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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

"BOOST, DON'T KNOCK."

The old slogan as applied to business and general civic affairs just now has a place in patriotism. The country was never more sorely in need than right now of boosters. We need everybody to "root" for the big war game. And a little scriptural paraphrase may be applicable: "He that rooteth not for us is against us." These are the trying times, and not the least of the difficulties in the way are the misguided patriots who persist in rocking the boat. The most alarming symptoms are not apparent so much among the general run of people as it is in the highest councils of the nation. Members of congress who criticize the war preparations are not anti-patriots by any means. On the whole some good has come from the agitation which has brought out a little better understanding through more general publicity. But it is quite evident that some of the critics are premature.

Just about the time some of the old senators were crying in the senate the other day over America's lack of support to the allies through tardiness of preparations General Pershing was in a figurative sense on his knees begging the French allied commander to allow his soldiers to participate in the battle. That doesn't look like America was very far behind in France. And the reason for non-participation by the United States troops was not because of their inefficiency. Every report from France as to the bearing and conduct of American troops under fire is in the highest terms of praise. Many of them have been signally honored with the insignias of gallantry. When this is the situation in the war zone, there is little need for so much worry in the senate.

A more fruitful source of endeavor just now is in the direction of weeding

out the enemy support at home. The shipping and the aircraft production have been interfered with and there is much more to be apprehended from enemy work at home than through exigencies in the foreign situation. There have been mistakes and delays—no doubt of it—but America's successful part in the war can be more efficiently accelerated by the boosters than the critics.

BECOMES MORE CLEAR.

There are so many things about the war that now seem mysterious, but which will be clear as daylight later on. One phase of war conduct in this line has just developed. That is the mystery of "somewhere in France." This far away from the scene it appears absurd that boys writing home should be denied telling of their location. The necessity for secrecy as to the location of troops becomes more apparent in the reports as to the appointment of General Foch as supreme leader of the allied forces in France. The appointment of this commander brought a congratulatory cable from President Wilson.

General Foch is credited with being the greatest military strategist in France and has been accorded a great part of the credit for the victory of the Marne in 1914. General Foch's great forte in strategic maneuvers is in having at all times a force of reserves which are kept in places unknown to the enemy and even as far as practicable to the general public. These forces of reserves are kept in readiness to strike at any time and at any place.

This is the force—the force unknown to the enemy—that is kept "somewhere in France" and which all along has been expected to deliver the "knockout" blow to the German offensive.

Editorial Comment

WHERE THIS COUNTRY IS LAX. Senator Overman's statement about German spy activities in airplane plants should awaken congress to the nation's need of more drastic action against spies and disloyalists.

The United States is too lax in dealing with spies and in dealing with those who think and talk sedition. Spies who are caught should be executed and seditionists should be locked up for the duration of the war. There is probably not a community in the country that does not have a few Germans or pro-Germans who properly belong in jail or internment camps. It is safer for them and safer for the nation that they be confined during the war.

If congress will put more teeth into the espionage law and demand that it be enforced to the limit a long step will have been taken towards speeding up war preparations in this country.—East Oregonian.

There is a growing feeling in this country that German spies are being dealt with entirely too leniently, and that as soon as the guilt of a suspect is proven he should be shot. There is no half-way grounds in such matters. Every man in this country is either for or against the United States, and should be treated accordingly.—Oregon Scout.

The woman who wished she was a bullet in a gun and destined to hit a Hun, and who wished it perhaps honestly although so flat-footedly, surely started something in the wishing line. One woman even wants to be a spanking paddle applies to her sisters in order to keep them up to their knitting while another would be 10,000

bullets aimed at the same number of Huns and certain to hit the mark. Yet another wishes to be an eagle and a bomb eagle at that. Of course, none of these wishes can come true, but if they could it would sure be a misfortune if they overlooked the fact that the "poetry" in which they were clothed was about as execrable as the vilest Hun.—Capitol Journal.

With the Prussian crown prince in command at one end of the German advance and the crown prince of Bavaria at the other, it is up to Hindenburg to see that the House of Hohenzollern does not play second fiddle. For this reason the army commanded by Bill's son is the one to watch out for.—Capitol Journal.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM AT ENTERPRISE

ENTERPRISE, March 29.—(Special)—The weather has been dry, warm and summer like for the past two weeks with two days of rain the past week and even this has quickly dried again.

