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## WHY WAIT FOR SUMMER'S HEAT—

VERY little has been said or done regarding the possibility of a public park and swimming pool for Nyssa since the summer heat of 1936. At that time there was plenty of talk, and lots of support, for some sort of project to include a public park and possibly a municipal swimming pool. But as the weather cooled, the proposition simply dwindled away and now we are about to go into another summer and not one inch closer to this greatly needed public improvement.

Here is a ready-made project for some civic minded group, the Civic Club, for example; and no matter what organization shoulders the responsibility we believe they will have the support of 99 per cent of the progressive citizens of Nyssa.

As is a well known fact, a park cannot be grown and in operation in a year, or several years. A start must be made sometime, and valuable time is being lost. This spring is a good time to plant grass, trees and flowers, and if possible, suitable land should be secured and a small start made this year. Add more next year, and every succeeding year, and some day we will wake up to the fact that Nyssa has a real city park, a civic improvement which will live as a monument for years to come.

If financially feasible, a municipal swimming pool should be added to the plans, and give the Nyssa youngsters and oldsters too, a chance to enjoy the pleasure of a refreshing swim after a day in the fields or office. Let's see if we can't work out some plan to get this project started. Which organization wants the honor of putting it over?

## SATURDAY SALE ASSET TO NYSSA—

NYSSA is well on its way toward taking its place as one of those live towns having a good weekly auction sale. The patronage of the Saturday sale here the past two weeks has been satisfactory and as the weeks go by, will likely assume more and more importance.

Community market places have their birth hundreds of years ago. Here the seller brought his goods, and the buyers gathered around the "market place." The same principal works today. It provides a common market for the farmers of the community to sell their goods, or to buy needed livestock, produce or equipment. A good community sale means more buyers in town, more money in circulation, more new faces in town; and not the least, a cementing of the friendship between your neighbor, yourself and your merchant. Make it a habit to attend the Saturday Sale in Nyssa and mingle with the crowd. It's a good way to become better acquainted with your neighbors.

## CLARK WOOD COMMENTS

Since under our system of government President Roosevelt can not do without the supreme court, he is obviously trying to see what he can do with it.

No itinerant can boast of a well-rounded career until he has been arrested as a Mattson suspect.

"A mosquito bite is not a bite—it is a punishment." Which is perhaps why the pests are most annoying when we're tired.

If strikes are symptomatic of prosperity, we must have rounded the corner into the heart of Easy Street.

Accustomed to standing up for its rights, organized labor must find it a bit awkward to be sitting down for them.

Soldierettes in Spain, we suppose, contrive to keep their nose powder dry.

We hear a lot about inflated credit, but fear that ours will last like a soap bubble.

## Others Say . . .

Editorial opinions as seen by other editors. The opinions expressed may or may not agree with the policy of The Gate City Journal.

By Walter B. Pitkin

Editorial Director Farm Journal  
Clearer every day grows the meaning of the sit-down strike, the new imported French weapon of the labor union racketeer. Are there any of us farmers who do not yet understand it?

At harvest time you have three hired helpers, among them a stranger in the neighborhood. As the year's yield fills your barns and cribs and stacks, one fine morning the strangers is missing.

You find him sitting idly in the barn among your livestock. As you stick your head in the door, he comes forward threateningly.

"Get out," he says. "You can't come here. I'm on a strike."

"I can't come in my own barn?" you ask. "I'll see about that."

"Don't try it," he says. "You have some valuable cows and horses here and a good barn. You wouldn't want them damaged, would you, just because you forced yourself in where I don't want you?"

You ask:

"What's the big idea?"

"I'm on strike," he says. "I don't take orders from you, but from my boss, who is James J. So-and-So in New York. He appointed me bargaining agent for your farm hands, and as soon as you decide to listen to reason, I will tell you how much more you have to pay hereafter, and how long we are going to work."

"This is still America," you say. "You have no rights in my barn. You can't speak for the other men unless they want you to, and they don't even know you. They want to work."

