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TO OUR READERS

The editor, Mr. Aiken, was called east on business last week and will be away two or three weeks. During his absence the work of getting out the Argus together with an unusually large amount of "rush" job work falls upon the office staff and a badly depleted mechanical force. Under these conditions we will attempt to get out a semblance of a paper, but as the writer's time is required in the back office owing to our inability to secure competent help in this department owing to the scarcity of printers, the gathering of local news will fall mostly upon the bookkeeper and we trust that the townspeople will give her their assistance wherever possible, and that you will all try and tolerate the shortage of news and bear with us until such time as we can secure more help or until Mr. Aiken returns. —We assure you that we regret this no less than you do and will do our best under the circumstances.

IMPROVED PARKWAYS

It is often the setting of a jewel that attracts attention to its beauty. The surroundings of a house often make a dwelling homelike and inviting when the interior arrangement is of but passing beauty.

So it is with a city. It may be prosperous, it may have citizens of energy and intelligence who do things, but if it is not marked by homelike dwellings, surrounded by well kept lawns and pretty streets, then that city is not being credited with its true worth and is losing many of the benefits to which its energy in securing more material things entitles it.

Ontario has the material advantages. It has the business merit of a larger city, it has the field in which that business can grow thru the united efforts of its business men.

Ontario is now securing very good streets, they are a comfort to travel over, but they lose half their value thru the fact that they are not given the proper setting. No, stretches, or few at least, of green parkways line the streets, the bright glare of the hot sun of summer finds few trees to challenge its attack upon the heads of passing citizens. Shrubbery and flowers along the streets—which in many cities are the pride and boast of the community are conspicuous by their absence in Ontario.

In the scheme of things these improvements, tho of supreme importance cannot be accomplished by the City Council, but must be the result of the efforts of individual householders who take sufficient pride in their homes to improve its surroundings. If everyone would take the proper degree of pride the object would be accomplished.

What the City Council can do to aid this is limited practically speak-

ing to providing curbing along the streets so that parkways can be graded and maintained. That is almost an essential to the formation of parkways, tho they can be built without even curbing.

Then of course the question of watering the grass plots must be settled, and that can only be settled permanently by the City Council some time in the future for conditions are not right now for undertaking a work of that kind, and the temporary arrangement with the Warm Springs District is working satisfactorily now and may prove to be the solution for years to come.

Before Ontario proceeds with improvements prudence demands careful thought. It would be folly for this city to ignore the warnings that come from every hand that the orgy of extravagance must cease, both in private and public affairs. While Ontario's spending or not spending would in no wise affect the financial situation of the country, if every other community viewed the situation in that light, breakers would loom ahead for all.

We believe that many of the thinking men and women of the community realize that in the beautification of the individual homes, in the planting of parkways, in the addition of trees, rather than in the extension of major improvements, for the present, lies Ontario's duty. At least this thought is worthy of consideration, and if further improvements are determined upon by the majority, everything will be done with all the facts on the table for consideration.

SEEKING ANOTHER PLUNGE

Is civilization in reality on the decline?

Is humanity gradually sinking to the level of the savage?

The rivers of blood have hardly dried upon the battlefields of France, and yet the nations of the earth are steadily preparing for the next war.

Powerful air fleets are being constructed, engines of destruction capable of dropping tons of high explosives upon armies and civilians alike.

The U-boat is being perfected to outdo its previous exploits in sending ship loads of helpless people to the bottom of the sea without warning and with no avenue of escape.

Almost everywhere we turn we find the brightest minds and the keenest intellects concentrated upon the construction of machines for the destruction of human life.

Such a condition immediately following the great war is unthinkable, it is appalling, and yet it is true.

The world entertained hopes that the war just closed would be the last. But that hope is becoming blasted day by day.

One has only to read the foreign news dispatches to see the handwriting on the wall—letters written in the blood of humanity and inscribed by the hands of hatred, avarice and greed.

It is slipping a cog.

THE OTHER FELLOW'S SISTER

People are often heard to make suggestive remarks concerning young women whom they see on the streets—but never when a husky male relative is present.

Generally there is no thought of injuring the innocent object of these remarks. They are born in thoughtlessness and uttered in a spirit of

idleness, but they carry a sting that lasts.

If men would confine their remarks to such as they would approve if made regarding their own sisters, or such as they would make in the presence of the father or brother of the girl, there would be less vicious

rumors and innuendoes circulating from lip to lip, and fewer heartaches

when this idle gossip reaches the parties concerned.

The Lord made tongues that they might be used to good purpose, but the devil often twists them to his own evil ways.

And it makes a world of differ-

ence when it is the other fellow's sister.

Buy a horn. Blow into it. Make a noise for this town. You will be heard.

A merchant advertises "silk shirts one-third off." Too short, brother, too short for comfort. There's nothing more exasperating than trying to keep an abbreviated one down.

Read The Ontario Argus for the news.

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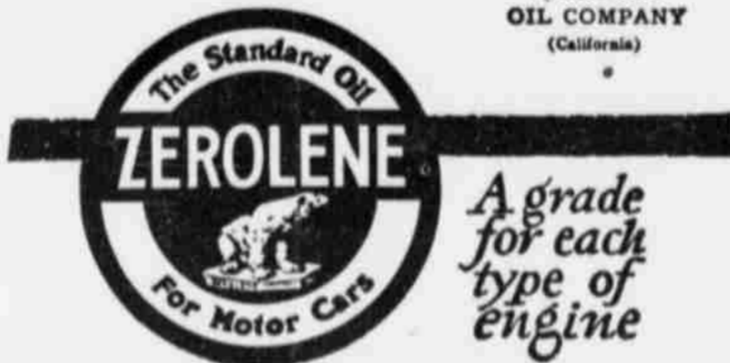
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Arrangements have been made whereby an extension of the Oregon Normal School will be held at Pendleton for six weeks, beginning June 21, 1920. The faculty will be composed of members of the regular Oregon Normal School Faculty and other excellent instructors.

Special methods in the different subjects for all the grades from one to eight inclusive will be given as well as methods for rural schools.

Those wishing to take the elementary teachers' training course may take the six weeks at Pendleton and then six weeks at Monmouth, beginning Aug. 2, or the full twelve weeks may be taken at Monmouth.

The same credits will be given for work taken as is given in the Summer School at Monmouth.

For information regarding places to live in Pendleton, applicants should write to Supt. H. E. Inlow, the director of the Pendleton Summer School.