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POPULAR FANCY GAINED

By Charles V. Stanton

One very impressive fact was brought home to Oregon press representatives who visited Independence and Kansas City, Mo., last weekend. The On-to-Oregon Cavalcade is a lot bigger and more successful publicity enterprise than many people here in Oregon realize.

Most of us, I feel, are inclined to accept the replica of the old emigrant wagon train as more or less commonplace. Comparatively few people are excited about it.

But back in Kansas City and in Independence, the center of the wagon train's starting preparations, the overland trek is getting tremendous play, and is exciting interest and attention from that area and from, in fact, all over the nation.

Excitement, of course, is less the farther one travels from Missouri. But, nonetheless, the wagon train has aroused sentimental interest, it seems, from millions of people.

I was fortunate enough to be selected as one of the press representatives to make the trip from Portland to Independence by airplane. By particular good fortune, I was given a seat on one of the Morrison-Knudsen executive planes, while others in the Roseburg group rode Flying Box Cars.

Treatment Appreciated

I got back to Portland Sunday night just in time to hear the announcer calling the last West Coast Airlines flight into Roseburg. The West Coast people were exceedingly kind to me, and held the plane a few minutes while I completed ticket arrangements and got on board.

Thus I got home Sunday night. After reaching home I got the word that the rest of our party, due in Portland Sunday night, had been held in Kansas City overnight because of defective plane equipment.

I'm wondering, however, if the plane really had trouble or, if, as I have reason to suspect, the treatment back in Missouri was so outstanding that the boys worked up a trick to get another day of it. If that's the case, I wish I had stayed, too.

The Oregon Centennial wagon train, headed by "Tex" Serpa of Ashland, wagon master, and Deputy Sheriff Gail Carnine, Camas Valley, control officer, had set up a regular pioneer camp on some land furnished free of charge by the Mormon Church. One group of the church has its national headquarters at Independence.

The camp had been set up on a pattern following as closely as possible that of the early day emigrant camps. For days the spot presented almost a carnival atmosphere. Spectators crowded in day and night to see the sights, wander about the grounds, pet the animals and enjoy the outdoor campfires, lighting the scene at night.

Gary Carnine, small son of Gail and Palma Carnine, found a nest of baby rabbits, apparently deserted. It appeared that the mother had been killed. The boy prepared a nest for the foundlings and they provided one of the attractions of the camp. Latest news reports were that two of the five tiny rabbits had died.

Classes Instructed

Classes from Independence schools, I was told, were taken on conducted tours in which they saw the camp, learned the story of the Oregon migration and the Old Oregon Trail, the history of the Oregon country. Lessons of history and geography, which must have been tiring to the youngsters in the past, and only half learned, must have taken on new significance as they saw an emigrant camp actually re-enacted.

But such things only exhibited a small part of the widespread interest in the Oregon overland caravan. It was talked of everywhere.

People of Independence wore as much or more pioneer habiliments than did the Oregon crowd.

The great number of firms contributing to the event, the equipment and supplies furnished without cost, the services given, etc., provide but another demonstration of the public's interest in the train.

It is hard to realize, until one actually has had personal observation, just how much sentiment, educational knowledge, interest, publicity and advertising the Oregon Centennial wagon train is producing.

Starting events unquestionably will add to publicity for Oregon's centennial. Many people won't have money to come to Oregon this year, but the centennial advertising will bring those who can come now and will result in many thousands more planning the trip as soon as they can afford it.

But they won't be travelling behind a team of horses or mules at the rate of 20 miles per day. And it's this overland, slow-motion trip, a repeat of the journey of early-day migrants, that is gaining popular fancy today.

Dedication Of HST Nativity House Pleases Ex-President

LAMAR, Mo. (AP) — "It's like being buried and dug up while you're still alive."

That was former President Harry S. Truman's comment Sunday when the little house in which he was born was dedicated as a public shrine.

"I'm glad they dug me up," Truman added with a grin.

He told a cheering crowd of 2,000 that usually "they don't do this to former presidents in which he has been dead 15 years."

Truman, who will be 75 May 8, said he was overwhelmed by the tribute.

The six-room, white frame cottage was bought by the United Auto Workers Union for \$6,000 and given to the state of Missouri. The deed was handed to Gov. James T. Blair by Leonard Woodcock, UAW international vice president. The State Park Board has restored the house, furnished it in period style and opened it to the public.

La Mar Proud of HST
Truman was only 11 months old when his parents moved from Lamar to a farm in Jackson County near Kansas City. But that makes

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk about women today. What do they want most? Especially, what do they want most out of the future?

The national headquarters of the YWCA got interested in these questions a while back. So, as many another organization has done, it MADE A SURVEY. The survey covered 10,000 women, from teen-agers to septuagenarians. They answered questionnaires on what would you like most to add to your life?

What led the list? You'd be surprised. Of the 10,000, ranging in age from 12 to 50-plus, 58 per cent named TRAVEL as their No. 1 desire. No. 2 will surprise you even more. Fifty-seven per cent of the respondents said they were chiefly

interested in UNDERSTANDING OTHER PEOPLE!

