

**STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR LOWDEN ISSUED AFTER THE NOMINATION OF  
SENATOR HARDING FOR PRESIDENT.**

AFTER THE EIGHTH BALLOT, UPON WHICH I RECEIVED A PLURALITY OF ALL VOTES CAST, IT WAS REPRESENTED TO ME THAT THE DELEGATES WERE BECOMING RESTIVE UNDER THE DELAY. FEARING A PROTRACTED DEADLOCK, WHICH I BELIEVED WOULD HAVE BEEN DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, I DECIDED TO RELEASE ALL DELEGATES, AND ADVISED THEM TO USE THEIR BEST JUDGMENT AS TO WHOM THEY SHOULD SUPPORT. I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY AND CHARACTER OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE, SHALL SUPPORT HIM WITH ALL HEARTINESS, AND BELIEVE THE TICKET WILL BE ELECTED. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS NOT HAD SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE IN HALF A CENTURY.

FOR THE FRIENDSHIPS FORMED DURING THIS CAMPAIGN, AND FOR THE LOYAL SUPPORT OF SO MANY FINE, PATRIOTIC MEN AND WOMEN, I SHALL NEVER CEASE TO BE GRATEFUL.

JUNE 12, 1920.

FRANK O. LOWDEN.