

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 also takes virtue unto itself for having saved the City of Ontario a considerable sum of money recently in the publication of a notice of sale of various parcels of city property to be sold for improvement assessments.

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." A further hearing on the matter has been set for the first Wednesday in February, the County Court desiring certain facts, which the Argus hopes to be able to give at that time.

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. The Democrat asked three cents a line for the publication, while the Argus only asked one cent. By reason of our superior equipment, including, among other things, a linotype machine, the Argus was able to do the work one-third as cheap as the Democrat, and still make a legitimate profit. The accusation that "the powers that were in our city government" tried to "tip" the work off to the Argus at a price five times greater than we ever asked, is entirely false, and is a veiled and underhanded attempt to draw several of our best and most popular citizens into what has, apparently, developed into a bitter newspaper fight. We challenge the Democrat to present proof of its assertion.

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. It was under this provision that the Argus presented its application to the County Court. We were notified that the County Court would take up the matter of the county printing at 1 o'clock last Monday afternoon. The editor of the Argus appeared there at that time, with his subscription list ready to file with the court. We expected the Democrat would make an honest effort to secure the printing. And we were ready to pit our subscription list against theirs, to prove our assertion that the Argus had the largest bona fide circulation. Whether the Democrat was afraid to show its list of subscribers, for fear it would be beaten, and thereby subjected to ridicule, or whether the list was so small it was ashamed to show it, we do not know. At any rate, the representative of the Democrat asked for thirty days time in which to prepare a list and present it to the court. And the court denied this request, thereby eliminating the Democrat from any consideration in the matter. Had the Democrat asked for a reasonable time in which to prepare its list, or given the court any tangible evidence that it intended to file a list if the thirty days was given, it is very probable the court would have granted the request. Just why the Democrat needed thirty days to prepare a list, was the subject of much speculation among the officials.

The Argus' hope is that 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. However, we are not advocates of "peace at any price." We have in the past, and shall continue in the future, to keep away from personalities, and we shall not stoop to "gutter language" in order to express ourselves. Our statements are intended to be open and above board, and we stand ready to prove every one of them.

"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, Junius Times; your turn next.

Forecast: More free Vale advertising in the Democrat when that publication uncovers 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." How about this, Judge? Is it true?

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. Canton 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. The Democrat says it "has no desire to print public matter for less than cost." The above incident occurred nearly a year ago, and it is possible their "desires" have changed since that experience.

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. The Democrat dropped to only four pages this week, just the same size as the smallest issue of the Semi-Weekly 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. And remember, the Argus maintains a subscription price of just \$1.00 a year, the same as the Democrat, and we give you one hundred and four issues of the Argus each year for the same money which the Democrat asks you for only fifty-two issues.

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. Moral: Advertise in the Argus, a newspaper with sufficient plant and equipment behind it to enable it to deliver when promised.

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. The Argus did not answer the article, because it was simply a personal attack upon the editor, because the article was so far from being based upon facts that it was ridiculous and served as its own refutation, and because we were firmly convinced that subsequent happenings would prove an entire vindication for us.

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. The Democrat at that time proceeded to make a vacancy in its office and put the printer in question to work. No doubt this printer peddled a great tale of woe to the Democrat. And, from the article, the Democrat apparently swallowed his tale whole.

But this same printer who proved false to us, also proved false to the Democrat. Some ten days ago he pulled out between suns, thereby leaving his "benefactors" in the "hole" at a time when his services were needed the most. It may be all right to bring a rattle-snake out of the snow and warm him up. And it may be all right to paint a halo of self-virtue about your head for so doing. And it may also be all right to give the man a good cussing for turning said snake out in the cold. To those who contemplate such an act, however, we have just one thing to say: Beware of Mr. Snake when he gets warm.

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

"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. The juicy steak and the sweet smelling fried onions are good enough for us, and let us die in the attempt, if need be, as long as we enjoy ourselves.

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.

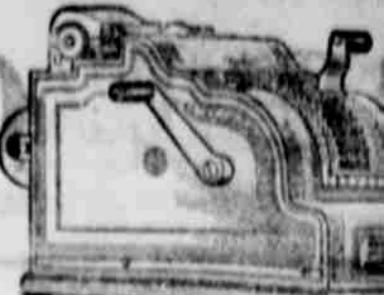
Since July 1 of last year, our merchant marine has been increased by 187 ships with 54,000 tons and our aggregate tonnage is now eight and a half millions. If the good work goes on, it is only a question of time when we will have as great a merchant marine as Sweden.

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. Accessibility to markets counterbalance the deficit in production of crops in sections of Oregon. But we "grow things" out Ontario way. Here the soil and climate features work in unison in producing those yields of fruit, grasses and cereals that in the aggregate enhance the value of the pocket-book far greater than any region in the great west. The returns from the annual yields of all produce prove this. The sun shines here on a prosperous country that has blossomed into a paradise for wealth productivity.

NOTICE!

I have arranged to give you the best there is going in tailoring for the coming season. Aside from my custom tailoring I have secured the service of an A1 tailor and will make suits in my shop, giving you the benefit of a try-on and assuring you perfect fit and satisfaction.

Give me a call.
Art Dunnuck, The Tailor.



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RED LETTER DAY.

The Ontario Woman's Club will observe "Red Letter Day" here this year by holding a "Silver Tea" at the residence of Mrs. H. O. Drane, on Wednesday, January 26. Scholarship Loan Fund Day is also to be observed the same day. The social event will be held from 3 to 6 in the afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited.

Church Services

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday Evening
Bible Study Thursday Evening
A hearty invitation is extended to all.

DAVID E. BAILEY, Pastor.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bible school at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Christian Endeavor at 6:45.

Come to any or all the services and you will find a welcome. W. N. Brown Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

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

You need the church—the church needs you. "Let's get together."

C. C. PRATT, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Endeavor, 7:00 p. m.
Evening Service, 8:00 p. m.

REV. PHILIP KOENIG.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass at 10 a. m. Sunday mornings.
H. A. CAMPO, Rector.

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follows the use of

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Orderlies

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The laxative tablet
with the pleasant taste

In neat tins

10¢ 25¢ 50¢



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Trial size, 10 cents.

THE ONTARIO PHARMACY

THE REXALL STORE

FRENCH DRY CLEANING

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