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ON THE OREGON TRAIL

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Symbol of the Opportunity Bond campaign now in progress is the covered wagon—the old prairie schooner of '49. To perfect its symbolism, the pictured conveyance should carry a slogan, "Oregon or Bust," across its forepeak, for certainly the history of Oregon's settlement furnishes occasion for an interesting tie-in with Savings Bonds and the purpose for which their sale is encouraged.

We are told how, as wagon trains plodded their way across the Great Plains, excited horsemen rode up with news of the gold strike in California. The trains divided, some going to California to seek sudden, easy wealth in the gold fields, while others, refusing to be stampeded by the exciting news, continued their way, despite its hardships, into Oregon.

What manner of men were these who resisted the temptation to gamble for quick wealth?—selecting instead a path to hardship and continuing labor to carve homes from the wilderness; facing unlimited toil, danger from Indians, privation and virtually no expectation of ever experiencing more than a bare existence.

The answer is obvious. It still exerts a powerful influence. The men and women who followed the path to Oregon instead of the route to California were lovers of the soil. They were people who worshipped a home more than gold. They were people who wanted the security afforded only by land. People who preferred to leave to posterity good homes, honorable names and an added heritage of courage, honesty, and industry.

Oregon was settled by cautious, conservative, honorable people. They were neither gamblers nor chance-takers. They had a purpose in mind and they clung tenaciously, against strong temptation, to that purpose. They sought nothing except the fruits of honest toil. They did not flinch at hardship nor privation. They asked only an opportunity through hard work and fair dealing to build for themselves homes and possessions which they might rightfully claim for their own and pass on to their children.

Their influence has long been felt, for Oregon still is proud of its homes. Oregon still is conservative. In some respects it is classed as backward in comparison with its sister states, California and Washington, both children of gold strikes. Where our sister states take the flashy, and sometimes risky, course, Oregon plods conservatively, with less thought for the artificial, the showy and the expedient, and tending more toward home, school and church—still an agricultural state, lacking in industries and highways, but strong on honesty, self-confidence and inner satisfaction.

The Oregonian has shown his qualities in his fierce loyalty. In every war he has furnished more volunteers per capita than has any other state. Oregon consistently held the per capita bond sales leadership throughout the entire period of the last war. Oregon's patriotism and love of country, stemming first from a love of home, have marked the state from its beginning.

It is fitting then that the covered wagon of the Opportunity Bond drive should bear the word "Oregon," for Savings Bonds furnish the conservative and security trend in a government of reckless spending, leftist tendencies and socialistic theories.

To people who love their homes and are willing to toil to gain secure possession for themselves and their children—conservative minded people—there exists no better method of acquisition than that furnished through systematic purchase of Savings Bonds.

The characteristics of the early Oregon pioneer still are abundant in the state, and the slow, plodding and sometimes difficult way to security still is evident in our methods. That is why Oregon is a fertile field for Savings Bonds, the safest, surest and most conservative of investments.

Oregon people today still reject the quick speculation, the gamble for sudden wealth, in favor of the course that assures better homes and secure futures.

The covered wagon is on the Oregon Trail.

Oregon Stockmen Urged To Hold Line Against Govt. Regimentation

PENDLETON, May 18.—(AP)—An earnest plea to Oregon stockmen to "hold the line against regimentation" marked the opening of the 36th annual convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association here yesterday.

Launching an attack on the Brannan farm program, O. D. Hotchkiss, Burns, president of the Association, said he does "not see how we can have such a plan without regimentation."

He said that details of the program "still are obscure," but explained it this way: "The farmer would sell beef animals at regular market prices set by the law of supply and demand. As the meat supply increased, the housewife would pay less for her steak at the corner grocery. The farmers' incomes would be kept at a fair level by payments from general tax funds, costing no more, according to the plan's proponents, than the present plan which keeps retail prices artificially high."

Noting that government controls may be necessary to carry out such a program, Hotchkiss asked the 500 stockmen: "Is this wise?"

"If we ever lose the thing we call freedom," he declared, "it will be when dependence is made so attractive that few can resist it. . . . Let the government

stop . . . facing the strong. . . . Unless someone starts holding the line we'll all be eating out of the hand of the government."

The Association president warned cattlemen to watch closely "the acquisition of lands by the government."

"Under more government control," he warned, "there will be less grazing for individuals."

Britons Soon Able To Buy 4c More Meat Each Week
 LONDON, May 17.—(AP)—An announcement that Britons soon will be able to buy about four cents worth more fresh meat each week under their tiny rations brought cheers in the House of Commons Monday.

Food Minister Strachey said the total ration would not be increased but, beginning May 22, fresh meat would be substituted for the two pence (about four cents) worth of corned meat now issued as a part of the ration.

Britons are limited to one shilling and one penny (about 25 cents) worth of meat a week, about enough for one full meal.



Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Dear Members of "The Mending Basket Club" at Elgarose School: The letter from you, written by your president, Charlotte Sand, gave me much pleasure; I was leaving just then for California and had time only to tell you I received it and would reply later; I thought of you as the plane flew past!

