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With all the titanic effort and the billions of dollars necessary to put the country on a war basis, it would appear that in America there would be a sufficient number of manufacturers with enough business acumen to go out and get contracts from the government direct, instead of parleying with grafting commission bunds on high percentage basis. The nation has ample funds to back this war to a finish, but not a dollar to contribute to graft, and the sooner it is totally eliminated by process of a few hangings (prison sentences taboos) the easier it will be to sell Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps. One army lieutenant has already been enmeshed in the net of investigation, and the finger of justice now points to higher-ups.

One good housewife writes the query department of a metropolitan newspaper that she has but one quart of wheat flour in her larder; that she desires to save it "to make gravies," and wonders if it would be a crime if she did not return it to her grocer. The query editor passes the buck up to her, advising her to act according to the dictates of her conscience; but softens the blow by referring to the hundreds of barrels of flour that have been returned—and the other hundreds of barrels that have not been returned.

Between the recent aphid raid on growing grain and the continued dry weather, spring sown crops, especially barley, give little or no encouragement for fulfillment of earlier expectations on the part of the grower. Not so much will the monetary loss be felt, but the fact that the grain was needed, and needed badly, makes the result a deplorable one.

That boy back east was no slacker, who had the deformity of an extra toe on either foot removed by the surgeon's knife. His kind will honor the uniform they wear. Doubtless the happiest moment of his life came when the enrolling officer told him that he could be a marine by having the surplus digits amputated.

It would appear that there is enough and plenty, of cut-throat hamstrung in selfish, sordid everyday commercialism, without sacrificing patriotism to the greed of commission pirates, who have apparently absorbed millions of dollars by their steady juggling of government contracts.

Pendleton leads with the announcement that no Fourth of July celebration will be held there this year. So far, no other town in the county has announced itself as a celebrant. Hence, we will assume we are to have a Fourthless Fourth.

Umatilla county's first moonshiners are in jail, and Sheriff Taylor still has the still in evidence against them, showing the speed of Eastern Oregon is not to be put in a class with the slow pace of South California.

If 114 Yanks can repulse 800 Hun storm troops, how many corps of boche will Hindy have to throw in to stop a division of Samnies, once they start on a pilgrimage across No Man's Land?

"Has anybody here seen Kelly Kelly with the green necktie?" "Nope! Nor have we lately heard anything about the proposed swimming pool."

A few more brushes with the Yankee Marines and the huns will be juggling straws for transfer to other angles of the world.

Will the rose fade and the lily shrivel, ere we are permitted to irrigate?

"The Female of the Species"  
"I could never think of marrying," said old Prince G.—"for I know what my fate would be. Every Russian lives under his wife's slipper."  
Barring an occasional outburst of terrible Asiatte temper on the part of paterfamilias—usually soon, and contritely repented of—this is a fact. The Russian woman is always the stronger. She has a vitality and energy which the men seem unable to cope with. The stories of Tschelobovsk's erratic marriage and terrific flight—like the aversion founded on something like fear, of Strindberg for women (Strindberg being a type of Swede that shows many Russian proclivities, even as much Russian blood has permeated into certain parts of Sweden)—receive many explanatory commentaries, if one has known something of the more intimate aspect of Russian existence.—A. G. Taffee, in the Atlantic.

**SPOTS OF LIFE IN DEAD SEA**  
Small Fish and Other Living Creatures Have Been Observed in Desolate Waters.

The Dead sea is not quite so desolate as was represented by early writers, who pictured it as utterly without life, with sterile shores, and so pestilential that even birds flying over were liable to fall dead. Though 40 miles in length and more than 9 miles in greatest breadth, it is especially notable as being the greatest depression on the earth, its surface being 1,300 feet lower than that of the Mediterranean. The rainfall is slight, but the great volume of water poured in by the Jordan raises the surface 10 or 15 feet at times, though, with no outlet, this inflow is all evaporated in the dry season. The water has become very dense and bitter, while floating masses of bitumen ejected from the bottom and sulphur deposited from springs along the shore add to the unattractiveness. It is true that neither animal nor vegetable life is to be found in the saltiest parts of the sea, but Dr. W. G. Masterston, in an account to the Royal Geographical society, stated that near the shores, where small brackish streams find entrance, occur small fish, crabs and mosquito larvae. At a spot where he and other travelers saw fish actively swimming, the water was found to contain not less than 33.3 per cent of solids. There are many places along the shore where acres of reeds and many trees flourish, and at such spots birds and other animal life are abundant.

