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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.

### KEEP THE FLIES HAPPY

Notice need not be given to Ontarians concerning the vast increase in the fly population during the past few weeks. Ontario just naturally furnished these flies with the nicest breeding places, furnished them clear on which they can subsist and makes life complete for it gives him plenty of disease germs to scatter around, that helps to keep the flies happy, and the course Ontario wants happy flies. The mere matter that a few thousand citizens are endangered with typhoid fever, that the food of many citizens must be used as resting places for the filthy fly is entirely beside the point. We must keep our flies happy, we must not ask the citizens who think so much about flies and so little about children to spend the necessary money to make sewer connections, because the flies are of the most importance.

### GET EXHIBITS FOR THE FAIR

Ontario is to be the hostess for the people of Malheur county this fall, at the annual fair. This is the only attempt Ontario is making this year to furnish its part of the community pleasures of the county, and the effort should be successful.

There are two things that make the fair itself a success; they are; good exhibits, plenty of them; and good races. The first of these the directors can not provide, unless they have the support of the people. This is especially true of the ranchers. It is strictly up to them to demonstrate what this country can produce. By having a good exhibit at the fair, besides winning a prize the ranchers increase the demand for Malheur county lands, and with that increased demand, increase the value of their holdings.

### MEN, REAL MEN

The men of Ontario who are first on the list of those whom Uncle Sam is to entrust with the duty of "making the world safe for democracy," have the proper spirit. With mighty few exceptions as they came to the Argus office last Friday to learn whether or not they were drawn, they declared, "well I am ready, how will I know when they want me?" The men drawn who did not have this or a similar expression were few indeed.

Glance over the list and knowing some of the men chosen the resident of Malheur county has every reason to congratulate Uncle Sam on his good fortune in winning some of the county's best young men. And they too are to be congratulated on being called to the army on whose shoulders the making of history will rest. Like the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, they will be the heroes of generations yet to come.

### THE SQUARE DEAL

As the word of those selected for the selective service army came to every came to every town in America last Friday and Saturday every inhabitant must have been impressed with the justice of the method pursued. Certainly the system takes from the demagog for all time his blatant untruth, that one class alone furnishes the men for Army service. As in the list in Ontario, there was no distinction evident. The banker's son, the rancher's boy, the young mechanic, the store keeper, were to be found equally distributed on the list. To no one class will the honor of winning this great war for humanity be given.

### DON'T FORGET THE FAIR

Start now to boost for the fair. You can not use a spare minute to better advantage for city of Ontario and the County of Malheur, than to aid in making its annual exposition just a little better than ever before.

The I Won't Work boys should be paddled, but who wants to take the job.

Remember the Red Cross needs your help now.

Sprinkling the streets is certainly a vast improvement over the previous condition, but there should be some method by which it can be done with reducing the water pressure to the danger point.

# The Argus Trade-at-Home

Patronize **Department.** Patronize Ontario Stores **Department.** Ontario Stores

The man who is willing to advertise his goods, has good goods to sell or he would not tell you about them. It will pay you to investigate the goods sold by these firms who use these columns. They will serve you with good goods, at the right prices.

## You Can Get What You Want in Ontario

**A Good Bank In a Good Country**  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
Capital and Surplus \$100,000

Beds Stoves Furniture, Dish  
New and Second Hand Goods  
Bought and Sold  
**McDOWELL'S EXCHANGE STORE**  
Linoleums, Bicycles, Sewing  
Machines, Trunks

Commercial and Job Printing  
The Art Studio  
**THE ART STUDIO**  
J. P. Kidd, Prop.  
Photograph, Portraits and Views

Fresh and Salt Meats  
**PALACE MEAT MARKET**  
H. H. Tunny, Prop.  
Our Service Will Please You

Pastery Confectionary  
**PURITY BAKERY**  
Makers of  
Kream Krust Bread

Deliveries  
**ELDRIDGE DAIRY**  
Leon Eldridge, Prop.  
Special Deliveries for all occasions

Wagons - Hacks - Buggies  
**STUDEBAKER BROS CORPORATION OF UTAH.**  
There are None Better Than the Studebaker

