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## Liberty Is What We Are Fighting For

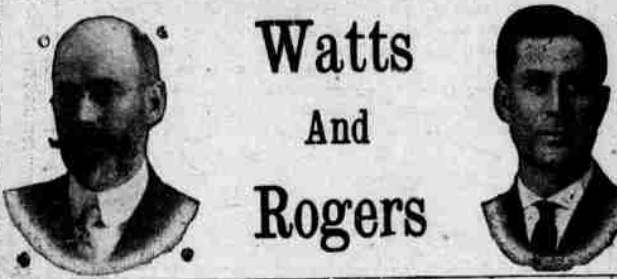
Women are asking for liberty for themselves. Men want liberty for their homes. We are striking for a world liberty front. The fireless cookstove is liberty from drudgery. It makes cooking a joy!

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## LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

Fred R. Wood, who is in the Aviation Corps, 34 Aero Squadron, in France, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wood of this city as follows:

"Somewhere in France, Mar. 24, 18, Dear Mother and Father: This is the 24th of March, and the weather is fine, has been for nearly all of this week. They say it gets pretty warm here in the summer. Today is Sunday and every Sunday the people come out here in crowds to watch the flying. When some of the birds make a loop or tail spin, I can hear some of the women shriek with horror. They don't rush the students nearly as much as in England. Helping around the planes seems to be nearly as dangerous. There are quite a number of men here with broken or shattered arms caused from turning props. A good many interesting things happen here, but when one goes to put them down, the interest seems to disappear.

"This camp here is getting to be pretty strict. Liquor can't be sold to soldiers and men can be court-martialed for speaking to a woman on the street, no matter who she is. Very few passes are allowed to the men to go to town.

"We are allowed one day off every week, and a leave of one week every four months. I expect to get a leave pretty soon, and take in a little of France. I am writing this in the Y. M. C. A., a new hut. They have some kind of entertainment nearly every night. This is the only part of the army that seems to please the men much. I said part of the army, the Y. M. C. A. is separate from the army, but run in connection of course.

"I got a box of candy from sister today. It didn't last long, for when any one of the fellows receive a box, it is considered public property the fellows crowd around for their share. 'I haven't heard from that Signal Corps transfer yet but hope to soon. Am sending you a copy of the "Wing Slip," a paper printed here. There have been squadrons sent to the front from here, lately. I would like to go, but of course will have to wait until the squadron goes. Fred R. Wood, Electrician, Aero Service, 34 Squadron.

**Sergeant Winship Back With 148th.**  
"France, March 19, '18. "Dear folks at home: Am back to the 148th at last. Took me eight days to get here, and I sure was glad to see some of the fellows I know and get something to eat. Had a cot to sleep on last night, first one since I got off the boat. In the British camp, we slept on tent floors. Have a good camp here and is warm during the day, but is heavy dew at night. We have barracks here. Harry Banister is here but I haven't seen him. Am going to look him up tonight if I have a chance. Ed Sebasky is going to school. Saw Sam Starr at distance yesterday; it sure seems good to see some one from home.

"I was billeted out in a French home for three days, and sure saw some queer sights. The people here are a hundred years behind the times. Yes, I was in convoy when the Tuscania was hit, was 100 yards in advance of it. The shock shook our ship. "I'm going to a large city this afternoon and drive out an auto-truck. We have a large number of trucks and tractors here to pull the big guns. I am enclosing two pieces of 1918 coins, one for each of the girls. They are a half franc, or equal to ten cents in our money. Lots of sand here, and that means sand bugs."

**Corporal Sebasky Driving Tractor.**  
"March 7, 1918. "Dearest Mother: I have not heard from you for a long time but I guess the mail is at the other camp. We will go back there to our battery in about two more weeks. I am getting along fine learning to drive a tractor. Would have written before this but we had some pictures taken and I was waiting to get them; and they told us that we could not send pictures now, but we might be able to send them after awhile. We have been doing nothing but going to school since we have been in France, so it will be some time before we get to the front. You can expect a letter often after we get settled. We have been about all over France now.

