

HARDING FOR PRESIDENT.

In nominating Warren G. Harding of Ohio for President, the Republican National Convention has made a capital choice. Senator Harding is a good American, a good Republican and a good citizen—and a good winner. At no time in his public career has he been false to the traditions, the ideals, the principles or the candidates of the Republican party. He is experienced in statecraft, and all his public acts are guided by reason, not by caprice. He is a constructive statesman of the McKinley type. He believes in building up, not in tearing down; and he has never wavered in his adherence to American institutions.

Senator Harding is neither a pussy-footer nor a demagogue. He holds deep convictions on the important problems facing the American people and he expresses them in forcible and epigrammatic utterance. In a recent address delivered in Denver, he said:

We ought to declare the Republican party unalterably opposed to government ownership and nationalization of industry or any other compromise with Socialism which promises to fix our goal within the limits of mediocrity.

We have seen the experiment made in the name of war and we ought now to face about on war's extravagant expenditures and get to thinking in millions, instead of incomprehensible billions.

The high cost of government is the first cause of the high cost of living. We must become sane in expenditure and hark back to thrift as the security of good fortune.

Senator Harding began life as a country boy, son of a struggling country doctor in one of the rural villages of Ohio. He started at the foot of the ladder and climbed up, round by round. First he was a printer's devil in a little weekly newspaper office. Step by step he advanced until he had saved \$200 with which to buy an interest in the paper. He worked out a plan of profit-sharing with the three or four employees, and thus the group of them were able to get control of the publication, the Marion Weekly Star, although the mortgage they were forced to assume was greater than the price the paper would actually sell for. From that point begins a record of accomplishment. In ten years the mortgage was paid; in ten years more the paper was paying a profit. Senator Harding is still the chief owner of the publication, which is now known as the Marion Evening Star, and is valued at several hundred thousand dollars.

A boy's admiration for a great statesman was the incentive that turned Harding toward politics. He heard McKinley make an address in the early days of McKinley's career, and from that day the Marion Star and its staff were immersed in Republican politics in Ohio. Not content with writing McKinley editorials, Harding took the stump in Marion county and soon acquired a more than local reputation for campaign eloquence. He was first elected as State Senator in a Democratic district. Later he became Lieutenant-Governor and then United States Senator.

Senator Harding's public record is clean. He represents the best in American public life. At no time has he made compromises with his conscience for the sake of winning support. He lost the governorship of Ohio because he would not consent to make even a partial surrender to radicalism, which was manifesting itself in the Ohio industrial districts. "Beloved as McKinley" is the affectionate tribute frequently paid to him by the citizens of Ohio.

As the Republican standard bearer he will rally good Americans to his support. He will make no appeals to false philosophies, but will carry his message direct to the masses of the American people, the people whom Lincoln and McKinley served, and to whom no honest and sincere leader in a righteous cause appeals in vain. The Times has always believed that this is a Republican year. The nomination of Warren G. Harding of Ohio confirms that belief. The next President of the United States was named at Chicago yesterday.