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OUR WINNING JUNIORS

A fine little ball team from Malheur county, a half and half combination from Nyssa and Ontario with a lone player from Vale, brought home the bacon from La-Grande. They defeated Heppner to win the title to the eastern Oregon championship. They have downed the big towns of eastern Oregon but now they must pit their strength against the Legion junior imps from the biggest town in the state—Portland.

John Young, Nyssa high school coach and a ball player, is manager of the Nyssa-Ontario team. Is he proud of this bunch of boys? Did you ever see him smile when he tells how Jack or John took a swipe at the old pill? Their coach, the whole town and county are behind the boys.

The community appreciates the good work of John Young. He and the sponsors of the junior nine, the Malheur County Post of the American Legion, are sincere commendable men who are doing much for the boys and the post. Godfather of the team is faithful Stan Milliken, director of junior athletics for the post the past five years.

Hats off to "imps" and sponsors. Our good wishes go with them into the big game with Portland in Ontario Sunday.

WHY NOT RAISE BEANS?

With the last government figures showing importations of 3,357,000 pounds of lima beans, why not produce beans, queries E. G. Harlan, of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. Harlan has great hopes in Malheur county and tells the story of A. L. Pfeiler in Oregon Business. Pfeiler is a successful and extensive bean grower in Oxnard, California. The State Chamber and Vale-Owyhee land settlement association induced him to purchase a tract in Malheur county in the new Owyhee Irrigation project after he had satisfied himself through experiments made of growing limas in this district that superior conditions exist here.

"Two years ago the California Lima Bean Growers' association called upon several hundred growers for actual production costs. The average of these reports disclosed a production of \$142.80 an acre. Fifty per cent of this amount was for taxes and interest on \$1000 an acre land. Having purchased land under the Owyhee for the purpose of growing baby lima beans, I also see other great advantages besides the difference in land prices. Mellow soil which lends itself to preparation with little effort. Irrigation costs and taxes are much less. I have every reason to believe beans can be raised on your land for not to exceed \$50 per acre. Alfalfa production costs in California are \$13 per ton, with an average selling price of \$16 per ton. I figure it will cost me \$6 per ton to produce alfalfa in your valley. This is a better deal in normal years. Your system of pasturing and winter feeding has also a great fertilizing value to the land and together with your long lived stands averaging about eight years, you have the Alfalfa Paradise," Pfeiler said.

County Agent R. G. Larson reports that baby lima beans will produce about 1500 pounds per acre in California, while the average in Malheur county is between 1500 and 2500; in Michigan, the great bean state, the average production of white beans is less than 600 pounds per acre.

BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY

The drowning season is here. Two young women lost their lives in the canal at Emmett last week. A boy drowned in the river at New Plymouth less than a month ago. From everywhere come reports of drownings. Many take unnecessary chances and lose their lives as a consequence.

It is said that most young people insist on taking risks; that they will not listen to advice, but, perhaps in the hope that there are a few exceptions to this saying, the state health board offers a bit of advice to swimmers:

Don't stay in too long. Half an hour is enough at a time.
Don't go in the water immediately after a heavy meal.
Don't keep on swimming after you are tired.
Don't go swimming alone.
Don't try to "find bottom."

Don't go boating unless you can swim.
If something goes wrong, fight as little as possible and take it easy to keep afloat until help comes.

Most of the drowning accidents come from disregard of these simple precautions. If everyone would follow them, there would be fewer young lives lost.

The fashion for summer is plus fours for men and minus all but twos for the girls.

Things are not even in this world. If they were a one-eyed man could buy a movie theatre ticket at half price.

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LOCAL BUTTERFAT BRINGS BEST PRICES

A Fruitland farmer is in Kansas visiting dairy farmer friends. He finds that the Snake river valley has the edge on Kansas in more ways than climate. Prices for butterfat are higher here than in the middle west, according to a letter the vacationist wrote W. B. Wagner, manager of the Farmers Cooperative creamery.

"I am attending the American Institute of Cooperation," the writer said. "This is certainly the largest organization of the kind in the world, having representatives here from every state in the union."

