

The Ontario Argus

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CO-OPERATE TO MAKE ONTARIO CLEAN.

It appears that the City Council has at last reached a conclusion, and adopted a program that will make Ontario a much cleaner, and therefore a better city in which to live.

The institution of a garbage collection system has long been talked of for the city, until at last it is apparent that a majority of the people are ready for its operation.

Now the question is: will the citizens support the efforts of the Council by co-operation. Do they want the system with sufficient zeal to pay the cost, slight tho it will be? That is the question, and time alone will answer it.

The Argus believes they do want it. Even if that is the case the officials will have to solve some difficult questions and will need the moral support of the citizens. That moral support should be forthcoming in no uncertain terms.

It is apparent that there are going to be some few citizens who will object to complying with the regulations. They have created nuisances for years by keeping cows in vacant lots and allowed filth to accumulate in a disgraceful manner. Some of them are prominent in affairs, big property owners and all that; but they are as amenable to the laws as the humblest citizen. It may take nerve on the part of the officers to make them mend their ways, but that should not deter them.

We believe these citizens, if they are worthy of American citizenship, will recognize the fact that it is their duty to comply with the laws, and instead of being a hindrance to the enforcement of the statute of cleanliness, will by example assist in its enforcement by giving cheerful compliance. That is a duty they owe to themselves and to their fellow citizens.

WHOSE DUTY?

In their expression of the opinion that, "what Ontario needs is not more laws and ordinances but more

enforcement of those now existing," Mayor R. W. Jones and W. H. Laxon hit squarely the fundamental cause of dissatisfaction with representative government.

It is patent to anyone who has had any experience with the enforcement of laws, or observed the attitude taken by the average official, not in Ontario alone, but in any American city or town, that the average official does not deem it his duty to enforce the statutes, unless he chooses so to do.

It is the contention of practically all such officials that the private citizen must swear out the complaint and then they will act. They do not beat about the bush, they take this position openly, especially if the law to be enforced is one that will "get them in bad" with some citizen.

Now the Argus does not believe that this is the proper attitude for officers to take. Since they are receiving money and are being paid "to enforce the laws" it must follow that it is their duty to proceed to enforce them. Of course if the statutes do not prescribe this as their duty, then it is time that statutes be changed and there be no ambiguity in the position of the officials. Either it is their duty to enforce all the laws or it is not, that should be made clear. For the sake of the public and the officials as well, they can not enjoy being placed in attitude of non-compliance with the laws themselves, and that, certainly, is the position they hold in the minds of many citizens today.

The officers of course should be given the support of the citizens. They should be upheld in their attempts to enforce the laws without fear or favor, and when this is done the public generally does so uphold the efforts of the men who carry on the work.

In the major offenses against the statutes the officers are not derelict. In a case of murder, arson or any of the capital crimes they act, quickly and effectively, as a rule. The question then is ever raised as to whose duty it is to enforce the laws. Why is it necessary in the case of minor infractions?

What is the use of having officers if the private citizens must initiate actions to secure enforcement? Why have tax levies from which to pay for such service? Could not a vigilance committee be called together and save money for the people? That

would be advisable if the theory that it is the private citizens are responsible is to be accepted.

Of course such a program is untenable but it illustrates the logical conclusion that would be reached on the theory accepted by the ordinary official.

The Argus realizes that the position of a peace officer is no sinecure, that he must be supported by the people, also that there are many people who complain, and who decline to testify when called upon; and also that juries in many cases do not uphold the officers as they should. From a practical standpoint of law enforcement, these problems have to be met, the officers are presumed to use judgment, but they ought not to be allowed to assume the position that it is up to the public to initiate action, no accepted theory of government sustains that position.

GETTING THINGS STARTED.

There will be from now on, a large increase in the lodge, "I-Told-You-So," who will offer a variety of observations they previously made regarding the outcome of events participated in by Ontario's erstwhile philanthropist.

And there is no doubt but that many of them have qualified for their election into the clan. They did foresee just what has happened. However, there is no use "crying over spilled milk," and Ontario will soon settle down to the even tenor of its ways and will have something to make conversation easy for even the most diffident of conversationalists.

However, and we ought to be charitable about it; let us give the man his due. He did start something. There need be no denying that the houses constructed are a distinct asset to the city. He not only built for himself, but he also was able to communicate his enthusiasm to others and furnished the necessary impetus that carried along others who might have hung back and thus Ontario's home-building campaign was to a measure secured.

