

ONTARIO SEMI-WEEKLY ARGUS

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In an article smirking with criminal libel, and allowing ample grounds for a damage suit, the Ontario "Democrat" (so-called) appeared this morning, attempting to tell its readers how it bluffed the County Court, and kept that body from giving the county printing to the Ontario Argus.

It may interest the Democrat to know that it will have to labor further if it would keep the Argus from securing the county printing. The truth of the matter is that the County Court has not yet settled the matter of whether or not the Argus shall secure the "coveted plum."

As regards the saving of money to the tax payers of the city, in the matter of the recent city publication, the Argus claims full responsibility for any saving that was occasioned. The Argus did the work for just one-third what the Democrat offered to do it for.

As regards the county printing, the law is very plain in the matter. The law provides that the printing shall be given to the newspaper within the county, having the largest bona fide circulation. And provides that in counties having more than 10,000 population, there shall be two papers designated.

The Argus says it has been forced into a "newspaper fight." We have tried to maintain peace when there was no peace. We do not believe our readers care to be bored with such a conflict.

"Ting-a-ling-a-ling," said the telephone on Judge McKnight's desk.

"Hello," said the judge. "Judge, I want to congratulate you upon your decision in the county printing matter," said a voice.

"Who is this?" asked the judge. "This is the Democrat," came the reply.

And thereupon more icicles melted on the telephone wires as more tropical language flowed thereover.

Ha, ha, ha! It is to laugh. Imagine the Democrat congratulating Judge McKnight! Come on, Juntura Times; your turn next.

Forecast: More free Vale advertising in the Democrat when that publication unearths the why and the wherefore of the \$14,000.00 miscellaneous fund contained in the county budget, passed recently.

The Democrat, in its issue this week, implies that it has its "bluff in" on the County Judge, when it says: "It may be that Judge McKnight is considerably more careful and cautious in the expenditure of tax money since the fiasco of the Big Bend bridge bonds."

The Democrat appeared this morning, telling its readers a lot of its "secrets." But it failed to tell how it saved about a hundred dollars to the Commercial Club last spring. The Commercial Club decided to place an order for 25,000 folders, descriptive of Ontario and Malheur County, the folders to be mailed to people asking for in-

formation about this section. The Club appointed a committee to compile the statistics and secure the printing done. The committee called for bids on the work. Caxton Printers, at Caldwell, (especially equipped to handle this class of work) filed a bid of some \$295.00. The Argus figured out the cost of the job to be about \$225.00, and offered to do the work for this figure, plus a profit of 20 per cent. But the Democrat took the job for something less than two hundred dollars.

We understand the Democrat has devised another scheme to "get" the Argus. We are told that the Democrat representative takes one of its weekly issues and compares it in size and amount of advertising contained, with one of the semi-weekly issues of the Argus. Those who have been bored with such a comparison, we respectfully ask to compare the Democrat this week with either issue of the Argus.

Remember, the Argus comes to you twice each week, and each issue is from four to six pages in size, thereby giving each subscriber from eight to ten pages of reading matter each week. When business is good, the Democrat puts out eight pages, but usually it is only six pages in size, and frequently it drops to four pages.

The fact that the Democrat (supposed to publish on Thursdays) failed to appear at the post office last week until late Friday night, thereby reaching its out-of-town readers sometime the following Monday, occasioned some uncomplimentary remarks about it on the part of several of its advertisers.

Some three or four months ago, the Democrat took occasion to flay the Argus with an article implying that the Argus was not fair with its employees, and calling the attention of its readers to its claim that there was considerable "flim-flam" in our make-up.

And we were not mistaken as to the subsequent happenings. The article in the Democrat to which we refer, appeared at the time we were compelled to "fire" a printer for certain breaches of his trust.

But this same printer who proved false to us, also proved false to the Democrat. Some ten days ago he pulled out between sums, thereby leaving his "benefactors" in the "hole" at a time when his services were needed the most.

A wealthy New York widow left \$6,000 for her dog and parrot. It would have been for more humane to chloroform the dog and parrot and have the money used for the poor on the east side of the city.

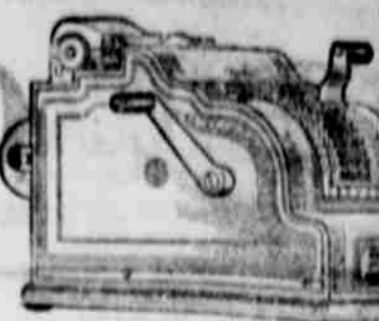
"Eat raw food and live forever," is the advice of a gastronomic expert. Surely this life is monotonous enough without sentencing one to an endless diet of raw turnip, beet, greens and alfalfa on the half shell.

When a ship will pay for itself in two or three trips it is easy to induce capital to invest itself in them. The tremendous demand for ocean tonnage has stimulated our merchant marine to a much greater degree than would have been possible with a subsidy.

Since July 1 of last year, our merchant marine has been increased by 187 ships with 54,000 tons and our aggregate tonnage is now eight and a half millions. If the good work goes on, it is only a question of time when we will have as great a merchant marine as Sweden.

California has its climate. The timber industry is the drawing card for the extreme western Oregon coast region. The Willamette valley is still the "web foot" country where diversified farming has been carried on for the past fifty years.

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United Presbyterian Church Bible school at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Preaching, morning, 11:00 a. m., evening 8:00 p. m.

Congregational Church. Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Endeavor, 7:00 p. m.

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