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LET US SCREEN YOUR HOME

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Fly

that you don't

Swat

Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co.



3rd Carload is here



A real satisfied farmer's smile is one of the most pleasant sights we have about our place and now we are having many of them every day because of the arrival of the

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LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

"April 25, 1918.
"My dear Mother: I am now with the battery again. On arrival, received two letters from you and the papers. The school did me a lot of good. I got a chance to learn a lot about gas motors I did not know before and it will sure come in handy when I get home. Do not need any money but you can send me a package of Fatimas once in awhile for they sure look good to a fellow when you have to smoke anything you get. Smoking has been our only trouble so far tho' we never did run clean out yet. I guess we will be able to get plenty of tobacco after awhile when they get things straightened out here.

"We had a bad misfortune happen to us. Our senior 1st lieutenant had the bad luck to shoot himself in the leg while he was cleaning his automatic revolver. It shattered the bone so bad that he might not be able to be with us again. It sure was too bad for he was a good scout besides being a good first Lieut. We have had a change in officers again. We have a new captain and two new first lieutenants. We have one of our old Cavalry lieutenants with us Lieut. Peabody in his name. He used to be Adjutant to Major McDonald in the Cavalry. They all seem to be good scouts so we are off again on our way to Berlin.

"The boches have been raising h—l for the last two months, but the Allies sure have slaughtered them, even if they did give a little ground. We sure would like to have been at the front for this drive, but it takes longer to train Artillery than Infantry, or some of the rest of the branches of the service. We get our

(censored) and everything issued to us this week, so we will have our own stuff after this. We have some target practice next week. That is about the last thing we get before we go to the front, so it won't be over two months before we go to the front. We will sure be glad when that time comes so we can do our share of the fighting and help clean up on the old Hun. I can not tell you much of the work as I do not know for sure what my duties are going to be. I am in charge of a section now; do not know if it will be permanent or not; will tell you about it next time.

"Sam Starr is assigned to a telephone detail and likes it first rate. All the boys from Athena are feeling first rate, and as for myself, I never felt better. When you write, put on the full address: 'American Expeditionary Force,' as there is another address very near like the initials, A. E. F.; it is 'A. I. F.' meaning 'Australian Imperial Force.' Tell all the bunch hello, for me. Corp. E. F. Sebasky, 148 F. A., Bat. D."

Percy Wilson writes under date of April 23:

"My dear Mother: Just a few lines to let you know that I am feeling fine. I feel pretty big now, for I am a non-commissioned officer and hold the rank of Corporal. I will soon have some pictures taken and send you some; and besides, I have a picture of a little French girl whom I am teaching English, and she is doing fine. She has written letters to the girls. We have two American girls here now. They are Y. W. C. A. girls and are doing their bit for the Y. M. C. A. About a week ago we were entertained by Elsie Janus. She is very clever. Perhaps you have seen her act in moving pictures. To repay her, we put on a parade for her. She is paying her own expenses going to different places and entertaining the soldiers.

It is awfully rainy here now; I don't know how long the rainy season lasts here, but hope its not for very long. Oh, yes, I have something else to tell you—I was picked out as the best man in the regiment with the bayonet. I'll tell you, I am a bear-cat at it. So when I come back will show you some fancy stuff. Corp. Percy E. Wilson, Co. E, 116 Engineers."

ATHENA AUXILIARY REPORTS \$298.34 FOR PAST MONTH

The work of the Athena Auxiliary of the Red Cross is being shown in substantial manner, both in work produced and funds forwarded to the head Chapter at Pendleton, as is evidenced by the following very satisfactory report from the secretary, for the past month:

Peoples Theater benefit, - - \$ 16.25
Banquet to Walla Walla K. of K. 98.35
Contents of Red Cross contribution box in Bank 4.29
Athena High School benefit - 70.35
Christian Church Dinner benefit 104.10
Dues 5.00

Total - - - - - \$298.34

The work room has been cleared off all the sewing, and the last of the consignments of garments sent to the head Chapter. In connection, the following report of Mrs. A. H. Cox of Pendleton, chairman of the hospital garments section, who has just returned from the divisional institute at Seattle, will be of interest:

"I found that our work as heretofore sent in was of such quality and so perfect in cut, making and finish, as well as count, bundling, packing, casing and marking, that as a consequence we are to be issued 'green cards' to be attached on the outside of the cases shipped from here in the future. These cases will go direct from our work

ONE DAY SENT ATHENA OVER TOP

Monday, the first day of the Red Cross drive, sent Athena over the top for her quota of \$2900 of Umatilla county's \$37,000 total. Since then the soliciting teams have quit work, other subscriptions have been coming in at local headquarters and the quota here will be exceeded.

CHAUTAUQUA JUNE 16-20.

Advertising matter is being distributed announcing the main June event for Athena, the Chautauqua, June 16-20 inclusive. It will be held at the City Park under a canvas pavilion, and some of the leading attractions on the Chautauqua circuit of the Pacific Northwest, will be offered on the big four-day program, both afternoon and evening of the four days. Further announcements will appear as the time for this important event approaches.

JOSEPH SHEARD DIES AS RESULT OF PARALYSIS

Joseph Sheard, prominent Athena farmer, died Friday evening May 17, 1918, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, with which he was affected Thursday evening, death coming practically twenty four hours after the first attack.

Apparently in his usual health, he had eaten his supper and, sitting talking with his family, he was suddenly taken with a severe pain in the back of his head and neck. Unconsciousness soon followed, from which the patient never awakened.

