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THE EAGLET'S FLIGHT

The Journal wishes to acknowledge thanks to the junior class of Nyssa high school for a copy of The Golden Eaglet, school annual which is dedicated to the 1931 graduates. It is a memory book of high school days—perhaps the happiest days of life.

A thoughtful student suggested the annual's name, "Eaglet." We quote from an eaglet's editorial—a wise little eaglet:

High school graduates have been compared to the young eaglet upon its first flight. The comparison is obvious in the things they have learned and in the things they have yet to learn. When young people go out into the world after 12 years of sheltered life they are young eaglets. A child's knowledge compares with an eaglet's instinct. But there is a difference. An eaglet always depends upon its instinct while a student leaving school may use knowledge and follow good advice—and may not. Don't let an eaglet be wiser than a graduate.

GARDEN CRUSADE BRINGS OUT THE BEST

There is something about a garden which brings out the best in people.

Perhaps it is because we are Nature's children, after all, and our hands move as if by instinct to digging in the ground, to the planting of things which will grow, to the tending of flowers and the gathering of fruit.

Little children love flowers. They pick them instinctively as soon as they can toddle. The untaught savage adorns his person with flowers. A garland from the woods or fruit from hillside is the oldest form of votive offering.

Our gardens have caught from the lap of nature and have kept for us in our civilization this primordial love of beauty. They have enabled us to retain, down through the ages, that natural way of expressing our better selves.

Gardens such as the average home grounds can provide make productive our leisure time. They draw us from idleness to creative effort. They provide us with cheering gifts for the sick and poor. They incline us to hospitality, to share their beauties with others.

Out of all this beauty comes an inspiration for each member of the family. Mother wishes to make the yard more attractive so the children will play at home, under her guarding eyes and out of the street, where whizzing autos and heavy rumbling trucks endanger their limbs and lives she knows.

The kiddies take a hand in improving the yard. It is theirs, too. They are so anxious to help, to fetch and carry, to give the young plants a drink of water. In the garden they learn the dignity of work with their hands and to be helpful to others. They also are taught by an object lesson the all-embracing wisdom of Nature.

Father, in the planting of his yard, sees the good sense of a permanent improvement, growing value year by year, and he sets out trees and shrubs. Once his home grounds are so improved he sees himself as a part of a great movement to make his home town "The City Beautiful" and he becomes a better citizen. He glimpses the tremendous significance of the great crusade of beauty to make America a more beautiful and fruitful nation.

PROFITING THROUGH SERVICE

When merchants improve their stores, add additional sales space, install new fixtures, improve their show windows, augment their sales forces, replenish their stocks with the best and newest, it is for the public. Of course they are in business for the purpose of making a living, but to make that living they must first give service, so their first objective is always "to serve and please."

"Fair exchange is no robbery" is a business phrase which has been handed down from generation and now seems to have acquired immortality. The laborer exchanges his labor for his wage. The capitalist exchanges his money for his interest. The manufacturer exchanges his products for his cost of production plus profit, the professional man exchanges his services for his fees or salary, the store keeper exchanges his goods for cost plus service charge. Everybody is in business for himself by being in business for somebody else. Like the public official, the merchant is in business for society and therefore every member of that society is his employer, his boss.

One of the compensations of business is that public recognition and appreciation come to none sooner than to the business man who really serves. A flourishing trade is synonymous with public trust and confidence. Service must ever precede success in business.

The picnic season, covered with red bugs, is just around the corner.

GLORIFYING THE FARM

In the beautiful farming valleys tributary to Nyssa is Malheur's county's most fertile farming section. It is inspiring to see the attractive farm homes, the substantial fields and orchards that glorify the landscape and prove beyond a doubt the wealth of this locality.

A new spring smiles upon the broad acres adjacent to Nyssa, in Arcadia, Big Bend, Apple Valley and on the Owyhee. Ample water is assured this locality. Leaders predict a readjustment of prices that will place the sound farmer upon a sound foothold. The very atmosphere breathes encouragement.

Each farm has a story to tell, each community a page. Because of past endeavors, it will be a story of greater interest this year. The Journal will be glad to print farm news of every kind. Such articles will be of immense interest in the community, county and state. We believe this is a means of aiding in the growth and development of the Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects.

Get your far mnews to The Journal.

WELCOME MAY SHOWERS

The situation over the country in regard to moisture is of interest. According to the bureau of agriculture there is a shortage of sub-soil moisture in the greater part of the agricultural area affected by the drouth of last year and it is such that a month of hot, dry weather would result in widespread and heavy damage to crops. The rainfall has been on a "hand-to-mouth" basis, little surplus having accumulated anywhere. No reserve of moisture is in the soil, and in the spring wheat belt wheat is suffering and much replanting is necessary where dust storms have blown out the seed. The May showers of Oregon are blown out the seed. The May showers of Oregon are

IN A NUTSHELL

Thirty years ago the population of the United States was 81,000,000, and the average person contributed \$19.39 in taxes to support government.

In 1928, the last year for which complete official statistics are available, the population was 120,000,000 and the per capita tax had increased to \$105.20. And now senators are figuring how to raise income tax rates to cover the \$500,000,000 treasury deficit that followed the last congress.

