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HEATHEN HOLIDAY

Charles V. Stanton

If you're an old "graybeard" like myself perhaps you dimly recall how we used to celebrate Memorial Day.
The "Boys of the G.A.R." spent a week or so erecting a platform and draping it with bunting. The site was the park or picnic grounds. All towns had such a gathering place in those days.
Early in the morning farmers began arriving, carrying their families and well-filled hamper of food in four-seated hacks drawn by teams resplendently groomed for the occasion.
The populace assembled on the board walks of the main street.
Then came the parade!
Behind the grand marshal, mounted on a spirited horse, came the Colors and the Color Guard, followed by the Silver Cornet Band.
The town dray, with its plumed but apathetic draft team, was transformed into an imposing float, on which the town's belle depicted Miss Liberty, while her surrounding Court held postures of tribute to the honored dead.
The G.A.R. came next, its straggling ranks thinning noticeably from year to year. Next in line were the young and more stalwart veterans from the Spanish-American War.
Preceding the hose reel companies in the next section, was the Fire Department's float, with their Queen, half prostrate, before the traditional white cross.

Oratory Order Of The Day

The procession wound its way to the cemetery, where, in the early morning hours, a committee of veterans had placed flags at the graves of departed comrades. A solemn ceremony at the grave of the unknown soldier commanded respectful attention, and then spectators disbursed to place their by-now-wilted flowers upon the resting places of their own kin.
Then the race was on for The Grove, where picnic lunches, visiting, horseplay, and the surreptitious tilting of bottles filled in the time until the overworked Silver Cornet Band struck up the Washington Post March from the platform.
There followed a brief concert, closing with a patriotic medley, after which the town's mayor, or some dignitary selected for his sonorous voice, delivered Logan's General Orders. A sixth grader, with much prompting, stumbled through Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Then came the piece de resistance, a tear-jerking, flag-waving, eagle-screaming oratorical masterpiece by an imported speaker.
Kids romped on the outskirts of the crowd. Band members slipped off the stand, one by one, to visit the brewery truck dispensing free refreshments to thirsty males at the edge of the grounds. The first cornetist occasionally was a little tardy and was short of breath as he blew a damp rendition of Taps, preceding the benediction by one of the town ministers.

Ancient Traditions Now Observed
Perhaps the years have dimmed my memory. I was only a child when Memorial Day was a holiday that still called forth widespread observance. Perhaps it was celebrated differently in your town. Maybe I've missed some of the events of the day as I first knew it.
But celebrations in late years bear little resemblance to those of long ago. Our modern observance of the holiday reverts to the practices of more primitive and heathen people. We now mark the occasion with human sacrifice.
Where we once gathered in sincere tribute to those who had given their lives in the service of their country, we now leave such things to a very few of the faithful who still cling to the old mores. The rest of us worship the gods of pleasure.
We race out upon our highways, leaving a trail of blood to mark our passage. We sacrifice hundreds of lives and maim thousands of victims in an orgy called recreation.
Our three-day Memorial holiday, instead of being a tribute to the dead, will be a sacrificial blood offering upon the altars of our idols of self-indulgence.

Word 'Shortage' Popped Up Frequently On News Pages For Business Last Week

NEW YORK — The word "shortage" popped up with increasing frequency on business news pages last week.
Activity in most lines was still at or near historic peaks. Wildcat strikes put a slight dent in automobile and steel production; other key indicators (freight carloadings, check clearings, electric power output, heavy construction contract awards) were mostly higher.
But it was abundantly evident that manufacturers of consumer goods were chewing up some basic industrial materials faster than producers could supply them.
Top Washington officials, worrying out loud about threatened shortages of materials needed for defense, singled out copper, aluminum, nickel and certain kinds of steel for special mention. Said Defense Mobilization Administrator Arthur Flemming:
"We cannot go on diverting materials from the stockpile indefinitely. Unless there is improvement in the fall, we will have to consider further expansion of activity."
Orders on manufacturers' books indicated little likelihood of any major slowdown in demand for scarce metals. Builders, meanwhile, complained about growing shortages of cement. Many forecast still tighter supplies if Congress approves President Eisenhower's multi-billion dollar highway program.
One thing was crystal clear: Any new program of basic industrial expansion, encouraged by tax concessions and other forms of gov-

