

# The Ontario Argus

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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 to all.

### THE PASSING YEAR.

Ontario has no reason for being ashamed of the record made during the past year, so far as material evidence of prosperity is concerned, judged by the standard usually applied.

During the twenty months that have passed three new buildings have been started and many of the Oregon street business blocks have been renovated, one and all improvements to the city that required the expenditure of substantial sums.

Among the buildings erected the largest, of course is the new Ford garage built by J. R. Blackaby with its 75 foot front on Oregon street and 120 frontage on Colorado avenue. Likewise the only other new buildings have been erected primarily for the purpose of automobile convenience and both are now in the course of construction by T. H. Moore, one on Oregon street the other side of Idaho avenue.

It was in the renovation and modernizing of building that Ontario showed its belief that the city is continuing to grow. Starting with the renovation of the Wilson building in which seven new fronts were built during January and February that sort of improvements continued up the street when W. E. Lees changed the appearance of the block between Nevada and Washington streets, which previously witnessed the change Farley building. The last big job took place in that block, when the First National bank, only improved its building thru

these are the betterments to the eye, they do not mark important development. To the minds of most students of Ontario problems the greatest step of progress was the successful sale of Malheur Drainage District bonds, beginning of a successful drainage district to reclaim acres of land which have become alkali in the salvation of this section and the longer it was delayed the greater the harm to be repaired. Now that the start has been made the people will know what can be done toward protecting their land from deterioration.

During the past year, too, the ranchers of this section have received their first federal farm loans. This aid in financing ranches means more to the growth and prosperity of the country than is realized at this time. Before a year has passed thousands of dollars worth of high interest mortgages will be replaced with low interest obligations and thus assisting the rancher to make needed improvements.

The one adverse condition manifested during the past year is that of the health of the city. In only one respect was that bad, namely that which brot about the typhoid epidemic. Even that, viewed in one light, is something for which to be thankful, for it has awakened the city

to need for action.

As in other respects progress can be reported toward the eradication of the condition which brings on typhoid. The City Council has an engineer at work preparing plans for a new water system whereby the city will be supplied with an uncontaminated supply of soft water. The proposition of building such a system will be put directly up to the people in the course of the next few weeks.

Beside this more emphatic steps have been taken to enforce the sewerage connection ordinance and the number of modernized homes has been increased materially in the past month. If every year sees improvements of so substantial a nature achieved in Ontario it will not be long before typhoid will be a memory and citizens will look back on 1917 as the year of progress, indeed.

### Ontario's War Record.

In thinking of what has been done in Ontario during the past year it would be a serious mistake not to think of the war record of the community.

In proportion of its population the city furnished to the voluntary army as many and as fine a class of young men as entered Uncle Sam's service. Some of them are now in France and are going thru the final preparations to "go over the top."

Then when the selective service law went into effect the city again demonstrated that it had the right kind of men to send forward, and they went with the rest of the boys from Malheur county with the cheers of and good wishes of thousands of their fellow citizens.

In every campaign of patriotism Ontario has made good. The Red Cross Chapter was one of the first organized in Eastern Oregon and its record is one of which the whole community is justly proud. To record all that the chapter has done would require more space than can be given at this time.

In each of the Liberty Loan drives Ontario exceeded, as did all of Malheur county, the quota given it. In the Y. M. C. A. drive that record was duplicated and in the week just passed the city and county have demonstrated that the people are not tired of well doing and have come forward by hundreds to join the Red Cross.

In the doing of all these things Ontarians have been called upon to unite their energies as never before. No one clique or group of citizens has monopolized the leadership. That has been one of the finest features of the year for it demonstrated that with the proper incentive the citizenship can unite for the furthering of worthy ends. While the people have united to accomplish these things the various campaigns have developed a quality of leadership of which the city may be proud and the honors have been earned by men and women worthy of the responsibility placed on their shoulders.

The year ago it appeared that the Malheur County Fair was doomed to pass, such was not so and in the exhibition given in September the association placed itself on a sure footing for further accomplishments. All of the old bills of the fair were paid and the men who are elected to direct succeeding exhibitions can proceed with their plans free in the knowledge that their credit is good and that the public will support them.

Judged by and large we believe, therefore, that 1917 has been one of achievement and the prospects for 1918 are, in spite of war times, bright indeed.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYETTE-OREGON SLOPE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District has completed his assessment book for the assessment of a special tax of One (\$1.00) Dollar per irrigable acre on all the lands within the district aforesaid, and has delivered said book to the undersigned; and that the Board of Directors, acting as a Board of Equalization, will meet to equalize said assessment at its regular monthly meeting for January, 1918, to-wit: January 8, 1918, at the office of the Board at the pump house within the district.

P. M. BOALS,

Secretary of the Board of Directors of Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District.

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### SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Malheur. Zoe Takahara, plaintiff, vs. Marcia Takahara, defendant.

To Marcia Takahara, defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of the time prescribed in the Order of Publication, to-wit:

On or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

For a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for the care and custody of Coma Takahara, the minor daughter of plaintiff and defendant, and for such other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable; this summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. Dalton Biggs, Judge of the Circuit Court, duly made and entered December 5th, 1917. The First Publication hereof is made the 6th day of December, 1917, and the last publication is made the 17th day of January, 1918.

P. J. GALLAGHER,

W. H. BROOKE,

Attorneys for plaintiff, Ontario, Oregon.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Ontario National Farm Loan Association that a meeting will be held at the city hall, Ontario, Oregon, on Jan. 8th, 1918, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of five directors for the ensuing year. W. F. Homan, Chester T. Lackey, Secretary-Treasurer. President

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