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THEIR REWARD IS OWYHEE GROWTH

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the people of the Owyhee have been building. Owyhee dam is completed." Marshall N. Dana.

These beautiful words paint a simple picture of the reward which has come to the courageous men of the Nyssa community, who in 1906 began their unflinching struggle for the Owyhee project development which has reached a milestone through the completion of the dam. Some of those men have passed on but two remain with the board of directors over a period of twenty-six years.

No glory they claim but the men who deserve more commendation than any others are Dr. J. J. Sarazin and C. C. Hunt of Nyssa. All that the district and the project is, goes back to the early efforts they and their colleagues put forth. In recent years they have aided the engineers and officials of the bureau of reclamation in classification of land, in securing right of way and in other instances. Strange as it may seem, no one has yet called either of them the "father" of the Owyhee development. We might justly call them parents of the great undertaking but suffice it to say that they are true friends of the Owyhee who will find their reward in the reclaiming of the productive area which spreads beyond the Nyssa valley.

"Men seek and find gold, mine and remove it from the soil and it is gone. The builders of this great project have created a mine, the values of which are greater than gold because it is a mine of life," said Dana.

RAILROADS MIGHT ECONOMIZE ON SALARIES

The more we read of the high salaries paid high officials of the railroad, the more we wonder under what theory they are paid. They do not earn them, nor any fraction thereof. In fact, they escape entirely the physical labor which falls to the lot of the section hand. They may do mental labor but not to an extent which warrants a salary one hundred times that of the hard workers on the lower rungs of the ladder. If these excessively high fortunes and salaries in the larger brackets were divided among a larger percentage of people, a measure of true economy would be effected.

The Union Pacific took a step in a sensible direction when they reduced the salaries of high officials 10 per cent. They reduced President Gray's \$100,000 salary to \$90,000; the vice chairman of the executive committee from \$54,000 to \$48,690; and the managers of the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon-Washington from \$20,000 to \$18,000. It takes lots of railroad business to pay such salaries.

High salaries and fortunes have made kings in America.

NEED SPREAD OF SCHOOL COSTS

The need for spreading school costs in Oregon over larger units in order to equalize the tax burden as well as the educational opportunity has long been championed. A step in this direction was taken last week when the convention of county school superintendents went on record as favoring such a plan. They "endorsed the merger of small school districts into larger units as an essential means of promoting school efficiency; providing stability of administration and equality of financial support of our schools."

We believe the move should be considered from every angle. It is a fact that gross inequalities in taxes are imposed for the support of schools under the present district system. For instance, a lucky district traversed by a railroad pays its school expenses with railroad tax money and regional property escapes. In another district costs will mount sky high, burdening a few property owners to the breaking point. A tangible plan of equalization may be worked out by a special committee appointed by the Oregon Tax Reduction and Conservation league, which will probably report in the near future.

Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, also recommended a definite program in connection with the payment of school warrants, urging that school warrants be issued in small denominations and that budgets should contain provisions for their payment.

Records show there are 2750 school districts in Oregon at the present time. Of these, approximately 2200 had levies in 1931 ranging from one to 40 mills.

AROUND THE CORNER?

Bright lights in business during the week reveal that a score of factories have been reopened in various parts of the country, putting men to work in many cities and creating new purchasing power.

A strengthening trend is also noted in the increasing prices paid for farm produce. North Dakota wheat growers are attracting nation-wide admiration by their endeavor to hold wheat for a dollar a bushel. If all the wheat growers held together, it is certain they would get their price but it would be difficult for many of them to do so. However, chances are in favor of a raise as this year's crop is far below that of last year and much of the surplus has been sold to China.

The rise in hog prices amounting to \$2 from late in May to early July is encouraging. The advance represented a 50 per cent increase from the low mark in Portland in May.

Even the small increase last week in the price of butterfat will mean thousands of dollars to the many dairy farmers of the Snake river valley.

The current advance on the stock market may be sustained for the reason that the lows on listed securities and basic commodities have been set. It is predicted that the future trend will be upward.

ODD. ISN'T IT?

A dry cell ceases to be any good when it becomes dry. Coyotes have dens but they always sleep in the open. Washington, D. C., founded in 1776, was the first town in the United States named after George Washington.

Diamonds are composed of carbon and will burn if subjected to sufficient heat.

Inez de Castro reigned over Portugal after her death. The common greeting "Hello" originated less than 60 years ago.

George W. Stimpson, author of "Popular Questions Answered," was expelled from Valparaiso university for asking too many popular questions.

