

Book Quashes General Belief Of Oregon Trail Pioneer Story

Berkeley—The general American belief that the Oregon Trail pioneers won the Northwest Pacific Area for the United States is mostly romance, according to a book published by the University of California Press.

The territory today might be either Russian or British-controlled but for European diplomacy and the ramifications of the fur trade, according to historian John S. Galbraith in his definitive volume on "The Hudson's Bay Company."

"In that wider setting of diplomacy," Galbraith writes, "it is correct to describe the boundary dispute in North-west American as a conflict between the ambitions of two great fur-trading companies, each eager to seize a maximum area for its present and future operations, and each convinced, with sound justification, that the other contemplated monopoly of the trade of the entire coast from California to the Arctic Ocean."

Visualized Empire
In 1799, when the United States was in its infancy, Alexander Baranoff, manager of the Russian American Company, planted a settlement at Sitka. This settlement was destroyed by Indians, but rebuilt in 1804 as New Archangel, the most southerly permanent occupation of the Russians on North American shores.

Baranoff visualized an empire embracing a large part of the Pacific Coast and established Fort Ross on Bodega Bay, Calif., in 1812. This was to be a Russian military outpost, a fur trading

center and a source of food supplies for the northern colonies.

At the same time, the Hudson's Bay Company, a British fur monopoly with 200 years experience and a government behind it, had entered the rich Columbia river country. The Russians dealt mostly in sea otters and seals; the British company in river beaver and furs of land animals.

Both companies operated under government charters and both were monopolies. The Hudson's Bay Company, however, was almost autocratic in its control and served its own purposes first, its government second. The Russian company was intimately connected with its government, being under the jurisdiction of the Russian Department of interior and administered by naval officers.

American Annoyance
Americans, in 1818, were merely a source of petty annoyance to the business of both monopolies. Russia complained loudly to the U. S. government that American sea captains traded rifles and ammunition to the Indians, plying them with liquor which they dispensed wholesale. The Hudson's Bay Company deplored such traffic, but because of competition, used the same methods when necessary.

Take Course—Bruce Griehler, 2204 South Stage rd., Medford, and R. H. Wedlock, Grants Pass, both of Littrell Parts, Medford, recently returned from Santa Monica, Calif., where they took a

week-long course of training in advances in welding materials and techniques. The course was given by the Pacific Coast regional office of Linde company, division of Union Carbide corporation.

Russia excluded Americans from trading with Russian colonies during the Napoleonic wars, but the Americans persisted in smuggling, and the embargo was ineffective. The Hudson's Bay Company now was determined first to put the Americans out of business, if possible with the assistance of the Russians, and then oust the Russians. The British succeeded in both aims.

The American traders had two weaknesses. Their capital was small and they were dependent for profit on trade with the Russians.

The British company reduced prices on goods to the coastal Indians below the American's cost of supply and wooed the Russians with offers of supplies at lower prices than the Americans were able to match.

Fur Desert
The British company created a "fur desert" as far as Americans were concerned, and the Americans withdrew. The foundation for the downfall of the Russian monopoly already had been laid by a treaty signed with Britain in 1825 which granted the British the right of free navigation of the coastal rivers forever.

"With sound basis did the directors of the Russian American Company complain in later years that their government had sacrificed their interests," the author writes, "for it had opened the coastal trade to the legalized attacks of their competitors."

Russia thus became a harmless competitor by 1840. Meanwhile, the Americans were moving into this empire overland. The fur trade and settlers mixed like water and oil. Each settler became a potential trapper or trader and monopoly was broken.

The British Company, for a time, tried to forestall this new form of competition by formation of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company. This subsidiary offered settlers land, stock and habitation at extremely reasonable terms.

A Hooker in It
But the hooker was that the settlers could only lease the land, never own it outright. Besides they were compelled by agreement to assign half of the land's products to the company.

"The history of the agricultural company," the author writes, "graphically illustrates the defects of a chartered trading monopoly as an instrument for the attainment of political ends."

