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WHY?

Nyssa is destined to be one of the best towns in the state. We believe it because somebody has told us so; in fact, several somebodies. Maybe not the largest, perhaps not even the metropolis of the county, nevertheless a good town in every sense of the word. Yet the people who seem most enthused over the prospects and possibilities here are not the local citizens. Many of those who have spoken encouragingly have been men whose business it is to travel extensively and who study conditions carefully. Also men living in nearby towns, who watch things about them, are strong for this section, have naught but praise for its resources and predict great industrial and agricultural activity in the near future. Fruit and dairying will do it, if nothing else, they say. Professor French, when here at the institute, said Nyssa bid fair to become a better dairying district than Tillamook or Coos counties that are now leading the state. Inspector Ziemer, from Portland, grew eloquent over the cheese prospects, and had nothing but encouragement to offer. There are some business men in the East, who know this county, who have their eyes turned in this direction preparing for certain developments that will mean much stimulus to fruit raising.

With such promise of a great future, why should those whose entire interests are bound up in this section bicker and fuss over personal animosities, dig up dead and dry bones to rattle, and bring upon themselves the ridicule of neighboring communities, when solid, concerted effort on the part of its people would place Nyssa in the lead?

Here is a minister who appreciates the editor. At a recent editorial convention he offered the following toast: "To save an editor from starvation, take his paper and pay for it promptly. To save him from bankruptcy, advertise in his paper liberally. To save him from despair, send him every item of news of which you can get

hold. To save him from profanity write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it in as early as possible. To save him from mistakes, bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes."

Out of the flotsam on the sea of anonymous journalism some one has rescued this "the knocker's prayer." It is not a classic, but it deserves at least passing recognition. "Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've lived here for twelve years and during that time I've knocked everything and everybody; no firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to put them out of business; I've used every underhand method known to the knocking fraternity to injure their business; I've lied about them and would have stolen from them if I had had the courage; I have done all I could to keep the town from growing; never have I spoken a good word for it but instead I've knocked hard and often. It pains me, O! Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking this town is beginning to grow; some day, I will be called upon to put down sidewalks in front of my property, and who knows but that I may have to help keep up the streets that run by my premises? This, Lord, would be more than I could bear. It would cost me money, and I could not afford to put out my money, though all I have was made right in this town. Then too, people might come if the town begins to grow, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask therefore to keep this town at a standstill that I may continue to be the chief knocker. Amen. Amen."

In the State industrial review compiled by the State Bureau of Industries and Statistics we find these items in separate places: "Sheepmen in Umatilla county are selling their flocks, unable to compete with free wool." "A million pounds of wool sold at Shaniko last Thursday 16 to 20c."

We would like to know what price Umatilla sheepmen consider necessary in order to "compete."

Attention has been called to a trick of some unprincipled real estate men in selling land, particularly to easterners. Farmers who know of such practices should condemn them unsparingly, and make an effort to checkmate them whenever opportunity arises, for such frauds do much to injure property values of whole communities.

Sagebrush lands, as is well known produce good crops. On the other hand, greasewood is found on alkali soils. As both sagebrush and greasewood have a grayish color, as both are about the same height in growth, it is not difficult to deceive a person

not familiar with either. Much greasewood land is said to have been sold to unwary people as sagebrush land. The victims have often invested large sums in comparatively worthless tracts. Some of them, however, are not disposed to see their investments lost, and a number of lawsuits are in progress over some of these transactions. The Rural Spirit hopes the fakirs will be punished for their tricky and underhand acts, for such things not only rob individuals but injure counties and states.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Charley Lavison, Barney Wilson and Frank Lynch motored down to Ontario Sunday.

P. J. Phillips went to Ontario Monday evening on business connected with High Line affairs.

The Misses Edith and Iva Ponds have secured apartments at the van Gilse Flats and are keeping bachelor girls' hall.

Thursday the cheese factory received the new boiler for its plant and it will be installed at once and operations continued on a larger scale than ever.

Henry Fields is receiving a visit from his brother, Jason Fields this week. Jason is quite well known here, having lived here in the past.

Mrs. L. Hall of Medford, is visiting with her son, Frank Hall, cashier of the Bank of Nyssa. She arrived Wednesday and will remain for some time.

