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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.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

While during the past year Ontario had some 30 cases of typhoid which originated within the city limits, its neighbor, Vale, did not have a single case. This is a situation which must give pause to anyone who thinks. Why should there be such a difference?

Why did not Vale have to undergo the cost, the worry and the suffering of an epidemic of typhoid?

For one thing, and that alone is enough to solve the question, Vale has a supply of pure water. And it is true that since Vale has had that supply it has not been the victim of a typhoid epidemic. The cases that have occurred there since the new water system was installed have been accounted for from other sources, declare those who are in a position to know. And Vale did have typhoid before it solved its water problem.

There is mighty little difference in the geographic and topographical situations which the two cities possess, yet the fact remains Ontario has the typhoid and Vale has not. Such an example, being so near at home, should be worthy of the consideration of everyone who lives in Ontario and who can vote.

If Ontario is to have as good a health rate as her neighbors she must practice the same care for her people as her neighbors. Therefore since the proposition of securing that protection has been put up to the people it is up to them, as a matter of self-protection to find the means. That means is a new and adequate water system.

VOTE OF THE AMENDMENT.

Ontario voters must not overlook the fact that two elections will be necessary before the water bonds can be carried. First the charter must be amended at the election which is to take place on January 30. That is the first step. Do not forget that the charter must be changed before the question of issuing bonds is presented. Since this is an essential step it is important that those who are interested in making Ontario a better city in which to live get out and vote for the charter amendment.

THE RED CROSS NEEDS.

The Ontario Chapter of the Red Cross is using practically \$500 worth of raw material each month. That does not seem a great deal to mere men who can translate that sum of money into yards of cloth and piles of bandages, etc. But it does mean that there is a great deal of work being done, and done well. That is the thing that counts.

There is a real system carrying on the work. Out in the country districts the women are doing the work that can be taken to their homes. They are making bed shirts in one community; bath robes in another, while in Ontario, at the Chapter rooms in the City Hall, all of the surgical dressings are being made.

The result of this arrangement is that the women are becoming so expert in their work that they have increased the output to a point where the financing of the continued operation is going to give the directors something to do beside merely meeting to approve bills. If, thanks to the efficiency of the workers and their superintendents, the local Chapter is able to do so much, it does not seem too much to ask the men to see that they have the where-with-all to do that work and continue to increase their efficiency.

That is the men's job. So far most of the Red Cross work has been left to the women—perhaps 99 per cent of it. Now the men are going to be called into the service for the work must go on.

It must not be considered that the Ontario Chapter is financially embarrassed now. It is not. There is still money enough. But before the next war drive comes, money will be needed to buy goods. It may be well to keep that idea in mind, Mr. Businessman.

Mr. Sheepman, Mr. Cattleman, Mr. Rancher, Mr. Railroadman. It is your job to see that the boys who are out fighting "your fight as well as theirs," are properly cared for. Since the women are going to do the work you have the job of "digging up the cash." But it is a job worth while.

WHO SAID POLITICS.

Malheur county is the political oyster house of Southeastern Oregon. There is nothing doing around this section. While the candidates for state officers are out preening their feathers for the flights in May the local officials are saying never a word. With so many good jobs in private life; with ranching paying as it has never paid before the crop of candidates is liable to be sadly reduced and the present occupants of public positions are less liable to have opposition than in any election in recent years. Still it is four months before the primaries.

WHAT THE CHILDREN THINK.

There must be some truth in the oft-repeated statements about the children not being as they were "when we were young."

The Junior Argus, which made its debut to the Argus readers last week convinced the writer of the truth of the statement. When we are laboring with the problems of "partial payment," in a more academic manner than in later life, most of the boys and girls were not discussing public questions with the maturity of reasoning shown by the children today.

Of course there was not the incentive for the reading of the public prints that exists today. The whole world was not at war; the America had a slight difficulty with King Alfonso's realm which resulted in a creation of a few national heroes and added a few millions to the children of Uncle Sam.

The children did not then discuss the ability of contending armies and the aims of contending parties. Mostly we took it for granted that Uncle Sam "could lick the Spaniards with one hand tied behind his back." There was no need for argument, no need for speculation, as Uncle Sam promptly demonstrated.

With the present war things have been different. The various questions have been longer before the people. There was very little delay in getting the Spanish war started. There was no Spanish propaganda, no seditious societies and newspapers sending their poison thru the public for years before the war got under way, and therefore there were no doubts in the minds of the "grown-ups" to be discussed about the family dinner table.

There is this much to be said for the reasoning of the children. They go straight to the point. The logic may in some cases refuse to follow the scholastic laws, but nevertheless they have a way of reaching a logical conclusion that is convincing.

