

OUT OF THE VAULT

# Pendleton boy shanghaied to England

A Pendleton native was “shanghaied” at the turn of the 20th century by a Portland man and forced to serve on board a ship traveling to England, where he was abandoned.

Ed Bentley, an 18-year-old native of Pendleton, was staying at the Portland Sailor Boarding House when another man forced him aboard the Sofala, a ship heading to Bristol, England, with a group of other young men. The youths were forced to sign as sailors before the mast and then serve aboard ship.

Shanghaiing, or crimping, was a practice of kidnapping people to serve as sailors, and flourished in port cities including Portland in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The practice was driven

by a shortage of skilled labor aboard ships on the West Coast due to mass abandonments during the California Gold Rush.

Larry Sullivan, the man behind the forced conscriptions, sent a letter to the *East Oregonian* protesting that young Bentley had been treated well and paid \$20, or 4 British pounds, per month. In reality, according to a March 28, 1900 *East Oregonian* story, when Bentley arrived in Bristol he was paid \$10 per month instead of the promised wage (a total of \$50), and was charged \$10 by the captain for his board during the voyage. The captain also paid \$25 of Bentley’s wages to Sullivan for his “recruitment.” This left Bentley with \$15, which was not enough to pay for

passage home.

Bentley had also fallen 80 feet from the ship’s royal yard during the voyage, breaking his ankle. Instead of medical attention, the captain gave him a dose of castor oil and a few curses, and Bentley was forced to bind up his ankle himself, which healed badly.

Ed Bentley Sr., of Pendleton, was unaware of his son’s fate until after the ship had already crossed the Columbia River Bar, and sent money for his son’s return to the U.S.

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DEAR ABBY

## Boy can’t resist sneaking out to play with bullies

**Dear Abby:** I’m a 12-year-old boy with some generosity problems. When my neighborhood friends come to my house, I offer them some things (food, mostly) that are strictly off-limits, but it feels necessary.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
Advice

Also, these friends bully me, and it’s against the rules to play with them, but I want to, so I sneak out to do it. I know I’m not doing the right thing, but I can’t help it. Can you help me?

— **Can’t Say No**

**Dear Can’t Say No:** I’ll try. But first, you will have to understand and accept that “friends” who bully and take advantage of you are NOT friends. Giving them things that are “strictly off-limits” may seem necessary, but it won’t buy real friendship.

Believe it or not, your best friends are your parents. That’s why it’s important that you level with them about what has been going on. Ask them if they can help you get into after-school activities where you will meet nicer people who

might like to be friends with you for no other reason than the fact that you are a nice person, too.

**Dear Abby:** I’m having a problem with my dental hygienist, “Gloria.” During my appointments, she engages me in conversation, which invariably lengthens the appointment from a half-hour to a whole hour. She giggles like a schoolgirl and stops multiple times during the cleaning to remove tools from my mouth so we can talk.

I don’t want to be rude, but my appointments are on weekdays, and I need to get back to work. Occasionally, I have brought something to read, hoping it would keep Gloria from striking up a conversation, but it never works. I’m now considering changing dentists because I have neither the time nor the patience to deal with her. Please help. — **Miffed In Milwaukee**

**Dear Miffed:** When you go to your next appointment, the first words out of your mouth should be to tell Gloria you

don’t have time to talk and must be out of there promptly in 30 minutes. If she can’t comply, discuss it with your dentist so he/she can “remind” Gloria that her relationship with patients isn’t personal, but professional, and discourage the small talk. The dental practice is a business, and if the situation is as you describe, Gloria could book twice as many patients as she’s seeing now if she curtails the small talk.

**Dear Abby:** My husband has gained a significant amount of weight, which has changed his appearance. I have to admit I no longer find him attractive and have a hard time even kissing him. I don’t want to hurt his feelings, but I am turned off physically.

He wants to lose weight, but can’t seem to find the motivation, even after visiting with a doctor and a dietician. What can I do when he approaches me for a kiss (or more)? — **Ashamed In Alabama**

**Dear Ashamed:** Tell him what you have written to me. If that doesn’t give him motivation, nothing will.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
July 1-2, 1917

Dr. J.A. Best, mayor of Pendleton, has enlisted in the medical reserve corps of the U.S. army and will be subject to call as soon as he has received his commission. He enlisted Saturday while in Portland attending the state medical convention at which he was elected first vice president. Dr. Best stated that he and the four other doctors who enlisted at the same time were moved to their action by an address made before the convention by army authorities. These men told them that the government needed 20,000 doctors and that Oregon would be expected to furnish 250. If response was not voluntary and immediate, conscription would be resorted to, the doctors were told. Dr. Best stated

that he would rather offer himself voluntarily than be drafted. He expects to receive a commission as first lieutenant within four weeks and to be called into active service before September.

50 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
July 1-2, 1967

Skip Volk, winner in super stock competition in Seattle, San Diego, Arizona and Florida, has turned to airplane aerobatics. He is one of the contestants in the West Coast Amateur Championship this weekend at the Pendleton Municipal Airport. The competition is part of the entertainment for the Round-Up Air Show sponsored by the Umatilla County Pilots’ Association. In addition to the aerobatics, the air show features racing, skydiving, free rides, and competition between old cars

and aeroplanes. Over 100 antique cars and aeroplanes will be on display in the big hangar.