COMMUNITY HOUSE NEEDED.

In spite of the fact that Ontario has in the City Hall the large assembly room used by the Commercial club for meetings of civic bodies; has a dancing pavilion and private dance halls, it has not a building that can be used for general com-

REGISTERED DAIRY SALE

of the Fortner Herd

Being unable to secure competent help to handle my dairy business, I have decided to sell at public auction my entire herd of registered dairy stock, on

MONDAY, MARCH 8,

at my ranch on north edge of Ontario,

just east of Fair Grounds

The Sale will start at 1 o'clock

The following is a brief description of the animals and some of the equipment which will be offered the man who wants the finest Dairy Stock obtainable in this section of the West:

MARY BARRETT, No. 298512—Sire, Lithonia's Mint Drop 56836; dam, King's Fay, No. 242005.
OREGON LADY OF ST. LAMBERTH, No. 449041—Sire, Perfection of Oregon 131939; dam Nancy Barrett 298512.
PRINCESS MARGARET OF IDAHO, No. 332230—Sire Idaho State Poles No. 98523; dam, Mistrans Powlind No. 287977.
GOLDIE POLLARD, No. 285205—Sire, Judge Pollard No. 82451; dam, Mary Golden No. 257279.
ROTTER'S HASSIDE No. 330092—Sire Rotter's Lad St. Lambert Boy No. 90325; dam, Bolton Farm Lass No. 258737.
ALFORETTAS DOLLY VARDEN, No. 324384—Sire Idaho State Poles No. 98523; dam, Queen Alforetta No. 228789.
JERSEY BEAUTY'S MARIGOLD, No. 438009—Sire Governor's Marigold Duke No. 198524; dam Wilson Jersey Beauty No. 352000.
JERSEY BEAUTY'S GLOW, No. 451682—Sire, Wild Rose's Governor No. 164491; dam, Wild Rose Jersey Beauty No. 352000.

DUKE'S ROSE BUD MAID No. 420354—Sire, Governor's Marigold Duke, No. 198524; dam Wild Rose of Owyhee No. 331878.

DOROTHY MANNERS (Registration applied for)—Sire, Golden Farm's Senator No. 63220; dam, Princess Margaret of Idaho, No. 322236.

DOLLY'S FERN (Registration Applied for)—Sire, Golden Fern's Senator No. 63220; dam Alforettas Dolly Varden 324384.

POLLARD'S BEAUTY (Registration Applied for)—Sire Royal Jersey King No. 117379; dam, Golden Pollard No. 28205.

PRINCESS LASS (Registration Applied for)—Sire Royal Jersey King, No. 117379; dam, Princess Margaret of Idaho No. 322236.

KATE'S MELIA WILD ROSE, No. 273542—Sire, King Melia Ann of Albany No. 96033; dam Florence Kate No. 249665.

BOISE VALLEY QUEEN, No. 261337—Sire, Sultan's Oxford No. 898888; dam, Largent's Idaho Best, No. 338071.

Herd Bulls and Herd Bull Prospects

ROYAL JERSEY KING, No. 117379—Sire Busy's York, No. 101054; dam, Zomas Frances, No. 262244.

ONEIDA GLOW ROMER, No. 174010—Sire, Poles Oneida's Chief, No. 141024; dam Sultan's Mary Rose, No. 316336.

BULL CALF (No Registration applied for)—Sire, Wild Rose Governor No. 164491; dam, Katie's

Melia Wild Rose, No. 273542.

BULL CALF (No Registration applied for)—Sire, Royal Jersey King, No. 117379; dam Volney, No. 254185.

BULL CALF (No Registration applied for)—Sire Royal Jersey King, No. 117379; dam Lassie B., No. 330092.

One Grade Jersey Cow

BLANCHE GRODE—Giving 50 pounds of milk; tests 6.

ONE TWO-YEAR-OLD HEIFER—Fresh, 32 pounds of milk; tests 6.1.

All of the above are the property of Dr. E. S. Fortner.

Also two Heifer Calves out of these high producing grade cows.

ONE WILK WAGON, nearly new, one set heavy Single Harness, nearly new; one gentle horse, used on milk route; one team of two-year-old mules; one 3/4 Wagon.

MR. F. A. RADCLIFF OFFERS FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: 16 head of High Grade Holstein Heifers, forward springers, nearly all will be fresh by April 15. These heifers are out of the Winter herd and are very highly productive.

