

# The Ontario Argus

GEO. K. AIKEN, Editor and Publisher.

Published Thursdays at Ontario, Oregon, and entered at the Ontario post office for distribution as 2nd class matter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS . . . . . One Year \$1.50

## WARMSPRINGS ENDORSED.

In spite of the imperative need for greater crop production the war securities committee at Washington has not given its approval for the sale of the Warm Springs bonds. It is therefore fortunate that the project has received the endorsement of Food Administrator W. B. Ayer and Grain Commissioner E. A. Houser. There are no two men in Oregon in civil life, whose endorsement should carry greater weight. It is to be hoped that speedy action is taken by the authorities at Washington as the result of their message.

The delay already marked by the securities committee has, however, great significance. It shows that the curtailment of capital issues is being enforced and that no new work is being permitted unless absolutely justified. It indicates, too, that the board is not permitting bonds to be placed on the market just prior to the Fourth Liberty Loan, for it is apparent that to do so would create a conflict of interest that would materially affect the sale of the nation's paper. Or on the other hand would cause good commercial or industrial paper to be sold at a point lower than the project merits.

Of course small issues such as the Warm Springs would not alone affect the market, but if such issues were to be permitted indiscriminately the aggregate would be sufficient to bring about the above results.

However there is little doubt that with the government's desire for the increase of the food supply that ultimately the Warm Springs bonds will be approved. The only cause for anxiety is that the action will be so delayed as to prevent sufficient work to be done this fall so that water will be available for the 1919 season.

In impressing Messrs. Ayer and Houser with the necessity for action and in securing their endorsement for the project a public service has been performed for one of the deserving sections of the County, and that means Eastern Oregon.

## CUTTING THE ROADS.

Perhaps it is due to labor shortage that the roads of the county about Ontario have suffered so much this year from the excess use of water and leaking ditches.

Whatever the cause is, the fact remains that the highways have been badly damaged and traffic impeded by the cutting of the highways in various places. Even the Boulevard has not been free from it. Near the Dupre ranch six miles south of the city the road has been at least twice, and for several days each time, almost impassible, while a miniature lake gathered dimensions on the highway.

During the past week reports have been received of a more flagrant case on the road a mile west of the Boulevard and north of the tracks which has at least reached a point where the rural mail carrier refuses to serve the patrons in that section of the route. Likewise the driver of the Creamery Company no longer will take up milk cans from ranchers along the road.

Such a condition deprives the ranchers not only of their right to receive their daily mail, which contributes to their happiness, but they must take time from their ranch work to carry milk cans to a point where the collector can reach them.

The cause which brings about such conditions should be corrected and steps taken, so far as possible, to prevent their recurrence. Of course repairs should be made immediately when the proper authorities are notified of the facts.

## MISGUIDED ENTHUSIASM.

That the war and its attendant stimulation of sentiment on the part of the folks at home has given rise to many movements which ostensibly have the good of the fighting men at heart, which they resent, may be judged from the following editorial from The Stars and Stripes, the official publication of the A. E. F., entitled, "What Have We Done?"

"At the convention of the International Dancing Masters' Association, held in Chicago, plans were announced for a 'dancing masters' unit,' soon to embark for France, to instruct American soldiers regarding the newest steps."

"It has been said of the A. E. F. that it is a large and patient body of men completely and bewilderingly surrounded by graphophones, movie cameras, canteen investigators, uplifters and professional entertainers. The A. E. F. is getting larger every day. Also, it is getting less patient. And announcements like the foregoing are not exactly calculated to increase its stock of Job-like virtue.

"We have been polite to most of the investigators. We have been respectful to most of the uplifters. We have looked interested and pleasant for most of the professional entertainers. But, as for the proposed offensive of dancing masters—

"O Lord, O Lord, what have we done to deserve such a visitation?"

It must be admitted by every man and woman that the members of the A. E. F. are just men, and want to be treated as such. Furthermore they are, just at present, engaged in a mighty serious business and it is little less than insulting to them to impose such namby pamby stuff as "newest dancing steps" upon their attention.

