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A FRIEND PASSES ON

Death, which comes to all men, removed a beloved public servant in Nyssa Monday when Attorney Ed. Blodgett passed the great divide. No more will he do his best to help the town along, no more will his cheerful greeting be heard. With deep sorrow, friends bid him adieu.

As a good lawyer and public servant, Ed. Blodgett won his spurs long ago. Nor did he confine his talents to business alone for he was instrumental in bringing about early irrigation development in this county as well as the later developments such as the Owyhee project. Friendly to all civic works and innately genuine, he had gained the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. This community loved him. To people who knew him as a neighbor, he was a citizen of integrity in the fullest sense of the word.

He kept his pledges to himself and his friends and he liked to help them for the common good but he sought no glory. He was possessed of that rarest and most effective of gifts—a genuine love of service, not for notoriety but for the good he could do in a quiet unassuming way. It will not be easy to find a man who can fill the place he has filled so well and so long.

The city and county, his country and his people, mourn his death. And he is mourned not only because he was a good citizen but more gently because he was Ed. Blodgett—he was among our good men.

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Engineers, like the fine examples we have seen on the Owyhee and Vale projects, build great dams and canals while other men, dreamers they may be, vision chiefly the future farm home which "should" make the rich desert blossom like the rose when water is provided for the land. Such a dreamer was the late George C. Kreutzer, economist for the reclamation bureau whose interest resulted in the organization of our Vale-Owyhee land settlement association.

Reclamation spelled successful colonization to him. He wanted to see every forty with a happy, prosperous family—a family with a nice home, cows and chickens and a good income.

Once, he mentioned an agricultural agent for every project, a man who could tell the settler how to lay out his irrigation system, what crops to produce on new land, how to plant, how to fight the rabbit and the squirrel—these and a million other things which the pioneer on the irrigation project should know.

Our settlers may come from Willamette valley where rain from the sky above is the irrigation system. Another may come from Texas, another from the east. Their lack of information may cost them in needless mistakes as much as their investment in the land. What a tragedy this is. If a farm agent could work with them, most of these errors could be avoided.

Malheur county maintains a farm agent but his day is filled with rendering assistance to farmers who are already established. He is the administrator of the production control program of the government. These were added duties. It is physically impossible for him to give sufficient time to the new settlers who need a vast supply of information.

Would it not be wise for the reclamation bureau to complete its great program by creating the office of farm agent for each new project? A farm agent who would guide the efforts of early settlers who come from everywhere?

A NEW KIND OF WINTER

Daffodils and crocuses are in bloom in gardens everywhere in Malheur county. Cherry trees are ready to blossom in the orchards but more unusual still, a few hardy flowers were in bloom throughout the winter. That was the kind of a winter we have enjoyed and it is fading into spring with very little change from day to day.

While New York and the east are digging from under a blanket of snow and bitter cold, the Snake river valley is basking under warm skies and frequently enjoys the refreshing tonic of spring showers. All in all, we have had a winter which would make California proud.

Among the blessings it brought was work, employment for many men. CWA crews were able to build roads, repair ditches, build concrete walks throughout the winter months. PWA crews on the Owyhee project missed scarcely a day. If winter had sent snow and ice, much of this work would have been delayed until April or May.

New weather records have been established in Oregon and Idaho for 1933 and 1934. They were unusual, we must admit, but we can also say our usual winters are not uncomfortably severe. We have a splendid, healthful climate. But this winter we have enjoyed a bit of the unusual.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

The nation's great have mostly sprung from the farm, and we can't say that we blame them.

It's an encouraging thought that although Roosevelt occupies the highest station in the land, he's on the level.

Newspapers have taken their medicine, too, and without asking Uncle Sam to sugar the dose.

In certain states a joint return from husband and wife, on their community property is required by the new revenue bill. We anticipate the objection that they aren't running a joint.

Hog control would be more successful if repression could extend to porcine proclivities among the higher beds.

Our great crime industry never seeks relief. It helps itself.

The Knox act penalizes the buyer of bootleg. Thus if he drinks the stuff, he is doubly jeopardized.

It remained for Albert of Belgium to arouse world sorrow because of a monarch's fall.

Hungry Russians are reported to be eating mice. But what do the mice eat?

It's a disconcerting thought that after his long contact with Greece Sam Insull may be slicker than ever.

Whether or not there's a sea serpent in Loch Ness, there's evidently something in it for the Scots.

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(Conclusion)

In Los Angeles more than 75 per cent of the vegetable stands, groceries and restaurants are owned and run by Japs. Nearly all the truck gardens are operated by Japs, Chinamen or Mexicans, all of whom are foreigners not naturalized, and have no love for this country but oppose our laws, ideas and institutions.

While visiting in Southern California a few years ago, I was told by a real estate dealer about a certain tract that was to be developed "as soon as arrangements could be concluded whereby a large number of cheap Mexican laborers could be brought across the line to do the work." At that very time there were more than 80,000 laborers seeking work in that locality. The same conditions prevail all over the country. To remedy as far as possible the above stated conditions we would suggest the following:

Stop ALL immigration of wage earners for a period of 15 or 20 years. Deport all unnaturalized foreigners who earn wages. Deport all foreigner who violate the laws. Thereby you will get rid of 90 per cent of crime committed.

Protect Americans in business by excluding the right of foreigners to engage in any business in the U. S. unless controlled by Americans and more than 51 per cent owned by Americans.

By so doing the unemployment problem will be solved. Many ways will be opened for the small business man or woman to engage in some lucrative business, where now they are prevented by foreign competition. Deport such undesirable people and give the American born citizen an opportunity to obtain labor or engage in business. BE AMERICAN. BUY AMERICAN. Stop spending money for French or other foreign goods. England and her colonies have taken such action for the benefit of England, so why not return the compliment. As to France and the other foreign countries who have practically repudiated their war debts after this country had cut them in half, we say that no patriotic American citizen should spend a cent for French goods. This goes also for the other repudiators. Had it not been for American money and American men there might have been no France or Belgium today.

Even if it should be necessary to enlist the patriotic members of the American Legion who are out of a job, as special police to round-up the law violators and the unnaturalized foreigners and deport them, it would be a long step toward the correction of the present deplorable conditions. Although we must say they are improving considerable under President Roosevelt's efforts, if the people will stand pat and support the NRA and not get to impatient, as it takes time to correct the bad conditions prevailing. One of the first things the government should do is remove from office the corrupt judges and shyster lawyers who are now practicing before our courts. The judge or lawyer who assists the criminals to defeat justice and evade punishment by technicalities and false evi-

dence are as guilty as the criminal and should be given the same punishment. The legal fraternity contains too many lawyers who for a few dollars will aid criminals to escape punishment and defeat justice. It would be better to kill off a few crazy criminals than to let them live to repeat their offense.—M. N. FEGTLY, Vale, Ore.

NYSSA-IDAHO ROAD NEARING FINISH

F. J. Walmsley, Parma road commissioner, was here on business Monday. Mr. Walmsley stated that CWA crews at work on the highway connection between the Nyssa bridge and the new Parma-Fruitland highway would complete grading in about three weeks. He expects surfacing to follow in the early spring, this work to be done by the state.

Completion of the mile link will give Nyssa a connection between leading Idaho and Oregon highways. Mr. Walmsley says oiling will follow surfacing.

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