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THE LONLEY BOYS IN SIBERIA--HOW THEY GET ALONG

The following letter was received from Wm. H. Smith, who is with the Medical department A. E. F. in Siberia. The postmark reads Siberia, August 19:

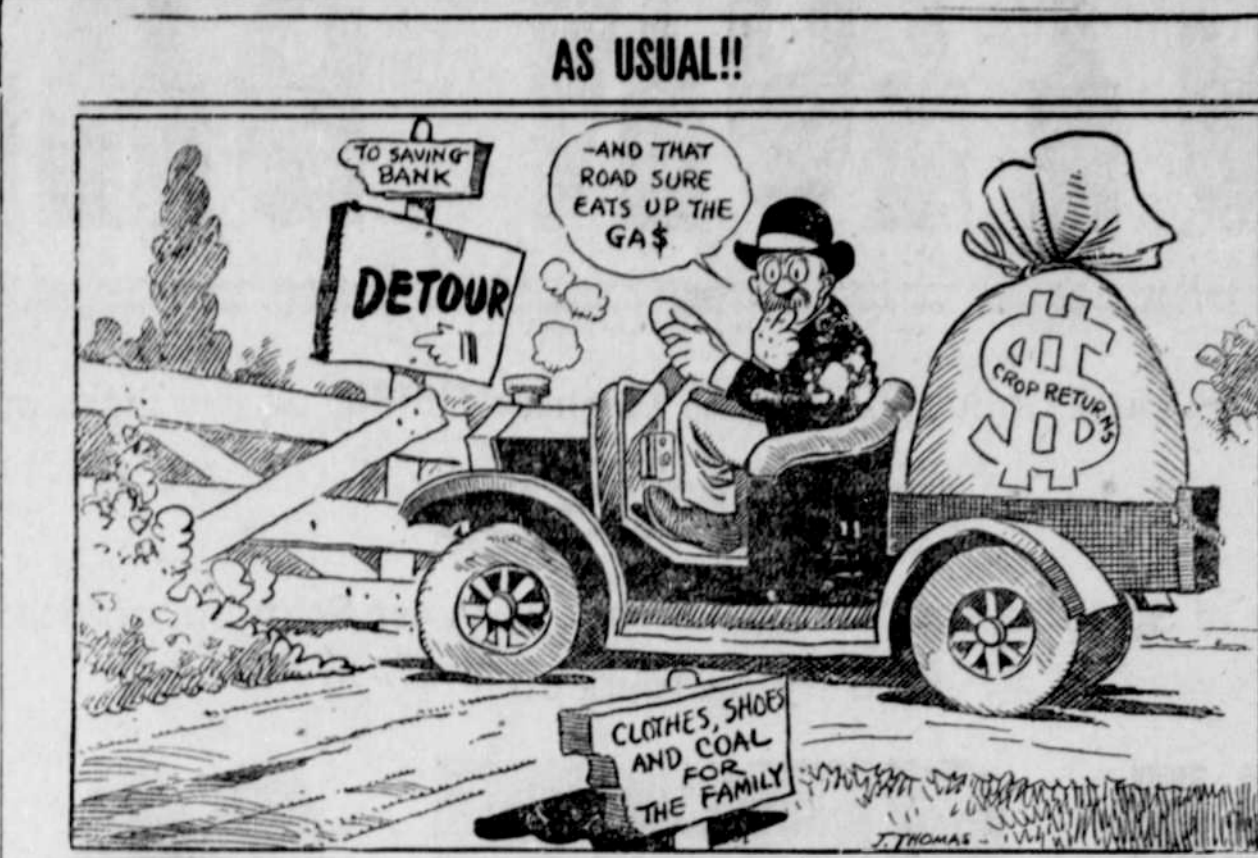
We were sent to this part of the world to quell Bolshevism and to guard the Northern lights. We are so far north the dog-gone sun works only when he feels so inclined, and in that way is like everything else in Russia. The moon isn't so particular. She usually comes up backwards, at any time day or night, in any part of the sky. Having no regular schedule she often gets lost and is still on the job at noon.

Yes, we are so far north that thirty six degrees below zero will soon be tropical to us. They have to build fires around the cows before they can milk them.

