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THE NYSSA FLOWER SHOW

Tired hands, a week's toil was all forgotten when canaries sang and flowers were beautifully displayed Saturday at the Nyssa Flower show. It was a gorgeous showing, a worthwhile undertaking, a credit to the community and Nyssa Civic club.

Floral exhibits were lovely. No effort was spared to make the background as lovely as the flowers themselves. Arrangements were perfect and as a result the show was an outstanding success.

Civic-minded folk of Nyssa are appreciative of the work. It is events like the Flower Show that give Nyssa a place in a doing world.

THERE'S BUILDING UNDER WAY

Evidence that, notwithstanding the economic situation, our town is forging ahead, is given in the fact that within the last 30 days plans were laid for between \$10,000 and \$15,000 worth of building.

Three new homes are being built, all modern, all up-to-date, each a splendid addition to the community. C. L. McCoy is building a stucco residence, Mrs. John T. Ray, an all-lumber bungalow, and A. J. Wilson has about completed a smaller bungalow.

Business building is confined to the construction of loading and storage facilities for bulk handling of grain at the warehouse of the Snake River Grain Growers, Incorporated.

Building in Nyssa compares favorably with building in Ontario. Permits issued there the last 30 days totaled \$10,000.

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EAST VS. WESTERN RECLAMATION

The folks here at home who accompanied the congressional delegation to Owyhee dam, Vale project and to luncheon in Ontario learned that there is work connected with securing an appropriation.

Perhaps they wondered how such a gentleman as Congressman Robert Luce of Massachusetts could ever be convinced that spending money in the west is good business. Extremely capable, Mr. Luce, chairman of the library committee in the house, possesses the knowledge to express himself clearly. He painted a glowing picture of the west, declaring with vehemence that the west is being developed at the expense of the east.

He pointed out that his own state of Massachusetts has received no federal money for its development and that while the people of the west are calling for relief, they are infinitely better off than the unemployed and poor of his state. "You out here have plenty to eat, plenty to wear and roofs over your heads. From Los Angeles to Seattle, in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California, I have seen nothing but prosperity," he declared.

Although Mr. Luce was not answered at the luncheon in Ontario he can be reminded that funds that built the great reclamation projects of the west come from the west. Revenues from oil leases, sale of public land and repayment from reclamation projects make up the revolving fund of the reclamation department.

Shortage in the reclamation fund means that our congressman will have to fight harder than ever for the funds that are needed to complete the Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects and others in the west. The money will have to come from the treasury that is guarded by Luce from the east, north and south.

FARM MARKETS ADVANCE

Further improvement in the egg and poultry situation and signs of the turn toward better conditions in the dairy and sheep industries are seen in the annual summer outlook report of the college extension service just issued.

Prices for eggs and chickens, although still low compared to recent years have made a strong seasonal advance during the past few weeks. Fewer hens are in prospect to go into laying houses this fall, and demand is expected to increase as business conditions improve.

As to the dairy industry, the report says, "The outlook appears to be on the side of moderate improvement." Some increased demand is expected but production is likely to continue relatively heavy for some time. Figures are given showing that dairymen have been saving fewer heifer calves and that the rapid increase in the number of milk cows on farms has probably been checked.

Record marketings of sheep and lamb are being made this year and conditions indicate that sheep numbers will be further reduced in this country and abroad. Demand is expected to increase as business conditions improve.

The report states that world-wide conditions of supply and demand affect wool prices in this country and consequently have a bearing on the sheep and wool outlook in Oregon. North America has but 8 per cent of the world's sheep.

THE WAY OUT

"We believe that there is a way out for the American farmer," said C. E. Huff, president of the National Grain Corporation, recently, "and that the key is organization and cooperation. . . We believe that only through organization for distribution and sales on a national basis will the farm producer be able to cope with organized industry all around him, make his production profitable and maintain the individual farm as a current fact."

It is probable that the farmer has suffered less from low prices for agriculture products than from the fact that his share of the ultimate sale price has too often been extremely small. This is well illustrated by the dairy industry, where the middleman receives his cut of about six cents a quart whether milk is selling to the public for fourteen cents or ten. The farmer is left to hold the sack.

A single farmer, doing business with a large dealer, is at an obvious disadvantage. A hundred farmers, selling together, are at less disadvantage. And ten or fifty thousand farmers, demanding a fair profit for themselves, have the advantage on their side. Mass action, both in production and sale, has made American industry what it is today. It can produce the same good results for the American farmer with reasonable prices for the consumer.

The grain growers' movement has a foothold in Nyssa as a result of the work of C. M. Beaumont, Nyssa farmer, who is director of the Malheur county unit.

If you don't like the heat just think how cold you'll be next January.

Life insurance is getting cheaper in this country. So is life.

The flappers have caught up again with those old ladies who have kept right on wearing their dresses so long that they sweep the ground.

Coolidge, we learn will not be a candidate for president next year. Coolidge didn't choose to run in 1928 and we've had a lot of respect for his Yankee prudence ever since.

Ma Kennedy and her "what-a-man" are back together again to "fight the devil." We're for putting all three of them in an isolation hospital.

About the only improvement Reno can think of now is to issue a marriage license with a divorce coupon attached.

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Voice of the Press

NOT HOOVER'S FAULT

(Emmett Index)

In spite of the wild-eyed orators and letter writers, Herbert Hoover didn't bring on depression. No one individual on earth could have done that. To have accomplished such a feat he would have had to start the World war and put Germany in debt to the allies and the allies in debt to the United States. Would have had to engineer the Gandhi movement in India and the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. He would have had to stir up China to a constant state of rebellion and bloodshed. He would have had to inflate the price of stock on the inevitable that they should be punctured. He would have had to cause industrial unrest in Great Britain, republic revolution in Spain, revolution in South America, near bankruptcy of state governments in Australia, floods in the Mississippi, droughts throughout the South and the Middle West.

Unfortunately the Republican party in 1928 based its campaign on the prosperity which existed at that time, and suggested that the way to retain that prosperity would be to retain the party in power. As it turned out, that was a boomerang. But, doubtless, if the Democratic party had been in power, it would have made the same claims and the same promises. Political parties make their campaigns on what will win the election closest at hand. They do not take into consideration what may happen at some time in the future.

OVER 3000 BODIES TAX US

When it comes to fixing charges upon the taxpayers of the state there are 3116 separate and distinct bodies clothed with the power to make levies, according to a statistical study of the subject prepared by L. B. Smith, executive secretary of the Greater Oregon association. Included in the list are 190 cities and towns, 94 union high school districts, 574 special high school districts, while the high mark is touched by the special school districts to the total of 2078.

The study shows that the assessed valuation of taxable property in the state has increased 8.1 per cent between 1920 and 1930 inclusive. The tax levies have increased during the same period 44.4 per cent; bonded indebtedness 87.2, while the population of the state has increased 21.8. These percentages refer to local levies, not including the state levy.

The increase in bonded indebtedness during the period is interesting as showing what has been going on locally in the way of laying fixed charges upon the counties and local units. From 1920 to 1930 road and bridge bonds increased 115.4 per cent; cities and towns bonds 59.5 per cent; school districts 216.6 per cent; port districts 10.6 per cent; irrigation districts 164.9 per cent; drainage districts 207.1 per cent—an average increase in bonded indebtedness of 87.2 per cent.

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for purely commercial gain," and that negro woman has been broadcast to the world as indulging in bigamy," and that "negro lawyers are depicted as schemers and crooks." Efforts are being made to secure 1,000,000 signatures on the petitions.—Ex.

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