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LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

Lieutenant C. L. McFadden, formerly druggist in Ware's Pharmacy in this city, writes interestingly as follows:

"France, April 14, 1918.
"Dear Mr. Ware: Have intended to write to you for some time, so here goes. Have wished many times that I was back in the village drugstore selling Rexall Celery Tonic, or in fact anything else. Have taken a peep inside some drug stores in this country, also in England. They look as ancient and, as I guess as the country itself. Not being able to 'bablo' this lingo to a very marked degree of accuracy, was unable to ascertain just how business was progressing.

"Have seen a big part of 'Sunny France' and also a bigger part that wasn't sunny. Have made two trips to the front, but have been in no engagements excepting, possibly, a 'bar room' engagement. I find this country very interesting, in fact almost funny. One from the good old U. S. can hardly get next to their slow way of doing business—also the same applies to England. They have some wonderful roads; in fact, very few that are not good.

"Have been to school for over a month and gained considerable knowledge about trench and open warfare. Certainly spent a very profitable time there and will no doubt get to use my learning.

"Was in Paris during the last raid, (12th.) Paris is certainly a wonderful city and has some wonderful sights. One thing which impressed me was the large number of taxis, and the cheapness of riding in them. Gasoline is high, in this country, but they carry you a long way for a very low price. They have no traffic laws, cars darting in and out and run at a rather high rate of speed.

"It is quite surprising to see what the U. S. is doing 'over here.' One in the States could hardly realize the greatness of the undertaking. Believe me, they are certainly moving troops. At present I am at a training camp putting the men through their training before going into the line. They come and go all the time. Just returned from taking a trainload to the front.

"Am billeted in an old chateau. It certainly is a beautiful place, owned by an old retired French Colonel; nice fire place which comes in handy today, as it is quite cool outside.

"Hardly know when I will be back to the States—but not for awhile. It will take several millions of us over here to do this up right. Didn't expect to be away over a year when I left—but one year has passed and 'I'm a long ways from home.' Hope to be back before another one passes."

More Comfortable "Few Miles Back."

Floyd Corporan, writing to an Athena friend, says: "France, April 2.
"Your ever welcome letter just received and also the box which you so thoughtfully sent. It's very nice of you, I don't know how I would get along if it wasn't for letters and a box once in awhile. You don't know how happy I feel tonight. I know at least that every one hasn't forgotten me completely. The cigars were fine, and the candy just delicious. I also received a package of tobacco from Athena, so I am pretty well supplied for awhile. When you think we are hungry, you don't think far from right. You may write just what you wish, for your letters are not censored. We are all pretty well, 'over here,' but remember, France is worse than hell, it is quite a bit different than seeing the moving pictures in a nice theatre. I haven't sat at a table to eat a meal for so long, that I believe I would use the table for a chair, and the chair for a table.

"I have felt several times that it would seem much more comfortable a few miles back. I haven't been 'over the top' yet. When I do, will write you all about it. The censor may cut it out, though."

Fumigate "Germ" Out of Germany.

The following letter was received from Corporal Sebasky over a week ago, but has lost none of its interest from the delay in publication:
"March 26, 1918.
"My Dear Mother: I suppose you have seen where they have been firing at Paris with a gun that carries about sixty miles; at least that is what they figured it out to be, as there were no airplanes out. But they do not care for that at all, as it does not do near as much damage as the air raids. I was in Paris at the time and the people did not pay any attention to it at all. I went and looked where one of the shells fell and it only made a small hole in the ground. They do not do one-tenth the damage that the bombs do that they drop from airplanes. They figured that they would scare the people more than anything else; they are trying to work on the morale of the people. But we have got by that stage where we are. At the Invalides in the Grand Court yard in Paris, I saw a lot of German guns and some of the airplanes they brought down that rided Paris.

