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### "HELL ON EARTH"

The butchers of Orenburg, a Russian city under Bolshevik misrule, sold human flesh over the block until compelled to relinquish their gruesome traffic because, forsooth, they began to profitter. This awful fact is related by Eleanor Franklin Egan in the Saturday Evening Post, and she goes on to say:

"Orenburg came nearer to being hell on earth than anything I had ever seen either in actual fact or in nightmares brought upon me through intimate association with too much horror. In forty-eight hours in that awful city I saw more dead bodies than I had ever seen before in the entire course of my life, and I saw the Chinese famine, as a result of which people died in sufficient numbers. I saw worse filth and more of it and complete degradation than I had ever before dreamed of, and I saw the Armenians at their lowest, which was low enough. I saw dogs eating human corpses by the roadside while throngs of people passed by in utter indifference. And it was not so much the fate of the dead that troubled me either; it was the apathy of the living. I saw starving men catch and brutally slaughter pariah dogs for the purpose of eating them, holding them by the hind legs and beating their heads against the ice banks with which the streets were lined. I saw worse things than those."

Such things are almost too horrible to print. But it is just as well that they should be known, so that we may reflect upon them the next time we stop to hear a Red fanatic drooling his poisonous doctrine from the top of a soap box.

Auto tourists are being allowed the full domain of the city park for camping privileges. Cars are parked anywhere on the grounds that appeal to the camper, with the result that no rules are observed and the entire park will soon be a littered camping place. It would seem that preservation of the grounds could be obtained if a little attention was given to the direction of where the campers should make camps by the authorities. However, one need only gauge the past buffeting this piece of municipal property has been subjected to, to get a line on what its future condition will be. For instance, it has been demonstrated that the heritage of shade is of no value to the Athena park, and that a dead tree is more ornamental than a live one.

We'll bet the scribbler who penned this gibe for the Oregon Journal is a dyspeptic grouch. We ourselves are suspicious of male hashers, but the delicate flavor of a pretty waitress' thumb, or even a few strands of her golden or auburn or raven hair, as the case may be, transform a plate of soup into a culinary dream: "If waiters and waitresses would refrain from arranging their hair and picking their teeth with their fingers in the presence of their customers they could be forgiven for sticking their thumbs into the soup."

Sam Haworth, about all that is left of the Athena volunteer fire department, or for that matter, anything besides the water system that stands between fire loss and protection in Athena, discovered and put out a fire in an alley adjacent to Main street one night this week, after everyone else was comfortably snoozing in their beds. This season of the year, when everything is dry, it behooves all to see that burning piles of rubbish are put out effectively before leaving them, and right now is a good time to enforce the ordinance compelling them to do so.

This diverting bit from an interview with Congressman McArthur in The Oregonian, recalls the free and easy style of old-time Oregon campaigning: "I note that my democratic opponent, Mr. Watkins, has commenced a campaign of mud-slinging and personal abuse which I do not intend to dignify by answering, as it is a waste of soap to lather an ass."

When the country editors of the state get together for their annual gabfest at Corvallis, they'll be able to convince themselves if not the non-subscriber and the non-advertiser that they and their papers amount to something. And they'll go home full of hope and little neck-claims—the latter a Newport offering.

Washington sheriffs in session at Walla Walla strongly approved the dry law. Actual knowledge of con-

ditions gained by hard-headed officers is worth far more than the loose talking of the "wets."

"I'd rather be a young man's darling than an old man's slave," declares Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, 39, who will wed Prince Oleg, 23, of Montenegro. Wouldn't that expand the grin in Montenegro?

When "our George" was on the job at Washington we do not recall a time when he regarded his own affairs as of more importance than the state's and nation's.

It begins to look as though it would be wiser to deal leniently with a German republic than to be compelled to deal harshly with a German monarchy.

Oregon has received nearly three million dollars in six months from car licenses—another illustration of the high cost of motoring.

Such is fame of a certain sort that the news of one woman killing another with a hammer scarcely needs a Los Angeles date line.

What few points the Bolshevik bosses do not know about autocracy could be supplied by America's high baseball commissioner.

The Oregon game commission is said to be importing bullfrogs from Idaho—just as though we didn't have croakers enough.

Salem stores were closed all day Wednesday in order that merchants and clerks could help save the berry crop. Capital idea.

It's a hopeful sign when the casualty list in our turbulent sister republic begins to contain the names of Mexican bandits.

Although it's a bit crippled by the mine war, we trust there'll be no occasion for Wheeling West Virginia.

The strike situation seems to resolve itself into just one blamed crisis after another.

We again regret to report that the news of Lenin's death is probably exaggerated.

### ENGLISH ARCHERS LOSE HOME

Ancient Organization Puzzled as to Disposition of Its Relics of Days Long Past.

There is a Royal Toxophilite society in England, which has had its headquarters in Regent's park for many years. Now, however, the society has to move, and is concerned as to the future resting place of the wonderful treasury of archery relics now in Archers' hall.

