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## FIERY PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES HEARD TUESDAY EVENING

Private Roberts of Vancouver and Geo. W. Caldwell of Portland Speak

### MILL MEN ATTEND IN BODY

Deceit of Hun, His Awful Atrocities, and Much of Intrigue of War Are Revealed

Tuesday evening Private J. C. Roberts of Mississippi, a member of the aviation section of the Spruce Production at Vancouver Barracks, and Geo. W. Caldwell of Portland spoke at the Methodist church in the interest of the Third Liberty loan.

The high school orchestra which furnished the music for the occasion opened the program by playing "America."

Private Roberts said, "The world war is raging harder than ever. It is plunging the world into a great slaughter. We will realize this far better when our boys come home, if they ever do. We are a free and self-respecting people and as such will remain. We will keep up the struggle until we drive the Hun back to his own soil. Our nation has pledged its sacred honor to see this thing through. "And when the soldiers of America go forth to fight our battles and die for us we must do our utmost for their success. Every dollar put into Liberty bonds will go to protect your interest, and the government will return it to you with a generous interest. Put your money into Liberty bonds and by the grace of God we shall win this fight and win for the right."

Mr. Caldwell spoke of the different look on the faces of the American people now. "There is grim determination written there, for we as a people are determined to win this war. We are asked to subscribe to the many funds and we over-subscribe. So why should we not lend to the government by buying bonds, when we will get our money back with interest."

"We are fighting a power that has been preparing for the war for 40 years. We have lived so long in peace that we had almost forgotten that we might ever need a military force to protect our flag. But while we went about our peaceful pursuits Germany was busily engaged making guns and ammunition. They kept making their budget larger each year in order to raise funds to finance the war, until it became so large that it was with difficulty that it passed their legislature in 1912. In 1913 80 of the richest men of Germany were called together by the Kaiser and offered big prizes of land if they would aid in financing this war and they accepted the bribes."

"The German government is the most deceitful government the world has ever known. By deceit they caused Russia to cool towards France before the war was declared. By deceit they gained the promise of Austria-Hungary to enter the war for them. They even deceived their own men. When Brussels was captured the soldiers were told that that was Paris, and the poor fellows dated their letters home Paris.

"Our nation is made up of people from all parts of the world but Uncle Sam does not ask us what our nationality is, he only asks us to be true to the Stars and Stripes."

"The people of Belgium were beaten by their captors, and thousands of them were shipped into Germany to work themselves to death in the factories there. Many were even driven to work with bayonets."

"Some say we did not go into the war soon enough, others say we entered it too soon. But we are in it now and the only way we can get out of it is by winning the victory for Uncle

Sam. The French and English have bravely driven back the hordes of the Hun, but they are almost exhausted and need our aid. The United States does not want one dollar for indemnity nor one foot of land. We have never taken a foot of land by force, and we will not begin now."

"The soldiers of the Allies are fighting over there to free the world from the tyranny of the Hun, and when this fight is over there shall be a new birth and there shall be liberty and freedom for all mankind. All the nations of the world, both great and small will be free from the awful, murderous Hun. The voices of the outraged women and children are calling to us to save them from this great military machine."

"America today calls for the loyal, whole-hearted support of its citizens, under the stars and stripes, to make peace for the world."

"The only way to make peace is to drive this great military machine to its knees, until terms of peace, with freedom from tyranny and barbarism, are gained and the world is made a safe place for us in which to live."

## Local Plant Is Closed Saturday

Weinhard's Ice and Cold Storage Business Is Discontinued Indefinitely.

Weinhard's ice and cold storage plant, which was built in 1913 and has been running since that date, closed down Saturday because of lack of business. The plant is large and up-to-date in every respect, but is too big to be supported by a town the size of Springfield, so it will not be used by the company until there are prospects of more trade than there is at present.

The local business is owned and controlled by the Henry Weinhard company of Portland, and the employees from here have been sent to Portland to work in the plant there. Howard Woods, foreman of the plant, will make his headquarters in Eugene, where he will be in charge of the selling of the Weinhard products, the Luxo, Toko and Appo soft drinks, in Lane county.

