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NYSSA BOYS ARE VICTORS

For the first time in history Nyssa high school boys are winners of the baseball championship of eastern Oregon. We're mighty proud of these young men who have made such a creditable showing under the guidance of Coach John Young. They're all heroes of the hour and no praise is too great for them.

First winners of the Malheur county title by reason of their championship in the Snake river valley league, they accepted the invitation of another sporty group of youngsters from Imbler and they played a 3-game tournament for the laurels of the sunshine half of the state. Hopeful eager, both wanted to win—so fans saw some excellent sport.

Nyssa's win was a happy close to high school sports for several members of the senior class who have made outstanding records. All of them may go on to greater heights in the realm of sports. It was a happy close to an outstanding season as Nyssa high holds the Malheur county title for 1933 in all major sports—football, basket ball and baseball. Yes, this has been a great year for Nyssa high school athletes.

From athletics they have gained more than masterful control of the ball or bat, more than the knowledge of how to throw or race. They have learned cooperation with team mates, how to work and play, the high ideals of good sportsmanship. They have learned not only the rudiments of the game in school but an insight into the game of life. They are students today, our citizens tomorrow.

OUR FIGHTING DANA

Sometime in the not too distant future, Nyssa, Ontario and Vale will have the opportunity of entertaining Marshall N. Dana, our Oregon leader who won the latest skirmish for reclamation. This is the message. Frank Morgan brought from Portland upon his return Thursday from the conference of drainage and irrigation districts delegates.

Dana has indeed befriended Malheur county. When the future looked dark and threatened dire things for the Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects, Dana was selected as the best man in the west to send to Washington in an effort to secure this year's appropriations. Dana proved a fighting choice. Upon his arrival in Washington he found prospects gloomy indeed. The amendment providing the loan for continuing work on our projects lay dead, or dying on a committee table. Congressmen gave little encouragement for immediate action so important seemed the larger problems which confronted the administration.

Mr. Dana early came to the conclusion that the President's favor was the only means of saving reclamation—but to gain a conference with the busy President, that was a task. Dana was told repeatedly that he would not be able to see the President for at least a period of two weeks. Such delay did not meet with the plans of the aggressive Dana who knew the importance of getting the reclamation loan amendment attached to one of the major bills favored by President Roosevelt.

Into the battle went Dana, his first fight for reclamation since his elevation to the presidency of the national reclamation association. Yes, he gained his interview, during his first day in Washington. Direct to the president he carried the ardent plea that work continue on the Owyhee and Vale.

Dana won and we are a grateful people. When he visits us, we will unite in extending him a welcome worthy of his great service. To him we give a place with those who have labored the hardest for irrigation.

SPENDING WISELY

The public has frequently heard the old slogans to the effect that "Prices are booming! Buy now! But there's truth in those phrases at present.

Recent inflation activities and the prospective change in the gold backing of the dollar, will be the most powerful price stimulant in three years. It really is time to buy now!

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It is not prophecy to say that in your lifetime you'll never have the opportunity to get work done as cheaply as now. It's fact. The price structure is abnormally low. It is lower than even the intenseness of depression justifies. As demand increases, the rate of climb will be sharply accelerated.

Remember that providing jobs is cheaper than charity—and that it's better to provide a job now than to contribute to charity next year. Remember, too, that unless the jobs are provided it won't be long until nothing is left for charity!

HERE AND THERE

We thought we wanted peace at the Salem statehouse until there was a month of it hand running. Its too darned monotonous.

When they tell you that the sale tax will take the place of the property tax just chalk it down in your little book that this is more baloney. Did you ever see one tax take the place of another? No, and you never will.

Youth Opportunity Week sees the Y. M. C. A. National Council trying to teach boys how to make the most of their unemployed hours. The idea is that if lively lads do the right thing with their leisure, it won't do the wrong thing with them.

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Around the Country

Bob Wallace, 9, was fatally injured when struck by the heavy lead in the shot put contest at the track meet at McCall last week. The boy's skull was fractured and he died before a doctor could be reached.

Governor C. Ben Ross of Idaho told the press Thursday that he will be a candidate for the governorship again next year.

Lewellen A. Banks, Medford orchardist and publisher, was found guilty of second degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Officer Geo. Prescott. Mrs. Banks was acquitted by the jury. Yesterday Banks was removed to a hospital as he is suffering of a general collapse.