"The Germans are making the drive they have been bragging about, but the Allies are prepared. They have been waiting for them to start. They are coming in mass formation and they are just mowing them down. I saw a Canadian who had just come in that day on leave, and he told me that when they have their trenches badly blown to pieces, by the Germans, they mine

their trenches and retreat to the ones they have prepared behind the first line trenches. When the Germans get into them, they blow them up. He said they claim the Kaiser is there himself. They issued the men new uniforms and told them they were going to Paris. That's what the prisoners told. The Canutt told me this is the first time since the first of the war, that the Germans have come at them in mass formation, and he said it is awful to shoot into the waves of Boches as they come up in waves. He said they come so thick that they kill them standing up. He said when they kill them, they jump up in the air a good many times, and then they give them another shot for good luck. When they get done this time they will know that they cannot get through. I only wish that we would have been up to the front for this drive—we could have handed them a few hot ones.

"There is no telling how long this war is going to last; but next spring, (a year from now,) they will get such a fumigation that there won't be any Germ left in Germany. I think it will be some little while before we get back; but when we do get back there will be no more danger of children having their hands cut off, or women having their breasts cut off—for that is what they have done—and believe me, they are not going to get any mercy from the Americans.

"I would like to give you some real news, but we cannot give you very much outside of what you get in the papers. I am still at the tractor school. I think we will get to go back to the battery this week."

SCHOOL PLAY TONIGHT "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

The Athena High School will stage tonight a two act war play, the last in the series of Red Cross benefits, given at the Auditorium during the winter and spring. The entire program consists of ten big hits, Living pictures, and impersonations of notable women, will be something new in the way of attractiveness. The plans for this event were designed by Supt. J. O. Russell. The first number is a playlet, "A Dream Lesson," by 16 girls, assisted by Miss Carrie DeFreece, directed by Miss Margaret Lawson. The second number, "The Darkey Trio," Cartano, Geissel and Parker, will give you your money's worth. Living Pictures, will include some well known Masters, and are indeed unique. The rest of the program consists of vocal solos in costume by Jeanette Miller, Dutch Folk Dance and solo, by 8 primary pupils and Jennamee Read; patriotic drill; Tramm monolog by Henry Koepke, Jr.; vocal solo in costume by Helen Russell, and the High School Play, "Somewhere in France," a two act drama.



By Mrs. Robt. J. Burdette.

The firing line is now in your kitchen. Knock out the breadline at your table.

It has been said that the Revolutionary War was won by men fed on hearty pushing, in other words, corn meal mush. Let it be written in history that the winning of the present war was made possible by the United States eating potatoes.

The manner of eating, the time of eating and even the kind of foodstuffs eaten are largely a matter of habit. We do not desire to break ourselves entirely of the habit of eating or life would not prove worth living, but it can be made to prove better worth living if we change some of the habits. Suppose we cure ourselves of the hand-eating habit and see if we do not consume less bread. If you were to put your bread and butter on your plate and eat it with a knife and fork it would reduce the amount of bread eaten at once. In some of the Oriental countries men carry strings of bright red wooden beads that are known as "Conversation beads," and they seem unable to talk unless they have them in their hands to play with and pass from one hand to the other. We seem to need something in our hands at table or we feel the meal is incomplete and that something is usually bread. Forget this habit and save wheat. If you must continue the hand-eating habit, hold a hot potato.

How to Increase World's Bread Ration

With famine creeping through Europe, and every nation struggling to produce enough food to sustain life, the American farmer has a duty that he can not shirk. America must ship food to Europe for our soldiers. America must supply bread to starving peoples. No matter what other crops are raised, more acres should be devoted to bread grains. "Do your bit, Mr. Farmer," says a Food Administration bulletin. "Success depends upon you in this world war."

West Point is on a food-conservation basis, and the health of the cadet corps is better than ever. All bread used is composed of 45 per cent wheat flour, 45 rye, and 10 per cent white bolted grain flour; and many cadets consider it superior to the former white bread. Sugar consumption has been cut down, meatless days and meals are rigidly observed, and the reduced amount of meat has been beneficial to health. A lesson from a reliable source.

SECOND DRIVE FOR RED CROSS

Next comes the Second War Fund of the American Red Cross for \$100,000, Oregon plans for which were announced in Portland Wednesday morning by Henry L. Corbett, state chairman.

