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KUHNS OFFER TO FINANCE PUTTING WATER ON 40,000 ACRES OF LANDS Rich NYSSA

NYSSA MAY HAVE NEW RURAL ROUTE

More Than One Hundred Settlers Ask That Service to Kingman Colony Be Established.

Attention is being given to a new rural route out of Nyssa and it is being enthusiastically signed by prospective settlers along the line mapped out. One hundred signatures have been obtained and the number of many more interested will be added. The new route will serve the people of the developing country west of Nyssa and will probably extend north and west as the route is being developed. It will also serve the people of the thriving Kingman Colony. It will be a great convenience to the settlers along the route and should be established long ago, as the present arrangements are not waiting for their completion. The news in their weekly papers is ancient history and the papers are received too long to be of value. It would be hard to find a route that would be of benefit to more than the postal department and the postal department is the best possible date.

Insect Damages Alfalfa.

A strange and damaging insect has appeared in the alfalfa fields near Oakley and is injuring the crop in that section. A careful inspection with a microscope revealed the tiny fly-like animal working in the crown of the plants. It has destroyed as much as two or three acres in a place in some of the best alfalfa fields of the neighborhood and is rather widely distributed, says the Burley Bulletin.

The insect is known not to be the alfalfa weevil which has wrought such destruction in the alfalfa fields of Utah, but it is feared that it may be something which threatens this all-important crop in this section. Interested parties have sent specimens of the infested plants and the insect to the state university to have it examined and its nature determined. While the insect may have been in the fields near Oakley during previous years, this is the first time it has been noticed, and it is causing considerable anxiety among the farmers there.

Dr. Southwell, dentist, of Boise, arrived in town today. He is at Hotel Western. A dentist of 30 years' experience, 12 years in Boise, might be just the kind of a man you have been looking for; now is your chance; if you miss it you are alone to blame.

Slick Bros. to Submit Bids For Earth Work.

A TELEPHONE to the Secretary of the Owyhee Irrigation District was received from R. H. Purdum of Nampa, on Thursday, giving the information that Kuhns would finance the watering of the 40,000 acres of District lands and that Slick Bros. of Denver would submit a bid for construction of the earth work.

A representative of the Slick Bros. has been in this section for the past two weeks and evidently a very favorable report

has been made upon the feasibility of this project. A stir of preparation is becoming noticeable in Nyssa based upon this late information.

YOUNG CANHAM OUT OF DANGER

Victim of Runaway Continues to Improve and Complete Recovery Sure.

Young David Canham, eldest son of Thos. Canham, jr., who was seriously injured in a runaway last week, continues to improve and is making a more rapid recovery than was expected. Although severe internal injuries led to grave apprehensions for a few days after the accident, his naturally strong constitution pulled him through all right and last Wednesday he was far enough along on the road to convalescence to be removed to his home. He is now practically out of danger and his many friends hope to see the young man around as usual.

M. E. Church Notes.

Sunday, June 1
10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:30 a. m.—Morning Worship.
Subject, "The Real Standard of Righteousness." Text, Matthew 5:20.

7:15 p. m.—Epworth League.
8:00 p. m.—Preaching Service.
Subject, "The Ever Ready Answer."

Monday evening, June 2 at parsonage, regular monthly meeting of the official board.

Thursday at 8:00 p. m.—prayer meeting.

You are invited to attend these services.
Strangers welcome.

Settlers for Orchard Tracts

Prof. C. L. Robison, principal of the Mountain View school, was in Nyssa Saturday and reports things humming in that flourishing district. The school there closed last Friday. A dozen families from the East are expected to arrive shortly to take up their residence on orchard tracts in that vicinity.

POTATO BEETLE HAS ARRIVED

Troublesome Insect Detected in Nyssa Spud Patches --- Exterminate Him by Spraying.

The presence of the western potato flea beetle, the scientific name for which is *epitrix subornata*, was detected by several potato growers in their fields last year. Oscar Klein took particular care to watch for the pest and his investigations convinced him that the unwelcome visitors had really arrived at Nyssa along with the influx of more desirable settlers. It is one of the serious pests of the potato and tomato plants. It appears at this time as a small, dark brown beetle feeding on the foliage of its host. It eats characteristic, small, irregular holes in the leaves and has the ability to jump quickly like a flea when disturbed.

"The puncture which the beetle makes in the leaf, while serious in itself, becomes even more detrimental, due to the fact that a fungus disease gains ready entrance through these injured cells and causes a decaying of the tissues for a greater or less distance.

The female will commence depositing eggs later, about the base of their host. In the case of the potato, the larvae hatching from these eggs feed on the developing tubers. They mine into the potato, usually tunneling only a short distance below the surface and turning again to the exterior. The effect of their work is to give the potato a pimply appearance which sometimes seriously affects the selling qualities.

The spray to be used for this flea beetle, as advised by A. L. Lovett, assistant entomologist at the Oregon Agricultural college, is a combination Bordeaux-lead arsenate spray. It is prepared by suspending four pounds of copper sulphate in a gunny sack at the top of a barrel in twenty-five gal-

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NYSSA GIRL WRITES OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

By Ethelwyn Boydell.
The doors of the University were thrown open to visitors from all parts of the state who came to take part in the fifth annual Commonwealth Conference which was held in Eugene May 16 and 17. The assembly at Villard Hall was crowded at all sessions.

