

# News From Surrounding Localities

## KELTZ FAMILY RETURNS HOME

GRANGE HALL, July 7.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. George Keltz returned home a week ago Friday from a nine months' sojourn in California. They spent the most of the time visiting and traveling about the state, staying the longest time, a period of seven weeks, at Central, and also, making quite extended stops at Modesto, one of the peach and apricot growing sections, and Lodi, one of the famous grape-growing districts of the state. In San Luis Obispo, they visited friends whom they used to know in Wheeling, W. Va., and hadn't seen for twenty-five years. They also visited three families who formerly lived close to La Grande, the Frakers, who are now living at San Diego, the Van Hook family at Dos Palos, and Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson at Santa Anna. Mrs. Dickinson likes it very much in California but sighs for Grande Ronde and her old friends. While at Sacramento, the Keltzes viewed the Sutter fort and wandered about the capital building grounds which comprise 36 acres, and one thing of particular interest to them, was the section set off to trees, one tree for each state.

"The peach and the prune crops will be short all over the state," said Mrs. Keltz, "but there will be a bumper crop of walnuts. Not only the cattle raisers, wheat and wool growers of the north are having financial difficulties but the orange and the lemon growers are having their troubles as well on account of the high freight rates. One grower netted five cents per box on his oranges while another received only one cent per box after all the expenses were paid and there are still others who make nothing." Mrs. Keltz ended her statements by saying, "But, oh, I wouldn't trade Grande Ronde Valley for the whole state of California. The scenic beauty is wonderful but so much of it is artificial, that is, made by man, while our own is wonderful in its naturalness. When the weather commences to get so hot in the interior during April, the inhabitants will say, 'Go to the coast.' When we went to the coast, the air was so mucky and stuffy one could hardly breathe and the water so warm one could hardly drink it. So give me the Grande Ronde valley where I can get a good breath of pure balmy air and a cool sparkling draught of water."

Mr. and Mrs. Keltz left Stockton for home about the middle of June and traveled overland by easy stages, stopping in Salem, Hood River and other points to visit friends.

Last Thursday evening the social that was held at the Grange Hall was a very enjoyable affair. Louise Salisbury, Faye Golden, Charles Spencer, and daughter Juanita gave some good musical numbers and Mrs. Orland Anson, Mrs. C. E. Golden, J. W. Redhead, Donald Wilkerson and Mr. Wallace each recited some clever readings.

Minnie Holman renewed several old acquaintances at Elgin Monday.

Mrs. C. E. Golden and family drove to Imbler where they witnessed the parade the morning of the Fourth of July, then they drove on to Elgin arriving in time to hear the best part of the program and returning to Imbler in the evening in time to see the display of fireworks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Anson and children, Mrs. Sara Anson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Anson and little son and Mr. and Mrs. George Keltz all partook of a picnic lunch at the Fourth of July celebration at Cove. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holman were also Cove visitors on that day.

Edna Goodwin of Perry is spending the summer months at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Joe Anson.

Mrs. Elsie Taylor returned home last Saturday morning from Portland, where she spent a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knight and daughter, Amaryllis, of Union, were Wednesday evening visitors at the home of Chas Spencer. The Knights were on their way home from a pleasure trip overland to Portland, where they went to spend the Fourth. They report the day to have been a quiet one in the metropolis but there was plenty of sight-seeing, nevertheless.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redhead and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grout motored to Baker last Monday. They report a very good celebration at that place.

Mrs. Geo. Gekeler went to Walla Walla Sunday morning to visit relatives. She returned Thursday morning.

The families of Robert Masterton and Wm. Sherwood spent Monday and Tuesday catching and fishing on Beaver Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Reece McAllister and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison spent the Fourth picnicking in Igdd Canyon. Friends and relatives of La Grande accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor spent the Fourth at Bingham Springs, and before their return home they will visit in Athens for a week.

