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## Echoes of G. A. R. Encampment

The following report of the Committee on "State of the Country" was unanimously adopted at the G. A. R. Annual Encampment in Albany May 15, and shows with what degree of loyalty and patriotic devotion our old soldiers view the present war.

Comrades:

This annual meeting of the department of Oregon, G. A. R., comes at a time most extraordinary, a crisis the most momentous in the history of the world. We came into the realization of manhood in the tumult of war, and will, we fear, pass out of this life in the same atmosphere.

The world is now in the crucible. The furnace is seven times heated; in the welter of blood, the cry of agony, the horror of death, the world's status is now being recast. The white-hot metal soon must issue taking permanent form. The autocrat and the democrat are met in deadly conflict, to determine which shall rule. There is not room on earth for both. The Prussian whose national atmosphere is hate and malevolence, was for more than 40 years preparing for this struggle that should give him world dominion.

Strangely enough the rest of us were blind to the impending peril. It was hard to believe that any people had reached the depth of infamy where justice and humanity would be trampled underfoot to aggrandise the autocracy of a ruling house. The world has had a terrible awakening.

The nation that boasted of its blunt honesty has revealed itself as a purger, with the stealthy instincts of the savage. The world did not know the Prussian; did not know to what depths of moral perfidy he could descend. Every form of villainy has and is being resorted to, in carrying out his designs; not sporadically as may happen in an army where men see red in the surge of conflict, but of a deliberate purpose

and by cool direction of their officers.

Murder, pillage, rape in which the poor Belgian wife and mother has been forcibly ravished in turn by a whole bunch of fiends with a smile of self satisfaction. That, gentlemen is the "Kultur" that proposes to "cure" the world. The savage Indian was an angel in white compared to them.

At last it became manifest to Americans that a beast was abroad, crushing the bones and swallowing the blood of all in his wake, with a weather eye on our own fair land, the United States.

Murder on land was followed by murder on the sea. American lives went down in the waters, as Belgian lives went out in hitherto quiet homes, villages, and on the plain. Then it was that the United States, after Germany had, under cover of friendly international correspondence filled every part of our land with spies, was aroused to her danger. With Belgium devastated, Britain grimly hanging on, France bleeding at every pore, Italy vainly looking on at the invasion of her fair homes, America said, "We can be neutral no longer," and we are in to fight to a finish.

Why are we in it? It is that malevolence and overweening pride may have a fall. That the doctrine of the super-man may forever be squelched, that militarism may be shown to be not only a curse but a failure; that contract breaking, lying, cruelty, and brute force cannot and shall not have the right of way. Until that time arrives we must, and we will fight.

No one sees more clearly than the G. A. R. that if the German conquers, then nothing is worth while. As men of military experience we expect reverses and disappointments. We look for loss of hard-earned ground, spying everywhere, with all sorts of attempts to defeat our efforts. Thousands of American lads of high promise will be laid under the sod making the supreme sacrifice. A hundred thousand more will be maimed for life, while

tens of thousands of American mothers will be broken hearted. Sickened in soul by German hypocrisy, foul blasphemies, wanton destruction of sacred places, conscienceless diplomacy, unspeakable brutalities, outraged womanhood and starving children widespread wherever the Hun has gone, the G. A. R., peace-loving as we are, and hating war as we do, dedicate ourselves, our lives, our fortunes, our sons and our daughters to the divine cause our nation has espoused, until the honor and safety of peace-loving nations are again established and the future happiness of the whole world guaranteed. Nor do we believe the "conscientious objector," so called, has any right to exemption from military duty, or that he should be allowed to remain in this country to enjoy the fruits of battles won by the lives of others.

Proud, indeed, we are of the place Oregon has won in the American marshaled hosts, with every man, woman and child doing and willing to do their utmost.

The way before us will be long and hard. Ever and anon the heart will be sick from hope deferred, but we shall fight on! and on!! and still on!!! Thank God we have the men, the substance and the spirit for a struggle that shall not end till the whole world shall be freed from the power of the Hun.

Germany must, and will learn that people of our race are not to be bullied; that Hun brutality has no terrors for Americans. The boon of civil liberty will not be surrendered after one, no, nor of one hundred defeats. As men who have smelled the smoke of battle we propose to fight it out on this line if it takes not only one summer, but a dozen summers.

Now that we've begun, we don't know how to stop; and we refuse to be shown till we're over the top.

C. E. Cline, Daniel Webster,  
Geo. A. Harding, C. S. Baker,  
T. H. Stevens, Committee.

## Charter Amendments Carry at Election

Although the city election held last Monday to vote on the Charter Amendments made necessary by the constitutional amendments passed by the people in June 1917 was somewhat quiet the amendments carried by an overwhelming majority and from now on our city marshal will be appointed by the council and we will have a primary to nominate our candidates instead of the out of date caucus or convention system. One more step in the right direction.

