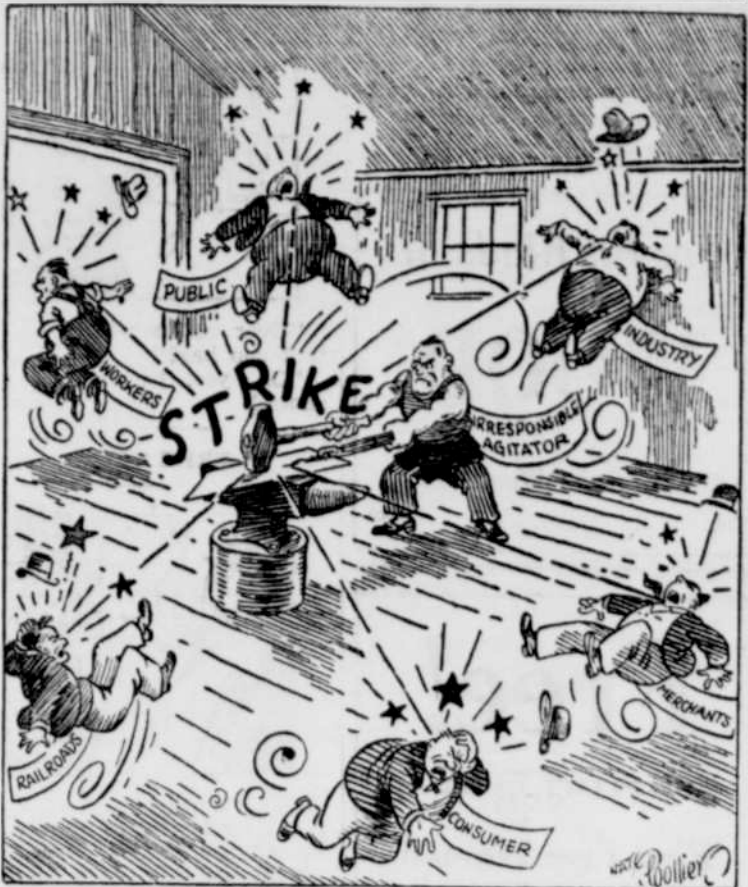


LET THE SPARKS FLY WHERE THEY WILL



Washington Snap Shots

Everybody has tucked away in his attic or cellar the equivalent of a wedding present from Aunt Lavina, which is kept hidden until its necessary to drag it out on parade. Well, Vice Presidents used to be like that. But "Cactus Jack" Garner of Texas is changing things.

Up to the time Garner ran for the Vice Presidency, the Speakership of the National House of Representatives, which he then held, used to be second in importance only to the Presidency. The Vice President was usually a quiet soul who did nothing much but preside over the Senate and get bored at the hours upon hours of debate.

Garner didn't like that kind of business. Right off the bat, he got himself invited to Cabinet meetings not as Cabinet officer but as spokes-

man of the legislative branch of the government. Unlike other Vice Presidents, he had no inferiority complex. He used to say that the man who was afraid to speak his mind usually didn't have a mind. And he practiced what he preached.

For a long time, politicians in Washington thought Garner's activity was just a flash in the pan. They figured that eventually he would settle down and become a typical Vice President. But they figured wrong. Several times he has pulled chestnuts out of the hottest fire Congress could build, and a real Congressional fire is plenty hot.

For example, Congress several years ago passed the Vinson-Patman bill, which would have called for the issuance of new money to pay the bonus. The administration was down right worried, especially when the House re-passed it over a Presidential veto. Most Senate chiefs threw up their hands in despair. Not Garner. He went to work, and it was largely due to his efforts that the Senate sustained the veto.

If Garner had had his "druthers", he probably would have said: "I'd rather see the bonus paid." But Garner is the type of man who can put his tongue in his cheek and act one way when he thinks another—IF he believes that he can win eventually. Thus, while opposing a bonus bill one year, he was highly instrumental in putting another bill through a few months later.

Shortly after Senator Robinson of Arkansas died, the President cancelled his usual week-end fishing-boating trip. The explanation was that the "Far Eastern situation" had him worried. Upon which, a National Press Clubber, who is either suspicious or cynical, remarked: "Sure! The Capitol, where Senators are considering the Supreme Court bill, is exactly 15 1/2 blocks east of

the White House. A bothersome 'Far Eastern situation' all right."

