

BEDOUIN LIFE
OF 3000 YEARS AGO

Desert of Sinai Unchanged by
Ages of Civilization.

ARAB IS STATELY FIGURE

Sons of Arid Land Live Scanty Life.
Food and Clothing Meager.
W. T. Ellis Writes.

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THE SINAI DESERT. This is "back to nature" indeed—far, far back, beyond the beginnings of written history. Life here on this desert and amid the Sinai mountains is practically as it was 3000 years before the days of Moses. The only notable change is the possession of firearms or swords by the wealthier men. Otherwise the people and their life are as they were before the first pyramids were built, the first monuments inscribed or the first cuneiform tablets written.

There is no other such human persistence on earth. Within 24 hours from a steamship or express train, with all that it represents of modern civilization, a man may find himself back in a form of life that was ancient before the first books of the Bible were written. Almost untouched by the progress of the centuries, unknown and uncaring concerning the great nations and cities that have risen to power, the Bedouin preserve their own customs, and dress, and laws, and manner of life. Their scheme of things has at least this merit—it has outlasted all others.

As I swing slowly along upon my camel there plods in front of me old Farhan, our guide, a venerable Arab, whose face wears lines of dignity and kindness and whose thin, shaggy hair is proof of his responsible post as native leader of a group of foreigners, and with tact and skill he keeps the camel drivers up to the mark of our whims and ways.

Farhan is a stately figure, although his entire raiment does not bring 50 cents on Buxter street. His outer garment is a black abayah, or abba, old and rusty, but still a mark of distinction. Beneath it, rather than his galabieh, a once white garment with flowing sleeves, gathered about the middle by a leather girdle. On his feet he wears, as the Bedouins do, two miserable scraps of leather, or fish skin, looped over by two cords, which pass for sandals. On his head is a turban cloth. That is all. Under the burning sun or beneath the chilly moon this is all of Farhan's clothes or covering. One understands the Bedouin Moslem law against keeping a man's cloak overnight.

Farhan's bed on the march is the sand; his only blanket is his garment, a water skin and a crooked stick. He typifies the consummate Arab art of doing without. He knows the way to light through life. In worldly goods he is poor beyond the worst fears of the poorest westerner, yet he is a gentleman, states the Bedouin code of honor in speech beyond America's hope to match. He probably never bathes, for his world is well nigh waterless. He cannot read, or write, or count, or know aught of book knowledge that any 10-year-old boy in the United States; yet he is wise with the wisdom of an old, old person. His skill in handling his fellow Bedouins in and dealing with foreigners is what New York employers pay in salaries for and do not always obtain.

Food Is Scarce.

My camel boy, Derwish, is another type of Arab. Of years he possesses something like the wisdom of one of generations of his ancestors before him. Derwish is thin and underfed. An Arab manages to live on a small portion of what he would need in other nations normally; he goes to bed hungry. On this trip Derwish promptly attaches himself as supernumerary to Mohammed, our cook, and kitchen aids, and I wonder how many American boys know that by cracking the discarded bones of a piece of meat there may be found within a toothsome and nutritious morsel? All Arab boys know this and all dogs. His days with the foreigners perceptibly put flesh upon the face and body of Derwish.

His raiment was even simpler than that of Farhan—a thin cotton chemise, through which his figure showed, and another nondescript rag in which he wrapped his head when the sun was high and his body when he lay down on the sand or rock at night. As he walked, Derwish sang or persisted in talking. Arabic is his mother tongue, and he is a native of the mountains for me to taste or smell and the flowers of the trail. When I wanted to trot my camel Derwish was tirelessly ready to run ahead of it. The capacity and endurance of this child argued for the success of Bedouin training.

Camel Takes Fumble.

