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Nyssa has ideas that originate in the minds of its own people. Nyssa is capable of independent thought on men and things. Nyssa is far from blind to her own worth and advantages. Nyssa may listen quietly, even eagerly, to the sage advice so liberally handed out from all sides by those who are seeking to further their own interests by the acts of this town, but in the end it will be found that only that part is used which will benefit primarily Nyssa and secondarily the greatest number of the county's people.

Nyssa is indeed (as the Malheur Enterprise puts it) peculiarly and advantageously situated, and none know it better than its citizens. As the Enterprise is becoming deeply concerned over the action of this paper, and is endeavoring to discredit it in the eyes of the people it serves—thus following up the policy of inflicting injury by inference, carried out by Vale throughout this entire county seat controversy—we will outline this situation briefly.

Nyssa is located in the heart of the richest agricultural section of the Snake river valley that lies in Malheur county.

The most densely populated area of Malheur county lies directly tributary to Nyssa and is also in the Snake valley.

The Snake river is all that divides Idaho from Oregon in this section and Nyssa is located on its banks.

Across the Snake in Idaho lies a great fertile body of land under the Black Canyon project, being also in the Snake valley and immediately tributary to Nyssa, being connected to Nyssa by a wagon bridge.

Farther down the Snake in this same valley stands Ontario, also with a bridge connecting them with the Idaho side, but tapping an entirely different section of country from that drawn upon by Nyssa.

The same main line transcontinental railroad runs through both Nyssa and Ontario, providing an excellent schedule of trains. Also the Homedale line tapping the rich Snake valley country of Big Bend, Owyhee and Kingman Kolony runs into Nyssa and on to Ontario.

The telephone service between the two towns is excellent and without toll.

Back of Nyssa on the bench land are 80,000 acres of land even richer and more fertile than those now under cultivation on the lower levels. There is an excellent prospect now in view to have these acres watered by government built canals, feeding from the upper reaches of the Malheur river. This in spite of the endeavor of Vale citizens to convert the available appropriation to their own needs.

West of Nyssa and west of Ontario, forming the apex of a right angle triangle, while Nyssa and Ontario form the base, lies Vale. North and west of Vale are Bully creek and Willow creek. In these two

latter sections are being promoted worthy irrigation enterprises, fostered by the people of Vale. Vale and its two projects are out of the Snake valley, beyond the zone of Nyssa, with nothing in common existing between them, excepting the county's general affairs.

Upon the development of the High Line west of Nyssa and the Black Canyon east of Nyssa depends the commercial supremacy of Nyssa, augmented by her strategic position in relation to railroad affairs.

Between Vale and Nyssa and the thickly settled country all over the Snake valley in Oregon is a wide gap entirely unpopulated. The only road connecting with the present county seat is a wagon road built entirely by the people of Nyssa, as Vale was not then sufficiently interested in self preservation to give assistance in conveniencing the people to reach their court house.

Considering all phases of this situation, it is inimical to the best interests of the people here to have the court house located at a point out of the valley, far away, across trackless desert stretches in a town whose interests are centered away from this part of the county.

The important point is this: That which will benefit any part of the Snake valley will benefit it all. If a court house will help Ontario it will help Nyssa. Again—there is not the commercial rivalry existing between Nyssa and Ontario that Vale people would have one believe. There is, however, a rapidly growing tendency all through the valley section to establish itself on a solid friendly footing so as to demand and get the things the valley section feel they are entitled to.

Because Vale sees the old enmity between Nyssa and Ontario, which Vale had much to do with starting and has had everything to do with fostering, because Vale sees this false and harmful enmity fading away, and the two communities, with so much in common, drawing closer in their efforts to place the Snake valley on its highest plane in Malheur county, they are resorting to the smallest and meanest possible methods to injure them both.

This paper is for Nyssa and will protect the interests of Nyssa to the last ditch. It will also advocate the projects that will bring prestige to the Snake valley, where its interests lie. It will do so fearlessly and openly, not by inference and insinuation.

Prey on Gipsy Moth.
A dozen or more different species of insects which are known to be the enemies of the gipsy moth, have been introduced into the moth-infested territory of Massachusetts, and the outlook is decidedly hopeful for the extermination of the pest.

