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The Pledge. I pledge my allegiance to My Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE NYSSA COUNCIL'S QUESTIONS

In a communication to the Argus last week the Nyssa Council of Defense, after a rather complete discussion of the internal offense which Germany made against the United States concludes by setting forth a number of hypothetical questions relative to the matter of patriotism.

For the purpose of the argument, and leaving out entirely the question of whether any one in Nyssa is guilty of violating any of the conditions which the Council sets forth, the Argus agrees with the Council.

The communication and other such articles are timely in that they remind Americans of what transpired a few months ago when Bernstorff and his Hun assistants were planning the undoing of our government.

It is a mighty good thing to mark well the citizens who upheld the damnable action of the baby murderers in the sinking of the Lusitania. Such a man or men are not fit for citizenship in any civilized country. They are part and parcel of the savages and should be under the rule of the atrocious Hun today. That is where they belong. It is to be regretted if the Nyssa citizens concerning whose patriotism the Council doubts are guilty.

In discussing the communication, which had been presented to it and refused publication, the Gate City Journal of Nyssa questions the motives of the authors, and declares that it is an attempt to hit someone in the back. Of course, that may be true, for in Nyssa they have mysterious and wonderful ways of doing things, but the language of the communication was so general that he would have to be guilty, indeed, who would admit that any of the charges referred to him. The Argus has no desire to "butt in" to any of Nyssa's family fights, but believes that communications from the Council of Defense on the question of patriotism are subject matter for publication. As a matter of fact, the Argus agrees, too, with the Journal that to particularize the individuals and "hold them to public scorn" is the best means of fighting sedition.

A COMPARISON.

Ontario did not stand still last year. It made some real progress. But did it make all the progress for which it was capable and which with its geographical and strategic location, together with its natural resources it was entitled; as compared with its neighbors?

That is the best means of judging the matter. In Payette they added a fruit dryer and saved thousands of dollars to the ranchers of that section; in Nampa they added a milk condenser; Caldwell acquired a new seed firm, with warehouses and equipment for serving a wide territory. These were all substantial additions which accomplish two objects; make a market for the produce of the country roundabout the cities in question and by giving employment to inhabitants, help provide that desirable adjunct to every community, a payroll. No such institution has come to Ontario.

Now there must be a reason for this condition. Just what it is, is the subject of many interesting conversations among people. But conversations do not solve municipal problems. They merely "open the ball" and prepare the way for action when the proper interest has been aroused.

The men who have property here and who will benefit by the introduction of institutions which will create payrolls and furnish markets, are the men who should study these problems and since they are men, too, who have the capital necessary, they can solve the problems; if they want to do so.

CONSIDER THE SOURCE.

It is well to consider the source of utterances such as those given vent to by

Guinsnoe Bill Stone of Missouri, in the Senate Monday. The people of the United States are some what better acquainted with Teddy than they are with Bill. They know that Teddy has four sons fighting and was for "Democracy" and that he himself offered to fight and was refused. They know too, that Bill had close communication with George Sylvester Vierick, one of the Kaiser's propogandists, during 1916. And they know, too, that Bill was one of "that small group of wilful men." Knowing thesethings, and knowing Teddy, one can't help but feel sorry for Bill.

***** STANFIELDS CANDIDACY.

There will no doubt be some opposition to the candidacy of Robert N. Stanfield for the United States Senate on the ground that he is a big sheepman, as if that fact were something to view with alarm. If Mr. Stanfield reached his position in the industry thru unjust methods, by oppressive tactics, by trickery or dishonesty the case would be different; but none of these accusations have ever been made against him.

As a matter of common knowledge it is not many years ago that Mr. Stanfield was far from the position he now holds in the game, and those who are familiar with the fluctuations of the sheep and wool market realize that were he continue in the game an even shorter time might be required to dissolve his winnings.

Mr. Stanfield may not be the choice of every man in this section but opposition to his candidacy should be based on some ground other than the fact that he is a "big sheepman." The fact that he has made a success of so precarious a business is due perhaps to attributes that will make him a successful representative in the Senate. Certainly thru his operations he has become familiar with the problems of the stockmen of this section, and since he is the owner of a number of irrigated farms, some of which are under government and others under privately controlled irrigation plants, he knows the problems of the farmer, too. If successful effort and association are elements to be considered Bob Stanfield should qualify as fitted to represent Oregon in the Senate.

***** THE CAUSE OF HIGH TAXES.

One of the reasons taxes are high in Malheur county is the fact that only 12 per cent of the land in the county is on the tax rolls. That is a condition that should be brought to an end.

The 12 per cent that has to find the means of building roads across 88 additional units of these sage brush mountains and valleys is given a bigger load than any similar division in the state. Harney is the next county in portion and has 81 per cent of its area untaxed.

This condition will continue if the recent petition of the sheepmen to congress prevails and the 640 acre homestead law is repealed. Of course, there are arguments both for and against the enlarged homestead act, but certainly there is no argument to be advanced supporting the position that 12 per cent of the land provide the funds which carry the burden for the other 88 per cent, and the 88 per cent return to the government funds for grazing while nothing goes to the county for taxes.

***** WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

The City Council has placed before the people the problem of getting the City Charter amended so that the City can build a water system. Have you taken the time to look up the proposition and to keep informed so that you'll not forget that the date of election is January 30th?

Don't forget the date, it means a bigger and better Ontario.

Oh, joy. A contemporary, located on a branch line not far from Ontario, has a great government scheme which will bring on the political millennium. It is a panacea for all the political ills of mankind. The editor has evidently thought it out all by himself. It is the "delegalization" of political parties, whatever that is, and by so doing everyone will be united in one grand union, and there will be no more sorrow nor sighing, neither will there be any more property nor divorce suits, neither lumbago nor corns. The branch line newspaper that has this scheme all hatched up has not unfolded it, it has just stated that this is the result of the "delegalization" of political parties.

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The Eighth Grade girls are fitting up a club room adjoining the Eighth Grade room. They are to use this as a place to play games and spend their time in at recess and noons during the cold weather.

The Eighth Grade have organized a literary society and the following officers have been elected: President, Ula Gramse; vice-president, Eugene Hale; secretary-treasurer, Hugh Biggs. They intend giving a program semi-monthly, which will consist of debates, school papers and various other things. The editors of the paper will be appointed by the three officers of the society.

There will be a debate in the Eighth grade Saturday afternoon on the question of universal military training.

THE MIDGET RED CROSS.

The lower grades have organized a midget Red Cross. Last Friday they marched up to the Red Cross rooms and introduced themselves to Mrs. Greig. Eleanor Woods is president, Evelyn Gallagher, vice-president, Cecelia Gallagher treasurer, and Irma Rutherford, secretary. There are eleven members. They have been organized a month and have given \$1.05 to the Red Cross. They are making trench candles and knitting quilt squares.

RUTH HOMAN.

THE DEBATE.

Last Friday several members of the seventh grade gave a debate on the subject, "Which will mean the more to the world of the future, China or Japan?" Those on the affirmative were Margaret Drans, Frank Van Petten and Cecil Thompson. Those on the negative were Alice Dorman, Milo Wright and Richard Adams. Alice Dorman wore a little Japanese kimono and she also brought many pretty ornaments from Japan to show the class. Mr. Brainard from Nyssa and Mr. Douglass were the judges. They both decided in favor of the negative, altho both did very well. Next Friday there will

be another debate, the subject being, which did the more good to our country during the Revolutionary period, Samuel Adams or Benjamin Franklin? Leaders, Margaret Blackaby and Ruth Homan. Everybody is cordially invited. ALICE BERVIN.

THE HOLY LAND.

Ruin and desolation rules supreme in the Holy Land. Every country that the barbarian Turks conquer, they destroy to a nearly hopeless condition. Greece and the Balkan countries have, in former years been laid in ruins. The Holy Land was destroyed by them. Everything that the Jews built and made, only two or three remain and these are nearly in ruins.

Altho the Turks claimed they came from Asia, they must have been related to the barbarian tribes of Germany when Caesar ruled the Roman Empire. The direct object of the Crusades was the capture of the Holy Land. Many a king fought bravely side by side to gain the place where Jesus and His disciples were born, but in vain.

In the meantime, the Jews, forced by the horrible massacres, left their native land and went as wanderers to other lands. They are now scattered all over the globe.

If our land, America, was conquered by Germany, and we were helpless against them, and could do nothing while we were separated, do you suppose if some other nation conquered this land from Germany, and offered it to us for a home, where the Stars and Stripes would float on high, that we would reject the offer?

This same question may confront the Jews. England has conquered the Holy Land from Turkey and may offer it to the Jews.

Let us take a glimpse say fifty years from now (if this should happen). Would we not once more see a bright and happy land? Rising up from where the former ruins were, would be magnificent buildings, lawns, temples and etc., showing the architecture of the industrious Jews. Will

STOCKMEN COMING.

In the spring there is going to be a stockman's convention, the first time it has ever been held in the State of Oregon. They expect about four hundred people outside of Ontario. The going to have a barbecue. It is planned to come off in April. Bankers' convention will be held the same time.

It will last about four days. There will be a great deal of excitement, such as "bucking" and "dogging the steer."

PAUL PETERSON.

The Germans have more lines than they had a year ago. They have run so short of men that they can not make the strong as they did. There are fifteen to thirty out at one time.

So many go out that do not back, that it is hard to get men them.

The Germans do not draft the from the battle ships onto the marines, but they are shot if they not volunteer.

They give up. Not long ago

The men are disheartened crew of one submarine killing officers and surrendered to an lean cruiser. MILO WRIGHT

Mrs. Homan reports that she has taken up the study of the Cross work, so they may know what is expected of each member, be able to do their work intelligently.

Tuesday morning the boys Grade organized a debating society. Frank Van Petten was elected president, and responded to Mr. "Speech, Van!" by saying he would insist on the debaters loan of their material. Margaret Drans elected secretary and Richardson vice-president.

they not accept this land again make it a land of prosperity?

Abraham might have seen a promising land, from the mountain peaks after all. CECIL THOMPSON

Those Home Made SAUSAGE

We have just installed a completely equipped Sausage Kitchen. In it are all the new meat cutting and grinding machines so that we can make sausages of all kinds. If there is anything special that you want in the way of sausage come here and we will make it for you.

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