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### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS:

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THE PLEDGE.

I pledge my allegiance to the Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WHY NOT ONTARIO?

In Payette, Weiser, Caldwell, Nampa, Buhl, Twin Falls, there are companies of National Guards. Why should not Ontario have one? Several of the towns mentioned above are no larger than Ontario and certainly no Ontarian is willing to admit their spirit of patriotism outranks our own.

A national guard company would be a good thing for Ontario. It would be a good thing for the men who would belong to the ranks and it would be a good thing for the city furnishing as it would an organization around which would be taught by the example of service the duties every citizen owes to this great Republic.

There is an inspiration in watching the National guardsmen drill. This comes from several sources. The big upstanding fellows, perfect examples of the best type of American manhood going thru the manual of arms show a physical fitness that if not awakening a spirit of envy in those less fit does certainly give rise to a desire to be like them, ready and fit.

Many people are just beginning to become acquainted with the fact that, under the national constitution, every citizen is a member of the military force of the nation. It is a part of every citizen's duty to be ready and willing to defend the liberties for which the heroes of the Revolution fought and won. That being the case it is the duty of every community to provide the nation its share of men trained and willing to assume their full duty as citizen soldiers.

Ontario does not wish to take a place second to that of any community in the Snake river valley. It will not take such a place purposely, tho unless it assume its duties in this regard while other communities prepare, such will be the case. Already the city has a fine representation in the forces of Uncle Sam. These men, however, are scattered in unities that are not named for any city. Why not act now?

Don't let loyalty to any organization prevent your cooperation with the Red Cross which is the one agency thru which relief must go.

### H. S. NOTES.

Owing to the fact that a good many of the boys have quit school to go to work and our athletes answered the call to the colors there will be few or no spring athletics.

Mr. and Mrs. Ontario what are you doing for your country?

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Be at the Parent-Teachers' meeting next Friday evening to hear what the work of the Red Cross is, and how it is performed and what you can do to help.

The Honor Guard has started right. The members are to deny themselves the cause. All honor to the Honor Guard.

### SUCCESS EXPLAINED?

In the trial of some railroad contractors in British Columbia the case was halted because of the absence of material witnesses, and these men are among the greatest railroad contractors in the United States and Canada, men who have built some of the great trans-continental railroads.

It was explained that these men are now in France building light railroads for the British government. This no doubt explains why the British and French armies have been able to follow so close on the heels of the retreating Germans. It will be remembered that through the official sources the German government told the story of the retreat saying, "Thus the British and French offensive will be delayed a year for it will be impossible for them to transport an army and the supplies needed over the rain terrain."

Germany, apparently did not count on the introduction of American and Canadian railroad builders. She will have to withstand other surprises when American inventive genius is fully introduced on the field of battle. Organization is not a monopoly of the industrious Germans.

### DO IT NOW—SAVE REGRETS.

Americans, especially those west of the Mississippi river apparently will not consider that the United States is at war with the Imperial German government. Too many are under the impression that the war cannot last much longer and that therefore there is no need to give heed to the repeated urgings of the nation's leaders for more food crops. Some even accord the promptings for back-lot gardens little more than ridicule.

This is indeed to be regretted. The private individual is certainly not in the position of the President and his cabinet and therefore not qualified to reach an authoritative opinion regarding the length of the war. The German government is far from being beaten and may withstand even the added assault of American troops for years.

The Nation must have food to win the war. Every Ontarian should therefore be a true patriot and "do his bit."

That unused garden plot may save your family or some brave American soldier unneeded hunger. Don't wait for someone to plow it for you, spade it. The work will do you good, not harm.

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# CATTLE FOR SALE

## Big Offering of Range Stock

## 175 Head for Sale

## 125 RANGE COWS

MEN WHO WANT TO PURCHASE CATTLE SHOULD LOOK THESE OFFERINGS OVER. THEY ARE IN GOOD CONDITION. THE DEMAND FOR CATTLE NOW IS STRONG. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET SOME FINE ANIMALS.

# A. McWilliams

ONTARIO,

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OREGON

here he will review company A of the Oregon High School cadet corps.