Owyhee Dam Edition Wins Nice Comments

It is a source of much pleasure to The Journal to know that hundreds of copies of the Owyhee Dam Edition, published in honor of the dedication of Owyhee Dam July 17, have been mailed by people of Nyssa, Ontario, Vale and Owyhee Dam to all parts of the country and even to foreign lands.

No copy went further than the one mailed to W. C. Tensen, early settler here who returned to Soest, Holland, some years ago. Mr. Tensen is a brother of Mayor Dick Tensen of Nyssa. Mrs. Betty LaFrenz sent a copy to her son W. F. LaFrenz, who is commander of the United States Naval Station at Olungapo, Philippine Islands.

Copies were mailed to cities in 22 states: Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, California, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Maine, Connecticut, Iowa, North Dakota, Wisconsin, New York, Maryland, Michigan and Florida.

It would be hard to say how far the souvenir copies of the edition, purchased by the Nyssa Commercial club for special guests of the General Construction company at the dedication, will go because many of them traveled away with the visitors and they will be mailed on to others interested in the irrigation development here.

Delightful compliments were received from Secretary Wilbur and Dr. Elwood Mead, officials of the reclamation bureau, Engineer F. A. Banks, Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement association and commercial clubs, but none were more pleasant than those received from friends with whom we are associated every day.

Believing the following kind comments, received through the mail from far and near, may prove of interest to Journal readers, they are reprinted:

W. G. Ide, Hillsboro, former manager Oregon State Chamber of Commerce: Your Owyhee Dam edition was a splendid piece of work. Was also much pleased to see your front page stories regarding the Owyhee Dam dedication in the Portland papers.

Baker Democrat-Herald: The Gate City Journal of Nyssa issued a highly creditable edition in honor of the dedication of the great Owyhee dam near that city. Pictures of the dam and high government officials divided the space with informative write-ups and advertisements.

Vale Enterprise: The Gate City Journal at Nyssa issued a special edition in honor of the Owyhee dedication which was a credit both to the paper and the community. It told well in pictures and news articles the interesting story of the Owyhee dam.

Homedale Chronicle: Last week's issue of the Gate City Journal of Nyssa was dedicated to the Owyhee Dam and contained 18 7-column pages. It was full of information relative to the Owyhee project and Malheur county as well as a history of the steps leading to the building of the dam. It is a tribute to the publishers.

C. T. Godwin, Baker: The special edition on the Owyhee Dam was as fine a piece of work as I have seen along that line.

C. B. McConnell, Burns: We enjoyed the Owyhee Dam edition and thought it a credit to your paper and community.

R. E. Shepherd, president Idaho Chamber of Commerce: We congratulate Nyssa upon your remarkably fine Owyhee Dam newspaper.

Wilfred Allen director Oregon Irrigation Congress: You are to be congratulated upon the publication of such an edition. It shows much work and would be a credit to any weekly newspaper in Oregon.

E. C. Van Petten: I want to compliment you on the wonderful issue of your paper on the Owyhee Dam Celebration. The Secretary of the Interior and Dr. Mead both expressed their pleasure and admiration of your undertaking. I think it was a wonderful thing for you to do and very valuable to this section of the country.

We also feel that a large share of the credit for the success of this celebration was due to the efforts of Frank Morgan and Dr. J. J. Sarazin. Everything worked as nearly perfect as we could expect in a proposition of this magnitude.

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Around the County

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glenn of Vale, pioneers of the Malheur country, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Friday. They were married in Boise in 1882. They are the parents of Sheriff C. W. Glenn.

Dyer Bennett is the worthy president of the recently organized Ontario Aerie of the Eagles lodge. Other officers are: C. Taylor, vice-president; Geo. Brisbane, secretary; Bert Emison, treasurer; Scott Davis, chaplain; Frank Ryan, conductor; Wm. Malson, inner guard; Dewey Davis, outer guard. Lee Spurup is entertainment chairman.

Charlie Peck, master of Big Bend grange, farmer in that community for many years and booster for Malheur county in general, has six acres of Yellow Dent corn entered in the county corn contest. Big Bend farmers have been among foremost corn producers in the county for a number of years. They have won prizes many times at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, state fair, at Chicago and St. Louis expositions.

The bureau of reclamation has selected Reservoir Site No. 2 near Beulah for the additional Vale project storage reservoir, according to C. C. Ketchum, Vale project engineer. It is reported that the big Agency ranch, the site of a fort in the days of the Indian war, has been contracted for reservoir use; also the Lamberson and Robertson ranches. This year's Vale project appropriation included money for the purchase of right of way.

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