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COMMUNITY PRIDE

All the efforts of man from the earliest ages have been directed toward the improvement in his living conditions. The test of man's character is his willingness to endure untoward conditions and to strive to better them. The man or woman who is just satisfied with his or her surroundings no matter how untidy they may be, is of little credit to the community.

The same test can be applied to communities, for they are but numerical extensions of individuals. That community which does not make progress in beautifying itself is marked everywhere for what it is—a backward place.

Real estate men recognize this principle and they declare that the home with trees and shrubs, with a beautiful lawn and slightly surroundings will always command a better price than an equally well built house not so situated.

If this is true of an individual home, in the aggregate it is true of all the homes of a town. That town which has pretty lawns, shade trees, parks and the modern standard of surroundings invites homemakers to abide there, and for business reasons, if for no others, to be such a community should be the aim of every town.

But these are not the only reasons for desiring the improvement of conditions here in Ontario; and candor compels the admission that Ontario is not the slightly town we all should want it to be. Those of us who live here, for our own sake and for our children's desire to live in as beautiful surroundings as we can afford.

Without launching upon any extensive program, and the program suggested by Mayor Doolittle in his appeal, is moderate indeed; there is much that could be done to improve conditions here. Just a little individual attention, if multiplied by the activity of many citizens, would greatly change the face of nature here. It is an object so worthy, and so full of reward for those who promote its accomplishment that we are certain that it will commend itself to the citizens of this town.

Ontario has made many improvements of late. Many new homes have been built and many new lawns and parkways have been planted. Progress is being made, if not as rapidly as some would desire; and those we are sure will welcome the Mayor's suggestion. It is indeed one worthy of united support.

SINNOTT'S OPPORTUNITY

Congressman N. J. Sinnott is seeking election again. Not for what Mr. Sinnott has done, particularly, in the past, especially for this section of his district, but for the position in which he is now placed wherein he certainly should be able to be of real aid, the Argus believes he should be nominated.

Representative Sinnott is now chairman of the arid lands committee of the House. This is a place of power and prestige—with another session, if he does not secure more just distribution of the funds of the reclamation service he will have no claim for further recognition from this section. However we believe that he is entitled to the opportunity to manifest his ability to use the power and prestige of his experience and position.

Though not alone responsible, Mr. Sinnott must accept with others a portion of the blame for the fact that Oregon has never received its share of the reclamation funds. Yet he should not be held alone to blame. And it would be unwise now to change our representative if we are to expect federal aid for the Owyhee project. Representative Sinnott is a hard worker, but he has not, until Senator McNary joined

the delegation, had an enthusiast to aid him in the Senate. The Argus believes that Sinnott should be nominated once more—then, if no evidence of ability to procure aid for the Owyhee is extant that another be selected.

ANYONE TO BEAT OLCOTT

"Who has the best chance to beat Olcott?" The Argus has been asked this question by several inquiring men during the past week, and this indicates the feeling that has become marked of late. It is this feeling that is manifested here, and we understand exists in other sections of the state, which shows that the governor is not nearly the strong candidate that some consider him. He might win, but if he does it will not be through his own strength so much as through the fact that the opposition to him is divided. He will be a minority candidate if nominated. Whoever is nominated will be that, it goes without saying.

The fact that so many men are still in doubt, and are asking only that they be told "who can beat Olcott" shows what would happen if only one of two candidates were in the field. It would be almost a cinch that the governor would be retired to private life.

The Argus believes that there are at least two candidates, each of whom is stronger than the governor in executive ability; it being granted that in knowledge of the machinery of state the present incumbent is well versed. These two are Speaker Bean and Senator Patterson.

The selection of either of these will assure Oregon a real executive. It is too bad that one or the other of them was not running. Both have done good work for the state and both are entitled to recognition—both cannot be elected. Between them a choice must be made. The choice of either will be an improvement over the present administration.

ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION

If there ever was a man who has manifested a spirit of community service and who has worked for the advancement of his home community, county and district, that man is Representative P. J. Gallagher who is seeking the republican nomination for representative from this district.

It is unfortunately true that the public soon forgets the work done for it. Those who benefit by the activity of leaders do not often take up a fight for them; while the man who by nature is prone to find fault with anyone, no matter who he may be never takes a vacation.

The Argus believes that now there should be no need for encomiums for Pat Gallagher. He has done well for this district and this county; to his own financial loss.

Those who are in a position to know declare that the operation of guarantee of interest on irrigation district bonds has saved many of Malheur County's farmers and prevented at least some of the districts from financial bankruptcy. This law is on the statute books because Mr. Gallagher put it there through his ability as an organizer and an advocate. If this were all that he has done it would merit his return.

We believe that appreciation for the service which a man has done for the community should not wait for expression after he is gone, but should be manifested while he is living. Mr. Gallagher has given generously of his time, his thought and his energy for the upbuilding of this county. No good public work has lacked an advocate while he was available.

In the last legislature he was one of the leaders in the fight for the co-operative marketing bill, he has been a consistent advocate of the highway program which has made possible inter-communication between all parts of Malheur county. He has been tireless and he has been efficient in his efforts. He deserves to be re-nominated.

GO TO BROGAN

There will be no place in the county just like Brogan Saturday—better be there, for a welcome awaits you.