Malheur county, with Idaho, is awaiting with interest the return of T. A. Walters of Caldwell who has been appointed first assistant to the secretary of the interior. Walters has accepted an invitation to speak at the farmers' picnic in Weller in June. He will be the guest of the Owyhee board on a trip to the dam the last of this month.

Albert C. (Jimmy) Allen, 28, Central Point orchardist, was named heir to \$5,000,000 left by his aunt Margaret Keith. Los Angeles reclus, who recently committed suicide through her fear of blindness. "It is nothing to get excited about," said Allen. "It will be several years before I get it and I think the sum is greatly exaggerated."

Governor Meier announced Friday that salaries of highway department employees will conform to the standard set by the legislature. Where reductions have been made heretofore, they will be lowered to conform to the 5 to 30 percent order of legislature. In most instances further reductions will be small owing to the previous cut. For instance the salary of state engineer H. R. Baldock will be reduced from \$437.50 to \$420 a month.

A FRIENDLY DAD

When a feller's feeling lowly and his spirits sorta drag And he kinda gets the feeling "what's the use."

When your work at school's gone hay-wire and the teacher starts to nag. And your grades are falling down to beat the deuce.

When you need a friend to talk to who you know will understand. Who's not always scolding you or getting mad.

When you feel you need a booster who will boost to beat the band That's the time you're glad you've got a friendly dad.

When your team has gone to pieces, and the boys are in the dumps, And you sometime sorta feel like laying down;

When the coach has run you ragged till our nerves have got the jumps, And you feel your courage oozing to the ground;

When you've got to get your pep back or you'll miss your mark a mile, When you want to see the sunshine through the gloom, There's on tonic known to science like a daddy's friendly smile

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When the sun is shining brightly and you're rambling right along. When you're on your toes and full of peppy tricks;

But when skies are dark and cloudy and you slow up for awhile, And you feel you're not just hitting with the gang,

Then a daddy's friendly and his understanding smile Beats the sweetest song a poet ever sang.

When I see a boy who's daddy never pals or chums with him, Never takes a bit of interest in his sport,

Never listens to his troubles, calls his plan a boyish whim, Never enters into games of any sort; I cant keep from feeling sorry, for he's missed the best in life,

Missed the friendship that no other can replace; For a daddy's friendly boosting helps you win in any strife, Keeps you going strong in any kind of race.

Some dads feel they've done their duty when they feed and clothe their boy, When they buy his books and help him through the school,

But both boy and man are cheated, fail to get their share of joy, If they don't make comradeship their daily rule.

Better for your lads to labor in the quest for daily bread With a kindly, helpful daddy by your side,

Than to be a son of riches, ease and comfort for your bed, And your daddy not our pal and you his pride.

—By J. Edwin Johnson,
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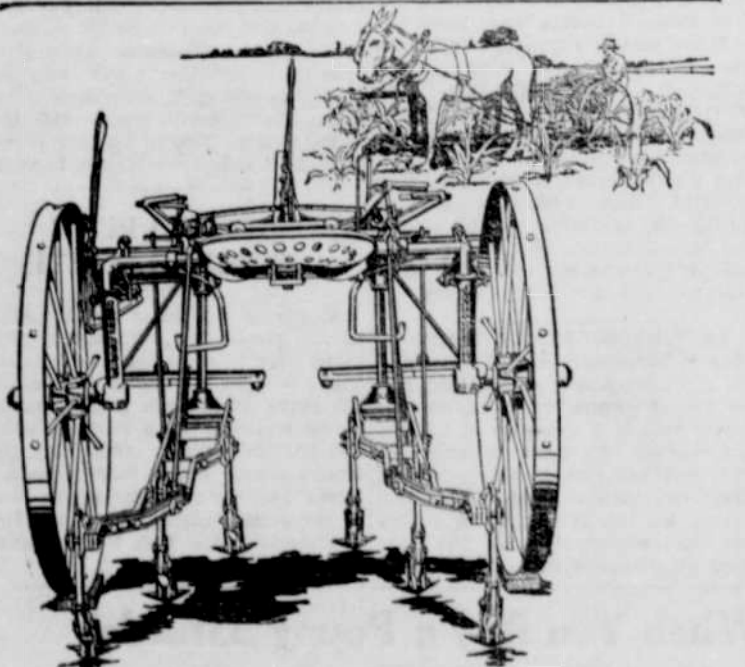
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