The building and equipment have been leased to the Eugene Ice and Storage Company, but no plans for its use have been made as yet.

The building has a frontage of one hundred and forty feet along the Southern Pacific tract, and a depth of eighty feet. The plant has a daily capacity of fifteen tons and a refrigerating capacity of thirty-five tons. At the time of its opening, June 1, 1913, it was the largest ice and storage plant between Portland and Sacramento. It was built to provide storage for meats, eggs, fruits, vegetables—in fact everything in the commission line—and its closing down will be a loss to the people of Springfield and vicinity.

## BIG SUM FOR RED CROSS

Ladies of Methodist Aid Society Get Money Through Donations.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church of Springfield planned a Red Cross benefit tea some time ago, but decided instead to make donations. A tea would mean quite a good deal of trouble and expense to the ladies and they decided that it would be much easier and cheaper for all concerned to make donations. These donations, amounting altogether to \$50, were gathered up through the efforts of the ladies of the Aid Society. Last week they turned \$34 of this amount into the Red Cross and this week they turned in \$26.

### Return to Portland

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hansen of Portland returned Monday evening to that city where Mr. Hansen was called on business. They intended to make an extended visit in this city, but were here only a week. Mrs. Hansen is a sister of Mrs. Rose Lettkle and Mrs. Felix Wesolowska of this city and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Malloch.

## O'ROURKE SPEAKS TO LARGE CROWDS

Tells of Dreadful Atrocities of Hun; Says Money Will Win This War

Private Michael O'Rourke, the Canadian soldier who is touring the country in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan campaign, spoke yesterday afternoon at the Booth-Kelly mill, Fischer-Bouth mill, and at the corner of Main and Fourth streets. The grammar and high school students attended in a body.

Private O'Rourke is one of the most distinguished men of today, having won three medals for bravery in action. Although born in Ireland he was at one time a citizen of the United States, and later a subject of Canada. He is a stretcher bearer and at one time he carried 15 wounded comrades off No Man's Land. Another time he captured 20 Germans in a trench and brought them in at one time. He has been over the top many times.

Private O'Rourke said, "It takes 48 hours to go over the top, to dig in and then dig out."

"Money will win this war and Uncle Sam will win the war, because he has the money."

"I enlisted in the Canadian army and had been in France and Belgium from 1914 to 1917, and it's only by luck that I am here, safe. I won the Victoria Cross on Hill 70 in August, 1917, for saving the lives of many of my comrades while under shell fire."

"At Ypres, at the beginning of the war, I was in a terrible attack. The Germans sent gas over into our lines and we had no gas masks. The only thing we could do was to bury our faces in the mud and take a deep breath once in a while."

"Even when we have gas masks it's mighty hard on us. We have to wear them all the time when we go over the top which means for 48 hours."

"When Ypres was attacked the city was leveled to the ground in 24 hours by the terrific shell fire of the enemy. In a monastery near by all the monks were killed by the concussion. Ypres is called the 'Graveyard of the World' because the roads around it are lined for miles and miles with the graves of the fallen."

"At one time myself and one sergeant took single handed a German concrete pill-box armed with four machine guns. That was last November. In the captured German dug outs are found the bodies of dead French girls; which shows the treatment of the German soldiers of women and children."

"In one battle on the front five divisions were so cut up that when they were reorganized only two divisions could be formed."

"I had to go nine months without a bath one time. Why a man is lucky if he gets one even that often when he is in the trenches. And the food, it is often so poor we have to hold our noses in order to get it down. We don't get any too much of it either, and we always take the rations from the bodies of dead soldiers."

The women and children of England and France are tilling the soil and keeping the machinery of their countries running. It is up to the United States to finance the boys at the front. This war has to be won and money will win it. So we have to dig up."

### Close Successful Meeting

Rev. H. C. Ethel of this city and Rev. George Wallace Scott closed a very successful meeting at the Methodist church in Wendling Sunday night. Rev. Scott is the singing evangelist who helped conduct a revival in this city some time ago. The Wendling meeting was of three weeks duration.

