

# The Ontario Argus

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## WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

Plans are already being considered for caring for the soldier boys when they return from Europe. In the forefront of the proposals there appears, as they did after the Civil war, plans for the setting aside of government land to be deeded direct to the soldiers without the long process of homesteading.

But conditions are not the same today. There is no longer a vast public domain for the soldier to step into and possess. The fertile prairies of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa have long been in private ownership. The lands that are left are either arid, swamp or cut-over lands for the reclamation and use of which capital is required.

After the Civil war thousands of the men injured to life in the open with adventure as their daily food sought its continuance in settlement in the West in preference to returning to city homes. The great era of railroad building was just starting and that drew them on.

In the prairie country all they had to do especially in the Red River valley, was turn over the ground and plant a crop. The soil was ready for the seed and the crop was harvested simply. How different will be the face of the landscape which will greet the returned veteran of the German war.

Unless the government takes adequate steps to provide for the reclamation of the arid, swamp or cut over lands there will be no easy pathway for the veteran of the present war.

But the government is anticipating the problem of the future veteran. Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane, in a recent report to Congress recommends the survey of the seventeen million acres of tillable government land, its classification and preparation for development so that the men fighting today will have an opportunity, if they so chose, to start life anew when the war closes in the great West.

If the Secretary's plans are carried out Oregon is bound to profit thereby. Several million acres of the government land are in this state. Not a small quantity, by any means, is here in Malheur county. The Owyhee project alone has from 25,000 to 30,000 acres. In Jordan Valley on Willow Creek there are thousands of other acres susceptible to irrigation and there is a vast area on Dead Ox Flat capable of almost unlimited production. In all there must be almost 200,000 acres of land in Malheur county that might well be considered in the government's plans.

Some of these projects, the Owyhee for example, have been surveyed and examined by both state and national engineers. Their possibilities are known, but some of the others are not so fortunate. Now is the time when the people of the county, in all sections should consider plans for the proper presentation of the County's claims for development. Those who have boosted for one project or another should get together to see that the various districts are represented in a general scheme for advancement. This would lessen the expense and would advance the interest of all.

Representative Sinnott in a recent speech called the attention of the House of Representatives to the vast productivity of Malheur county lands. He gave as one instance the case of C. W. Mallett who had grown as high as 90 bushels of wheat on one acre of land here. He declared that on the Owyhee project alone 1,500,000 bushels of wheat could be raised in one year. Such arguments are bound to have the desired effect if properly followed up. The communities of Malheur county should unite to forward this movement and be prepared, when the time is ripe, to properly present the claims of this section for recognition, a condition long past due.

## GIVE THE CHILDREN A GOOD TIME

The boys and girls of Malheur county have worked hard this summer. Perhaps in no section of the state have the boys and girls contributed a larger share in harvesting the crops. They are entitled, therefore, to their reward, and we are certain that the appreciative fathers and mothers of Malheur county are more than willing to help them enjoy themselves.

One of the best rewards that the boys

and girls can be given, we are sure, is a trip to the Malheur County Fair, which this year will include a field meet for the boys and girls of the county. It is to be their day. The entire program has been arranged for their benefit.

On the list of events there are all kinds of competitive sports; races of all kinds to furnish fun for the boys and girls and entertainment for their parents. Such a program is a good thing all around. It serves to bring out the best talent in the competitors and at the same time sufficient inducement is offered to make the effort well worth while. Not only has the management of the Fair furnish prizes but the business men and women of Ontario have added special awards for winners.

Beside the program of athletic events there is of course wide competition open to the boys and girls in all lines of educational endeavor.

Education is a broad word when used in this section. Here it includes skill and knowledge of agriculture to a high degree, for Malheur county is the home of the champion gardeners of the state, and it has numbered, too, girl winners of state honor, as well as boys.

By setting aside one day for the boys and girls, who in years to come will be the backbone of the Fair and in all other worthy movements in this county the directors are doing a good work. Educational day should be an annual event, and we feel sure that the mothers and fathers of Malheur county who have enjoyed the co-operation of their sons and daughters during the summer will take advantage of the opportunity to bring them to the Fair on educational, and every other day this fall.

## THE AWAKENING OF THE HUN

According to press dispatches emanating from Holland and Switzerland, the people of Germany are at last awakening to the fact that they are a defeated nation. The recognition of this fact is not complete, but it is coming.

Perhaps the most significant statements are those which concern the presence of American troops in the Western battle line. The Junkers are now paying the price of their deception. Until the great defeat on the Marne they told the people thru their controlled press that there were but a few thousand Americans in Europe and they were untrained fighters. Now the people know differently. They must be certain that there is a full million Americans hitting the Hindenburg line, and that they can hit hard they must also admit. Even the now inspired Vorwarts warns the German people that they must be prepared to admit that the war is not yet won, and that it can be lost. That is a great admission from even the Socialist mouthpiece.

