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When the Valley Was a Stock Country

Willamette valley agriculture is now greatly diversified. History tells us that once the valley lands were devoted chiefly to grain-raising. Flour mills were dotted over the valley, and grain elevators were spotted along the Willamette river so shippers could use the river boats. When the railroad to Yaquina bay was built grain was transhipped over the road for shipment by boat to California.

But before grain-raising became so extensive the valley was quite a stock-raising country. An article in the December issue of Oregon Historical Quarterly by Earl K. Stewart, assistant professor of history in the University of San Francisco, reveals this fact in telling about the shipping of livestock up the Columbia from the valley.

The Hudson's Bay company and the Methodist mission had some cattle in the early days, and Ewing Young and Joseph Gale drove cattle overland from California to augment the supply. Others were driven across the plains by immigrants. Indians of the interior had horses from the Spanish settlements. Settlers coming over the Oregon Trail rode on horses or in horse-drawn wagons. Once livestock reached the valley it was not long until settlers had more cattle and horses than they needed for their own use. Many head were shipped to California at the time of the gold rush and after. But the big market developed in the interior. To quote Stewart:

"A surge of livestock began to move from the Willamette valley in 1861 and continued until the ranches of eastern Oregon and Washington were stocked."

What happened here was what usually happens in new countries. As land values increased farmers couldn't afford to use lands just for grazing purposes. So the livestock was shipped out of the valley, and lands put to the plow.

A substantial market for stock developed in the gold fields of Idaho, eastern Oregon and Montana. A convenient means of transporting the animals was by boat up the Columbia with a short portage at the Cascades. "By the end of April, 1861, the Portland Oregonian estimated that shipments of livestock by river boats toward the interior totaled 4,600 head of cattle and 200 horses." Valley farmers drove their stock to Portland for loading on the boats. In summer months herds also were driven over the mountain passes into the interior.

By 1868 the movement dropped off. The ranges of the interior were able to take care of local demand and more. The valley went into its orgy of wheat-raising. The grazing era came to an end, and after several decades the grain-raising era tapered off as lands became too valuable for that (and grain yields declined). We've had other cycles: prunes for example. And now we note that the Golden Gate hop ranch is to be turned into a farm—once it was the largest hop ranch in the state. Agriculture doesn't stand still either.

Denham on Teamsters' Union

The speech of Robert Denham before the American Truckers Association will not endear him either to the teamsters' union or to the members of the national labor relations board, whose general counsel he is. Denham has been a thorn in the side of the union-minded NLRB but has been able to maintain his independence because the Taft-Hartley law made his office independent.

What Denham did in his speech was to say what informed persons already knew, that there is a great concentration of power in the teamsters' union. Denham says the union knows it too, another patent fact.

Teamsters not only control most of the trucking jobs but their union reaches into warehouse employment, and in the northwest includes a

number of affiliates such as the cannery workers union, and store clerks. Under Dan Tobin and Dave Beck the teamsters have been an aggressive outfit, and local experience during the administration of Governor Martin showed how tough they could be when they wanted to.

Tobin and Beck, though conscious of the power they wield, claim that they don't abuse it. Employers will argue the point, but so far teamsters have never called a universal strike. Denham's point was that if the teamsters got a single, universal contract they would have monopolistic power that would dwarf that of other monopoly unions. So they would; and for his speech Denham will get a fresh panning from organized labor and its sympathizers. Come late 1951 when his term expires and he'll have to look for another job. With 1952 looming Truman surely will not give him another term.

"No Sale" on Civil Rights

We wouldn't be, a plugged nickel that any of President Truman's valiant civil rights program will get into law. Some intimate that it isn't especially desired anyway, because then it can be used as ammunition for another political campaign.

Between the way the rules are written and the way they are administered the bills probably will die with the session. Speaker Rayburn looked busily in another direction on motion day last week when Chairman Lesinski of the house education committee sought to move to bring the employment practices bill out on the floor. Rayburn recognized those wanting to call up the Alaska and Hawaii statehood bills. It seems that the FEP bill will get on the calendar for Feb. 13th.

The senate though is where the going will be tough. The hostiles from the south are ready to filibuster the bills to death, as they did last session. The senate went nearly all-out for equal rights for women last week, but it isn't going to be as generous for negroes. We can list civil rights on the docket for the 82nd congress, very safely.

A few weeks ago Glenn McCarthy, Houston oilman, held a grand opening for his new Shamrock hotel. Movie stars glittered at the opening; politicians splattered; Texans romped and chomped. A good time was had by all—unless it was McCarthy. Now he is asking RFC to pick up the tax. At least he has an application in for a loan of \$70,000,000 to help shore up his oil-chemical-hotel dominion. Why not let Texas take care of its own?

Referring to the grounding of the USS Missouri Admiral Tom Gatch made a sage observation: "The difference between a battleship captain and an aviator is that when the captain makes a mistake he lives and has to suffer for it." How true; and how bitter has been the suffering of Admiral Kimmel and was that of the late General Short over the Pearl Harbor disaster!