"The non-coms were taking lessons in putting a big gun in firing position and our battery put it in position faster than any other battery in the regiment. I was in the section that put it down. The censorship is so strict that we cannot tell how long it was nor what kind of guns we have; but believe me, they are babies! When we get to the front with them, old Fritz will know about it. If you could only see the guns you could not help but like them, they look so neat and we always keep them shining. I kind of hated to leave the camp on account of them. I won't be with them now, that I am going to drive a tractor, not like I would have been if I were in the gun sections. The boys are getting along fine, learning to drive tractors and trucks. The French think we are sure fast at learning to drive, but most of the boys have driven a car at some time or other. "I am writing this using my bunk for a desk, and only have a little time to write as we are going on a long trip this afternoon. It sure keeps us busy evenings studying. Will write in a few days again."

## FUEL CENSUS IS TO BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY

In accordance with an order of the Fuel Administration, as set forth in the Press last week, all consumers of coal and coke will be required at once to make declaration of the amount of fuel they expect to use up until March 31, 1919.

The Tum-a-Lum Lumber Company, local fuel dealers, have received the necessary blanks and these questionnaires will be distributed to its customers and prospective patrons. Each consumer besides his name and address must give answers to the following questions:

1. Amount of coal desired?
2. Purpose for which it is to be used.
3. Pounds or tons on hand at present.
4. Will last approximately how many days.
5. Approximate amount used last year.
6. Have you any unfilled orders with other dealers?
7. If with whom and what quantity?

Upon the basis of these consumers' reports, dealers will turn in their estimates of the amount of coal and coke they need to fill the orders of their trade. All orders of six tons or less are to be filled as soon as possible and all over six tons will be two-thirds filled and the other third will be delayed until all orders have been two-thirds filled.

Every consumer is advised to place orders for winter fuel at once so that the administration may make provisions accordingly.

## 40,000 MEN ARE WANTED FOR THE MARINE CORPS

Washington, D. C. April 20, 1918. Editor The Press:

You have been more than kind in the past in carrying Marine Corps announcements and I am going to appeal to you once more to assist us. The war department has authorized an additional brigade of Marines for duty in France with its necessary replacement units and 40,000 enlistments are urgently needed, 8000 of whom are desired during the month of May.

The Marine Corps will not lower its standard. We want young men of spirit, health and stamina. There will probably be 1500 additional commissioned officers in the Marine Corps and every one of these commissions will be given to enlisted marines. The Marine Corps is equipped to quickly and thoroughly train the new recruits. The corps has a glorious history and inculcates a wonderful esprit. This is probably the last chance of those young Americans who have become of age since last June to choose this branch of the service. None are wanted but American citizens of at least eighteen years of age and who have the fighting spirit. Your cooperation is earnestly requested. I again thank you for your help in the past.

GEORGE BARNETT, Major General Commandant.

**Natural Mortar Beds.**  
Who invented mortar? Some prehistoric person, who in all likelihood hit upon the combination by sheer luck. The mortar used by the ancient Greeks and Romans was the same stuff that we use.

But nature was in advance of the human discoverer by some millions of years. In Texas and Kansas, extending over vast areas, is a geological formation known as the "mortar beds." It is a stratum composed of sand, clay and lime, which, originally fluid, has "set" and become rock.

The process by which the sedimentary rocks of the earth were formed is successfully imitated in the sidewalk pavement of artificial stone, which is spread in a moist condition and allowed to dry. It is better for the purpose than natural stone—made in slabs larger than can be quarried and often formed with grooves so as to expand and contract without breaking.

**Shame Makes One Forget.**  
Forgetting is a strange phenomenon. According to the modern psychologists, we are most apt to forget those things that we do not want to remember—especially those of which we are ashamed.

In an address on criminals who are on the border line of insanity, delivered recently before the Clinical Society of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, Dr. Leon Emile Duval told of many mentally unbalanced men who in their normal state could not remember disgraceful deeds they had done, and said this was to be explained on the basis that "it is the thing of which we are ashamed and which conflicts with the customs of society which is soonest relegated to the realm of the unconscious."

**Tremendous Speed.**  
Fulminate of mercury, which is used as the original detonating charge in torpedoes, expands at a furious rate. A writer in the Illustrated World makes a comparison between this rate of expansion and an express train traveling at the rate of 60 miles an hour. "Imagine," he says, "24,000 feet a second—instead of the 80 feet a second made by a mile-a-minute train—and you will know why fulminate of mercury going off in your hand will carry a finger with it and yet not burn your coat." That is the ultimate in speed.

## SCHOOL TOTS IN PAGEANT OF SPRING

On next Friday evening, May 3rd, the pupils of Miss Sherman's primary department of the Athena schools will appear in a spectacular Pageant of Spring. The drilling for this entertainment has been under way for some time and the program promises to be more than ordinarily interesting.