Yet, the American settlers who came "unassisted" really did not win the disputed territory of "54-40 or fight" fame, Galbraith says. "Oregon fever" of 1846 was a manifestation responsible for the American diplomatic victory in the final boundary dispute.

The fact was that the Hudson's Bay Company had to retreat because the settlers ruined the fur business.

Truman Says He Can't Sing The Missouri Waltz

New York — Don't get former President Harry S. Truman wrong. It isn't that he doesn't like "The Star Spangled Banner" or "The Missouri Waltz." It's just that he can't sing them.

At least, that's what Truman told Band Leader Guy Lombardo in a letter replying to a Lombardo complaint.

In an appearance on a television show Feb. 2, Truman said that "The Missouri Waltz" was as bad as "The Star Spangled Banner" musically.

Lombardo wrote a letter to Truman, and he received one in return, in which Truman said:

"I cannot disagree with you that the Missouri Waltz may be a good piece of popular music, but in my opinion it is not a proper state song. It is likely that I am prejudiced, but we both know that it takes a tenor, a baritone and a bass to sing the Star Spangled Banner. I have never understood why it was not set to music that every

FORMER JUSTICE DIES
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. — Former New York State Supreme Court Justice John R. Mack, 83, died at his home here last Saturday. Mack made the nominating speeches for Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Democratic National Conventions of 1932 and 1936.

The Society of Medical Officers of Health of Great Britain has celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Lowry To Head Group To Study Education Plans

Salem — State Sen. Walter J. Pearson, chairman of the Interim Tax Committee, has appointed a subcommittee to study his controversial "education tax" proposal.

Pearson said he had "stirred up a hornet's nest" with the plan and that it deserved some study.

The tax would take the form of a sales tax to finance education and would provide some offset for state income or property taxes.

Lowry Heads Group
Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford, will head the education tax subcommittee. Members will be Pearson, Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland; Rep. Clarence Barton, Coquille; Rep. John Kerbow, Klamath Falls, and Rep. R. E. Schedeen, Gresham.

Pearson said the tax would save money through closer state supervision of schools and might enable the state to set up uniform pay scales for teachers.

He said study would be needed to determine just what kind of a sales tax would be needed to pay for education, what credits would be given on state income tax and other problems.

Tax Structures Studied
Sen. Wilhelm told the tax committee that his subcommittee on gift and inheritance taxes should be able to present its recommendations by May or June. The subcommittee is currently analyzing inheritance tax structures of Oregon, Washington and California.

Rep. Barton's subcommittee on the forest fee and yield tax will devote at least another session to study of that tax.

Some industry representatives advocated giving administration of the tax back to the State Forestry Department, but Barton said he thought the State Tax Commission was doing a good job of administering the tax now.

The tax committee's next meeting will be in Astoria at a date to be announced.

Five-Cent Stamp Predicted Likely
Washington — Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said Saturday there is "a pretty good chance" the Senate will approve a temporary five-cent stamp on non-local letters next week.

The Californian also told reporters he thinks the proposed 7½ per cent pay increase for some 500,000 postal workers will be approved. Probably the hottest floor fight of the session is expected to develop Tuesday when the Senate takes up the 750-million-dollar postal rate increase bill.

The main issue, simply stated, is whether the old lady in Dubuque should have to pay a nickel to send a letter to her cousin Minnie in Chicago.

Granite was once a red hot mass below the earth's surface.

Kennedy Suitor Now Seeks Job

Havana — Dominic Elwes, who flew across the ocean from Britain in a search of a plane to wed pretty Tessa Kennedy says he is looking for a job to support the young runaway heiress.

Elwes said he and Tessa, 19, had moved into a small furnished apartment here and that he hoped to settle down soon with a job.

He said he was "going dot-dot" over attempts to get some of his money out of England.

Elwes, 26, said he had no particular training for any specific job but that he would take almost anything that would allow him to remain in Cuba with his bride.

Elwes said he and Tessa have been spending their time with friends, particularly with wealthy Jorge Suarez Rivas, stepson of the current Cuban ambassador to Great Britain and an old friend of Tessa's.

The couple, who were prevented from marrying in Britain because of the objections of Tessa's parents, flew to Cuba to wed.

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