

# The Ontario Argus

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## HELP THE ARMY LASSIES

Out of the black picture of misery the Great War painted, stands the figure of the Salvation Army Lassie with her blue uniform and red lined bonnet. Second not even to the dainty Red Cross nurse, she is the epitome of all that was good, all that was kind, all that was merciful, and all that was thoughtful of the needs of the doughboys.

The position she holds today was earned by service. She gave, and gave freely, to the fighting men. They honor her. They respect her. That honor and respect she gained by giving of herself in their hour of danger. Any doughboy will tell you what the Salvation Army workers did in France and Flanders. The Salvation Army raised the lowly doughnut to a height of fame that is not surpassed by England's famous plum pudding, or America's national dish, ice cream. Its coffee was a nectar for the Gods and raised the drooping spirits of thousands of American men "over there."

During this week the Elks, that body of big hearted, whole-souled fellows who a few years ago launched the Big Brother movement, have determined to see to it that the Salvation Army in Oregon shall be able to proceed with its program of mercy, pay its war debts and serve the needs of those who come to it without having to turn them away because of lack of means. The Elks have never attempted a greater work. They will succeed for the unselfishness of their effort will appeal to every thinking Oregonian. For what the army did for the boys over there deserves the support of those of us over here.

## CAN NOT ONTARIO CLEAN UP?

Every day some citizen of Ontario gives voice to bitter denunciation of the unsanitary conditions of the City, the unsightly appearance of the streets and alleys, the unkempt, run-down-at-the-heel style of beauty that adorns the lots of the city.

It is wrong, however, to condemn all Ontario for the condition which generally presents itself thruout the city, and herein lies the trouble; too great a portion of Ontario townsite property is in the hands of non-residents; and too, the population of Ontario is scattered over too much territory. In other words the slovenly appearance of the city may be traced to too ambitious a real estate boom a few years ago.

Here and there over the city are lawns and flower gardens, clumps of shrubbery, and climbing roses that would command attention and admiration in any city. In such homes dwell those who take joy and pride

in fine surroundings. Their character and ideals are expressed in their homes.

The only complete remedy that the Argus sees for the present condition is a general upbuilding of the city. Vacant lots are never sightly, save where used for garden. Let Ontario proceed to put foundations under the air castles which were dreamed of years ago. Then there will be people on the vacant lots, and the problem of cleaning up the city will be simplified.

In the mean time, an effort to clean up the city park, to rid the alleys of the downtown district of their filth, and a constant inspection and rigid enforcement of the health regulations will materially add to the appearance of the city; while the use of a mowing machine on the alfalfa that grows in the streets of the residence section will also help.

## LET ONTARIO HELP

Ontario and Nyssa are, so far as we have learned, the only communities in this section of the valley that are not going to celebrate the Nation's birthday with a home town celebration.

That does not mean, however, that the citizens of these towns are less patriotic than their neighbors—the some might so consider it. Patriotism is not shown by mere outward demonstrations which have their time and place and proper value.

This year Ontario will have the opportunity to join with its neighbors in their efforts and by joining them add to the success of the celebration, enjoy their hospitality and have the added pleasure of seeing how other communities handle their public functions.

Now is the time in which the people should be thinking about "Where to spend the Fourth." And when that comes up for discussion around the family dinner table the Argus would commend the idea of celebrating with our neighboring town of Vale. Vale is going to stage a real old fashioned Fourth of July celebration, and a home coming for the soldier boys of Malheur county. Ontario citizens by making the journey to Vale will have a good time and will aid in giving a fitting reception to the boys who served the nation in its hour of need. This union of the two objects is timely and appropriate. It is certain that the energetic citizens of the county seat will do themselves proud in their effort and therefore are entitled to the co-operation of Ontario people.

There are many Ontarians who have close ties across the river in Payette county, where in Payette, they too are going to have a celebration and reunion which will be well worth attending. That there will be many Ontarians present there goes without saying. There will be many Ontarians who will visit both cities sometime between early morning and late evening and enjoy a part of each program, and thus aid in cementing the friendly ties that exist with our neighbors.

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