Dancing masters and such who want to do something for the boys "over there" can get just right, over here, by buying Liberty Bonds and W. S. S. and contributing to the worth while funds like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, and its doughnut and pie wagons.

## UNFAIR TO THE WEST.

The public service commissions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have united in a complaint to the Inter-State Commerce Commission concerning the recent rise in railroad rates.

They base their contention on the fact that prior to the government operation the railroads of the Northwest were able, under the old rates to pay handsome dividends and maintain their properties, many of them even were able to lay aside surplus funds of sufficient magnitude to indicate their prosperity. From this surplus earning they would have been able in a large degree to meet the increased operating costs incident to the increases in wages made.

The facts are, evidently, that the increases which were blanketed all over the country were laid on the West to maintain the weaker Eastern and Southern lines. By this process a double burden is placed on the commercial and agricultural industries of the West. Already, because of the greater distance from the markets, and the bulky character of the commodities shipped from this section, we have been handicapped for the benefit of the East and South. By increasing on a percentage basis the freight rates for such goods the proportionate rise is greater. In the meantime what has become of the savings that the unification of the roads under federal control was to accomplish?

## PROTECT THE BRIDGE.

During the past year the bridge across Snake river between Ontario and Fruitland bench has been on fire twice. Only the fortunate circumstance that the blaze was discovered soon after starting on each occasion saved it.

Since the County of Malheur has several thousand dollars invested in this piece of property, which is the connecting link in one of the most used highways in this section, good business judgment would indicate that means of protecting the bridge should be employed.

It would cost but a few dollars in time to place barrels filled with water at convenient distances across the bridge. These with a few pails would prove a great help in an emergency. A few coils of rope and a bucket or two might also be placed on the bridge for emergency use.

The distance from Ontario to the bridge makes it a hard run for the fire department and when the men reach there they have not the means for combating the fire always at hand. Either the County Court or the citizens of Ontario should see that protection is furnished the bridge at once.

## FAIR TIME COMING.

The Fair is only three weeks in the future and it will be bigger and better than ever. When you write your friends in the Interior remind them of that fact. They will enjoy the tip and have a good time while here.

As soon as the Warm Springs irrigation work is well on its way the next thing on the program is the Owyhee.

## MONSTROUS IDEA IN GERMAN MIND

Treachery, Murder, Barbarity, Anything, Praiseworthy if for Prussia's Gain.

Abominable System That Must Be Overthrown if the World is to Be Worth Living In, Regardless of the Cost.

This I have seen. I could not believe it unless I had seen it through and through. For several weeks I lived with it; I went all about it and back of it; inside and out of it was shown to me—until finally I came to realize that the incredible was true. It is monstrous, it is unthinkable, but it exists. It is the Prussian system.—F. C. Walcott.

At a conference of field men of the United States food administration held in Washington, F. C. Walcott pictured conditions as he had found them in the countries invaded by German arms. Mr. Walcott served with Mr. Hoover on the Belgium relief commission when this nation was attempting to feed the starving civilian population of Belgium, Poland and northern France. In his address he had pictured such conditions as he said he could not believe unless he had seen the situation through and through, and had lived with it for weeks. He showed these terrible conditions to be the result of deliberate plans on the part of official Germany, and in summing up he said:

"Such is the German mind as it was disclosed to me in several weeks' contact with officers of the staff. Treaties are scraps of paper, if they hinder German aims. Treachery is condoned and praised, if it falls in with German interest. Men, lands, countries are German prizes. Populations are to be destroyed or enslaved so Germany may gain. Women are Germany's prey, children are spoils of war. God gave Germany the Hohenzollern and together they are destined to rule Europe and, eventually, the world—thus reasons the Kaiser.

"Coolly, deliberately, officers of the German staff, permeated by this monstrous philosophy, discuss the denationalization of peoples, the destruction of nations, the undoing of other civilizations, for Germany's account.

"In all the world such a thing has never been. The human mind has never conceived the like. Even among barbarians, the thing would be incredible. The mind can scarcely grasp the fact that these things are proposed and done by a modern government professedly a Christian government in the family of civilized nations.

