

## Editorial Section of the Ontario Argus

### Support the President.

What this government should do with reference to Germany's continued conduct of her submarine campaign against British shipping must be determined by President Wilson alone. Ninety-nine people out of a hundred, entirely ignoring partisan or political considerations, will support him in whatever policy he decides upon. The situation is grave enough to cause an obliteration of factional lines and unite all the people in support of a man who is wise and patriotic at the same time deliberate, and fully realizing the grave responsibility which rests upon his shoulders.

There will be no war. Those newspaper editors who declare that Germany has deliberately insulted the United States by her latest exploits against British ships carrying American passengers, are letting their fiery prejudice get the better of their judgement. Germany does not want war with this country, and is not trying to provoke us to that end. The important thing that the imperial government is the continuance of a submarine campaign directed against Great Britain. In carrying it on she is violating international law and the rights of Americans. So is England, in stopping neutral shipping of food supplies to the women and children of Germany. Both violate what has hitherto been accepted as law, each arguing that the necessities in the gigantic struggle in which these nations are engaged to the bitter end, justifies actions, under modern conditions, which before have not been recognized as legitimate warfare.

Neither England nor Germany have respected our repeated protests. We are not going to fight either of them. We are going to wait until this horrible thing is ended, and then, as the greatest of the neutral nations, taking a leading part in helping to bring peace when the time comes, we are going to use our powerful influence to attempt to have incorporated in the treaty which will be finally signed, some definite recognition of the principles for which we have contended, for the guidance of nations in future wars.

While both nations have ignored our protests we will, and probably should take a more drastic action in the case of Germany, simply because Germany's acts have been more drastic towards us. What shall we do? Going to war is out of the question. We might attempt to send a battleship along with every neutral vessel that enters or leaves the "war zone." Theoretically that would be a fine way to uphold our dignity and protect our citizens, but practically it would be utterly foolish. We might advise all American citizens against going into the "zone" on neutral vessels, and direct that none of our own ships sail in those waters. But that would be backing down, and we will not do it. Whether some such course might have been wiser at the time the first note on the Lusitania case was sent is now too late to consider. Or, we might break off diplomatic relations with Germany while she persists in her policy. This is the wisest course if we do anything further than again register our protest. Whatever step is taken by President Wilson will meet the patriotic support of the American people.

The Better Babies Contest for this year, which was staged last week at Vale, attracted the attention of parents all over Eastern Oregon. It is becoming a well established fact that the Annual Better Babies Contest is an important feature in the successful rearing of a family. If there is anything wrong with the physical or mental make-up of our children, we should know what it is, and how to remedy it. It makes for better men and women. These contests have been the means of placing many children on a par with other youngsters, and in giving them an equal chance in the world.

Italy has been at war with Austria alone, but she might as well be consistent and fight Turkey and Germany also. She will be shy of making declarations against the Germans, but the break is likely to come before long.

It is quite an accomplishment to secure the presence of Oregon's two United States Senators, and one of her Representatives in Congress, at a public gathering. However this is what Vale did last week, the occasion being the Second Annual Celebration of the Malheur County Pioneers Association. A goodly share of the population of the county was present to greet the distinguished visitors, and to listen to their addresses. The pioneers certainly enjoyed the occasion, and the entire event was a huge success.

The community picnic which was held yesterday under the auspices of the Boulevard Grange in the grove at Cario, was one of the most interesting and successful events of the kind that was ever held in Eastern Oregon. Such events are a credit to the community, and probably do more than any other thing to promote a good, healthy community spirit. Let's have more of them.

Ontario's Schools, bigger and better than ever, are now opened for another term. Ontario should feel proud of this institution, for nowhere is there a better one.

The time is fast approaching when Ontario will turn its undivided attention to the principal local event of the year—the County Fair.

Italy's declaration of war against Turkey will mean that the allies will have some assistance in the hard job of opening the Dardanelles.

The Russians must be getting mighty tired of waiting to hear of that big offensive of the allies on the western front.

### Which College?

Following are the second and third articles of a series dealing with the different colleges and educational institutions of the Northwest. The object of the articles is to aid prospective students in selecting a college in which to complete their education.

#### University of Oregon.

(By Earl Blackaby.)

When the University of Oregon opens its halls for the fall session which commences next month, a big enrollment is expected, at least 400 freshman will probably matriculate. These new students will come from all over the west, but they will come chiefly from the State of Oregon. The percentage of high school graduates who attend institutions of higher learning in Oregon is unfortunately still small, and there must be reasons why so many are planning to attend the University.

In fact, conditions at the University are such at present as to make it an ideal time for new students to start. A fine new \$100,000 administration building has just been completed, and will be in use this fall. At least twelve new instructors have been added to the large and efficient faculty. The law school has been moved from Portland to Eugene, the seat of the University, and a Dean and two professors will give work in this department during the coming year, while more professors will be lined up for the ensuing years after the law school begins to grow in its new location.

Other departments have increased facilities for doing the best work possible. The work of the Architectural College last year, which was the first year of its existence, was such as to gain notice all over the United States in competition with other schools of the kind. A well known Portland architect is head of this department, and a strong school is being built up under his direction. The Journalism department, which had over 100 enrolled last year, has been made the recipient of a complete printing press and outfit by a Eugene man, and in addition to other work in the newspaper line, practical printing can be taught. The journalism school is ranked as one of the best in the west.

All other departments, such as the School of Commerce, are in a better shape this year than ever. Students can, by taking a stiff course, include work in several different departments.

The University is one of the oldest schools of its kind in the Northwest, but its growth for several years back, was retarded by the referendum on its appropriation. Since the fall of 1913, when the millage bill was passed and the school

was put on a firm financial basis, conditions have been steadily growing better. Starting this coming year, \$50,000 annually will be expended on new buildings, and the beautiful little campus of the University will gradually be enlarged.