Gas ranges are now constructed with built-in television sets. Now if the TV studio will just broadcast demonstrations of how to cook three times a day even the brides may turn out edible meals.

As West Germany announces an end of food rationing except for sugar on March 1st and a plan to deration gasoline austerity-bound Britons are asking themselves, Who won the war, anyway?

The press chief for West Germany has resigned, and guess why: He was disgusted over the official denials of statements officials themselves made. The Germans must be learning the ways of politics rapidly.

Chiefs of Staff May Revive China Military Issue

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
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Despite recent statements of political policy which seemed to wash America's hands of the military situation in China and southeast Asia, the U. S. chiefs of staff are being urged during their oriental tour to revive the issue.

Tokyo dispatches say the chiefs will get a new briefing on Formosa and on the need for a big navy out there. That, in the light of the general position taken by General MacArthur, means they will be urged to seek a change in state department and White House policy. It doesn't mean they will act on such suggestions, or that any change is likely.

The joint chiefs planned their trip, as did Dr. Philip Jessup of the state department who is on a similar tour in the diplomatic field, when their findings might still have had some effect on these specific subjects. But the political situation in Washington brought public statements from Secretary Acheson and President Truman which sounded final. The president said the U. S. would not intervene militarily to save Formosa from the communists.

Acheson said in effect that the Philippines, Okinawa, Japan and Korea marked the American frontier in the Pacific. Seemingly, then, the joint chiefs would have no further responsibility than to see to the defenses of this frontier. The chief result of their visit, then if this hypothesis is correct, would be its effect on the talk of a Japanese peace treaty. This is true particularly in connection with reports that Yokosuka will be recommended as a permanent and prime American

naval base in the far Pacific, and that key American bases should be established in Japan proper.

All this would be in addition to Okinawa, where permanent installations, particularly air, already have been established.

There has been much talk of American responsibility for the defense of Formosa. Japan's meaning, of course, that the islands are vital to the U. S. military position in the Pacific. There has even been talk of

helping Japan prepare for self-defense despite her U. S. sponsored constitutional rejection of future wars.

What the United States wants out of a Japanese peace treaty from a military standpoint will, of course, be of prime significance. The visit of the chiefs of staff, then, may be more of an indication of some early move toward a treaty than of anything connected with anti-communist policy in Formosa, Indo-China and the rest of southeast Asia.

THE MAGIC FALLACY, by David Westheimer (Macmillan; 32) Joe and Pershing, who is two years older, are friends. They go swimming together, fool with Pershing's dog Gene, read the same books, play at being Tarzan and the ape, and make up other games. Joe and his mom, Elsa he calls her sometimes as his father had done, live across the street from Pershing's Williams' home. It's the richest house Joe has ever seen, with a separate room for Pershing, and real oil paintings, and a cook. Pershing's father is away a lot on business; Pershing's mother doesn't like to be left alone, and she talks about it to Dr. Caradamon, who comes often to care for the ill grandmother, and for the ill comes often to comfort the forlorn wife, and finally runs away with her. It would, it will, take more than this to disturb the friendship of Pershing and Joe, who tells this story. Mr. Williams continues to be laconic, still goes

off on business, but comes back at last with a new wife, Rosella, young, softer than Elsa—though not quite so pretty, and not even so big as Pershing, who has grown as fast as a weed. And with Mr. Williams still gone for days at a time, Rosella makes a third party in the games of Joe and Pershing; swims with them, cooks fudge for them, wrestles with them, teaches them to dance.

She's fine, thinks Joe, and fun. Pershing, with just that crucial extra edge in years thinks it's more than fun, mistrusts it, fears it, rejects and accepts and rejects. He has grown too fast in more ways than one. The song of innocence becomes the song of experience, and youth, instead of blossoming explodes. This short novel's peculiar worth lies in the clear, dramatic distinction between levels of knowledge to three different people, romping and playing are three different things until, tragically, they are only two.

Admiration For Traitors Sparks Hank

By Henry McLemore

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 31 — My gratitude knew no bounds, but jumped over hill and dale like a frightened fawn, when I learned that Secretary of State Dean Acheson had declared his undying friendship for Alger Hiss.

For telling the world at large that he would stand by this perjurer against his government, I am baking a big cake for Secretary Acheson. I won't put a file or a hacksaw in it, however, lest the Secretary be tempted to mail the cake on to Hiss, when and if he is deposited behind the bars.

It's time, I suppose, that I told you why I am so grateful to Secretary Acheson.

This is why. My American hero of heroes is Benedict Arnold.

And running right behind Benedict for my adulation is Philip Nolan, the man without a country.

Let others revere George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, John Paul Jones, Grant, Sherman, and Lee. Let others place Admiral Dewey, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Bradley and Nimitz on pedestals.

That's not for me. In my heart of hearts — my good American heart, I hope — the two men whose graves I have mentally decorated each year are Benedict Arnold, who sold his country to the British for gold, and Philip Nolan who damned it and wished never to see it again. Up until a few days ago I had always thought that I was alone in secretly worshipping traitors, but now I am not so sure that I have been the lone member of this odd club.

