

FARMERS BUSY AT THE COVE

COVE (Special) — Farmers are busy at work in the fields, and every one is enjoying the March weather. Mr. Panny Grange met for an all day meeting on Saturday and attended to business matters. Mrs. L. J. Chadwick was elected alternate delegate to the State Grange to be held at The Dalles in June. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chadwick were also elected to fill the vacant offices of assistant steward and ladies' assistant steward. Mrs. Ruth Baker had charge of a fine program on here, which consisted of readings, recitations, solos and a roll call. County Agent H. G. Avery and Mr. Jackson of O. A. C. will speak at Grange hall on crops and other farm problems on Saturday night, March 14 at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited to come. Mrs. Underwood who has been staying at the Johnson home, during the winter returned to her home in La Grande last week. L. J. Chadwick and family and J. C. Miller were business visitors in La Grande last week. Several members of the A. E.

Hartley family are ill with the flu.

"Sonny" Johnson, son of L. V. Johnson of La Grande is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson. Marion Geles, daughter of Mrs. R. J. Baker had her tonsils removed last week and is doing nicely. Chas. Conner, John Richard and son, Vivian are working on the road north of Cove. T. B. Johnson and Chas. Nelson were business visitors in La Grande on Tuesday. Nathan Daron motored to Portland last week on business. Mrs. T. B. Johnson is on the sick list this week. Wembley Exhibition Gets Ready Silver Foxes from Canada Finding Homes in England LONDON (AP).—British farmers are watching with much interest the experiments which are being made here in an effort to make silver fox farming in England a paying proposition. Farms have been started at Alness in Scotland, and Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire. What effect this move will have on the price of silver fox fur in Great Britain cannot at present be stated, but it has been reported during the last 15 years that the best and most costly example of the silver fox are those of animals bred in captivity. The foxes have been brought here from Canada.

WILL REPLANT CREEK FARMS

CLOVER CREEK (Special)—It is feared that most of the fall grain is killed in this vicinity. The heavy snow came too late for protection from the long hard freeze. Most of the farmers will reseed with Hard Federation. The attitude being that this type of grain has proven so prolific that the extra yield will make up for the extra expense in reseeded. Mrs. J. A. McCashe has been quite ill for the past week but is rapidly recovering. Buttercups are blooming, grass is starting to get green, the squirrels have made their appearance, everything indicates that spring has arrived—very much in advance of any recent years. Farmers are busy building fences, poisoning snoutlice, cleaning feed lots and the general routine that precedes the planting in of the crops. All indications are that farmers will begin much earlier here than usual if good weather continues. Wm. Watkins has greatly improved in health and has returned to the farm. His son, Chester and wife have moved in to keep house and help this season with the farming. The road from North Powder to Clover Creek is now possible for a car but across the summit it is still impassable and doesn't look as if it would be favorable for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dahlstrom of Baker are frequent visitors at the home of Mr. Dahlstrom's mother, E. S. Talbot moved his cattle this week from the William Grant farm where he has had a bunch feeding nearly all winter. He will feed here at his Clover Creek farm until grass starts and he will be able to turn them out in his pastures. Mr. Augley is hauling hay from the Old Grant place, having bought it from Tom Johnson. Leo Frost from Canada, has been a visitor at the George Carnes home for the past two weeks. Miss Edith Dahlstrom has been playing for the Wolf Creek dances this winter and seems to make it a point to be on the dot, regardless of the weather, condition of the road, etc. Miss Dahlstrom plays the piano in the orchestra that furnishes the music for these dances. The entire Gardner family have secured holdings in the vicinity of Nyssa, Oregon, and will depart for their new location when weather will permit. Edison McCashe was a business visitor in La Grande last Saturday. Radio Teaches Brazil English RIO DE JANEIRO (AP).—The biggest international angle in Brazilian radio is the study of English. Half hour lessons are given twice a week and are very popular. It is estimated the student number is 10,000.

Here's Tallest President



If you want to know who is president of the Free State of Danzig, formerly the city of Danzig, don't start anything to find out. For the gentleman who will answer you is 6 feet 8 inches tall. His name—Dr. Sahn, and he is shown here with a London bellhop.

BUTTERFLIES LIVE HIGH UP

LONDON (AP).—The cannibal spiders that live near the top of Mt. Everest exist at higher altitudes than any other animal known to man. They were described recently to the Royal Geographical Society by Major R. W. G. Hingston, naturalist of the Mt. Everest expedition in 1924. These spiders live in islands of broken rock surrounded by snow and ice, and for food they eat one another. Traces of this permanent animal existence were found far above the Himalayan snow line, and some 4,000 feet above the last vegetable growth. Major Hingston explained. A general idea of the natural life on the mountainous desert of the Tibetan plateau was given in the lecture. The atmosphere is so dry that the skin and nails of humans beings split, and the ordinary decomposition of flesh is prevented altogether. Wild sheep and mountain hares climb up the ranges, even to the barren slopes at 17,000 feet. "There is a little red-start which builds its nest at the same inextinguishable height, and we found grasshoppers at 15,000 feet, near the furthest limit of vegetable growth," Major Hingston declared. "There were ten, moths and even butterflies at 21,000 feet," he said, "and cloughs, a kind of crow, at the immense height of 27,000 feet." To contend with the scarcity of food in this region, some of the birds had specially modified bills for digging into frozen soil, so that they might reach hibernating insects. Borrowing and hibernating are the means by which many animals escape the extreme cold and