ernment aid, could give business a timely shot in the arm if there was a slump in consumer goods production.
Consumers spent a little less money on retail purchases this week.
New car sales continued to smash records — at latest count retailers were selling more than 28,000 cars a day — but there was increasing reliance on such artificial stimulants as sales bonuses and price discounts. The latest inventory estimate showed a record total of 737,856 new cars in dealers' hands — and sales lagging well behind production.
The home building boom came in for more than usual attention. Federal Housing Administrator Albert Cole used the term "nonsense" to describe complaints that too many houses are being built, and there's too much easy mortgage credit. The boom is strong, and it will endure, he asserted.
A conflicting view was expressed by Dr. Gordon McKinley, director of economic research for the Prudential Insurance Co. The present rate of more than a million homes a year is too fast, he said, and builders will be "sowing the seeds of future trouble" if they keep it up.
GUARD KILLED
SPOKANE — A shot believed accidentally fired by a friend while they stood guard duty Thursday at Fairchild Air Force Base, killed Airman 3C Ollie Z. Hanson of Alexandria, Minn.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

A POOR POSITION Eugene Register-Guard

Before the Oregon Legislature increased the income tax by about 60 per cent, Oregon had the dubious distinction of levying the highest income tax of any state in the union. It is doubtful if we will now have any state that can challenge us for that position.
The latest issue of the Oregon Voter notes that the federal internal revenue taxes paid by Oregon individuals and corporations have declined 15.2 per cent from the calendar years 1932 to 1934. The U. S. as a whole declined 1.7 per cent. Our neighboring state of Washington declined only .4 per cent. In 1932 the peak year, we paid into the federal treasury \$485,797,000. In 1934, it dropped to \$412,024,000.
It would be difficult to assess the exact cause for this, but the fact that corporation income taxes took the biggest percentage drop could be accounted for partially by the less stable position of the lumber industry in the past two years. Individual income taxes had quite a slide too, but there were small tax cuts for individuals that would help account for it.
The thing that worries us is the position Oregon places itself in with its high state income tax rates. Certainly it is not going to attract investment capital for new plants that will provide more jobs. Considering other factors may be equal the industrial investor will go to California or Washington which he seems to be doing, especially in the case of California. California has a sales and income tax with the result that the tax load is spread more evenly. No one can claim that the sales tax is preventing people from going to California.
Oregon is in a serious position competitively speaking. A great many westward migrations are on, both by people and industry, but unless Oregon has a more equitable tax program we are not going to get our share of the great economic expansion taking place in the West.

LOGGERS ARE WOODS-WISE Oregon Statesman

When the seven-year-old boy down at Elsie was missing and his abduction was feared the whole neighborhood responded to form search parties. Crown Zellerbach shut down its wood operations nearby to permit loggers to join in the hunt. In the trio who found the boy along the road were "two loggers," so the news story reported.
The incident gives occasion to pay a tribute to "loggers." When persons are lost in the woods that march up the slopes of our mountains it's the loggers who are called in to join the search. If a fire breaks out in the woods, mills and logging shut down and millmen and loggers turn to with shovels and other equipment to get the fire under control. When the chore is over with they go back to work, unsung heroes.
Legend pictures the logger as a sort of Paul Bunyan giant. Some of them are; but more often they are just normal-sized men, some of them on the small side but with muscles of spring steel. Not only are they physically fit, able to perform a strenuous shift of labor, but they know the woods, the streams. They are woods-wise.
Loggers may not know much about mountains or about the currents of the ocean and its inlet. They are at home where the tall firs and hemlocks are fillers for the sunshine and traps for veils of cloud. The loggers of fiction have gone into limbo, and those who man the power saws of today are quite modern chaps; but they have the stuff in them, and it shows up when emergencies arise.