"This system has got to be rooted out. If it takes everything in the world, if it takes everyone of us, this abomination must be overthrown. It must be ended or the world is not worth living in. No matter how long it takes, no matter how much it costs, we must endure to the end with agonized France, with imperiled Britain, with shattered Belgium, with shaken Russia.

"We must hope that Germany will have a new birth as Russia is being reborn. We must pray, as we fight against the evil that is in Germany, that the good which is in Germany may somehow prevail. We must trust that in the end a Germany really great with the strength of a wonderful race may find its place as one of the brotherhood of nations in the new world that is to be.

"The responsibility of success or failure rests now upon our shoulders; the eyes of the world are anxiously watching us. Are we going to be able to rise to the emergency, throw off our inefficiency, and prove that democracy is safe for the world?"

In the above statement Mr. Walcott has described a condition that must be changed if America, if the world, is to remain a "fit place to live in." And the only way by which this change can be effected is the defeat of German arms in this war. Nothing good, nothing but evil, can come out of Germany, so long as the German people are controlled by a military autocracy, and the German people cannot be made to realize this until this autocracy is crushed. The spirit of militarism that has made of the Germans a robber and a murderer must be utterly crushed if the world is to remain free, and to accomplish this those of us who cannot fight in France must lend our support to our men who are fighting for us.

## FLIER IS MADE CHEVALIER

Gaynemer's Friend and Pupil Has Seven Victories to His Credit.

Paris.—Sous-Lieutenant Beson-Verduras, recently made a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, following his seventh officially recorded aerial victory, was the intimate friend and pupil of Gaynemer.

He accompanied Gaynemer September 11, 1917, when the latter met his fate. His one thought since, it is asserted, has been to avenge the great ace. One of the new chevalier's feats was to shoot down three planes in four hours. He was a cavalryman until transferred to the air service.

## Classified Advertising

WANT TO TRADE—A good, unimproved 80 acres on Dead Ox Flat, under best undeveloped irrigation project; on good highway, R. F. D., land across road successfully farmed. Will take improved town property in either Ontario or Payette. See C. E. Secoy, or phone 129-N4.—Adv. 41-32

FOR RENT. Five room house half block north of school house on Morton street, piano included, fine shade, \$12.50 per month. Phone 24-N-2. 31-1f

For Sale—Two good second hand Washing Machines. These are bargains at McDowell's.

For Sale or Rent. Five-room furnished house and two lots, on East side, deep well. Everything in good condition. Cash or terms. Address Box 11, Ontario, or phone 89-R. Adv.34to36\*

Pears for Sale. Ripe Sept. 1st. Please leave orders with M. F. Albert, cashier First Nat. Bank, Payette, Ida.—John M. den Boer, Mgr. Shawhan ranch. 34-2\*

PIANO AT SACRIFICE. For quick business we will sacrifice a strictly high grade piano located near Ontario. Liberal terms to responsible party. If interested make application at once to THE DENVER MUSIC CO., Adv.-33 to 35 Denver, Colorado.

For Rent.—House, close in; clean, modern. Inquire Argus office. 1f

FOR SALE. Five-room house and two lots, Richardson St. Inquire CMI at Argus office.—Adv. 32-4t

## 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 animal found running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Ontario, in Malheur County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

One 2-year-old spotted steer, marked with underbit on right ear, branded MS on right hip; one 2-year-old red cow and calf, cow branded with hook on left hip, waddle on right jaw, marked under bit right ear, overbit in left; red bull calf marked same; one 3-year-old red cow branded L2 on left hip, looks to be TL on left thigh, marked crop under slope in right ear, overlope in left; and that I will on the 31st day of August, 1918, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., of said day offer for sale and will sell above described animal at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at Eagle Livery barn in said City of Ontario.

Taken up this 17th day of August, 1918.

Posted this 19th day of August, 1918.

MARION JONES, City Marshal.

—BUY W.S.S.—

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, August 13th, 1918.—Notice is hereby given that Robert Raney, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on April 30th, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 93294, for S½NE¼, Sec. 8, and NW¼, W½NE¼, Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 46 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 16th day of September, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: W. A. Webb, Acel S. Wirbeck, George Harper, Charles A. McBride, all of Ontario, Oregon.

