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## A FRIENDSHIP BANQUET

The Journal rejoices with the Nyssa commercial club and civic club in the success of the "get-acquainted" banquet last Thursday night which honored a goodly number of newcomers in the community and the Ontario commercial club.

It was a neighborly invitation and a neighborly acceptance was gratefully received in Nyssa. Good fellowship prevailed. The lasting benefits of united effort was stressed by Toastmaster E. M. Blodgett and the speakers of the evening, all of whom represented the Ontario club. The spoils of jealousy and the evils of selfish competition were assailed.

E. C. Van Petten made a substantial talk, urging all towns of the county to back the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. We agree with him in the statement that the Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement association would have been less successful in colonization of the Vale project had it not been for the assistance of the state chamber.

Lovely flowers, ferns and lamps formed an attractive setting for the banquet. It was a pleasurable occasion. Its inspiration was the most simple and greatest of human requisites—friendliness.

## GOOD BUSINESS, FARMERS

County Agent Raymond G. Larson told The Journal that he sent about 42 invitations to farmers near Nyssa to attend the meeting of the Malheur County Seed Growers here last week. About forty of this number attended. Pretty good response, Larson stated.

Seed growers of Malheur county face a big problem but if they continue to interest themselves in this problem, as they evidenced by attendance at the recent meeting, they are certain to achieve their end—top price for winter hardy seed crops of Malheur county.

As a rule, Oregonians are proud to call their Oregon grown produce OREGON GROWN but in the case of seed there is a different angle to be considered. It is the all important topic PRICE.

Some years ago Willamette valley began the production of red clover and alfalfa seed, among other seed crops. The seed was designated Oregon seed. The department of agriculture found that seed from somewhere in the country produced crops that winter killed. An investigation disclosed that Oregon (Willamette valley) seed was not winter hardy.

In the meantime Malheur county and eastern Oregon farmers began the production of seed with outstanding success. Under the same climatic conditions as exist in Idaho, the seed proved to be winter hardy.

But the market for Oregon seed was demoralized by Willamette valley seed. How to market eastern Oregon seed has become a problem. Can it be designated Idaho seed? This is the question that the Malheur County Seed Growers association will attempt to solve. If they accomplish their purpose—top price for Malheur county seed—they will render producers a highly commendable service.

Low prices and common problems are bringing the farmers together. This factor is certain to result in careful consideration and ultimate solution.

It is also good business for the farmer to make the most of the guidance and help of the county agent's office. The Journal is of the opinion that the county is particularly fortunate in having Mr. Larson at the helm of its farm department.

Another similarity between men and women is that a man takes a day off on his birthday and a woman takes a couple of years off.

In this world a pessimist avoids a lot of disappointment in that everything turns out better than he expected it to.

The more civilized the world becomes the more machinery we have to dust, oil and polish.

The average motorist isn't as much interested these days in why a hen crosses the road as he is in why she changes her mind and starts back just when she reaches the middle of it.

The old-fashioned family doctor is said to be disappearing. But for that matter is the old-fashioned family.

A stubborn man is one who believes there is only one side to any question in which he is interested.

Faith may move a mountain but it can't make a bottle of hair restorer work.

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## OREGON LAWS CHANGE AGAIN

Three hundred and thirty-seven new laws resulting from the labors of the last legislative session became operative Saturday, marking the 90 day period of grace since adjournment of the session.

A total of 403 bills was passed by the two branches of the last legislature and approved by the governor.

Of the remaining 340 one—the Rogue river fishing bill—has been held up by the referendum, and two others, by their own provisions, do not become effective until later. One of these, the new department of agriculture, does not become operative until July 1, while the other the state police bill, will become operative on August 1

Three of the 336 new laws are repealing acts. Two repeal the so-called Eddy acts of the 1929 session placing property qualifications on voters at elections involving bond issues or tax levies. The other repeals the "certificate of convenience and necessity" act relating to public utilities, but this provision was also repealed in the new public utilities act which became operative last February.

Probably the most important of the new laws is the intangibles tax act. This is largely a revamping of the act of 1929 which was held to be unconstitutional by the supreme court, with the rate increasing from five per cent. to eight per cent. and certain interest payment offsets written into the new law. This tax, it is estimated, will yield approximately \$1,500,000 to the state treasury as an offset to the present tax paid by real property. The tax to be collected this year will be on interest and dividends accruing during 1930.

The income tax which the public must pay by June 25 was an initiative measure passed by the people last November.

The people's utility district bill, sponsored by the state grange, also becomes effective at this time. This measure provides for the organization of districts for the promotion of power plants financed, owned and operated by the people of the district.

The free text book bill is another measure of state-wide interest. Under this act school districts throughout the state will be required to undertake a program which will ultimately provide free books for students in the grades. The measure, however, limits expenditures for free textbooks in any one year to \$1.50 for each enrolled student so that the realization of free texts in its broadest sense will not be possible for several years.

