

Presidential Possibilities

No. 10: Bruce Barton



Bruce Barton: knows how to pick an issue—and dramatize it.

By BRUCE CATTON

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

Strictly a dark horse for the Republican nomination, but a rather promising one, all things considered, is Congressman Bruce Barton of New York.

Ordinarily no congressman who has not yet got half way through his second term would be considered for the presidency. But Congressman Barton is a bit different.

For one thing, he was widely known all across the country before he entered public life. His books, including the famous "Man Nobody Knows," were best sellers; long before he got into Congress, Mr. Barton's name was familiar to thousands of people who couldn't have named four congressmen to save their lives. His newspaper and magazine writings, of course, helped to spread his fame.

For another thing, Mr. Barton is an effective congressman and is possessed of a great deal of ability. As one of the country's leading advertising men, in addition, he knows how to select an issue and dramatize it so as to appeal to the masses. The son of a widely known clergyman, Mr. Barton is a midwesterner by background and a New Yorker by choice. He is affable, popular with his colleagues, and given to rather puckish jibing at the New Deal's follies. He attracted a bit of attention earlier this year by announcing a campaign to get at least one useless law repealed each week.

Glenwood Merger Question Again Bobs Before Council, Further Delay Thought Due

BY PAUL DEUTSCHMANN

In spite of an agreement to settle the question of the Glenwood annexation at the regular Monday evening meeting, the Eugene city council appears faced with more delays over the question which has been under discussion at the last three council meetings.

American Fliers Missing Over Ocean

FOYNES, Ireland, Sunday, Aug. 13.—(U.P.)—Two young "do or die" American fliers failed to appear over Ireland today and fears increased that they were lost in the Atlantic.

The fliers, Alex Leeb, 32, and Dick Decker, 25, took off in an antiquated Ryan monoplane from St. Peter's, Nova Scotia, Friday for Ireland, and "possibly Palestine."

They said they had "some swell information" about transatlantic flying from their friend, Douglas Corrigan, the "wrong way" flier who left New York for California and landed in Ireland. They said they had enough fuel to last them 35 hours.

The time limit passed at 2:14 a. m. and they were unreported. The plane they used was the same type used by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh in 1927, and like "the lone eagle," they followed the great circle route.

Grants Pass Man Named By Legionnaires

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—The Oregon department of the American Legion today elected Niel Allen, Grants Pass attorney, as commander after hearing Assistant Secretary of War Johnson issue an appeal for staunch defense of democracy against evil influences both at home and abroad.

The auxiliary elected Mrs. Lydia E. Horsvall of Marshfield as president.

The convention did not select a site for next year's convention.

Hurricane In Eugene? Oh My Gorsh!

Thinking she was calling the weather bureau, a Eugene lady was accidentally connected with a theater Saturday.

"Could you tell me the weather forecast?" she asked the girl in the glass cage.

"Hurricane will start at 6:13" was the reply.

The cashier said the phone then "went dead."

Disaster Set-Up Ready For Lane

Emergency Will Find Relief Forthcoming

The organization of a system for public protection and relief in case of forest fires, floods, or any other major disaster has recently been completed by the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Bruno Rath is general chairman of the Lane county disaster set-up. In the second division of the system, under government organizations, the Siuslaw and Willamette national forest officials have arranged for coordination in the event of forest fires or other catastrophes occurring within or near forest boundaries.

The National Guard will be available in case of emergencies. Dr. Orville Waller is general chairman. Under him are Dr. D. C. Stanard, medical division; John B. Patterson, first aid; Mrs. Anne Leffingwell, nurses; and Harry Powell, housing and feeding. The Ski Patrol will work under Mr. Patterson.

In the county organization, headed by C. A. Swartz, county sheriff, will be available such equipment as may be required, and the services of the coroner's office.

The fire and police departments of the city are coordinated under Cal Bryan, city recorder. Karl Onthank is in charge of housing for refugees. The R. O. T. C. units at the University are included in this division.

Small boats are listed with Arthur Henderson, and will be manned by the Eugene Sea Scouts under Raymond E. Kerr, Jr. The Boy Scouts will be available for messenger and other services. Automobiles for transportation and other uses are listed with Mahlon Sweet.