Mr. Acheson's statement concerning Hiss makes it possible for me to come right out in the open and celebrate Benedict Arnold's birthday, as I have long wanted to do. Next January 14th I will hang from an upstairs window a great flag in his honor — a flag marked by a double cross on a field of English pounds. On Nolan's birthday I will fire a 21-gun salute with a shotgun, even though it be against the law to discharge firearms within the city limits.

There is no telling what the final result of Mr. Acheson's startling, to say the least, statement may have on the country.

We may break out in a rash of new holidays. Relatives, friends and associates of those who were slackers in World War I and World War II may feel it high time that they press for legislation which would set aside one day each year for whooping it up for the men who took to the hills and caves when their country needed them. The same thing might be forthcoming from the relatives, friends and associates of men who deserted the armed forces when the country was at war.

Who can tell but that Tokyo Rose will be released from jail and set to posing for a statue to be set up near Arlington Cemetery and the honored dead.

Viva Benedict!
Viva Philip!
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The Safety Valve

CRITICAL OF BUS SERVICE

To the Editor: I see in your editorial of last week, you say we should appreciate the service the bus lines give us. Have you ever waited four hours in town for a bus especially in this weather, to bring you home, that is how often the Fisher Rd. buses run every four hours. Who wants to wait that long in town after they have their shopping done. You say we should patronize the lines more. I'm sure lots would do that if they dropped their fares from 35 round trip and ran more schedules. I am sure the City Bus lines would have more revenue if they did that. Why don't they take a leaf out of the Portland Traction co. buses book? Their fares aren't nearly as high as Salem city buses, and you never read or hear of them complaining all the time, so I guess they make it all right with the lower fares.

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "This hat is a new creation." "This hat is a new creation of 'handsome'?"
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "handsome"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Ignominy, iceing, illegitimacy, illegible.
4. What does the word "absolve" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "he" that means "the killing of one human being by another?"

ANSWERS

1. Omit new. Creation is the presentation of a new conception.

2. Pronounce hand-sum, with the d being silent.

3. Iceing.

4. To set free, or release, as from some obligation, or from the consequences of guilt. "He was absolved from all blame in the transaction."

5. Homicide.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I often say to my husband: I don't know what I'd do if it weren't for teachers and Saturday and Sunday matinees . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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hydrogen bomb, with first a fresh approach to Russia for an agreement on control of these new and diabolical forces. He says he is not opposed to the hydrogen bomb project but suggests that other matters should be weighed, for example how best to utilize our resources. But Lillenthal's voice is frail in a fear-swept world.

Some say that possession of the H-bomb will secure us against war. But they said that about the A-bomb now apparently so fast on the road to obsolescence. Looking back through the arsenal of the centuries one fails to find any new weapon which stopped war. The spear and the arrow displaced the war club. Gunpowder and bullets put to flight yeomen armed with bows and arrows. Cannon, an improvement on the old catapult, extended the range of the infantryman's rifle. Airplanes as carriers of bombs extended the range of artillery. None of the new military inventions put a stop to warfare. The H-bomb will not either.

What impresses me is the apparent inexorability of forces loose in the world. Struggle as men do they seem unable to free themselves from the constricting python of war — like Laocoon and his two sons in their losing struggle with the serpents of the sea. Fates close in on them as relentlessly as in Greek drama. One-by-one doors close in the world today; iron curtains fall; minds close; lights of civilization flicker in the cold wind. So we reach for the H-bomb, knowing it will not secure us, fearing lest its lack destroy us.

Treatment for Disturbances in Sex Disclosed

Sex perversion grows out of many factors not connected with criminal instinct, and the mental compulsive forces which lead to such perversion many times are correctable, the Salem Kiwanis club was told Tuesday.

Dr. Ruth Jens, of the medical staff of Oregon State hospital, told details of the five most recent cases of male hypersexuality which have been brought to her attention, and said that extraordinary "cures" had been effected with dosages of ovary secretions—the first-known use of the extract for this purpose in the United States. Dr. Jens said in many instances male victims of sex over-urge— which she said was caused by glandular disturbance — come to the hospital voluntarily in the hope of relief, and cited examples of return to completely normal life after treatment and education. She deplored a public attitude that all victims should be "tossed to the wolves or locked up."

In some of her recent cases, she declared, the persons involved were shy and would-be respectable, and probably would have done nothing criminal. They were "thankful" for treatment, however, she said.

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Disaster Service Training Studied By Scout Groups

Adult leaders and advisors of nine Boy Scout Explorer posts in the Cascade area scout council will organize an "emergency service" program at a meeting in Salem Thursday night.

The dinner meeting will take

place in the Senator hotel at 6:30 o'clock. Capt. Joseph Jeffers, Portland air force officer, will explain the program to the 20 men expected to attend.

The emergency service plan is designed to send senior scouts through a series of training procedures so that they will be available in time of community emergencies. Their courses will include training in fire-fighting, flood and disaster relief.

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