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Camp Lewis, wash. Company.  
 I wish to thank the Ladies of the Stayton Patriotic League for their kindness in presenting me with the knitted socks and sweater.  
 Leo J. Frank  
 42 Co., 11 Battalion, 166th, Depot Brigade, Camp Lewis, Wn.  
 Mrs. Alice Myers received the following letter from George M. Street, who is stationed at San Francisco, and who is well known here:  
 Presidio, Cal., Aug. 8, 1918.  
 Dear Friend and Family:—  
 I will drop you a line to let you know I am alive and hope you are all.  
 Well, Elsie said William was down on the border she thought. Do you know whereabouts he is, and what is his address?  
 I have been in the army for two months now. I think we leave here next Tuesday for the Philippine Islands. I am in the Coast Artillery Corps, the 48th,

**CARD OF THANKS**

The Patriotic Ladies of Stayton received the following letter thanking them for the sweater and socks that they sent to Mr. Smith. The league has furnished 15 of the Stayton boys with suits, etc., so far.  
 Fort D. A. Russel, Aug. 12, 1918.  
 To the Patriotic Ladies of Stayton:  
 I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Stayton Patriotic League for the splendid sweater and socks which you have sent me.  
 There are four of us here representing Stayton, Mr. Creek, Wallace Smith, Norwood Eskew and myself. We sure have some fine times.  
 Again thanking you, I remain,  
 Wm. H. Smith  
 Fort D. A. Russel, Post Hospital, Wyo.

**Hit By Falling Tree Dies From Injuries**

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Fred Bradshaw, from injuries received last Tuesday at the Gooch Camp.  
 Mr. Bradshaw was engaged in falling timber for the Gooch Lumber Company and in some manner he was hit by a falling tree and received injuries about the body, from which he died this morning.  
 Deceased was well known here and was a brother of Archie Bradshaw, who used to run a store here. He was 30 years of age and leaves a wife and one child.  
 The funeral will be held Friday at Mill City at 3:30 and interment will be in the Mill City cemetery. The funeral will be in charge of the Ringo Undertaking Parlors of Stayton.

the deceased, the deepest of sympathy is extended.

Capt. Lambert informs us that Separate Co. A. Oregon Guards have accepted an invitation to visit Sublimity and the Co. will march to that place on Monday evening, August 26th. This will give the boys a touch of hiking and the outing will do them good. It is expected that a number of our citizens who are not members will go along with the boys.

**Red Cross Flower Sale**

There are a number of beautiful flowers on display at Starr's store, which have been donated by Miss Florence Potroff and also two lovely Begonias donated by Mrs. Lee Tate, which are on sale to be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross of Stayton. Those wishing to purchase flowers should make early selections, remember, the money goes to a good cause.

There are optimists. And there are dreamers. And there are amateur clairvoyants whose rosy visions look like the phantoms of an alcoholic trance.

Some of us believe that after the war food prices will go back to where they were in 1910, and earlier. They say that the farmer gets too much profit now, but they do not realize that until lately he never got enough.

There is only one class in this country in which most of the labor is entirely unpaid. A farmer's wife and children constitute the bulk of his working staff, but they are not on the payroll—a condition existing in no other trade between the two oceans.

Yet a farmer is as much a specialist as an electrician. He needs as much scientific training as a dentist. His employees must be skilled workmen, and they must be paid skilled workmen's wages.

If, when the war is over, we find that the prices of farm products show a tendency to stay where they are we will know that the American farmer is coming into his own.

Atlas Peck, who has been experimenting with aviation by jumping off the stable with an umbrella and some turkey wings, has taken up a new line and is now trying to get his feet down to drink some grog.

**DESTINED TO BECOME DESERT**

Great French Colonial Territory in North Africa Seems to Hold Out Little Promise.

Wadal was the last point of colonial expansion of the French before the European struggle drew their energies and attention homeward. The great African territory was added to the French Congo only a short time before the war broke out.

Very few white people have actually visited Wadal, but tales of the region are numerous both in upper Egypt and in Tripoli. Occasionally some of the inhabitants of the little-known region can be seen in the bazaars of Khartoum or Algiers. Wadal lies at the head of caravan routes that cross the desert both from the Mediterranean and the Nile. It bears a bad reputation, even for North Africa.

It is known as one of the last strongholds and sources of supply of the slave trade. Its people are divided into conquerors and conquered—the former belonging to a powerful native tribe that holds the Mohammedan faith and the latter including all manner of very primitive savages. Up to very recent times these savage people are known to have been captured and sold as slaves along the Barbary coast. The French only established a protectorate in 1912, so that they had little opportunity to break up the trade before the European war.

In physical appearance Wadal is described by the caravan men as a vast, low-lying plain. Great tracts of it have never been explored. It seems to have once formed the bed of a great inland sea, of which Lake Chad, in the southwest, is the shriveled remnant. In fact, the Sahara is steadily encroaching on it from the northward. It is crossed by the old channels of several

Oregon's closest touch with the actual war service which the Salvation Army is doing both here and overseas—a touch that has already been felt by hundreds of Oregon boys—is the splendid new Salvation Army building recently erected in Greene Park, Camp Lewis, Washington.

John M. Linden, of Chicago, who has arrived in Portland to manage the Oregon state drive for the Salvation Army war service fund, which opens September 5, was present at the opening of the building and in discussing its plans, purposes and scope said:

"When Camp Lewis became the great cantonment that it is—the largest in the United States—the government found that the usual fakers were swooping down upon the men with their well known wares, 'hot dogs,' milk lemonade, etc. Such as these were the original war prof-

iteers. To overcome this the government set aside a large tract of land for recreation and legitimate shops, moving pictures, barber shops, haberdashers, candy and refreshment shops and in this tract known as Greene Parke, named for General Greene of the Sixty-ninth division, the Salvation Army secured a concession and erected and equipped at a cost of \$25,000 a two story building, 50x122, the ground floor consisting of a pergola 12x50, reading and recreation room 40x50; auditorium, 40x70, with a seating capacity of 350, lunch room, check room, public telephone, writing and reading facilities, etc. The second floor includes 17 rooms for visitors, each room furnished with hot and cold water, electric lights and all modern conveniences.

"One of the prime objects of the building is to accommodate the visiting mothers and wives of soldiers and the 17 sleeping rooms are exclusively for women. It is the only place of its kind where women may stay over night for a nominal sum and if there were 150 rooms they would be full every night. The first floor is given over to the comfort and recreation of the soldiers, with reading, writing and lounging rooms with games, music and refreshments.

"While I was there a woman arrived in camp to visit her two sons. That she was a real daughter of the soil was apparent. Her home was in the mountains of California, she had ridden 30 miles on horseback and then staged 40 miles more to the train which carried her to Tacoma and from there she came by auto to the camp, radiant in the joy of expectancy, but the two sons had started only the day before for their long journey 'over there.' A Salvation Army lassie found her in a little crumpled heap in one corner of the building sobbing her heart out. An added grief was her penniless condition, she had expected the boys to have a little money to help her on her way home. She was given food and a room and the next day a purse was made up and she was started on her homeward journey.

"It is for the purpose of doing such work as this as well as ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of the boys in the trenches, that Oregon is to be given the opportunity of contributing \$25,000 to the \$5,000,000 fund which is being raised throughout the United States."