Expert Repairing  
**W. W. LETSON**  
Watches, Clocks, Jewellery.  
Cut Glass Gold and Silver Plate

**"WE GIVE SERVICE THAT SERVES"**  
**ONTARIO NATIONAL BANK**  
We invite Your Business on the Basis of Security and Accuracy

Good Cows—Good Service  
**ONTARIO DAIRY**  
O. Bingham, Prop.  
We can Furnish Milk or Cream in Large Quantities

Kodaks Stationery  
**ONTARIO PHARMACY**  
The Corner Drug Store  
The Retail Store  
Fountain Service That Pleases

Ontario's Only Tailor  
**E. COPE**  
Have Your Suit Made Just For YOU

Glassware, Crockery, Tinware  
**THE VARIETY STORE**  
C. E. Comings, Prop.  
In our Lines We can Save You Money

No Order too Large None too Small  
**WILSON BROS.**  
The Grocers  
No Long Waits No Short Weights

**PHONE—49-J—PHONE**  
PRINTING—at the right price at The Argus Office.  
**PHONE—49-J—PHONE**

**THE HUM OF THE HUMBUGS**  
Catalogue House System Offspring of Humbuggery.  
On a certain occasion some boys thought they would play a trick on the great naturalist, Darwin. They caught a beetle, glued various parts of other insects upon its head and body, placed it in a little box and humbly knocked at Darwin's door, seeking to know what the great scientist would call this wonderful bug they had assembled. Mr. Darwin looked it over very critically and asked the boys very seriously, "Did this bug hum when you caught it?" "Yes, sir, it hummed a great deal," replied the boys, with sly winks at each other. "Then this must be a humbug," said Darwin. It is supposed that Satan was the original humbug, but since the mail-order houses have been established he has had to take a back seat, and among so many modern improvements he must feel dreadfully useless and antiquated. Love to Be Humbugged. That the American people love to be humbugged long since has passed into a proverb. Trickery may be called our national vice, our besetting sin. Like liberty, it appears to be in the very air we breathe. We take to it as naturally as we do to politics. Our entire social system has become saturated with it. Even at times it masquerades under the mantle of charity, which, like a well filled purse, covers a multitude of sins. There are various kinds and classes of fakers and tricksters, but the princes of them all, the incarnations of fraud, are the advertising humbugs, who, when stripped of the sugar coating by which they impose upon the public, are simply professors of falsehood. Would Strike Liars Dead. The ancient scribes tell us that the Lord once attempted to check the humbug habit by striking the liars dead, but when he looked into the future and saw the huge catalogue houses looming in the distance he reluctantly relinquished the idea, as he saw that such a plan in the congested centers would prove more fatal than a second flood. The mail order houses word their advertising so as to appeal to the credulity and weakness of human nature, as it is generally known that every son of Adam and daughter of Eve possesses a disposition to resort to games of chance, an inclination to get something for nothing. Possess the Gambling Instinct. A noted gambler once said: "Life consists in taking chances. Providence has instilled into the brains and hearts of men the betting instinct." So when the mail order houses came into existence they at once opened up an avenue for the development of humanity's well known weakness—a desire for gambling. As the catalogue houses passed from the elementary and experimental stages to that of a permanent and pronounced reality the gambling instinct of the consumer kept pace with the humbug's progress. The consumers read the bewitching circulars describing the many wonderful bargains; they fumbled the pages of the huge catalogue in bewildering amazement. The angel of doubt hovering near whispered warnings to the fascinated buyer, but the god of chance was beckoning from the distance, and the order was sent forward. Cheap, Flimsy "Seconds." The advertising humbug's advertisements and catalogues depict his goods as something marvelous. Bedsteads, chairs, tables, couches, picture frames, heaters, etc., which appear to be massive, handsomely carved pieces of work, are nothing but cheap, flimsy "seconds" when delivered, and the buyer is often ashamed to cart them home in the daytime, but waits for the darkness of night to cast its mantle over their defects. Sometimes the gambling instinct is so deeply set in the nature of some consumers that one evidence of the trickery of the advertising humbug is insufficient, and they again indulge their passion for gambling by taking a "chance" with another order and again getting imposed upon, and so on ad infinitum.

