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OUR WINNING BASEBALL TEAM

Nyssa emerged from the Idaho-Oregon league series with a pleasant warmth around the heart—our boys were the champions. They have brought honor and publicity to our community. They are supreme in a league composed of other splendid teams.

Championship in the Idaho-Oregon league this season was no easy victory. Nyssa has an excellent team but so has Ontario and Vale. Wilder demonstrated surprising strength on a few occasions. Most of the teams played remarkably good ball, even dyed-in-the-wool fans say. It was not surprising, however, as the Idaho-Oregon league has seen the best ball in this neck of the woods for several years.

The closest race this year was between Nyssa and Vale, as it was in 1930. Nyssa finished with a margin of only one game. This alone tells a story of the season.

Let's give the team consisting of Dick Young, veteran hurler; John Young, behind the bat; Harold Hoxie, best hitter and centerfield; Frank Rambaud, third base; Owen Price, shortstop; Geo. Johnston, second base; Pud Long, left field; McEwen, right field; Art Servoss, first base; and its managers, who have been faithful managers, Dean Smith and Artie Robertson, three rousing cheers.

The team goes into another series, the Fourth of July event at Vale, and with Vale, July 3. Ontario plays Wilder in the first elimination game today. Here's luck to four good teams. They can't all be winners but they are all noted for good sportsmanship.

LOOK OUT FOR FOREST FIRES

Governor Meier of Oregon, in warning his state that it faces an unusual forest fire hazard, said that all but 23 per cent of forest fires are caused by human agencies. In other words, 77 out of every 100 fires are the result of human carelessness and indifference—or malice.

The situation in Oregon is not greatly different from that in many other states, and the governor's warning has national significance. We talk, on the one hand, about forest preservation—on the other, we make it possible for thousands of acres of grown or growing timber to be devastated in the course of a few hours.

The summer and fall seasons immensely increase the seriousness of the forest fire problem. The careless smoker and builder of campfires constitute a tremendous hazard to our timber areas—to say nothing of the arsonist, who is always busy. Every public and private facility should be given to forest protection—and every individual should do his bit in cooperating in the good work.

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The Declaration of Independence was born on July 4, when the report of the committee—composed of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston—was unanimously adopted. It was born one year and three months after the fighting at Lexington and Concord ushered in armed hostility between the Colonies and the mother country.

Subsequent events proved how beneficial to the new nation this slow birth was. The happenings of 15 months had taught the Colonies to work in unison, and had given them a common outlook. They showed their strength and singleness of purpose in their successful prosecution of the war, and, that ended, in the strong government they created. True, that government in its early days often had trouble maintaining its authority, but it was never seriously endangered until the occasion of the Civil war. The outcome of that struggle settled for all time the question of the oneness of the American Union.

Rarely does history show a parallel case of a nation springing from a revolution, proving as stable as the United States has been during the 155 years of its existence. There can be no gainsaying that this stability has proceeded largely from the circumstances of the nation's birth. There was no abrupt break with the past, as has been the case with many European and Latin American republics. The American Revolution evolved naturally from the American people's political maturity and strength. And the evolution of American institutions, for the good of us all, must proceed in the future as in the past—slowly, and upon firm ground.

FAVORABLE DAIRY AND POULTRY CHANGES

More butter and less oleomargarine is being consumed as a result of the low prices prevailing for butter, according to Oregon State college. Manufacture of oleomargarine has decreased and surplus stocks of dairy products are relatively smaller than a month ago, although milk production is running somewhat ahead of last year.

The number of milk cows is now estimated at 3 per cent greater than a year ago and the cow population of the country is expected to continue to increase for some time. However, the tendency to keep too many heifer calves and old cows has been checked. Conditions for milk production may average better during the summer than a year ago, although the condition of pastures on June 1 was not good in most of the dairy states from Michigan through Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and California to the Canadian boundary. Conditions were generally better than last year east of the Mississippi.

Conditions of hay crops on June 1 indicated a total output for the country 10 per cent below average, the report continues. This may affect dairy production next winter, as the total stocks of old hay are also light.

Feed grain prospects vary. Barley was in the lowest condition on record on June 1. Corn was making a slow start. Oats prospects were for an output about the same as last year in the whole country.

The egg and poultry industry is "working into the favorable situation indicated by the February outlook reports," less are now on farms than a year ago, and storage holdings of case and frozen eggs are materially smaller than a year ago although still above average. Poultry holdings, especially turkeys, are light.

It won't be long now before many family skeletons will be congregating on the beaches.

One trouble is that they are trying to save industry through artificial respiration instead of real perspiration.

We suppose the slogan for 1932 will be, "Now is the time for all good PARTIES to come to the aid of the MAN."

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Voice of the Press

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Now it is the Hoover of the golden rule. Political reaction was as instantaneous as was the electrifying effect in the economic world. The psychological effect on the country and on the political situation has been tremendous. Even Mr. Hoover's best friends had realized that there was hard sledding before him in the 1932 campaign. In a matter of hours a transformation occurred and there was reborn new faith in the ability of the man in the White House. It was a daring proceeding, but desperate illness requires desperate remedy. What Mr. Hoover did, in effect, was put his fate to the touch and win or lose on a startling, unexpected throw of the dice. This is not to be construed as inferring that the president's desire to stabilize Europe was motivated by thought of his personal political fortunes. His wish is to attempt something that may terminate a world-wide depression, and in the ratio that his plan meets with approval and success it affects his political future.—Oregonian.

DEBTS OF ARMAGEDDON

You see how prosperity or the lack of it dictates national policy, in the international reaction to President Hoover's proposal for a year's postponement of payments on war debts.

Germany, burdened, rejoiced. Great Britain and Italy evidenced approval.

France, prosperous, expressed preliminary disfavor.

You see, too, how weightily mass psychology rules business. The president's proposal was, on the stock exchange, a signal for a sharp vertical lift in quotations and for immensely stimulated trading.

The securities were not worth more than before, except as improved confidence gave them value. The resources upon which any actual value is based have never been questioned.

The world's greatest war has been followed by the world's greatest depression as peoples, struggling and with millions of their best killed, tried to pay the costs of Armageddon.

President Hoover's proposal is in the nature of a Sabbath day for debts. After the holiday would come new heart and new strength to go on paying—and perhaps there would be less impulse toward a second world war to overturn the debts of the first—Oregon Journal.



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