The Blue Mountain Grange met at regular session Wednesday afternoon. During the lecture hour a good literary program was put on by Worthy Lecturer Mrs. Mabel Anson. It was decided to have Chil-

dren's Day the first Wednesday in August at the Riverside Park. Several members were planning to attend the Farmers Union picnic that will be held at Imbler the third Saturday in July. After the close of the business session a short reception was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Grout, who will leave soon for California and Mrs. Geo. Keltz, who has just returned from the Sunny South.

Mr. and Mrs. Gearheart Heesan and three children, of The Dalles, arrived Monday morning to pay an extended visit at the Adam Beck home. Mr. Heesan is Mrs. Beck's brother.

## CELEBRATION WELL ATTENDED

COVE, July 6.—(Special.)—The celebration at Cove was a great event, notwithstanding the fire that had wiped out a whole block only a few days before. The people cheered up and made the nation's birthday one long to be remembered in Cove.

The festivities began with the sunrise gun and continued throughout the day and far into the night, one continuous round of pleasure.

The program began with several band selections, which were followed by the community chorus. The Declaration of Independence was read by Prof. T. H. Elson, of Los Angeles. Another selection by the community chorus. An address by Rev. D. Loree. A flag drill by a number of small boys and girls under the direction of Mrs. Dena Towle and a recitation by Wallace Pease.

The picnic dinner and barbecue, baseball and sports of various kinds followed in the afternoon.

Just at dusk the fireworks en-

livened the hour. The bonfire was lighted at nine and was made a joyous affair by a short program followed by games.

Many people from the surrounding towns spent the Fourth in Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Payne and daughters, Helen and Gertrude, of Walla Walla, Wash., are spending the week of the Fourth with Mrs. Lou Payne and Mrs. T. W. Conklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wright were in Cove for the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rees with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Elsin, who are visiting here from Los Angeles, spent Wednesday climbing the old mountain trails.

Robt. Baxter and family, Alving Orton and wife, Geo. England and Mrs. W. H. Robbins took a day's

rest in the mountains Tuesday. G. M. Mitchell suffered a severe injury to his leg Wednesday, as he was going after a load of wood in the hills. His foot caught in a stump and resulted in a severe strain.

George England and Mrs. W. H. Robbins, of Burley, Idaho, a brother and sister of Mrs. Robt. Baxter, are visiting here.

Miss Maud Voder, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sills, has gone to Portland to spend some little time with a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Trippier left on Wednesday for their summer camp in the Minam.

J. W. E. Kaufman and family will leave the Cove within a few days for their new home at Falls City, Oregon.

The library books and all that is left of Cove's once pretty little library have been placed in a vacant room in Geo. Alexander's residence, and will be ready for distribution on Saturday.

Geer's Confectionery will soon be

open to the public in the post office building.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Music and Mrs. Roy Lay went to Union Wednesday for the funeral of S. Boothie. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Towle are the proud parents of a small son, born July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick, of Union, who once made their home in Cove, were here for the Fourth.

Roy Conklin, of Union, but for many years a teacher in Cove, with his family celebrated here.

Miss Mae Stearns, of La Grande, spent the Fourth here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riggs, of The Dalles, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dean. H. Matheson, of North Yakima, is another guest at the Deans.

The ball game between Cove and Union on the Fourth of July resulted in a score of 19 to 4 in favor of Cove.

A party of the Baptist young people climbed Mt. Fanny on Tuesday.

The Baptist Sunday school of Cove will visit the Baptist Sunday

school in La Grande Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lloyd Carter and Miss Effie Conley entertained the Ladies' Guild at the home of the former Thursday afternoon, June 30. The afternoon was spent in playing "500." The following ladies were present: Mrs. Arch Conley, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. Garity, Miss Fan-

nie Brown, La Grande; Mrs. J. J. Conley, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. K. J. Stackland, Mrs. John Dean, Mrs. H. O'Hara, Mrs. Clarence Heryford, Mrs. L. E. Anderson, Mrs. Jessie Daniel, Mrs. Roy Lay and Mrs. T. H. Elson, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Geo. Daniel will entertain the Ladies' Aid on Thursday.

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