Here is the situation in a nutshell. It should give the public something to think about.

THE THREE C'S OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION

The key to automobile accident prevention is in the hands of individual drivers. There is a point where even the best traffic laws become inoperative. At this point the individual must take up the work. Care, courtesy, common sense—these are the three C's of accident prevention which are not covered by law.

The majority of accidents occur when they are violated. Each year such violations mean death to 30,000 people, to say nothing of vast sums in property damage.

Last year, according to the Travelers Insurance Company, the largest single cause of accident was failure to give right-of-way—which accounted for 31 per cent of all mishaps and 15 per cent of all deaths. Foolhardiness, coupled with discourtesy, is strewn death along the highways. The driver who cuts in and out of traffic—who drives on the wrong side of the road—who drives at an excessive speed—is a menace to the life and property of all who use the public roads.

Traffic laws should be improved and modernized to the greatest possible degree. But after that is done, the rest is principally up to the individual driver. He will decide whether or not our horrible toll of human life increases or decreases.

Laugh with the world—not at it.

Unless you are ashamed of yourself now and then you are not honest.

It is estimated that cusswords have been added to our language by every alarm clock.

The speed of your car depends on whether you are bragging to a friend or explaining to a judge.

We have also reached the age where raising a thick beard is about the only thing a woman can't do.

Our idea of an "old-timer" is the citizen who can remember when the butcher used to throw in a piece of liver for the dog.

Men who don't pay as they go have a hard time coming back.

The two people able to make it hottest for you are a woman who can't have her own way and a reformer who can.

There is only one thing for a man to do who is married to a woman who enjoys spending money. And that is to enjoy earning it.

Often it is more important that the automobile driver thinks to stop than to stop to think.

Just because a Nyssa man is strong is no sign he can carry a tune.

Voice of the Press

"GIVE THEM A CHANCE"

Governor Meier made three major appointments within the space of about a week. These were Smedley Butler as head of the state police department, Rufus Holman as state treasurer, and Max Hehl as director of agriculture. It was a foregone conclusion that each of these three appointments would arouse considerable comment, both favorable and adverse. As we point out every week in a statement at the masthead on this editorial page, the only way to escape criticism is to say nothing, do nothing and be nothing. This being the case, none of these three men could expect to escape criticism.

Frankly we see little parallel between Philadelphia and Oregon. Perhaps Governor Meier sees none, and is appointing Butler for some other reason, but the United States as a whole and the people of Oregon in particular are bound to wonder if the governor has in mind to attempt some wholesale clean-up campaign. Perhaps he does and has good reason for it. Then, again, perhaps that is not his intention. In any event let us wait and give General Butler his chance.

If the governor makes an appointment from among his supporters the move is hailed as payment of a political debt; if he goes outside his own camp they say he is not only ungrateful but is playing into the hands of the enemy. Meier has felt the wrath of both sides in his position of "damned if you do and damned if you don't." It is only right to suppose that the selection of Rufus Holman as state treasurer was made because Meier thought Holman was the best man for the job. When the scoffers scoff and say the appointment was purely political, we are reminded of that principle expressed by psychologists, "The human being sees, reflected in others those qualities he himself possesses."—Woodburn Independent.

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"Don't make the same mistake I did!"

Dad was giving me the proverbial "last words" before I hopped the train for school. Usually he spoke about studies or fast living, but this time only one thing was preying on his mind.

"Jack, I was not satisfied with your report last year. You let your bills slide!"

"Aw, Dad, all the fellows let their bills slide," I mumbled.

"That may be all right for you but not for me. You're on your own now, and I want you to come out on top. Don't make the same mistake I did!"

"When I was your age I had no idea of the meaning of credit... and my own particular responsibility. No one could talk to me about the honor of debts and all that sort of thing. I thought it was smart to let

my bills drag on a couple of months before I paid them. Well, like the rest of 'the fellows,' I got a bad name and it was years before I could get the good credit standing that means so much to me now."

"But, Dad, creditors don't really lose anything! They always get the money some time!"

"Don't lose anything, my boy?" He looked at me in silence for a moment, and I knew I had said the wrong thing.

"Son, I'll tell you something... Lack of credit causes more failures than lack of brains!"

"When you fail to keep your promise to pay within a certain time, your creditor loses faith in you, and your name loses prestige. And after you've lost your credit standing, your brains are good for only one thing—to make you pay promptly!"

It was the first time that the meaning of credit had been brought home to me. Dad and I looked at each other and shook hands. As I dashed for the train, I thought to myself, "Dad's a man who plays fair!"

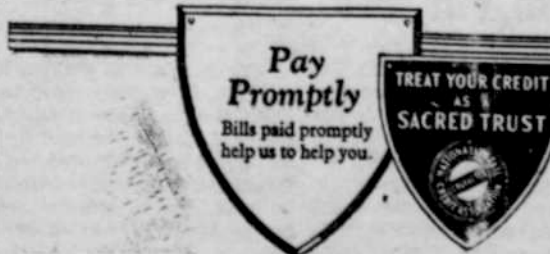
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