At the first session Friday morning steps were taken toward forming a state municipal league to consist of officials of cities of Oregon.

A committee of seven members from Oregon institutions of higher education will serve as experts for the Oregon Citizens' Educational League and the People's League of Higher Education in the work of educational readjustment in Oregon.

A commission of seven members will be organized to investigate co-operative systems of business organization.

A commission of fifteen members will undertake the investigation at home and abroad of the problem of the development of Oregon's water power resources and will draw up plans to embody a state policy.

A commission of seven men will plan the organization of the Oregon Municipal League for co-operation among the Oregon cities.

A plan to enlarge the faculty of the University of Oregon by bringing experts in business lines, such as Oregon bankers,

NYSSA PEOPLE MUST CELEBRATE

Rousing Meeting to Start Things Will Be Held Saturday; Every Patriotic Nyssaiter to Be There.

Get out Saturday to the big rousing meeting to start things moving for the celebration of Independence Day under the auspices of the Malheur Pioner association.

Committees must be appointed as some of the past year's members are absent.

A program will be agreed upon for the big celebration.

merchants, sociologists, engineers to lecture to the students was announced.

A special train of five cars arrived from Portland at 11:30 Saturday morning. The guests were met by over fifty automobiles and escorted to the campus. After a welcoming speech by President Campbell and a rousing answer by Colonel Hofer the meeting adjourned to meet at the men's gymnasium for the banquet prepared by the women of the University. This banquet was attended by over three hundred visitors and the members of the faculty of the University. The Men's Glee Club and the Women's Choral Club entertained them during the meal.

After the banquet the men at a

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CANNON BUYS 70 ACRES OF IDANHA ORCHARD

Another big deal in Nyssa real estate was made this week, W. U. Sanderson disposing of 70 acres of the famous Idanha orchard, two and a half miles from town, to Miles Cannon of Weiser. The consideration was not learned, but in the deal Mr. Sanderson received 160 acres of land under the Crane creek project near Weiser.

This deal will be a big gain for Nyssa, as Mr. Sanderson remains here, where he retains heavy interests, including the remainder of the Idanha orchard and the highly improved van Gile farm, which he recently purchased for \$28,000.

Mr. Cannon is spoken of, by those who have known him for years, as a most progressive citizen and a hustler who knows how to do business and loses no time in doing it. While he will not make his home here at present, the community is fortunate in having him identified with it in a business way. He has leased the Reece and the La Frenz warehouses in Nyssa and will pack the output of the big orchard here, and expects to employ at least 75 packers for the 100 cars of prunes which the big orchard will produce this season. Nyssa will be a big gainer by this arrangement, as it will mean a big pay roll for two months of the year and all

lines of business will be benefited.

Before investing his money here, Mr. Cannon investigated the prune crop of the entire Northwest and found the Snake valley in Oregon to be the only section that will have a full crop this year. In some of the banner prune growing belts, including the Walla Walla valley, the yield will be not over 60 per cent of the usual crop.

As we have said before, Nyssa has got 'em all beat.

MUST ENLARGE CHEESE FACTORY

The Demand for Product Greater Than Can Be Supplied by Present Plant

The Nyssa Alfalfa Cheddar Cheese factory Monday shipped 2500 pounds of cheese to Boise. Owing to the excellence of the quality this thriving local institution finds a greater demand for its product than can at present be supplied and arrangements are being made to enlarge the plant. The supply of milk being brought in is increasing at a gratifying rate and Manager Smith is well pleased with the outlook for the future of Nyssa's newest industry.

RAILROADS TO HOMEDALE WILL START JUNE 15

Engineer Osborne has completed more of the new line as the Nyssa Homedale line is ready for the department and will be turned over on the 15th of May. A train service will be installed by the 15th of June. Freight will be received at the depot here every day and an engine and car will make the run to Homedale as often as conditions permit until the regular train is on.

B. Stevenson, division superintendent, and Assistant

Supt. Campbell, took a trip over the new line Monday and are enthusiastic regarding the new country along the route. Chief Osborne's work was pronounced the finest piece of construction in the Northwest.

A daily train service will be required to meet the traffic demands almost at once. One hundred and fifty thousand acres of fertile irrigated lands will be supplied transportation by the new road when the irrigation projects now under way are completed.

Nyssa is the gateway of this large territory.

WATER 400 ACRES AT ADRIAN

Tract Adjoining Town to Be Irrigated From Snake.

Ben McCreary, owner of the site and promoter of the new town of Adrian, was in Nyssa Tuesday on business. Mr. McCreary is installing machinery putting water on 400 acres of new land adjoining the city. The railroad company has placed a siphon to lift water under its tracks and it will be installed to lift from the beneficent Snake the thirsty lands. Thus the land is being reclaimed, the

sagebrush subdued and the nimble jackrabbits chased back to new homes to new homes in hills. Someday we will wake up to find that Mr. McCreary and other enterprising men have transformed Malheur county from what a few years ago was a part of the Great American desert into one of the most prosperous and populous counties of the state.

Ptomaine Poisoning Results in Death

Mrs. Rubins, wife of Dr. Rubins, died at her home in Parma, Ida., Tuesday afternoon. Ptomaine poisoning is said to have been the cause of her death. She is survived by her husband and a baby girl one week old. The body was shipped to Colorado for burial.