Hmmmm. That IS important, isn't it?

In fact, it's VERY important. If you understand other people, you can GET ALONG with other people. If you can get along with other people, you'll be likely to lead a pleasant life. If you can't get along with other people, you'll be apt to be in hot water most of your days.

Here are a few other preferences:
Looks and grooming 53 per cent
More friends 49 per cent
Dancing 42 per cent
Cooking skill 41 per cent
Sewing 40 per cent
Reading books 35 per cent
Sports 34 per cent
Money management 33 per cent
Science 15 per cent

Marriage didn't enter into the study, but one teen-ager, in answer to the question: "Any activity you would like to include which is not in the above listing?" gave a one-word reply: "Boys."

In conclusion, let's get back to the No. 2 yearning—getting along with other people. Perhaps the best answer given to that, down through the long centuries, was provided by Goethe, who said in his native German:

"Willst du dich selber erklaren. So sieh wie die andern es treiben. Das ist die die andern verstehen. Blick in dein eigenes Herz."

Which—Roughly translated—Means: If you want to understand yourself, watch how other people act; if you want to understand other people, LOOK INTO YOUR OWN HEART.

It's a good rule.

Hal Boyle

Manufacturer Instills Glamor In Shoe Polish

NEW YORK (AP) — "It isn't enough to have a good idea—you have to do something about it," said the man who changed the smell of shoe polish.

At 43 Irving J. Bottner is America's shoe polish king—and a one-man idea factory.

Bottner decided that the 70-million-dollar annual industry was static and addicted to old ways.

But how do you glamorize a thing like shoe polish?

"The way to make money in this country is to capitalize on people's natural laziness," said Bottner. "You look for a way to make tasks easier and pleasanter."

He made a survey and found that 75 per cent of American men—nearly all women—polish their own shoes, but regard the chore as arduous, dirty and unpleasant.

Bottner came up with a "stand-up shine bar" for the home, and pushbutton cleaners that could be sprayed on shoes without staining.

Reds Deny MIGs Patrol Corridor

BERLIN (AP)—The Soviet Embassy has denied that MIG fighters have begun regular patrols in the air corridors linking isolated West Berlin and West Germany.

American officials said there was a similar denial from the Soviet Embassy.

The Soviet Embassy issued its statement in East Berlin after reports circulated abroad that a Soviet fighter squadron had been assigned to patrol West Berlin's air-lifelines.

"This report is not true," said J. W. DeBour, the chief Soviet spokesman. "There has been no change in the air corridor situation on our side. The only change has come from the American side."

He was referring to U.S. insistence that its Air Force planes have the right to fly to West Berlin above the Soviet-specified 10,000-foot ceiling.

Soviet MIGs have buzzed three U.S. Air Force transports within the last four weeks when they flew at altitudes above 10,000 feet, which Moscow claims must be reserved for Communist aircraft crossing the corridors.

The United States holds that its new transports operate more efficiently at higher altitudes and will be dispatched to Berlin at high altitudes whenever necessary.

Whitman College Kids In Ping-Pong Marathon

WALLA WALLA (AP) — Two Whitman College freshmen laid claim to a world marathon ping pong record after ending 54 hours and 40 minutes of play.

Travis Hails, Burlingame, Calif., and Bruce Bailey, Walla Walla, played 350 games between 2 p. m. Friday and 8:40 p. m. Sunday. They gulped food and coffee on the run and rested one minute in each hour.

The ping-pongers staged the marathon to raise money for sending a Whitman debate team to a national tournament at West Point. There was no report on the amount of the contributions.

Annexation Bill Moved

SALEM (AP)—The House Local Government Committee voted Monday to send the city annexation bill to the House floor without recommendation.

The bill would permit cities to annex territory when the Board of Health certifies that it is needed to alleviate health and sanitation problems in those territories.

William L. Ryan

Red China's Parliament To Mark Future Policy

The activities of Red China's rubber-stamp parliament, the National People's Congress, will be carefully watched. The current session may provide important clues to the immediate future of Red China.

The parliament is the likely platform from which the Peiping regime will announce changes at its top level. The personalities involved in the changes — which the parliament will endorse unanimously — can be a guide to the outside world in plumbing the mysteries of Peiping policy and politics.

Will Red China now begin to throw her weight around in Africa and the Middle East as well as Asia? Will she apply brakes to the more unrealistic aspects of her economic program? Will she pursue a more free-trade policy than ever with respect to the United States?

Such questions arise in the light of Mao Tse-tung's decision to give up his government post as chairman — equivalent to the presidency — of Communist China. At 65, Mao will retain his job as Communist party chairman, but it is likely his health has been failing and that he will retire more and more to the background.

Candidates Confirmed
A few days ago Peiping radio announced that in the latest fall meeting of the Chinese Communist Central Committee — the candidates for the leading state posts were confirmed. The implication was that a number of changes are to be announced — perhaps a fairly large-scale shifting of top personnel.

