

# 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 for all.

### CITY'S CREDIT GOOD.

As goes the old saying, "It's an ill wind that blows no one good", so it is that the recent federal regulation of issues has wafted the good of the financial situation toward Ontario. As the result, or rather contributing to the result, Ontario's water bonds sold above par.

This was somewhat of a surprise to most of the citizens who have been following the situation and have known of the opposition which was quietly being offered to the issue.

The sale of the local bonds, however, is an excellent example of what is transpiring in the financial world and a review of the circumstances indicates the position in which investment bankers find themselves.

The federal capital issues committees has decreed that issues of more than \$100,000; unless for absolute necessities shall not be floated, so the bond bankers and the investors who seek tax-exempt securities must seek their purchases in the smaller fields, especially earning utilities, such as in Ontario's water system. To keep their customers supplied with such paper the bond men must comb the market and thus by competing as they did here Monday night they bring up the market value of issues for the smaller localities.

There was in the local issue another feature militating to the city's benefit and that was the fact that there was a very lively possibility that if the bond buyers did not offer a good price for the bonds the council would reject all bids and sell them here thru the local banks to Ontario people as did the directors of the Malheur Drainage District. The bond men did not like that possibility. To get such a practice started generally thruout the state would not be healthy for the bond brokerage business.

The third element, and this was not third in importance either was the fact that the vote in favor of the bonds so emphatically demonstrated that the issue was popular with the people and that the plant would receive the unanimous support of the people.

And lastly the element of competition between two of the buyers, Keeler Bros. of Denver and Portland and the Lumberman's Trust company had something to do with the size of the premium offered. Each of these companies apparently was anxious to get the issue and those who watched the bidding enjoyed a real treat. Two exponents of great indoor pastime could not have camouflaged better and the council and spectators saw the game played to the end glad that the situation was just as it was and that the system would be built with a good start financially.

It is believed that the first element which raised the price, namely the federal supervision of issues, will also have its effect on the price at which the work will be contracted. There are many contractors whose equipment is now idle because capital issues for new work are not now permitted. They can better afford to take small profits and maintain their organization than to permit them to be idle, and thus Ontario may be on the right side of the wind and get the good from the blow.

### A TARDY EFFORT.

The belated effort on the part of the officials of the Water company and T. H. Moore as a private citizen to retard, and if possible stop the issuance of the city's municipal bonds is to be regretted. No good can result therefrom.

While the company is within its rights when it attempts to sell the present system to the city the method taken is not one calculated to promote that feeling of friendly cooperation which should exist between the city and one of its big taxpayers. Prior to the election for the change of charter, before the election for the sale of the bonds, preceding the sale of the bonds proper, the company had three distinct opportunities, and as many more as it might have sought to

make an offer of the plant to the city. Its proposal for arbitration was not exactly in point for the city council would not have been sustained by public opinion if it agreed to pay any price that three outside parties would have placed upon the company's property.

The company did make offers to sell at various times but so indefinitely, in the council's opinion that no serious consideration was given them.

Had the company placed a valuation on its plant, and a selling price there might have been a point from which negotiations could have worked. The fact that an effort was made to influence the officials of the federal reserve district to use their influence with the war securities committee, with out letting the city officials know of the effort could not fail to result other than it has, in creating a feeling on the part of many that the company has not dealt above the boards with the city.

No city can afford to be unfair to its constituents, and the Water company is such in as much as it is one of the taxpayers. But it is likewise true that no public service corporation can afford to be unfair to the municipalities it serves. The public, the Argus believes, would be willing to see the city buy the present distributing system for what it is worth to the city as a part of the new system planned, and that in view of the health question involved is all that the company can expect, tho everyone is willing to admit that the officials of the company are serving the interest of their employers in trying to get all they can secure. However, it pays, always, to play with all the cards on top the table. This applies to all who participate in any game.

### KEEP COOL.

During these days when the German horde is making its supreme attack on the western front of the battle lines in Europe the American people have need for all their fortitude and courage. It is no time to submit to misgivings and undue excitement; that would serve very well the purpose of the Hun.

The thoughts of everyone must be centered on the work to be done here at home. The war gardens must be cared for and arrangements must be made now to produce the greatest crop of foodstuffs the nation has ever grown.

The strength of the German army indicates clearly that the task which the allies face is a gigantic one. All illusions as to when the war will end must be dispelled before the task of preparing to feed millions of Americans in France and their allies "over there."

At the same time, too, every loyal citizen must increase his vigilance in watching for the enemy at home. No I. W. W., no pro-German, must be permitted to sow treason here at home. The temper of the people is fast reaching a point where drastic methods alone will satisfy and silly sentiment must go by the board to make way for adequate method of treating traitors.

### BEATING THE SUN.

Ontario will be among the communities in the United States that will beat the sun, after next Sunday. But tho the new daylight saving plan was not needed for Ontario the city will fall in line with the rest of the nation to observe the regulation.

Of course this will make but slight difference to the farmers, who work from "sun to sun" now, but just think what it will mean to the business men who work by Pony time. Our neighbors have sometimes tried to jolly Oregon street men about getting down to business "with the Pony," but they'll have to change their tune for Ontario will be there when the time changes Sunday morning. We can all get used to it.

### THE STOCKMEN ARE COMING.

According to the advance information in the hands of the committee in charge of the convention of the Eastern Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, Ontario will be called upon to care for 500 guests next month. That is a big task for a city of this size, but Ontario will make good.

