

**KELSO**

KELSO, May 14.—Editor Outlook —The following article is a reply to those in the community who caused the Russellite literature to be distributed the past week.

First let it be understood that the Russellites as a religious sect have the same right to interpret scripture that any other religious sect has although they make a common mistake in trying to build up their own church by tearing down others in contradiction to the motto their paper prints that they teach religious tolerance. Interpretation of the Bible and Bible prophecies is the right of all, and differs according to the spiritual calibre of the interpreter. There are, however, some things that the Russellites do not make clear in their defense of their attitude toward the war. They make the statement that they are not against the government in any sense, that they recognize the United States government as the best on earth and President Wilson as the greatest of earth's rulers. They also state that the fall of autocracy is certain. Then, why do they not co-operate with our government in its fight against autocracy which they admit is an evil that must fall? They say that God's hand is in this war and that it will result in good to mankind, yet inconsistently refuse to aid in the fight against wrong on grounds of "conscientious objection," "that being fully consecrated to the Lord, and believing if they are faithful to Him they shall have a part in His kingdom of righteousness" they take refuge in the selective draft law which provides that such conscientious objectors be given non-combatant service, and claim classification under this statute. If they believe the war is a part of the divine plan and that it will result in good why are they not willing to help in promulgating God's work? They give Pastor Russell a great deal of credit for foretelling the present war, but not only has Pastor Russell not had a corner on interpretation of Bible prophecies but this war and God's plans would have worked out whether Pastor Russell or any one else had foretold it or not—but the outstanding and important fact is this—that every man at the front and every person who is co-operating with our government in its fight for freedom, justice and the brotherhood of man are the real interpreters of Bible prophecy and are the ones who are working out the divine plan which will result in the golden age of the millennium. None realize so truly and gloriously what we are fighting for as the active participants in this war do. There is no particular importance or good in the mere interpretation of the prophecies. It is not saying "Lord, Lord" that brings us into the Kingdom, but "Doing the will of the Father." This is meant by "working out our salvation," and are not all who are working against the evil of autocracy working with God? Let us keep our vision on the big things, the ideal for which we are all hoping—world peace, but in so doing we must work together and drop all petty opinions and ideas. How can any religious sect really think it is the only one who is right and stand aloof as "chosen of God" and yet expect to share in the glories to come. In the Russellite pamphlet "Kingdom News" is pictured the time when misery and woe will cease and all tears be wiped away—yet followers of the Russellite teachings are conspicuous by refusing to aid in Red Cross work, the Belgian Relief or to co-operate with our government in its cause of right which is the cause of humanity, the cause of God. Bible prophecies will interpret themselves, it is for us to do what our hands find to do. The writer believes with President Wilson in "peace at any price even though the price is war." It is the only way at present. I take it—even a Russellite would not hesitate to use force if his wife or child were attacked by a brute. The Russellites complain of being persecuted by the other churches and the clergy in general. I do not think they have any complaint on this score in the face of their criticism of other churches. Most religious denominations are co-operating in relief work of all kinds and are taking a stand with our government in harmoniously working for the consummation of the war. There is now no such thing as being neutral—it is either for our nation or against, and any institution, religious or otherwise which gives its followers a chance to be non-participants is a refuge for the pro-enemy and must therefore become a cause of investigation by the government. Moreover, Christ taught that the "Kingdom of God is within", not a material kingdom set up on earth. In so far as we are in harmony with God does His kingdom come to us and only the full realization of this will bring about ideal outward conditions.

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**CORBETT**

One of the largest gatherings in this vicinity for many moons, was at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chamberlain on last Wednesday evening, when the relatives and friends met to wish Mr. Chamberlain God-speed and commend him for his patriotic spirit, as he is to sail soon for France where he will be in active service with American expeditionary force Y. M. C. A. Mr. Chamberlain was born and grew to manhood in this vicinity and is one of the dependable sort of men that the community can ill afford to lose. We hope he may return safely to his estimable wife and family and we are sure he will fill the position to which he has been assigned creditably. Mr. Davis has purchased the stock of merchandise from Geo. Chamberlain and will continue the business at the same place on the Columbia Highway near the grange hall.

Miss Emma Spybrock is clerking in W. Knight's store.

Mrs. Sterns is visiting her daughter at Ogden, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bratley and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hensen of Portland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed, Sunday.

At present there seems to be a scarcity of salmon in the Columbia and the fishing business is at a standstill.

Earl Pounder is home on a furlough from Camp Lewis.

The May meeting of Columbia grange was very pleasant and interesting. Many of the members took part in the program at the lecture hour. One candidate was given first and second degree work and one obligated in third and fourth. At the next regular meeting, the first Saturday in June, the flag which was recently purchased by the grange will be raised. All grangers are invited to attend.

Ralph Kincaid came down from Camp Lewis Saturday evening to spend Sunday, Mother's day, with his mother at the Corbett country home.

John Hoose, of Portland, visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Zoe McCleverty, of Portland, was the guest of Mrs. Clara Smith, this week-end.

**PLEASANT VALLEY**

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ellingham and Mrs. Emma Godfrey, of Portland, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sager Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melby, of Portland, were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sager last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Poppleton entertained friends from the city Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Limer and daughter, Miss Grace, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Moore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hemrich are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, May 8, at a Portland hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Richey have moved into the P. P. Jenne house.

W. C. Cameron, of Portland, was a Valley visitor one day recently.

Miss Lydia Saunders, of Corvallis, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Moore over Sunday.

Leland Moore, who has just graduated from the Oregon Agricultural college has enlisted in the U. S. A. and left Tuesday for Camp Lewis.

Oscar Byers, of Portland, and formerly of this place, who recently graduated from the forestry department of the Oregon Agricultural college has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will enter the service as a cruiser for the government and will probably be sent to France at an early date.

President T. R. Berry called a meeting of the Red Cross committee for last Monday evening at which plans were consummated for the second Red Cross drive.

**LUSTED**

Mrs. George Lusted, who has been very ill for the past three weeks with pneumonia, is improving slowly. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Lusted, has been taking care of her most of the time.

Mrs. Harris Hamilton and children went to Seattle last Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Evelyn Sherrill.

Mrs. J. Hossner was called to Portland last Wednesday to see her daughter, Mrs. F. Tombling, who is sick at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mrs. Ed. Hamilton was called to Seattle by telegram last Monday on account of the serious illness of her uncle, George Hamilton, who died on Wednesday.

School will close here Friday, May 17. Plans are being made for a picnic Saturday at Benson park on the Columbia Highway.

John Weeks is building a large barn on his farm.

Mrs. J. W. Robertson and daughter, Marian, came down from Monmouth to stay over Sunday and returned Tuesday.

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*What?* Then what *did* you mean? What's that you said about loving your country? What did you think the word "sacrifice meant?"

Surely you didn't mean, did you, to give only what you can *spare*?

*What about our boys who are giving their lives in the trenches? Are they giving only what they can "spare"?*

How about those mothers and little "kiddies" in the shell-wrecked towns of that war-swept hell—hungry, ragged, sobbing, alone?—giving up their homes, their husbands, their fathers?

While *we*—over here, with our fun and our comforts,—we hold up our heads and feel *patriotic* because we have given—*what?* Some loose bills off the top of our roll. "*We've given all we can spare!*"

Come, come! Let's quit fooling ourselves. Let's learn what "sacrifice" **means**. Let's give **more** than we can spare — let's "give till the heart says stop."

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