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Edited this week by the advanced English class of the Nyssa High School. Norvel Thompson, editor-in-chief. Blaine Gibson, Donald Davis, Pearl Wallace, Sylvester Morris, Clara Canham, Dora Hon, Evelyn Cheeley. Editing this paper constitutes the final examination in English composition for this class. What in your opinion should be their grades?

IS IT ECONOMY?

ECONOMY is a pearl of great price. Indeed, the price of what some people mistake for economy is so great that the original value is lost.

The value of a school gymnasium, the evident, is frequently overlooked by those who have a false conception of economy. When a man considers that he is killing two birds with one throw by giving his soon a gymnasium course at the woodpile, he comes very nearly doing that very thing. He is one bird and his son is another.

A gymnasium does not aim to build muscles along the lines of a wood chopper. Its chief aim is to give one a general and at the same time efficient training and development of the muscles. It is necessary for the normal American youth to rid himself of a certain amount of energy. Under the proper guidance and control of an efficient instructor this energy may be utilized in such a way as to be of lasting benefit to the youth. But manual labor is not the proper method. Manual labor, while necessary and beneficial, calls for recreation just as insistently as does study. There is no recreation in mere physical toil and it is recreation that the young person needs. Gymnasium work combines at the same time, recreation with useful training.

A gymnasium is of great benefit to a community as a whole. The proper interrelations between schools is brought about in contests held upon a good, well managed floor. Then, too, the influence of a gym is felt in the moral status of a town. Had you rather your boy were receiving recreation and development under the guidance of a competent instructor, or listening to the debasing gossip of some unclean loafer in a down town pool hall? Do you want your boy to abstain from the use of tobacco because he knows he cannot otherwise compete with his fellows and because he has been helped to develop the proper will power and control necessary to resist the temptation? Or had you rather have him fall victim to the temptation and its attending evils only because he has not had the proper means of recreation and moral support? Our school needs a gymnasium? What are you going to do about it?

WHY NOT NYSSA?

Why should the Nyssa people be forced to go to Boise or Vale in order to secure a good swim? Many cannot get away for these advantages at all, while others are not able to go every time they wish. Why could we not have a resort at Nyssa? We have the Snake at our very door so will not need to drill and pipe in order to furnish buildings necessary to carry on such entertainment. This river is considered treacherous by many, but is there a stream or body of water on

earth that is not, if reckless people are on or around it?

A very favorable location would be on the south side of the wagon bridge just east of town. The beach is sandy and by a small amount of dredging and digging, the river would be in fit condition. This would mean expense to the town but in one season Nyssa would find that she had not only made expenses but had money to put additional fixtures for the next season, thereby drawing the people from all over the country to Nyssa instead of Boise.

SHALL WE BE PREPARED?

If it took the United States three weeks to mobilize a force of 25,000 men to send against Villa, how long would it take the United States to mobilize a force large enough to send against any foreign nation? Take for example Japan.

Japan is a little country of 147,000 square miles. But her density is 12 times as great as that of the United States, and she would be able to send 300,000 men against the United States on her first expedition and within 30 more days she could send a force of this same magnitude. This would mean that Japan could send within 33 days a force over 24 times as great as the force which we have on the Mexican border. In other words this force would contain more men than the total able-bodied male citizens in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. If we would press every able-bodied male citizen in these 11 states into service in addition to our standing army it would not prove a sufficient force to send against this swarm of bees. This invading force would be very efficient because every man would have served two years in the regular army and several years in the reserve, they would also be well equipped with all the modern inventions of warfare.

While on the other hand, we would have a mass of men equal in size but not drilled and trained, nine-tenths of whom would know nothing of arms, and would know nothing concerning modern inventions. This force would not be properly equipped, we would not have enough suits, rifles, machine guns, horses, automobiles, ammunition and other material. General Woods says, "There is not enough ammunition to last one coast defense ten hours." We would not have enough officers for this army, and if the officers are inefficient the men would be like a flock of sheep, and as a consequence the result would be the greatest catastrophe the world has ever seen.

Do we want to be prepared? Ford and his followers say "No." What do you say?

LET'S DECORATE OUR SCHOOL ROOMS.

Our school rooms should be decorated with pictures and other ornaments. The high school room especially looks very bad. The only ornament we have in the room is one old clock which has hung on the east wall since the building was erected, looking like a pyramid in the Sahara desert. It is older than any of the pupils. We have a fair piano, a set of encyclopedias, a stove, a handmade bookcase and several old hand carved desks. There is not a picture in the whole room. In all the up-to-date school rooms there are several good pictures, statues, pennants and other ornaments, and there is no good reason why our rooms should not contain these.

