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THE SWIMMING POOL

The objective of the year of the Nyssa Civic Club, a city swimming pool, is deserving of the support of the entire community, men, women and children. All will enjoy it.

Do we need a swimming pool? The past summer, and others preceding it, youngsters and grownups drove four miles over a rough and dusty road to swim in the shallow Shoestring Ditch. It is filled with moss. It is muddy. It is unsafe. Broken glass and trash make it so. Being a shallow stream, it is doubtful if the Shoestring is even sanitary.

Daring children and better swimmers brave the hazards of the Snake river. Lives have been lost in the currents of the river which is said to be the most treacherous in the nation. It is said to have cost more lives than any other. It is not safe.

The Nyssa Civic club has gone about its program for a swimming pool in a businesslike manner. The club has found the approximate cost and it is not exorbitant. In fact a contractor's estimate of around a thousand dollars is within reach. Volunteer labor, where it could be used, would keep the cost down. The club has launched a movement to earn funds by giving benefit entertainments. A sociable time is the exchange and the money goes to a worthwhile project. Surely everyone in the community and surrounding country will help.

The plan is to start the pool next spring. A fee would be charged swimmers and these receipts would aid in paying off the cost. This fee could be reduced after payment is completed to a sum that would offset maintenance.

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Nyssa Commercial Club and Nyssa business men have the spirit. And it's the spirit that counts.

That is responsible for the growth or decline of a community. If the people can smile through their tears, show their spunk, keep pegging away, keep cheerful, live within their means, appreciate one another, consider the future, have hope for better times, determined to "see it through," that town is on the upgrade. Nyssa is such a town. We are on the upgrade and will get there.

Two men looked at a tract of sagebrush. One man turned away—said it was hopeless, too much work. The other man said he'd try. He bought land for a song. He smiled as he worked. He carved a productive farm from the desert. This story has been repeated over and over in the surrounding country. It is this spirit that will make the Owyhee project a replica of the rich Yakima valley.

It is this spirit that will make the town of Nyssa one of the best towns in the Snake river valley. Such spirit prevailed at last week's meeting of the Commercial club. Let's have more of it.

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Eat an apple!

IT'S AN HONOR

It is an honor to receive a bill. Instead of getting all "riled up" when the mail brings you a statement of account you should be genuinely pleased. For a bill is an indication that some one has faith in your honesty.

A bill indicates that someone who knows you depends upon your word of honor to keep the word you pledged when you received the service or the goods which he furnished. If you never received a bill it would indicate that your word was worthless, that no person trusted you, that you were held in such poor esteem by those who know you that none had ever been willing to take your word that you would pay. Credit is most precious. Money can be had by various means but good credit comes only from honesty and prompt meeting of bills when they are due. When you pay a bill you are merely honest. Indeed you are doing yourself a good turn. When you receive a bill, then meet it as you agreed if you possibly can. If you can't frankly tell your creditor why you can't. You will find him more than ready to meet you half way.

Cherish your credit as you would your health, happiness and other priceless boons equally rare and exclusive.

Another trouble arises from the fact that too many young people think the only key to happiness is the key to the automobile.

Nowadays the only city man who is certain his product is going to be pushed is the man who makes baby carriages.

Uncle Sam now has the biggest gas bag in the world and strange as it may seem you don't have to look into Congress to find it.

The fellow who first said that what goes up must come down probably never thought of taxes.

Our idea of an optimist is the man who thinks that the thinning out of his hair is only temporary.

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HALLOWEEN HOODLUMS

(Oregonian)

We have done away with the old-fashioned Fourth, with its dreary casualty list, and it is high time we were doing away with the old-fashioned Halloween with its shameful destruction of private property and willful disregard of private rights. Hereafter the hoodlums who make this one night of the year the occasion for unrestrained rowdiness and outrage must be chased off the streets before they begin, or jailed without fear or favor, for the common, objectionable, lack-witted culprits they so surely are.

The list of unpunished offenses against decent citizens, of so-called Halloween pranks, in Portland ranged from soaping windows to the stoning of citizens and the wholesale destruction of property. Yet nothing was or will be done about it. We are not blaming the police—not especially—for it is evident they believe that the general public is willing to allow some leeway to the younger and livelier spirits on Halloween. We are not blaming them—this time. We are merely notifying them that the public is done with any approval, even by implication, of acts that are essentially criminal. Hereafter, if the counsel of this newspaper goes for anything, the police will not announce that harmless pranks will be smiled at. The police will announce a ban on all Halloween pranks, and they will enforce it though the entire police resources may be needed. The primary trouble is that rowdies have heretofore believed, and with some warrant, that acts of vandalism may be safely committed on Halloween. They must be taught, by severe punishment, that this is not true.

What is a harmless prank, anyway? The usual answer is that it is relatively harmless to deface store windows with soap or paraffin. If the apologists of Halloween could trade places with the merchant or housewife, who must clean windows the morning after, they might not regard even this comparatively mild offense as harmless. Indeed, there is nothing of an illegal nature that should receive a special dispensation on Halloween.

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ween, however minor the misdemeanor may appear. To condone even the milder mischief is to invite the more serious outrages. On future Halloweens it must be demanded that disorder be put down sternly.

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