In Eugene, college conditions are ideal—a pretty city, just large enough for street cars, with rivers and forests within walking distance. And the college itself is just about the right size at present for the true college life. In a student body of 900 it is easy to become acquainted with nearly everyone, and still the school is large enough to command the best in instructors and equipment. Conditions are very democratic in the life of the students. The criticism is often heard that the University is a school for the well-to-do students, and that social events are too frequent. Figures compiled by the registrar of the University show that the average student attends only one dance a year. Of course a few students attend a good many, but this coming year the faculty has provided that each society, club or fraternity can only hold two social events during the year, so that difficulty will be overcome.

Nearly one-half of last year's enrollment of men students were working their way partly through school, and about one-fourth were putting themselves entirely through. These fellows are usually among the leaders in the life of the students, and five of the most prominent of the Senior class last year were men who were working their way through college, three of them waiting table and doing scrubbing in the college dormitory. Yet these men were among the most popular and best-liked on the campus, and one reason they were leaders was because they were self-supporting.

Oregon boys and girls should attend Oregon schools, and for those who want work outside of agriculture, horticulture and the like, can find what they want at the State University. They will make friends with other young people from all over the state. They will find a college, fully equipped with No. A rating among the big universities of the United States, the best of instructors, and a student body that is known all over the Northwest for its "college spirit." In oratory and debate, in athletics, and in all lines of student activities, the University is famous for its victories, and the school though small in comparison with some of the big state universities, is one of which the state can justly be proud, and is one where any young man or woman of the state can well afford to spend four years of study.

#### Willamette University.

(Earl B. Cotton, Fruitland Idaho.)

Willamette University is the oldest institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi river as it began its work in 1844, two years before Oregon became part of the United States.

The location of the University near the center of the capital city of the state is ideal. The legislature, the higher courts, the public libraries, the numerous resident officials of county and state, and the state institutions give the students many unusual opportunities, especially in the study of law and social science. The university has departments of law, education, science, art, literature, language, history, mathematics, theology, social science, and athletics. The campus adjoins the state-grounds which contain over a thousand varieties of vegetation.

Eaton Hall, the new college of Liberal Art's building, is one of the finest educational buildings in Oregon. Waller Hall is a large brick structure five stories high. The Science building and the Music building contain ample accommodations for these departments. The Ladies' Hall has room for forty women. The gymnasium has been remodeled. Willamette's athletic field is one of the best to be found. It is well fenced, contiguous to the gymnasium, has a quarter-mile cinder running track, a fine base-ball diamond and football field, two cement tennis courts and three dirt courts.

About 90,000 volumes are available to the students in the following libraries: The university

library, the library of the Kimball School of Theology, the State library, the collection of the State Library Commission and the new Carnegie library. All of these books are within a stone's throw of our central building. The state collection includes one of the largest law libraries in the United States.

Among the alumni of Willamette are numbered chief justices of the Supreme Court of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, judges of United States District Courts, editors, authors, explorers, United States attorneys, Consuls, Secretaries of State, Surveyors General, Senators and Representatives, Governors, Presidents of the State Senate, Speakers of the House of Representatives. Two recent graduates took first and second places in national oratorical contests.

Student organizations include the Student Body, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., The Girl's Willamette Club, the Oratorical Association, Teutonia Verein (open to students of German), the Willamette Institute of Scientific Research, the Glee Club, and the Ladies Musical Club. There are four literary societies in the college, two for the young men and two for the young women. All have well furnished halls. Student publications include the Collegian (weekly), the Wallulah published annually by the Junior class, and the Hand-Book published each fall at the opening of the school year.

Willamette possesses athletic teams in all of the standard games. The foot-ball team secured the state championship a year ago. For the coming year we have an excellent foot-ball coach and a very enthusiastic foot-ball manager. Willamette's teams are noted for their grit and true sportsmanship.

There is a limited amount of labor about the buildings and grounds, and the faculty cheerfully help to secure places where students may earn money. Those who are unable to secure funds enough in advance for a year's expenses need not be deterred from beginning the year. Those who desire to work their way would do well to write to Dean Geo. H. Alden. A co-operative club of young men secure their board for \$3.00 per week. Both young men and young women are paying their entire expenses by their work.

In conclusion, and after two years study in this institution, I can truthfully say that I know of no better place for a young man or woman to secure an education or to prove the strength of their character. I would be glad to furnish further information to those who are interested. Bulletins may be secured from President Carl G. Doney, Salem, Oregon.

A. H. Harris of the Portland Evening Telegram recently visited Ontario and the surrounding country in the interest of his paper, his mission here being to find out the true conditions of this section and to publish his findings in the Telegram. His story was published last week by the Portland paper, and the full article is reproduced in this issue of the Argus.

Mr. Harris has written a mighty interesting article, and deals with the truth in a fearless manner. Certainly the truth cannot hurt this section of the state. We are a new country, as he brings out in his story, but this is certainly a progressive country as is evidenced by the wonderful advancement that has been made in only a few years. And greater advancement will be made in the next few years.

His analysis of our needs is a safe one, and is surely correct. With all of these needs supplied this country would be the most prosperous section in all the west. It would be richer than a gold field. And none of his suggested needs are impossible of attainment. On the other hand they are coming probably faster than we realize, and we will all wake up some of these fine mornings and find that we live in the most favored section of the west. It is no wonder that our farmers believe the result is worth the effort.

That a "lear-strap" has been placed on the Snake river, is true. The country is "leading" its irrigation water from the river—not driving it. The day may not be far distant when the Snake will be harnessed at this point. His suggestion is in keeping with the efforts now being made by the Dead Ox Flat irrigation district, where an effort is being made to harness the Payette river.