

Over The Valley

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Extended Vacation

Miss Stella Edvalson, residing beyond Union on the Catherine Creek road, has gone to Utah and Idaho where she will visit with friends for the coming month or six weeks.

Fourth of July Company

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myers, of Pendosa, had as their guests for the Fourth of July vacation their sons-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Locken and two children, of Haines. The preceding Monday, Mrs. Myers spent with friends and in shopping in Baker. Mr. Myers who has been working near Cornucopia, also returned home a week ago and is spending some time with his family.

Campfire Girls Swim

A group of girls of the Winnie-shaunta group of the campfire girls of La Grande made up a swimming party which spent a delightful afternoon Tuesday at the Pine Grove Auto camp, two miles northwest of La Grande.

Joint Aid Picnic

The two Ladies Aid societies, Imbler and Summerville, will have a joint picnic Friday, Thursday at noon, at a convenient place near Summerville. A committee is working on the plans for the picnic which is to be an afternoon affair, and a good time is assured.

Pondosa Flourishing

Things are progressing quite noticeably at Pondosa, the new town started by the Grande Bendis Lumber Co. although the town was only described for the few days over the fourth and not much work was done. The new meat market has been opened adjoining the general store, by L. W. Smith. The people in the surrounding community seem to appreciate the services offered them by these two establishments and have given them a liberal patronage. The hotel is nearing completion, the plastering having commenced there a few days ago. This will accommodate probably 25 or 40 boarders and two guest rooms are being arranged to take care of any transient patronage. From all appearances the mill will be ready to begin sawing within a very short time. All the papers have been sent to Washington, necessary for the establishment of a post office at the new town, and word of any action taken by postal authorities is anxiously being awaited by the citizens of the place.

Daughter Will Broadcast

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gashill, residing out from Imbler, have received word from their daughter, LaNita Gashill Pearson, of Portland, that she will soon appear on a program to be broadcast from station KXN. She has been heard over the radio before when she appeared on programs from station KGW and her friends will watch for the announcement of the exact time when she may be heard again.

Takes Trip to Salt Lake

Theodore Christensen, time keeper at the mill at Pondosa, went to Salt Lake City last week and will visit among friends there for a short time.

Returns for Visit

Percy Harris, his wife and seven children have been interesting and interested visitors at Cove over the fourth holiday. They drove down from Walla Walla, where Mr. Harris is connected with the Armour company and established their camp on the bank of Mill creek above Cove. Mr. Harris will be remembered as the son of a former Episcopalian minister at the Cove

Returned to their home Monday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Edvalson, of High Valley, came down last week and visited at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edvalson near Union. The elder Mrs. Edvalson recently passed a birthday anniversary and instead of getting a year older in a day, she reports that she was made a few years younger. That, because she received for a gift a fine New Easy electric washer, which expedites matters on Monday morning quite considerably, to say nothing of the energy and strength saved.

To Visit at Telocast

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hodson and family, of near Imbler, expect to go to Telocast tomorrow where they will visit over the week end at the home of their uncle, C. A. Hill.

Fine Dairy Farm

C. P. Edvalson follows rather diversified farming on his 600-acre tract along Catherine creek, with the lean toward the dairy business. They are milking about 20 head of cows at present, marketing their cream through the farmers' cooperative at Eschette. On the farm is produced the feed for this bunch of cows. Mr. Edvalson has high grade livestock on his place, and it will be remembered that he on the holstein calf offered by Dr. W. T. Fly for the best grade dairy cow exhibited at the recent Union livestock show. A very good crop of strawberries was picked this season from their quarter acre patch of Senador strawberries. The patch will be just doubled for next year's crop, an additional quarter acre to be planted this fall with the Fly Improved Oregon Seedlings. There are berries in the other varieties to be found also on the Edvalson place, and for next season's yield some black caps have recently been set out.

Other Cove Visitors

Eugene Gashill, former principal of the Cove school, was over from Ontario early in the week looking after business matters and renewing old acquaintances. Also Mrs. Melissa Ego, formerly living up the canyon, now of Baker, was back for a few days.

Take up Summer Camp

Lloyd Scriber, of the Modern Laundry of La Grande, and Frank Appling have opened up their summer camp on Catherine creek at the C. P. Edvalson ranch near Union.

Lost Child

The section of country around Alcol, Imbler and Indian creek was quite considerably disturbed over the disappearance of the Griffith child, of La Grande, Tuesday. Searching parties were made up in that vicinity and all who could help to locate the child who was lost the greater part of the afternoon and whose family feared had been drowned in Indian creek. There was very general rejoicing when the word was passed around that the little one had been located playing about a quarter of a mile beyond the camp.