This is a tough town, there are 269,831 inhabitants of whom 61,329 are humans and 208,503 are dogs. Dogs from every description from poodles to St. Bernards, and from wolf hounds to dashunds which are half German and half Bolshevick, and look the part. The wind whistles across Useless Bay like the Twentieth Century Limited passing Podunk. The snow flakes are as numerous as retreating Germans were in France a few ago.

Cectimes and Francs may be hard to count but did you ever hear of Rubles and Kopecks? A Kopeck is worth one-tenth of a cent and there are one hundred of them in a Ruble. The Ruble is worth one dime. Ordinarily a Ruble is worth about fifty cents. To make matters worse all of the money is paper. Coins have gone out of circulation since the mixup. A Kopeck is the size of a postage stamp and looks like a cigar certificate. A twenty-five Ruble note resembles a porous plaster. A one hundred Ruble note looks like the Declaration of Independence.

When a soldier is in search of a meal he enters a restaurant and says "baresnya sakajreetyah bifsteak pozalysta" an order of beefsteak lady please. She will answer the younger customer with "yas ochen sojalaylu shto tyst yestinkupason syeche" a (a simple cure for loce jaw) meaning I am sorry sir but we are out of that today. He will try another place, and if lucky, is apt to get something to eat; but when he looks at the bill of fare he learns that it will cost him about \$7.50 for a sandwich and a cup of coffee and he beats



it back to his barracks. Every time we get on a street car we have to count out sixty kopecks for fare, and most of us would rather walk than be jammed into a two by four bus. Before entering a car a passenger hunts up a couple of five gallon milk cans, a market basket or two and a bag of smoked herring, so that he will get his kopecks worth out of his ride, besides making the atmosphere nice for the rest of the passengers.

If you should see a soldier walking down the street with his nose in the air and his mouth puckered up with apparent contempt, it would be wrong to think he was conceited for if the truth were known he had just got his shirt from the wash woman who used fish oil instead of soap and he is trying to escape the fumes. When you take your clothes to the laundry you tell the woman to please omit the odors. She will tell you that he has no soap and if you want them washed to your satisfaction please send a cake of soap. Anything in the world to keep the clothes from smelling of fish oil, so you double time back and get a cake of soap. Then she gives her kids a bath and that is the end of the soap.

When a Russian meets a man he knows on the street both lift their hats and flirt with each other. If they stop and talk they always shake hands even if they had not seen each other for fully twenty minutes. They must shake hands again when they leave. When a man meets a lady friend he usually kisses her hand and shows her how far he can bend without stretching his suspenders and says, "Yh ochen bard vasenedyety kakvur pazaharaetye" which means in

KAISER'S PICTURE DON'T LOOK GOOD TO THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The Kaiser's picture in the geographies used in the public schools of the state almost caused Albany school children to go without textbooks this year. Almost, but not quite.

When the state textbook commissioner, of which A. C. Schmitt of this city is a member, came to consider a geography, none of the publishers would submit a textbook this year until the geographical boundaries of the old and new countries of Asia, Africa and Europe are definitely fixed. The company publishing the old textbook proposed that their book be continued for the present and a new edition would be put out next year. This was really the only recourse open to the commission, and the old text was continued.

The fact that the ex-Kaiser's picture was in the book caused P. D. Gilbert, president of the Council of Defense, to make inquiries, and it was learned that the publishers of the book have supplied City Superintendent Boetticher with extra pages which can be substituted in place of the obnoxious sheet bearing the likeness of the arch-criminal of the world.—Albany Democrat.

our language, how do you do; to this she will reply "Blogardduvas yhochen karacho" or very well, thank you. It is a knock out. A fellow has to shake hands so many times that it is getting to be a habit around the company. Another thing, they are holding a separate war up here for our benefit. Just because we're not in the big doings in France is no reason why they should run pass the season's series especially for us.

We appreciate the kindness, honor and all that, but believe me after all the dope you're getting about pianos, wooden floors, steam heat and other conveniences being furnished us over here, and when we see ourselves on post duty with a blanket or poncho or sleeping in twenty inches of oozy mud, which before we awaken turns into thin ice, it's a joke brother—a joke. It makes us cry out and ask the Universe "what have we done to deserve this misery." Do not think we are kicking. American soldiers never kick. We just want something to write about to remind you that we are part of the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia—although isolated in the hell-hole of creation—Vladivostok, Siberia.