Oregon is to aim at \$800,000, as was the case in the first Red Cross war drive, when over \$1,000,000 was subscribed. Portland's quota has been set, as before, at \$250,000, while the aim for the state at large, is \$550,000.

For the first time the Red Cross will conduct a campaign through its own organization, the campaign committees in each district being selected by the chapters of the Red Cross, which in turn will work through their branches and auxiliaries.

Mr. Corbett has appointed H. E. Witham as state manager and Mr. Witham in turn appointed a series of assistant state managers, who have begun a tour of the state which will take them to the chapter headquarters of each district to assist in perfecting organization. Each assistant manager is one who has made a record previously in Liberty Loan, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., or similar drives, and in some cases, in all of them.

The headquarters of both the city of Portland and the state campaigns will be at Liberty Temple, Portland. The funds subscribed will be deposited 75 per cent to the credit of the American National Red Cross for war work abroad and 25 per cent for the war work of the local chapter. Not a cent will be expended from the war fund for the expenses of the campaign in any way. Eleven hundred dollars was allowed Oregon by National headquarters from membership dues and this has been expended on the printing of receipt books, pledge cards, etc. The expenses of the state campaign will be raised by voluntary subscription throughout the state, the local campaign both in Portland and throughout the state being handled in the same manner.

Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Morrow counties will be in charge of J. O. Elrod, a well known Eastern Oregon farmer and wheat grower. He was a colonel in the last Liberty Loan drive. Mr. Elrod has made a conspicuous record in many lines of patriotic endeavor.

SCHOOL CHILDREN PLEASE IN PAGEANT OF SPRING

From the time the curtain went up to the drop on the final scene of the Pageant of Spring, the child characters held the interest of the large audience at the Auditorium last Friday evening. Under the direction of Miss Maude Sherman of the Primary Department of the Athena Public School, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Baddley in four prominent numbers, the children rendered their respective parts remarkably well.

So even was the balance of the ensemble roles, that it would be extremely difficult to extol the merit of any particular number on the program over another. From the tiniest tot who tripped in the fairy ring to the staid members of "The Knitting Club" each child was perfect and every number was given with a finished detail that expressed in its rendition the exact care that was taken in its preparation.

Part one, a playlet, in which 45 children took part, was a delightful fantasy. After an intermission of ten minutes, the second part was opened with "The Bridies' Ball." The Rose

Drill by eight girls was very graceful, and the rest of the program consisted of choruses, solos, Butterfly dance, drills, "The Knitting Club and troublesome Johnny," etc. The song, "Hurrah for the Liberty Boys, Hurrah," which invoked the appearance of a diminutive Miss Columbia, escorted by two soldier boys in khaki, gave a patriotic climax to the program. Mrs. Connie Baker presided at the piano. An admission charge of 15 and 30 cents at the door netted \$63.25 to defray the expense of costumes and other incidentals.

OPPOSED EMBARGO ON UTAH COAL PRODUCTION

Fuel Administrator Holmes of Oregon is at Salt Lake City, where he attended the conference of western fuel administrators yesterday. At the conference ways and means of providing the North Pacific section of the nation with fuel and securing its distribution at lowest possible cost was discussed. In this connection, Holmes was determined that the reported plan of Washington states mine operators to capture the Oregon market by securing an embargo on Utah and Wyoming coal, should not go through. He took the stand that Oregon, particularly Eastern Oregon, is a heavy consumer of intermountain coal and that it would be an imposition on them to force the use of Washington coal which would cost as much if not more, not including the higher freight charges. Moreover, Holmes declared that the congested freight situation may not get any better and he wants all the fuel he can get to prevent any shortage this coming winter. Since the government has virtually decided to curtail the use of fuel oil in the Northwest, it is expected that the demand for coal will become very heavy this summer and fall. Householders, for this reason, are being urged to get in their fuel supplies now, and take no chances on heatless days this winter.