Reports from many sources indicate that the morale of the German people is low. The lower it is the better. When it reaches the bottom, the German army will be a defeated organization. One of the means which the Junkers are using to brace the wills of the people is by reprinting "hate stories" and "hate speeches" which are printed and spoken here in America and other allied countries. The men who make these speeches and the papers that print them have no idea that they are playing the Junkers' game but that is the result. When the militarists of Germany get possession of a particularly choice piece of "hateful language" they print it and say:

"Now if you quit fighting what can you expect from people who say such things about the German people?"

Let's lick the Hun first and hate them afterward. There will be plenty of time to do it then, if they are not reformed in the beating.

## GET READY FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Liberty Loan number four is coming on schedule time. The task is to be bigger than ever before, but it should be more easily accomplished for Americans have become accustomed to buying bonds now. And what is more, we have a million and a half men in France. They must be supported. Now is the time to get ready to make your plans for doubling your previous purchases in shares in Liberty Bonds.

## AN INTERNATIONAL "COME BACK."

It appears that after all Tolstoy's prediction of a strong man from the East who will win the war is to be fulfilled in Alexander Kerensky. The once deposed leader of the Russian people is preparing for a re-appearance on the stage. Backed by the power of the allied governments, Kerensky may yet give Kaiser Bill the time of his life. More power to Kerensky.

## DOCTOR RUMELY



Dr. Edward A. Rumely, publisher of the New York Evening Mail, arrested in connection with alleged German ownership of the paper.

## 300,000 AMERICANS CROSS DURING JULY

Washington.—Major General Hunter Liggett, commanding the first American army corps, is in active charge of that corps on the center of the allied drive in the Aisne-Marne salient, General March, chief of staff, told newspaper correspondents at the semi-weekly conference at the war department.

The American divisions forming this corps are serving continuously on this sector, the control of which is in the hands of Major General Liggett, as commander of the first major American unit to get into action in France.

General Pershing, as a result of recent transfers of American divisions which had been brigaded with the British, now has 1,000,000 men under his direct command, the chief of staff stated.

The number of American divisions actively engaged on this sector has been increased to eight, now including the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th regulars and the 26th, 28th, 32d and 42d national guard. General March announced that it was the 42d division which met and defeated the Prussian guards during the present week.

Total embarkation of American troops during July broke all records. It was announced officially, more than 300,000 men having been shipped.

The grand total embarked to the end of July has passed the 1,200,000 mark. The previous high monthly record was for June when 276,000 men were sent overseas.

## U. S. WAR LOSS OVER 15,000

Sunday Casualty List is Longest Yet Received.

Washington.—Army and marine corps casualties reported from overseas during the week ending Sunday increased 1420, compared with 1059 the week before. Total casualties reported are 15,196, including Sunday's army list of 285—the largest number yet reported in a single day—and marine corps list of two.

While as yet no figures on casualties in the great allied offensive in which American troops are playing such a conspicuous part, the increase in the daily army lists undoubtedly is due in part to this fighting. The increase for the week was 1384. The marine corps list increased only 42 for the seven days.

## Wilson Urges Suffrage

Washington.—Enactment of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution is characterized as a "great and now critical reform" in a letter written by President Wilson to David Baird, the new senator from New Jersey, asking the senator to vote for the amendment.

## THE MARKETS

Portland.  
Oats—No. 3 white feed, \$53 per ton.  
Barley—Standard feed, \$54 per ton.  
Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76.  
Hay—Timothy, \$34 per ton; alfalfa, \$27.  
Butter—Creamery, 48c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 46c per dozen.  
Potatoes—New, \$3.25 per cwt.  
Poultry—Hens, 23@24c; broilers, 26@27c.  
Seattle.  
Butter—Creamery, 54c per lb.  
Eggs—Ranch, 52c per dozen.  
Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 38c; light, 35c; broilers, 36c; roasters, dressed, 37c; ducks, live, 30c, dressed, 32c; geese, live, 27c, dressed, 28c.

## Classified Advertising

### WOULD RENT RANCH.

Wanted, a Ranch to Rent—I want to rent a ranch of not less than 80 acres nor more than 200, with full water right, for term of from one to three years. Will pay rent by division of crops. Will rent alfalfa, or alfalfa and grain property. Have had long experience in ranching. Apply to B21, Argus office, Ontario, Oregon—Adv. 20-31.

WANT TO TRADE—A good, unimproved 80 acres on Dead Ox Flat, under best undeveloped irrigation project; on good highway, R. F. D.; land across road successfully farmed. Will take improved town property in either Ontario or Payette. See C. E. Secoy, or phone 129-N4.—Adv. 41-32.

### FOR RENT.

Five room house half block north of school house on Morton street, piano included, fine shade, \$12.50 per month. Phone 34-N-2. 31-1f

For sale—Two good second hand Washing Machines. These are bargains at McJowell's.