"What's that got to do with it? I'm in the barn. Let's see you get me out."

Well, there you are. Half of your crops lie out in the fields. You can't get at your horses and cows, though the Rat in the barn obligingly tosses hay in for the animals now and then.

What would you do? I don't know, but I rather think you'd say, "Good-bye, cows, good-bye barn!" and fill the Rat's pants so full of buckshot they would have to weigh him before and after to find out which was net and which was tare.

Your barn is held for ransom. It isn't money that Rat wants in the first instance. You are a good employer, and it is admitted that you pay the best wages in the state. Your other hands want to work. They even offer to throw the Rat out themselves.

What the Rat and his boss are after is power. They are to be the only racketeers to cut in on the racket. But the short cut to the big money is power, power as exclusive agent. If the Rat forces the other hired men to join his organization—the setting the membership fees, of course, and taking as much of them as he sees fit.

Once he arrives at this position, Rat runs your business for you. He decides what wages you pay, whom you hire and whom you fire, what bonuses you allow, what you plant and what you plant it with. In a word, he takes over your business.

And when he has reduced you to a kind of serf-peasant, he moves down to the next farm and does the same thing.

Don't tell me this is all foolish. I know it's foolish as applied to your farm today. But it has happened in Flint and in fifty other towns that you haven't read about in the newspapers.

Steadily the racketeer has widened his power. Beginning with the big cities, which he thoroughly dominates today, Rat has bullied (and even tortured) thousands of business men into paying tribute.

Now and then farmers get a glimpse of Rat through the things that happen in the poultry business which is one of the worst rackets. Don't think for a minute that, just because the big racketeers all live in big cities and center their schemes there, you don't pay through the nose just as much as the city victim do. Every labor union racketeer who has held up business concerns so as to raise a big war chest for his own gang gets some of your money whenever you buy lumber for a hen house or shingles to repair your roof. Kidnapping children and holding

them for ransom is out of favor in this country.

Holding for ransom the factories that employ 100,000 workmen does not seem quite so wicked as stealing and killing the little Mattson boy. But in the long run the difference between the Rat and the Mattson kidnapper is less than you might think.

The kidnapper kills only one American boy. Rat kills America itself.

## Squirts FROM THE LINOTYPE

By John E. Public

If you want to start an argument, verging on a dog-fight, just walk up to a staunch Roosevelt Democrat and say, "Don't you think Franklin D. went too far when he proposed tampering with the Supreme Court?" If you happen to be on the other side of the fence, but enjoy a good argument, start a discussion with a Hoover Republican by starting off with, "The Supreme Court is behind time and the only way we'll ever get any place is to change it." Don't say anything unless you have a half day to spare as it usually takes at least that long to settle one of those things on a street corner in Nyssa.

Samuel B. Pettengill, Congressman from Indiana says, "I can only express my profound belief that a packed jury and packed court and a stacked deck of cards are all on the same moral plane."

On the other hand, Roy E. Burt, secretary of the Socialist Party says, "The claims being made by proponents of the Supreme Court change are extravagant and the fear raised by its opponents are ridiculous."

We believe the best question of the week was asked by Editor Albert Lee of the Minadoka County News of Rupert Idaho. He says, "Entering a plea of guilty of second degree murder, Adolf Zeltitz, the American Falls dry farmer who shot his three little children through the head with bullets from a small rifle and set fire to the house in an effort to hide his crime, was sentenced to from 25 years to life in the state penitentiary. WE WONDER JUST WHAT HE WOULD HAVE HAD TO DO TO HAVE RECEIVED A FIRST DEGREE SENTENCE."

We are glad to learn that the Vale Fire Department's El Campo show was not only a social, but also a financial success. Reports indicate that over \$350 was netted. This will be a good figure to keep in mind when the Owyhee Canyon Day celebration is staged, if the Commercial Club decides to go ahead with their annual show.

