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## FROM THE TAXPAYERS STANDPOINT

What the Nyssa Journal is Talking About.

### A SENSIBLE WAY TO VIEW IT

From the Nyssa Journal.  
Looking at the courteous question from the taxpayers standpoint it would appear that Vale's idea of the cost of such structure is very extravagant, in fact they claim it could not possibly be done for less than \$200,000. Ontario has shown they can erect a beautiful, commodious, modern structure for \$25,000 and the money is in the bank to do it with. No expense to the taxpayers at all. Is it not reasonable to presume, that if the taxpayers vote to leave the county seat a Vale, the clever politicians of that community will see to it, the taxpayers of Malheur county are put to the expense of building a court house costing \$200,000. Such a move if properly engineered would be a stroke of genius, absolutely precluding the possibility of ever moving the county seat away now being made by Vale to the voters of Malheur county is one for sympathy. They claim they are being deceived and ruined. If Vale is permitted to retain the county seat and carry out their ideas of what a new court house should cost, the taxpayers, (with a \$200,000 burden saddled upon them) would then be asking for sympathy. In this controversy the taxpayers of Nyssa are vitally interested. It is a matter of dollars and cents in more ways than one. The county must soon have a new court house and either the taxpayers must expect to erect an expensive one at Vale, or must decide at the polls November third to accept the gift offered them by the citizens of Ontario. A two hundred thousand dollar burden or a \$25,000 present. Ontario will be a more convenient location to 75 per cent of the county's population. Shall the 25 per cent scattered about the wide thinly populated stretches, the other side of Vale discomode the densely settled, rich agricultural Nyssa, Owyhee and Big Bend districts? Do the Nyssa farmers and citizens prefer to pay extra car fare, extra telephone costs, extra hotel bills, just to give Vale a chance to have the county build a court house that cannot be moved? We believe not.

## FORTUNES IN POTATOES, GROWING DESIRABLE SEED

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or. Oct. 10.—A heavy demand for disease-free potatoes of standard variety and desirable type, and not a single source of supply in the entire United States, is the situation that confronts the potato grower. In some parts of the country, however, such seed can be grown, while in other parts, including some of the heaviest producing sections of the entire country, it is impossible to grow seed of this kind, and it must be imported from those parts where it can be grown, or else the industry will have to be abandoned. Among the places in which seed of the desired quality can be grown, Oregon is one of the best and most convenient to market.  
Herein lies the opportunity of the Oregon potato grower. Seed of such variety as Burbank, or other standard variety, that is produced in this state free from insect and disease pests, may, if properly inspected and passed, bring a price considerably above the market price of potatoes for food purposes. California growers have a standing offer of a bonus on such inspected potatoes, and they would rather get the potatoes in Oregon than anywhere else, because of convenience and a nearer approach to their climatic conditions.  
"Let growers who have land upon which potatoes have not been grown prepare and plant it to as good seed as can be had, after being thoroughly treated with formalin, and crop of potatoes that should meet the demand will probably be produced," says Prof. Jackson, of the Plant Pathology department of the Agricultural College.  
"By practicing crop rotation using those crops that are non-hosts to the potato disease fung, and by continually selecting seed in the fields and treating it with the standard fungicides, the crops should be kept free from infection and up to the standard of the varieties grown. The Agricultural College will be glad to cooperate with growers."

## THE GRANGER'S CORN CARNIVAL POINTERS

Some Things You Should Observe.

### SHOW CORN SHOULD BE SEED

Save your seed that will get a yield and get it ripe.  
Show corn should be seed corn.  
Select 10 ears of a type and size of ear and kernel that you are willing to work with and depend upon as a crop for the next 20 years.  
That means unusual care.  
The judge at a corn show will endeavor to award first prize to the exhibit that will give the largest yield of good mature corn per acre with the best kept record of how it was grown.  
The stock breeder realizes the importance of selecting animals that show strong breed characteristics.  
It is just as important to have a good type and breed characteristics in corn as in live stock.  
Mongrel corn generally means some ears so large that they never mature and therefore, have low feeding value. Some ears so weak that they give no yield. Barren stalks and "nubbin" stalks will be common. Scarcely no two ears are alike. Some will ripen in 75 days and give low yield. Others will require 110 days and never get ripe. The type or variety of dent corn best suited for most of the irrigated land in the Snake River Valley and other districts that have similar soil, altitude and climatic conditions should be an ear ranging from 8½ inches to 9½ inches in length and a well proportioned diameter. A district that will not safely ripen a dent corn 8½ inches in length should grow the flint varieties. The flint varieties mature in a shorter season than do the dent varieties.  
There are extremely few districts where it is safe to attempt to grow a large 10 inch ear. Too many ears will be soft. It is liable to spoil in the crib and, in any event, it will have poor feeding or market value.  
The shape of the ear should be cylindrical, tapering moderately, short, bunched ears should be avoided as should also the weak slender ear. The kernels should be uniform in width, thickness and in depth. The kernel that is too blocky will likely be disappointing when it is shelled. The thin kernel is generally irregular and lacks strength. The very deep kernel is liable to not ripen.  
The ear that tapers all the way from butt to top will necessarily show kernels that taper in width and depth from butt to top. Look out for "running out" tendencies. The first indication is slick, short flinty kernels on sharp pointed ears. Dent corn has a natural tendency to revert to the flint type. Wide furrows between the rows of kernels is also an indication of "running out."  
A well filled out butt and tip is desirable. The tip kernels will be shelled off anyway for planting.  
Do not dry the ears to fast.  
Be sure to hang the seed ears where there is good air circulation.  
(Signed) GRANGE COMMITTEE.

