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IS NRA A SUCCESS?

A query, "Is NRA a success?" came to the desk of The Journal and most probably to that of every other editor in the country because the men who have their shoulders to the wheel want to know what the people in Nyssa, Nashville, in New York, think of it all.

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answer will come last. It will be well to review changes which have come about right here at home as they in a small way reflect the changes which have transpired in all America.

When the NRA was launched last June, nearly every man in business signed the re-employment agreement. Of course many of these signers were firms operated only by the owner. He had the spirit and gave no little moral support to the government's program. Larger firms made room for an extra man here and there by shortening hours. We can see little evidence of chiseling, in fact, so little we might call it none.

The PWA and CWA put thousands of men to work, a small army right here in Malheur county. All of this was a part of the recovery program. Some criticism is aimed at the CWA in particular which was left to town and county committees for final administration. "Men idled hours away, they accomplished little, if anything," it has been said. If this was true in any instance it was the fault of the community in which the work was undertaken.

During the last few months the situation has improved immensely. Committees have had more time to plan worthy projects. They cleaned and renovated school buildings, widened roads, cleaned ditches, all a big gain.

Our answer is echoed in the lighted eyes and eager hands of men and boys who know once again the joy of money in hand for work performed.

Is NRA a success? Is it doing any good? Shall it go on? YES.

COYOTES—STOCKMAN'S WORRY

There is danger in the proposed reduction of the federal budget for biological survey which is giving the stockman more worry than other questions at this time.

If any sizable cut is made, many federal predatory animal hunters would lose their positions. It is pointed out that 51 per cent of the area of Oregon is made up of national forests and public lands, a large part of which is used for grazing sheep and cattle. These areas have a substantial population of predatory animals which prey on flocks and herds. They do not recognize boundary lines.

By protecting these lands from the spread of predatory animals the grazing privileges will become greater assets. The responsibility for their spread to privately owned lands can not be charged to the stock producers alone. It is a general obligation.

Eastern Oregon should do its part in urging that the federal appropriation for this important work be saved.

WILL PROPERTY OWNERS SAVE?

Will the sales tax help the farmer?

If his farm is assessed at \$3500, the proponents of the sales tax say he would save three mills on his property tax levy, or \$10.50 a year. Suppose this farmer had the gross income of \$800 a year in excess of taxes. He will spend this for food, clothing, machinery, house, barn, fences, car and the replacement of equipment to properly operate his farm. On this his sales tax would be \$12, \$1.50 in excess of his property tax saving.

How much would a home owner save? If his home is assessed at \$1000, the proponents of the sales tax say he would save three mills on his property tax, or \$3 a year. Suppose this home owner spent \$900 a year on living. He would pay \$13.50 in sales tax, or \$10.50 more than the \$3 property tax saving occasioned by the sales tax.

It seems the sales tax is being supported by individuals and concerns which have a large net income and have always opposed the income tax.

So far as our school difficulties are concerned, they would vanish if a greater percentage of property owners would and could pay their present taxes. If your own school district is in dire need, why not pay the school tax if you are unable to pay all taxes?

DR. STRICKER SAYS—

There is nothing more important than good health. The business of life is healthy, happy and lengthy living.

Moderation in all things is essential—in smoking, drinking, eating, even sleeping. Eight hours sleep is the average and it should be regular. Fresh air is essential.

Don't overeat. Age, personal habits, work and general activities all have some bearing on the food you may require but if overweight and still gaining, the good doctor says, undoubtedly you are eating too much. If past middle age, or leading a quiet life, you need less of meats, fish, eggs or other protein foods. Eat more fruit and green vegetables, less of sweets and fats. Eat intelligently.

Lack of emotional control leads to excess. Cultivate mental poise. Keep a level head in little things, and be the better prepared to meet the more difficult situations and problems which may befall.

Set aside some time each day for exercise and recreation.

Think only good thoughts.

Stick to your resolutions, as they have no little bearing on the goal you may have set. Stick to your resolutions for a healthy new year.

An habitual critic, Borah of Idaho is one Bill that cannot be amended.

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WHEAT COMMITTEE ANSWERS CRITIC

Nyssa, Jan 30.—(Gate City Journal)—Your issue of last week contains a letter from Fred Klingback which in our opinion should not go unanswered.

Mr. Klingback's situation must be a very peculiar one if lying was necessary in the preparation of his application and contract. One hundred and thirty-four Malheur county farmers did complete applications and contracts and all receive payments. We would very gladly appreciate information on falsification in any of the records accompanying them.

It is true that checks have not arrived as promptly as we would like but the delay has been from causes outside our control.

The total amount of the allotment to Malheur County was \$54,684.28. Of this amount approximately \$17,000,000 was applied for by wheat growers of the county. The remainder so far as we know remains in the National Treasury.

From information available it seems that in Oregon 7,998 farms, representing 847,481 acres of wheat with a production of 16,532,849 bushels took out Wheat Production Control Contracts. This represents approximately 80% of the wheat in the state.

Surely a deal that this many practical farmers of the state can participate is not entirely wrong.

Malheur County Allotment Committee
P. TENSEN, President,
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C. C. COTTON.

WORTHWHILE CIVIL WORKS

Ontario, R. 1.—(To the Journal)—We all are pleased to see the cash distributed by the CWA program. However, I want to say a word about the way this money is being spent by local organizations.

To me the Nyssa school program of beautifying the grounds is most commendable. It would seem absurd to teach music and art in the Nyssa school with the grounds in their former unsightly condition. We all want to see this work go on and on. Our school is of vital interest to all.

Now, another side of the picture. It has been called to my attention that the interior of our school building is old and difficult to keep clean. If any more CWA money is spent in Nyssa on new projects it will can be spent on the inside of the school building. One of the best slogans I have ever

heard for a town is "The city of beautiful schools and churches." Can you think of a city advertising itself as the city of 13 saloons and 11 gambling dens? Oh! No. You may say this is getting away from the subject but I contend it is not. Hundreds of teachers instructing the youth of our land, will verify my statement that fear of alcohol should be taught—a matter to teach and inhibit instead of laws to prohibit. Yours, in the interests of better schools for Nyssa and Malheur county,
D. K. MENDENHALL.

EDITORIAL TABLOIDS

France and Germany seem never to be able to get together save with guns in their hands.

Congress has public support in doing what the President wants, even though it may feel doubtful about wanting what the President does.

The too gay life usually ends in a gray passing.

Our local naturalist says the pole-cat could win in any alley without even coming to the scratch.

Renewed activities of the kidnapers have strengthened our resolution to never get rich at country editing.

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