The 4-H young people do such fine work! Without a doubt your demonstration for the P.T.A. on the 14th was a great success. Thank you for the invitation; maybe some day I can visit your club.

Sometimes it seems it would be nice to move our house, and the big green maple umbrella over it, and the 21 acres of woods around it, all farther south. This summer I shall spend more time in Roseburg than convenient so far; then perhaps I can meet all of you. (Don't you have a little snapshot you could send me?)

The copy of the Elgarose Valley Times was of interest; it reminded me of the years when our boys used to bring such things home from school; I miss them! The editorial on "Conservation" was well done; so was

the feature story; and I noted that a "Mending Basket Club" girl will be featured "next time"; Marlene Bartholomy.

How nice it is that you can learn to sew as you are doing! I had no club to make fun of sewing; so for years I firmly believed I just "hated sewing." If the stitches were not well done the work was ripped and done over—and did I "hate" that! But it was much better for me than to have been allowed to do slipshod work.

To be able to make your own dresses and other things will be just like having "money in the bank"; a talent that will serve you well whenever you have need of it. It will make a world of difference in your lives if you are "handy with a needle." The mother who insists that her daughter be able (whether she has to do it or not) to "sew" is giving her daughter a treasure!

Thank you again for the letter and paper; I enjoy your publicity in the News-Review; this column was complimented by your choice of the name!

Yours very sincerely,
 Viahnett Martin.

Control Of All Germany At Stake In Biggest Battle Of Cold War

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
 AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Under cover of the "peace" brought about by the lifting of the Berlin blockades, the western allies and Russia are preparing intensively for resumption of the Biggest Battle of the cold war—the struggle for control of Germany.

The conflict will be joined again next Monday in Paris with resumption of the Big Four foreign ministers' council. German leaders, anxious to see the Reich restored to its former prestige as a great power, are weighing the odds in the political gamble they must take in pledging their cooperation.

The Western Democracies are standing pat on carrying out their program for creating a federal republic comprising their three zones of occupation. It is their hope that Eastern Germany, now under Soviet control, will join this federal government.

Their aim is to create a strong but peaceful nation in the heart of Central Europe as a barrier against war.

Russia on the other hand is against a federal government. She wants a unified country under a centralized government. She also calls for the withdrawal of allied troops of occupation.

Russian Scheme Evident
 A Communist Germany in the heart of Europe, adjoining the Russian bloc on the East, would increase Moscow's strength immensely. That would be all in tents put the Soviet right up against Germany's Eastern border. On the other side would lie the nations belonging to the Atlantic Pact.

Taken at face value the Russian attitude, regarding a unified Germany and a withdrawal of forces of occupation, undoubtedly has attraction for some Germans. However, the German leaders as a whole are said to recognize fully the threat of communication—which they definitely don't want.

Moreover, they are not overlooking that, on the insistence of Moscow, Poland was permitted to annex 38,986 square miles comprising the former German provinces of Silesia, Pomerania and

Flood Sweeps Ft. Worth Area; Death Follows

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 18.—(AP)—Three persons were drowned, three more were missing, and Fort Worth was without drinking water Monday after rains measuring above 12 inches deluged this area.

The rampaging Trinity River knocked out levees in four major breaks.

Damage from the waters of Trinity's clear fork could not be estimated. Shortly before noon the river water was over Van Zandt viaduct's west end, and Paddock viaduct was closed to traffic.

Hundreds of families fled their homes before dawn Tuesday after the first of four major levee breaks sent loudspeaker-equipped police cars through Crestwood and Linwood Additions. Evacuations had begun before midnight in White settlement, Liberator village and several other tributary bottom sections. Rescues were made by boat, rope, a fire department hook-and-ladder truck and swimmers.

Homes, ranging from shanties to a six-room house, swept down the river Tuesday morning to smash into Van Zandt viaduct on W. 7th, swirl under the partially flooded structure and emerge on the north side reduced to kindling. The concrete bridge shook with the impacts. The flood raged 10 feet deep at the west end. The Montgomery Ward building was reported flooded past the first floor.

Striking British Coal Miners Go Back To Pits

MANCHESTER, Eng., May 17.—(AP)—Fifty-two thousand striking Lancashire miners went back to work Monday, ending a two-week-old walkout that cost Britain 50,000 tons of vitally needed coal each day.

The wildcat strike, which attracted Communist cheers, began May 7 over the miners' demand for free or cheap coal for their own use, such as is provided by some other of Britain's nationalized fields.

Sixty-five Lancashire collieries were idled. Local officials of the national union of mine workers Saturday advised the men to return to work pending negotiations expected to begin soon.

Three Foreign Consulates In Barcelona Bombed

MADRID, May 17.—(AP)—Barcelona police were ordered to round up all suspected Reds after bombs damaged three Latin American Consulates Sunday.

