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THE TRAIL LED NORTH

By CHARLES V. STANTON

One of the most pleasant tasks which falls to the lot of an editor is that of reading new books—that is if he can find the time to read them. Many of the larger newspapers have reporters who review books in a special column, but on smaller papers the job usually is performed by the editor.

Publishers, naturally, seek favorable comment for new books. Newspapers, in turn, feel they are performing a service to their readers when they furnish reports on worthwhile books.

It has not been the custom of *The News-Review* to maintain a book review column, nor have we made a common practice of reporting on books in this column. However, from time to time we have received books with which we have been favorably impressed personally and have passed on information to the readers of this column. Another such book has come to our desk recently. It is "The Trail Led North," written by a well-known Oregon author, Martha Ferguson McKeown, and published by MacMillan.

Perhaps one reason we have such a particular interest in "The Trail Led North," is that we had a most pleasant visit with Mrs. McKeown at the time she received her advance royalty check from the publishers. To say she was "walking on air" is to put it mildly. Having had the pleasure of enjoying her rapture as she was assured publication of her "brain child," we possibly got a more complete picture of the travail accompanying a first-born book than falls to the experience of most people. Mrs. McKeown had to "unload" on someone and, most fortunately for us, we were in the direct "line of fire."

Daughter of a pioneer Oregon family and educated in Oregon schools, Mrs. McKeown was a teacher and dean of girls in Oregon for several years, and served as director of the Oregon Older Girls' Conference. She began writing professionally only a few years ago and prepared several feature articles for Portland newspapers. While her new book is biographical and historical in nature, it actually falls into the classification of an exceptionally fine piece of reporting. We'll explain what we mean:

Mrs. McKeown is a woman of refinement. She is exceptionally well educated. She is an outstanding speaker and organizer, as evidenced by the fact that she is currently Oregon State regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution. But some of the language in "The Trail Led North" is not that ordinarily used by a lady of refinement. It is, however, exactly the kind of language one would expect from Mont Hawthorne, a rough and ready character who struck Astoria in 1883, who became a woodcutter, farm hand, cannery worker, Alaskan gold miner and returned to fish canneries. Mont Hawthorne was an uncle of Mrs. McKeown, whose life story she tells.

The author confessed to us that she had considerable trouble with that language.

"I wrote more than 3,500 words," she told us, "but, while the story was there it just didn't seem right. I studied and puzzled over my manuscripts, then suddenly it dawned on me that I was writing a story ABOUT Uncle Mont, not Uncle Mont's STORY. So I went back and re-wrote it. I used Uncle Mont's language, not my own. Immediately the story came to life."

That's what we mean by good reporting.

Any person who loves the glamor of the Far West in its early days will find "The Trail Led North" an especially intriguing book.

Another new book which to date we have only scanned but which we hope to read thoroughly in the near future is "Main Street Merchant," by Norman Beasley (Whittlesey House). It is a story of J. C. Penney and the J. C. Penney Company. It imparts a homely lesson in application of The Golden Rule when, as a boy, Penney was not permitted to keep some pigs because they offended the neighbors. From the inspiration which came to an 8-year-old boy as he was instructed in a practical application of The Golden Rule by his minister father, there developed in later years the Golden Rule chain of stores which in more modern years became the far-flung organization of the J. C. Penney Company.

In these days of high wages and comparatively easy living it is good to recall how men struggled with adversity, poverty, depression and heartbreaking failures, yet still clung to an ideal through which they reached the pinnacle of success and carried thousands of people with them. "Main Street Merchant" is inspirational reading.

Missionary From Congo Will Speak At Baptist Church

Dr. A. C. Osterholm, above, on Sabbath leave from his work in the Congo in Africa as a medical missionary, will be the special guest at all services at the First Baptist Church of Roseburg Sunday.

Dr. Osterholm is a graduate of Linfield College and of the University of Oregon Medical School. He has complete charge of a large hospital in the Congo.

Reportedly a very gifted speaker and talented bass soloist, Dr. Osterholm will speak briefly at the opening of Sunday school at 9:45. He will preach at 11 and at 7:30 and also speak to com-

bined youth groups at 6:15. He will sing at both services, and, by special request after the Sunday evening service, he will sing such popular favorites as "Ole Man River," etc.

The public is invited by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Sconce, to hear this medical missionary.

JUSTICE COURT FINES

Justice Hartfield reports the following traffic fines: Domingo Sabala Jr., violation of the basic rule, \$10; James E. Laney, axle overload, \$10; Robert J. Daw, axle overload, \$10; Dale Wilson, unit overload, \$10; Wade Wilson, unit overload, \$10; Lee Snyder, no operator's license, \$10; Harry Wilson, passing with insufficient clearance, \$10; Wilbur D. Weaver, axle overload, \$10; Woodrow W. Ehrharts, three axle load charges, \$10 each; George H. Brown Jr., axle overload, \$10; Hudson D. Reeves, speeding, \$15.

