

# The Ontario Argus

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## STATE GUARANTY

Representative P. J. Gallagher of this district is the author of a measure designed to solve the problem of financing new irrigation projects in Oregon which will commend itself to the residents of this section, where the potential wealth of the country is as useless today as it was when Columbus discovered America.

Under the provisions of Mr. Gallagher's plan which, however, is not a new one to Western legislatures, the State thru a properly constituted board, would, after a thorough examination of the proposed irrigation district, guarantee the interest and principal of the bonds of the district to the purchasers. The State board would have the power to compel the levying of necessary taxes to meet these obligations and enforcement would be secured by first right of foreclosure on behalf of the State.

While there are many admirable features in the proposed law that would inure to the benefit of practically every section of Eastern Oregon, it is almost beyond belief that the present legislature will take the plunge in State socialism which this measure approaches. To secure the passage of such a law will require enormous work in lining up the Multnomah delegation, as well as the lawmakers from the timbered counties of the West side not directly benefitted, unless the terms of the bill be made to include logged off and swamp lands.

But the greatest difficulty which the bill will encounter will be due to faulty methods in irrigation finance which have marked all the Western country, not only in Oregon, but all of its sister states. Too many crooks with irrigation schemes have worked their game upon the public, in the not distant past, to get the people of the entire state to launch on a program of state guaranty of irrigation bonds.

Ultimately, if the national government does not solve the problem, such a measure will receive public favor and can be made effective. There is sufficient basis to justify the measure with the proper safe guards surrounding its use, while we hope that Representative Gallagher will succeed in getting his measure on the statute books, even if he does not he is accomplishing something in getting this matter before the people for their consideration.

## WHOSE VOTE COUNTS?

There is a type of American citizen who always imagines someone is "Putting something over", that will give a special privilege to a portion of the people and not to all.

It is just such people, and we have them here in Ontario, just as they exist in larger cities, who are always talking about "our class", as opposed to some other group, which for the lack of a more definite name they term the "capitalist class."

It is not to be denied that there are some people who have more money than others, and that some of their money may not have been honestly or righteously secured, but that they receive the advantage of laws enacted in their favor in these days can safely be denied.

But that is not the vital thing in the protests of these dissatisfied citizens. The element that is worthy of more than passing thought is that their statements indicate a lack of faith in our government as it is constituted today. In fact they are an indictment of our government, which as it becomes repeated should command attention.

So long as every man and woman has the right to express his preference for the number of officials it now devolves upon him to select his responsibility for the success of this great government is as great as any other man's. The vote of the banker counts no more than the vote of the humblest laboring man.

Viewed in the light of history, the individual citizen in the United States today enjoys greater privileges, greater advantages than has man ever enjoyed before. But his privileges will be greater in the future, for the science of government is a progressive science and not yet complete.

While at times it has been necessary to resort to revolutionary methods to secure desired aims, the history of government among Anglo-Saxon peoples show that these revolu-

tions were necessary only during the reign of monarchs of the Hohenzollern type. Under our present representative form of government we have in the past 147 years achieved greater reforms thru the process of political evolution than were dreamed of by the leaders of the great revolution against George III.

All these things have come about because of the genius of the American people for self government, and while the leaders to a large degree were of Anglo-Saxon lineage. The direct actionist movement, the disgruntled socialistic propaganda has its direct foundation in the followers of Karl Marx and the Tuetonic type of leaders who prey upon the ignorant in the industrial centers.

A glance at the list of names heading any protest movement these days indicates the origin of the men who are advising revolt to America ideals and casting slurs upon American institutions.

To counteract the baneful efforts of such men, it is not enough that we privately condemn them. Every true American must guard his birthright in this great democracy. We have fought a war to make the world safe for democracy, while permitting its enemies here at home to sow seeds of dissatisfaction which if carried to the ultimate would make democracy unsafe for the world.

A lively active interest in, and continued study of the elements of political life by every American is the best safe guard that this nation can possess. To that end our schools must be increased in efficiency and illiteracy banished from the land. Likewise the English language and that alone should be taught in the Grammar schools.

## BACK AGAIN

Attorney General Brown has a specific item of \$5,000 in his budget for the prosecution of the suit against the Pacific Live Stock company for the return of lands, alleged to have been secured by fraud, of which late Henry Miller head of the P. L. S. company was aware.

Thus the question which has troubled the last two legislatures rises again, and this time it should be settled.

Few, except those who have taken pains to make a study of the controversy know anything of the merits of the State's case, which is already pending in the Court of this District, having been started at Burns during the last term. However, this need not deter one from hoping that the appropriation will pass so that the matter can be carried thru the court and the question properly disposed of. So long as the question exists it is going to cause trouble both for the company and the people of Harney and Malheur county too, for some of the land involved is in this county. No good can come of delaying the adjudication of case. If the facts are as those urging the prosecution of the case claim them to be, the lands should be returned; and if they are not, then the P. L. S. will be the better off to have a court decision in the matter. It will be one less piece of litigation pending.

The new Warden at the Salem institution, which for lack of a better name is called the penitentiary, but is described as the dirtiest hole in the state has the right idea. He says give the inmates plenty of work to do and there will not be half the trouble.