No one was hurt by the blasts at the Bolivian, Brazilian and Peruvian Consulates. The largest bomb apparently was thrown at the Peruvian Consulate, where a plate glass window was shattered. The explosions occurred within a 10-minute period.

Police theorized the three Consulates were chosen because of the activities of those nations in sponsoring a resolution in the United Nations Assembly calling for a return of foreign ambassadors to Madrid.

Crook County Slates 1st Special Budget Vote

PRINEVILLE, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—Crook County may hold its first special budget vote in history next month.

The county court has proposed a budget \$11,574 in excess of the 6 percent limitation. The total is \$247,247.08.

In the Day's News

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news outlets of Eastern Germany report a 60 percent turnout of voters yesterday (Sunday) in the first day of the two-day balloting . . . by tonight (Monday) the Communists predict there will be a virtually solid 'ja' (German for 'yes') for their list of people."

WONDERFUL, isn't it? A remarkable tribute to the Communist way of life. A crushing defeat to all reactionaries. Offhand, without going into dry details, one would say that in all three countries Sunday's elections constituted a MANDATE.

The mandate is obviously the continuance of Communism.

SO much for the chip. But let's turn it over to see if there might be a bug under it.

There IS. This is the bug: In Hungary, in Bulgaria and in Eastern Germany, there was only ONE TICKET OF CANDIDATES. You could vote for that ticket. Or you could leave it blank. Or you could mess it up so that it wouldn't count.

That's the way the Communists run elections. BUT, you say, the voter DOES have some sort of choice. By leaving his ballot blank, or by messing it up, he can indicate his displeasure with the system. If ENOUGH people left their ballots blank, or messed them up, wouldn't it be an evidence of displeasure with the existing regime?

Wouldn't the manipulators of the regime be influenced by such action?

WELL, it's this way: When you vote in such countries, you don't know how many members of the secret police may be looking down your neck when you mark your ballot. You don't know what will be done to you if you MARK IT THE WRONG WAY. You aren't exactly sure what might happen to you (and your family) if you merely stayed away from the polls.

Under such circumstances, you're inclined to figure that maybe you'd better go along with the crowd and do what you're EXPECTED to do.

IN Communist-run countries TOO MUCH POWER IS HELD IN TOO FEW HANDS. When too much power is held in too few hands, the liberties of the people fly out of the window.

Listen: If the time ever comes in our own country when too much power is held in too few hands too long the liberties of the people will fly out of the window and it will become unsafe to vote the wrong way.

I don't think that time ever will come. But if it ever does, LOOK OUT!

Getting too much power into too few hands and leaving it there too long is the historic way to kill the liberties of the people.

Youth Rescued After Wandering In Desert

AJO, Ariz., May 18.—(AP)—Tired and thirsty, but otherwise unharmed, 9-year-old Albert Merle Jr., of Ajo, was found Tuesday after being lost on the desert since Sunday.

A mounted posse from Gila Bend reached the boy shortly after daybreak. He was about 12 miles south of the prospecting camp from which he had wandered Sunday while his parents went to get their car.

The boy said he had broken open a barrel cactus for water and had eaten solidified sap of mesquite trees. He told of hiding from ferocious javelinas (wild hogs).

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Three Burned When Wax Explodes, Catches Fire

TILLAMOOK, Ore., May 18.—(AP)—The wife of a former district attorney, her mother and a man who tried to aid them are in a hospital here for treatment of burns caused by exploding wax that caught fire.

Mrs. Warren McMinnimee, the wife of the ex-county prosecutor, was burned about the face and arms when she slipped and fell into the flaming wax while rushing to aid her mother, Mrs. Brown. The older woman had mistakenly turned on a kitchen stove unit under the can of wax.

Floyd Funker also fell to the floor and was burned getting the two women out of the kitchen.

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SAFEBAY TO BUILD OREGON CITY Ore., May 18.—(AP)—Safeway Stores plan their largest store in the Oregon-Southwest Washington District. Construction of a 75 to 145-foot building is planned for main street next month.

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FROM THE NEWS OF 50 YEARS AGO

Burglary at Oakland
 Mrs. Thomas of the Depot Hotel Loses Several Dollars.

Special to Daily Review.
 Oakland, Or., Aug. 10.—A bold burglary occurred about ten o'clock today at the Depot Hotel, owned and under the management of Mrs. Sarah Thomas. The building has been undergoing extensive repairs and while house unlocked and open, it is supposed that the burglar came through the woodshed door, through the hallway and entered through the room. From here he took \$6.50 in coin and a solid gold shirt stud, which was a valued keepsake.

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Any old timers recall that particular 1898 incident? When a burglar strikes it COULD be your home—and your loss might exceed the \$6.50 and gold stud the '98'er made away with.

It's a good reminder to keep doors and windows locked—not to leave valuables lying around, isn't it? Furthermore you should, by all means, have your valuables insured. Not just jewelry, either. How about your rifle, fishing rods, valuable bedspreads, phonograph records . . . anything that would be exceedingly hard to replace?

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