THOS. JONES, Register —BUY W.S.S.—

## ENTRAY NOTICE.

I have taken up at my place, five miles west and two miles south of Ontario the following described animals: Five head of horses and one mule. One mule branded R E X on right thigh; one sorrel fully branded R E X on right thigh; one bay two-year-old horse not branded; one black three-year-old, dimly branded on left thigh; one sorrel saddle horse branded H R on left shoulder; one three-year-old fully branded H on left thigh. Owners can have same by paying cost of feed and for this advertising. Signed, Adv. 22-2t F. C. ELLIS.

## CITATION TO HEIRS.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS C. McDONALD—DECEASED.

To Mary E. McDonald, known heirs, and to all other heirs unknown, if any, of Douglas C. McDonald, deceased, and to all persons unknown, but concerned, Greeting:

By virtue of an order of the above entitled Court of date August 8, 1918, each and every of you are hereby cited to appear before the above entitled Court, in the County Court room at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, on the 13th day of September, 1918, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., and there show cause, if any you have, why Helen M. Clement, Executrix of the estate of Douglas C. McDonald, deceased, shall not have an order of the above entitled Court, directing and authorizing her, as such Executrix, to sell, at public auction, for cash, all the interest of decedent in the W½ of the W½ of Sec. 9, T. 19 S. R. 47, E. W. M. in Malheur County, Oregon, less about 25 acres owned by the O. S. L. Ry. Co as a right of way.

Witness the Hon. George W. McKnight, Judge of the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, and the seal of said Court, this 8th day of August, 1918.

ARTHUR M. MOODY, (SEAL.) County Clerk. WM. E. LEES, Attorney for Executrix. 32-5t

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon, July 22nd, 1918.—Notice is hereby given that Albert E. Woodrige, of Ontario, Oregon, who, on February 9th, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 93647, for E½NE¼, NW¼NE¼, NE¼NW¼, Section 30, Township 17 South, Range 47 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Three-Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, Vale, Oregon, on the 28th day of August, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: R. R. Robison, of Payette Idaho; Howard McKinnon, of Payette, Idaho; Pearl Crabb, of Ontario, Oregon; Guy Morgan, of Ontario, Oregon. THOS. JONES, Register.

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN FORECLOSURE.

By virtue of an execution in foreclosure duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur county, dated 29th of July, A. D. 1918, in a certain action in the said Circuit Court for said State and County, wherein G. L. King as Plaintiff, recovered judgment against E. J. VanCourt, Alice M. VanCourt, husband and wife; Bertha A. Shillings and John Shillings, husband and wife, Alexander Bills, I. E. Preston and G. A. Woodman, as Defendants, for the sum of Four Thousand Dollars with interest thereon from the 11th day of January, 1916, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and Four Hundred Dollars attorney's fee and the further sum of Thirty Dollars costs and disbursements.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will on the 3rd day of September, 1918, at the hour of 11:30 a. m. of said day, at the main entrance door of the Malheur County Court House, at Vale, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders for cash, the following described real property, to-wit:

The Southwest One-quarter of the Northeast One-quarter, Section Six, Township 18, South Range, 47 East Willamette Meridian, in Malheur County, Oregon, and all water right connected therewith consisting of twenty shares of the capital stock of the Owyhee Ditch Company.

Taken and levied upon as the property of the said above-named defendants, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, G. L. King, and against the above named Defendants, with interest thereon, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

Dated at Vale, Oregon, August 1st, 1918.

BEN J. BROWN, Sheriff, Malheur County, State of Oregon.

First publication August 1st, 1918. Last publication August 29th, 1918.

## WOULD RENT RANCH.

Wanted, a Ranch to Rent—I want to rent a ranch of not less than 50 acres nor more than 200, with full water right, for term of from one to three years. Will pay rent by division of crops. Will rent all alfalfa, or alfalfa and grain property. Have had long experience in ranching. Apply to B21, Argus office, Ontario, Oregon.—Adv.30-2t