DISCOUNTS FOR BALDHEADED MEN Grants Pass Courier

The cost of living has been pretty well stabilized during the past couple of years but the fact doesn't seem likely to deter another boost in the price of hair-cuts.
Master barbers in Roseburg announce a boost from \$1.25 to \$1.50. The secretary of the barbers union there announced that the raise soon will be effective throughout Douglas county.
In Detroit, Mich., hair-cuts will cost \$1.75, with a 25-cent "bonus" on Saturday.
While the "do-it-yourself" movement hasn't been introduced in the barbering business there, news dispatches state that irate patrons are staging group treks across the Canadian border to nearby Windsor, where barber prices are much lower.
The only recent price change locally has had to do with special cuts, such as "crew," 25 cents above the normal \$1.25.
However, local shops have been closed on Mondays for some time, so it is not improbable that we soon will be paying more for a hair-cut so that the barbers' reduced income due to the shorter work week will be upped.
In view of the bonus charged locally for special types of hair-cuts, we were intrigued by a news dispatch from an Indiana city to the effect that a bald-headed state barber was proposing that barbers be required to accord the bald-headed gentry discounts based on the percentage of hair the patron still retains.
The "do-it-yourself" technique probably is the best practical for hair-cutting, but for the family unit, it is showing possibilities. FS
\$2 Million Luxury Hotel Opens In Vegas
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The two million dollar Moulin Rouge, this desert gambling resort's first inter-racial luxury hotel, opened this week and is booked solid for its first weekend.
The 250-room edifice was pre-viewed at a cocktail party, dinner and all-Negro revue.
Mayor C. D. Baker welcomed guests after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the entrance and former world heavyweight champion Joe Louis acted as host.

Garment Maker's Testimony Says Air Force Captain Got \$50,000 Payoff On Contract

WASHINGTON — Senators here have released testimony by ailing Leon M. Levy that Levy had been told Air Force Capt. Raymond Wool received a \$50,000 payoff on a Navy contract in 1932.
The transcript of testimony given behind closed doors, and dated last Jan. 28, quoted Levy as acknowledging that he saw no money paid to Wool, who now is stationed in Shelby, Ohio.
The transcript said Marvin Rubin, Levy's associate in a New York garment factory, told him Wool got the money from Harry Lev of Chicago, Levy's business rival.
The testimony and parts of a diary in Arabic script, produced by Levy, were being burned all day by the Senate investigations subcommittee, investigating purported graft in Army clothing purchases.
The testimony said Wool "was together like that" with Mrs. Melia Rubin, shapely brunette whose name previously had entered the subcommittee investigation and who testified Wednesday. The transcript said Wool "threw her off and got another girl, an actress." Mrs. Rubin formerly was Wool's aide.
The diary and testimony described Mrs. Rubin as burning all the way through "because of troubles with Wool, Lev and others."
The transcript of Levy's closed door testimony quoted him as testifying that Wool was helping Lev to get the contract for the white sailor hats and that Marvin Rubin was getting paid well for it.
A diary entry said \$10,000 of the \$15,000 was handed Mrs. Wool in a restaurant across the street from the Biltmore Hotel in New York City.
"Harry Lev gave him the \$10,000," the diary said. "He gave it to Mrs. Wool. Peace was among them."
The transcript quoted Levy as saying that in exchange for the \$50,000, Wool was to "see that Harry Lev got the contract" to

manufacture 7 million white sailor hats, and to "be of help all the way around."
An undated diary entry said Mrs. Rubin had "dug up" information that seemed to support a government claim for \$50,000 or \$60,000 against Lev and "she now demands \$15,000 for these things to be hidden."
Mrs. Rubin testified Wednesday she never had demanded "blackmail" from Lev or anyone else, and knew nothing of the \$15,000 demand, about which she was questioned.
The transcript quoted Levy as testifying that Mrs. Rubin "let him know that he threw her off and got another girl, an actress. So she was burning all the way through from Harry Lev, Capt. Wool plus Rubin."
Levy is in a hospital here after suffering a heart attack. Robert E. Kennedy, subcommittee counsel, told reporters he doubts if Levy ever will be able to testify again because of his health.
Chairman McClellan (D-Ark) said he would wait a bit before deciding, but might recess the hearings for a couple of weeks.
Word she is ill at their Brooklyn, N.Y., home and unable to come to Washington.
Levy suffered the attack Wednesday shortly after testifying that he had supplied nearly \$7,000 which he understood Rubin intended to use to pay off government workers supervising purchase contracts.
A translation of a Levy diary entry dated Aug. 5, 1933, told about the actress. It quoted Rubin as saying "he did not want to spend money on the actress, and I told him that he was making money from bribery."
"Rubin kept quiet. Capt. Wool has bought a new house and will soon move in. Rubin knows about the money that comes to Capt. Wool because he is the middleman between the merchants and Wool."



