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**THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ROAD MAP**

In time, no doubt, the good people of Nyssa will realize the injustice that was done P. J. Gallagher at the polls last Friday. They will also realize that they are doing a gross injustice to Ontario.

While there may be some citizens in our neighboring town who will never acknowledge that a wrong has been done, we know there are others who will, when they know the truth. It is to them that the Argus would address the following statement of fact, which any, who doubt a single statement may verify:

In 1917 the basic law for the formation of Oregon's road system was passed by the legislature, and the routes in part were designated by the bill; that is the termini of the roads were named, and also intervening points through which the highways were to pass. Mr. C. M. Crandall for whom the republicans of Nyssa manifested so great a preference, was a member of that legislature. He had a vote and voice in naming the termini of the roads which enter Malheur county. Yet where, at any place in that basic law, is the name of Nyssa, or Ontario? In all candor we ask the people of Nyssa to show where Nyssa received any consideration then at the hands of the representative chosen to guard their interests? Or where did Ontario either?

Mr. Crandall was evidently sincere in this position, for he voted against the road bill in toto. But had he the interest of this county at heart, when he knew the bill was to pass whether he voted for it or not, it would seem then, that he should have at least made an effort to secure the benefits to which all sections of this county were entitled.

But neither Mr. Crandall, nor the people of Nyssa appeared to be greatly interested in the highway program of Malheur county. Only once did they manifest sufficient interest to be represented at a meeting of the Highway Commission, and

that was when they sent E. M. Dean to a meeting in Portland.

Later at Vale, when the crucial meeting was held to apportion the bond issue with which to match the state and federal funds, Nyssa was not represented.

Those who are familiar with the proceedings of that gathering know that it was the united effort on the part of Ontario, Jordan Valley and Dead Ox Flat that secured for Nyssa as large a share in that division as any section of the entire county. In that division Nyssa was named the terminus of the John Day Highway, and thus the starting point from which \$75,000 was to be spent from Nyssa, via Cairo to the Baker county line; second resolution was adopted that \$50,000 be set aside to be spent from Nyssa south to Jordan Valley.

In contrast with that the only mention of Ontario was that "50,000 be spent from Ontario north to the Baker county line."

Thus it was that Nyssa was given a place on the road program of Oregon when the Highway commission accepted the plan adopted at the Vale meeting as a basis for its co-operation with Malheur County. Ontario has worked constantly for the fulfillment of that program outlined by the representatives of all the county at that meeting at Vale.

Further, the people of Nyssa should remember that the very first money expended on that program was spent from Nyssa to Cairo. That thus they received the first benefit from an effort in which they took but slight interest indeed, and which they did little to bring about.

Second, it should be remembered that the next work done on that program was done between Vale and Jamieson and third, was the building of the bridge at Vale. All these were important sections of the road program. The work was needed and it was done before there was a cent spent on the road from Ontario north to the Baker county line.

Nor is this all. The people of Nyssa should know that in the original plan presented to that meeting at Vale, where the bond funds were divided, there was an item of \$50,000 for the cooperation between Cairo and Ontario—the most used section of a road in the entire county—save that from Ontario to the Snake river bridge; yet in order to scatter the funds over the widest territory Mr. P. J. Gallagher moved to transfer that amount so that it be spent between Brogan and Malheur city; and that was due.

As the result of this action Ontario was injured to Nyssa's bene-

fit; for a year ago last winter; when the heavy rains made the road thus neglected between Cairo and Ontario impassable; Nyssa secured a large measure of trade from the people as far north as Cairo who found it easier to travel the fine gravel highway nine miles than to battle the hub-deep four miles to Ontario.

These are but some of the things which, in part at least, due to the honest effort of those men in Ontario who felt that since a highway program had been adopted in Oregon that Malheur county should fight for its share of the benefits, have been accomplished and in which Nyssa has benefited disproportionately to the effort her people put forth; though not less than the traffic in that territory justified.

So far as the road map to which the Gate City Journal so directly charges to the machinations of Mr. Gallagher and Ontario, no fair-minded man can justly charge the gross blunder to Ontario or to Mr. Gallagher. We defy the Journal or anyone in Nyssa to bring one scintilla of evidence to show any connection of anyone in Ontario therewith.

Ontario no less than Nyssa has been injured by mistakes in the maps issued. For years the maps showed that the road from Nyssa went directly over the hills to Vale and thence up Willow creek to Baker. They did not show the plan to build the road on the Oregon side to Huntington. In fact the official maps this year do not show that road and will not until next year because the commission does not want travel over the grade until it is surfaced.

In the interest of justice and fair play, the men of Nyssa who want to be fair should recognize that even did Ontario want to be so small, as some of the Nyssa people seem to think, it could not so influence and corrupt the officials of the Highway department or the State Tourist Bureau that they would be parties to so despicable an offense as to injure any town or section, knowingly.

Nor is that all, common sense would, it seems indicate that Ontario stands to lose just as does Nyssa, for Ontario wants the map to show that it has a road leading to the city from the south, as well as from the north, the east and the west.

Ontario has no desire to isolate itself from the people to the south, for has it not, with practically no co-operation from Nyssa repeatedly urged the building of the highway from Nyssa to Jordan Valley?

Since Nyssa has at last awakened to the benefits of highway north to Ontario which will carry the traffic coming from the north is it not strange that never during the two years in which Ontario battled to get the road north to the Baker county line, Nyssa took no interest in spite of more than one attempt to arouse interest.