There is much talk that old Marshal Chu Teh will succeed to Mao's government post. There is also a possibility that the job will go to the present premier, suave

Chou En-lai. If this should come about, it would indicate Red China is increasingly anxious to join the big power club and make her weight felt at top levels in world councils. Chou's wide diplomatic experience would fit in with such a goal.

There are other candidates for the government chairmanship, including veteran Communist theoretician Liu Shao-chi. Others whose careers should be watched include such men as Marshal Ho Lung, economist Chen Yun and Foreign Minister Chen Yi, all vice premiers now.

Should Chen Yi become premier in place of Chou En-lai, it might indicate a tougher and more reckless approach to the conflict with the United States over Nationalist China and the offshore islands. Chen Yi is a notorious fire-eater with regard to "liberation" of Formosa.

But a step upward for Chen Yun could indicate a milder policy and even a backing away from the super-ambitious goals of the economic program. It might hint at a tendency to avoid too risky adventuring in the international arena. This is a course the Soviets might welcome, since Peiping belligerence at the wrong time can have grave repercussions for the Kremlin. Chen Yun is regarded as strongly pro-Moscow.

It matters little who becomes chairman of government in Peiping. The Communist party will still run everything. But the choice of personalities to fill top government positions can be important as a fairly reliable barometer for judging how the political wind blows in Peiping.

Castro Declares Red Opposition
WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro declared Monday "we are against communism and all dictatorships of all kinds."

He made his statement at the National Press Club when asked what he thought of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

It was Castro's strongest denunciation of communism in numerous interviews and several speeches since his arrival in Washington April 15.

"Whatever the nature of the dictatorship—class dictator, military dictator or dictator of the oligarchy—we are opposed to it," he said.

The Cuban rebel leader went to the press club in the windup of his four-day visit to Washington, after paying tribute to the unknown dead warriors of the United States at Arlington National Cemetery.

Before the press club audience, Castro was asked about his statement on a television interview Sunday night that it might take four years to hold elections in Cuba.

"Why do the intelligent people of Cuba need to wait four years to get free elections?" the questioner asked.

"If the people of Cuba wanted free elections tomorrow, they would get them tomorrow. It is not a case of the classical Latin American regime which seized power with the army and stays in power as long as possible.

"In Cuba everybody knows we took power with a revolution of the people. We want to do things the best way we know how."

Governor Of Alaska Returns To Office
JUNEAU (AP) — Gov. William A. Egan resumed office Monday.

The 44-year-old Democratic chief executive moved back into the governor's office 91 days after he was flown to Seattle for emergency surgery and given only a 50-50 chance to live.

The official hour set for Egan's resumption of office at the head of the new Alaska state government was one minute after midnight Sunday night.

The formal notice was delivered to Secretary of State Hugh J. Wade Monday in a letter of appreciation and commendation for his service as acting governor.

The letter, dated Saturday, was designed to avoid any legal conflict over the exact time Egan replaced Wade as the state's chief executive.

Arson Charge Lodged Against Polk Resident

McMINNVILLE (AP) — William Edward Simmons, 20, Grand Ronde, was in jail here Monday—charged with setting a forest fire.

Sheriff W. L. Meekers said Simmons was held on a warrant accusing him of willfully and maliciously setting a fire.

The charge is a felony. Bail was set at \$750.

The sheriff said the arrest of Simmons and a 15-year-old companion followed an investigation by the state Department of Forestry of a blaze April 9.

That fire swept over 70 acres on a Spalding Pulp and Paper Co. tree farm about 35 miles west of here.

The 16-year-old is in custody of juvenile officials.

Norblad Recommends Three New Postmasters

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) has made these appointments recommendations to the Post Office Department:

Mrs. Marie Steagall, Lexington, Ore., as acting postmaster, replacing retiring postmaster Mrs. Emma Breshears.

Mrs. Clara B. Davis, Leaburg, as acting postmaster, replacing retiring postmaster Ruth D. Payne.

Wayne J. Blaylock, acting postmaster, as permanent postmaster at Riverside, Ore.

President Eisenhower has sent to the Senate the nomination of Juanita L. Hagen to be postmaster at Government Camp, Ore.

Donations Out In Spoils Bids

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that it is a violation of federal law to promise donations to a political party in return for help in getting a federal appointive job.

The decision reinstated a charge that George Donald Shirey had illegally promised to give \$1,000 a year to the Republican party when seeking appointment as postmaster at York, Pa.

The charge had been dismissed by U. S. Dist. Judge Frederick V. Follmer of Lewisburg, Pa., who ruled that federal law did not cover the accusation.

The Justice Department appealed.

Justice Frankfurter delivered the 5-4 majority decision. Justice Harlan wrote a dissenting opinion in which Justices Black, Whitaker and Stewart joined.

Shirey was alleged to have told former Rep. S. Walter Stauffer (R-Pa.) he would give \$1,000 a year to the party in return for the use of influence to get the postmastership. The offer was alleged to have been made around Dec. 5, 1953.

Shirey was charged with violating a law providing punishment for "whoever pays or offers or promises any money or thing of value to any person, firm, or corporation in consideration of the use or promise to use any influence" to procure any appointive office for any person. The penalty is up to \$1,000 fine or one year in prison.

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