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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.

## WHAT'S THE USE?

For several weeks continuous attention has been directed in these columns to the sewerage connection in Ontario. So far as practical results are concerned nothing has been accomplished. The only satisfaction that has been gained is the hearing of words of approval from citizens who have some regard for the health and comfort of their fellow citizens.

It might be added, too, that we have heard several citizens in discussing the question pass their opinion concerning the city officials who are apparently unable, or unwilling to do their plain duty and enforce the ordinance passed with so much palaver last fall. While it is something of a pleasure to hear these words that gets nowhere.

It is a fact that a number of citizens are asking rather pointed questions about the enforcement of the sewer ordinance. They can not see any justice, right of decency on the part of a city administration which orders new sewer laterals at sacrifice on the part of some citizens, and then actually ignores its plain provisions. This course actually confers a benefit on those who wish to ignore the law and thus endanger the health of the entire community.

This may not be the motive that actuates the administration. The Argus does not believe that it is, but unless there is soon some evidence of activity to bring about a measure of justice in regard to the sewers, the administration must admit that the people will have a right to think that injustice is being done wilfully.

The city health officer receives the insignificant sum of \$5 per month. All that he can be expected to do for that sum is to keep some health statistics. He can not afford to antagonize people for that sum, therefore he has slight interest in getting the sewer problem solved. The mayor gets no salary, neither does the council—but the Mayor on accepting the honor of being the head of the city government, took an oath to enforce the laws of the state and the ordinances of the City of Ontario.

The people do not expect the Mayor in person to get out and enforce these ordinances, but they do expect him to see to it that the ordinances are enforced by the proper officials. If the employees now working for the city have too much to do with their present duties, and therefore can not see that the health laws are enforced their number should be increased. Certainly every right minded citizen will commend the administration in such a course, if it is needed.

## MORE HELP FOR THE FARMERS.

These are the halcyon days for the farmer. Following on the heels of the Federal farm loan act which gives him money at five per cent, or six, while ordinary morals still worship at the ten per cent shrine; there has come the greatest era of high prices the country has ever known.

Illustrating the biblical adage that, "to him that hath it shall be given," the Oregon-Western has made a unique proposition for the sale of its lands. On the payment of a comparatively small sum the company gives the purchaser a deed to the land, which in turn permits him to borrow half the value of the property from the Federal Farm loan bank, which he pays the company and it accepts a second mortgage of the balance.

With crops at present prices and guaranteed prices for next year's crop one or two crops will pay the full value of the land and

set the homemaker on his feet. It is co-operation of this nature, constructive in its purpose that will make possible the development of the West.

## MALHEUR'S PROBLEM.

It often takes a stranger to point one's faults. This is very often the case with communities. People will pay more heed to the comments of an outsider than to the studied observations of neighbors. Such should be the reception given to the observations of D. R. Hubbard of Kuna, who is here to investigate land values on behalf of the Federal Farm Loan bank of Spokane.

It will pay the ranchers of this region to heed the words of these federal bank agents. Unless attention is paid to their advice this region will be crossed off the list of sections in which desirable loans can be made. It must be remembered that the Federal loan are made on a long time basis and the federal authorities want to know if the ranchers are addicted to habits which will tend to reduce the crop capacity of the soil during the life time of the loan. That is why Mr. Hubbard declares that this section is injuring itself by permitting rank injustices to be committed in the various irrigating systems.

No word has been said by and outsider that should be given greater consideration by the ranchers of this region. If by permitting one man to have more water than his neighbor is to result in depreciating the loan value of the whole district, the directors are working to the injury of the people they represent. This is distinctly a problem for the directors and managers of irrigating systems. It is directly a problem to which the ranchers should give attention. After allowing every consideration for envy, jealousy and undue suspicion, that there is some truth in the repeated stories one hears of favoritism in the systems, must be admitted, or a man like Mr. Hubbard would not draw such conclusions after viewing the land.

## LESE MAJESTY.

This a great age. It is an age of paradoxes. Just at the time in which, following the lead of our renowned President, we are endeavoring to rid the world of German fashions in government; Malheur county is introduced to one of Kaiser Bill's very best little freedom-stiffling devices, known as lese Majesty. The first victim of the new fangled Prussian strong arm is Editor Hackney of Jordan Valley who had the temerity to tamper with the dignity of the Prosecuting Attorney's office and that of the Sheriff. For his reward The Jordan Valley publisher had a trip from his mountain home Monday to Vale to tell the Grand Jury all about the sonybrooke of Jordan Valley, where beside the biblical "milk and honey" there flows oodles and oodles of moist and thirst quenching booze, according to his reports. It has been some time since Brer Hackney has been out from the Valley and since the trip this time was at the County's expense, it ought to furnish him the idea by which he can take an annual vacation.

