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Garner Chooses to Run

The vice-president is traditionally the "forgotten man" in the United States government, and John N. "Cactus Jack" Garner, who had been a member of the house of representatives eight years before he made his first speech on the floor, might have seemed especially well fitted for the role. But on the contrary, Garner's presence in Washington, D.C., could never be wholly ignored. Some hint as to the reason may be found in the recollection that during his first week as speaker of the house, back in 1931, he broke four gavel. In other words no matter where you put him, Garner's is a forceful personality.

Seven years ago the democratic party was just the democratic party, hoping to ride to ascendancy on that efficient vehicle, national dissatisfaction with economic conditions. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Alfred E. Smith and John N. Garner were just three prominent democrats competing for the nomination that would enable one of them to cash in on the excellent prospects of party victory. Political strategy rather than the recognition of any difference in character and viewpoint among the three, determined the choice.

But in 1940 the struggle for the democratic presidential nomination is going to be totally different. The entry of "Cactus Jack" assures the anti-new dealers of at least one champion. Whether President Roosevelt permits his own name to be presented or not, it is certain that the new deal ideology will be represented by a candidate.

Not that Garner is a dyed-in-the-wool conservative; he has on occasion defended the New Deal, defining it as "an adaptation of the laws of the country so that the greatest good will come to the greatest number: the protection of the rights of that vast majority of our populace, men, women and children, to whom the Old Deal meant want, hardship, despair and degradation."

But the nation knows that fundamentally Garner is "sound," a realist especially in financial matters, even a "rugged individualist." His election, almost as much as that of any probable republican nominee, would sound the death knell for the characteristic flights of fancy of the present administration. The "100 per cent Roosevelt" faction will fight him tooth and nail. But if he is nominated they will swing into line for practical reasons of patronage as well as with the thought that in perpetuating the democratic regime, he will not be able to destroy all that the New Deal has built.

It has been almost 100 years since a "true southerner" has been elected president of the United States. Garner's nomination would end any prospect of the south's defection from the democratic column. It would also serve to hold in line those northern democrats who have found themselves unable to go along with the extreme policies of the New Deal. There are sound reasons for assuming that even aside from the prejudice against a third term, Garner would be a more formidable candidate than Roosevelt—if he could win the nomination.

This coming November 22, Garner will be 70 years old. His age will be "used against him" and will be a political disadvantage. Actually, Garner comes from tough stock, spent a large part of his life outdoors, goes to bed at 9 o'clock, is up with the birds and takes a nap in the afternoon; he stands a good chance of serving out his term in good shape if elected.

Today, some 17 months before the election, Garner stands as the citizen most likely to be chosen as the next president, based upon unbiased test polls. President Roosevelt's influence will oppose him, even if the president stays out of the race; but that cannot alter the fact that it was Roosevelt himself who nicknamed Garner "Mr. Commonsense."

Valley Water for Eastern Oregon

Eureka! At last they've found it—the solution of eastern Oregon's dearth of water and of western Oregon's superabundance! Just build a canal high up in the Cascades and let the water flow from the western side down the eastern side, to the lands that need only moisture to make them highly productive.

It develops that there is no water supply worth bothering with to be collected above the level of Hogg pass; but by digging a tunnel only two miles long through the Cascades, water from Waldo lake and Gold lake may be transported to the other side—60,000 acre feet of it, which is a volume worth considering.

Salt creek would provide a natural canal to simplify the task of uniting the two supplies, and the tunnel would empty into Odell lake on the eastern slope, from whence it would flow down to Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook county lands, through the Deschutes project now under construction.

The proposal ties in with the Willamette Valley Project in this way—that until our own project is built, the water from these lakes is needed on this side. With the valley project's seven reservoirs storing water for Willamette valley irrigation, this water from Waldo and Gold lakes can be spared.

This is a challenging idea indeed. At first glance it appears impracticable, but the United States bureau of reclamation considers it plausible enough to merit further engineering study. Costs and benefits will have to enter into the survey, but there is no fact apparent at present that would definitely shut the door upon the proposal. Western Oregon will raise no objections if the water in question is actually unneeded here—but if the project does go through, western Oregon people will never cease to be quietly tickled at the thought of loaning water to their neighbors across the divide.

Integrity of Courts

Martin T. Manton, former senior judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City, stands convicted of "conspiracy to obstruct justice and to deprive the United States of its impartial services." Unusual as it may seem, there is a certain aptness about the description of the charge. Depriving the nation of an impartial court is the real offense. It apparently would have been possible to use the word "bribery" in connection with some of the judge's alleged activities, but that more common word describes the method rather than the fundamental evil.