Ontario fought that battle alone. Fought the insistent effort on the part of some of the men then residents of Vale, such as Julien A. Hurley, to end the road at Welsler. Fought the effort of Welsler to have the Old Oregon Trail end at Olds Ferry so that the traffic would stay on this side, and thus Nyssa get a chance to participate in the benefits thus derived, as well as Ontario. What chance, we ask our Nyssa friends would they have had to participate in these benefits at all if the road from the north had ended at Olds Ferry? Yet did they do ought to aid in bringing it farther south? If so when did they do so?

Realizing that the settlement on this side of the Snake river from beyond Welsler to the Big Bend justified a through road the Ontario road committee, has consistently done everything it could to procure a north and south highway along the river from the Baker county line to Jordan Valley. Ontario believed that this was fair, just and desirable. That Ontario would benefit by the consummation of such a program is true; but it is also true that Nyssa likewise would and has benefited thereby.

In view of these things it is plain that the action of Nyssa's newspaper in saying:

"That the error is due to crooked work on someone's part seems practically certain," was a deliberate attack on Mr. Gallagher and Ontario, as is indicated by the entire tenor of the article. It was but an excuse used to do Mr. Gallagher an injury and to attack Ontario.

We agree with the Gate City Journal on one point, that in which it asks for an investigation. Let the investigation be made and let the blame be placed where it belongs. Ontario has nothing to fear, and if the Nyssa men are fair and just and of the character we believe them to be, they will manfully acknowledge the injustice they have done. And the Nyssa paper will in fairness print the result of that investigation and exonerate Ontario and Mr. Gallagher.

**VALLEY VIEW**

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGreagor spent Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Albert Bellise.

E. Gibson and family motored to Big Bend last Sunday.

Sunday school was held at the new school house Sunday afternoon. Next Sunday will be Rev. Martin's day to preach.

Miss Lois Halstead, who has been teaching here, left last Friday for her home at St. Johns Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson took her to Ontario, and brought back their daughter, Ida, who is a senior in the Ontario High school.

Mrs. Grace Hulitt and little son arrived last Saturday from Portland for a visit with her sisters Mrs. Jesse Brown and Edith Goodwater, also a brother, George Goodwater.

Victor Bellise is working for E. DuPre this summer. Victor is one of the five boys finishing 8th grade work in school this summer.

Among those from Ontario who attended the celebration last Friday were, Prof. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald and son Rev. C. H. Blom, Mr. Seligman and Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown on May 11, a baby girl.

Friday was a big day for District 30 when the new schoolhouse was dedicated. It would be impossible to give a description of the building and its conveniences, but those who were there to partake of the splendid dinner prepared by the ladies, realize what a fine basement and adjoining kitchenette is provided making possible such an occasion. Probably two hundred and fifty or more people were served at one time. Later a short program was given by the pupils of Miss Griffin's room, assisted by a quartette consisting of T. Penn, Mrs. C. E. Rees, Mrs. A. R. Albee and Miss Pearl Crane; solos by T. Penn and Mrs. Earl Walters readings by Mrs. Grey Kenney. Prof. J. M. McDonald followed with a talk on "Modern Education" which was enjoyed by all. This, no doubt, is but the beginning of many such gatherings at Valley View.

Miss Margaret Griffin has just completed her third year in the Primary grades at Valley View. So successful has her work been with the children that regrets are heard from everyone that she will not teach here next year. She will leave May 31 for Cheney, Wash. to attend the summer Normal.

Mrs. W. S. Rees was quite ill last Thursday but was able to attend the celebration on Friday.

The bridge over the Emerson waste-way, just below Valley View schoolhouse has been very bad for some time, so the county has torn it out and are putting in a new one.

Dr. C. L. Shaw of Indiana, Ia., has been visiting his sister Mrs. A. R. Albee. A family reunion was held at her parents home in Payette Sunday. All the children were present but one sister, who lives in Portland.

Frank Dowell and family have sold out and gone to Bend, Oregon and later may go to California. They left Friday of last week.

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RESOURCES			
1a	Loans and discounts, including rediscounts acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$	411,503.69
2	Overdrafts unsecured	\$1,451.67	1,451.67
4	U. S. Government securities owned:		
a	Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	12,500.00	14,000.00
b	All other United States Government securities	1,500.00	32,040.07
5	Other bonds, securities, etc:		
6	Banking House, \$32,350.00; Furniture and fixtures	\$6768.66	39,118.66
7	Real estate owned other than banking house	18,160.18	18,160.18
8	Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	35,622.94	35,622.94
10	Cash in vault and amount due from national banks		137,772.03
11	Amount due from state banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, or 10)		1,783.23
13	Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)		593.26
14	Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items		344.41
15	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		625.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$693,015.14</b>
LIABILITIES			
17	Capital stock paid in	50,000.00	50,000.00
18	Surplus fund	50,000.00	50,000.00
19	Undivided profits	14,792.08	14,792.08
c	Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	14,051.13	740.95
20	Circulating notes outstanding		12,500.00
23	Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)		5,853.60
24	Certified checks outstanding		622.04
	Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	6,375.64	6,375.64
	Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
26	Individual deposits subject to check	372,726.48	372,726.48
27	Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	45,793.24	45,793.24
31	Other demand deposits	1,758.88	1,758.88
	Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, and 31	420,278.60	420,278.60
	Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):		
32	Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	111,821.44	111,821.44
34	Other time deposits	40,462.82	40,462.82
35	Postal savings deposits	835.69	835.69
	Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34 and 35	153,119.95	153,119.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$693,015.14</b>

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF MALHEUR, ss  
I, H. B. Cockrum, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. B. COCKRUM, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, 1922.  
C. W. PLATT, Notary Public for Oregon.  
My Commission expires, November 21, 1924.  
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