For the reason that the costumes and other expense incidentals have been quite large, an admission charge of 15c and 80c will be made at the door.

This is the first entertainment of this nature that has ever been attempted by the primary grade and doubtless the High school auditorium will be filled to capacity when the audience greets the little ones in their pleasing performance. The program follows:

Part I.  
Play "The Fairy Ring," by 45 children representing Frogs, Coblins, Moonbeams, Fairies, Flowers, the Hours of the Night, Stars, Moon, Dusk, Night, Wind, Dawn, and Sun. Intermission of 10 minutes.

- Part II.
1. "Song," "The Birdies Ball," 15 children
  2. Rose Drill, 8 girls
  3. Readings (a) "The Carpenter's Man," Kathryn Kidder. (b) "The Calves'll git you if you don't Watch Out," Kenneth Emmel
  4. Songs (a) "The Slumber Boat," girls' cho. (b) "I Love the Old Doll Best,"
  5. Dutch Folk Dance - 8 children
  6. Solo "The Bluebird," Jennamae Read
  7. Farce, The Knitting Club—and Johnny, 7 children
  8. Duet "Dear Butterflies," Jennamae Read and Dorothy Geissel
  9. Songs (a) "Welcome Sweet Springtime," (b) "Lightly Row," - entire chorus
  10. Dance "Mendelssohn's Spring Song,"
  11. Song, "Hurray, for the Liberty Boys, Hurray!" - entire chorus
- Pianist, Mrs. Connie Baker. Numbers 1, 9, 10 and 11 directed by Mrs. J. C. Baddeley.

## Rev. Errett Goes to Spokane.

Rev. David Errett has resigned as pastor of the Athena Christian church, and accepted the pastorate of the Pacific Avenue Christian church in Spokane, the resignation to take effect the 1st of June. Mr. and Mrs. Errett, who have had charge of the Athena church for several years, will leave many warm friends here, where they have done earnest and effectual work. Their new charge is a broader field for Mr. Errett's endeavors, for which he is eminently fitted. Who Mr. Errett's successor will be in the local church, has not been learned.

## Knights of Khorassan.

Pythian Lodge 39, K. of P., will turn its home and equipment over to Al Kindi Temple, Knights of Khorassan, next Tuesday evening. The Knights will make their pilgrimage to Athena by special train from Walla Walla, and the demand of the High Muckamuck is that, "Your Mayor shall be given into our keeping as hostage for your exemplary conduct toward us and our Boisterous Band."

## Caldwell in France.

Captain Lee Caldwell and the members of Troop D who were with him on detached duty at Newport News, Va., are now in France, according to a cable received by the Captain's mother at Pendleton. Hallie Fierol of this city, was with Captain Caldwell at Newport News, where they were in charge of a remount station.

## WILL MAKE A CLEAN UP OF WAR STAMP QUOTA

Now that the Third Liberty Loan is practically over in Umatilla county, it is proposed that a drive to finish up the quota of \$20 per capita in the purchase of War Savings and Thrift stamps be started. With this object in view, the county organization is now lining up all captains and lieutenants for a whirlwind finish of the campaign.

Cards will be distributed next week in which all potential contributors who did not buy bonds may subscribe to the War Savings Stamps. The prologue to the card has the following: "Every individual in Umatilla county is presumed to contribute to patriotic purposes in proportion to his or her ability to be entitled to a blue card. Those who are not able or for any other reason did not subscribe for the Third Liberty Loan bonds are expected to subscribe for War Savings Stamps and upon doing so in proportion to his or her ability, will be given credit the same as those subscribers for the bonds."

The card will carry a place for name, address and signature of subscriber, and the pledge to purchase a definite amount of War Savings or Thrift stamps each week or month until Sept 1, 1918.

## FREDERICKA KERSHAW IN BENEFIT CONCERT HERE

Mrs. Jocelyn Roberts, of Dixie, Wash., was in the city Sunday. While here, Mrs. Roberts called on Mrs. S. F. Sharp, chairman of the local Red Cross auxiliary, and made the announcement that in the very near future, with Miss Fredericka Kershaw, of Waitsburg, she will make a tour of this state, giving musical entertainments for the benefit of the Red Cross. The ladies will open their tour in Athena, and as both have lived here and their accomplishments are well known, they will be met with a crowded house.