manage to exist. Some birds formed communities with mammals. Many little birds associated with mouse-hares, and there was perfect confidence and harmony among them. At greater heights, on the almost barren mountains, was an association of cloughs and wild sheep. The clough sits on the sheep's back, and searches for insects in the animal's hair. Drama, circus, ballet, pantimmo, revue and films. During the war it served as a storehouse for furniture from other buildings taken over by the government for office purposes.

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Foreign Legion Draws Adventurers of World PARIS (AP).—Approximately 40 self-styled Americans are now serving in the famous Foreign Legion of the French army, scattered in Algeria, Morocco, Syria and Tonkin. But how many of that two score are really citizens of the United States the French war department is unable to say. All it knows is that within the past three years 40 men, describing themselves as Americans have enlisted. The reason for lack of accurate data on these self-exiled or self-styled Americans is that the French army requires absolutely no identity papers of applicants for service in its renowned expeditionary corps. A German who has never been any farther west than Frankfurt-on-the-Main may present himself before a recruiting officer and join the legion under the name of Otto Schmidt, American, born in Hoboken. Similarly a Pole may join up as Stanislas Skryzinski, American, born and bred in Cleveland. Provided the applicant meets the physical requirements, which are fairly stiff, the French recruiting authorities make no investigation. "No questions asked" is the legion's rule. Offers Refuge For the Legion Etranger was founded "to offer refuge," according to the minister to King Louis Philippe who organized it in 1831, "to those foreigners who, by reason of the troubled state of Europe have come within our borders, and whose presence unemployed and harassed by necessity, may constitute a public danger." Soon after 1821 membership in the legion was thrown open to Frenchmen. From the beginning of its history of nearly 100 years, the legion has normally been a good 40 or 50 per cent German in makeup. Yet never, according to the French army chief, has that high percentage made the slightest difference in the legion's loyalty to either the white flag of Louis Philippe or the tricolor under which France's armies have marched during the reign of Napoleon III and the present republican regime. The glowing citations which the bold warriors amassed during the late war are ample proof that their famous song "Having no fatherland, France is our mother" is no mere poetical imagery. 20,000 Enrolled. The legion's strength is now close to 20,000 men. In times of peace its effectives are normally not employed in France proper, but in the colonies. The regulations provide that the legionnaire who enlists for a five year first term of service shall be rotated from Africa to the Far East and back again. For the legion the French high command tries to live up to the old recruiting promise of "Join the army and see the world." The discipline, as far as regulations go, is exactly the same as in the regular French forces. In practice the presence of a large number of German non-commissioned officers tends to make it more strict. However, foreign officers who can show good service records may be admitted as legion second lieutenants after a six months' training period. Opportunities for attendance at the French officers' training schools is held out to all ranks of legionnaires who show the necessary aptitude. Among the officers now serving with the legion there are known to be bona fide Americans who joined the force during the late war. One

certified American is serving as a first sergeant. But of the remainder of the reputed 40, little is known in official quarters. And official quarters, keeping to the idea of the "refuge," are not anxious to be further informed. Oarless Lifeboat Has Tryout Near London LONDON (AP).—A lifeboat without oars, which it is claimed may be propelled even in rough weather by persons without previous training, was tried out here recently in the presence of shipping experts and representatives of the government. Because of the absence of oars, the inventor, J. R. Fleming, contends that one of the chief difficulties of launching a lifeboat from a vessel in distress has been overcome. The new type lifeboat is propelled by the occupants, who have levers which they pull forward and backward, this action through a very simple gear causing a propeller to drive the lifeboat through the water. The boat used in the experiment had 42 occupants. With one man at each of the eight levers it was possible to maintain a speed of three miles an hour and with two men working on each of the levers a speed of six miles an hour was brought about, according to official announcement of Lloyd's agents who were present. Representatives of the London board of trade, the British corporation, and 40 of the leading British steamship companies also witnessed the tryout, which was reported a success. Vienna Understudies to Get Chance in "Barber of Seville" VIENNA (AP).—Understudies and superns are to have a great chance at the Vienna Burg theater. A performance of Beaumarchais' "Barber of Seville" will be given for charity in which all the leading parts will be taken by persons who ordinarily play very secondary roles in which they seldom have more than a single line to speak. Figaro, one of the chief parts in the performance, will be taken by an actor who never before has been entrusted with more than one short sentence. Dramatic critics are discussing the performance with great eagerness and predicting that it may result in giving the Vienna stage a new star. If he advertises it, he knows it's good.

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