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## Canham Injured in Runaway

### Nyssa Boy Thrown Under Wheels and Suffers Serious Injuries—Improvement But Not Out of Danger

A runaway Monday night nearly cost the life of David Canham, a young lad of Nyssa. The boy was thrown under the wheels of a loaded hay wagon and passed over him after he had been thrown under the wheels of the frightened horses. The boy was kicked and bruised under the wheels.

Accompanied by Dewey Hoxie, David, the eldest son of Canham, Jr., had brought a load of hay late in the evening to the Hoxie barn on Third and the boys were descending the load in the rear of the wagon when the horses started suddenly. After a circle of a hundred yards Young Canham was thrown under the wheels and a short distance further Hoxie jumped clear by the side of the road.

The runaway was carried to the White residence and Dr. Sarazin summoned. An opiate was administered and an examination disclosing internal injuries of a serious nature in the abdomen. Prompt good nursing since the boy has nearly recovered from the danger zone, and several weeks will elapse before recovery is expected and night attention is necessary.

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### King Home Again.

Will R. King, who has been appointed general manager for the reclamation service through Nyssa on his old home at Ontario, will go to Portland and his business affairs there will return to Washington to take charge of his office about the middle of June.

### He Likes Nyssa.

McCoy, a printer of repute who visited the Journal office this week, left today for Spokane. He is greatly impressed with the city and will return in a month, take up a home and make Sunny Malheur his permanent abiding place.

### Good Time at Opera House

The Gayety Girls company appeared at the Nyssa opera house Wednesday evening and gave a pleasing entertainment. Nyssa has the reputation of being one of the best show towns along the Short Line and any company of merit is sure of a full house. After the show a social dance was given by some of the young gentlemen of the town, music being furnished by the orchestra of the Gayety Girls' company. The dance was a huge success, both socially and financially.

### Visiting Old Home.

Clare McConnell, youngest son of Mrs. Sarah McConnell, is at the old home of the family in Nyssa after an absence of nearly a year. He has been a resident of Nevada for some time and will return to Nevada later.

### REV. M'HENRY WILL PREACH SERMON

### Commencement Exercises of High School Senior Class to Begin Sunday.

The Commencement exercises for the Senior class of the Nyssa high school will begin next Sunday night at the Presbyterian church when Rev. Ward W. McHenry, D. D., of Baker, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. The best mixed double quartette possible to secure in Nyssa is preparing special music for the occasion.

The class will attend in a body and their friends are most cordially invited to be present. Mr. McHenry is the popular pastor of one of the largest churches in Eastern Oregon and can be depended upon to deliver an address of unusual spiritual interest to the young men and women.

The Commencement Day exercises will be held in the opera house on Friday, May 30, at 8 p. m. sharp. The Senior class will furnish the entire program, consisting of:

- Salutatory—Edna Blodgett.
- Orator—Will Morey.
- Advice—Jennie Forbes.
- Will—Harry Goshert.
- Poem—Alda McDonald.
- Lie—Audrey Ward.
- Prophecy—Georgia Brown.
- History—Jack McDonald.
- Valedictory—Marion McDonald.
- Presentation of Diplomas—B. F. Farmer.

Each part is short and the entire program will not occupy more than one and one-half hours.

At the same time the eighth grade diplomas will be presented to the successful candidates in the May examination. There will also be honor certificates presented to those who have a perfect attendance record for the year.

### An Ontario Fire.

Cope & Dunnock's tailor shop at Ontario was badly damaged by smoke and water Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. The loss is several hundred dollars and no insurance was carried on stock or contents. The fire was caused by an electric iron which burned a hole through the work table and dropping into some woollens created a dense smoke.

Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lockwood were the hostesses at an enjoyable afternoon tea given for the Ladies Aid of the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Adams. An unusually good time is reported by the ladies present.

## CONDITION OF OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### An Old Timer Tells Just How Matters Stand at Present.

NYSSA, May 20.