Arrangements have been practically completed for the convention, but the housing of guests is still to be solved. If you have means of supplying a bed, let the room committee know at once. Call Mrs. W. W. Letson on the phone and help the cause along.

Ontario is to have a new water system. It also needs a new spring dress and a fine new bonnet. The only way to get them is to get them, and these things for a city mean a clean up. Ontario needs that clean-up badly. Who is going to start?

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### THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

The school grounds of Ontario are very bare and devoid of anything to afford amusement to the young people.

Most of the scholars look upon education as a dry and profitless routine. This is more apt to be so in a school where there is nothing to do in the intermissions except to run around a bare sandy school ground.

Our school grounds need lawn and trees, especially. They also need some kind of swings for the small children.

The boys and girls also could develop their muscles a great deal more in a good gymnasium than in sitting around the school building or walking up and down on the sidewalk.

Elizabeth Whitmore

### TREASURE AND TRINKET FUND

Alice Dorman and I went on the Treasure and Trinket drive Saturday. Such discouragement as we did have when the people slammed the door in our faces. At one place we went to the house and said as nicely as we could that we were around gathering up treasures and trinkets, and the answer we got from the woman was: "I don't care if you are you wont get anything here;" and she slammed the door.

At another place the lady said that the only thing that she had was the measles, and of course we did not want them. Even after our hardship we beat the boys. We got \$3.15 besides the other trinkets. We finished our work at noon and were very tired and hungry, but happy.

Alice Bervin

### GARDENING

A nice game to play, And one that will pay, In summer when it is warm, And the bees are in the swarm, Is to use the space from fence to fence

To raise food for our boys and the French.

The weeds are the Huns, Enemies that are on the run, When you appear with the hoe To meet the terrible foe.

Leonard Fox

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Callen's room celebrated the birthday of Clifford Johnson the 26 of March. The party commenced with a recitation on politeness, by Aileen Conway. They host of the party recited on How to behave at the table. Napkins and cake were passed to the children. The cake was awfully good (we know) Politeness and manners at the table were observed by the children, and before touching the food, they offered thanks. They played "Chicadees" and "Windmill", two song games, which they acted out to wind up the entertainment. The children marched out in good order following their leader like a soldier.

RUTH HOMAN and MARGARET BLACKABY

### THE WAR SITUATION

The situation is getting very serious lately. The Germans are advancing steadily toward Paris, in spite of the efforts of the English soldiers. It looks very much like the Germans will gain Paris in short time. The people in England, however take this as a matter of fact, and are very cool in regard to the menace.

This means we will have to save more food; buy more Liberty Bonds; more Thrift Stamps. If we don't, we may find the Germans marching to Washington.

Frank VanPetten

### SEVENTH GRADE PICNIC

The Seventh grade is planning to celebrate April Fool's Day by giving a wienie roast.

The children of the room kept their spelling grades for a month, and those who received an average below 90 are destined to give a party to those remaining.

Those called upon to "help" were: Richard Adam, Earl Secoy, Karl Luhrs, Guy Secoy, Frank VanPetten, and Roy Shaw. The room average was found to be 86.

We will have a good time at the noted pansy patch, watching for the different species of birds, hunting for pansies and eating wienies for the answer we got from the woman was:

Florence Hale

### OVER-THERE

Over in France there was a little boy called Jim. By the soldier who found him.

One night Jim and another soldier went out on listening posts; it was Jim's first time out. He was shaky and asked the soldier how far it was, "Three or four hundred yards more" was the answer. Jim was already tired of creeping along on his stomach. At last they were almost at the edge of the German trench, when they saw three Germans coming. "Stick 'em," was the whispered command to Jim. It was a short and silent battle and Jim and his friend came out with only a few flesh wounds. "Shall we search them," Jim asked. "Well, maybe we had better" the other said. One of Germans was a captain and they at once searched him. Some papers were found in his coat pocket and when a light bomb they saw some army plans of the Germans written out on them. The two crept back and quickly gave the papers to the Major. The French turned the German plan on the Germans who were taken so by surprise that the first line trenches was taken.

DOROTHY ORAM

### HELP WIN THIS WAR

The battle that is raging now on a fifty mile front is the decisive battle of this great war. Aerial observations have been made and it has been found that from 60 to 90 divisions of the German army are waiting behind the German lines to be called. The British have succeeded in holding their trenches after a retreat of several miles.

We, the Allies, will have to win this battle and the way the citizens of Ontario can help is to buy Liberty Bonds in the Third Liberty Loan drive which starts on April 6th.

Richard Adam

Last Friday a joint debate came off between the Seventh and the Eighth grades. The first time the Seventh beat the Eighth but this time it was other way. The question for debate was: "Resolved; that the Monroe Doctrine should be abolished."

# CATTLE SALE

## ONTARIO, OREGON

March 30th, 1918, at 1 P. M.

### Steers - 150 Head - Steers

Three years old, coming four.

### Yearlings <sup>150</sup> Head Yearlings

One-half Steers---One-half Heifers

### COWS - 70 Head - COWS

Cows and Calves---Springers and Dry Cows.

### Bulls - 7 Head - Bulls

Some Registered

These cattle are in good condition and well bred crosses of Durham and Hereford, and will be sold.

## Regular Junk Sale Day

Will sell Junk at Carter Garage at 1 P. M. Cattle at Fair Grounds at 2 P. M.

# ONTARIO SALES CO.