If every class which leaves this school would present a statue, a picture or a pennant it would not be long until our old Sahara desert would be decorated and would look more like a school room. B. C. G., '16.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Surveyor, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primaries. B. F. FARMER, (Paid Adv.) Present Incumbent.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination for the office of Circuit Judge of the Ninth Judicial District of Oregon, subject to the Democratic party at the primary election to be held May 19, 1916. DALTON BIGGS

FOR ASSESSOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Assessor of Malheur county, subject to the will of the Republican electors at the coming Primaries. If nominated and elected I promise to do my best. (Paid adv.) A. A. ROBERTS.

FOR ASSESSOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Assessor, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the Primaries. S. L. PAYNE. (Paid adv.)

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the office of District Attorney of Malheur county. R. W. SWAGLER. (Paid Adv.)

ANNOUNCEMENT.
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the office of assessor of Malheur County, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary election. B. W. MULKEY. (Paid Adv.)

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk of Malheur County, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the primaries. ARTHUR MOODY. (Paid Adv.)

FOR TREASURER.
TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary election. (Paid Adv.) H. H. WILLIAMS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MALHEUR COUNTY:
I desire to announce my candidacy for the office of assessor, subject to the decision of the democratic electors at the coming primary. If nominated, and elected, I pledge economy in office, and property earning power the base for finding values except as otherwise prescribed by law. (Paid Adv.) GUY JOHNSTON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for County Clerk of Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican electors at the coming primaries. V. B. STAPLES. (Paid adv.)

FOR ASSESSOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county assessor subject to the will of the republican voters of Malheur county at the coming primaries. (Paid Adv.) F. B. ZUTZ.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of Malheur County, subject to the choice of the Democratic electors in the coming primary election. If nominated and elected I will continue, as heretofore, to enforce the laws to the best of my ability and give the taxpayers a business administration of the affairs of the office. BEN J. BROWN, (Present Incumbent, for Re-election.) (Paid Adv.)

FOR ASSESSOR.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Assessor of Malheur county, subject to the will of the Democratic electors at the coming primaries. (Paid Adv.) J. M. DUNCAN.

FOR TREASURER.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Treasurer of Malheur County, subject to the will of the democratic voters at the coming primaries. ROSS A. SOWARD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of joint representative for Malheur and Harney counties, subject to the will of the republican electors at the coming primaries. (Paid Adv.) P. J. PHILLIPS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for School Superintendent of Malheur county in the coming primary election, nominated and elected I will, to the best of my ability continue to

further the educational interests of Malheur county. FAY CLARK. (Paid adv.)

TO THE VOTERS OF MALHEUR COUNTY:

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Assessor, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the primary election on the 19th day of May, 1916. And if nominated and elected I shall continue to assess all corporations on an equal and uniform basis with other property. L. E. HILL, (Paid adv.) Present Incumbent.

Subject to the choice of the Republican voters of Malheur and Harney Counties, Oregon, to be expressed at the coming Primary Election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination as Joint Representative to the Legislature from this Representative District. Dated January 21, 1916. (Paid Adv.) CHAS. M. CRANDALL.

To the Voters of Malheur County: I hereby acknowledge my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of District Attorney of this county. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to fulfill the duties of my office in a fair, fearless and efficient manner and to the best of my ability, keeping in mind at all times my duty to the taxpayers. (Paid adv.) P. J. GALLAGHER.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer or Malheur county, Oregon, subject to the will of the Republican electors at the coming primaries. C. C. MUELLER. (Paid adv.)

FOR SHERIFF.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of Malheur county, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the coming primaries. J. S. WOODS.

NYSSA, OREGON

The Gate City as It is Described in a Pamphlet Issued by the Farmers and Business Men's League

The object of this little folder is to give tersely and honestly general facts about NYSSA and that part of the great Snake River Valley of which NYSSA is the center. This thriving town is located on the main line of the Oregon Short Line railroad and junction of branch line to Homedale, Idaho. Some of the advantages which its citizens enjoy are:

- A population of over 600.
- Electric lighting system, privately owned.
- Municipal waterworks system furnishing a bountiful supply of pure deep well water.
- Magnificent school buildings, high and graded schools, with free transportation for pupils within a radius of five miles from NYSSA. The only schools with this system in the State.
- Steel wagon bridge across Snake River connects NYSSA with the Apple Valley bench, Idaho.
- Two banks, capital and surplus \$64,000. Carry deposits aggregating \$125,000.