"We hear of all the ups and downs of the various industries, and to my surprise I hear that butterfat is as low as 9 cents in some states. This seems almost too low to believe but I know of no reason why these people should tell an untruth about it for it would only belittle their state."

"I took a great deal of pride in telling them that our Farmers Cooperative creamery's lowest price so far this season was 22 cents for butterfat. When these people ask me 'how come' we get this high price, the only thing I could tell them is that it is due to cooperative marketing. I find the prevailing price for butterfat in Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas is 16 cents, and not higher than 17 cents."

"The more I see of other states and their organizations the better I like Snake river valley and the cooperative spirit of its citizens."

Who was the writer? C. H. Sargent, well known dairyman of Fruitland.

Again, we find conditions in our favored crop region far better than elsewhere.

OREGON HIGH IN LITERACY

Census statistics on illiteracy show that Oregon has the second smallest number of persons who cannot read or write of any of the 48 states of the union. Oregon had 7,814 illiterates as against 9,317 in 1920. The state percentage of illiteracy is one per cent. The number of illiterates in the United States exceed eight million.

Of the illiterates in Oregon 0.3 per cent are native whites, 3.6 per cent foreign born whites, 2.5 per cent are negroes, and 17.6 per cent other races. Multnomah heads the list with 3204 illiterates, with Marion second with 927. There are few illiterates in Malheur county, according to Mrs. E. M. Crail, county school superintendent, who had charge of a check-up here. The county is 13th in Oregon with 61 persons who cannot read and write.

In Oregon there are 2,043 native white illiterates, 3,743 foreign born, 49 negroes and 1979 other races.

From the amount of money spent on schools in Oregon there seems little excuse for even the small percentage of illiteracy in the state. And the strange part of it is that most illiteracy exists in the best schooled districts. The illiterates are mostly adult emigrants who enjoyed no schooling advantages in youth.

Illiteracy is not, however, a test of mentality, rather a reflection on lack of opportunity. Many bright minds are possessed by illiterates, who manage somehow to hold their own despite the disadvantages they are under. It is a common illusion that schools can supply brains, but all they can do is train and discipline them and speed their development by enlarging the mental horizon. Mentality is hereditary though developed by environment.

If women are 100 per cent behind the "Eat—More—Lamb," campaign, it is a safe bet more lamb will grace the family table.

Voice of the Press

DO WE NEED BUREAUCRACY?

(Sherman County Journal.)
Some doubts will arise in the mind of one who has been taught that the people in this state are supreme in all things when he considers the tax supervision proposal. It is a step toward bureaucracy. In this tax question though, it may be safely stated that the voters have been derelict in their duty toward their city and county. They would not attend budget meetings, they would not ponder over bond issues if some part of the funds so raised were to be spent to their advantage and they have been generally very careless of their rights and duties of citizenship.

KINGMAN KOLONY CANNING CLUBS AT WORK ON PROJECTS

Two 4-H canning clubs have begun work at Kingman Kolony. The Dough Girls canning club was recently organized by Miss Lois Schweizer to begin second year work. Officers are Viola Glascock, president; Ella Points, vice-president; Lois Ellen Enos, secretary; Ruth Fenn and Georgia Toombs, members.

Kingman Kolony canning club has begun second year work under Mrs. Victoria Schweizer, leader. Each member is required to can at least 25 quarts of fruit and make at least 20 glasses of jelly, jam or conserve, make an exhibit and submit a final report. Members are Agnes Nichols, Dorothy Holly, Emma Glascock, Helen Winters, Lois Schweizer, Ruth Fenn and Ella Points.

COUNTY PAYS \$19,000 IN QUARTER LICENSES

Money received from motor vehicle registrations from March 16, to June 30, were apportioned two-thirds to the state highway commission and one-third to the various counties by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, Saturday. Malheur registrations were apportioned as follows: \$6,343.85 to county; \$12,687.70 to highway commission. Malheur's total total was larger than the total reported for 14 other counties of the state.

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Dec. 1930	.28	.02	.02	.32
Jan. 1931	.22	.02	.02	.26
Feb. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
Mar. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
Apr. 1931	.21	.02	.02	.25
May 1931	.20	.02	.02	.24
June 1931	.20	.02	.02	.24

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