The next Literary program will be held on Friday the 27th, which is to be the last program of the year owing to the fact that everyone will be busy preparing for the last days of the term.

The larger grade boys are drilling this week under the cadet officers. This will aid them next year in getting a good early start.

Word was received from the O. H. S. soldier boys at Vancouver. They all passed the final examinations and report soldier life as being a fine life.

### BOULEVARD.

The Parent Teachers association of Lincoln and White Settlement schools gave a reception for the pupils at White Settlement school house on Thursday. Picnic dinner was served and a splendid time reported. Miss Fay Clark and Mr. Harrington, both enthusiastic club workers, were present.

Wednesday at Mrs. Vena Boswell's. Piecing quilts was the work for the day. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25th at Mrs. A. H. McGregora.

Frank Weaver came down from Brogan Monday to look after the distribution of a car load of seed potatoes which were secured from Mr. Witherspoon the potato expert of Elgin, Ore.

Mr. Arneson, who has completed a job of leveling on the T. A. Cox ranch shipped his outfit to Billings, Montana, Thursday where he has a large contract to do grading.

In spite of the unsettled weather teams are in the field everywhere. Several large fields are already finished and only awaiting our usual Oregon sunshine.

Mrs. Chas. Adams returned home Saturday from Portland where she spent the winter with her son Frank Morgan and family.

The Arcadia school closes an eight months term Friday April 20th. Miss Edna von Reuden and Miss Mary Hahn are the teachers.

Mrs. A. Gramse is spending the week with her son Charlie who

quite sick at Vale Hot Springs Sanitarium.

### DRAINAGE.

Bids will be received until noon, May 17, 1917, at the office of the Secretary of the Malheur Drainage District, Ontario, Oregon, for the construction of a drainage system comprising three miles open drain and sixty thousand lineal feet treated wood box covered drain.

Five dollars deposit required for plans and specifications.

### Notice to Farmers and Horsemen

Our pure bred Percheron stallion, (Rowley) will stand for the season of 1917 at our ranch, one mile south and one and one fourth miles west of Ontario. Copter black, weight 1650 pounds. Terms \$10.00. Insurance. Come and look him over.—McPherson Bros. 15-47

LOST—Gentleman's diamond ring. If found please take to First National Bank, Ontario, Oregon, and receive liberal reward. Adv. 15-11

Wanted: A girl for general house work, apply Phone 67 M. Adv. 15-14

# A WORD ABOUT KEEPING DOWN HIGH COST OF LIVING

THIS STORE IS BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP DOWN THE LIVING EXPENSES OF ITS CUSTOMERS IN THESE TRYING TIMES WHEN THE COST OF RAW MATERIAL AND COST OF PRODUCTION ARE INCREASING ALMOST DAILY. WE WILL NOT ADVANCE PRICES UNTIL FORCED TO DO SO ON ACCOUNT OF THE MANUFACTURERS REQUIRING HIGHER PRICES. THIS IS A SAFE, RELIABLE STORE AND YOU CAN SHOP HERE WITH FULL CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL BE GIVEN A SQUARE DEAL. OUR ADVERTISEMENTS CONTAIN NO EXAGGERATIONS—NO BOASTFUL STORIES—BUT PLAIN FACTS.

### SPECIAL THIS COMING WEEK

Women's Spring Suits \$12.50 up to \$35.00  
Women's Spring Coats \$10.00 up to \$32.50  
Women's Spring Dresses \$10. up to \$35.00

### NEW SPRING WASH GOODS

Our line of new spring wash goods is the wonder of the town and especially at the prices offered. In all the very newest colors and wanted weaves.



DEPARTMENT STORE

### NEW SPRING SHOES

In shoes we took a gambler's chance and won. Nowhere will you find the shoe values you will here or any newer styles. If from one to three dollars a pair is worth anything to you, you will visit this department when in need.

A wonderful showing of new new spring millinery at popular prices.

NEW SPORT SKIRTS \$2.50 up to \$10.00

Beautiful New Waists \$1.25 up to \$7.50

Headquarters for Boys' Clothings and Shoes.