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Your remark in latest issue, in regard to referendum on declaring war, is so undemocratic, that I must ask you to stop sending your paper to me. It is just the industrial, the banker and jingo, who do their utmost to get into trouble, in order to pile up some more money. Think of Mexico, Nicaragua and even Europe of today. We can use at home all we produce.

PETE TENSEN.

In a nation of 100,000,000 people, there are of course many views on public questions, and with a wider freedom than is accorded the people of any other government under the sun the people of the United States permit a man to hold and to express those views. In the exercise of that right of free speech and a free press the Argus printed the editorial to which Mr. Tensen takes exception.

We do not know, since he has not stated them fully, what Mr. Tensen's ideas of democracy are. We do know, however, that the government of the United States is a representative government, and not a political anomaly, a pure democracy. And as a representative government the people delegate to their representatives in Congress certain powers, among them the power to declare war, when in their judgment the rights of American citizens have been abridged.

The Argus can not and does not subscribe to the theory that representative government is a failure. It does not believe that, even the millennium has not arrived and a panacea for all the ills of the body politic, has not yet been found, that the republic founded by Washington, Jefferson, Hancock, Hamilton and the host of other patriots on the cornerstones red with the blood of the Revolution has not served their children as well as another institution conceived by man. The Argus does not believe that the representative government saved by Lincoln and for the continuance of which millions laid down their lives in '61 to '65 should now be abandoned to the uncertain hands of men of the stamp of William Jennings Bryan and his pacifist whom Mr. Tensen would have us emulate, since it is for voicing an opinion concerning their propaganda to embarrass the present government he takes exception.

If the policy which Mr. Tensen would have us follow now, of keeping our supplies at home, had been followed by France from 1776 to 1789 there would have been no United States of America and Mr. Tensen, living in Malheur county Oregon would have been subject to the British crown, and if loyal to that government would have been the avowed enemy of the nation he would now serve with his "keep our ships at home policy."

If this policy had been enforced from 1861 to 1865, there would have been, not one great United States of America but two nations within the borders over which now floats the Stars and Stripes. For does not Mr. Tensen and those who advocate his policy know that in the revolutionary war France shipped to Washington's armies the artillery, the munitions and supplies which aided in freeing the Thirteen colonies from the oppression of Lord North's tyranny. Does he not know that in the struggle between the North and South the factories of England, France and Germany furnished supplies to the Union? Does he not and those who like him argue for such a policy know that Germany, prior to this war, has been the nation which profited most in the sale of death dealing instruments to nations at war?

And while with Mr. Tensen, we abhor war, the lessons of history are plain. The very instruments of death in war have proven the instruments of freedom. There is no nation of first magnitude which was not born in the travails of war. And this is especially true of the United States of America. One of the very things the soldiers and sailors of the thirteen original colonies fought for so soon after gaining freedom from "taxation without representation," was

for the "Freedom of the Seas." Is this a heritage of so little value that the people who today are enjoying life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, would throw them away at the behest of any foreign crown, or because of fear for the consequences of a war to maintain them? We think not.

MEDICAL INSPECTION FOR SCHOOLS

Nothing that the Ontario Parent Teachers' Association has ever contemplated has so much merit as its proposal to establish medical inspection in the public schools. This is something that should have been established here long ago.

In establishing such a measure for the safeguarding of the health of the school children Ontario is making no experiment but is merely following what has been demonstrated in hundreds of cities to be of great value to the community.

It is impossible to place a limitation upon the benefits which are bound to accrue with years of such a system. All these are not found in the improvement of the health of the children either. They are found as well in the improvement of their mental development.

Many children unknowingly suffer from organic imperfections which retard their development. The most numerous of these are found in the eyes and organs of the nose and throat. Children are found to be "backward" in the studies and therefore considered deficient, when in reality they can not see or hear as well as their fellows, and thus do not receive the same benefit from the instruction of the schoolroom.

In a school about as large as Ontario's a year ago when medical inspection was begun it was found that four pupils were suffering from inverted vision. They saw things upside down and were constantly making ocular corrections which it was not necessary for their more fortunate associates.

The aid which advanced science can bring to these pupils alone is worth the effort of medical inspection, while the untold benefit which is achieved thru protection against infectious diseases, incipient epidemics and other dangers to the health of a community, make it essential that such a system be adopted. The Parent Teachers association is to be congratulated on starting such a movement.

A SERIOUS LOSS TO ONTARIO

In the passing of A. W. Trow, Ontario particularly, and all of Malheur county in general has suffered a grievous loss. Never has the writer heard from citizens of a community so unanimous an expression of regret at the death of a citizen. Certainly no higher tribute could be paid a man than to be thus esteemed by his fellow citizens so essential to the welfare of the community in which he lived.