There is a big difference between "Red" and "Yellow" Socialists. The former are direct actionists. They believe in any means to attain their end. The "Yellow" Socialist so-called by the Reds who hate them as badly as they do capitalists, adhere to the principles of collective ownership of basic industries but desire to attain their end by means of the ballot. These Socialists, like the French and English Socialists are manifesting their loyalty to the Government in its effort to perpetuate freedom in the world. The public should note the distinction between these branches of Socialists. There is also a vast difference between the plain Socialists and the I. W. W.. They should not be thought of as being identical.

Over in Idaho they are anticipating a hot campaign next fall with the North Dakota disciples of Non-Partisanship as the leaders in the fight against the old machines. While the North Dakota system has done things in that state the experiment has not gone for enough, as yet, to demonstrate its curative powers as the panacea for the political ills of that once boss-ridden state. It has shown that it can make things unpleasant for the old line politicians. Here in Oregon, too, it is said that the new theory will endeavor to get a foothold, but Oregon is used to having new ideas incorporated in the ballot. The people have had so much of that sort of thing that they are getting shy of anything that looks like a cure-all.

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## NO FAILURES WITHOUT EFFORT

Sometimes a Noble Failure Serves the World as Faithfully as a Distinguished Success—Lack of Capital and Patronage—Farmers Frequently Fail. He Who Makes No Effort Exempt.

(Copyrighted, 1914 by Thomas J. Sullivan.) He only is exempt from failure who makes no effort.

In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no such word as fail—it comes later in life.

There are so many reasons which can logically and truthfully be advanced as causes contributing to the numerous failures that I will endeavor to analyze only the principal ones—the business failures.

Every failure is a step to success; every detection of what is false directs us to what is true; every trial exhausts some tempting form of error. Not only so, but scarcely any attempt is entirely a failure; scarcely any theory, the result of steady thought, is altogether false. No tempting form of error is without some latent charm derived from truth.

Failure is, in a sense, the highway to accomplishment, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterward carefully avoid.

In this article we have not the space to treat of individual cases or their many causes, but will deal altogether with the commercial side of the question—the business failures.

Perhaps the most general and common cause is lack of capital. Many men venture into business with just enough money to "swing" the enterprise for a month, at the end of which time they expect the new business to be self supporting. It seldom is, and as the concern becomes a financial cripple the inevitable is sure to happen—failure.

Business instinct Required. It may be said in passing that combined with the first form of failure there are two others, lack of business instinct and business experience. And these three are frequently augmented by another equally dangerous in business, and that is engaging in a business of which you have no knowledge or experience in. No man can hope to succeed in any line of business where his principal qualifications are assets and ignorance.

But without question the most pronounced cause of business failure in any line or in any community is that of lack of patronage. No business concern, professional man, church or school can long endure without patronage. Heaven's eternal wisdom has decreed that man should ever stand in need of man.

The beautiful must ever rest in the arms of the sublime. The gentle need the strong to sustain them, as much as rock flowers need rocks to grow on or the ivy the rugged wall which it embraces. Patronage is the sustenance of business, and without it failure follows just as surely as death follows the rock flower and the ivy when their support is withdrawn.

Farmers Frequently Fail. Listed among the business men who frequently fail is the farmer, the greatest producer of us all. He fails for the same reason as do some of our other business men—because of ignorance. Many of these men have been born and reared as farmers and imagine that is all the qualification necessary to follow that vocation. It is not. Technical education, constant study of conditions elsewhere and a full realization of the necessity of fertilization of his farm constitute the first principles of the successful farmer.

Few farmers have not been obliged to avail themselves of the local merchant's willingness to extend credit, and now that the local merchant is facing a graver calamity and a greater pest than ever a farmer was obliged to meet in the retail catalogue houses' methods of doing business would it not be right and fair for the farmer and every resident of the community to rally to the aid of the man who rallied to their aid in days gone by with a willingness only equaled by his confidence in his customer and his loyalty to his community?

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