Once, when descending the steep side of a mountain on my camel, with no other member of the party within hail, I had a curious experience of my own. With a child's heedlessness he had persisted in walking on the upper side of the narrow trail, thus covering the hoofs of the animal with pebbles, and the path was of slippery stones. Smiling rather grimly to myself at the possibility of the situation, I was brought suddenly to a sense of the realities by the forward slipping of my saddle, owing to the steep descent and somebody's failure to fasten it by the usual rope under the tail. Feeling the saddle slide, the camel gave one of his volcanic upheavals and went down to his foreknees—and I went over his neck. Fortunately, at the moment the animal's head was turned toward me and I did not go over the precipice.

MORE OREGON BOYS COMING

Camp Lewis Detachment Passes Through Montana Town.

AVON, Mont., July 25.—(Special.)—The following named officers and enlisted men from the state of Oregon passed here today en route to Camp Lewis under command of Captain E. E. Vaughn, United States infantry, of Portland.

Senior Grade Sergeant George C. Letson, motor transport corps, and Sergeant H. J. Joseph, company D, 418th telegraph bureau, Portland; Private Russel B. McDonald, 1st infantry; Private Furtunate Monteleone, 12th infantry; Sergeant Philip W. Woodburn, private John W. Reed, 6th infantry; Private Fred Parker, Gresham; Private Victor A. Smith, company B, 120th engineers, Portland; Edward M. Vanness, company B, 127th engineers, Willamette; Private Jacob L. White, company D, 12th infantry, Langlois; Chauffeur John H. Law, Fossil; Private Paul H. Weeks, Heppner; Private Milton R. Wild, 220th military police company, Portland; Private Roy Mould, Waelly, Elgin; Private Bertie Hanley, 16th company, 20th engineers, Bend; Sergeant Ray Mitchell, 31st aero squadron, Portland; Private William Wein

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



SCENE FROM BIG FEATURE, "BOLSHEVISM ON TRIAL," WHICH WILL OPEN TODAY AT THE STAR THEA TER.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Columbia—Marguerite Clark, "Girls."
Majestic—Mitchell Lewis, "Jacques of the Silver North"; Mitchell Lewis in person, "The People"; Dorothy Glab, "Nugget Nell."
Star—Robert Frazer, "Bolshevism on Trial."
Liberty—Bill Hart, "Square Deal Sanderson."
Circle—Charles Ray, "The Girl Dodger."
Sunset—Mack Sennett special, "Yankie Doodle in Berlin"; Cloverio bathing girls in person, Globe—Nazimova, "Out of the Fog."

"BOLSHEVISM ON TRIAL" is the title of the special feature which John Stille, manager of the Star theater, has been able to procure for the coming week. It will open today.

Wholesome comedy and an indisputable argument for sane thinking and living are the texts of "Bolshevism on Trial." It can not be called a "problem" play for it does not preach. It does, however, take a situation such as is being upheld daily by agitators as ideal and carry it through to its logical end, one of the most famous humor hostilities of the American continent is the setting for a number of scenes from "Bolshevism on Trial," which was partly filmed at Palm Beach, Fla. Beautiful scenic pictures of the tropics and of southern water features in the play.

Screen Gossip.

Dorothy Dalton, is in New York where she plans to rest a bit and then make another picture.

A unique bureau for the purpose of assisting exhibitors to obtain better projection on the screen has been established by the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation. Earl J. Dennison, well-known projector, is in charge of the bureau and will pay inspection visits to exchanges throughout the country.

It is now definitely announced that Thomas Meighan will play the title role in Sir James Barrie's famous satirical

pleased, Derwish, a tired little boy, was for part of the day taken on the after-deck, one of our native guides, projected on the screen has been established by the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation. Earl J. Dennison, well-known projector, is in charge of the bureau and will pay inspection visits to exchanges throughout the country.

Arabs Great Talkers.