Alfred E. Smith and John W. Davis, both former nominees for the presidency, and a number of other notables took the stand to swear, no doubt in entire good faith, to Judge Manton's good reputation. They were referring to the past. Judge Manton's reputation is not so good today—nor have his conviction and the record of his case enhanced the general public's opinion of the purity of courts and the justice they administer. Simultaneous with the Manton trial, a county judge of New York City, George W. Martin, was on trial upon a specific charge of accepting a bribe. He was acquitted; but the two trials providing daily front page stories for readers in New York and elsewhere must have caused many to reflect upon the quality of justice in this country.

Actually, the conviction of one dishonest judge should not reflect upon the thousands of other judges, any more than proof of some crime perpetrated by one butcher, baker or candlestick maker should subject all the others to suspicion. But the fact is that it does, just as proof of one minister's faults reflect upon the cloth indiscriminately, and one banker's defalcations have a similar effect. This is the penalty for belonging to a profession which men esteem more highly than other occupations; in the last analysis it is a tribute to their calling, that the shortcomings of one member should so shock the community.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Work goes forward 5-6-39
on old Jefferson hotel:
some pleasant surprises
as its sturdiness is shown:

The work of rehabilitating the old Conser hotel at Jefferson, Oregon, goes forward; it was begun on Wednesday last, and pleasant surprises develop as the sturdiness of the historical structure are revealed.

Jacob Conser, builder and owner of the pioneer hotel, over 85 years ago erected the first sawmill on the site of Jefferson. At least one of his pieces of equipment was an up-and-down saw, and that one is shown to have been used in fashioning the solid oak foundations of the old building—the oak pieces resting on solid rocks. These great oak pieces are as sound as the days when they were placed.

There is not a single part of the old hotel that cannot and will not be made practically as good as new. For the W. P. A., which is to spend about \$4600, Wm. Kirsch is the superintendent; for the city, which will contribute about \$400, T. O. Kester, competent local carpenter, is in charge.

The building is already Jefferson city headquarters; the city council meets in the old hotel parlor. The city library will be provided with a splendid room and equipment. Space will be given for historical relics. Public meeting places will be provided for every kind of occasion for the public good. Jefferson will be proud of the rejuvenated building, and so will the state and nation. Ben Holladay, the railroad builder, had his headquarters in that hotel; General Sheridan, the world's greatest cavalry leader, put up there occasionally. The list could be extended indefinitely.

Dr. Earl R. Abbott, dentist, 918 Selling building, Portland, on June first mailed a letter to his old home town:

The letter reads:

"City Council, Jefferson, Oregon—Gentlemen: I read with regret in the Oregon Journal of Monday, May 29th, that you have designs upon the historic old hotel of your town and intend to modernize it.

"I was pleased, on the other hand to note in the same article, that the populace of Jefferson is rising en masse to protest the proposed modernization of the building. Having been a resident of the old hotel for a summer many years ago when I worked as a clerk in the general store of F. B. Sackett next door to the hotel, I have cherished the kindest of memories for this distinctive old hostelry through all the years that have elapsed.

"I have often seen this hotel building referred to by architects as one of the finest remaining examples of the early Oregon building art.

"Therefore, I wish to join the good people of your town in insisting that the hotel be kept in its original appearance. It seems to me that too many of us Americans are ready to wreck our old landmarks in the fancied name of progress, disregarding all the historic appeal that fine old structures like this one makes to others of us.

"The news of the intention to modernize the hotel makes me realize how Oliver Wendell Holmes felt when he penned the immortal defense of Old Ironsides, beginning:

"Ay, 'tis her tattered ensign
down!

Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see

That banner in the sky!"

"I sincerely hope that the wishes of the people of Jefferson in this matter may prevail, and that for many years to come, I may revisit the charming little city of Jefferson and find the old hotel standing there in its spacious yard, just as it was placed there by the pioneer who built it."

The article in the Portland Journal gave Dr. Abbott a slightly incorrect impression concerning what was on foot concerning the disposition of the historical building; at least he in some way got an incorrect idea.

The idea was not to "modernize" the historic building, but to tear it down, and to build an expensive, modern auditorium in its place, with money raised from an issue of city bonds. Some fantastic ideas were in the minds of the promoters of that scheme. But that phase ought to be forgotten.

