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ACTION IS NEEDED.

Good citizens, there are things to be done here at Nyssa, big things. Opportunity is knocking at our door, clamoring for admission, and it needs men who will unbar the latch and open it wide. Action is needed, something more than talk. There are plenty who see what is needed, who sit idly upon the curb, whistling sticks as they go by, who criticize the action of those who are really trying to accomplish something, and who can loudly voice all the faults, with never a kindly word nor a boost.

There is a chance to get a county, or central, high school located in this town. Shall we take it? Vale and Ontario have both been favored with county institutions; Nyssa has had nothing.

There is a chance to secure a cannery here, an institution badly needed that will provide a local market for the fruit being grown in such quantities. Shall we go after it? It's up to you, not the other fellow.

There is to be a start made to develop some of the idle land in this vicinity into five, ten and twenty acre fruit tracts, which will bring many new people into the country. Shall we aid this development and encourage the men back of it? Or will we throw cold water upon their enthusiasm and hinder them in every way possible, as has been done in similar instances during the past?

Bury the feuds and strifes and petty personal grievances for once, and put combined shoulders to the wheel and push together. Drop that hard times clamor and help make good times. Don't stand about in groups and eye the other fellow as he goes past, whispering and chuckling ghoulishly as his tinny faults are picked like tidbits from the mass of virtues that surround them. More than likely he is one of the few who are really devoting time to some public benefaction and is therefore a fit subject for purile criticism by loose-tongued, idle nonentities.

AS TO ELIMINATION.

In connection with the removal from this community of a good citizen and his family, for strictly personal reasons, we have heard the term "elimination" used. This paper does not care to champion any individual or group, one way or the other, in their quarrels and squabbles, as we can see nothing to be gained by it. We do, however, take exception to the use of the word "elimination," as applied from any source to the freewill acts of any one who has been or is a citizen of Nyssa. It smacks of imperialism and dictatorship, and any person or clique crediting themselves with the act it signifies are assuming qualities that have no place in the free, liberty loving atmosphere of an American community. The word exudes and drips insinuations of insidious intolerance, narrowness,

littleness, unfairness, cowardice. Used as it has been, coming from a well covered source, it becomes a parentless, unsavory application that attaches itself to the innocent like a loathsome insect, giving ulterior significance to their natural actions. Anyone who desires to become sponsor for the stigma should step forward and receive his laurels. There is such a thing as expurgating from a community lowly, irresponsible creatures that have lost all that stands for decency, which must be viewed as a necessary procedure, but when the term "elimination" is applied to any person or persons who have been a factor in the growth and advancement of the town and country, who have stood on both feet and proceeded along recognized lines, even if not in harmony with the ideas of all, the originators of the term are laying themselves open to the severest criticism.

HOW FARMERS BUY AND SELL

Farmers generally receive the lowest price that their produce is ever sold for, and pay the highest prices that their supplies ever command. This condition, according to economists at the Oregon Agricultural College, is but one of the evils of the present system of unorganized marketing. While it is natural that produce prices should rise as they travel from the producer, it is very burdensome when middlemen absorb, as at present, from 50 to 60 per cent of the cost to the consumer. Since nearly all the added cost is a result of wasteful methods of city distribution, consumers as well as producers should organize to eliminate the waste. High prices charged to farmers are caused in part by the extravagant methods of city retail trade, since farmers pay a share of the small phone order, immediate delivery and other expenses, although getting none of its benefits.

The great wheat crop now being harvested and marketed is estimated to reach the enormous record-breaking figures of one billion bushels, about 250,000,000 bushels greater than the largest crop ever produced before. This and the bright outlook for a big crop of corn, cotton, oats, tobacco, potatoes, hay and fruit, is acting as a tremendous tonic to business all over the country. The railroads are rapidly putting their idle freight cars and men to work, and placing large orders for iron and steel, and it is now believed that this fall will see the biggest boom in business this country has ever known.

President Wilson insists on the passage of the administration anti-trust bills before congress adjourns. Many congressmen and senators who strongly urged an early adjournment are "hearing from home," and they are now realizing that their constituents are backing President Wilson up in his program, because it is best that these bills be passed and then business can have a long rest without fear of molestation as long as it abstains from monopolization of trade and industries.

Now that the Mexican constitutionalists are about to become Federals, Orozco has taken to the hills with 4000 troopers and another rebellion is on. It is undoubtedly an exciting season for the dove of peace.

Even if the High Line ditch isn't built right away, the increased number of hogs and dairy cows will cause an era of prosperity in the Nyssa country that will astonish the natives.

If the question of government ownership of railroads were now left to the New Haven stockholders, it would doubtless carry by an overwhelming vote.

The proposed settlement of the Mexican situation will be entirely satisfactory—if it will just stay settled.

Really it looks as if we ought to be thankful that the mediators did not require us to salute the American flag.

We are not suspicious of the Greeks when they come bearing the price of a battleship or two.

Mediation may be fatiguing, but it is better than getting your head punched.

It is to be hoped that red-haired people are never as hot as they look.

Unkind Words.

Unkind words do as much harm as unkind deeds. Many a heart has been stabbed to death by a few little words. There is a charity which consists in withholding words, in keeping back harsh judgments, in abstaining from speech, if to speak is to condemn. Such charity hears the tale of slander, but does not repeat it; listens in silence, but forbears comment, then looks the unpleasant secret within the very depths of the heart.

Business Talks With Business Men

MAIL order business is that department of the business whereby through the medium of advertising merchandise is sold direct to the consumer by mail. This business has grown by leaps and bounds. Why? Because the local merchant does not keep pace with the increasing demands of an increasing population.

The five big mail order houses of Chicago receive on an average of 250,000 orders a day. And this enormous business comes from communities whose natural trade belongs to the local merchant. The local merchant must make an effort to hold his business and get new business or the big concerns will make greater inroads. He must beat the mail order houses at their own game. He can do this by handling honest goods at honest prices and telling about the goods in such a way that people will believe him. Fault finding or appealing to local pride is of no avail.



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To Relieve Insect Bites.
When insect bites occur the immediate application of a little ammonia often prevents swelling and inflammation. It is a good plan to keep a bottle of oil of eucalyptus, because mosquitoes have a decided aversion to the smell, and will promptly leave for other fields if a little of the oil is sprinkled about where they congregate, or a few drops be put on the pillow case at bedtime.

Trying to Help Father.
Ethel was the six-year-old daughter of a physician and often heard her father discussing the condition of his patients. One night after her regular prayer of "Now I lay me down to sleep," she added: "O God, please make all the sick people well and all the well people sick."

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