Last sound heard at night and first in the morning is the hum of voices of the Arabs. Their one entertainment is conversation. Movies and vaudeville have never reached them. They have nothing to do for amusement. Talk and songs are their commonest diversion. What can these men of barren lives find to discuss so interminably? That question leads us straight into the heart of the preservation of Bedouin traditions and lore and customs of throughout the centuries and millennium. The tales of the elders are transmitted at campfire conversations, with young and old listening. Legends of the mountains, stories of saints and heroes, narratives of battle—all are made familiar to the ears of every Arab, and he in turn tells them over or sings them to himself, for the Bedouin advises songs upon every topic. Without a written literature these tribesmen of marvelous memory preserve history, religion, genealogy, professional, social and commercial codes, as well as jests, proverbs and fairy lore, all by oral transmission. It is understandable that family and tribal traditions would be paramount with the Bedouin in the conditions of their life, even such things are negligible in the modern American family, with its rush and individualism and beguilements. The Arab mind holds little, but it holds that little fast.

Editor Seeks Better Health.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—John Juzza, editor of the Gold Beach Globe, will be removed from the Curry county seat to some interior point, where it is hoped he will recover from heart trouble resulting from an attack of influenza last winter. Mr. Juzza has been in charge of the paper for the past two years and his late illness affected him about a month ago. Mr. Juzza's parents reside in Portland.

Bids for Gymnasium Advertised.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The state board of control is advertising for bids for the erection of a gymnasium at the state training school for boys at Chehalis. The last legislature appropriated \$40,000 for this purpose. Bids will be opened August 11. Erection of a \$50,000 building for use of the superintendent of the training school is well under way.

State Hospital Inmate Escapes.

SALLEM, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—George Oberessell, who was committed to the state hospital from Multnomah county in 1917, escaped today while employed as a trusty at the institution farm. Oberessell is considered harmless.

FUTURE PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS ARE SEEN

City Officials Survey Sites in Various Sections.

REPORTS TO BE PREPARED

Council Will Probably Call Public Hearing Before Final Action Is Determined.

Proposed sites for future parks and playgrounds in Portland were surveyed yesterday by City Commissioner Pier, in charge of the park bureau, and Park Superintendent Keyser. Sites in Albina, St. Johns, Woodlawn, Alberta, Irvington, Rose City Park, the central east side and Lewis and Clark street, beyond East Fifty-fifth street, will also be viewed.

The city officials were accompanied by a committee composed of Dan Keislaker, Rev. John Dawson and W. H. Fowler, who represented the general committee which campaigned in behalf of the successful measure which authorized the expenditure of \$500,000 for playground and park sites. W. J. Hoffman and Charles H. Cheney, the latter consultants to the city planning commission, were also in the party.

In Albina the block bounded by Williams and Vancouver avenues, Morris and Stanton streets, was viewed. Residents of this district are said to favor this site for a small park and playground, and although it is bereft of trees, it may receive consideration. Several sites in lower Albina near the Shaver school have been suggested as playground sites, but were not viewed yesterday.

St. Johns Site Visited.

In St. Johns the committee inspected a tract of land of 22 acres within the car loop, which has been recommended to Commissioner Pier as a park and playground for the St. Johns district. Another tract, known as the McKenna property, of more than 40 acres, east of the railroad cut, has also been suggested, but residents of St. Johns who conferred with the committee yesterday maintained that the 22-acre tract was favored by the majority of residents in that district.

Approximately 17 acres now used as a playground supervised and maintained by the city has been suggested as suitable for the Alberta and Woodlawn district. The entrance to the park is at Eighteenth street and Killingsworth street. The tract is under lease to the city for a period of three years.

Mr. Cheney, who said that he was not planning to recommend the site for the planning commission, but was on the trip to gather facts for the consideration of the commission, favored the location of the playgrounds adjacent to schools. In carrying out this idea, he favored the acquisition of property directly south of the Vernon school. This site, however, did not meet with general approval of the members of the committee, who openly expressed their preference for the location of the playgrounds adjacent to schools.

Irvington Offer Made.

In Irvington the playground facilities of the Irvington club were viewed. A portion of these facilities are now operated by the city, and it has been proposed that the city take over the clubhouse for the purpose of the operation of the club itself.

In Rose City Park the committee viewed a 40-acre tract known as the "brickyard site," which was suggested as a proposed park and playground for the Rose City, Irvington and Deamont districts. This site lies in about the center of Rose City Park district and is adjacent to both Irvington and Beau-

Central Point Sought.

