

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 SENATORSHIP.

Eastern Oregon has the opportunity of securing a representative in the upper house of Congress in the election of either R. N. Stanfield or Will R. King, providing these men are fortunate enough to secure the nominations of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Against them is pitted the brothers-in-law, Charles McNary and Oswald West. Each of these last named gentlemen is a resident of the Willamette valley, which already has two senators and has always had them.

Of course the people of the state may decide that the honor of representing them in the Senate is the prerogative of the West-McNary family and let it go at that, but how the voters of Eastern Oregon will view that is another question.

In all fairness it is not to be supposed that should either of them be elected, Senator McNary of Governor West would actually discriminate against Eastern Oregon. Consciously they would not, but it is likely that they would be as interested in its welfare as would either Judge King or Bob Stanfield? They could hardly be expected to. They do not know Eastern Oregon's needs as do the men who have lived here all their lives and whose hearts and souls are bound up in its advancement.

Irrespective of all other considerations, admitting that any of these four men would make an admirable senator, and none of them is without merit to commend him, is it not the logical thing for a resident of Eastern Oregon to do, vote for either R. N. Stanfield or Will R. King?

WHY CANDIDATE OLCOTT?

Of all the candidates for the position of Governor for whom THE ARGUS has endeavored to find a reason for his candidacy, the one who is most puzzling is Ben J. Olcott.

It may be conceded that Mr. Olcott is an admirable Secretary of State, and that his republicanism is beyond dispute, yet that but serves to deepen the puzzle.

Mr. Olcott was elected to the position he now holds for a four year term less than two years ago. He then went before the voters asking for that position on the implied promise that he would hold the position for that length of time.

Why should he break that promise now? Is there any call upon him to give it up to seek the Governorship?

If there existed an emergency of an overwhelming nature and Mr. Olcott was deemed by the people to be the only man in the state capable enough to handle the situation there might exist such a call and his candidacy would be justified.

Neither Mr. Olcott nor his friends however, would assert that he is the only man in the state possessing sufficient executive ability and experience to fill the gubernatorial chair.

The voters realize that the position of Secretary of State is purely a clerical one and that different kind of ability is required of its incumbent than that demanded of a Governor. A good detail man is what is required in the Secretary of State's office and to be that long tenure of office is almost an essential. Mr. Olcott therefore should stay on his job, especially in view of the capable and proven ability that has offered itself for the executive position he now seeks. But if he still persists in seeking another job good taste would dictate that he resign from the office he now holds.

THE CALDWELL SYSTEM

"This is an American city, Loafers, Hoboes and I. W. W. move on..."

That is the warning that The Home Guard Association of Caldwell issued last week to that class of citizens. A similar warning from other communities would aid materially in solving the labor problems that the ranchers will face this summer.

The Caldwell men intend to see to it that their warning is effective. They give notice that those who are willing to work will be provided

with positions, and at the same time a request is made of all ranchers and other employers of labor that they report any one who refuses to work.

All this is fine for Caldwell. The loafers and I. W. W. will give the city a wide berth.

But what about Ontario? What will happen here when Caldwell gives the undesirables the gate? Is it not a fifty-fifty bet that they will head this way?

When Payette and Weiser get wise to the Caldwell system they too will adopt it and then Ontario will get the hoboes from both sides.

MAKING GOOD.

The success of the Liberty Loan in Malheur county is a fitting example of co-operation and consistent preparation. Never in the history of the county has there been a campaign in which so many Yorkers have taken part so willingly. It is likewise true that their efforts were competently directed and the canvas was thoro.

So far as honors go, it must be remembered that there is enough to go round to everyone who really did his or her part. Those who did not come up to the mark set for them and

This is a real question for it was the attitude of many who have set their loyalty above their neighbors, that actually hindered in the opening. It was but human nature for persons asked to subscribe to put the inquiry, "What has So-and-So done?" And when the answer was a sum small in comparison to the wealth of the person inquired about, naturally the report was something like this:

"Why, if he only bought that much why should you expect me to buy anything?"

Such conversations have taken place dozens of times in Ontario, and no doubt in other communities.

Of course the action of one citizen is no real excuse for the failure of who have means, must feel in their hearts the reprobation of the community in which they live. That there are some such it is a shame to admit, but they do exist.

What can be done to make such men see that it is their duty to make good in the effort to place Malheur county in the honor roll with a subscription of 50 per cent over the quota.

another to do his part. Every man should and must do his utmost. There is no measure for patriotism. The widow's mite was more than the rich man's offering, for she gave her all.

But since people do not see what the well-to-do have done in the Liberty Loan campaign there is the greater reason for them doing their best. They should "show the way." This way is being fought to protect their property, rights and their lives. As they have the wealth so should they let the government have it. As President Wilson declared in his speech at Baltimore last Saturday, the possessors of wealth who do not invest in Liberty Bonds and complain about the low interest rates will meet with the reprobation of their fellow men. So they will, so some of them have.

No man can read the heart of his fellow citizen and there gauge his patriotism. But he can judge the measure of that patriotism by the gauge furnished in the amount of Liberty Bonds purchased, gifts to the Red Cross and other war agencies.

WE MUST NOT FAIL.

Ontario must have its war gardens this year. The need for food is greater today than it was a year ago. By fall it will be still greater than it is now. There must be no let up in the campaign for food raising. Something should be done at once to insure water for the gardens of the city this year.

This is too serious a question to be permitted to go by default. While no measure is obtainable of the same saved last year by the war gardens everyone recognizes that through the nation it was enormous. Still greater amounts must be raised this year for the men being withdrawn from food production increases every day. Literally thousands who have been producing enough for their own needs and the needs of other thousands have become consumers. Added to their needs is the growing needs of citizens in the allied countries.

It is just as essential for Americans to provide food for the allies as it is for themselves. It should be doubly the duty of those who remain here at home for the war is being fought "over there" and the allies are bearing the brunt of the struggle, our struggle, the struggle of free men against tyrants.

After the terrible picture of want and privation which Major Mathews pictured to audiences here last week surely there should be no effort left untried to insure gardens for every foot of tillable soil in Ontario for which water can be secured.

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The arrangement by which the company will continue the operation of the plant until the city is ready to make its connection is the logical one and will give the city time in which to get squared away for entry into the new field of civic responsibility. The Argus believes that the officials both of the city and the company are to be congratulated for the result which has been attained for it is to the mutual interest of all concerned to live in peace.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY: I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer subject to the will of the voters in the primary May 17, 1913. In seeking this consideration for re-election to this position, I pledge myself to the same business-like administration of the office as I have given during the past two years. The record of administration during my term is my platform.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. MUELLER.

NOTICE.

Attention is called of all citizens that there is an ordinance of the City of Ontario prohibiting the running of chickens at large within the city limits. Owners are responsible and are subject to penalty for the violation of this ordinance.

Also there is an ordinance prohibiting the staking out of stock of all kinds on the public streets or alleys, but when this is done so that the stock will in no wise block foot traffic on the sidewalks or block travel on the streets, it will be permitted, at the owner's risk.

H. C. FARMER,
Marshal.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. William Kercher. The young soldier is doing well.

ALIAS SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.
G. L. King, Plaintiff,
vs.
E. J. VanCourt and Alice M. VanCourt, husband and wife; Bertha A. Schilling and John H. Schilling, husband and wife; Alexander Bills; I. H. Preston and G. A. Woodman, Defendants.
To E. J. VanCourt, Alice M. VanCourt, Bertha A. Schilling, John H. Schilling, Alexander Bills, I. H. Preston and G. A. Woodman, Defendants:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the 8th day of June, 1913, the

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