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ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue the Argus passes to the control of the writer. It may not at this time be inappropriate to make a statement of the policy by which the columns will be governed.

First, and above all else it will be the constant endeavor of the Argus to present all the news of Ontario and vicinity, so far as humanly possible, without bias and without prejudice.

The Argus will endeavor to cooperate with every agency which has for its purpose the up-building of Ontario, the Snake river valley and Central Oregon. We believe this can be best done by far-sighted co-operation; by spreading abroad the truth concerning the possibilities of this region; by extending the natural market thru the up-building of every agency which will bring about the independence of the rancher from the restrictive field offered to products not ready for the ultimate consumer.

Politically the Argus will continue to advance the interest of the republican party. No qualifying adjectives will be needed to describe the republicanism we will follow; but this does not mean that we will support a "yellow dog," if perchance one secured a place on the party ticket.

Since the first province of a newspaper is to print the news, and the second to interpret the import of passing events on the editorial page; the first must, in fairness be done without partisanship; and the second set forth without malice or undue bias.

Reserving to every man the right to his own opinion, we ask the same privilege for ourself. We do not expect every man to agree with us; nor do we expect to agree with every one. There is plenty of room for honest differences of opinion in this great open country; but we trust that bigotry, narrowness; peevishness and petty bickerings will be conspicuous by their absence.

In attempting to achieve the ideals above set forth we solicit the co-operation of every person in this section, be he or she a reader of the Argus or not. We want you to feel that this is your paper, and to feel assured that anything we can do to further the welfare of the community will be gladly done.

The columns of the Argus will at all times be open to any citizen for the discussion of public matters; we reserve the right to eliminate objectionable matter and such personalities as should have no place in the public prints.

GEO. K. AIKEN.

MARK THE ROADS.

Oregon, along with all of the states of the Pacific Northwest is seeking to divert tourist travel from California and the Southwest. The object is, in itself, commendable and can result in much material benefit to the state.

It is safe to say, however, that once a motorist makes the trip over the present highways from The Dalles to Ontario, he will not become a booster for Oregon roads on his return home. He will not carry with him pleasant recollections of well

marked roads; but probably will recount tales of "getting off the road", losing time and suffering the attendant inconveniences.

So far the only road marking that has been done is that undertaken by automobile garages. These over stretches of the road are very good and serve the purpose, but there is a lack of uniformity and the result creates a decided uncertainty on the part of the traveller. He is constantly wondering whether or not he is on the right road.

Another of the difficulties is that at the junction of many roads the warning sign giving directions which road to take is poorly located. For example a few miles above Huntington the autolast must make a choice between two highways, each of which is apparently equally travelled. There is no "main travelled road there." The sign which directs the traveller to Huntington is fifty feet or more from the far side of the junction point and the traveller is forced to make his decision before the sign is in sight.

For miles on the various trails the signs have been placed so low that the scrubbery along the road has hidden the markings requiring diligent search to confirm the directions.

There should be no guess work about the road markings. Some definite system should be adopted and used uniformly throughout the state. If the counties cannot afford to properly mark the highways the question should be placed before the legislature for a proper solution.

DO TELL.

Among the interesting bits of political wisdom promulgated by the industrious press bureau of the democratic party is that the state of Washington will be carried by President Wilson.

How this is to be done was easily explained by means of a telegram from Ole Hanson, to Chairman McCormick offering his services to the Bourbon national committee, while setting forth the power of the progressive party in the Evergreen state.

To the uninitiated Ole's telegram might mean something. The Birmingham Age-Herald like a true democratic organ gave it a "top head" and declared that it was but a straw showing how all the progressives of the west would go. To Washingtonians it is a joke.

The truth of the matter is that Ole is out for revenge. He wants to hang the hide of Senator Miles Poindexter to his real estate belt. Ole is peevish because when he was the progressive candidate for the United States senate, by mistake, two years ago, Miles did not go to the front for him, but remained in the east, and has now turned a double somersault back into the republican fold.

There is no progressive party in Washington, and has not been since December 1914. Its disintegration has been general and complete in every county in the state, including King county in which Seattle is located. Ole Hanson and all his third party associates can not rally 5000 votes to Wilson in Washington, and Ole knows it. But Ole is a mighty good advertiser and with a hot race between Poindexter and Humphrey that many votes may serve Ole's purpose, and anyway he is getting some notoriety.

SERVING THE PEOPLE.

There is one, and only one, means by which a political organization can insure its perpetuity. That is by serving the people. When, thru long tenure of office a political coterie abrogates to itself powers not inherent to political office, its end is not long in coming.