Maybe Somebody's Taking Too Much for Granted



By Vahnett S. Martin

I've written these scraps in all sorts of places, by the foaming river in Kings' Canyon, using a big rock as a desk, and sitting on another; in hotel rooms and in motels; in newspaper offices; by the side of the road in the car—but this is the first time I've written one in a typewriter repair shop. It's all Tizzie's fault!

This is a brand new machine lent me in the artful hope that I'll abandon Tizzie and buy it. But I won't. Tizzie will be as good as new by tomorrow, but our pocketbook will not be. Waiting for Tizzie's recovery has already cost a new winter coat, despite my determination not to "wear one of the things!" Swirling back lines, back-dropping hems, and bright colors are definitely not for me. At least that was what I told EJ and assured him I'd much rather wear my old coat which is still a better one than anything I've tried on this year. But it hasn't a swinging back line, nor a sagging hem in the back, nor big sleeves, nor a bright color. "No," I said, determinedly, "I shall go on wearing my old black coat with its nice warm collar!"

A tailor had it to let down the hem (evenly!) and there was I without a warm coat, and we came through a snowstorm—such a pretty snowstorm, too—on the way down. So the upshot of it was that, still protesting, I found myself being fitted in a bright

green coat with a swirling back, sagging hem, and big sleeves, all calculated to do the wrong things to a short woman none too slender! "But it will be warm!" (And I can always wear my old black coat. "At least," said EJ, "you won't be shivering!")

But I was telling you about Tizzie and her reckless act! Just as we were about to leave for church, Thanksgiving Day, Tizzie suddenly decided to end it all. She slid off the little table made especially for her, on which she has rested placidly for all this time, and there she was, on the floor. EJ and I stood speechless for a moment. Then late for church or not, he had to know the worst about Tizzie. Feeding a sheet of paper into her platen he typed half a line and stuck. Tizzie had let us down as well as herself, no fooling!

There we were, ready to start for a nice weekend as soon as church was over. What to do? We couldn't get along next week without Tizzie! Well we would just take her with us—a suspicious thought came to me that maybe that was her game anyhow. It's a long time since she had a ride with our faithful Estrellita!

So here we are in Medford, waiting for Tizzie to be restored to us. And in the meantime, borrowing a typewriter!

And oh, the snow on the hills is a Christmas card scene!

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

POST-SEASON GRIDIRON GRIPES

(Oregon City Enterprise)

From more than a decade of experience with "mythical" high school championships, Oregon football fans well know that neither sport page debate nor balloting by faculty members can settle such matters. Oregon's high schools have wisely set up a method for determining championships by "deeds, not words."

And so, the bitter words heard on every band in Oregon since Monday, when the Pacific Coast conference, by vote of its member schools, chose University of California as its Rose Bowl representative, cannot in themselves settle anything. There even is the certainty that our judgment that the Oregon team is superior, is colored slightly by loyalty—just as is the contrary judgment of Californians.

On that basis, we join heartily in the state-wide declaration that "we wuz robbed."

Let's have our say about this "unlimited substitution" business. Coaches, including some who favor the present rules have confessed that they sometimes are confused as to what men are on the field, and why—where does the average fan, who doesn't live with his favorite team six days a week? But that, again, is not the real point.

Supposing that the baseball powers—that be should adopt a similar rule, imagine what would happen. Nine agile fielders who couldn't hit 223 out there on defense; nine brawny 300 fence-busters to take over when "our side" came to bat. Would you like it?

There may be something of stand-patism coupled with a feeling of "born thirty years too soon" in our opposition—those of us who have played 60 minutes of football in one afternoon. Some of us would have shone more brightly if required to carry the ball, or block, with a substitute to come in and do our tackling—or vice versa.

But there also is in our attitude a bit of scorn which today's boys may not deserve. In our day, a football player needed several abilities—chief of them the ability to "take it." As things were this year, a lot of the boys who may have had that ability, never had opportunity to prove it. Even though team "efficiency" might suffer, we think they deserve that opportunity. And until it's restored to them, we old-timers will continue to snort, "this isn't football!"

In the Day's News

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except by air. It's a fair guess that Moscow's plan is to feed and warm the Russian part of the city liberally while our part (depending wholly on planes) goes hungry and cold.

The hope is that before a long, hard winter is over the cold and hungry Berliners will come around to the conclusion that Russia is their best bet.

In this tall game of bluff, we haven't much more than a ten-spot in the hole. The bulk of the coal is in our part of Germany, but we have to haul it to Berlin in airplanes—which is slow and costly.

The Russians have obviously been waiting for winter, which is their traditional ally.

All the news from China is bad. What comes as this is written is a little worse. A Nan-king dispatch says:

"The flight of NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM CHINA reached such proportions today that the control yuan (a yuan is a sort of government body) is reported to have adopted a resolution that passports be given only to those under 'special orders.' The Nan-king Evening News said the control yuan would investigate the large number of LEGISLATIVE AND CONTROL YUAN MEMBERS who have asked for passports."