The installation of a new telephone system has been completed for Enterprise. New telephones are being installed and it is only necessary to take down the receiver now.

Clifford A. Ownbey and Beulah Hawkins were united in marriage Sunday, March 26, 1918, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins. The groom will leave Saturday with five others for the draft men of the coming call.

All business houses will be closed April 6 and 8 when the big drive for the Third Liberty Loan will be made.

Word has been received that Marion Jordan, who has been seriously ill with peritonitis, at Logan, Utah, is slowly improving. His parents are with him.

The epidemic of measles is still going the rounds. One of the teachers, Miss Pfeiffer, has been ill with the disease the past week and three of the seniors of the high school have it and has made necessary the postponement of the senior play which was to have been given this week.

The old frame building of the Enterprise public school is nearly all torn down now and leaves the beautiful new stone structure in full view of the town.

Born, Sunday, March 26, a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Forsythe of this city.

Born, Wednesday, March 29, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace at the home of A. Hackbart.

L. E. Billings, formerly of the B. A. Drug store, has gone on a visit to the home of his parents at Deer Lodge, Mont.

Superintendent Howard James of the Enterprise schools made a trip to Elkin Saturday to interview teachers who had applied here. He returned Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Zureher and children left for Portland after a visit with relatives of this city.

Mrs. J. M. Blakely has gone to San Francisco to attend a conference of the Adventist church where leaders of the denomination will gather from all parts of the country.

The women of the Red Cross organization gathered and packed 1680 garments weighing 1480 lbs. for the Belgian refugees this week.

The members of the Literary club are having rehearsals for a minstrel show to be given some time in April. They expect to use the money for some public improvement, probably a large clock in the court house tower.

Special music is being prepared for Easter services at the different churches next Sunday. A sacred concert in the evening at the Federated church will be given under the direction of Miss Amy Olmstead. A special feature of the program will be a sacred cantata, "From Cross to Crown," by Alfred Judson, which will be sung entire.

A very successful Red Cross party was given lately when Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Lockwood entertained in the Ashby building. Mr. Ashby donated the use of the room and a piano and the Boy Scouts volunteered their services in helping to prepare for it. A short program was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. Taylor; talk on the Red Cross, Mrs. Jno. McDonald, of Wallawa; solo, Mrs. Conway; piano solo, Dr. Roberts. A part of the evening was spent in playing Bridge and Five Hundred. Each person who came paid 25c and the sum of \$26.50 was made.

The Neighborhood club met at the home of Mrs. Rheem last evening when Mrs. Rheem and Mrs. Gilliam entertained at bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Bach won high honors and received as prizes \$1 worth of thrift stamps and \$1 worth of sugar respectively. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jackson.

The Happy Hour Embroidery club met at the home of Mrs. Ben Weathers Wednesday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. J. W. James entertained the Utopian club Thursday afternoon. Roll call was answered by current events. Papers on the subject of meat were read by Mrs. Heke, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Hamilton. Mrs. Crawford sang a solo. Refresh-

ments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Geo. Holmes entertained Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. James Zureher of Portland who formerly lived in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyd were hosts at a dinner party Thursday evening. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dohbin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Heuterman, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carlton and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Knapp.

The Literary club met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Holmes. Roll call was answered by fifteen members on April Fool's day. Mrs. Ashley read a paper on "What Shall I Send My Soldier Boy in France?" Mrs. Knapp gave a book review on the "Ne'er Do Well" (Rex Beach).

The Knights of Pythias gave an informal entertainment at the opera house Tuesday evening. A short program was rendered and J. H. Dohbin and G. W. Hyatt each gave patriotic talks. Fred Savage gave the story of "Damon and Pythias" and Mrs. Savage read "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" and "Little Girl Don't Cry." Ben Weathers made some remarks and Dr. Roberts, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Heacock rendered musical selections. Dancing followed for the remainder of the evening.

County Teachers' Institute To Be Held at Enterprise.

The teachers of the county will assemble at the school house in this city Saturday for a county institute to be held from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Program follows: Morning. Solo—H. B. Jory. Language in Intermediate Grades.—Miss Florence Walker. Industrial Clubs—Mac Hobe, County Agent. Discussion—Supt. J. C. Conley. The State Association—H. B. Jory.

Afternoon. Double Quartet—Enterprise High School. Dramatization—Rip Van Winkle. Miss Lee's Fourth Grade. Fuel Problems—Maids Doolittle. Solo—Miss Mary Randall. Junior Red Cross—Miss Mabel Murray.

