

## THE ARGUS

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### UNITING FOR OREGON

The organization of the State Chamber of Commerce is, we hope, a sign of the awakening of Oregonians to the possibilities of this empire we call a state.

For years Oregon has been asleep, or so near that comatose condition that all it could do was dream of the time when the vast resources of the commonwealth would be turned to the beneficent uses of mankind.

We have talked glibly of the reconstruction period, of the day when there would be achieved the reclamation of the arid land of Eastern and Central Oregon, but we have merely been using words, the definition of which may be found in the dictionary but which have no meaning unless backed by action.

The reason that there has been no action, or so little action, has been due to lack of co-operation. Every section of the state has worked alone often at cross purposes with its immediate neighbor. There has been no comprehensive program, no organization working upon a plan of ultimate object by which was to be achieved the development of all the possibilities here so abundantly.

It is no libel to say that Eastern Oregon has long felt estranged from Western Oregon. The people over here have never felt free to call upon the people of the Willamette Valley and Portland to aid them in solving the irrigation problems of this section.

Requests from this section for support from Western Oregon representatives in Congress in behalf of irrigation appropriation, while not ignored, have not evidently been pushed with successful vigor. Who is to blame, the Argus would not presume to say. The facts speak for themselves so far as results are concerned.

Every irrigation project in this section of Eastern Oregon has been financed by local bond sales, while across the river in Idaho, nearly every project has had the support of the federal reclamation service. Idaho has had returned for development millions of dollars more than she has turned into the Reclamation fund from the sale of public lands; while Oregon turned millions into the same fund and received back but a fraction. That is why Oregon is falling back in the procession of Western States.

To remedy just such conditions the

Oregon State Chamber of Commerce was organized. Its slogan, "Oregon for Every Community, and Every Community for Oregon," is one that should be echoed thruout the State. If Oregon, as a unit gets behind any proposition it can put that proposition over. The ability, the brains, the energy, the resources are here in full measure. All that is needed is to harness these rightly, to guide them judiciously and Old Oregon will show bursts of speed that will command the attention of the West.

### TAKE UP THE SLACK

Every day there are additional thousands of men being discharged from the army of Uncle Sam to increase the army of the unemployed. What are the American people going to do about this matter?

It is less than a year ago, when these young men were being feted and dined as they started toward army camps and we were telling them how noble was their action, and how their valour, their devotion to their country, their patriotism and their sacrifice were appreciated. We told them, all over the land, that when they came back with the laurels of victory upon their brows their old jobs would be awaiting them, or better ones. We meant it then, too.

didn't we? Or were we just indulging in patriotic effusions, and soft soap intended only for immediate use but to be forgotten thereafter?

The Argus believes that the people meant it, at least everyone who sincerely gave utterance to such sentiments. But, however, the human mind does not retain the memory of high resolves, or if retaining the memory, it loses the will to attain them.

There would be no difficulty in keeping those high purposes, if every business man, if every community would throw off the brakes established on enterprise when the war began. It does not follow that either the business men or the communities should plunge into extravagant expenditures. There are enough needed improvements in every town, in every business, which if made now would stem the tide of unrest and unemployment.

Now is the time to act. Let's get together and do the needed things here at home. If Ontario employs fifty or 100 men in paving the streets, building homes, and other work during the next few months, and every other town does its share proportionately, the cry of the unemployed will cease. Such action will be the fulfillment of our high resolves made to the boys when they went away. The

American soldier is not asking aims. He is asking work. It is within the power of the communities of America to answer that request, demand if you please, for the soldier has a right to make that demand of those who promised it.

When the petition comes to you, Mr. Property Owner, consider this phase of the matter. Do your patriotic duty. Help make employment for the men, while accomplishing a wonderful benefit for this community, by investing in better, cleaner and more sanitary streets for Ontario.

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

President Wilson has returned to France with the avowed purpose of returning only when there shall have been accomplished the formation of the League of Nations. In the mean time the American people, with the freedom that is their right, nay more, is their duty, are discussing the President's action, the proposed constitution, and every phase of the international problems thus brot to the fore in American life.

The very fact that the American people are discussing this problem and criticizing freely, or upholding vehemently the proponents of the league, is one reason for everyone being proud that he is an American.

If this could not be done, if we were compelled to accept the dictum of officials, without debate or consideration, if we were compelled to submit passively to the whims of officials, no matter how exalted and worthy their ideals, the very men who today uphold the proposed league would desecrate from the house-tops the tyranny of rulers, and rightly so.

The adoption or the rejection of the proposed league of nations is not now, at least, a political question so far as the national parties are concerned. It may become so within the next year, for in that way only can a direct expression of the will of the people be registered. If it does reach that stage may the issue be sharply drawn. Let there be no doubt as to what the people want, for as the majority decide, so will it be, and the minority, being true Americans will bow before that decision of the tribunal of the last resort, the will of the American people.

Ontario gave outright, thousands of dollars to aid war work, can it not invest in an improvement that will keep its money at home, will give employment to men saved from the struggle abroad, while at the same time bettering its own condition?

Let's not talk about reconstruction and reclamation unless we are willing to practice what we preach and do something tangible to show that we are doing our part in solving the nation's problem of passing from war times to peace times.

The effete East is having a fit about the Prohibition which is to be enforced after July 1, in that territory. A lot of the residents there would have the D's if that law did not become effective, and at least they should be thankful to the remainder of the nation.

LOST—between Villa Park and Main street, a crank handle to Buick car. Finder can obtain reward by leaving at this office. 15tr

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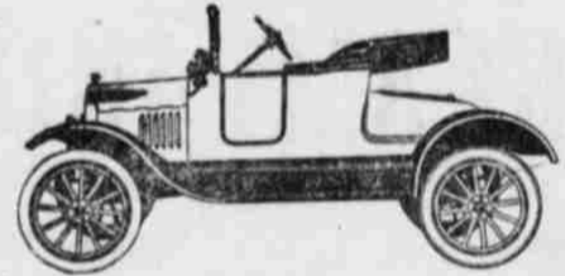
PORTLAND, OREGON

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## Home Pride and Patriotism

During the week of March 17th will be held a statewide membership campaign for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The organization requests co-ordinated effort toward the development of this state thruout the development of this and other communities. If you are interested, and of course you are VITALLY interested, you will become a member and thus lend your financial as well as moral support. The fee is just what you care to contribute—from \$5.00 up.

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## Ontario National Bank

ONTARIO, OREGON

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ONTARIO, OREGON.