Mrs. Roberts, formerly Miss Jocelyn Kootz, has appeared before Athena audiences many times, always delighting with her versatile accomplishments. Miss Fredericka, who was born here and left as a little girl with her parents some years ago, has achieved notable distinction in music, and Athena will be gratified with the opportunity of hearing her. Further announcements of this coming event will be made soon.

## Refuses Fourth Operation.

Charles Russell, who has had three operations for relief from a bone disease, in which he has lost practically all the ribs from his left side, is expected home shortly from Portland, after refusing to submit to a fourth operation. He is but slightly, if any, improved as the result of the operations.

## Girls' Honor Guard.

Mrs. H. H. Hill this week received a communication from Miss Virginia Todd, of Pendleton, a prominent member of the Girls' Honor Guard of that city, requesting her, as a leading worker in the Red Cross, to recommend some lady in Athena who would take up the work of organizing Athena girls in the Honor Guard. Mrs. Ralph Hassell has kindly consented to act in the matter, and the girls are enthusiastic for organization which will no doubt be consummated in the very near future.

Mrs. Robert Wal'er, of Walla Walla, a former resident of this city, with her little son, was in Athena Wednesday, and visiting the Red Cross room, met many friends.

## RUSSELLITE SAVED FROM MOB ATTACK

A special to the Oregonian says: Rescued from the hands of a mob threatening to lynch him, Clifford W. Metz, member of the International Bible Students' Association, was taken to Pendleton Monday evening by three Freewater citizens and turned over to District Attorney Kentor for whatever action deemed justifiable.

Metz, with three other persons, two boys and a girl, was found to have covered the towns of Milton and Freewater generously with literature charging the clergy with being the force behind the Government's suppression of the book, "The Finished Mystery," a two-page seven column sheet bearing a date of April 15. Metz's three assistants were turned loose. They are members of a family near Milton.

Sentiment is strong at Milton and Freewater. When it was found that the towns had been covered with this literature the entire community was roused with the fire bell, the Home Guard was called out and men in automobiles scoured the twin towns in an effort to locate the distributors.

When they were found the crowd gathered rapidly. There was much talk of lynching and ropes were brought out and offered. The cooler heads of the community prevailed, however, and the man was taken to Pendleton under guard. Metz is a man of about 45 years, the owner of a small fruit ranch at Weston. He says he was in Milton on business and was asked to spend his time between trains in distributing this literature. He says he was born in America.

## James Kootz Dead.

James L. Kootz, brother of Edward E. Kootz, died April 17, in San Francisco, and the remains were brought here by Mr. Kootz for interment in the family lot in the Athena cemetery. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, the sermon being preached by Rev. W. E. Armfield, of Spokane. The deceased was born in Ohio in 1873. He is survived by four brothers and two sisters, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral. He was the son of a pioneer Methodist minister, of Eastern Oregon, and while the family resided in this city a number of years ago, visited here for a time.

## Bridge Building.

Assurance is made that the new government-county bridge to be built over the Umatilla river at Thorn Hollow crossing will be completed in time for the handling of the present growing grain crop at Thorn Hollow station. The material for the most part has been on the ground for some time and the contract for construction has been let. The bridge at Mission will also be constructed soon, and after its completion the one at Thorn Hollow will be commenced.

## Baseball Sunday.

Dutch McPerrin has his baseball aggregation rounded into form to meet Carl Christian's Adams Perfectos on the local diamond Sunday afternoon in a benefit game, the proceeds from which will be divided equally between the two teams and placed in the soldiers' tobacco fund. McPerrin announces his lineup to be as follows: McPerrin, c; Andre, Hubb, p; Lieualien, 1b; Pambrun, 2b; Andre, Hubb, ss; Baker, 3b; Geissel, lf; Crabill, cf; Catron, rf; Haynie, sub.

In answer to the call for sewing machines, three were received this week at the Red Cross room, from the following ladies: Mrs. H. I. Watts, Mrs. J. A. Kirk, and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton. More could be used.

## Men's Suits

Our company makes a specialty of securing the best in Mens Suits for least money We have buyers in New York who understand mens suits in every detail.

Men's Blue Serge Suits made to fit, and wear, - - - \$12.50 to 21.50	hard finish, - - - \$12.50
Grey novelty Suits for summer wear, cool and servicable, - \$13.50 to 16.50	Brown dressy Suits double-breasted patch pockets—the very latest \$25.00
Grey Serge and grey and brown - checks	See our new suits for the boys; a splendid line - - - \$3.95 to 9.90

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