



More Evergreen History . . .

In 1844 the Manifest Destiny party campaigned on a demand that the U. S. and Canadian boundary line be drawn well north of Prince Rupert, across the southern tip of Prince of Wales island. On the British side the Hudson's Bay company's policy put the line on the Columbia river. The 49th parallel was therefore a natural line of compromise.

At last, Sir George Simpson, governor of the company, bowed to necessity. On his insistence, however, the British did succeed in persuading President Polk, Secretary of State James Buchanan —and the U. S. Senate— to bend the line down and around Vancouver island, where Simpson had, with his customary foresight, founded Fort Victoria.

Simpson and English officials knew, of course, that a party of American settlers had been in the Puget Sound region for a year before the two powerful governments came to an agreement on the boundary. From early spring of 1845 there had been comings and goings of United States people north of the Columbia, all against the protests of Hudson's Bay company spokesmen.

By the winter of 1845-46 U.S. citizens and their children were dwelling in new homes as settled neighbors of establishments of the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural companies ruled by Sir George Simpson.

The Simmons Settlement . . .
The leader who gave settlement of United States citizens and their families first root and growth in the region of Puget Sound was Michael Troutman Simmons — often called "Colonel" Simmons because of his command of an overland wagon train in the emigration of 1844. He was then 30 years old, "unlettered but not unenlightened," as Historian Bancroft described him.

Simmons was such a giant as John McLoughlin and he owned firmness, loyalty and spiritual strength reminding of Marcus Whitman. These qualities had been severely tested upon the late fall arrival of the Simmons wagon train on the Lower Columbia.

The party found that one of its member families was barred from the Willamette Valley by the new "provisional government" that American citizens and British subjects had formally organized in 1843. The new Oregon government was in accord with the Treaty of Joint Occupation but it included some

peculiarly Southern United States prejudices. There was a provision that barred persons of Negroid epidermoidal pigmentation from settlement in Oregon.

One family group in the Simmons party was that of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Bush and their nine children. Bush descendants maintain that he and his wife, while dark, were of East Indian Caucasoid ancestry and that their somber complexions were not Negroid.

Anthropological distinctions were unknown to the authorities of the Oregon Provisional government, however. So the Bush family had been exiled to the north bank of the Columbia. Colonel Simmons, a Kentuckian, but an enlightened one stayed with them. So did a dozen other families, and two or three single men.

Washington Won . . .
There was no color barrier north of the Columbia, for this was something utterly foreign to the rules and customs of the Hudson's Bay company.

Col. Simmons took a scouting trip to the fork of the Cowlitz river during the winter. In July, 1845, he reached the Deschutes river at its falls and its mouth in Budd inlet of Puget Sound.

Simmons returned to Fort Vancouver for his family in October. The James McAllister, David Kindred, Gabriel Jones families — with the George W. Bush family — also rolled wagons north, following the great-souled Kentuckian.

Soon the news of rich soil, green pastures and plenty of water came back from the settlers on Puget Sound and the Cowlitz. More settlers toiled northward. Soon Puget Sound was ours. The Washington country was won.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.)—What's new in Washington:

Even before the senate decided to recess while Sen. Joseph McCarthy gets over a sore elbow, the senators were packed and ready.

The lobby at the foot of the elevator to the Senate floor looked like Union Station.

Hirelings were standing by with bags that had been packed long before.

The exodus out of the building probably was the fastest in history. It was a matter of money so far as the upper house lawyers were concerned.

When they were called a lot of them had subleased their Washington living quarters and found themselves in expensive hotels — on their own. Eating money and entertainment also ran into dough.

A Washington reporter, who hadn't been briefed, called telephone number Hudson 3-5500. He got Battle Creek, Mich. A voice answered and said: "Civil Defense."

It seems that when officials of the national headquarters of the Civil Defense Administration moved to Battle Creek, a lot of the wheels gave long distance their Washington office phone number. Calls to that number are switched to Battle Creek without extra charge.

The Pentagon says that our soldiers around Keflavik, Iceland, are coming to the aid of herring fishermen in the North Atlantic. It seems that killer whales, with an appetite for



ARRIVING IN Los Angeles on plane inaugurating service from Copenhagen, notables leave plane after flying over Arctic region. From bottom: Tore H. Nilert, president, Scandinavian Airlines System; Prince Alex of Denmark; Hans Hedtoft, Denmark's prime minister; Tage Erlander, Sweden's prime minister. Behind Erlander is Oscar Torp, Norway's prime minister. (International)

Londoner Turns Misprints Into His Own Good Fortune

London — (U.P.) — "Stradivari-vany misprint or unwieldy gram-vius violin for sale cheap. Almost new."

Denys Parsons, who knows that one man's misprint can be another's fortune, neatly extracted that newspaper advertisement from the collection written for him by the fumbling fingers of writers and printers the world over.

A lean and cynical Briton with a sharp eye for the errors that creep into modern publications, Parsons had twice before made the best seller lists with his books on "garbles." Parsons considers a "garble"

any misprint or unwieldy gram-vius violin for sale cheap. Almost new."

Tailor's Note

He finds them even in his own correspondence — like this note from a tailor:

"You may imagine it is impossible to obtain a serviceable suit at this price. Buy one from us and be convinced."

Parsons likes all garbles but he has a few strong favorites. One of them is this letter to a London newspaper:

"Mr. Jones is wrong to suggest that I support the rich against the poor. To the Christian there is no class distinction — that idea was largely concocted by the working classes."

He also treasures: "The font so generously presented by Mrs. Smith will be set in position at the east end of the church. Babies may now be baptized at both ends."

And this testimonial: "My husband took an accident policy with your company and in less than a month he was accidentally drowned. I consider it a good investment."

Risque Winds
And his weather report: "Tomorrow we may expect strong northeast winds reaching a gal in exposed places."

And this news dispatch: "About 3 a.m. fire broke out in the back part of the premises of Messrs. Blank, Sausage and Potted meat makers. Several horses were rescued."

And this advertisement: "Don't kill your wife with work. Let electricity do it."

Parsons found this in a provincial paper while he was technically on holiday: "Miss Lank sang with great feeling: 'Oh Relieve Me of All Those Endearing Young Charms.'"



HOME for Christmas

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Ice Skater Turns Down

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Miss Durgan is the only girl student at the Northwood School for Boys here and is completing her senior year.

Christmas Seals have been sold at various times in 62 countries throughout the world to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. In the United States the Christmas Seal Sale is carried on by the 3,000 TB associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association.

Tuesday, November 23, 1954

Golfer Gets Revenge On Course Hazard

Concord, N. H. — (U.P.) — Somebody went out on the municipal golf course here to practice his swing at night — with an axe.

And now, a hazard that plagued golfers for years is gone. Many a hacker had cussed the pine tree to the right of and a few yards in front of the fifth tee. Thousands of drives had ricocheted off the pine.

That is, until an unknown golfer came back to the course after dark and apparently decided to "get revenge" for poor scores. He hacked down the tree. Wonder what his scorecard shows these days?

A Danish post-office clerk, Einar Holboell, first thought of using a special Christmas stamp to raise money to fight poverty and disease. Funds from the first Christmas Seal Sale in Denmark 50 years ago went toward a hospital for tuberculosis children.

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