One job that it would seem fitting and proper for the inmates of the institution to perform would be to clean the place up a bit. No matter what it is built of, nor its present architectural lines, or lack of them, may be, the well directed efforts of so large a body of men could make of it at least a clean place.

Back in Minnesota some years ago the convicts of the institution at Stillwater, while annually returning to the state more than it cost to keep them confined, built a handsome new institution several miles from the site of the old prison, and they were not working in competition with the free labor of the state either.

No greater favor could be bestowed on the people of Oregon than some action which remove the penitentiary as cause of noisome scandal and unsavory publicity.

This is one of the tasks to which the solons at Salem might well address themselves.

The case of the returned soldier will become a national scandal unless something is done, not next week, next month, or next year, but NOW.

Would it be fair to call the series of resignations from the President's cabinet, a strike for better wages?

## PRUSS BULLETIN OREGON'S METAL PRODUCTION IN 1918

January 16, 1919  
The total metal production for Oregon as estimated by the Oregon Bureau of Mines & Geology during 1918 is \$3,270,000.00. This includes the usual peace time metals, such as copper, gold, silver and lead, amounting to \$2,140,500.00 and the so-called "war metals", such as chromite, manganese, mercury, tungsten and platinum, amounting to \$1,129,500.00.

The development of chromite deposits and the production of this mineral has been one of the notable features of mining activity within the state during the past year. Eastern and southwestern Oregon have developed chromite areas that have contributed one-third of the total output of the United States. During the year 21,000 tons was mined and sold. Of this production 15,000 tons was produced in Grant and Baker counties in eastern Oregon and about 6,000 tons in Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties in southwestern Oregon. The total value of chromite has been estimated at \$1,050,000.00.

The value of other war metals produced including manganese, quicksilver, tungsten and platinum is estimated at \$70,000.00.

According to a preliminary estimate of Oregon's metal production by Chas. G. Yale of the United States Geological Survey a decrease only in gold is shown for the year. The estimated output is \$1,270,300 for the year which is a decrease of \$221,500 as compared to 1917 production. In spite of high cost of labor and supplies deep gold mines maintained their usual output but at greatly reduced profit. One gold dredge in Baker county closed down on account of having worked out its available ground. This caused a decrease in output from gold dredges, the total decrease as reported by dredging companies being \$235,900.00. Aside from dredging operations gold production was somewhat increased as a result of greater output of copper ores which also carry values in gold.

The silver output is estimated at \$143,500 which is an increase of \$40,000 over 1917 output. The increase in silver is partly due to the increased production of copper with which the silver is associated. The output of copper was valued at \$726,400, an increase of \$50,000.00. This increase is attributed to increased activity in the copper mines of Baker and Josephine counties. There are over 100 producing mines of all classes in Oregon. Of the deep mines about 25 produce gold from silicious ores while the three operating dredges and hydraulic mines account for the remaining production.

There are seven active copper mines in the state and during 1918 fifty-nine chromite properties were producers. Baker county lead in the production of all metals with Grant and Josephine next in order.

## IMPOUNDING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of Ordinance No. 236, of the City of Ontario, I have taken up and impounded the following described animals found running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Ontario, in Malheur County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

One Black Horse, smooth mouth, weight about 1100 pounds, branded T Y on left shoulder, M on right.

One Brown Horse, smooth mouth, weight about 1000 pounds, branded M on right shoulder.

And that I will on the 28th day of January, 1919, at the hour of One o'clock p. m., of said day offer for sale and will sell above described animals at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at Eagle Livery Barn in said City of Ontario.

Taken up this 10th day of January, 1919.

Posted this 16th day of January, 1919.  
MARION W. JONES,  
City Marshal.

## ESTRAY NOTICE

Came to my place two miles West of Ontario, a bay mare 10 years old, branded H on left shoulder, and marked with white star on forehead. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement and cost of care and feeding.  
J. O. BARNARD

## Stomach Trouble

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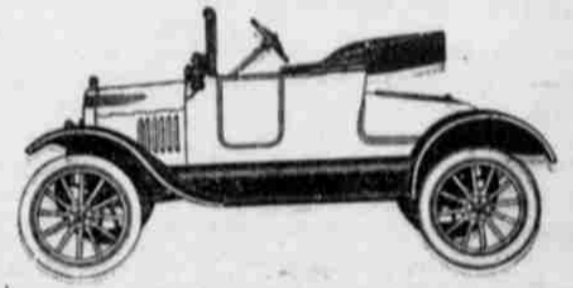
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## How Could He Do It?

A certain well-to-do young business man called at a bank the other day and asked for a loan of \$500.00. The banker promptly took his personal note for the amount.

Why could he do this? Simply because as a young man he commenced doing business thru the bank. He had learned early in life that the bank could help him in many ways and the banker learned that this young man was a stickler and could be depended upon. In fact each had learned to stay by the other. Young men, there is a lesson in this for you. Start now doing your business thru a good bank like ours. Stay by us and we will stay by you.

First National Bank  
ONTARIO, OREGON.