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FEWER SCHOOLHOUSES

Once America's pride, the "little red schoolhouse," with its barn-like single room and primitive equipment, is slowly but surely passing. More than 10,000 of these small district school buildings were abandoned in the last five years, their places being taken by modern consolidated schools.

With the rapid extension of good roads and the employment of motor busses for the transportation of children to these larger institutions, it seems inevitable that the one-room school, with its many handicaps, will more and more rapidly disappear.

While the district school must thus give place to a new and better system, it has filled and is still filling a paramount role in the advancement of the nation. To the self-sacrificing labors of faithful teachers in these rural schools many famous men and women owe their early education and inspiration.

But the demands of progress must be met in education, as well as in all other phases of our increasingly complex civilization. The new and larger consolidated schools, with its staff of better prepared teachers, its improved organization and its modern equipment will mark an advance over the "little red school house" which must make for a more enlightened and efficient citizenship.

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No community can prosper so long as all of its interests remain self-centered and refuse to co-operate with one another. A town is a great co-operative organization and its success is measured almost entirely by the amount of co-operation it receives from those who live in it.

Those who fail to show this interest in their city are holding it back, and they are in reality working against themselves. For instance, those who refuse to patronize local business houses are depriving the town of commerce that rightfully belongs here and thus are slowing up the community of which they are a part.

By pulling the load together, Nyssa's interests will get somewhere and the town will profit by it. Like the team in the cartoon, those who do not work together for the betterment of the community will get little compared to what they otherwise would.

BANNER MALHEUR COUNTY

We are proud of the truly marvelous crop production record made in Malheur county in 1928, as is shown by the detailed report of the year, compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics in cooperation with the Oregon Agricultural College Extension Service.

When Malheur's standing is viewed with all the rest of the counties of Oregon, these wonderful results loom out:

Malheur had 5,500 acres of spring wheat that averaged 40 bushels to the acre, the best record in the state. Umatilla, widely known as the wheat raising county of the state has an average yield of 20 bushels, half the local yield. In Umatilla they raise a crop one year and let the land lie idle the next, while our land is cropped every year. The average for the state is 18.8.

And so on down the line through all the staple crops, oats, barley, potatoes, corn, hay, we excell the state average by two to one in virtually every instance. Our acreage also compared in scope with that of the biggest plantings of counties that specialize in one or two crops, while we specialize in all of them.

Tell this to the homeseeker, who hears the call of the Harper unit of the Vale project, and if he doubts, show him this crop production record.

LET'S WELCOME THE TOURISTS

We are in the midst of the season of the year when hundreds of auto tourists will visit our city. One of the first impressions that a tourist gets of our town and county is the contact they have with our citizens. It behooves us to assist them, to extend courtesy and to make their visit here most pleasant.

It is estimated that this will be the greatest tourist year the nation has known. Homeseekers form a large percentage of tourists. Many of them are out to find a more desirable location and we must not forget that when it comes to agricultural opportunities, Malheur offers the best resources in Oregon. This is not idle boasting as the crop production record of 1928 makes Malheur the banner county of the state. The new lands of the Harper unit of the Vale project, make a strong bid for settlers, the land settlement association pointing out the following inducements:

Good quality undeveloped land \$5 to \$15 per acre.
Community life is already established on the project, making it unnecessary to undergo the privations of pioneering.

Excellent highways and service by Union Pacific railroad.

Disastrous storms unknown here.

Government allows 40 years in which to repay construction costs, no interest charged.

A good husband is one who loves and fears his wife. Most of us believe in pitiless publicity for the other fellow.

Reputation depends much on one's cleverness in not getting caught.

Few monuments are erected to people who observed all the rules.

Electrical note: Dry batteries are recommended for use by baseball teams.

No doubt honesty pays, but it sometimes takes patience to make collections.

A popular song writer remains popular until someone writes a sillier one.

Folks do not shrink from the operation so much as they do from paying the surgeon's fee.

Fewer college girls marry, which may be proof that higher education improves their judgment.

When asked to sacrifice something for the poor children, little Willie agreed to do without soap.

VALE

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Nichol made a business trip to Boise Monday.

J. F. Phelan, Bonita rancher, was pleased with the arrival of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vanderhooven and daughter, of Los Angeles recently. Mr. Vanderhooven is on his first vacation in thirteen years and on his first trip to Oregon. He likes this section immensely and is planning to spend the summer months at the Phelan dairy ranch.

Mrs. Ida Gordon went to Jerome, Idaho, last Friday to make an indefinite visit with relatives.

Mrs. Robert King is over from Boise to spend a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stacey. Mr. King spent Sunday here.

While here Monday, J. A. Davenport, manager of the Malheur Home Telephone company, installed a telephone in the new home of C. C. Coats.

Mrs. Higgins, president of the Malheur County P. T. A., accompanied Miss Jesse Choate, librarian, on a trip to Watson by way of Vale last Saturday.

J. R. Boak family and Mrs. Ida Gordon were Boise visitors on Decoration Day.

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nounced that the "fish Pullman" has started its work of planting trout from the various hatcheries.

Mrs. Frank Chester is expecting her nieces, Beatrice and Louise Benson, to arrive from Weiser for a visit of a week or so in Vale.

George Hope, mechanic in the Kessler Garage for several months, went to Boise Sunday to begin work in the Campbell and Simpson Garage. Mrs. Hope will join him in Boise later in the summer. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutton and Mrs. Hope accompanied him to the Idaho town for a Sunday drive.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Petten were here from Ontario Saturday.

Mrs. Irving Province and two children Keith and Lucile, left Sunday or Portland to visit relatives.

When Mrs. Julian A. Hurley goes for a buggy ride in Fairbanks, Alaska, she drives a team of beautiful Siberian dogs, her hobby and the only team of its kind in the world. The dogs are thoroughbreds and are pure white in color. When Mrs. Hurley sent in her renewal to the Vale paper she inclosed a picture of Snowflake, one of the team, whose picture also appears on the new Alaska folder just issued by the

Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Hurley has been stationed at Fairbanks for some years. He is United States district attorney.

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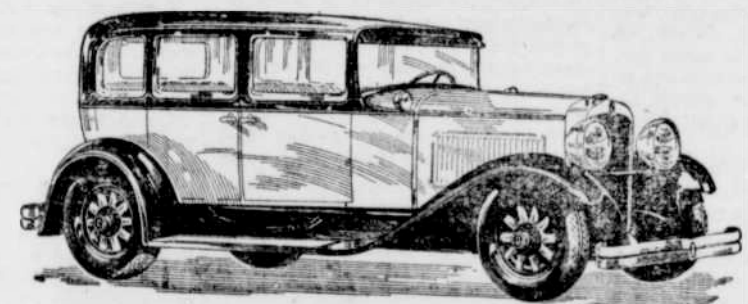
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