### New Post Office Hours

Beginning Friday April 12, the Post office will open at 8:00 and close at 5:30, instead of opening at 8:00 and closing at 6:00 as before. There will be the regular closing hour 4 p. m., on Saturday. This is a part of the daylight saving movement.

## PROF. R. L. KIRK MAY LEAVE SPRINGFIELD

Has Offer to Become Head of Public Schools at The Dalles

Prof. R. L. Kirk, for the past six years superintendent of the local schools, has been tendered the position of superintendent of the public schools at The Dalles, Oregon.

While it is understood that Mr. Kirk is seriously considering the offer, it is not known at this time what his reply will be.

Since coming to Springfield Prof. Kirk has been a very earnest worker



for the betterment of the local schools. Their present high rating may be attributed to his systematic planning and the liberal attitude of the local board. Among the features developed in the schools by Supt. Kirk, the most notable is the standing of the teacher training course, which is rated at the top of such work in Oregon. Under his supervision the work in manual training, domestic science and art, and military training have reached a most creditable condition.

Mr. Kirk is a Normal school graduate, graduate of the Universities of Missouri and South Dakota and has long occupied a prominent place in the educational affairs of Oregon.

## Bond Quota Is Almost Reached

Springfield Will Do Her Part in Third Liberty Loan Campaign

The Springfield district had purchased \$28,150 of her \$32,000 quota at nine o'clock this morning, with several outlying sections yet to be heard from.

The response of the people has been most generous and the committee feels assured that the entire sum will be subscribed.

It is hoped that every individual in the community will buy one or more bonds. This plan distributes the load and gives greater interest in the prosecution of the war.

The different committees are to actively canvass the town on Friday and Saturday and it is expected that Springfield will go "over the top" with a rush.

### Refuses to Buy Bond

A. T. Stevens, who has been employed at the Booth-Kelly mill in this city for the last nine months, refused for no good reason to buy a Liberty bond in the Third Liberty Loan, and yesterday morning he was escorted off the mill grounds by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. Besides being escorted off the grounds he was ordered never to return. Mr. Stevens has a wife and family in Kansas.

### Have Short Furloughs

Hugh Landsbery, a member of the 361st Ambulance Corps, stationed at Camp Lewis, and Glen LeVe, Herbert Moon and Fred Lemley members of the same company, arrived Saturday morning at the homes of their parents in this city. They returned to Camp Lewis Sunday evening.

## TRADES STORE FOR FARM

Hill Business Sold Because of Ill Health of Wife.

J. W. McDowell, a farmer living five miles north of Eugene, has traded his farm for the Hill's department store in this city. Mrs. Hill, who has been in charge of the store here, was compelled to make this change because of ill health.

The Hill's department store was opened in Springfield in 1911 under the name of the "Racket Store." It was then situated in the Welby Stevens' building on Main between Third and Fourth streets.

In February, 1917, the store was moved to its present site in the I. O. O. F. building. Its name was then changed to Hill's Department Store, and yardage goods, laces, and embroideries were added to the stock. There was then a full line of dry goods, notions, chinaware, toys, hardware and stationery.

The store will be closed on the 15th of this month for an inventory of the stock.

Mrs. Hill wishes to thank the public for their kind patronage during the years in which she has been in business here.

## Lane County Has Work Speeding Up

Road Building Program Rushed to Completion Before Labor Becomes Scarce.

The work of road building and improvement in Lane county this year is being pushed with the plan in view of facilitating the marketing of farm products and utilizing farm labor in the months when the farmers can spare the time, but cannot leave home for a long period such as would be necessary in order to engage in ship-building or other war activities.

Two scarifiers and graders are at work. One team propelled scarifier and a small grader are being used on the McKenzie river road above Thurston, while the big scarifier, with a 75-horsepower tractor, is working on the road between Junction City and the Benton county line at Monroe. The road from Junction City to Harrisburg has already been scarified and redressed.