The Duckman tract of about ten acres on East Twelfth and Davis streets, adjacent to the Benson technical school, was recommended by a committee of business men as the site for a playground and park for the central east side. This property has been used as a baseball field for the Washington high school and is said to be well located for the purpose.

Three blocks in what is known as Hawthorne park, on East Twelfth street, north of Hawthorne avenue, were viewed by the committee as a possible site for the small park to be used as a breathing spot for the residents of this section. Other sites in this district are to be viewed, according to Commissioner Pier.

In Lewis the committee viewed the Mount Scott tract, which is adjacent to the Lewis school. A portion of the latter tract is now used as a municipal playground, and but four

PORTLAND PASTOR CALLED

Centralia Baptist Church Invites Rev. E. Burton.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—The congregation of the First Baptist church last night called Rev. E. Burton, a Portland minister, to the pastorate of the church to succeed Rev. Henry Van Engelen, who recently tendered his resignation. It is not yet known whether Rev. Burton will accept.

Rev. C. F. Knoll Visits Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 25.—(Special.)—Rev. C. F. Knoll, pastor of the Lutheran churches in Centralia and Chehalis, who entered the army as a chaplain about a year ago, visited here this week, returning to Fort Douglas, Utah, where he is stationed, Tuesday night after attending a Lutheran school convention in Everett. Rev. Knoll expects to be released from service in a few weeks and will return to Washington.

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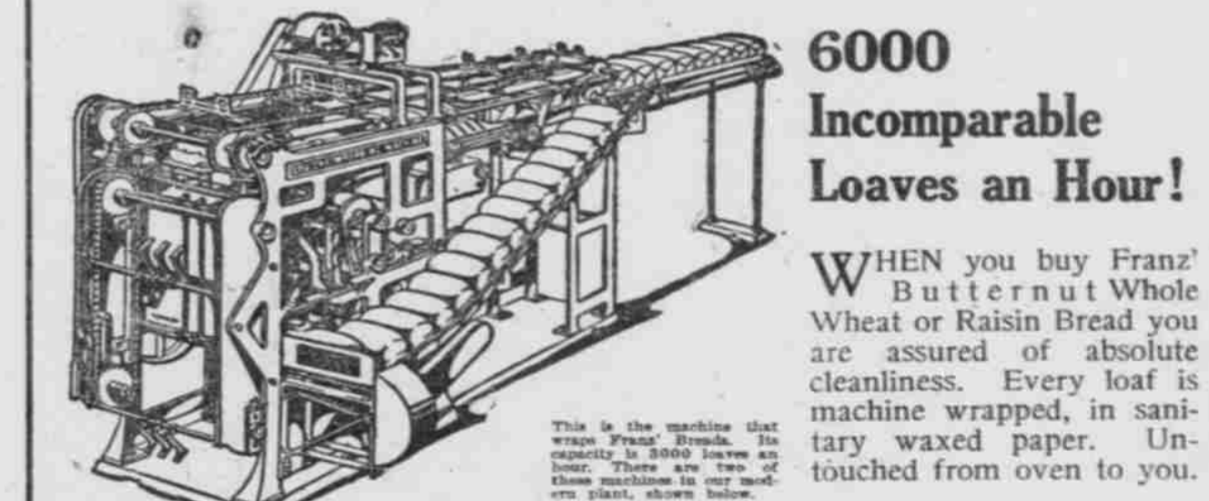
IT'S NOT PREACHMENT
IT'S NOT PROPAGANDA
But What Is It?
You MUST Know!

SEE "BOLSHEVISM ON TRIAL" THE MOST TIMELY— MOST INTERESTING— MOST TALKED ABOUT PHOTOPLAY OF THE SEASON STARTS TODAY NO RAISE IN PRICES IT'S EITHER GUILTY or NOT GUILTY

731 LEAVE FOR SIBERIA U. S. PARTY DUE AUGUST 7
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