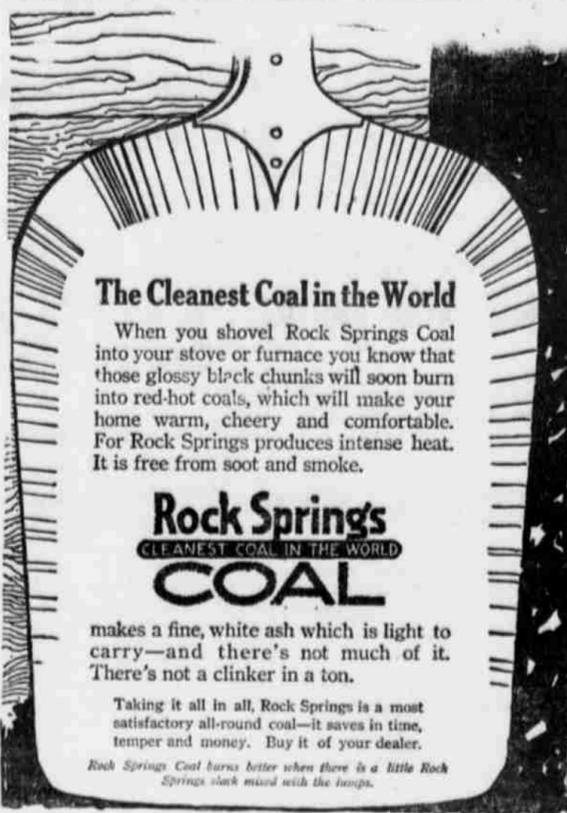
No man achieves such a standing with his fellows without earning it. And few indeed are they who could reach that point in the short space of eight years, for Mr. Trow became a citizen of Ontario and Malheur county just eight years ago.

It is not enough to say that A. W. Trow was a man who "did things." He not only did things but he did things well. He was a builder. He builded not for himself but for the community, and while he may have gained in the doing, his personal interests he submerged in his desire to serve the people who live here now and who will live here in years to come.

To chronicle all that Mr. Trow accomplished during his all too brief a residence in Ontario would be to recount all the progress that has been marked here for years. On his broad shoulders he carried the responsibilities of many enterprises. As Mayor of the city for six years he started its rebuilding from a small town to a thriving rural city.

To him the community owes the Advancement Irrigation company, the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation district, The County Fair, and in no small degree the Holy Rosary hospital and lastly the Warm Springs Irrigation district was organized largely thru his tireless energy.

With all of his unbounded energy he worked for the upbuilding of the community he adopted after coming from his old home in Minnesota, where for years he had been known as a pioneer in the agricultural development of the North Star state. His work was not finished but for what he did accomplish Ontario will hold his name in grateful remembrance, and friends by the scores will unite with the sorrowing wife and sons in grieving for his departure.



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Take the doctor for example. You don't think so much about his services to the community until you happen to need him. Then you need him and need him badly. It's much the same way with the others. Even the banker might be included in the professional list, but whether you consider our job a professional one, or just that of a plain day laborer, our value to the community rests upon the service we render, so the name is unimportant. The professional men are among our most respected customers and we are glad to be of service to them in every way possible, as well as to all others.

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A Flying Start.

As the result of lectures administered to him by both his father and the young woman of his choice, a certain young man decided to turn over a new leaf and show some interest in business.

"Well, Molly," said he to the girl one evening, "I am really going into business in earnest. Made a beginning already today."

"Good!" exclaimed Molly. "And what was the nature of your start?"
"I ordered my tailor to make me a business suit."—New York Times.

Gentle Sarcasm.

A woman had forgotten to order meat for dinner. She rushed to the telephone, called the meat market from memory and did not inquire who was talking when some one answered with the usual "Hello!"

"Have you any brains?" the woman demanded.
"Alas, no," the voice at the other end of the line replied. "I am only a poor teacher."—Indianapolis News.

Deafening.

"H'm!" meditated the manager. "So you claim to have every qualification of a first class actor?"

"Well," returned Jefferson Hamlet, "perhaps I ought to mention the fact that I am slightly deaf, the result of so much applause, you know."—New York Times.

What Counts.

"Circumstances alter cases."
"That's true, but remember, my boy, that you needn't worry about the circumstances if you have the law on your side."—Washington Star.

A Gentle Thrust.

Miss Obdurate—I remember when the girls married much younger than they do now. Miss Pert—Yes, so grandma tells me.—Baltimore American.

Fair Supposition.

The Lady—And is your father working, my little man? The Little Man—I s'pose so, mum. The judge said 'ard labor.—London Telegraph.

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No. 374 Mixed—Leave Brogan 2:50 p. m., Vale 5:05 p. m., Arrive Ontario 5:50 p. m.

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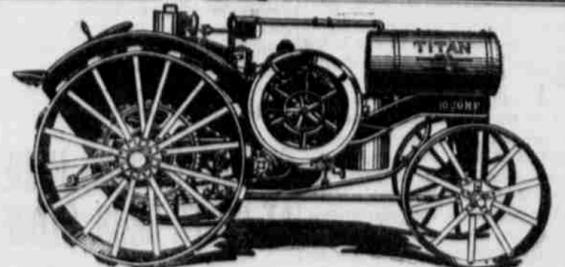
Extra Mixed—Leave Ontario 8:15 a. m. Daily Except Sunday.
No. 363 Mixed—Leave Nyssa 9:25 a. m. Daily Except Sunday. Arrive Homedale 10:55 a. m.
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