**23 Years Ago.**  
[From the Press of June 21, 1895]

Born in Athena June 17, 1895, to the wife of Doc Stamper, a girl. Pendleton will organize an athletic club.  
Flour at Long Creek, Grant county, is sold at \$1 per barrel.  
Mrs. Jacobs left last week for Portland, to attend the meeting of Oregon Pioneers.  
Tuesday evening occurred the wedding of Frank Carl and Miss Endicott. The ceremony was performed in Pendleton, Rev. W. T. Rigby officiating.  
Walla Walla has no engine team or driver, depending upon private teams to pull her fire apparatus to fires by offering and giving a reward to the first team that gets on the ground.  
Fred Rosenzweig, R. O. Hawks, Wm. Kilmore, J. M. Hayes and James Mitchell were among Athena Woodmen who visited the Weston lodge Tuesday night and assisted in initiating a candidate.  
Jerry St. Dennis is a highly elated man. At his ranch south of town the other day the cook, in dressing a chicken, discovered a nugget of gold in the craw. Jerry is now lying awake o'

nights building castles in the air and wondering as to where the fowl feasted on golden nuggets.  
"Scribbler" is at war with the finny tribe on the classic Umatilla this week. Brain food, you know; so look out a little later on.

Robt. Maloney, J. W. Smith, Mr. France, Chas. Marsh and Dick Maloney returned from a fishing expedition on the Umatilla last evening.  
E. R. Cox and M's. Alice Mansfield were united in marriage in Pendleton by Rev. W. E. Potwine. The bride and groom both are well known to Press readers, both having a large circle of friends in this community.

This morning a big deal in wheat was reported from Vansycle in the sale of 13,000 bushels of wheat at 45 cents clear of all warehouse and handling charges. The wheat was put in the warehouse at 22 cents last fall.

The report that Wise Coyle had been dangerously injured or killed in a brawl in southeastern Oregon recently lacks confirmation.  
The Milton Eagle is tired of seeing the Main street of Milton used as a stock corral, and wants the town council to make a cow ordinance.

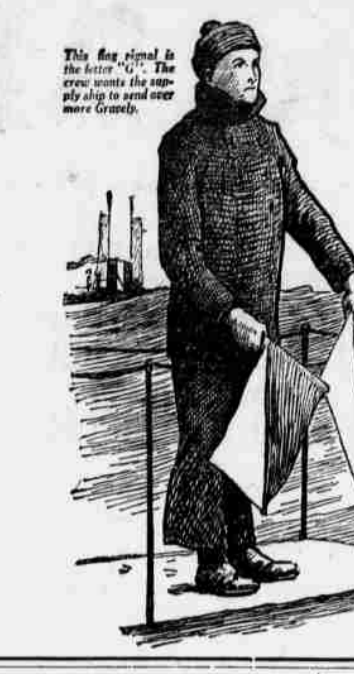
"My own is much better," announced Jelly, evidently bursting to declare it. She was cordially urged to do so. "Because it saw the lemon sponge on the dumb waiter," she proclaimed triumphantly. "Quite nice and cool," said Janet approvingly. "The vista of possibilities you open up!" murmured Peter. "For instance, it might have seen the banana trifle with the maids of honor. Or the gooseberry fool with the nuts from Brazil. All very painful to an orange of really nice feeling. But I like your dumb waiter."

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**Administrator's Notice.**  
In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Lucinda Hiteaman, Deceased:  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the above entitled court administrator of the above entitled estate and has qualified as by law required. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers at the office of my attorney, Homer I. Watts, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.  
Dated May 31, 1918.  
Henry Dell, Administrator.

**Administratrix' Notice.**  
In the County Court for the Umatilla County, Oregon.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary LaFave, Deceased:  
Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed administratrix with the will annexed of the above entitled estate, and have qualified as by law required. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me with proper vouchers at the office of my attorney, Homer I. Watts, Athena, Oregon, within six months from this date.  
Dated this 17th day of May, 1918.  
Carrie LaFave Bergvein, Administratrix with the Will annexed.

**Notice To Creditors.**  
In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Charles A. Barrett, Deceased:  
Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, have been appointed Ex-



ecutors of the Estate of Charles A. Barrett, deceased, by the above entitled Court, and as such executors, have qualified as required. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to us with proper vouchers at the office of Henry A. Barrett, executor, in the C. A. Barrett & Co. Implement Store, or to our attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within 6 months from the date hereof.  
Dated this 7th day of June, 1918.  
Jennie E. Barrett, Henry A. Barrett, Executors.

**Notice of Final Account.**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary A. Jones, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Walter J. Jones, administrator of the estate of Mary A. Jones, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the administration of the estate and that the County Judge by order duly made has appointed Tuesday the 25th day of June, 1918, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court house of Umatilla County, at Pendleton, as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and settlement thereof made.  
Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, on this 24th day of May, 1918.  
Walter J. Jones, Administrator, Will M. Peterson, Attorney for Administrator.

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