

Some Sublimity settlers, the Etzels, for example, arrived here by a roundabout route – from Germany to Russia to the American Midwest to Oregon. This will help explain this “Russian connection.” Probably the following clippings are from the *Stayton Mail*.

January, 1921

RECEIVES LETTER FROM RUSSIA

A. K. Lambrecht, of this place, recently received a letter from friends in Russia, telling of the suffering of the people there from lack of food and the comforts of life. The letter stated that the writer had not tasted bread for over two years, and that they had been living on potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and sugar beets. It said there was not an especial shortage of money, but that there was nothing except vegetables to eat. A yoke of oxen there would cost one million rubles. A ruble was, before the war, worth about a dollar. Mr. Lambrecht expects to send them some supplies.

March, 1922

RUSSIAN RELIEF

A. K. Lambrecht, Geo. A. Etzel and P.T. Etzel, local solicitors for Russian relief, have sent \$60 more to community Pfeifer, Russia, for food distribution. The latest quotation of U. S. dollar in Russian rubles is \$1 make 62,400 rubles, so the \$60 sent recently would make 3,744,000 rubles - a wagon load of money. The reason of the scarcity of food in this section is that in 1919, while there was a good crop, the government took all but feed and seed; in 1920 the Bolshevik got what was raised, and in 1921 there was a crop failure.

February, 1922

A CALL FOR HELP FROM RUSSIA

There is a pitiful call for help from starving German-speaking Russians on we Americans for bread.

In the Volga district are over 150 towns where thousands have already starved and hundreds are still dying daily, for want of food. Their forefathers emerged into Russia about 156 years ago from Germany and other European countries and proved to be blessing to the agriculture in Russia, the same as in this

country, where there are thousands of industrious farmers in Kansas, Nebraska and other states. Now the people in Russia, fathers, mothers and innocent children, torn and ragged in clothing, and starving, are begging in God's name to save them from starvation.

Who will help just a little? At present there is in person in Russia from the United States, Pastor Jacob Wagner, of Lincoln, Neb., and Mr. George Repp, of Portland, Oregon, who are distributing food for the American Russian Relief Committee, which our Herbert Hoover is the president.

If you will and want to help with a few cents, you can do so by giving your donation to one of the men named below and they will turn it over to the American Relief Committee in New York or Washington, D. C. They have warehouses in most of the big towns in the famine stricken Volga district, Russia.

Thanking you in advance,
Geo. A. Etzel,
Peter T. Etzel,
A. K. Lambrecht

August, 1922

HEAR FROM RUSSIA

Geo. A. Etzel and A. K. Lambrecht have a letter from Russia, stating that the provision they sent to the community of Pfeifer, Russia, had been received by the people there. They received them with great joy and thank the senders thousands of times. The people are now pretty well provided for with food. At least they get a square meal now and then and are told there is more to be had. What they need most now is clothing. A sewing needle costs 2,500 rubles.

The local committee, P. T. Etzel, Geo. A. Etzel and A. K. Lambrecht wish to thank the kind hearted people in this section that helped to send the starving people food. No doubt many lives were saved and they will never be forgotten in their prayers.