WASHINGTON — (NEA)—With threats of a June automobile industry strike over the guaranteed annual wage issue, there is a build-up of national interest and speculation on its possible outcome.
The most authoritative guess so far obtainable from the employment agency comes from Frank Rising of Detroit, general manager of the Automobile Parts Manufacturers' Association.
He says: "I believe the United Auto Workers' leaders want a strike — a big strike."
He amplified this view at an on-the-spot dinner arranged for him in Washington by U. S. Chamber of Commerce.
Rising is of the opinion that the primary target of UAW on the guaranteed annual wage issue is General Motors. He reasons that even if Ford or Chrysler gave some kind of settlement satisfactory to UAW President Walter Reuther, he would still have to get it from General Motors for it to be a success.
The possibility that Reuther would strike more than one company at the same time is considered real.
Frank Rising makes clear that he is not a spokesman for the Chamber or for the auto manufacturers.
Rising is just the first employer representative who has dared stick his head out to oppose Reuther on the "GAW" issue.
He admits to being a kind of industry gossip. He talks to all the employers. And he has made a two-year study of what is now called in Detroit, "the guaranteed annual wage."
The costs of "GAW" cannot be computed, says Rising. The estimated four per cent of payroll contribution to full pay for unemployment might run to 16 cents an hour wage increase.
"GAW" would necessitate a complete change of present seniority rules and job classifications. It could mean that the auto makers might have to become their own parts manufacturers in order to provide work in slack seasons.
This latter angle is one that particularly bothers the independent parts makers. There are 500 of these companies now, with 400,000 employees.
They run from small plants with fewer than 100 employees, up to Borg-Warner with 25,000. They do not include the tire, battery, steel, glass and textile suppliers.
"GAW" would not mean that all parts makers would go out of business. Many parts makers and some auto companies have gone out of business without a guaranteed annual wage. But the death

President Peron Signs Measure To Break Ties

Buenos Aires, Argentina — President Peron has signed a measure setting up the process for amending the constitution to break the ties between the state and the Roman Catholic Church in Argentina.
Friday's issue of the Official Bulletin showed the law was signed Monday, three days after it won approval in both houses of Congress, where Peronistas have heavy majorities. It calls for elections for a national assembly to rewrite the constitution.
Roman Catholicism is now the state religion.
The church-state controversy started when Peron accused some members of the clergy with attempting to undermine his regime. The church denied the charge. Since then more than 30 Roman Catholic priests have been arrested on various charges, including disrespect to Peron.
Douglas County residents who have been unable to contact immediate family members in the disaster areas in Kansas and Oklahoma should contact the county Red Cross office in Roseburg.
The RC will forward contact requests to disaster headquarters in the mid-western states affected, according to Executive Secretary Mrs. R. E. Herman. The request asks for health and welfare report on the family.
Mrs. Herman said the local office got initial requests for help at 7 a. m. Thursday. Local RC staffers were kept busy all day and Mrs. Herman said they would do their best to meet all requests.
RC telephone number in Roseburg is OR 3-3235. The offices are located in the Roseburg Armory.

Red Cross Will Contact Disaster Area Families

CURFEW VIOLATORS
Three Roseburg boys, aged 13, 16 and 17, were charged by city police with curfew violation when they were found in the Greyhound Bud Depot at 1:30 a. m. Friday. They were released to their parents, but were to appear in municipal court today.

POTLUCK PLANNED

The sixth grade class of the Green School will be honored at a planned potluck dinner to be held at the school gym Wednesday. Family members will attend. Awards will be given during the short program.

Local News

In Portland — Miss Lucy Lee Osterman visited friends in Portland last weekend.

Visits Brother — Guy Daniels of Myrtle Creek was an overnight guest Thursday at the home of his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lee Daniels, in Roseburg.