25 Years Ago  
From the East Oregonian  
July 1-2, 1992

When Larry Skellenger opened the door to his business today, it marked his 30th year of selling gas and groceries atop Battle Mountain. But don’t expect any price breaks or anniversary sale. A gallon of unleaded will still cost \$1.48 — and nine-tenths — but the 73-year-old attendant will pump it at no extra charge. “That’s a little high compared to Pendleton,” Skellenger admits. “But these little joints out in the country have to make a profit on each item.” And when the needle hits “E” a the top of Battle Mountain, travelers can bear quite a bit.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 182nd day of 2017. There are 183 days left in the year. This is Canada Day.

Today’s Highlight in History:

**On July 1, 1867,** Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect.

On this date:

**In 1535,** Sir Thomas More went on trial in England, charged with high treason for rejecting the Oath of Supremacy. (More was convicted, and executed.)

**In 1916,** during World War I, France and Britain launched the Somme Offensive against the German army; the 4 1/2-month battle resulted in heavy casualties and produced no clear winner. Dwight D. Eisenhower married Mary (“Mamie”) Geneva Doud in Denver.

**In 1934,** Hollywood began enforcing its Production Code subjecting motion pictures to censorship review.

**In 1946,** the United States exploded a 20-kiloton atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

**In 1957,** the International Geophysical Year, an 18-month global scientific study, began.

**In 1961,** Diana, the princess of Wales, was born in Sandringham, England. (She died in a 1997 car crash in Paris at age 36.)

**In 1973,** the Drug Enforcement Administration was established.

**In 1980,** “O Canada” was proclaimed the national anthem of Canada.

**In 1987,** President Ronald Reagan nominated federal appeals court judge Robert H. Bork to the Supreme Court, setting off a tempestuous

confirmation process that ended with Bork’s rejection by the Senate.

**In 1991,** President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment. The Warsaw Pact formally disbanded.

**In 1997,** Hong Kong reverted to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony. Actor Robert Mitchum died in Santa Barbara, California, at age 79.

**In 2002,** the world’s first permanent war crimes tribunal, the International Criminal Court, came into existence. A Russian passenger jet collided with a cargo plane over southern Germany, killing all 69 people, including 45 schoolchildren, on the Russian plane and the cargo jet pilots.

**Today’s Birthdays:** Actress Olivia de Havilland is 101. Actress-dancer Leslie Caron is 86. Actress Jean Marsh is 83. Actor Jamie Farr

is 83. Actor David Prowse is 82. Cookiemaker Wally Amos is 81. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 76. Actress Genevieve Bujold is 75. Rock singer-actress Deborah Harry is 72. Movie-TV producer-director Michael Pressman is 67. Actor Daryl Anderson is 66. Actor Trevor Eve is 66. Actor Terrence Mann is 66. Rock singer Fred Schneider (B-52’s) is 66. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 66. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 65. Actress Lorna Patterson is 61. Actor Alan Ruck is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Evelyn “Champagne” King is 57. Olympic gold medal track star Carl Lewis is 56. Country singer Michelle Wright is 56. Actor Andre Braugher is 55. Actor Dominic Keating is 55. Actress Pamela Anderson is 50. Rock musician Mark

Pirro is 47. Rock musician Franny Griffiths (Space) is 47. Actor Henry Simmons is 47. Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 46. Actress Julianne Nicholson is 46. Actress Melissa Peterman is 46. Rock musician Bryan Devendorf (The National) is 42. Actor Thomas Sadoski is 41. Actress Liv Tyler is 40. Bluegrass musician Adam Haynes (Dailey & Vincent) is 38. Actress Hilarie Burton is 35. Actress Lynsey Bartilson is 34. Actress Lea Seydoux is 32. Actor Evan Ellingson is 29. Actors Steven and Andrew Cavarno are 25. Actress Storm Reid is 14.

**Thought for Today:** “Americans are benevolently ignorant about Canada, while Canadians are malevolently well-informed about the United States.” — *J. Bartlet Brebner, Canadian historian (1895-1957).*

**WHERE’S MY CROSSWORD, SUDOKU AND TV SCHEDULE?**  
Some of the puzzles and TV schedule for Saturday, Sunday and Monday can now be found inside the comics section.

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	6	5-	40x		
3÷			11+		
24x				15x	
12+		15x	5+		1
5				3÷	

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**RULES**  
1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.  
2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.  
3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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**Find and Circle...**

Eight Best Picture winners

Four four-letter musical instruments

Two flowing bodies of water

Two things produced by the sun

Long shot off the tee

Answers to Saturday’s puzzles: BRAVEHEART BIRDMEAT PLATON CHICAGO PATON ROCKY CRASH ARGO / DUM OBOE HARP TUBA STREAM BROOK / LIGHT HEAT / DRIVE

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**7 LITTLE WORDS**

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

**CLUES** **SOLUTIONS**

1 boo-boo (6) \_\_\_\_\_

2 bonbon, for one (10) \_\_\_\_\_

3 Walla Walla location (10) \_\_\_\_\_

4 hush-hush (6) \_\_\_\_\_

5 cancan performer (6) \_\_\_\_\_

6 knock knock, for example (4) \_\_\_\_\_

7 muumuu origin (6) \_\_\_\_\_

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Today’s Answers: 1. OUCHIE 2. CONNECTION 3. WASHINGTON 4. SECRET 5. DANGER 6. JOKE 7. HAWAII

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