One general store, lumber and coal yard, four grocery stores, one hardware store, one men's and boys' store, two dry goods stores, two butcher shops, one drug store, two restaurants, one confectionery store, two blacksmith shops, two pool and cigar stores, one auto garage, a first class hotel, housed in a modern brick building; modernly equipped motion picture theatre; an up-to-the minute cheese factory—the only one in the county.

The center of a 100,000-acre irrigation project.

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FARMING

The farmer finds his paradise in the Snake River Valley. The advantages are:

SOIL—The soil is composed of decomposed lava rock, volcanic ash, sand and loam, the richest soil known. The soil is of great depth, often 50 feet or more. It contains the fertilizer itself, making it unnecessary to manure land to give it life.

CLIMATE—The climatic conditions are ideal. Short mild winters; seldom below zero. Summers of continual sunshine. June, July, August, September and October contain 135 days of clear sunshine.

WATER—The best and cheapest water rights in the state are found here; shortage of irrigation water is unknown.

ELEVATION—The lands of the valley lie at an elevation of from 2200 to 2900 feet.

Seldom does the farmer find the concomitants of all the essential conditions for successful farming so beautifully blended in harmony of climate, soil, elevation and cheap water.

The principal crops grown are:

ALFALFA is the great forage crop. The long dry summers of continental sunshine make the curing of alfalfa hay possible without loss. No other forage crop equals this alfalfa in production of fat and growth of stock. Three cuttings every season, yield from 6 to 10 tons per acre. It sells for from \$5 to \$8 per ton in the stack. Alfalfa seed makes returns of as high as \$100 per acre. Malheur county ranks first in alfalfa in Oregon.

GRAINS yield abundantly. Wheat from 40 to 80 bushels per acre; oats from 75 to 125 bushels per acre, weight 40 to 45 pounds to the bushel. Barley does equally as well, yielding from 50 to 85 bushels per acre.

POTATOES are easily grown and yield from 8 to 20 tons per acre. They sell at from 65c to \$2 per hundred. The potato bug is unknown.

ONIONS, cabbage, tomatoes, peas, sweet corn, melons, and in fact all truck farming products are successfully grown.

CORN AND HOGS—This valley is peculiarly adapted to successful corn growing. Last year was the first that the farmers grew corn as a principal crop. The yields were enormous, ranging from 60 to 123 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

NYSSA took first prize for corn exhibited at the Malheur County Fair, State Land Products Show, and the Walla Walla Corn Show, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana competing. Malheur county ranks first in the state for corn production, quality and yield. Hogs are very profitable and are easily raised. Cholera is unknown. The wonderful opportunities for corn and barley production, coupled with the high grade alfalfa grown, promises to make this the premier hog section of the state.

FRUIT—Apples, prunes, peaches, apricots, and cherries are grown in abundance. Prunes and apples especially do well. The largest prune orchard in Oregon is at NYSSA. This orchard of 100 acres ships annually from 40 to 60 cars of prunes. NYSSA prunes dry 8 per cent more fruit than prunes grown west of the Cascades. Within a radius of five miles of NYSSA are 4000 acres of apple orchards. The principal varieties are Jonathan, Rome Beauty and Wine-sap. Owing to the continuous sunshine, this fruit reaches a size, flavor and rich coloring that excels that grown in the rainfall sections.

FACTS FOR THE DAIRYMAN

SHORT WINTERS—Spring work begins in February.

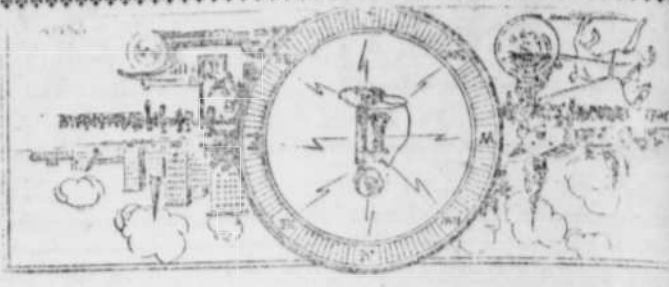
NO DISEASE—Dry climate.

CHEAP FEED—The kind you want. As an illustration, 22 head of cattle and horses were pastured on 6½ acres of bluegrass pasture without other feed from April 15 to November 1.

ALFALFA—Three and four cuttings, 6 to 10 tons.

CORN ENSILAGE—Twenty tons per acre easily grown.

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