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ABRAHAM LINCOLN
The First Republican President of the United States

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1900

RESULTING IN THE RENOMINATION OF
WILLIAM McKINLEY, of Ohio, for President
AND THE NOMINATION OF
THEODORE ROOSEVELT, of New York, for Vice-President

Reported by M. W. BLUMENBERG, Official Reporter



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Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention is hereby directed to prepare and publish a full and complete report of the official proceedings of this Convention, under the direction of the National Committee, co-operating with the local committee.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be requested to republish the official proceedings of preceding Republican National Conventions now out of print, under the direction of the National Committee.

CHARLES W. JOHNSON,
SECRETARY.

Officers of the Convention.

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HON. M. A. HANNA,
OF OHIO.

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OF COLORADO.

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CHARLES W. JOHNSON,
OF MINNESOTA.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS—

GEORGE N. WISWELL,
OF WISCONSIN.



HON. WM. McKINLEY, of Ohio
Republican Candidate for President of the United States, 1900

WILLIAM MCKINLEY

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, the unanimous nominee of the Convention, was born at Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio, January 29, 1843, and has made that State his home during his entire life. He is of Scotch-Irish stock, his great-great-grandfather, James McKinley, having come from the north of Ireland to the United States in the first half of the eighteenth century and settled in York County, Pennsylvania, where, on May 16, 1755, was born to him a son, David McKinley, who was the great-grandfather of the present William McKinley. David McKinley evinced his loyalty to the country by serving as a private in the War of the Revolution, as shown by the records of the Pension Bureau and War Department. His son, James McKinley, was the father of William McKinley, Sr., the father of the present President and nominee of the Convention.

William McKinley, Sr., the father of President McKinley, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio with his parents in childhood, and on reaching manhood became interested in iron manufacturing and the management of iron furnaces, in which he was engaged until the time of his retirement from business in 1876. As a consequence William, Jr., President, came to have a practical knowledge of one of the greatest manufacturing industries of the United States and of the important relation which those industries sustain to that greatest of all industries—agriculture.

Growing to manhood in the country town of Poland, Ohio, to which his father, on account of its superior educational facilities, had removed, William Jr. familiarized himself with many of the details of the daily occupation of those with whom he was brought constantly in contact. With the methods of the country storekeeper, the iron manufacturer, the farmer, the school teacher, the postmaster, the book-keeper and the business man of the village, he was thoroughly familiar and his progress as a student in the Academy of Poland was so rapid that it enabled him, at an early age, to become instructor in the district school, thus adding to his funds with which to pursue his studies in the Academy. Of his career at that time an old citizen of Poland, being asked for reminiscences of Mr. McKinley, said: "He was always studying, studying, studying all the time." Thus he became familiar with the details of the life of the masses of the people in whose welfare and prosperity he has shown such a marked interest during all of his public career.

The first great event in his life, which has been characterized by many striking incidents, occurred in June, 1861. The War of the Rebellion had begun; a throng of excited citizens gathered at the Sparrow House, the

hotel of the village, and an impassioned speaker, pointing to the stars and stripes which hung on the wall, said: "Citizens of Poland: Our country's flag has been shot at. It has been trailed in the dust by those who should defend it, dishonored by those who should cherish and revere it. And for what? That this free government may keep a race in the bondage of slavery. Who will be the first to defend it?" Among the first who stepped to the front to offer his life as a protest against this form of imperialism was a boy of seventeen, William McKinley, Jr., and he thus became a member of Company "E," 23d Ohio, which a few days later marched forth from the village of Poland, thence to Camp Chase, and thence to the war. Upon the rolls of this regiment were such names as W. S. Rosecrans, Stanley Matthews, Rutherford B. Hayes and many who subsequently attained national reputation; it participated in many battles—Carnifex Ferry, Clark's Hollow, Princeton, W. Va.; South Mountain, Md.; Antietam, Buffington's Island, Ohio, in Morgan's raid; Cloyd's Mountain, Va.; New River Bridge, Va.; Buffalo Gap, W. Va.; Lexington, W. Va.; Buchanan, W. Va.; Otter Creek, Va.; Buford's Gap, Va.; Winchester, Va.; Berryville, Va.; Opequan, Va.; Fisher's Hill, Va., and Cedar Creek, Va.

William McKinley, Jr., although enlisting as a private had, in less than one year, been promoted to Commissary Sergeant, and in the subsequent years to Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Acting Assistant Adjutant General, and finally brevetted Major—his service continuing from June 11, 1861, to July 26, 1865. As Commissary Sergeant at Antietam he performed a feat, probably never before undertaken, of supplying the men of his regiment with hot coffee and meats during an active engagement, risking his life in so doing, but coming out unscathed and receiving, as a result, a promotion to the position of Second Lieutenant.

At Kernstown he again distinguished himself by carrying a message from General Hayes to a regiment posted at a distance, galloping for a long distance obliquely toward the advancing enemy in a direct line of their fire, but again escaping almost as by miracle, and in numbers of other engagements he showed bravery and won popularity with all classes of men with whom he was associated.

At the close of the war he returned to Ohio and decided to take up the study of law, and in preparing himself for this life work took a course in the Albany, New York, law school and was, in 1867, admitted to the bar at Canton, Ohio, which place he had selected as his future home and which has been his home since that date. In 1871 he married Miss Ida Saxton, daughter of James A. Saxton, a prominent citizen of Canton. Major McKinley had been less than three years in Canton when his ability as a lawyer led to his nomination and election as District Attorney of Stark County. In 1876 he announced himself as a candidate for Congress, carrying every township in his county but one, and was nominated on the first ballot and elected.

During fourteen years after this event he represented in Congress the District of which Stark County was a part, despite several efforts to so