TERMS: ALL SUMS OF \$50 AND UNDER CASH. OVER THAT AMOUNT, BANKABLE NOTES TO SUIT BUYER. TWO PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

Col. Amos Miller, of Caldwell,
Auctioneer

A. L. Cockrum,
Clerk

Spring Suits '20

Fashion Dictates

a little lower waist-line and a longer tail on the coat, soft roll lapels, flap pockets and slightly flaring full cuff sleeves.

The price isn't as high as we expected.

\$35, \$40 and up to \$50 a suit

Spring Hats
Stetsons and Astors

\$5.00 to \$8.00

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Ontario, Oregon

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Ontario, however, is well supplied with church buildings. Like most towns it has more church room than is used each month. Therefore it is not more church room that is required to solve the city's requirements.

Ontario is typical of most American towns in this condition. In a recent survey of the church situation in the United States by a commission representing the inter-church federation it was found that there is seating capacity for fifty million people in the churches of America, while the average weekly attendance is less than twenty-five million. In other words, there is twice as much money invested in church property as is needed.

This economic waste—for viewed from that point it is waste—if the interest on this excess were applied to the payment of minister's salaries it would, it is said, increase the average income of the clergymen \$100 per year. That certainly is a much to be desired attainment. Having these figures before them the serious students of the church problem are endeavoring to reduce the overhead charges against churches in the United States by bringing together many of the denominations, reducing the duplication of effort and secure the placing of the church on a better standard financially.

There is a movement on foot to supply Ontario's need for a community house. We believe in it, as do most of the citizens, and while in no wise would we dampen the ardor of any institution, we believe that

the best service of all will be secured if an inter-denominational, or a non-denominational institution be constructed. However, if this is not the prevailing view, the Argus will forward the movement of any denomination that will provide the service sought.

PAVE TO THE SOUTHWEST LIMITS.

There was one section of the city not adequately cared for when the initial paving program was outlined, that was the southwest section of the city. The paving program should be extended on Oregon, or Main street, south, two blocks and turn West on Seventh avenue, S. W., to Fourth street, S. W., and go thence to the city limits.

By doing this entrance to the city from the Valley View region would be adequate and would be paved. Then, too, this is the road leading to the cemetery and from the end of the paving the road should be straightened and graveled.

At the present time the road to the cemetery is anything but a complement to the city and county. It traverses a slough that was drained some time ago but not completely. It is a road of sufficient importance to command more attention than has been given it in the past.

REMEMBER THE ROADS.

If Malheur county is to have its road program completed, even so far as outlined in the bond issue last June, on a basis of co-operation with the State Highway Commission that body must be given more funds.

To secure these funds the people must at the election in May make provision whereby the road limit shall be raised from two to four per cent and the State be thus enabled to issue the necessary bonds for continuing the work already started.

Unless this is done Eastern Oregon will be badly hit. The counties in this section naturally have not had the benefit of State co-operation to the degree that those in the Willamette Valley and in the Columbia Basin have, for the work has started

out from Portland in a logical manner.

Therefore it is of particular importance to the people of this section that the proposed change in the constitution raising the limit of indebtedness for road bonds be raised and that the bond be issued.

P. J. GALLAGHER INVITED ST. PATRICK'S DAY ORATOR

The Portland lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has extended a distinguished honor to P. J. Gallagher of this city in inviting him to the oratory of the day at the lodge's annual St. Patrick's day celebration. Mr. Gallagher has accepted the invitation.

WATER USERS, TAKE NOTICE

The Owyhee Ditch Company advises all waterusers to clean their lateral ditches at once, as water will probably be down the main canal by March 15.

HINTON & CHENAUT IS NAME OF SHEEP FIRM ORGANIZED

W. W. Hinton, one of the pioneer sheepmen of this section, has taken as his partner, E. F. Chenault, who came to Ontario some time ago from the Palouse country of Washington. The partnership thus formed will be styled Hinton & Chenault, and the business of the organization will be that of buying and selling sheep, and raising them, too. The firm has added to Mr. Hinton's holdings several thousand head and expect to buy more in the near future. Mr. Chenault, the junior member of the firm, is Mr. Hinton's son-in-law, who recently purchased the Dunphy ranch one of the most highly developed tracts in the valley.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

I announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of District Attorney for Malheur county at the Republican primaries to be held on May 21, 1920. If I am nominated and elected, I will devote all of the time and attention necessary to the proper performance of all the duties of the office.

Signed,
ROBT. D. LYTLE.