To the Editor of the Journal: To those who lived through the excitement prevalent in our little town three years ago when the Trowbridge-Niver Company were building, or proposing to build, the high line, the present agitation in irrigation for the sagebrush lands surrounding us will bring back memories, fond memories and other memories—anyhow it will carry our speculation back to the old high line. We cannot but speculate on what our present chances are to water the sagebrush. While there is some similarity in the attitude of the interested now to that in evidence three years ago, the boom is not here. The propositions to water the lands of the Owyhee Irrigation District are being calmly considered in the light of a purely business deal, and the usual boom talk that accompanies such ventures is most conspicuous by reason of its absence. A boom should be avoided as a plague should be shunned. In this way we can protect those who might come to us by reason of an unwarranted boom and suffer financial losses and incidentally discredit the really fine prospects our community has to become one of the leading dairy and fruit sections of the entire country. So we find the greatest promise of substantial gain to be in the conservative attitude that is taken by those in charge of the affairs of the Owyhee Irrigation District, and we believe that with always this safeguard of sound business judgment and conservative caution nothing will be done that will jeopardize the interests of our project or delay its realization.

With four concerns figuring on building a high line ditch a turning of excitement might reasonably be expected, but the experiences gained in the old high line boom has calmed down the ideas of all to sound business. One concern has been dealing with the district for over a year and three others have stated their intention of submitting proposals in the very near future.

First of these are Purdum and his associates, who are now figuring on submitting a contract for the approval of the district for the building of a completed system of works for the district at fifty dollars per acre. The proposal of these gentlemen contemplates the building of power dams on the Payette river and the installation of a complete pumping system to lift water from the Snake river over the lands of the district. To further the end of the district in voting bonds and making a survey and examination of the power sites on the Payette river and determining definitely the practicability of the plan of works proposed, it would be necessary for the district to undertake quite an expense for engineering and legal assistance. For this purpose the district has refused to undertake this preliminary work without a sufficient guarantee by way of a bond of twenty thousand dollars, which would be forfeited to the district to indemnify it for any losses it might sustain in doing the preliminary work necessary to enter into contract with Purdum and associates. This has for some months stood in the way of the district entering into a contract with these gentlemen, but now they state their willingness to put up such a bond. So that nothing further stands in the way of this plan being pushed forward rapidly. It is also represented that Kuhns, who are making some preliminary surveys on the Owyhee river, are backing this plan financially. The Kuhns will be remembered as the firm who successfully installed irrigation works for the Twin Falls tract and are one of the big guns in irrigation.

C. L. Tallmadge will likely make an offer for a contract with the district in the very near future. This plan includes the colonization of the lands of the district. Mr. Tallmadge is one of the most successful colonization experts in the country. He has in the past done great work along this line in Colorado, Texas, Montana and other western states. After reclaiming the lands of the district with an electric pumping system to be installed on the Owyhee river, he expects to take over as much of the lands of the district as the settlers will dispose of and bring in people for each forty or twenty acres.

If this plan can be realized it strikes us as being the real solution of the bugbear that is daubed on irrigation bonds. The real trouble with this class of security is not that the land under such bond issues is not worth many times the bonds placed on them, but that the people living on such lands have not ordinarily the capital to successfully undertake the improvement required before such land can become income property. The interest for this reason is not promptly met the first two or three years when the lands are being put in shape. This period is also the period when the settler undergoes his greatest expense, for the land must be cleared of the sage, it must be leveled, ditches must be made and the cropping must be undertaken. So while it is true that water and arid land meeting make a good combination, there is one other prime element of success that must come also, and that is people who are financially able to improve the lands reclaimed. If a colonization scheme can be worked out we will save that period of lagging that follows many irrigation booms. Many are strongly in favor of the plan to bring in a family with a good working capital for each forty acres on our project. No matter which of the firms in the field build our system, let us have the people with the water. There are three elements to a really reclamation project—good land, good water right and people with the money to improve the land and make useful the water.

Such are the matters that are being considered by the district, and we believe they are in earnest in making every investigation they can and safeguarding the interests of the community, so when they act and adopt a plan it will not be an ill advised plan, but will be a well considered plan that will carry with it prosperity and success for the entire community.

OLD TIMER

## WHERE ROLLS THE OWYHEE

Artie Robinson is working for A. G. Kingman.

Willie Martin finished plowing for H. R. Otis last week.

Will Glenn is putting in grain on the T. Ramsey place this week.