Have Fourth Picnic Party

A number of families at "The Park" and neighboring towns went together for a splendid picnic party on the fourth, the festivities having been held at the home of Mrs. Edith Vanorder. There was a big dinner, of course, at noon and the afternoon was devoted to games in which everyone participated. Among the families present were those of Roy Titus, Lawrence Jones and Mrs. Titus, of Union; Bert Titus, of Telocast; and J. D. Evans and Mrs. Vanorder, of The Park.

Enjoy Elgin Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gashill, of near Imbler, were among those who attended the celebration staged at Elgin Monday. They report ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce's patriotic address that day to have been one of the best they had ever heard anywhere.

Getting Ready for Institute

Young folks over the valley who are affiliated with the Epworth League are busy this week getting ready to go to Walla Walla to attend the Annual Epworth League institute which opens there Sunday and lasts for ten days. The program prepared is exceptionally attractive and a helpful session is anticipated.

Guests From Enterprise

Mrs. E. P. Condon, of Summerville, had as her guests over the week end, her son, Lester Leslie and family, of Enterprise. They

DIVERSITY GIVES SURE PROFITS TO RUCKMAN YEARLY

"I have learned in my years that it is hard to make money by confining my crops and my interests to wheat alone," said Don Ruckman this week. "It was when I learned to introduce other things on my farm, that I began to see where farming could be made really to pay. Now, if my wheat crop is not a success, I have my alfalfa, if it fails, I have my hops, or my peas and my chickens." Following this idea, gained through years of experience on his five farms of 288 acres near Imbler, Mr. Ruckman raised wheat, in fact, what might be considered a large acreage on a smaller farm; he has 40 acres in potatoes, which are doing well this year; he has 100 acres in alfalfa, and he raises annually 200 head of poland china hogs, while they have in houses produced on the farm, hundreds of chickens, while leghorns and Rhode island reds. This besides a large garden, and caring for several head of such cows which bring no small check each week into the Ruckman exchequer. And speaking of income from what is sometimes considered a sideline on a farm, on the Ruckman place, upwards of 150 eggs are gathered each day, and a crate of fresh eggs every other day, soon mounts up.

Garden Huckleberries

Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman were very busy in their large garden, Wednesday morning making burials in the weeds which had thrived so well following the preceding rains, having and summerfallow made work in the garden impossible at present. There is something to be seen in this garden besides the usual outlay of lettuce and beans, beans, carrots, onions and other small vegetables. Early this spring Mr. Ruckman planted a number of seeds, secured from the Stark concern, of what were called "Garden Huckleberries." These were about two dozen or more plants are six or seven inches high, they are being watched with no little interest and will continue to attract attention until they have reached their maturity and are producing the fruit which it is claimed they will produce. The plants at present look very much like potato plants, but are supposed to reach a height of perhaps five feet. The berry which is promised is purple in color and should be the ground shape of a cranberry, when ripe. As stated before, these are an experiment so far. Should they be found to be all that is claimed for them, and should be satisfactory in this effort, Mr. Ruckman expects to put in a larger acreage of them next year.

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Sells Head Steer

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duncan, of Cove, who have on their farm a fine Jersey herd, last week sold their head steer to M. Hornbeck, of Haines, who paid a fine price for the animal. He was accompanied to Cove when the deal was transacted by Hugh McCall, cashier of the Haines bank. Mr. Duncan, like all the other farmers over the valley, has been busy with his hay crop. On Wednesday he already had about 25 tons of hay in the mow, and ten more to be stowed away, which he pronounced of a very excellent quality.

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LOSTINE PERSONALS

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Lostine was almost deserted the day of the fourth, everyone going to Enterprise or up the south forks of the Walla Walla river planting.

Tom Page and father, Almer Page, Marion Johnson and Mr. Woods, of Imbler, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiggins the afternoon of the fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pfeiffer went to Elgin Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pfeiffer's brother, William Pine, who passed away in La Grande last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Polby and daughter and Mrs. Quisenberry motored to Walla Walla like Sunday and returned to Enterprise where they attended services at the Christian church.

John Parsons returned home the fourth after a visit with his grand-

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ish Littred and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wise and young son visited relatives at Hermiston last Sunday.

Job Keenan went to La Grande Tuesday and had some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. John Birchfield and Ella M. Walker drove to Hot Lake last Wednesday. They visited Mrs. H. Vostberg, Mrs. Anderson and Ray Norval while there.

The farmers were looking for hay pitches last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marshall returned from Eagle valley last Wednesday evening. Mr. Marshall stated that the cherry-packing had just commenced but there was not a very good crop this year.

There will be a town social at the home of Ella M. Walker next Tuesday evening. Ice cream, cake, punch and candy will be served for the benefit of the union Sunday school. Everybody is welcome.