In the communications division are long wave radio facilities with KORE in charge, and short wave radios under Wallace Wintler. Joseph Harrell of the Eugene airport is in charge of air service. Registration of refugees will be handled by Mrs. Glen Lewis of the American Legion auxiliary and Mrs. Frank Hassel of the V. F. W. auxiliary. The veterans' organizations, such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans will work together through the office of C. S. Dillon in the Miner building.

Parking Meter Bids Will Be Received

Bids for parking meters will probably be formally received at the city council meeting Monday evening. It was reported by Fred Lamb, president of the council.

Also on the schedule will be a report from the police committee, headed by Councilman Sam Bond, which has looked over the meters of five different companies during the past two weeks.

The council voted at the July 24 meeting to try out 200 meters for a period not less than six months. Mr. Lamb indicated that no immediate decision need be expected since the council would require time to study the bids.

Meanwhile, E. H. Peterson, realty board president, who has been conducting a one-man campaign against the devices, had no report on the progress of his anti-meter petitions. He promised, however, that they would be presented to the council Monday and has stated in the past that he expects in 300 signatures against the meters.

Infant With Heart On Exterior Thought Near Death

MANILA, P. I., Sunday, Aug. 13.—(U.P.)—A baby born beating outside the chest of baby Maria Corazon Rafael fluttered dangerously today, and doctors feared the baby could not survive the sixth day of her life which has made medical history.

The baby, born with her heart outside the chest cavity, contracted bronchial pneumonia, and Dr. Guillermo Del Castillo said "only a miracle" could save her.

Axis Partners Still In Accord On War Policy

Danzig Issue Thought Not Worth Conflict, Is Word From Session

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—Germany and Italy are in "100 per cent agreement" on a joint policy to be pursued in event of war, it was stated tonight as Fuehrer Adolf Hitler conferred with the Italian and German foreign ministers here.

Informed Nazi and Fascist quarters said it was agreed in the conference that the Danzig question is "not worth war" and that both powers of the totalitarian military alliance will seek to avoid a conflict.

Nevertheless, it was explained, the situation is such that Germany and Italy are fully agreed on measures to be taken to meet any "provocations."

An informed Italian source said that Danzig would be restored to the reich in the near future but that it was expected that this would come about by "natural gravitation without either German or Italian initiative."

Lunch on Veranda Hitler's mountain-top conference with Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano and German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop began at 2:30 p. m. (9:30 a. m., EDT) after luncheon on the veranda of the Fuehrer's chalet.

The talks were described as having entered their "most important stage" late in the afternoon. It was said that Hitler was in excellent humor, laughing and chatting with his guests.

It was reported Hitler's Nazi lieutenants in Danzig might arrive in Berchtesgaden Sunday morning for a private meeting with Hitler, and perhaps to meet Ciano.

The Danzig Nazi leaders, Albert Forster and Senate President Dr. Arthur K. Greiser, have conferred several times with the Fuehrer in recent months. Forster

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Two Drive-In Markets Will Be Constructed

The contract for the erection of two large drive-in market buildings in Eugene has been let by the Safeway Stores, Inc., to Smith and Huffman, a local building firm, and work on both is expected to be started in a week or two.

One building will be located on the old Hendricks residence property at the corner of West Broadway and Charnell street and the other at the southwest corner of Willamette street and Thirteenth avenue.

Early this summer the company leased the Hendricks property, covering a whole quarter block from the estate of the late T. G. Hendricks, pioneer Eugene banker, and the large residence was moved off. Only a few weeks ago the company bought the property at Willamette and Thirteenth and will move the old wooden store buildings and several residences from the property.

John L. Reynolds, architect of this city, is drawing the plans for both market buildings. They will be modern in every particular, each will be 50 by 120 feet in dimensions and of reinforced concrete construction. The contract figure on both buildings is in the vicinity of \$34,000.

Cragie May Talk Money With Japanese

TOKYO, Aug. 13.—(U.P.)—British Ambassador Sir Robert L. Cragie today was understood to have been informed by London that he has authority to "discuss" the question of Chinese nationalist silver and currency in the Anglo-Japanese talks.

