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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.

CARRYING THE BURDEN.

A comparative study of the division of the proportions of the Second Red Cross fund for Malheur county between the Ontario and Vale chapters and the figures of the Third Liberty Loan drive for the respective territory shows a rather unequal division.

This disproportionate division does not reflect in any way on the people of the Vale district as a whole, but it does appear that those who are responsible for the action of the Vale chapter are attempting to put an unjust share of the burden on the Ontario Chapter. The people of the Vale chapter would without a doubt be the first to resent such action, for that they are 100 per cent patriotic, and willing to carry their share of the load, goes without saying.

In the Third Liberty Loan drive the jurisdiction of the Ontario chapter were asked to raise \$114,050 and did raise \$177,500 or 156 per cent; the communities in the Vale chapter jurisdiction were asked to raise \$243,050 or 156 per cent. Thus the spirit of the communities was par excellence. When it is remembered that the division of quotas for the Liberty Loan were scientifically made taking into account population, bank deposits, taxation and other accurate data its fairness must be conceded. And each community made good in the same population, further proving that fact.

In the present Red Cross drive and in the previous drive as well as in the Y. M. C. A. and other efforts the divisions of duty is exactly reversed. Ontario and its neighbors is asked

this time to raise 55 while Vale and its neighbors raise 45 per cent. The position is reversed as compared with the actual wealth, etc., of the communities. In the Liberty Loan drive Ontario, Nyssa, Adrian and Dead Ox Flat raised 42 per cent of the total and Vale, Jamieson, Brogan, Westfall Jordan Valley, Riverside, Juntura, Ironside, Crowley Sheaville and Rockville raised 58 per cent.

In the present drive Ontario and vicinity will have 55 per cent to raise while Vale and the balance of the county has 45 per cent.

There is this to be said for the officials of the Vale chapter who insisted on such a division; their territory and population is more scattered and harder to locate than is the population of the Ontario district. Due allowances should be made for that fact. But there is another element to be taken into consideration, that is the large number residents of the Vale district who do their banking in Ontario institutions whose deposits are counted against Ontario when apportionment of the funds are made, yet who when the funds are to be raised are given to the Vale district. Thus they prove a double handicap to the workers here.

If the great territory over which our neighbors have to work justifies the division of labor and funds to be raised on the basis provided in the drive now on Ontario will continue as in the past to carry the load, for the workers have never faltered, and all realize that no one has "given until it hurts," yet in this great work that must go on from month to month until the war is over the burden should be divided as equally as possible between communities as well as between individuals.

THE AFTERMATH.

With only forty per cent of the voters at the polls last Friday Oregon Republicans and Democrats nominated their tickets for the fall elections. The results were not surprising and the people of the state are assured of no radical departure in state government no matter who may be successful in the fall.

One result of the campaign, however, is the setting of several political suns and the peculiar position in which the United States senatorship candidates find themselves.

After two attempts Gus Moser has failed to land the gubernatorial nomi-

nation. By all political precedents that is taken to mean the elimination of Mr. Moser as a factor in state politics. Similarly the defeat of Ben Olcott for a time at least places his light in eclipse, tho his prestige is not a seriously damaged due to the fact that he was second in the race.

The vote of L. J. Simpson was a tribute to his personality. He made friends and the fact that one as unknown as he was six months ago could secure so wide spread an endorsement that he is a coming man in dorserment from voters over the state Oregon affairs.

The re-nomination of Governor Withycombe is indeed a vindication of his record in office and show a desire on the part of the electorate to keep him in office during the war. This practically assures his re-election in the fall, tho Walter Pierce, his Democratic opponent, will prove a worthy combatant.

These results, however, are overshadowed by the nomination of ex-Governor Oswald West by the Democrats and Senator Charles McNary by the Republicans for the United States senate. Thus the state is to have life long friends running against each other for the highest office in the gift of the people. With his oft demonstrated ability to disregard precedents and to do the unusual Governor West has twice in recent weeks issued statements that have the party men guessing. Those who believe in Mr. West's sincerity are unstinted in their praise of his propositions first to withdraw from the race prior to the primaries, and second since then to forego a campaign and let the people take their choice between the candidates without the usual recourse to the stump headquarters, advertising, etc.

Viewed in the light of the experience of ordinary men by making the latter proposition West is practically assuring the election of McNary, who has the advantage of being in office, and therefore of campaigning all the time thru the use of franking privilege, and of doing things in Washington for the folks "back home." Even if he only writes the letters that come up in the usual every day life of a senator, McNary would unconsciously be campaigning, and thus have West at a disadvantage.

That is one side of the proposition. The other is that set forth by those who declare that while the above

might be true were the ordinary politician was involved it did not apply to West, for he is no ordinary politician and with his ability to grab the spot light and confound his opponents, he, too, campaigns all the time.

Of course there are many to view his latter proposition as the only logical solution available for the dilemma in which in which he would ordinarily have been involved by his first proposition to withdraw in favor of McNary.

In view of Senator McNary's record which beside making good at Washington includes an appointment to the Supreme bench of the state by a democratic governor, now none other than his opponent for office; and an appointment to the United States Senate by a Republican Governor. With qualifications which meet with the approval of men as different as West and Withycombe, McNary himself is somewhat unusual and therefore Oregon is apt to witness a most interesting campaign this fall.

THE LAST DRIVE.

The managers of the present Red Cross campaign propose that this be the last drive. They believe there is ample evidence that the people of Ontario need but be told that the Red Cross headquarters are open for war funds and that the people will come forward.

Ontario certainly can soon take that position. That 257 people would voluntarily walk into an office and give over \$3000 in one day without pressure of any kind is a tribute to their generosity and their patriotism.

The Argus wants to congratulate those who advanced the volunteer day idea. It was a true test of the city and we want to echo the sentiment of a prominent citizen who as he watched the hands of the clock pass one hundred dollar mark after another declared:

"I get prouder of our old town every campaign. The folks here are all right."

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THE COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

The outstanding features of the nominations for county offices last week were the races between G. W. McKnight, C. C. Wilson and H. L. Poorman for the county judgeship and that between C. M. Crandall and P. J. Gallagher for representative.

That the last named race would be as close as it developed was the surprise of the nominations and can be attributed to the fact that Mr. Gallagher was not at home during the last two weeks of the campaign.

In the case of the first named contest the vote was so equally divided that had either of his opponents been out of the race apparently Judge McKnight would have been defeated for the nomination, is the view taken by those who believe that practically every vote which either Mr. Wilson or Mr. Poorman received was an anti-McKnight vote. That such a conclusion can be drawn of course is a matter of opinion which only the November election can settle.

VOTE OF THANKS.

To the Republican Voters of Malheur County:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I wish to thank you thru the columns of this paper for you supporting me for the office of County Judge and assure you that I am still a good Republican and will vote and support your choice.

Very truly yours,
Harry L. Poorman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ball were Ontario visitors from Boise Wednesday.

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