## THE HOLDUP OF BRIDGE THAT IS NEEDED AT HARPER

To the Editor of the Argus:  
The Vale Enterprise attempts to misinform Malheur county taxpayers about the Harper Bridge episode, but forgets to repeat the telephone talk of what the man at Vale said to the man at Harper when the county seat fight opened. They do not inform the dear people how Sammy lost his head and gave Harper to understand that if they did not stand in with Vale in the county seat fight, Vale might see that Harper did not get their bridge. The Enterprise does not uncover the fact that the county court called for bids for the Harper Bridge three months ago, and that the County Commissioners opened the bids on the 10th of September at the same time the county seat fight was started, and that they expected to let the contract for building the Harper bridge to one of the five bidders that was there at that meeting. It was then that the man of Vale called Harper and had a red-hot chewing match and made his threat to stop the building of the bridge. The Enterprise does not inform the public how Sammy and his bunch then dug up a dead letter law to bluff the county court from building the Harper bridge this fall.  
They do not mention how this same bunch persuaded one of their out-of-town stool-pigeons to get ready with an injunction to stop the county court from building the Harper Bridge. The result is that Harper must wait until next spring to get their bridge. This fall and winter is the ideal time for building the bridge while the river is low. The Bridge Builders were willing to take county warrants and wait until spring for their money, but vindictive Vale goes under cover and gets an outside stool-pigeon to take advantage of a technicality of law that has always been ignored to embarrass the county court in using the credit of the county in building a very much needed bridge, even though the building of the bridge this fall would save the taxpayers thousands of dollars and be a great convenience to Harper, not until next spring can the county court build the Harper bridge and no one is to blame but Vale and there is not a member of the county court living outside of Vale who will stand up and deny this statement. How much longer will this crowd of wild cat oilwell boomers pose as defenders of the taxpayers?  
HARPER TAXPAYER?

## THE GERMANS HAVE THEIR IDEAS OF HOME PROTECTION

At a meeting of English manufacturers in London recently the following "ten commandments" were read by Sir George Pragnell, who said they had been circulated in thousands throughout Germany during the last three years:  
1. In all expenses keep in mind the interests of your own compatriots.  
2. Never forget that when you buy a foreign article your own country is the poorer.  
3. Your money should profit no one but Germans.  
4. Never profane German factories by using foreign machinery.  
5. Never allow foreign eatables to be served at your table.  
6. Write on German paper with a German pen and use German blotting paper.  
7. German flour, German fruit and German beer can alone give your body the true German energy.  
8. If you do not like German malt coffee, drink coffee from German colonies.  
9. Use German clothes for your dress and German hats for your head.  
10. Let not foreign flattery distract you from these precepts; and be firmly convinced, whatever others say, that German products are the only ones worthy of citizens of the German Fatherland.

## OUR CANDIDATE FOR THE STATE SENATE

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### HAS BEEN SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Frank Davey, of Harney county, Republican nominee for Joint Representative in this district, has a legislative record of fidelity to the common people of which he is proud and refers to the journals of the house of 1903 and 1907 to substantiate it.  
He was the first man to battle for the right of the people to name the U. S. Senators and went down to defeat, to the last ballot, for the people's choice in 1903; he has been a consistent supporter of all popular legislation since; he was the first man to formulate the plan for reducing the size of the legislative calendar, which has saved the state thousands of dollars; he introduced the first bill to place the state printer on a flat salary in 1907, and though it was then defeated it has been since enacted; he made in 1903 the first successful fight against the unjust salary grab of legislative clerks which was usual at previous sessions; at the session of 1913 he was chairman of three committees, made 110 reports besides his other duties and had no clerk; in 1907, as Speaker, he put a stop to the then strong effort for appropriations for Expositions, which were sought by a lot of professional exposition promoters; he cleared the floor of pernicious lobbyists and spoiled their business; he fought every species of graft and everything smacking of the influence of grasping corporations or political trickery; he was probably the first representative from the Willamette valley who sympathized with the needs and rights of Eastern Oregon and allied himself with its members to procure what they wanted. These are but a small list of things to his credit, but will serve as an index of his course in the coming legislature.

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