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

## "TOO LATE"

"Over the pages of British History for the past three years have been written two words," recently declared Herbert Hoover, and those words are, "Too Late".

There is but too much truth in that statement, for in that indictment can be seen the cause of the defeat of armies in Gallipoli, and the first expedition in Mesopotamia. Likewise because "too late" did they recognize the importance of immediate and adequate action, there resulted the failure in the Balkans which permitted the destruction of Serbia and Roumania. "Too Late" every where in going to the assistance of their allies the British Armies early in the war suffered enormous losses. Thousands upon thousands of brave British Tommies now rest in unknown graves, "somewhere in France," "somewhere in the Balkans," "somewhere in Mesopotamia".

The British public would not acknowledge that old foot ball axiom that, "the best defense is a mighty good offense". The man who can hit hardest is the man who gets hurt the least, especially if he hits first. John Bull waited too long, he sent troops "too late" to the support of General Townsend and made the capture of Kut-el Amara possible, and with it set back the campaign a year besides sacrificing thousands of soldiers to the old spirit of procrastination.

For three years the people of the United States have witnessed this fatal weakness on the part of the people of Great Britain. British leaders have visited our country to tell us of where and how they have erred. But these truths, as yet, appear to have made no impression on our minds. We, are certainly English in our attitude toward this war. We, at least it is apparent that the most of us believe, that we'll blunder thru some how.

Judging from the apathy with which the people are subscribing to the Liberty Loan, and the consternation with which some view the fact that Ontario will be called upon to raise \$5,000 for the Red Cross, one is compelled to believe that the lessons of the war have not yet been learned and that some day a Hoover will say, "for years two words have been written on the pages of American History," and those words are "too late".

A few weeks ago Ontario cheered while a handful of boys left for the army. The city was proud of them. Is that pride of the kind that will also see that they are provided with everything they need in case of illness or injury? If it is the Red Cross Fund will be subscribed.

This war is a serious business but some are bound to profit thereby. Let those profits be applied in the defense of the nation and for the care of the soldiers who are defending that wealth.

A Liberty Bond is cash drawing interest but a Red Cross donation marks what you are willing TO GIVE to the cause of humanity and democracy.

Next week is Red Cross week. Do your bit for the boys at the front.

No man is too poor to help the Red Cross nor is any man too rich to do likewise.

## MONEY OR YOUR LIFE

Which will it be Mr. Ontarian? Especially, which will it be you who have money, are ineligible for conscription and have no sons to offer for your country?

The damnable shame this country will suffer if the Liberty Loan is not subscribed should bring disgrace to those who in their opulence could have made it a success. All the slackers are not to be found among those who avoided registration. The man who has from the taxes he will have to pay, is a worse money and who does not do his part, aside slacker than he who fails to register.

Have those wealthy citizens who have not done their full share ever stopped to think that the government which can conscript men can also conscript property? Is it not more reasonable that property be confiscated than men conscripted? Human life is more sacred than mere money.

If the rich men of this nation do not perform their duty and dedicate their wealth to the service of the nation instead of, as some are doing, complaining of the low interest rate, they may find such a revolution of public opinion against them that it will not be hard for congress to take a step toward commandeering the wealth of the nation. It is strictly up to those who have money to do their duty. If the rich men fail, that failure just helps make socialists and anarchists.

Fortunately, however, most of the men of wealth thruout the nation are demonstrating their loyalty by active work and by large subscriptions to Liberty Bonds. They should be the leaders in the movement for the up building of the defense of the nation. They get the greater benefit therefrom.

There, is too, another reason why the wealthy citizens of this section particularly should lead the movement for the Liberty Loan. The wealth they have accumulated in the past three years is in a large sense dyed in blood of millions of victims of the awful German war. Our prosperity is a war prosperity. There is no denying of it. The war has made wool go to its present prices. The war has sent cattle to the top, and likewise hay and every product of this region.

By purchasing a Liberty Bond those who have thus profited would be showing nothing more than a sense of decent appreciation for the protection which has made it possible for them to continue to do business and accumulate wealth under such favorable circumstances.

## HELP THE RED CROSS

Next week is Red Cross week. During that time there must be raised \$100,000,000 for the great cause this organization represents. Of this vast sum Ontario is asked to contribute just \$5,000. This \$5,000 represents, according to insurance risks the value of one man. And most people believe it is mighty low estimate to place on the value of a man.

Therefore if all those citizens of Ontario who are blessed with more than they need for their present comfort of this world's goods combine to make up the \$5,000 they will be doing no more than, yes far less, than a single family which has sent a son to the army.

