By JOHN W. RAPER.

**ANYWHERE IN SCOTLAND**—No one, it seems to me, can remain in Scotland many hours without feeling that the country's great national figure is Robert Burns, the farmer boy who wrote the songs of the simple folk of the farms and villages, and grew to be the bard of the nation. You can hardly say in Scotland that "Burns was." In Scotland "Burns is."

The Scotch have not wasted a great deal of stone and bronze in monumental forms in tribute to generals and rulers. Preachers, scientists, inventors, writers and statesmen are in statue many times more frequently. There are a number of monuments to Wallace and Bruce, ancient heroes. Then there is a long gap until Nelson and Wellington are reached. They are remembered occasionally. In all the cities I have been I have seen the statue of only three rulers of Great Britain, one of George IV, three or four of Victoria and two of Edward VII.

The statue of George, in Edinburgh, gave me a laugh. On it was the inscription, "George IV Visited Scotland MDCCCXII." Which probably was the only thing that he did in his reign worth mentioning.

Edinburgh's most conspicuous monument is to Scott and I saw two tablets marking his connection with certain places. And one of Haig. I came near forgetting all about that hero. Of Haig, something at more length in a future letter.

**Burns Tablets**

But Burns. Monuments to him are everywhere. All Scotland has paid him tribute with statues, busts and tablets. The houses in which he lived, some in which he visited, are remembered with tablets that tell the stories.

Even some of the saloons in which he spent many a busy evening are marked and the fact that he frequented them has given them a sort of historical value.

No one can afford to visit Scotland and not see his birthplace, his monument and the town of Ayr, associated with his name in many ways.

Ayr, an ancient sea town, on the Firth of Clyde. Archeologists recently have found there articles that belonged to the Romans in their days of occupation. It was the home of the ancient King Coyle, who according to tradition was none other than our old friend King Cole, the merry old soul who was always calling for his pipe, his bowl and his fiddlers three.

Burns' cottage is two miles from the center of the city. Many Scots cast doubt on the cottage. They tell you that the real cottage stood on the other side of the road, but went to ruins before Burns became widely appreciated; that an old cottage was fitted up with parts of the remains of the real one, the roof being used, and that for years the house bore the inscription, "Under this roof was born Robert Burns," literally true, but misleading.

**Ancient Bridge**  
A short walk from the Burns cottage is a Burns monument, overlooking the River Doon, and the ancient bridge over which Tam o'Shanter took his famous ride.

The monument is in a setting of wondrous beauty. If any reader of these lines ever visits it, he is advised to form the acquaintance of the superintendent, one of the most charming men I have met in many a day. Ask him a question or two about birds and you will find a Scotch John Burroughs.

**NEXT:** What play has lived hundreds of years and been successfully presented thousands of times each year? What, indeed, but "Punch and Judy," the puppet show? Raper sees one.

**A Thought**

I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.—Job, 32:7.

**LOITERING** slow, the future creepeth; arrow-swift, the present awareth; and motionless stands the past.—Schiller.

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They cannot.

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## The Cup Changes Hands



## QUESTIONS Ask—The Times ANSWERS

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Which was the longest glove fight?

In point of time, 7 hours, 19 minutes, between A. Bowen and J. Burke, 10 rounds, a draw, at New Orleans, La., April 6, 1893; in point of rounds, 276, between Jack Jones and Patsy Tunney, Cheshire, England, 1829. Jones won.

How is corn syrup and cane sugar used in cooking?  
The same as ordinary sugar. Larger quantities, however, are needed, as these substances are not as sweet as refined sugar.

When was Thanksgiving first declared a national holiday?  
In 1864, by President Lincoln.

I want to make some sea shoes. I weigh 140 pounds. How big should the floats be?

Each shoe should have a volume of at least three feet, and should be about ten feet long by eight inches wide by about six inches or more deep.

I am making a table lamp. How can I cut the top off a crockery vase?

By means of a medium-grained emery wheel. Some care, of course, must be exercised in order that the impacts of the rapidly revolving wheel on the vase will not shatter it, but if you take the precaution to grind slowly and carefully, you will be able to cut it down satisfactorily.

How can dry cells be recharged? They cannot.

How can leather shoes be protected from sulphuric acid? Coat them thoroughly with warm melted paraffin.

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## On the Horizon

By BERTON BRALEY

Looming against the distant trim A ship, with all her sails in trim, is vanishing into the blue. Seeking far ports I shall not view.

Perhaps her sails are soiled and frayed,  
Her decks with coal-dust overlaid,  
But seen afar across the sea,  
She is a Ship of Dreams to me.

And if her cargo have the scent  
Of spices of the Orient,  
Or reek of guano and of hides,  
I know not, but I know she rides.

On rolling deeps that I would cross  
And that about her bows there toss  
Bright showers of the salty spray,  
And that her mast-heads swing and sway;

And that I'd almost sell my soul  
To feel her decks beneath me roll,  
And hear her timbers strain and creak,  
And sense the salt wind on my cheek.

I think there is no lovelier sight,  
Vouchsafed to give the eyes delight  
Than is a ship, with sails aftrim,  
Against the far horizon's rim.

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**Pull**

How powerful is this horse? How much can he haul? These questions have been pondered millions of times by farmers in almost countless generations, prior to a horse trade or purchase.

The pulling power of horses has always been more or less a matter of guesswork. Not any more. Davidson and Collins, professors at Iowa Agricultural College, invent a hydraulic wagon that registers exactly what a horse can do in harness.

The idea is so simple, it's a wonder someone didn't think of it before. That's the way with an almost infinite number of other useful and profitable devices waiting to be discovered.

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