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C. H. WHITEMAN, PIONEER DIES AT WALLA WALLA

C. H. Whiteman died Tuesday morning at his home in Walla Walla, after an illness covering a period of several months. Mr. Whiteman came to Umatilla county in 1875, and settled on a ranch west of Athena, where he resided until a few years ago, and since has been a resident of Walla Walla, where he was identified with municipal affairs, having served four terms as city councillor. Shortly after leaving his Umatilla county farm he sold it and purchased a large ranch near LaCrosse, Wash., which has been operated by his son, Otis Whiteman.

The deceased was born in Keokuk county Iowa, in 1851. He went to California in 1874, later coming to the Willamette valley, thence to Umatilla county. He is survived by his widow, Mary M. Whiteman, and three children by a former marriage: Mrs. Jessie Allison of Lind, Wash.; Clarence Whiteman of Pendleton and Otis Whiteman of LaCrosse, Wash. Funeral services were held from the Central Christian church in Walla Walla yesterday afternoon.

Goldman Lectures.

Rabbi Joseph Goldman gave two lectures Sunday in the Christian church, on the subjects: "Siberia," and "Palestine," both of which were listened to with deep interest by a large audience. At the evening lecture the school children, contributed the patriotic chorus, which so pleasingly entertained at the school exercises last Friday evening. A solo was also given by Mrs. David Stone.

John Adams was in town Wednesday transacting business.

BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION

The programs for the Baccalaureate exercises, of the Athena High school, Sunday, May 13, at 8 o'clock, p. m., and the graduation exercises Friday evening, May 17, at 8 o'clock, will be held in the school auditorium. The Sunday program follows:

1. Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" Congregation, standing
2. Scripture Lesson, Rev. D. Errett Prayer.
3. Announcements.
4. Vocal Solo, "He That Dwelleth in the Secret Places of The Most High," Mrs. Ralph Saling
5. Sermon, "Humanity's Dominant Purpose" Rev. Walter S. Gleiser
6. Hymn, - - - "Abide With Me," Congregation, standing
7. Benediction, - Rev. D. E. Baker
8. Graduates: Connie W. Baker, Kathryn Buzan Froome, Clara Malden Haynie, Ralph LaMont Haynie, Zola L. Keen, Henry Koepke, Jr., Annabel Jean McLeod, Angie M. Pambrun, Ellen LaClare Pambrun.

Graduation Exercises.

- Friday evening.
1. Invocation - Rev. D. E. Baker
2. Piano Duett, "Zambo," - Herold
3. Misses Watts and Littlejohn
4. Vocal Solo "The Sunken Sea," Miss Helen Russell
5. Address, The Fate of Civilization, Rev. J. E. Snyder
6. Presentation of Diplomas - M. L. Watts, Member School Board
7. Awarding Certificates of Attendance and Athena Tress Honor Cup
8. Benediction - Rev. D. Errett

Lieuallen Family Reunion.

Yesterday the 55th birthday of George Lieuallen was celebrated by a jolly family reunion at the old home place one mile from town. Mr. Lieuallen was presented with an elegant fumed oak rocker by his brothers and sisters. An elaborate dinner was served. The festive occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all, from the little four year old Jean Leonard, who was the youngest, to Mr. Hugh McArthur, who was the eldest member present. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McArthur and Mrs. W. S. Perry of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Caton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Banister, Mr. and Mrs. George Lieuallen, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lieuallen, Mrs. Zeph Lockwood, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Gleiser, of Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Leonard, and daughter Jean, of Waitsburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Banister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lieuallen, Mrs. Margaret Lieuallen and Mrs. Sarah McDougal, of Weston; Mr. J. T. Lieuallen, of Walla Walla.

Ready for Registrations.

Preparations for the registration of young men who have become 21 since June 5, 1917, are being made. The county draft board has received notice that the supplies for this registration have been shipped. The registration card has been modified to some extent and printed in blue ink to distinguish it from the card previously used. The registration certificate has also been modified. It is known that about ten and one-half per cent of the total number of registrants last June were 21 years of age and it is believed that approximately the same number will be required to register this year.

Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, prominent Weston people, with Worth Watts as chauffeur, were in the city Sunday to attend the Goldman lecture.

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