

That Texas Party

After Attending Some of the Political Seances Will Now Convinced State Will Soon Be Empire All Its Own

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WELL, ALL I KNOW is just what I read in the papers, and what I see here and there. Had a great trip a couple of weeks ago down in Texas, where I prowled around for 3 days with the Post Office bunch and Vice President Garner. It started out at the opening of Arlington Race Track, and what a fine thing it was for Mr. W. T. Waggoner, the grand old Texas ranchman that spent millions on breeding and a wonderful race track. He was able to be right there at the finish to see em run.

I was greatly interested in this starting gate. Its a big frame of a concern that they pull with a tractor, and it goes right across the track, and has perhaps 16 or 18 little stalls or booths that the horses stand in. I had seen stationary ones, but this was the first movable one. They get em all standing in there. They can put a bar behind em if they get to backing out. Then the starter has an electric button on a cord, and as they all get lined up in there even, he pushes the button, and a gong rings right over the horses heads and away they go. Its an awfully even start, with no chance of anybody being left at the post. They had a marvelous crowd, and some fine horses. Mr. Farley was there. He is a great man for the Administration. He makes a splendid speech and a fine impression and knows everyone, and never forgets a face or name. He is really the exalted ruler of the political end of the Democratic party.

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MISSED BIG SEANCE AT FARM—

They had a lot of prominent ones from Washington, all the assistant Post Masters but one. Then we had the Comptroller of the Currency (if any) and of course Vice President John Garner, as fine a character as ever lived. Lots of humor. He made several speeches and they were all good. With all the newspaper boys we had three planes, big ones, of the American Airways.

Amon Carter, the proprietor of Ft. Worth, started the whole party off with a big seance at his famous Shady Oak Farm, the night before. I didnt get to make that, as I was still working in the movies. They say it was the biggest thing ever held in Texas, 375 guests.

Then we went down to San Antonio, one of the grandest old cities in America, one of my favorites, cause its different. We saw all those wonderful flying fields, one of em the finest in the world, the West Point of the air. Then on out to the beautiful little city of Uvalde, where John Garner lives.

They had a little speakers stand out at the field and of course we all made speeches, Garner the best one, for he was at home. He appreciates his people and they appreciate him. You know Garner is quite a man. Lots of people might not realize what a capable man we have as Vice President. Do you realize he was the dominant Democrat of the House of Representatives for 20 years? He engineered, or helped too, every bit of legislation that ever went through Congress. Not a man living is as well posted on all affairs of this Government as Jack Garner. God forbid that anything should ever happen to our Chief, but the fellow that thinks this Garner couldnt carry on in great shape is crazy.

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THOUGHT OF PRICE—HELD ON—

Nick Longworth told me 10 years ago that Garner was the smartest man in either the Senate or House. There hasent been a shot fired that Garner didnt know what the shooting was all about.

We went out to Mr. Morrison's wonderful ranch for a real chuck wagon meal, and stayed all night at this Eden of the saddle horse. Put me on one he had paid seventy-five thousand for. I got to thinking of the price and had to hold on.

Mr. Morrison went to London with our Economic Conference. Maby I shouldnt have mentioned that Conference. The only thing economic about it was that the delegates got back here early, signed nothing so it was a success.

Then we flew on to Houston, the home of Emperor Jones, Jessie Jones, head of the R. F. C. Everything in Houston over two stories, Jones has built. He was there that day, and had just talked to the President on the phone. That was when they cooked up the scheme to buy the gold and Mr. Roosevelt told of it on the radio the next night which was two weeks ago. It seemed good to get first-hand information of what our Government was to do before it did it, but I didnt go and blab it. I wish I could publish all the beats I can get ahold of. I could, but I wouldnt get any more of em.

I tell you that Texas is a great State. Its the biggest thing you ever saw, and has the most variety of products. I look to see the day away in the future when it will get so big that it will have to become an empire all its own like it was one time. Dont you remember that time when Mexico won the war from the U. S. and made em take Texas back? Well the troop all broke up and we all went home, but it was a congenial party.

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2-c—Why did that 1-c get sore at the blind date I got him?

1-c—Oh, she forgot and asked him for a ticket after each dance.

—The Log.

*Mary had a little lamb
Given by a friend to keep.
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Co-ed—Bill said he was honest only because he didnt like jail.

Cadet—That was frank, wasn't it?

Co-ed—No, that was Bill.

—The Skipper.