

FARMERS UNION HAS MEETING

(Special to The Observer)
ELGIN, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Hattie May and Miss Ruth May came in Thursday evening from Willows point.

Ed Hickman was a passenger into La Grande Thursday.

"Hark," Davis, a Union county bridge builder, and Charles Weagle returned to La Grande Thursday. They have set up a pile driver at the mouth of Indian creek and today they began to drive the test piling for the state highway connection under the direction. There is to be a bridge erected here on the new Elgin highway.

Mrs. Bert Hill is still quite ill at home in Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Southard came to Thursday from La Grande to see about moving their household goods to that place. They expect to remain there about a month before moving to their permanent location.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Witty came in Thursday evening from Caldwell, Idaho, where they have been with their son, Max, who is in the hospital there, and will have to remain there for several weeks more. The broken leg sustained about three weeks ago is healing slowly.

Giles Harnden was in Elgin Friday.

Miss James McKenzie was on her way to Willows on Friday's train.

The high school basketball team went to La Grande Friday evening and met with their first defeat. It is rather discouraging, but the boys plan on winning themselves next week when La Grande comes here. The boys who played were: "Bud" Tucker and Wiley Jordan, forwards; Raymond Shelton, center; Lester Sloop and Lyle McAllister, guards. Eugene Miller played guard for one half. Willard Gent was substitute. Ernest Weiss accompanied the team from here.

The entire younger population of the town is taking advantage of the casting and skating weather.

Last Monday night the Epworth League was taken for a sleighing party by Charles Witty and Eugene Cates. The long sleigh and four horses with the load of enthusiastic young people, chartered by Mrs. Winters, had an extremely merry trip, enlivened by songs, yells and an occasional fall into soft snow. Supper was served at the home of the League president, Miss Elaine Leighton, and various games were played later in the evening.

Blue Mountain Chapter No. 22, Order of Eastern Star, of Elgin, installed the following officers Friday night: Little Keefer, Worthy Matron; J. H. Halligan, Associate Matron; J. P. Bates, Worthy Patron; L. Denham, secretary; Leonard Adams, treasurer; Rae Bates, Conductress; Ethel Vehr, Associate Conductress; Una Denham, Marshall; Lettie Zweifel, Organist; Frances Gettings, Aulahi; Edna Hill, Ruth; Mollie Allen, Esther; Hazel Adams, Martha; Helen Hug, Electa; Theodora Wells, Chaplain; Nell Wilson, Warder. Mrs. Hazel Lyons was elected conductress but was compelled to resign because she was leaving town. A pleasant social hour was spent about the banquet tables later in the evening.

The Women's Improvement Club met at the home of Mrs. Dan Sommer with Mrs. Merl Allen as hostess. A very delightful meeting was held and a good number were in attendance.

The past week was one of unusual social activity among the people of Crick Creek. Monday night Claude Holbrook was surprised by a number of friends coming in on his birthday, at the W. F. Hug home. Tuesday night a birthday party was held at Wm. Miller's for Miss Ruth. Friday night a dance was given at Pine Grove and Saturday night was the occasion of a surprise party at Luther Hindman's.

Saturday was the meeting day for the County Farmers' Union at the hall in Elgin. A good representation of members from the other parts of the county were present. In the afternoon addresses were given by County Agent Avery and Ex-Senator Walter Pierce. Mr. Pierce gave some interesting governmental statistics concerning the exportation of wheat. He said in part, "In the year before the war—1914—we exported sixty million bushels of wheat; in 1917, 100,000,000 bushels; in 1918, 180,000,000 bushels; in 1921, 200,000,000 bushels, which certainly proves that there has been an lack of demand among foreign markets, and shows also that practically all of the surplus wheat is out of the United States at this time, and that before another harvest the granaries of the United States will be sweet clean." And, on the subject of taxation, taxes in Oregon now equal 40 per cent of the net value. Land owners now pay 30 per cent of all taxes and own one-third of the property. Mr. Avery spoke on a number of subjects pertaining to farming. He mentioned especially the results of a comparative working under the authority of the Agricultural College, and showed how the grain and stock are produced in a less and dirtier and prouder way than they are in the United States. He also emphasized the fact that these subjects will be further discussed and considered at the Farmers' Week, which is to be held in Union, February 20th to 25th, under the aus-

pieces of the Oregon Agricultural College. He urged that all farmers who can possibly do so attend all or part of the sessions there. The county union endorsed the plan of the farmers' organizations, the Grange, Farmers' Union and Farm Bureau uniting in a county agricultural fair. John Wells of Imbler was suggested as a member of the board of directors to be appointed by the county court, as the representative of the Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lyons left for Portland to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McGilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rockman and John Wells of Imbler came in to attend the Farmers' Union meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman of Alice, legal attended the county Farmers' Union meeting.

Mrs. J. E. Westhompson made a trip to La Grande this week.