Just Surmising.
"I wonder what was this here 'period of renaissance' the paper speaks of?" said Mr. Farmer. "Reckon it must 'a' been one of them revolutions where they killed the king or sumpin'," reflected his neighbor.—Livingston Lance.

Daily Thought.
Prejudices are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education. They grow there firm as weeds among stones.—Charlotte Bronte.

Unconscious Paraphrase.
Dad (who has brought his son to the links for the first time)—"Is it a good lie, Harold?" Harold (unconsciously ranking himself with the Great)—"Father, I can't tell a good lie."—Punch.

He Could Illustrate.
"Johnny," said the pretty teacher, "what's a kiss?" "I can't exactly put it in words," returned the boy, "but if yer really wanters know, I can show yer."

CLACKAMAS AND OREGON CITY HIT BY EMPTY TILLS

"Dry" Regime Followed by Query
as to Receiver

CITY WARRANTS UNSALEABLE

City Council Calls Election November 9
to Raise Levy 8 Mills to Pay Debts

Oregon City and Clackamas County, of which Oregon City is the county seat, present as lamentable a condition in a business sense as a defunct corporation about to go into the hands of a receiver. In fact, a receivership for Oregon City already has been seriously discussed by certain of its creditors, and Judge Campbell of that city has declared his willingness to declare such a receivership, if formal application were made to him, as he would for "any bankrupt corporation."

A special election has been called by the city for November 9 "to relieve the financial condition of the city," the purpose being to vote \$250,000 5 per cent bonds and to increase the tax levy eight mills in order to take care of the new indebtedness.

On the part of Clackamas County the County Treasurer is confronted with an empty treasury for the first time in six years. The Morning Enterprise, a radical prohibitionist daily of Oregon City, in explaining this situation, says "the condition is considered the result of the amount of delinquent taxes on the county's tax rolls. County Treasurer Tufts refused the first warrants on the general fund Monday (October 12, 1914)."

Business must be "fine" in a city and a county when the treasuries of both are empty because of lack of money coming into their strong boxes, with a special election called by the city to increase its tax levy, with a receivership threatened and with "danger" signs strung along the length of the business portion of Main street by "order of the City Council," which read:

"Danger—Main Street Declared Dangerous—All persons traveling on Main street between North side of Moss street and South side of Third street do so at their own risk."

Banks are refusing to cash Oregon City municipal warrants. Since January first the city has issued \$39,991.05 in these warrants, according to the report of City Recorder John W. Loder, and these warrants are still unpaid.

The city tax levy in 1913 in Oregon City was eight mills. Two weeks after the city went dry the council increased this levy to 10 mills for 1914, and on November 9 there is to be a special election held at which the voters will be asked to sanction an additional levy of eight mills to meet the municipal indebtedness. Yet "business is fine in dry towns," and Oregon City is doing well.

Vacant buildings now stand on Main street, the chief business thoroughfare of Oregon City, as monuments to the memory of one garage, one clothing store, one restaurant and one livery barn now closed up, but formerly did good business. Fourteen vacant stores line both sides of Main street, and three vacant lots mark the places where three other stores formerly stood, but which have burned down. So little has been the demand for business property that the burned structures were never rebuilt. But "business is fine in Oregon City."

The Enterprise printing office, which formerly employed a large force of printers and bookbinders, and often worked night and day to fill orders, is now operating its job department crew but five days a week, yet The Morning Enterprise is one of the papers that has printed the Committee of One Hundred matter about "business is fine in dry towns."

Paid advertisement, Taxpayers and Wage Earners League of Oregon, Portland, Oregon.

Rainy weather coming. Leaky shoes are uncomfortable and unhealthy. Have them repaired at Grever-Stewarts, Nyssa.—adv.

Good Pasture.

On the Bodfish ranch, one mile from Nyssa, \$1.50 a head per month. Inquire at ranch.—adv.

See our new styles in Fall Hats. It will point your way where to buy.—L. Spier.

Hot Lake Manager Would Like Notice of Arrival in Advance.

Persons contemplating a visit to Hot Springs, Oregon, who require the service of a wheel chair or other special convenience, are requested by the management to give notice of arrival in advance, so that proper care and attention may be assured.—adv.

Estray Notice.

Taken up, one iron gray mare, two years old, branded on the right shoulder with an S with a perpendicular bar under it; on the left hip XL. Owner can have same by paying charges and proving property. At the mouth of Owyhee river. J. B. Mason. adv.

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