Garner apparently believed the same thing, for he came back from Arkansas aboard the Robinson funeral train. He immediately went to work at the job of finding some sort of a "compromise" between the President and "the boys." He worked so hard that after three conferences he had to shuck his shirt.

All of this may be surprising to a lot of folks who know that Garner left Washington for Texas only a few weeks ago because he disliked the whole plan to enlarge the Supreme Court and would have none of it. But one of his close friends, who has known him for years, explains it this way:

"Garner is a product of machine politics. He believes in at least surface loyalty to the titular boss of that machine. He thinks that with Robinson dead it is necessary for him to forget personal convictions and pitch in. He would rather do the job himself than turn it over to some he couldn't trust. Like Robinson, his heart isn't really in this job. He may do it strictly under cover, but when the time comes he'll either see that his personal convictions prevail and start kicking, or he'll go back to his ranch and business in Texas. If he starts kicking, you can bid good-bye to any court-packing scheme that is anywhere near effective."

Local Blacksmith Breaks up Court On Lake Visit

Benjamin Franklin Peart, more familiarly known as "Ben" to his hundreds of friends in the Rogue River Valley, who has operated a blacksmith shop in Central Point for about 40 years, tells a tale of his first visit to Crater Lake way back in the "Eighty's" which is worthy of repeating.

In the fall of 1886 (which, by the way, is 51 years ago) Ben and a partner took two teams and hacks loaded with melons, tomatoes and "garden sass" and drove up Rogue

river and over the divide to old Fort Klamath. The way led them over practically the same route as the present road as far as Whiskey Creek, above the Union Creek resort, from where the road led over the hills and gulches to Anna Spring. From there the route followed almost the present road to Fort Klamath.

Arriving at the fort, Ben and his partner heard that court was in session at the Indian reservation a few miles away and decided to take their loads on and try to sell them to the Indians gathered there. When they arrived at the building in which court was being held they found several Indians loafing about the door. When the Indians saw what the white men had to sell they spoke a few words into the door of the court house and in an instant the whole crowd inside rushed out and crowded about their wagon, leaving the judge all alone inside. In a very few minutes the whole clearing was filled with delighted Indians, busily munching melons, tomatoes, and other green things which were very scarce in their country. When the judge came out to see what happened to his courtroom audience and officials he just smiled an appreciative smile, grabbed a melon and joined in the fun. Ben says that was the only time in his life he ever broke up a dignified court in regular session.

On the return trip the two men decided to stop and see the mysterious lake they had heard lay a few miles from Anna Springs. Turning off at Anna Springs, they managed to drive up through the hills to a spot somewhere near where the park headquarters is now located. Here they left their teams and hiked up the steep hillside until they came out on the rim of the lake not far from the site of the Lodge. Of course there were no buildings there then and no signs of human habitation.

But the grandeur of the scenery was just the same then as now. The gorgeous colors were just as beautiful and the water just as placid as today. 50 years is a very small measure of time in the age-old history of Crater Lake.

After spending several hours gazing at the wonders of this awe-inspiring scene, Ben and his partner returned to their camp, weary from their climb, but well satisfied that the trip had been well worth while. Since that long-ago day Mr. Peart has made many trips to the lake and says he always enjoys looking at the always-changing scene and finds something new to see every time he goes.

4-H Clubbers to Picnic Saturday

All Jackson County 4-H Club members, leaders, and parents will meet at the Jackson Hot Springs, Saturday morning, July 31, for their annual picnic.

The morning will be devoted to games, races, and contests, starting at ten o'clock. A covered dish luncheon will be had at noon with plenty of ice-cream furnished by Suiders Creamery and Grovers Creamery of Medford, and the Ashland Creamery.

After lunch there will be a meeting and short program foreveryone, after which there will be a leaders meeting while the younger people enjoy the swimming tank or games.

According to C. D. Conrad, County

Club Agent, this is one of the outstanding 4-H Club activities of the year and everyone interested in the work is invited to come.

Mr. H. C. Seymour, State 4-H Club Leader will be present to help with the leaders meeting and answer any questions which the local leaders may have.

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