One tractor and a train of cars is hauling crushed rock from Eugene to the Pacific highway between Eugene and Junction City.

On the Lowell-Dexter road the clearing is practically completed and a gang of men is filling up the holes made by blasting out the stumps preparatory to grading.

The work on the Hayden-bridge Harlow macadam will be commenced as soon as the weather settles sufficiently so that it is safe to tear up a road, according to County Commissioner Harlow, and the gravel will be furnished from the plant at Springfield.

## F. MARTIN DIES SUDDENLY

Is Son-in-Law of B. A. Washburne of This City, Only Ill Short Time

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Washburne of this city received word Saturday of the death of their son-in-law, Fred Martin of Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Martin married Miss Helen Washburne. Mr. and Mrs. Washburne left Saturday evening to be with their daughter in here bereavement.

Mr. Martin's death was quite sudden and unexpected. He had been ill with tonsillitis but complications set in until pneumonia developed. He passed away early Saturday morning.

Cremation services were held Tuesday in Portland. Mr. Martin at one time lived in this city.

### Rebekahs Have Initiation

The local Rebekahs held an initiation Monday night. A large crowd was present. Visiting members came from Eugene and vicinity and the work of the degree team was complimented by the visitors. Light refreshments were served at a late hour.

## MASS PARADE BY SCHOOL CHILDREN BEGINS CAMPAIGN

Pupils From Grammar Grades and High School Take Part in Celebration

### FOR THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Business Section, Booth-Kelly Mill, Fischer Boutin Mill Are Visited by Noisy Band Advertisers

Monday, the opening of the Third Liberty Loan campaign, was celebrated in this city by parades, flying flags, bright posters, and noise making devices. The school children were dismissed in order to take part in the parades.

Monday morning at 11:30 all the school children of Springfield, both the grammar grades and the high school students gathered at the corner of Fifth and A streets for the grand Third Liberty Loan parade. Mothers of boys in the service also took part in the Noise day celebration.

The parade was headed by the high school girls carrying an American flag, the high school service flag, and several Liberty Loan banners. The girls, who marched in company formation, carried the wooden guns used by the boys in military drill. They presented a very military front. This section was in charge of William Hill as captain.

Then came the high school boys' section, and on the noise. Each boy was armed with a horrible noise maker and not a boy remained idle. Noise was the order of the day and noise they made. Walter Gossler was in charge of this section.

The grade children from the high school building came next, also armed with various implements for making noise, which they all industriously used.

Next came the ladies section where the mothers of boys in the service of Uncle Sam marched. They carried a banner which read, "We have given our men, they are more precious than dollars."

The women were followed by the children from the Lincoln school carrying flags, Liberty Loan banners, and noise makers. And the noise they did make, it was fairly ear-splitting.

The parade, which was four blocks long and in which there were 450 pupils alone, marched down Main street twice and then over to the Booth-Kelly mill and back.

At 2:30 the columns of pupils were reformed and the parade visited the Fischer-Boutin mill.

During the parade the girls at the head of the parade kept step to such slogans as Loan, Loan, Third Liberty Loan; Buy, Buy, Buy a Liberty Bond; and Kill, Kill, Kill Kaiser Bill. They also sang popular songs and high school songs. The parade was a "howling" success despite the rain, and was heartily enjoyed by all.

The noise makers used by the pupils were donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Eggman of this city.

### Will Settle Here

Mr. and Mrs. Will Regie and two sons of Portsmouth, Ohio, are visiting at the homes of Tom Sikes and Mrs. Julia Godman of this city. Mr. Regie and Mr. Sikes are old friends but until Mr. Regie came west they had not seen each other for eleven years. Mr. Regie and family intend to locate here on a farm. The boys have entered the high school as members of the Freshman class.

### Will Move Bicycle Shop

J. W. Stevens, who owns the local bicycle shop, is going to move his shop into the building recently vacated by the Saffley meat market. This change will be made as soon as the floor in the old meat market has been relaid. This and other repair work is being done now.