The following Farmers' Union officers were elected and installed: President, John Wells, Imbler; vice-president, C. D. Huffman, La Grande; secretary-treasurer, Lettie McGilchrist, Imbler; conductor, Thomas Wallinger, Alice; chaplain, Mrs. Kinghammer, Elgin; doorkeeper, Bernall Hoy, Elgin; executive committee, James Gokeler, Elgin; C. C. Welch, Alice; W. E. McCreary, La Grande. The next meeting will be held at Elgin on the second Saturday in April.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman of La Grande spent the week-end with the E. Hill family. They attended the Eastern Star installation Friday night and the farmers' union meeting Saturday.

Saturday night was the coldest of Elgin has witnessed this winter, the thermometer registering eight degrees below zero.

COLD WEATHER AT STARKEY

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STARKEY, Jan. 16.—The weather here has been very cold, two below zero having been the lowest temperature, but during the day the sun has been shining brightly, adding much cheer. The sleighing continues good in this weather.

A week ago last Saturday the people of Starkey enjoyed a fine supper and dance at the home of Sol Tidwell. The neighbors were all there excepting two families.

Mr. Hildbittle and Mr. Emmerie are cutting 16-inch wood for Ray Noyes. They are gold prospectors and are waiting until the snow disappears to get busy. Each has located a claim in the Lumber Jim country.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Noyes visited at the home of Jack Storck and wife Sunday.

Miss Margaret Johnson and Alvin Thornburg spent the day at the J. S. Rose home Sunday.

Everett and Carl Clark were over to visit Bert and Tom Rose Sunday. The Starkey barber, Bert Rose, was so busy at his trade that he had to work part of the day Sunday.

Charles Stiles of La Grande is in Starkey this week.

Clasie Daniels was down from the Carson mines this week for supplies and mail. Snow is about four feet deep between the mines and this place.

Leo Tushman is cutting logs for the coming year. Alvin Thornburg has been helping him.

Bert and Thomas Rose left for Gibson Wednesday. They intend to stay a month and cut and make fence posts, as they have between five and six miles of fence to build on the Jack Rainville place.

A. E. Burnett and family visited at the Ralph Sullivan home Sunday.

Tracks of a large cougar have been found near Sheep Ranch and Lumber Jim. They are six inches across. The snow is capable of holding a man walking on top but the cougar broke through. The bounty and hide are worth so little that trappers are not greatly tempted to track the cougar.

Mr. Burns of Umatilla was in the mountains last week looking for a good location to trap the remainder of the winter. He went into the Butter-creek country.

Henry Birfer, who has been at Hat Lake, has gone to Gibbon to visit friends there.

Ward Smith made a trip into La Grande for a load of feed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Storck have gone for a week's stay with friends and relatives in La Grande.

Much anxiety was felt when Alvin Thornburg failed to put in his appearance after the dance several days ago, but he was located the next morning and nothing more serious had happened than a broken high runner. He spent the night with Ned Smith.

School children are busy with their examinations this week.

CONTRACTS OFFERED FOR

(By Associated Press)
OLYMPIA, Jan. 17.—Negotiations will be closed immediately with General Goetz to undertake a survey of the Columbia basin irrigation project. The contract provides for a price of \$20,000.

MILK THIEF JAILED

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SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 17.—Henry Jones, Wednesday was given a sentence of six months in jail upon being found guilty of taking a bottle of milk from a door stop. Two other men have received sentences of three months for like offenses recently.

"Margarite babies are not going to be robbed if heavy sentences will stop these thefts," said Philoe Judge Langdon.

SLIDES USED EXTENSIVELY

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 17.—In Union county extensive use is being made of the educational slides and films loaned free by the University of Oregon.

The American Legion and the library at Elgin have used films, while the schools at North Powder and Union have used slides.

The Extension Division of the University has over 100 moving picture films and 170 stereoscopic lantern slide sets which are loaned free to the communities of Oregon. These cover a wide range of subjects and have been selected for their educational value. They are suitable both for general showing and for class room use. Many of the slides picture the scenery, resources, history and industries of Oregon. Microscope slides on botany and zoology and soil and mineral sets are also available for free loan to the schools of the state.

In 1921 audiences aggregating more than 200,000 people viewed this free pictorial material sent out by the University. Two hundred Oregon communities are now taking advantage of this service. Many rural communities during the past year have shown the slides, using gas lanterns in the absence of electric current for projection purposes.

Cops of Chicago Must Be Good to Their Prisoners

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CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Chicago policemen who swear at persons they arrest or who treat them roughly and with discourtesy without cause, will be reported to their commanding officer with requests that they be discharged. Judge John R. Newcomer announced Wednesday when he discharged Sylvester Brennan, arraigned on charges of disobeying and resisting an officer. Brennan said the policeman cursed him. "I do not mean to discourage the making of arrests," Judge Newcomer said, "but arrest them decently and bring them into court in a gentlemanly manner."

CAMP SITE IS NOW PERMANENT

HOOD RIVER, Jan. 17.—The American Legion Post last week decided to locate permanently a camp site, to be used as a base for the annual Mt. Hood climb as launched by the organization last summer, in the Oregon National Forest on the



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