### CITATION TO HEIRS.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS C. McDONALD—DECEASED.

To Mary E. McDonald, known heirs, and to all other heirs unknown, if any, of Douglas C. McDonald, deceased, and to all persons unknown, but concerned, Greeting:

By virtue of an order of the above entitled Court of date August 8, 1918, each and every of you are hereby cited to appear before the above entitled Court, in the County Court room at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, on the 13th day of September, 1918, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., and there show cause, if any you have, why Helen M. Clement, Executrix of the estate of Douglas C. McDonald, deceased, shall not have an order of the above entitled Court, directing and authorizing her, as such Executrix, to sell, at public auction, for cash, all the interest of decedent in the W 1/2 of the W 1/4 of Sec. 5, T. 19 S. R. 47, E. W. M., in Malheur County, Oregon, less about 25 acres owned by the D. S. L. Ry. Co as a right of way.

Witness the Hon George W. McKinley, Judge of the County Court, of Malheur County, Oregon, and the seal of said Court, this 8th day of August, 1918.

ARTHUR M. MOODY,  
County Clerk.  
WM. E. LEES,  
Attorney for Executrix. 32-5f

### SEWER CONSTRUCTION—NOTICE FOR BIDS.

The Common Council of the City of Ontario, Oregon, will receive sealed bids at the City Hall, in said City, up to eight o'clock p. m. on August 12th, 1918, for the furnishing of all material for and the construction of Trunk Sewer No. 3 according to the plans and specifications therefor prepared by Louis C. Kelsey, Civil and Hydraulic Engineer, now on file in the office of the City Recorder at said City Hall. The route of the proposed Sewer is as follows: Beginning at the center of Wyoming Avenue at its point of intersection with the alley in Block 89, if extended, thence running in a northerly direction along said alley to its point of intersection with Idaho Avenue, thence westerly

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, July 22nd, 1918.—Notice is hereby given that Albert E. Woodriddle, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on February 9th, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 63647, for E 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 28, Township 17 South, Range 47 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Three-Year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Vale, Oregon, on the 26th day of August, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: R. R. Robinson, of Payette Idaho; Howard McClannan, of Payette, Idaho; Pearl Crane, of Ontario, Oregon; Guy Morgan, of Ontario, Oregon.  
THOS. JONES,  
Register.

### NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETH E. A. LEAVITT, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that William B. Leavitt, the administrator of the estate of Beth E. A. Leavitt, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement and filed in said court his Final Report and Account of the administration of said estate, and that Monday, the 19th day of August, 1918, at 3 o'clock p. m., at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, in the County Court room at the Court House has been duly appointed by Judge of said court for the settlement of said Final Report and Account, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions in writing to the said Final Report and Account and contest the same.

WILLIAM B. LEAVITT,  
Administrator of the Estate of Beth E. A. Leavitt, Deceased.

Date of first publication July 13, 1918.

Date of last publication August 15, 1918.

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN FORECLOSURE.

By virtue of an execution in foreclosure duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur county, dated 29th of July, A. D. 1918, in a certain action in the said Circuit Court for said State and County, wherein G. L. King as Plaintiff, recovered judgment against E. J. VanCourt, Alice M. VanCourt, husband and wife; Bertha A. Shillings and John Shillings, husband and wife, Alexander Bills, I. H. Preston and G. A. Woodman, as Defendants, for the sum of Four Thousand Dollars with interest thereon from the 11th day of January, 1919, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and Four Hundred Dollars attorney's fee and the further sum of Thirty Dollars costs and disbursements.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will on the 3rd day of September, 1918, at the hour of 11:20 a. m. of said day, at the main entrance door of the Malheur County Court House, at Vale, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

The Southwest One-quarter of the Northeast One-quarter, Section Six, Township 18, South Range, 47 East Willamette Meridian, in Malheur County, Oregon, and all water right connected therewith consisting of twenty shares of the capital stock of the Owyhee Ditch Company.

Taken and levied upon as the property of the said above-named defendants, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, G. L. King, and against the above named Defendants, with interest thereon, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

Dated at Vale, Oregon, August 1st, 1918.

BEN J. BROWN, Sheriff,  
Malheur County, State of Oregon.  
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### CITATION TO HEIRS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Malheur County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. VANDERBILT, DECEASED.

To Eva A. Vanderbilt, Roland W. Vanderbilt, Vivian C. Vanderbilt, and to all persons unknown or concerned, Greeting:

By order of the above entitled court each and all of you are hereby cited to appear before the entitled court in the County Court room in the Court House at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on the 26th day of August, 1918, to show cause, if any you have, why Andrew Vanderbilt, administrator of the estate of William A. Vanderbilt, deceased, as such administrator shall not be entitled and directed by an order of this court to sell certain real property of the said estate to pay the indebtedness thereof, which said real estate is described as follows, to-wit:

Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 16 South, Range 47 E. W. M., Malheur County, Oregon, containing 159.34 acres, more or less.

WITNESS the honorable Geo. W. McKnight, Judge of the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, with the seal of said County Court affixed this 16th day of July, 1918.

ARTHUR M. MOODY,  
(Seal of County Clerk of Malheur County, Oregon.)  
By Roy Smith, Deputy.