The legislature passed a bill restoring the salary scale to county officers to what it was prior to 1932, when the depression made it necessary to cut salaries. By paying good salaries the county officers will attract men of ability, and with the dozens of extra tasks imposed by state and federal law, it almost takes a super-man to handle this business nowadays. Under the new scale the sheriff gets an annual salary of \$2,500; judge and clerk \$2,400 each; assessor \$2,000; and county treasurer \$1,500 annually.



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## THE NYSSA FUNERAL HOME

## It Happened In Nyssa Years Ago

Interesting bits of history gleaned from the files of years ago.

Taken From The Gate City Journal  
March 12, 1920

Miss Martha Overstreet of Nyssa was one of the eight women chosen to represent the Oregon Agricultural College in debates against Willamette University and the University of Oregon.

Girls who completed the cooking club work in the high school were awarded certificates of achievement by the State Agricultural College. The girls of the club are Geneva Vaughn, Gertrude Tensen, Jennie Newby, Thelma Leuck and Mary Benefield.

John Lackey sold Mr. Stam a 40 acre track this week for \$300 an acre.

E. H. McDonald sold his ranch to Fred Koopman at \$400 an acre.

John Cancelmo has just received a shipment of crude oil, which will be used for smudging the orchard. A thousand heaters have been placed through the orchard 34 feet apart and a crude oil tank holding 20,000 gallons of fuel has been installed. The cost of the entire installation for 40 acres is about \$7,500 and Mr. Cancelmo says this is to be a tryout this season and if it proves a success, the entire farm will be heated next season.

Charles W. Ellis is seeking the republican nomination as senator; Robt. D. Lytle is seeking the office of district attorney; Harry S. Sackett has announced as candidate for clerk and Will J. Roberts has thrown his hat in the ring for county treasurer.

Mrs. C. M. Tyler arrived Tuesday from North Powder. They expect to make their home at the Pinkston residence for the coming summer.

Taken From The Gate City Journal  
March 11, 1927

Miss Pauline Flaher is assisting Dr. Sarazin at his office.  
The house on Main street west of

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### FACTS ABOUT NYSSA

Population (1930) .....821  
Recent Estimates .....1400  
Elevation .....2186

#### City Officers

Mayor ..... Don M. Graham  
Councilmen ..... Al Thompson  
Leslie McClure, Berwyn Burke,  
Sid Burbridge

City Clerk ..... A. R. Millar  
City Treasurer ..... Lewis Wiltshire  
Marshall ..... A. V. Cook  
Watermaster ..... N. H. Pinkerton  
Fire Chief ..... Wm. Schireman  
Health Officer ..... Dr. J. J. Sarazin

#### County Officers

County Judge ..... David F. Graham  
Commissioners ..... Ora Clark,  
L. P. Peterson  
Sheriff ..... C. W. Glenn  
County Clerk ..... Harry Sackett  
Assessor ..... Murray Morton  
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Ora Hope  
County Attorney ..... M. A. Riggs  
County Surveyor, J. Edwin Johnson  
County Physician ..... Dr. Anna B. Pritchett.

Coroner ..... R. A. Tacke  
Superintendent. Kathryn Claypool

#### Nyssa Public Schools

Superintendent ..... Leo Hollenberg  
School board: Mrs. E. C. Wilson,  
chairman; C. L. McCoy, Fred  
Koopman, Dwight Smith, Clerk.

#### Facts About Owyhee Project

Principal Products—Hay, sugar  
beets, corn, dairying, stock raising,  
grains, clover seed, potatoes  
peas lettuce, onions, fruits and  
berries.

Cost of Owyhee Dam .....\$6,000,000  
7 1/2 miles of Tunnel .....\$4,000,000  
Siphons, canals, etc. ....\$3,000,000  
Owyhee dam storage capacity.....  
.....715,000 acre feet  
Height of dam .....520 feet  
From lowest point of foundation  
to top.

Leading project city, Nyssa, Oregon  
Elevation of land .....2,250 to 2,500  
Acres in Owyhee project, 100,000 acres  
Principal products .....hay,  
corn, dairying, stock raising,  
grains, potatoes, clover seed, peas,  
lettuce, onions and carrots.

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