Thirty-five cent wool shows the manner in which the sheep business

can come back. Now for a big rise in beef and all the stockmen will be happy.

Beveridge beat New, and that means an increase in the mental capacity of the Senate—if Beveridge is elected in the fall.

Anyone to beat Olcott seems to be the slogan. It will be easier to tell whether there was one able to do it next week.

MALHEUR FARM RECORDS SHOW VALUE OF DIVERSITY

In 1920 Hay Farms Lost \$607 Each While Diversified Farms Made \$373 Profit

Two hundred farm records are available in Malheur county as a result of three years' work by R. V. Gunn, Extension Service farm management demonstrator, in cooperation with farmers in that county. Sixty-two returns were made for the year 1919, when hay was selling at approximately \$15.00 a ton. That year the average income per farm was \$1675; the interest on the investment, which averaged \$15,605, was 936. This left \$739 as a labor income; or in other words, the sum received for the owner's labor throughout the year.

In 1920, when hay was much lower in price, records on 78 irrigated farms, many of them the same unit as were recorded the year previous, show an average income of \$80; the interest on the investment averaged in this case \$1013. On the straight business end of the farm both ends therefore failed to meet by \$933.

1921 Was a Poor Year For 1921, when hay is still low in price, the records secured on sixty farms showed the farmers to have a loss of \$178 as compared to the profit of \$80 made in 1920, and the \$1675 made in 1919. This year these farms averaged \$17,448 total investment. Six per cent interest on this would amount to \$1047, which when added to the above mentioned loss of \$178 would mean a total loss of \$1224 to the average farm.

Dairy Farms Pay Best

Most of these farms depend largely on the sale of hay for their income. To make a study of different types, however, an average of twenty-three farms selling hay to a more complete degree than the others in 1919 was compared with the average figures of the diversified farms listed and it was found that the average income on the hay farms was \$1754 while the average income on the diversified farms was \$1938. The year following (1920) when prices of hay fell, the average income on fifteen hay farms showed a loss of \$607 and the average income on seventeen diversified farms showed a net return of \$373. For the third year (1921) the hay farms showed a loss of \$1228, while the diversified farms showed a loss of \$119.—Extension News.

OREGON SLOPE

Park Improvement club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Karr, Mrs. Henry Bezier assisting.

Following the business session, a shower for Mrs. C. A. Karst which had been planned by the ladies was successfully carried out, and many beautiful gifts for Mrs. Karst's baby daughter, Evelyn were received.

After a delightful afternoon, a delicious two course luncheon was served by the hostess. The next regular meeting of the club will be Thursday May 18 at the home of Mrs. K. N. Osborne at which time nominations for officers for the coming year will be made. Mr. and Mrs. George Sullens were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barker of Fruitland. Mrs. P. M. Smock and daughter of Seattle arrived at the home of the farmers' mother, Mrs. Lias, Sunday for a short visit. E. W. Tomlin received a wire last Sunday announcing the sad news of the death of his father at their old home in Colorado. Death having resulted from pneumonia at the age of 87 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Karst. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Heslop and Ivan Nelson motored over from Boise Sunday and spent the day with the former's parents, C. G. Heslop and wife. Mr. Heslop and Mr. Nelson returned to Boise in the evening, Mrs. Heslop remaining for a ten days visit. Mr. and Mrs. Mason Clough entertained at six o'clock dinner Sunday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. Welcher, P. M. Boals and family.

George and Maude Culp and A. Shay.

Mrs. C. A. Karst and daughter Evelyn and Mrs. Ora Wilkin were dinner guests Friday of Mrs. L. R. Briethaupt of Ontario.

The Park School motored to Vale last Friday to attend the County track meet. T. J. Carico, J. H. Carico and F. Zeiger donated their machines to convey the children, which was greatly appreciated.

C. C. Wilcox and wife were delightfully entertained Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Arner Gorton. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tomlin of North Pavette were Sunday dinner guests at the parental E. W. Tomlin home.

James Shearer of Payette spent Sunday with J. H. Carico.

Mrs. Will Summers who has been very ill is slowly improving.

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Hiatt and sister Miss Jones of Welser spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Osborne.

Mrs. Joseph and baby are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller spent the week end with A. Gorton and wife. Mr. and Mrs. E. Frost and daughter Mildred were guests of S. J. Simpson and wife Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Howard are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Friday May 5th. Mrs. William Grace and son spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vincent.

Miss Reva Miller is the proud possessor of a Shetland pony. Mrs. J. L. Brown, District Librarian has exchanged the library books on hand and the new ones are ready for distribution.

Mr. and Mrs. Vannatta were the guests of T. F. Spences and family of New Plymouth, Sunday. T. J. Carico and family spent Sunday with J. R. Carico.

J. L. Brown and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. Frost and daughter at dinner Sunday. Miss Lela Everett and Richard Adam of Ontario were Sunday guests of Lela Bartshe.

Miss Mildred Frost returned home Friday from Brogan after completing a successful year of school at that place. Frank M. Northrup of Payette was calling on old friends on the Slope Friday.

Miss Rose West spent the week end with Leora Haunts. Mitt Lauer had the misfortune Monday to have one of his most valuable horses cut so badly in a barbed wire that there is very little hope of saving the animal.



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