It is reported that Jim Ripley and family are now sojourning at Spokane.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church met at Mrs. W. W. Smith's last week.

H. Walters left Saturday for Brogan, where his sheep are to be sheared this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Prinzing and daughter Lois took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pratt.

H. M. Housh was out on the Owyhee Monday buying beef stuff. He secured several lots.

Mrs. Minnie Gahley came over Tuesday and took Herbert Walters and his two little sisters home with her for a few days' visit.

H. T. Pratt left with Engineer Gilbert for Homedale and the upper Owyhee Friday morning. They are expected back today.

S. D. Kunkey, the efficient carpenter and contractor, has about completed the lower story of the Pratt residence and will now turn it over to the painter.

Henry Browning was visiting former employers and acquaintances on the river last week. He left Tuesday morning for Twin Falls, where he has employment.

A number of Owyheites attended ditch meeting Saturday and are better pleased than heretofore at the progress being made toward the consummation of our hopes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gahley drove over from Parma in their Flanders auto last Sunday to see Mrs. Walters. They were accompanied by Mrs. Myra Parker and Mr. West.

Roy Logan is winning honors at the Academy of Pocatelio, having recently received both a gold and a bronze medal from the faculty of that institution for excellence in his student work.

B. N. Maubiessen moved his family to Vale Thursday. He made another trip to the Owyhee, returning to Vale Saturday. It is said he intends turning the post-office over to other parties after the first of June.

Mrs. H. Walters was stricken with blood poison last week. Dr. Prinzing was called last Sunday and lanced her hand. She is still quite ill but is believed to be improving. Her sister, Mrs. Myra Parker of Parma, is nursing her.

A procession of six wagons loaded with hogs for Dick Tensen left the E. F. Pratt ranch on the Owyhee Bench early last Friday morning. They were joined in Nyssa by four more wagon loads of porkers from the A. D. Morey and T. M. Lowe ranches, making in all a carload for the Portland market.

Misses Margaret and Emma McGivern came in on the Pony Saturday afternoon. Miss Emma is just home from a visit in Portland with her sister, Miss Anna McGivern. School in Ontario being out, Miss Margaret McGivern expects to cultivate the gentle art of being a hayseed for a few weeks, and will look after her land near the Adrian townsite. Mrs. McGivern is still in Portland taking treatment for her eyes and is being much helped.

## Supervisor Opens New Co. Roads

### Rapidly Developing New Irrigation Belt Keeps Mr. Ross on the Jump—New Bridges on Shoestring.

Road Supervisor Ross has a large mileage of new roads to open in the district and is making rapid headway since the middle of April. Five bridges have been constructed upon the road reaching the newly irrigated belt of fine land west of Arcadia. Eight miles of road from the north is being opened to connect this settlement with Nyssa.

To the west and southwest of town four miles of roadways dedicated in 1912 are being graded and six or eight miles of new roads will be built this season in the territory being settled and improved between the Owyhee and Shoestring canals in the general direction of the Owyhee river settlements. A great development is in progress in the part of the Snake basin of Oregon and Idaho tributary to Nyssa. A conservative estimate places the additional acreage being watered for the year of 1912-13 at 10 square miles and an enormous acreage still remains of the Irrigation District lands that are under the 2500-foot contour and for which plans are being made for watering in the near future.

The coming year will see an extension of the road system greater than is planned for this season to cover new lands where the present travel depends entirely upon temporary routes made by the homesteader and desert entry man.

## CITY WELL IS DOWN 80 FEET; DELAYED

The eight-inch well on the city water works site is down to a depth of 84 feet and a delay is necessary from the need of more casing to pass a strata of black sand struck at that depth. Already 30 feet more casing has been placed than is usual in other wells near, but with a desire to guard against the filling of the hole with the sand when not in operation the casing will be extended from 20 feet to 40 feet further. The Nyssa Hardware Co. has ordered the additional pipe and work will start up on the big well as soon as the casing is received, which will be some time during the week.

Filling on the site of the new council rooms has not started as yet. A contract will probably be let for this portion of the work at the next meeting of the city council. Only a small structure will be erected for the use of the council on the property recently purchased at Good and Railroad avenues.

City parks will receive attention at the next regular meeting.