P. J. Phillips made a trip to Ontario and Payette Thursday to see that the Nyssa celebration was properly advertised. He took with him an ample supply of posters and hand bills to bill both places.

Reuben McCreary, mayor of Adrian and owner of the townsite, was a Nyssa visitor Thursday. He states that while this is the quiet season, he expects Adrian to pick up this fall and become the bustling metropolis of the Big Bend.

Jack Lynch returned Tuesday from a month's absence in Montana. Jack surprised his many friends by bringing back a charming wife. They were married in Boise June 1, where Mr. Lynch stopped for the momentous affair on his trip to Montana. Friends gave the happy couple a charivari party Thursday.

Henry Fields, accompanied by Wm. Ward, Frank Keith and R. H. McNee, met with a total loss of his automobile while the party were making the trip from here to the John Day country to attend the races. The accident occurred at the exact apex of the Blue mountains. The machine and all its contents were consumed by flames that started from an explosion of the gas tank while Mr. Fields was cranking the machine. The men were picked up by another car and taken to their destination, returning by train.

ROBINSON CRUSOE AT OPERA HOUSE

Robinson Crusoe, DeFoe's wonderful tale of the shipwrecked mariner is to be shown in films. Manager Blodgett has booked the beautiful three reel drama, "Robinson Crusoe" to delight the kiddies on Saturday evening, July 11th. This is one of the Universal's big features and should pack the Opera House to capacity. The picture were taken in a south sea island and the scenes are exceptionally real and interesting.

Mr. Sanderson of the Moore Hotel regretfully announces, that the Grotto opening, advertised for July Fourth must be postponed, as some of the material necessary for its completion has been held up some place along the road. This will not delay for any great time, so watch for the announcement in an early issue.

At a meeting held in Washington D. C., on Monday, of the Interstate commerce commission it was decided that the freight rates on wool clip to the eastern markets have been excessive and ruled that many thousands of dollars must be returned, with interest to the wool growers of Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico and Montana.

L. S. Honstad, accompanied by Mrs. Honstad and Mrs. St. Clair and daughter, were Nyssa visitors from Boise last week. Mr. Honstad made a trip to Owyhee to inspect his ranch, known as the McNee place, while Mrs. Honstad and Mrs. St. Clair remained in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall for a visit.

Held to Grand Jury.

Scott and Pine, the fellows who are alleged to have given a Basco sheepherder the strong arm for \$134 at Juntura last week, were given a preliminary hearing before Judge McKnight last Friday. They were here to answer before the grand jury their bonds being fixed at \$500 each, which neither was able to give, and they were remained in jail.—Malheur Enterprise.

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JULY FOURTH RATES

Via Oregon Short Line.

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Business Talks With Business Men

A SEARS-ROEBUCK catalogue laying conspicuously upon a table.

QUESTION: "Do you use that, or is it there as a warning?"

ANSWER: We use it because we can always find what we want in it. Besides it is handy to have suggestions offered to help make selections and purchases."

Actual conversation in Nyssa.

EDITOR: "Well, what have you to offer the people this week as a suggestion or seasonable article likely to be needed?"

BUSINESS MAN: "I guess I haven't anything to advertise now. Besides everybody knows where I am and if they want anything they can come and get it."

Another actual conversation in Nyssa.

MORAL: Draw your own conclusions.

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In the trial of C. E. Lore and Givens, officers of the defunct Bank of Nampa, on the charge of making false reports to the commissioner, the jury after being out 40 hours was discharged by Judge Bryan. The jury is reported to have stood 9 to 3 for conviction. The case was continued to the September term.—Caldwell News.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Boise, Ida.,
March 23, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Francis A. Chamberlain, heir of Harriet E. Chamberlain, of Nyssa, Oregon, who, on March 20, 1909, made Homestead entry, No. 05791, for S $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4, Township 6 N., Range 5 W., Boise Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before L. M. Lyon, U. S. Commissioner, at Payette, Idaho, on the first day of August, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: David W. Johnston, Ralph L. Rankin, William Sexton, Ulysses G. Hand, all of Nyssa, Oregon. William Balderston, Register,

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