It will surprise many of the parents, no doubt, to see how deeply their progeny have gone into the war problems.

MRS. ONTARIO'S OPPORTUNITY.

For once and all the women of Ontario have a chance to solve the water problem. There need be, after the proposed system is built, no more of the complaints about "hard water." The Snake river water is not hard. It is soft and when filtered will be pure.

If there is anything about Ontario concerning which the women have objected, which has caused many a woman to insist that her husband find another place in which to live, it is the water.

If the women of Ontario really want the situation changed all they have to do is to get out and vote; first for the Charter Amendment, permitting the increase in the bonded indebtedness; and second for the issuance of the bonds. Certainly, ladies, it is up to you.

GET THE HAY ON THE MARKET

With hay selling at \$45 per ton down in Texas it is a shame that there should be so many thousands of tons left unsold in this section of the Snake River valley. Over in Idaho the market bureau has been at work on the problem and several cars per day are leaving for the Texas country.

It is said that there are still, in the hands of the hay ranchers, 2000 tons of hay. If it could all be shipped to Texas at present prices that would mean a big addition to the wealth of this section. Even the stockmen could take advantage of the situation and still have enough left to insure the safety of the stock.

This space is devoted to the expression of the opinions of the youths of Ontario and was edited by the pupils of the Seventh Grade

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HOW TO WRITE AN EDITORIAL.

To say as much as you possibly can in the fewest words. To stop when you have said what you are going to say.

MIL0 WRIGHT.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC.

Ontario has just gone through another epidemic of typhoid, and has been ordered to clean up. Though the expense may be great, we have decided to install a new water system. A well known engineer will come here next week to estimate how much it will cost, and we all stand ready to pony the bill.

ALICE DORMAN.

PATRIOTISM AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN.

At the present time when we are in the war it is very important to have patriotism among our school children. If there is patriotism among them now, think what it will be when they are grown.

The parents and teachers of the children should see that when their children are called upon to do some patriotic thing that they do it. There are only a few ways that they can and you should see that your children do them.

MARGARET DRANE.

EDITORIAL.

There will be a time some day when we will have nation-wide prohibition, and I think when that time comes, this will be a much richer nation.

Liquor is not only a waste of val-

uable grains, but is a waste of money to those who use it.

It is very valuable when used as medicine, but many do not seem to know that it should not be used the same as water.

ELIZABETH WHITMORE.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

I think that the Junior Red Cross is a great thing and should be in every town. Girls and boys can knit and gather old rags and all silverware that one would not want and turn the funds to some department of war. If some of the young people could not join, a collection could be raised to pay their way in. It is a great thing and every mother should be willing to let her children join. If she does not, she certainly must be German. This is something our country couldn't very well get along without.

AUDRA PHIPPS.

PATRIOTISM.

One of the most important things nowadays, is to be patriotic. Salute the flag, take off your hat when it is going by, stand up when the Star Spangled Banner is played or you ought to be shot as a traitor at sunrise. Another thing to do is to give to the Red Cross or Y. M. C. A. or buy Liberty Loans when you can afford it.

The housewives can join with Hoover in conserving the food supply and save all they can. There are quite a few things the school children can do, too. The Russians that desert from the army are not very patriotic. The German people very patriotic. The German people is seldom we hear of Germans deserting. Sometimes the morale of

the soldiers is low, but they hardly every desert. When they do they are shot.

LEONARD FOX.

COAL.

The scarcity of coal in the United States is very serious in the East. Ontario and vicinity have more coal this year than last year and so far they have not used one-fourth as much as last year. In New York they have asked families to live together in one home to save coal. The electric signs go out at eleven o'clock. In Chicago school will be closed this week to save coal and as in New York the electric signs go out at eleven o'clock. If every boy who reads the "American Boy" saved one shovel full of coal a day, in a month the result would drive a ship across the Atlantic, so when on January 30th, the Government sets aside a day for a "Tag your Shovel Day," all families should be ready for the school boys to tag the shovels, so that you will be reminded to do your bit in saving coal.

RICHARD ADAMS.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

I think it is a very good thing for all boys and girls in school or out of school to join the Junior Red Cross. An organization like this is always a benefit to the country. Everyone must do his or her part. In war times such things will certainly be appreciated by those for whom the funds are gathered.

Our country needs all the help any person can offer

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Those Home Made SAUSAGE

We have just installed a completely equipped Sausage Kitchen. In it are all the new meat cutting and grinding machines so that we can make sausages of all kinds. If there is anything special that you want in the way of sausage come here and we will make it for you.

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FRANK UTZ, Manager.