## Catholic Forresters To Celebrate

On July 14 the Catholic Forresters and all members of the church in Stayton will have a big celebration at the Catholic church here. There will be the dedication of a large service flag and the raising of a huge American flag 9x18 ft., now on display at W. F. Kleckers store.

## A Daughter of Eve.

The following poem, composed by two enlisted men of 113 Sig. B'n, Camp Shelby, Miss., will be of interest as showing how the soldier boys feel toward the girl who forgets while he is "over there" defending our country against the Hun.

Why will a girl who has wept on your neck

And kissed you goodbye at the train,  
Turn to a slacker and say, "My dear,  
I'll never see him again."

Why will she write to a soldier that's true

And tell him she's true to him still,  
Then give her kisses to a slacker at home

Who's afraid to get in the mill?

Why will she lie and deceive him so  
When she knows his heart is set  
On the coming soon, his heart full of love,

And naught done for him to regret?  
Why will she tell him she's waiting for him

And all the time doing her best  
To marry a slacker, that stayed at home,  
With the excuse that his feet were flat?

Why will she lie and deceive him till she's caught,

Then lie some more to get straight,  
Instead of telling the truth to the boy,  
Who loves her and would go to the gate

Of Heaven or Hell, as God wills he should,

To save her a similar fate  
Of the women of Belgium—a death  
from the Huns,  
And a life of torture and hate?

Why will she send him away to France,  
With a heart so heavy and sore,  
To wonder what he's fighting for,  
Since there is nothing at home any more?

Why will she marry a slacker instead,  
And condemn in him ever more,  
His faith in her sex, of the soldier who thought,

He would have a wife after the war?

Why will she ruin his faith in God,  
And his hopes of the world to come,  
Why will she make him want to cease to live,  
And hope for the end to come?

That he might find peace of mind and soul,  
As he knows it's not in this world,  
Oh God what is she an agent from hell,  
Or is she really a girl?

Oh God! what—is it possible that she's happy now  
With her husband, who knows he should be

Proving his right, her protector to be  
In France, far over the sea?

Let him stay with her, dear God please,  
Let them raise more slackers,  
We need them, dear God,  
For husbands for daughters of Eve.

Mr. Samuel Glover of Spokane, Wash. is spending the week at the home of his niece, Mrs. L. S. Lambert.

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## Reception at Sublimity

Thursday evening, June 20, marks an event that is long to be remembered by a number of boys from Sublimity who answered the call of their country last Wednesday. The event was a reception given by the Patriotic Home League at the C. F. Hall in honor of these boys, furnishing amusement and good speaking the entire evening. A crowded house witnessed the program. The boys that were drafted from Sublimity were: John Grier, Frank Staiger, Felex Stienkamp, Roy Kelly, George Schmitt and Phil Albus.

The program was rendered by high class talent comprising a number of patriotic selections by the boys, between which several special selections of music were rendered by the best talent in the town. Two features of the program that are well worthy of mention were the vocal selections rendered by Miss Clara Doerfler, a notable vocalist who sang before large audiences in Salem, and a song entitled, "The Toll of the Old Church Bell," by Adrian Hermens and George Glover, which was mirthsome as well as beautiful on account of their equal size, and age.

Well delivered and excellent patriotic addresses were rendered by Father Lainck, W. P. Downing and A. C. Barrows. The boys were then presented sweaters and socks by George Glover, the chairman of the evening which were made by the Home League a short time before. A bountiful supper was then served for the boys by the ladies of the League which was said by them to be one of the best reception lunched they ever partook of.

Ice cream and other refreshments were served to those present.

Since its organization in April the P. H. L. have been doing elaborate work in supplying the Sammies with sweaters and other waring apparel. They have turned out over 12 sets of socks and

sweaters in the past few months. The membership of the league is now over 100. Mrs. Aug. Hendricks holds the honor of turning out more sweaters and socks than any other member of the league.

## Stayton is Over the Top

The War Savings Stamp drive under the able leadership of Forest Mack assisted by a splendid corps of helpers has been brought to a successful conclusion by being oversubscribed a few hundred dollars.

Mr. Mack who has conducted the campaign is much gratified by the results, and says it only goes to show the continued loyalty and patriotism of Stayton and vicinity. In view of the fact that the mass meeting called for Friday, June 28 was for the purpose of cleaning up the campaign, and seeing those in the District that the workers had been unable to see and as all persons in this district have been visited there is no necessity for such a meeting, so there will be none.

War Savings Stamps offers the best investment for the small investor of any form of investment on the market today, and those who have pledged themselves to take any number of them and find they can take more are not only overlooking a splendid opportunity to show their patriotism and help knock the Hun out but are losing a splendid investment.

## General Order No. 11

Muster and inspection of separate Co. A, July 1st, 7:30 by order of Col. N. C. North. No excuses granted from this meeting. L. S. Lambert, Capt.

## CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned wish to express our thanks to our kind friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our wife and mother also for the floral offerings.

Lewis Stout and family.

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