The fact is, be it said to the credit of the Jefferson people, that they are almost unanimous now, in their rejoicing that the work is going ahead, as indicated above, and that the good name of the city will likely not be again impugned upon a squabble originating in the selfish interests of two or three persons.

This column will report progress on the project from time to time.

TO REPAIR CHURCH

PERRYDALE—Money is being donated by the people of the community to repair the church. It will be redecorated inside and repaired and painted outside.

ELSI NORE

Today and Wednesday
2 MAJOR FEATURES
Love story of world's foremost dancer

VERNON AND IRENE CASTLE
ASTAIRE ROGERS
BO BO BO
The Dance

PLUS 2ND FEATURE—

WILLIAM PIERCEON
BRUCE
AND COLUMBIA
MUSIC COMPANY
Presented by
Columbia Pictures

SOCIETY LAWYER

Plus Frank Darrow in
"BOYS REFORMATORY"
Plus "Lone Ranger" Serial

What Is so Rare as a Job in June



Radio Programs

KELM—TUESDAY—1360 Kc.

7:30—Milkman's Serenade.

7:30—United Press News.

7:45—Hills and Encores.

8:00—Morning Meditations.

8:15—Haven of Rest.

8:45—News.

9:00—Organist.

9:15—Morning Melodies.

9:45—Bargain a Minute.

10:00—Time Signal.

10:15—News.

10:30—Morning Magazine.

10:45—Women in the News.

11:15—True Story Drama.

11:30—Vain Parade.

12:00—Will Rogers Memorial Service from the US Capitol.

12:45—News.

1:00—Interesting Facts.

1:15—Hillbilly Serenade.

1:30—Francis Perkins Press Conference.

2:00—Art Center.

2:15—Musical Salute.

2:30—News.

2:45—Manhattan Mother.

3:00—Pacific Parade.

3:15—Ed McConnell.

3:45—Pulley Lewis, Jr.

4:00—So This is Radio.

4:15—Love a Mystery.

4:30—Woman's Magazine.

4:45—Easy Aces.

5:15—Mr. Keen.

5:30—News.

5:45—Orchestra.

6:00—Band.

6:15—Fashions in Harmony.

6:30—Stars of Today.

6:45—Robert Benchley.

7:00—Uncle Walter's Doghouse.

7:15—District Attorney.

7:30—Local Varieties.

7:45—Johnny Presents.

8:00—Orchestra.

8:15—Battle of the Sexes.

8:30—Carnival.

8:45—Orchestra.

9:00—News.

9:15—Musical Flashback.

9:30—Sleepy Time Tunes.

10:00—Orchestra.

10:15—Market Reports.

10:30—KOIN Clock.

10:45—Nancy James.

11:00—Heiter Treat.

11:15—Our Gal Sunday.

11:30—Home Folks Frolic.

11:45—Organist.

12:00—Big Sister.

12:15—Musical Basket.

12:30—When a Girl Marries.

12:45—This and That.

1:00—News.

1:15—Pretty Kitty Kelly.

1:30—Merrill and Marge.

1:45—Hilltop House.

2:00—Stepmother.

2:15—Waterproof Balans.

2:30—Dr. Sam.

2:45—March of Gnomes.

3:00—Fletcher Wiley.

3:15—Hello Wood.

3:30—Harry Wood.

3:45—Newspaper of the Air.

4:00—Tea for Two.

4:15—Organist.

4:30—Let's Waltz.

4:45—Let's Waltz.

5:00—Orchestra.

5:15—Organist.

5:30—Little Show.

5:45—American Viewpoints.

6:00—Ames 'n' Andy.

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KOW—TUESDAY—820 Kc.

7:00—Viennese Ensemble.

7:15—Trail Blazers.

7:45—News.

8:00—Organist.

8:15—The O'Neill.

8:30—Stars of Today.

8:45—Time Signal.

9:00—Orchestra.

9:15—Dangerous Roads.

9:30—Dr. Kate.

9:45—Betty and Bob.

10:00—Grimm's Daughter.

10:15—Yallan Lady.

10:30—Byways of All Churches.

10:45—Mary Martin.

11:00—Ma Perkins.

11:15—Pepper Young's Family.

11:30—Guiding Light.

11:45—Stella Dallas.

12:00—Vic and Sade.

12:15—Midstream.

12:30—Houseboat Hannah.

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1:00—Morin Sisters.

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