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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.

LOOSE BELTS.

"We are eating English style now, and our belts are pretty loose," writes Wilmer Boyer whose communication was printed in last week's issue of the Argus.

That statement from one of the boys that almost every reader of the Argus knows, or knows of, is worth pondering upon. It is significant. It shows that the English people are not being fed to the standard which our husky young Oregon friend is used to, and that means that each of us here at home is being better fed than are our allies.

Taken together with the statement made last week by Herbert Hoover that America, due to the rail shortage is 45,000,000 bushels short on its promises of wheat to Europe, Mr. Boyer's statement is convincing that on America is falling the real duty of feeding her co-warriors and that as yet, she is not making good. At least it is apparent that the supply being sent is not as great as it should be.

In view of the abundance that is here and the we have adopted meatless and wheatless days to save more food for them it can not be said of us: "we are eating English style and our belts are loose." Think of Wilmer Boyer's message the next time you are tempted to violate the letter and the spirit of the food regulations. Every time you do that you are not only depriving some of our allies of enough food to properly feed one who is engaged with the same enemy, but as well you are helping to keep the bit of some American soldier boy loose.

UP TO THE COUNCIL.

Ontario's future is in the hands of the City Council. The people have shown that they want a real water system and have put the problem squarely up to the City Council to see that the proper system is secured.

There is only one thing to be regretted about the election of last Monday. That is the size of the vote. Instead of being 275 votes cast there should have been a larger number. It is true that there was a misapprehension on the part of many voters who entertained the notion that the medieval restriction of property holdings was still operative for a bond election. Also owing to the weather many of the women voters did not go to the polls.

It must not be imagined however that by giving the Council the right to spend \$100,000 for a water system that the typhoid problem has been thoroughly solved. That is not all that is necessary. Ontario must be cleaned of the surface filth and it must stay clean.

It is not enough to just clean up a little bit.

Guess the Eastside folks want Twentieth Century conditions in which to live. Witness the petition that went flying over that section within 24 hours after the water bonds carried. There is nothing like going after what you want, when you want it.

That old wilful dozen just had to show up again. Maybe Ontario's dozen did not understand the proposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Ontario Voter gave Old Man Typhoid an awful jolt last Monday, the victor of more than one battle last fall is now on the run. Let's keep him going by cleaning up every place that might give one of the germs a place of habitation.

KEEP THE COWS HERE.

Unless Ontario awakens to the situation the city is liable to face a milk famine within a short time. Here in the midst of plenty of food for cattle it is going to be hard to secure enough to feed the children.

In a few days one of the dairymen who has been supplying a large portion of the city is going out of business. He gives two reasons, first the long hard day with work early morning and late at night; and second, difficulty in getting collections.

If the dairymen of the city could get together and have but one delivery wagon care for the distribution of their product the hours of work would be materially reduced and one of the objections to the business removed. So far as the second objection is concerned, the people will realize when they can not get milk that they have been at fault and regret their share in driving men from the field.

Ontario would have no occasion to worry about the passing of the dairymen, if the cows were to remain in the city and have their product distributed. But it appears that this is not the case and that many of the cows are going to the country or to other communities. That is where the rub will come. Those who can assist in the solution of this problem will be performing a real public service in addressing themselves to it.

SOCIALISTS DISAPPROVE.

"Members of the Non-Partisan League can not be members of the Socialist party," says a news item telling of the convention of the Socialist party held this week in Minneapolis. The Socialists reasoned the Non-Partisans are not what they pretend to be for as the committee reported that the "Non-Partisan is a political party." The logical conclusion based on the premises that political parties are partisan and the Non-Partisan League is a political party; therefore the Non-Partisan League is not Non-Partisan.

Of course the mere fact that its name is a misnomer is not the criterion by which to judge the Non-Partisan league. It is the objects which the league desires to attain that should be judged. However, one is apt to question the ends when so brazen an attempt is made to mislead the people by the use of such pieces of sophistry as the non de plume, Non-Partisan.

The fact that the Socialist disowned the League indicates that they recognize in it a coming opponent that is trying to steal Socialistic thunder. They are rivals for the same vote, in some sections of the country, and the Socialists do not want to get the control divided. Both the Socialists and "Non-Partisans" are dues paying organizations and the handling of those dues is an important item. There is nothing non-partisan about it. The Socialists want that understood, so they want no would-be non-partisans handling their share.

THE RED CROSS SALE.

When the ranchers out on the Boulevard, Messrs. G. W. Dean and Hans Oft, started their campaign for a farmers' auction for the benefit of the Red Cross they did not realize what they were putting Ontario up against. But that is not the thing that counts. The important consideration is that they started a movement which will place the local Chapter on its financial feet for the summer season.

Now that the arrangements have been made for the big sale and the people both in the country and in the city have donated so generously, it is important that the goods be sold at prices which will make the society money. The prices can go to the sky, so far as the feelings of anyone is concerned, the money will be used to a good purpose anyway. Nothing should be sold for less than it is really worth. To do that would be to depreciate the spirit of the giver. Bargain hunters should take into consideration this fact and not try to profit from the generosity of their neighbors. A dollar's worth for a dollar, even for a Red Cross sale is a close enough bargain, for think of the good that dollar will do after it reaches the society.