At Broadway Home — Mrs. Margaret Hoelling of Portland, who has just returned from an extended trip to Australia, is spending the Memorial weekend in Roseburg visiting Mrs. Velle Broadway, on East Lane Street.

Goes To Vancouver — Dick Walsh of Roseburg has left for Vancouver, B. C. to join his wife and spend the Memorial weekend visiting relatives. Mrs. Walsh went to Vancouver a week ago to visit at the home of her daughter.

Go To Tannila Lake — Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. M. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Morgan of Roseburg have left for Tannila Lake to enjoy the Memorial Weekend holiday.

Will Go To Elktion — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomas and children, Carol and John, of Roseburg will go to Elktion Monday, after which they will spend the remainder of the day in Drain visiting Mrs. Thomas' family.

In The Day's News

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Conservatives: "You've done well for us with a small majority, so we'll give you a BIGGER one so that you can do even better."

There is another interesting point: This is the first time in 90 YEARS that a majority British party has increased its membership in the house of commons in a national election.
That is to say: In the preceding general election, British voters TURNED AWAY from socialism after a trial of it and TURNED TOWARD free enterprise. They have been so well satisfied with the change that in this election they have given the party of free enterprise (the Conservatives) a DECISIVE working majority.

Let's put it another way. After a trial of socialism, followed by a return to free enterprise, the people of Britain have decided that free enterprise is better for them than socialism.
Among other things, the socialist regime in Britain (which came after the war) involved RATIONING. Rationing is logical socialist doctrine. It is based upon the premise that rationing is necessary in order to make a LIMITED SUPPLY of the good things of life go around. Peacetime rationing amounts to a confession that the socialist system of production can't produce enough goods to supply the needs of the people.
So— THE LIMITED supply is RATIONED.

There is another socialistic quirk to this rationing business. The quirk is this: Under socialism, NOBODY must be permitted to have any more than ANYBODY ELSE. In order to prevent anybody from having more than anybody else, rationing must be resorted to.
So— The socialist Labor government continued rationing into peacetime.

One of the first acts of the free enterprise Conservative party when it came into power was to do away with rationing.
IT WORKED.
The result of doing away with the socialist system of limited production and limited consumption was MORE THINGS FOR EVERYBODY. The British people, who had despised peacetime rationing, came to realize by actual experience that under free enterprise THERE IS MORE TO DIVIDE UP.
They liked it.

So— So when election time rolled around again— They returned the free enterprise Conservative party to power with a greatly increased majority in the house of commons.
That's about the long and the short of it.

On Business Trip — William Peebles, Roseburg, assistant district freight and passenger agent for Southern Pacific Co., was in Medford Thursday on business.

Guests From Ohio — Mr. and Mrs. John H. Nelson of Newark, Ohio, spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chase of Sterling Drive, John Nelson and Mrs. Chase are brother and sister.

Go To Astoria — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder and family of Roseburg are spending the Memorial weekend in Astoria visiting relatives and friends. They formerly resided in Astoria before coming to Roseburg.

Moving To Klamath Falls — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purkhiser are moving from Roseburg to Klamath Falls next week, where the former has been transferred by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

To Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmquist and children, Jon and Linda, are expected to arrive from Eugene this weekend to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holmquist at Elgarose, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ulrich, Fisher Road.

New Home — Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jenkins moved Thursday from Laureldale to their newly purchased home on Stanton Street, which was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Scott, who recently moved to Ashland. Jenkins is photographer for the News-Review.

Enjoy Play — Chuck Reinhardt, Patricia Hollcraft, Mary Anne Phelps and Georgene Shanklin of Roseburg drove to Eugene Wednesday evening to attend a performance of the University Theatre production, "Kiss Me Kate," starring Gordon Howard of Roseburg.

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INVOCATION — Harry B. Radford, Chaplin
WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS — Ralph B. Cooper, W. M.
INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY OF THE
GRAND MASTER, T. Guy McGee — R. B. Cooper, W. M.
DEDICATION — E. LeRoy Hiatt, P. M.
BENEDICTION — Harry B. Radford, Chaplin
All Members of Laurel Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M. are urged to be present for these dedication ceremonies.

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ROSEBURG SPEEDWAY
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