Britain refuses, however, to link any Japanese demands for British support of Japanese currency in China with a settlement of the Tientsin dispute, it was said.

British quarters said London would maintain this stand, even at the risk of collapse of the negotiations.

Morse to Open Labor Hearing on Monday

Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school, said today he would open an arbitration hearing on the dispute between the Masters, Mates and Pilots and the Columbia river boat operators Monday morning in Portland.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a. m. at the Benson hotel.

Arbitrator Wayne Morse Rules Union, Employees Responsible For Closure



LOCAL astronomy fans have been given an opportunity to do a bit of concentrated "star-gazing" with "Baz" Williams' telescope which he recently turned over to those wishing to see the planet Mars. He is pictured above with the instrument. (Wiltshire engraving)

'Baz' Williams' Neighbors Join Him at Star Studies

BY J. HUGH PRUETT

Astronomer, University of Oregon

Study of the stars appeals to multitudes of people in various occupations. Not the mathematical study—this is left to professional astronomers—but the purely pleasurable kind which is concerned chiefly with observations and the acquisition of interesting facts regarding the vast universe around us.

Postoffice Dedication Billed For Monday

Eugene's \$250,000 postoffice, with the "brand new" shine worn off by five weeks of actual use, will be officially dedicated Monday evening at 7:30 with bands, speeches and all the trimmings.

Heading the list of visiting notables who will be on hand for the ceremony will be Ambrose O'Connell, second assistant postmaster general, who has come from Washington, D. C., to give the dedicatory address. In the absence of Mayor Elisha Large, who is vacationing in the east, Dr. A. T. Oberg, president of the chamber of commerce, will accept the building in behalf of the city.

The program will open with a few remarks by Frank L. Armitage, postmaster, Lawrence T. Harris, local attorney, will follow with a history of post-offices in Eugene.

Also on the program will be the turning over of the old postoffice building to the Lane County Pioneer museum association. S. H. Morse, postoffice inspector, will present the building. Cal Young, president of the association, will accept.

The I.O.O.F. municipal band will play. Judge G. F. Skipworth has been in charge of the program arrangements.

After the program has been completed the building will be opened to the public for a tour of inspection. Mr. Armitage announced. An opportunity for Eugeneans to look over all of the offices in the building, the new improved facilities for the postal department, and other interesting features of the structure will be provided.

English Hop Pickers Warned to Take Masks To Fields With Them

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(U.P.)—The Kent county council today instructed 100,000 hop-pickers who will be hired for the Kentish hop harvest the first half of September, to bring along gas masks. The council explained that it is without enough reserve masks for the pickers "in event of an emergency."

San Francisco Workers Placed On Monthly Pay

Eugenean Issues Detailed Decision On Recent Port Tie-up

BY WAYNE HARBERT

Employment of the 10 clerks by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. in San Francisco, shall be, beginning Monday, August 14, on the monthly rather than a daily basis, Arbitrator Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school, has decreed.

Both the Dock Checkers Employers association and the Ship Clerks association violated the agreements by action taken by them in connection with the several issues involved in the dispute, it was decided by the arbitrator.

The union violated the agreement, he ruled, when it stretched the picket line prior to submitting the dispute to arbitration. Likewise, the union violated the agreement when it refused on several occasions to arbitrate the various issues over which the Joint Checkers committee had become deadlocked. It violated the agreement when it interfered by means of economic force with the employers' rights to hire monthly checkers in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.

Closure 10 Days

The dispute, which resulted in the closure of the port of San Francisco from June 17 to June 27, 1939, arose when the steamship company offered employment on a monthly basis to the 10 clerks who had formerly been working on a daily basis.

The men accepted the monthly jobs but were told by union officials to resign and seek reemployment on the daily basis. The clerks did resign, but the company refused to rehire them on the former basis. The company maintained it had the right to make the transfer and if a clerk did not wish to accept such employment it could hire them from whatever labor supply it wished. The men were told to go home and wait for developments.

The union officials then ordered the formation of a picket line in front of the American-Hawaiian dock on June 14, learn the employers planned to weaken the union by increasing the number of monthly men. Both clerks and longshoremen then halted work and the 10 involved clerks joined the pickets. The port was closed by a lockout June 17 after the pickets did not withdraw as demanded by the dock checkers employers association.