One bow and set of arrows are more than 4,000 years old. These were taken from the tombs at Sakkarah, in Egypt, and are believed to have been in use about 2000 B. C.

Another bow was given to the society by Mahomet Effendi, "ambassador from the Sublime Porte," in 1704, when he came to England for the first time, bringing his bow and arrows with him. When this Turkish official saw the ground at Regent's park he said it was much too small, so he went into a street outside the park and shot his arrows into a field. The distance was measured and found to be a quarter of a mile. Mahomet was so pleased with this shot that he presented his bow and arrows to the society. The bow is beautifully carved and is of immense strength.

### Victory Made a Difference.

During the allied occupation of Germany, an amusing encounter took place between a British soldier and a German baroness.

The baroness, writes Miss Violet R. Markham in "Watching on the Rhine," told a British officer that one of his men insulted her. Indeed, she declared, she had never been so insulted in her life. The officer at once began inquiries and finally learned that the lady had found two British soldiers whistling and sliding down the banisters of her back stairs. She had told them sharply that whistling and sliding on the banisters were verboten. Whereupon Thomas Atkins, genial and undefeated, had turned to her and remarked pleasantly, "Aye, missus, but yer should have won the war, and then yer could have come and slid down our back stairs and whistled."

### The Modern Way.

Blinkums needs a new motor car. The old bus is about jod. It rattles in the transmission and jumps in the rear. The engine pumps oil like a gusher. The valve taps sound like a battle of snare drums. The top is as handsome as an old umbrella, and he has stopped risking bumps with his tires.

The mortgage is overdue on the house, which needs a roof, and the company is doing pretty slow business this year. His wife is wearing last year's clothes, and his one suit has long forgotten the feel of a nap. They are eating storage eggs and buying butter seconds, because the grocery bill is something fierce.

But Mr. Blinkums needs a new car, and this prophet lays ten to one he gets it.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## 24 Years Ago

Misses Dollie and Carrie Bloch returned home from Union Saturday.

Frank Beale and family went to Bingham Springs Wednesday to spend a few days at the famous resort.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Body have returned to La Grande after a pleasant visit with their daughter, Mrs. Ida Gillis, of this city.

Mrs. Ada Sharp, of Pendleton, is quite ill.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Umatilla Publishing Co., held in Pendleton last Saturday, Homer Hallock was retained for another year as manager of the Tribune.

William Post, a former resident of Athena, is in the city from Wallowa county. He will probably remain until after harvest.

A week ago Monday Spella lost his horse, saddle and bridle. The horse was found next morning but the saddle and bridle are still missing. He will give a reward of \$10 to anyone returning the same.

Nearly 20 acres of wheat belonging to Asa McDaniel, on the reservation about 7 miles east of Pendleton, were burned Friday afternoon. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is thought to have been started by sparks from a passing locomotive.

A. J. Willaby last week had a narrow escape from losing his entire crop of wheat by fire. The wheat caught fire by sparks from a passing freight locomotive. Between two and three acres of wheat was destroyed before they succeeded in extinguishing the fire.

China Joe mourns the loss of a dog, which died yesterday. He held funeral services over the body after the peculiar manner of the Chinese, Chinese punk and candles burning so as to light the way of the departed canine on his journey to the great beyond. After all was over Joe set off a lot of firecrackers on the spot where the dog died, to drive away all evil spirits.

Henry Pierce has three combined harvesters at work on his wheat field. Two of them are drawn by 24 horses each and harvest about 35 acres a day; one is drawn by an en-

gine and covers between 50 and 60 acres daily. Mr. Pierce is now storing wheat at the Mission warehouse.

Friday morning Sheriff Blakeley made his first arrest since going into office in the person of Louis Riggs, the salvationist who attempted to drown little Jimmie Froome and assaulted Al Phillips in Pendleton last week. Riggs expressed no sorrow for having committed the deed he is accused of.

Nicholas Taitenger and Miss Ethel Ray Wright were married yesterday evening at the parlors of the Golden Rule hotel in Pendleton. The Rev. Father Victor Garrand, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, officiated. The wedding was a quiet affair and but a few friends attended. The bridal couple left on last night's train for Portland.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Executor's notice of hearing Final Account and Petition for Distribution.

In the County Court of the state of Oregon, in and for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Clark Walter, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the Account of John C. Walter as executor of the estate of Clark Walter, deceased, together with his petition for final distribution of said estate, has been filed in the County Court of Umatilla county, state of Oregon, and that Saturday, the 29th day of July, A. D. 1922, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the County Judge, in Pendleton, Oregon, has been duly appointed by such court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to such final account and petition and the settlement of said account, at which time any person interested in such estate may appear and file objections thereto and contest the same.

Dated June 30th, 1922.  
John C. Walter,  
As executor of the estate of Clark Walter, deceased.

### Call For Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that City of Athena warrants numbered 998, 1000 and 1002 will be paid upon presentation to the City Treasurer. Interest on the above numbered warrants ceases from date of this publication.

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E. A. Zerba  
City Treasurer

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