If there is a single American soldier who dies from lack of care, because the Red Cross had not sufficient funds, that life can be charged to the niggardliness or carelessness of the American people.

To provide attention for an army of 1,500,000 the Red Cross is seeking \$100,000,000 or approximately \$100 per man for the first year. Ontario has sent nearly 50 boys to the army and navy, so that the \$5,000 we are asked to raise for the Red Cross represent the cost of their protection and care.

Are not the sons of Ontario worthy of that care? If the boys are willing to go and to die, if necessary for the cause of the country are not those of us who remain at home willing to see that they may be provided with everything that thoughtful care and generous hearts can think of?

When put to the test Ontario will not go back on her boys.

## NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION IN PAYETTE-OREGON SLOPE IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held by the electors of Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District on the ninth day of July, 1917, to determine whether or not bonds of said district shall be issued as follows:

Twenty year, six per cent., coupon bonds in the sum and amount of \$190,000.00 to refund, retire and cancel all outstanding bonds of the district as well as all outstanding coupons on bonds and all warrants issued for the payment of interest on bonds, said refunding bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, interest payable the first day of January and July of each year, the bonds maturing serially after the fifth year in annual amounts so as to be approximately equal, principal and interest.

Twenty year, six per cent., coupon bonds in the sum and amount of \$35,000.00 to refund, retire and cancel all outstanding warrants of the district other than warrants issued for the payment of interest on bonds. Said refunding bonds to bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable the first day of January and July of each year, the bonds maturing serially after the fifth year in annual amounts so as to be approximately equal, principal and interest.

For the purpose of said election the said district shall comprise a single election precinct, said precinct having for its exterior boundaries the exterior boundaries of the district and the polling place shall be at the office of the Board of Directors of the District at and in the one story frame dwelling house located near the pumping station and power house of the district, which said dwelling house is located on SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 2, T. 17, S. R. 47 E. W. M., in Malheur county, Oregon.

The polls will be opened at 8 o'clock on the morning of the day of the election and will be closed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

G. W. LATTIG, Pres.,  
C. W. JOHNSON,  
A. A. GULLERRIDGE,  
OTTO C. MILLER,  
P. M. BOALS.

Board of Directors of Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District.  
P. M. BOALS,  
Secretary of Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District.  
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## TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

State Teachers' examinations will be held at the Court House in Vale on June 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1917.

Following is the program for Malheur county:

Wednesday—Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography and Psychology.

Thursday—Grammar, Algebra, History, Theory and Practice, Writing and American Literature.

Friday—Civil Government, Orthography, Reading, School Law and Composition.

Saturday—Physical Geography, and Psychology.

Teachers wishing to write for Primary, Life or special certificates will please write to the County Superintendent not later than June 20 that a program may be arranged.

FAY CLARK,  
County Supt. Schools  
Malheur County.

## 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, Color black, weight 1450 pounds. Terms \$10.00. Insurance. Come and look him over.—McPherson Bros. 15-4f

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## Doing it Right.

"But, my dear, if I buy you this gown it will put me \$50 in debt."

"Only \$50! If you are going in debt why not go in like a gentleman and make it a hundred?"—Fliegende Blaetter.

Miss Ruth Test is confined to her home by a severe case of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCulloch left Sunday night for Portland.

## FOR VICTORY AND PEACE

Your government has called upon you to do your share toward making the "Liberty Loan of 1917" a rousing success—and without delay. Have you given the matter a serious thought? Do you fully realize the importance of immediate action? Soldiers must be clothed, housed, fed, trained, armed and transported; and it takes—MONEY—MONEY—MONEY—to carry on the gigantic undertaking.

## YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN IS TO BUY LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

Our Allies are doing their full duty towards the cause of justice and freedom. You must not be found waiting. You should give freely of your MONEY to the great cause. We will count it a privilege to enter your subscription to the "Liberty Loan of 1917". We make no charge for this service.

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## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership of L. G. Olson and H. R. Udlek, has been dissolved, L. G. Olson having acquired all of the interest of Mr. Udlek in the firm known as the U. S. Plumbing & Heating company. The business will continue to be conducted under the name of U. S. Plumbing and Heating company. All bills payable by the company, prior to June 5, 1917, will be paid to the

## Ontario Laundry

Down Town Office Luehrs

undersigned and no other.

Signed:  
U. S. Plumbing & Heating Co.  
L. G. OLSON. Adv.