U. S. Tires Auto Livery Accessories  
**THE FORD GARAGE**  
Erbie Haynes, Manager.  
\*Agents for Ford Motor Cars

Developing Printing  
Amateur Finishing Price List  
**THE BURRELL STUDIO**  
Enlarging Copying

\*Hay Grain Seed  
Sacks, Poultry Supplies  
**CASH GRAIN COMPANY**  
Forwarding

GET A SAXON!  
**SAXON SALES CO.**  
A. S. Brown, Agent.  
It's An Ideal Car

Breeding Stock Incubators  
Poultry Supplies  
**ONTARIO PRODUCE CO.**  
Geo. Howe, Manager,  
Wholesalers in Poultry and Eggs

Shining Parlor  
**PEOPLE'S PRESSARY**  
Wm. Tallor Prop.  
Ladies and Gents Tailoring  
Work Guaranteed

Steam, Hot Water, Air Heating  
**U. S. PLUMBING & HEATING COMPANY**  
Plumbing and Sheet Metal Work  
Indian Motorcycles and Supplies

All Kinds of Second Hand Goods  
**O. U. FRANKLIN'S**  
Bought and Sold  
Second Hand Store  
See Our Bargains

Cleaning, Pressing, Repairing  
**ONTARIO MODERN PRESSARY**  
W. C. Beaumgard, Prop.  
Suits Made to Measure

C. C. Corsets Art Needle Work  
Oil Paintings, Novelties  
**MILLINERY & ART STORE**  
**HULL & HARRELL**  
Royal Society Goods

**THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY**  
**RADERS'**  
Call Again!

Edison Phonographs Sheet Music  
**W. I. TURNER**  
Real Estate, Rentals Insurance  
Sheet Music Records

**TROXELL IMPLEMENT CO.**  
Dealers in  
Farm Machinery, Wagons

Blacksmith Horseshoeing  
**PIONEER BLACKSMITH SHOP**  
G. W. and Wm. Lyell,  
Established in Malheur County  
in the Year of 1884  
Wood Work a Specialty

**THE ARGUS—PHONE 49-J**  
It's Job Printing. You wish—We will please you. We are ready at all times to quote prices on all your printing.

## Ice Cream

Is America's National dish. It is the finest thing for that hot tired feeling that it is possible to get. This especially true of the-kind we serve.

**Get Under the Fans Where It's Cool**

And you will really enjoy the excellent service we accord our patrons.

**O. G. Luehrs, Druggist**

## Horses Wanted

War horses 14.3 to 15 hands high, riders, cobs and artillery animals, full aged, five to nine years, sound. Also mules. Prevailing prices. See—

**A. McWILLIAMS**

ONTARIO

OREGON

## Develop Your RAW LAND

FARM LOANS MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE ON IRRIGATED LAND FOR A THREE TO TEN YEAR TERM. THIS INCLUDES LAND UNDER THE ONTARIO-NYSSA DITCH AS WELL AS LAND UNDER OTHER DITCHES. Special repayment privileges.

Apply to Harry B. Cockrum, First National Bank, Ontario, Oregon, or J. Humfeld, General Agent, Mortgage Company of America, No. 22 Almsworth Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

## HOW WAR CAME TO AMERICA

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broad principals of equity, it did not wholly succeed in its purpose, it was at least an honest attempt to arrive at an agreement on a complete international code of sea law, based upon mutual consent and not to be altered by any belligerent in the seat of conflict.

### Germany Refused

But the Declaration of London was not ratified by the British Parliament, for the view prevailing then in England was that a power dependent almost wholly upon its navy for protection could not safely accept for their limitations upon action at sea, unless there were compensating limitations on land powers. And this later concession Germany consistently refused to make. The conference therefore came to naught. And the London Declaration having been rejected by the strongest maritime power, its endorsement was postponed by all the other countries involved. Our motives, however, remained unchanged, and our Government persisted in its purpose to secure a general ratification of this declaration or of some similar maritime code.

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