But few knew of his critical illness, and the announcement of his sudden death came as a shock to the community, in which he had resided for many years. He was known all over the county as an upright citizen, enjoying the respect of all who knew him.

Mr. Sheard passed away at the age of 58 years. He leaves a wife, two sons, George and Carl, and two daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Haney and Miss Mamie Sheard, to mourn his loss. His was the first death to occur in the family and his taking away is the cause of much grief and sorrow in the home.

ATHENA GIRLS HONOR GUARD ORGANIZATION PERFECTED

Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Hassell, the Athena Girls' Honor Guard was organized by Miss Virginia Todd, county leader, of Pendleton. Sixteen girls were present, and a splendid spirit of enthusiasm was shown. Mrs. Hassell was chosen as leader; Miss Laura McIntyre, vice leader; Mrs. Ralph Cannon, secretary; Miss Belle McIntyre treasurer; Miss Kathryn Froome, sergeant at arms.

NO TIME FOR NIGHT LIGHTS

Unpatriotic as Well as Unhygienic to Leave Them Burning With Coal at a Premium.

A fear of the dark seems to be a common inheritance of savages and children. But with a little patience any child can be weaned out of this fear, and it can be proved easily enough that one rests better in a room that is not lighted. If you still leave a night light burning, turn it out. It isn't patriotic. It isn't really hygienic. And it certainly is not necessary.

It has been estimated that a 16-candle power lamp burned through an evening of, say three or four hours, consumes a pound of coal. If you burn an eight-candle power lamp during a whole night you doubtless burn more than a pound of coal, and we are now being shown by the authorities in Washington that pounds of coal will have as much to do with winning the war as loaves of bread. If you are looking for something to do, if you are casting about for something to kill for Sammie in the trenches, if you are thinking of giving up sugar in your coffee, or planning to go without something one day in the week so as to do your bit, stop, and ask yourself about the night light.

Mann-Duff.

Wednesday at high noon, at the home of William Duff near Pendleton, was solemnized a pretty wedding when Irvin Mann of Pendleton and Miss Faye Duff were united in marriage. Rev. W. S. Gleiser of the Athena Methodist church officiated. The parents of both bride and groom are early settlers of Umatilla county and are well known throughout Eastern Oregon. The couple left immediately after the wedding dinner for a motor tour through the Willamette valley and California. A host of friends extend congratulations.

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RESULTS PRIMARY ELECTION FRIDAY

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Watts Offers Services.

Homer I. Watts has tendered his services to his country by offering to enlist in the Red Cross work or the war service of the Y. M. C. A. in France. He has written to both branches of the service and will accept a commission from either one. If he enlists it will be for work overseas, and entails at least six months service in each year of the duration of the war, with all expenses borne by the applicant.

RECEPTION FOR ATHENA SOLDIERS TO DEPART

This evening in the Christian church, a reception will be given by the entire community, in honor of the Athena soldiers who will leave for the training camps May 28 and June 1. The occasion will also be the opportunity for Athena friends of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Errett, who leave next week for Spokane, to meet and spend a social evening with them before their departure.

Mayor Watts and committees from each of the churches and the Red Cross have the reception in charge and the preparations made for the event are extensive. Committees on decoration have been appointed, and both auditorium and first floor reception room will be appropriately decorated. Committees on refreshments will see that this part of the entertainment will be a success, and a large number is expected to be served. A program has been arranged.

Athena and vicinity, already well represented in the battlefields of France, in this instance sends seven men to the training camps, and it is in their honor that the reception, to which the entire community is invited, is given at the church this evening. They are: Jacob Boeber and Joe Payne, who have enlisted in the trainmen's corps reporting for duty June 1; Herbert Parker, Allie Bell, James Hawthorn, John Shiek and Forrest Zerba, who answer the draft call and leave on May 28th. Orin Gibbs, of Ukiah, joins them here and will register from Athena. The trainmen go to Maryland for training. The three other Athena men, Lawrence Sharp, Bert Stone and Dick Winship, endeavoring to enlist in this branch, were left out, owing to the fact that the quota was full.

Grain Grading School.

Farmers, do you want to familiarize yourselves with grain grading methods? If so, get in touch with the county agent within the next few days. We have an opportunity to have a three-days grain grading school at Pendleton some time about the middle of June. The tuition fee will be \$2 for the three days.

Umatilla county is the leading wheat growing county of the United States. We can grow certain wheats here better than in any other place. We should standardize on a few leading varieties and we should know all there is to grading before we do it. Bulk handling and government price fixing bring about greater need for information on this subject. If interested, register your name with the county agent or with the Farmers' Union Grain Agency, Pendleton.

M. S. Shrock, County Agricultural Agent.

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Towels and Toweling

Towels of every description, size and color; big ones, little ones, heavy ones and light ones. Do you need any? Our prices are very low in comparison with what you pay at other stores. When we are able to buy in such enormous quantities for our 197 stores, you are assured that we can offer you merchandise at a much less figure than our competitors. Try us.

Small size Turkish Towels	2 for 25c	Huck Towels	10c, 25c and 2 for 25c
Medium size Turkish Towels	2 for 39c	Wash Cloths	5c and 10c
Large size Turkish Towels	2 for 49c	Turkish Toweling	25c per yd
Fancy Towels	2 for 39c, 2 for 49c, 2/79c	Crash Toweling	10c, 12 1/2c, 18 2/3c yd

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