HEARTENING THE SOLDIER.

Every day, or nearly every day, there passes thru Ontario trainloads of soldiers, or at least a number of earloads. The boys are on their way, "over there." To many of them this will be their last view of America. The land that is home to them, just as it is to all of us. Some of them may even come from this section. Ontario has taken no steps to cheer them on their way. J. W. McCulloch suggests that the Commercial club have a stock of apples at the station to be placed on every car. What do you think of his proposition? Don't you think it worth while? Will you help?

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EXPLOSIVES.

Many caves and buildings have been found filled with explosives in the U. S. The first signs of these weapons appeared when school children found many sticks of dynamite. At first the authorities thought that there was just a small store close by, but in looking for it they found enough explosives to blow the bridge close by to atoms. Many rifles have also been found buried in large collections. What for? To satisfy some traitors or German spies? How long would an American spy captured in Berlin last? About two seconds or time enough to load a gun.

Harry Lauder in his Portland speech said that in the trench, he went there with his son, he saw a nail driven half into the wood. He asked the officer why they did not drive it in and he said they did drive one of them in but had to bury 72 of their men. The Germans are getting so desperate, so inhuman that they fill hollow boards and fountain pens with powder just to show their cowardice.

CECIL THOMPSON.

ABOUT BIRDS.

There are many kinds of birds that do more good than harm. These we should protect and feed.

They eat some wheat but more bugs and so save the farmer's crop. The more birds then, the more the farmer can save for food for the allies. Let's protect them then and let them help win the war.

ROSCOE THOMPSON.

Miss Boydell's room gave a patriotic program on Washington's Birthday. Many of the parents came and also they invited Miss Biggs' room in.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF THE PAYETTE-OREGON SLOPE IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District, at a meeting held September 28th, 1917, levied an assessment on lands within the District for the expenses of the year 1917, as follows: for bond interest and bond fund \$18,261.02; for maintenance fund \$18,361.02, being at the rate of \$6.128 per irrigable acre on the lands within the District.

And notice is further given that at a meeting held on January 8th, 1918, the said Board of Directors levied a special assessment on the lands within the District, as follows: for bond interest and bond fund \$5,862.00, being at the rate of \$1.09 per irrigable acre on the lands within the District, and that said assessments are now due and payable to me, the undersigned Collector of said District, at the office of the Board of Directors, which is the one-story frame building near the pumping house of said District and located in the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 17 S, Range 47, E. W. M., in Malheur County, Oregon, and that said assessment will be delinquent at 6 o'clock P. M. on the last Monday in February 1918, to wit, February 25th, 1918, and that unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

CIGARETTE DAY.

While the people and the government of the U. S. are talking about wheatless, meatless and sugarless days, why not have a cigarette day? Smoking is a very harmful as well as expensive pastime. It retards physical growth and in some cases absolutely destroys the mental and physical growth.

There are many cigar factories that could be turned to better use and the land cultivated for the raising of tobacco made to raise wheat or some other product necessary to the government. This, besides saving the millions for the government that are spent daily for tobacco would help greatly to improve the physical condition of the people of the U. S.

WESLEY.

In the thrift campaign the following are the names of those in Miss Platt's room who have baby bonds: Howard Blom 2.

Ralph Hanna 1. And those who are working and saving to get a war certificate by buying the thrift stamps are:

Pauline Jaquish, Greer Springer, Robert Troxell, May VanBuren, Edna Doty, Ralph McCulloch, Cello Gallagher.

William Leese was given trial in the eighth grade room for treason. He was at first sentenced to be shot at sunrise, but the sun did not rise the next day because of the heavy fog, and during his wait, he was found not guilty, but he will appear before the court next week for slander.

FLORENCE HALE.

EDITORIAL.

This is a time of strife to the whole world. This of all time is the time to show your patriotism. Don't feel, when you buy a Liberty Loan Bond and get four per cent interest on it that you have done your bit.

There are many things that you can do to help win the war. Give to the Y. M. C. A. or the K. of C. funds, join the Red Cross or help any of the organizations which are getting funds for the army and navy.

Girls can knit or sew to make clothes for the Belgian children. There are many things which the boys can do, such as the Treasure and Trinket Fund.

So far loose, those who have money, open up your pocket books and help Uncle Sammy.

ELIZABETH WHITMORE.

TREASURE AND TRINKET FUND.

Do you wish to help your country? The seventh grade boys are going to have a big drive to get all the old gold, silver and brass trinkets that you have laid away. You should give this for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross. After the trinkets have been collected, it is to be turned over to Mr. Letson, the jeweler, and he is going to send it to some firm in the East. So get rid of all your old jewelry. Don't keep it laying around.

THERESA SMITH.

The eighth grade have recently elected a new set of officers, which made Eugene Hale, president; Alma Homan, vice-president; Margaret Potter, secretary-treasurer, and Hugh Lamb, editor-in-chief of the Eighth Grade Herald.

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