The flagrant violations of the civil service law by the present national administration, together with the fiasco resulting from the elevation of untrained men to high diplomatic posts has caused a feeling of general distrust among the independent voters of the country.

These things have, more plainly than anything else stamped the democratic party as an organization for the promotion of Southern democrats to places on the public pay-rolls.

STATE PRIDE.

While a resident of Oregon's sister state, Washington, the writer has observed a few things about Oregon people. The thing that has impressed us most is the loyalty of Oregonians to Oregon. Perhaps residents of the state have just taken this attitude for granted and let it go at that, but it is nevertheless true that such a spirit does not obtain in Washington or any of the neighboring states.

Why this should be we do not know, but it seems that such a feeling must be merited and if properly directed and means a great deal toward the growth and development of the state.

J. Ham Lewis, he of pink whisker fame, has become the official defender of the administration. Redfield certainly did a poor job in the Durand case and J. Ham is having an awful time in the Mexican fiasco.

A news item says that the democrats expect Mrs. Wilson to carry the one republican district in Virginia back into the democratic fold. And yet the democrats do not want the women to vote.

For the first time in recent political history the voters are going to see a president take the stump urging his re-election. That helps dignify the office does it not. It does not.

The best defense is a mighty good offense. The democrats are spending all their time defending themselves and their party record and have no time to prepare an offense.

It may not here in Ontario but just think of what they are suffering back east. Then forget to kick about the heat.

It is a sorry condition which requires the head of a nation to go before the people in the defense of his acts.

"STAY BY THE PARTY" TO BE CAMPAIGN CRY

Republican Leaders to Urge Association to Stick For Straight Ticket As Do Their Opponents.

"Stay by the party," and "Vote a straight ticket," are going to be the words passed down the line by the republican leaders in Malheur county this fall.

At Vale next Monday evening there is going to be a meeting of the county central committee and the republican candidates for various offices to perfect plans for a strenuous campaign with the above sentiments as the slogans. This was decided upon at Vale Monday when a few of the committeemen met at the rooms of the Vale Commercial club. Among the Ontario party men were present: A. W. Trow, county chairman, E. G. Bailey, M. E. Bain and G. K. Aiken. W. S. Callin made the trip up with the Ontario delegation in Mr. Trow's car.

After canvassing the situation, which they all declared was most favorable for a big party vote the leaders united in the expression that a clean straight fight for a full party vote was the proper procedure.

"Why should not we make such a fight," they declared. "Do not the democrats vote behind their candidates to a man? Did anyone ever hear of a democrat scratching his ticket in Malheur county? Or any place else for that matter?"

"This year," too, they declared, "every republican nominee is of such character and experience that he or she is entitled to the vote of any citizen and there is absolutely no reason why any republican should refuse to give his or her unqualified support to the full ticket from Charles Evan Hughes to the last place on the ticket."

WARMSPRINGS ADVOCATE IN TOWN.

John Rigby of Vale, one of the big boosters for the Warm Springs project rested from the labors of advocating that big improvement by making a trip to Malheur's metropolis Wednesday to receive the congratulations of friends, and incidentally to transact business.

With the Warm Springs project successfully launched Mr. Rigby will turn his attention to drainage districts and any other proposition for the advancement of the Malheur valley.

FILE MORTGAGE FOR A COOL \$4,000,000

The largest mortgage filed in recent years in Malheur county was that recorded by County Clerk Doolittle for the Idaho Power company, which takes over the Electric Investment company properties in Oregon and Idaho.

The mortgage covers all the company plants, lines and contracts and is part of the re-organization plan which includes a number of extensions, the detail of which the company officials have not revealed.

7th Annual Malheur County Agricultural Fair

Sept. 19-20-21-22

Fastest Harness Races Ever Held in Snake River Valley

Twelve entries for the 2:10 pace

Six entries for the 2:14 trot

15 horses from California, 12 horses from Montana, 6 from Colorado, also others from Alberta, Utah, Idaho Washington, Oregon and Wyoming.

Over fifty entries in 2:20 class. Also fastest running races ever given here with many entries in each race

Novelty races will be pulled off between the main harness and saddle races.

Something doing every minute from the sound of the first gong to the last State will make Fish and Game exhibit, said to be the best in the United States.

Stockmen are going to have more and better animals than ever shown before.

Fruit, grains and vegetables will be there in abundance showing what Malheur county can do in an off year

The ladies are especially interested this year and have been working so they can excell all past displays.