Thrift Work—Supt. Ray Conklin. Greenhouse To Be Started.

Mrs. John Oberg will have a green house erected near her home at once. She will raise flowers during the summer and vegetables in the winter months. Mrs. Oberg has had success with flowers and has grown beautiful ones out of doors. There is not a greenhouse in the county.

RESOLUTIONS BY BLUE MOUNTAIN GRANGE.

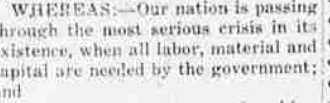
Resolutions passed by Blue Mountain Grange, March 16, 1918: WHEREAS:—Our nation is passing through the most serious crisis in its existence, when all labor, material and capital are needed by the government; and

Whereas: The government is asking every one to invest every available dollar in Liberty bonds, to economize in clothing, food and amusement, and invest in thrift stamps, children are urged to deny themselves their customary indulgences and amusements, so that all available funds may be had for the support of our armies abroad, fighting for the defense of liberty.

Therefore: Be it Resolved, by Blue Mountain Grange, No. 345, P. of H., that we do condemn the action of the executive board of the Oregon State Fair in building a coliseum at the State Fair grounds at this time, and consider any such expenditure, except for maintenance of present improvements as unnecessary and disloyal.

The White Ivory Goods we are still selling at the old prices. The new prices of all these goods at the factory is much higher than before—better come in and let us sell you what you need now. We will save you some money, at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. Daily 5-26-18

JAP' CHIEF 'AWAITS ORDER TO "GO IN"



GEN. AKIYAMA

Gen. Akiyama is in charge of the Japanese army of the north. He awaits only the order from Tokio to lead his forces into Siberia to guard allied stores at Vladivostok and other points.

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JUST IN!

Easter Veilings
The very newest novelties in veils and veilings by the yard will be found here. Get the right kind for your Easter outfit.

The last shipment of our spring coats arrived today, making our stock the largest and most complete in the city. If you have not yet selected your new Coat, do so today or tomorrow. You will see the newest fashion touches—pockets, belts, new collars and clever trimming. New colors, sammy, trench, poulu, buftan, hague, clay, olive sage, infantry, yaukce, mist grey and arnee.

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The assortment of new Spring Suits are at their best in this store right now. This is the height of the Spring Season—weather is fine and everything carries the charm of Spring. Choose your outfit now from

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There is an abundant assortment—undoubtedly, comprising every style you seek. Suits for practical wear, others for the woman who prefers a "dressier" garment for afternoon wear. But, whatever the style—you'll find the same excellent quality and workmanship, the same intelligent designing, the same care of selection and values that may not be known for many seasons to come.

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Street Dresses, Business Dresses, Dresses for all occasions—a showing that takes in all the latest modes for Spring wear. Carefully selected garments that reflect artistic designing and superior tailoring. Beautiful models of Taffeta, Satin and Georgette Crepe—also combinations of Satin and Georgette, effectively trimmed with buttons, braids and embroideries. Call and see them. **\$17.50 to \$60.00**



NEW WHITE SHOES

Just in from Boston, Mass. by express, a White Kid Lace Boot, Louis heel. Price **\$9.50**
A White Canvas Lace Boot, with military heel. Price **\$6.00**
Also a White Canvas high heel and a Nubuck Leather Sport Boot, with military heel and wing tip. Price **\$6.00**
Tan and Black Lace Oxfords, Cuban heel, welt sole, wing tip. Price **\$6.50**
Patent and Kid Leather Pumps, medium, shaped—Louis heels. Prices **\$3.50 to \$6.00**
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MEN

New Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits arriving every day by express. Come in and see the new models and inspect the fabrics. Nothing but All Wool. HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX stand behind us, and we stand behind the Clothes. We absolutely guarantee them to give entire satisfaction.

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She Was In Bed Two Months. Women suffering backache, rheumatic pains, sore muscles, stiff joints or any symptoms of kidney trouble, should read this letter from Mrs. S. C. Small, Clayton, N. M.: "I had been under the doctor's care all summer and in bed two months, but kept getting worse. In January I got so bad I told them something had to be done or I couldn't live. We noticed an advertisement for Foley's Kidney Pills and sent for some. They have done me more good than all other medicines." Sold Everywhere.—Adv.



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A "HOME"

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The question is, have you?

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