KELLY MILL GETS CONTRACT TO FURNISH COUNTY LUMBER

According to Roy O. Kelly, proprietor of the Kelly mill in Happy Hollow, he has been awarded the contract to furnish lumber for two rock bunkers, which will be used by the county in connection with the paving plant that will be located between Turner and Aumsville. The mill will also furnish the lumber for four bridges that will be built between the above named towns. The contract was let by L. S. Lambert of Stayton, who has charge of the road work.

ETOILE DE L' EST IS NAME OF AUXILIARY TO "EASTERN STAR"

The ladies of the "Eastern Star" have organized a social club among the members, known as the "Etoile de L'Est" Club, and have elected the following officers: President, Mrs. J. P. Wilbur; Vice-President, Mrs. Sarah Berringer; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Sloper; Treasurer, Mrs. Eliza Taylor.

The new club is organized for the purpose of promoting sociability among members, and for the purpose of getting together more often than the regular meeting nights of the order of Eastern Star. The club meets twice a month on Thursday afternoons.

The residence of Mrs. Grace Niebert, was the meeting place last week.

Dr. Edwin McKenney and wife, of Union, Oregon, and W. L. McKenney and wife and son Salem, were visitors at ye editor's home Monday of this week. The doctor is a brother of W. L. McKenney of Salem and together with his wife are taking in the State Fair and visiting old time friends in the state for a few days.

Dean Cromwell, director of athletics in the University of California, at Los Angeles, accompanied by his wife and baby, were here last week visiting at the Byron Denny home and at the Williams home. They returned to California last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lily returned from a visit to Spokane and Pendleton last week. They also attended the fair at Yakima.

THIS IS THE LATEST FROM THE STATE GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE

In an opinion given by Attorney General George M. Brown, to M. A. Biggs, District Attorney for Harney county, the shooting season for ducks, geese and other migratory waterfowl has been definitely settled. Confusion has existed in the minds of many shooters on account of a difference in the Federal and State seasons. The state cannot legislate within the closed season of the Federal regulations, but it can legislate within the open season. The Federal open season is three and one-half months, but the state, if it cares to, may close any portion or all of this Federal open season. The shooting season, therefore, which must be observed by hunters throughout Oregon is as follows:

For Multnomah, Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties, the open season begins on October 1st and closes December 31. In all other counties of Game District No. 1, which comprises all that portion of Oregon lying west of the summit of the Cascade mountains, the season opens on October 16th and closes on January 15th. In all counties of Game District No. 2, which comprises all that portion of Oregon lying east of the summit of the Cascade mountains, the open season begins on October 1st and ends on December 21st.

Don't Forget

There will be the usual services in the Methodist church on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. League meeting at 7 p. m.

Forty five per cent of all annual promises to the Centenary will need be in not later than Sunday, as all reports for the annual conference, which will be held in First church, Salem, have to be ready on Tuesday the 30th.

J. B. Jeter and family went to Ashland, Oregon, Wednesday, where they will reside for the winter. The move is made on account of Miss Elva's health. The Mail will keep the family posted on Stayton happenings while they are away.

COUNCIL WILL BUILD NEW BRIDGE ON 3RD ST. OVER SALEM DITCH

The big truck of the Brown-Petzel Lumber Co. that is hauling logs to the mill, went thru the third street bridge in town last Friday and put the bridge out of commission.

At a special meeting of the City Fathers Saturday evening, it was decided to build a new bridge, as upon investigation the structure was found to be in bad shape and not safe for traffic.

Councilmen Wilbur and Thoma were appointed a committee to look after the bridge and the work of tearing out the old one has been under way this week. It is rumored that the new bridge will be built of concrete.

The water committee which is composed of J. H. Thoma and J. R. Gardner, was instructed to complete the repairs that have been started on the water plant. This means that a new flume will be built, the water wheel, that has long needed repairs will be put in shape and the "groan" will be taken out of the city pump, before the committee gets through with their work.

When this work is completed the water users will begin to receive service that they should have had a long time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Riggs of Seattle, who have been visiting at the Wm. English home here and other friends in Happy Hollow, left for the State Fair Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs formerly resided here and they were surprised to see the number of changes that have taken place during the time they have been away.

There will be an auction sale on the John Kusey place, two miles north west of Stayton, on the 15th of October. There will be quite a number of cattle and horses, also farm machinery to be sold. Sale bills will be out next week.

John Dozler, of Kingston, has purchased the 205 acre farm of John Kusey, located west of Stayton and will take possession about the middle of October.

Buying Jewelry

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