Fred L. Wyatt, the inland Empire piano tuner, of Milton, was here Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Westenslow and son, Melvin, returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, last Monday. Mrs. Westenslow was called there by the death of her mother about three weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hawdon and children and Mrs. Emma Thompson spent some time with them for a short visit. They will also visit in Portland before returning to their home in Salt Lake City.

Twelve women were graduated as mechanics from the eastern school. The cutter pin, it seems, has replaced the hairpin. The trades are becoming so crowded with the ladies that a man never knows whether he's married a carpenter or a hod carrier.

With a score of women phoning in New York, the trades are becoming so crowded the next thing they'll be taking up probably will be ditchdigging.

With the fair sex turning more and more from furberlows to furs we expect to read any day now the headline: BABY BORN IN SKOTCHING CAR. . . . Some day a young miss is going to leave college with the intention of doing housework. She'll be a heroine.

Mr. Ruckman is quite fortunate in getting all of his hay cut, cured and in safety before the hot hard rains. He was quite satisfied over the tonnage of his hay crop, the average being two and one-half tons to the acre, and this was the first cut.

parents near Elgin. Jim Parsons was badly injured in an auto accident at the lake Sunday evening. He is visiting at the home of his brother, Roy.

Ray Cook, who has been working on Enterprise, came home to spend the fourth.

Mrs. Coats, of Elgin, visited with her daughter, Mrs. McKinsey, Sunday.

John McKinsey spent the fourth at Enterprise with friends.

The fourth passed by with very few accidents, the only ones reported were one at Enterprise and one at the lake in which Jim Parsons was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Cove, visited over the fourth with Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. Chas. Gray.

Miss Clara Nolan, who has been going to summer school in La Grande, came here to spend the fourth with her mother, Mrs. Nolan. She was accompanied by a friend.

Jim Parsons left Wednesday for Pendleton after spending the day with his brother, Roy Parsons.

Miss Opal Thompson arrived Saturday from Boise to spend the fourth with friends at Lostine. She taught school here last year and will teach again this year. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson at this time.

Mrs. Myrtle Crossland, of Union, arrived Saturday to spend the fourth with her mother.

Mrs. Floyd Moffitt was taken to the Walla Walla hospital Tuesday morning.

Mr. Allen and daughter were business visitors at Enterprise Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Hony, Miss Toini Perry and Jack Wright, of Imbler, spent the fourth with friends at Lostine and Enterprise returning home Tuesday evening.

Arthur Cousins, of Enterprise, has been visiting friends and relatives at Lostine this week.

Mrs. Dabney and children, of Joseph, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Page, this week.

C. E. Hubbard and son, Dick, were at Lostine Tuesday.

Chapmans Find Trap Nest Is Big Factor in Successful Egg Production

In the success which they have made in the 17 or more years that they have been in the poultry business, one of the most prominent factors has been the fact that they used the trap nest, so believes Mrs. George Chapman. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman own and operate the successful chicken farm just outside of La Grande on the Island City road, where passers by see every day the hundreds of white leghorns always busy, busy, busy in the chicken yards. During the years, Mrs. Chapman has not always received 100 per cent sympathy nor encouragement in regards to the use of trap nests, but when this plan was tried, the results noted, necessary culling done, and the eggs laying began to increase and the business succeed, then her belief was confirmed and the nests only discarded when her pens contained only the profitable fowls and the boarders had been done away with.

In Business 17 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman came to this community from the middle west in 1908 and two years later started in the chicken business on a small scale. They started out with California stock, having secured 300 baby chicks from a hatchery at Petaluma. It was when they had this stock that the use of trap nests was adopted. It was soon found that of the 75 or 80 hens, there were only two in the whole flock that laid over 200 eggs per annum. That meant a poor paying business, and steps were taken to get rid of the non-layers and better conditions. New stock was brought in from Oregon Agricultural college and from then on by continuing to check on the layers, there was a decided improvement noted. Ten years ago, they secured new stock again, this time from the famous Hollywood concern near Seattle. Since then the condition has greatly improved over the days when the hens laid so poorly. The business has been on a paying basis, the trap nests have been discarded and the farm has been one of which anyone could be tremendously proud.

RODENTS INJURE BILBS

An important agricultural pursuit in the west-coast region, the high-growing industry, is suffering depredations by small rodents. Discoveries have called upon the department of agriculture to advise and assist in elimination of pocket gophers, moles and mice. One pocket gopher alone is estimated to have caused a \$50 damage to a tulip farm.

In addition to eating the valuable bulbs, rodents carry them from one structure to another, thereby mixing varieties.

Somebody steps up to predict the end of the world in August. Girls and boys, could a better time have been chosen?

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