That is to say, the TOP Chinese, who have the money and the influence to make it possible, are GETTING OUT OF CHINA while there is still time.

When things like that happen, the jig is about up.

DRAFTES in Colorado are given what the reporter who wrote the story calls a "glimpse at the new look in soldiering."

The army threw a swank party for them—dances, bands, songs and a floor show. The girls were in formal evening gowns. They were given corsages—which the army provided. They pinned stars on the privates' shoulders, and the girls gave them printed commissions good for the night. Sergeants kow-towed and took commands.

When it was all over, the men were sent to nice warm hotel rooms. (The next morning they headed for Fort Ord and the realities of life.)

KINDA silly, isn't it? Still, it ought to be possible. AND IT IS POSSIBLE, to make soldering as a buck private or a lowly non-com less spiritually degrading than it is and always has been.

This writer has a notion that the sharp class distinctions that are the rule in all armies, including ours, AREN'T necessary to inspire the instant and instinctive obedience to orders that is essential in battle.

DECREE QUIETS TITLE Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly has issued a decree in favor of Florence Hamilton against Thomas E. Ollivant and others in a suit to quiet title to Roseburg property located on Short Street.

No Decline Seen In Furniture Or Building Prices

That new dining room suite or sofa for the living room is going to cost just as much if not more in 1949 as it does now, barring sudden—and unexpected—reversals in the price curve.

Only bright spot in the 1949 house furnishings and furniture outlook seen now by an O. S. S. extension specialist is in supply. There will be more furniture and house furnishings available in 1949, according to Mrs. Myrtle Carter, extension specialist in home furnishings and clothing.

Within comparatively recent months, prices paid by farm families for housebuilding materials, furniture and house furnishings have continued to climb. Rate of climb, however, has shown signs of tapering off in all groups of items.

The U. S. department of agriculture is predicting new peak expenditures in 1949 by farmers for such items as machinery, house furnishings and household equipment. Farmers generally, according to Mrs. Carter, want to better their living and working conditions as long as they see continued good income.

Mrs. Carter says that building materials rose 12 percent in the 12-month period from June 1947 to June 1948, compared with a 47 percent jump for a similar period preceding June 1947. Prices paid by farm families for furniture and furnishings increased 6 percent between June 1947 and June 1948 in contrast to a 14 percent step-up during the previous 12-month period.

Since many of the basic raw materials such as lumber and steel that are used in the building trades are also used in the manufacture of furniture and house furnishings, Mrs. Carter says continued heavy demands will probably keep prices high.

Hoover's Economy Government Plan Has Truman O. K.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A proposed rearrangement of 60 federal agencies which may save the government \$3,000,000,000 annually had the approval of President Truman today.

The plan was recommended by former President Herbert Hoover, who heads a bipartisan commission which will recommend changes in the executive branch of the government to the next session of Congress.

Hoover estimated that the proposed regroupings could save the government as much as \$3,000,000,000 a year.

He made known Mr. Truman's approval following a conference at the White House. Hoover also announced an aim to increase federal salaries, especially in the top brackets, but did not say whether the President had okayed it.

There was some confusion over Hoover's plan for regrouping the federal agencies. Reporters first understood him to say the commission would recommend that the 60 agencies be telescoped into a single administration.

Later a commission spokesman said this is not what is intended. He said Hoover meant that each agency would be:

1. Placed either into one of the nine existing cabinet-rank departments, or a proposed tenth, or

2. Put under one of six proposed administrations which would individually handle problems in related fields.

One such administration would, for example, be concerned only with the so-called "central services." These include such functions as procurement, statistics and records and personnel. Another might deal with veterans' affairs.

The reddish egret of Florida is one of the most skillful balancers in the world. He can stand on a swaying vine even in a strong wind.

Cow Elk Joins Dairy Herd, Submits to Petting

LAKESIDE, Ore., Dec. 2.—(AP)—When Thor Jamsgard and his sons drove their cows into the barn for the evening, a cow elk was in the midst of the herd.

She lay down on the barn floor and allowed Jamsgard to pet her and scratch her neck.

They took some pictures of the strange sight, then drove her from the barn and she disappeared in the twilight.

The elk, a two-year-old, had been observed several times previously grazing in the field with the cattle. But this was the first time she went into the barn.

Trial Examiners Disagree On Illegal Picketing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Two trial examiners for the National Labor Relations Board disagreed on when mass picketing is

Illegal under the Taft-Hartley Act

Examiner Charles W. Schneider ruled yesterday that picketing in "unusual numbers" is legal so long as there is free access to a plant entrance.

He said that parading of as many as 20 pickets before the 23-foot wide gate of the Bucyrus-Erie Company, Evansville, Ind., is protected as exercise of free speech because non-strikers could enter or leave the plant.

A few weeks ago another examiner, Irving Rogosin, ruled that multiple pickets are illegal because the picketing itself intimidates non-strikers from entering a plant.

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