A definite grade for butter standards around which a desperate fight was waged throughout the entire session went into effect.

A large majority of the new laws represent only minor amendments to existing laws.

Three of the new laws are still subject to temporary suspension with referendums started against them but not yet completed. These include the oleomargarine tax bill providing for a tax of 10 cents a pound on butter substitutes.

## ONLY A CORPORAL'S GUARD REMAIN

The remnants of a once mighty army, now decimated by the relentless passing of the years is all that remains of the Grand Army of the Republic. Barely enough men are left to form one present day army division.

The call of President Lincoln brought 2,859,122 men to the union colors in the Civil war. Today Gen. James Esoc Jewell, national commander of the Grand Army, places the number of survivors at 41,743.

There are 10,000 fewer of these aged veterans than there were a year ago Memorial day. Each month during the past year taps sounded for 900 Union Civil war veterans.

The youngest of veterans are 80 years old. These were boys who enlisted at the age of 14 in the closing months of the conflict. The oldest living member of the Grand Army is 105.

General Jewell himself is 83, but he insists he is still "rather spry" and able to withstand activities that would fatigue a much younger man.

While each passing year cuts shorter the roster of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Jewett believes there will be quite enough survivors left to hold the annual encampment for the next decade.

Nyssa is proud to have a Civil war veteran among its citizenry. He is G. H. Wade, aged 92, who enlisted with Company I, 2nd Missouri cavalry. Mr. Wade lives with his daughter Mrs. H. R. Sherwood.

Nothing could be more dangerous than a motor car run by the wrong kind of a tank.

The surest way to achieve popularity is to tell the truth about nobody but yourself.

A mine owner is the only man who can achieve success by running his business into the ground.

The recent king of Spain got a lovely reception in Paris. But so could any ordinary citizen if he landed there with fourteen million dollars.

College men get more orders in college than after they graduate and begin selling something.

The age of discretion usually arrives accompanied by rheumatism, high blood pressure and heart trouble.

A shiftless man is one who is usually out of everything except debt.

The kisses of the old-time girl may have been more sincere, but in this day of lipsticks those of the modern girl leave more impression.

## Voice of the Press

### \$3 LICENSE

There is another thing, too, people should bear in mind when they measure the license fee in this state with the low license fees prevailing in Washington and California. The inequity is more apparent than real. In California and Washington automobiles are on the personal property tax rolls. The owners thus paying a direct property tax as well as a license fee. Supposing your car to be assessed at one-third of its actual value, a \$1500 automobile would be on the tax rolls at \$500 and a 92-mill tax on \$500 would be \$46. All is not gold that glitters.—Astoria Budget.

### HORSE MAY COME BACK

Horses have always been used during the eras of cheap farm products and unless prices advance, unquestionably many farmers will go back to horses. Before the advent of the tractor, the truck and the automobile, one-fourth of our total farm acreage was devoted to the raising of horse feed. Gas motorization is really part of what is wrong with agriculture. Some day we will have a farm tractor or motor that will run with some product that comes from the distillation of our farm surplus or wastes. Unless we have a machine that will render power from what we raise, we must go back to a form of farm motor power that will consume our excess products and help us rebalance our agriculture. The horse is capable of doing this.—Dr. W. H. Lytle, Veterinarian.

### BEST END OF THE BARGAIN

It is all fine and necessary that we pay strict attention to business and make it succeed; it is also true that in chamber of commerce work of all types that unselfish activities from which we never expect to reap anything often pay dividends greater than time spent in the office. There must be a fine balance between attention to business and meeting community obligations. Chamber secretaries may honestly urge business people to undertake tasks under its direction in full faith that the work will be repaid.

Recall the story of the race of Atlanta, the beautiful maiden of mythology, who promised to marry the man who defeated her in a race. After many had died trying, an ingenious young man ran with her and tossed golden apples near the swift maiden. She stooped to grasp the gold—and lost the race. —Oregon Business.

### GIRL LAWYER IN ORMOND MURDER CASE

Women lawyers are more plentiful nowadays than of old, but there are few who have had the opportunity to break into criminal practice in a case as important as the Ira H. Ormond murder case, or have the unusual and truly unique opportunity for a "dual"

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professional career as that which confronts Cecelia P. Gallagher.

Miss Gallagher, who in private life is Mrs. John Galey, being a bride of ten months, caused police reporters to pencil feverish notes when she appeared at the city jail and later in municipal court Tuesday in the interest of Ira H. Ormond, who early last Sunday murdered his wife and two children with bayonet and gas filled hose.

It isn't often that women attorneys represent murderers, and when Miss Gallagher walked into court to have Ormond waive examination, it naturally occasioned more than the ordinary flutter.

But she did it and did it well—as would become a girl whose father has been a lawyer for these many years and who is now a partner with that father in the practice of the legal profession. She is a daughter of P. J. Gallagher, formerly of Juntura and Ontario, Malheur county.—Oregonian.

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