Agreement Cited

The arbitrator's decision was drawn from a previous agreement between employers and employees which said, in part: "A daily checker who is offered and wishes to accept a position as monthly checker shall be free to do so."

"Whatever the causes for the union suspension may be, the controlling fact in the premises is that the union was, nevertheless, bound by the terms of the contract which it signed," the report reads, "and by the terms of that contract it had granted to the employers and to the daily clerks, under the agreement, the legal right to employ daily checkers as monthly checkers, and the legal right on the part of the daily checkers to accept such monthly jobs without interference...."

"Changed employment conditions, allegations charging employer interference with union policy, suspicions, animosities, and fears are not sufficient as shown by the record of this case to alter or destroy the specific legal rights granted to the employers and to the daily checkers," in the agreement.

"The men," the arbitrator has declared, "looked upon the appointment to a monthly status as a promotion and as a very desirable thing because of the relative economic security and certainty of income which accompanied the appointment."

Other Decisions Made

Other decisions issued by Dean Morse on the San Francisco dispute are: 1. "It is the duty of both the union and the employers association to arbitrate disputes upon which there is disagreement in the

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Siuslaw Route Will Be Studied During Week

State Commission Will Seek Reduction In Grades, Curves

As a step to investigate what can be done to reduce grades and curves on the Siuslaw highway, the state highway commission and local officials will inspect that route next Wednesday and Thursday.

The highway commission, headed by Henry Cabell, chairman, members of the Eugene chamber of commerce highway committee, the Lane county court members, and the representatives of the western Lane organizations will make up the official party.

The group will assemble at Florence Wednesday evening for a dinner meeting at the Florence hotel at 6:30 o'clock. While in that section, the commission also will look over the city road system at that end of the highway.

Luncheon at Lake Thursday morning will be spent inspecting the Siuslaw highway, and at noon the group will meet at Triangle lake for luncheon as a part of the meeting with the Junction city chamber of commerce.

The study of the Siuslaw route is being made following requests from the western part of the county for a better highway, especially in the summit region east of Hatch and Triangle lake. The increase in traffic for logging camps operating in connection with the lumbering industry of that section has made the steep grades and numerous curves a real problem.

At the last session of the state highway commission, the Lane county court and Eugene chamber of commerce delegations reported to the group they were supporting the request of western Lane for a project to improve the Siuslaw highway.

Eugene's Fire Loss Kept At Minimum

Fire loss in the city of Eugene amounted to \$1,450 dollars in the month of July with all but \$20 covered by insurance, it was reported Saturday by W. E. Nussbaum, fire chief.

Most of the damage was done by five dwellings where \$1,170 worth of property was burned. Only \$280 destruction was done by the six office buildings and other business constructions which were threatened by fire.

The city fireboys answered 34 calls during the month and protected property valued at \$172,180. Eighteen of the calls were for grass fires.

The increased considerably over the month of June when only 550 damage was done in the city and only 20 calls were made. A majority of the July calls were caused by rubbish and other the chief's report indicates. On their July calls, Eugene firemen hauled 120 feet of lumber, 550 feet of hose, pumped 1,200 gallons of water and used equipment 13 hours and 32 minutes. They also made 63 inspections.

A year ago fire loss was totaled at \$82,236.13, with the major damage caused by the fire in the Plaza Sigma fraternity house. Fourty-four calls were made in July, 1938.

Weather News

A wide range of temperature was experienced by Eugene Saturday with more than 30 degrees between the maximum and minimum. The day started cool, but grew noticeably warm during the afternoon and at 8 p. m. the temperature still stood at 72 degrees.

OREGON: Generally fair Sunday and Monday, but considerable cloudiness in west portion, and fog on Tuesday. Sunday: gentle northwest wind off coast.

AIRPORT BUREAU RECORD: Maximum temperature, Saturday, 74.4 degrees; minimum temperature, Sunday, 53.8 degrees; wind, 12 m.p.h.

RIVER BUREAU RECORD: Stage of the Willamette river in Eugene at 8:00 p. m. Saturday 101.1 feet.

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