

Over The Valley

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Young Lad Has Fall—

Arthur Sanders, seven-year-old lad living at Summerville, had a fall a few days ago which might have resulted more seriously than it did. He climbed up a tree while playing with some other boys and while coming down a rope which they had tied to the limbs, the rope became fast to his feet, and he pitched backward striking the back of his neck. He was rendered unconscious and remained in that condition for about an hour and a half. After regaining consciousness, it was found that he was all right and had suffered no other ill effects from the experience.

Encounters at Swimming Party

Miss Martha Glavin of Cove, celebrated her seventeenth birthday anniversary last evening by entertaining a company of about 15 of her girl and boy friends at a swimming party at the Cove swimming pool. A water coast was held afterwards.

Sunday Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loewen of Haines drove up Sunday and spent the day at the home of Mrs. Loewen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Loewen at Aloha. They were accompanied home by Miss Eva Loewen, who will spend a week at Haines.

Moves to Hermiston

Mrs. Mollie McDonald of Summerville is moving to Hermiston where she will reside in the future with her son.

Stock Ponies With Trains

Mr. and Mrs. James Weatherhead, living north of Elgin are stocking the ponds on their place, which are fed by five springs with water from brook trout. They have formerly had black bass, raising them for commercial purposes, but have found the trout much more suitable. They have already placed two thousand of the fish in one pond, having secured them from a private hatchery in Pendleton. They find a very ready market for the fish when grown, supplying hotel and dining car demands. Mr. Weatherhead has just recently finished with his hay and has brought in about 75 tons which is of unusually good quality.

Has Fine Bee Colonies

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rollins, residing in Imbler, have quite a bee industry with 27 stands of these busy little creatures. They have 32 hives up already, each containing 24 boxes for the honey as it is made and deposited in the comb. Mr. and Mrs. Rollins are expecting to take off about 300 pounds—a ton—of honey, and that work will be started before very long. Mr. Rollins has always put a very good lot of honey on the market and he has already disposed of all which he will secure this year. Another interesting thing on the Rollins place is the pair containing the three pairs of blue faces.

Guests From Baker

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wright and three children of Baker drove over Saturday and were guests over the week end with Mrs. Wright's brother and sister, Frank McKinnon and Mrs. Ledbetter. They were accompanied by Miss Frances McKinnon, who has been visiting in Baker for the preceding week.

Home From La Grande

Mrs. Glenn Hug and her tiny baby daughter, Daphne Marie, have returned to their home north of Elgin from the maternity home in La Grande.

Burns Rake Through Hand

Robert Soderberg, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Soderberg, who live in the Dry Creek neighborhood north of Summerville, was the victim of a very painful accident last week when he ran into the teeth of a garden rake and was nearly through the palm of his hand. When his accident was discovered, the tooth had gone so nearly completely through the member, that penetrating on the palm side, it pushed the skin up from the back of his hand. Needless to say, it was exceedingly painful. He was taken to La Grande for medical attention and is doing very nicely now with no suggestion of any infection or complication.

Has 720 Acres Fine Land

Mr. L. Carter, living east of Aloha owns over 700 acres of land in one of the best sections in the county. Four hundred acres of this comprise the farm on which his son and family reside, with the other 220 is the home of Mr. Carter himself. Although handicapped for fifty years by ill health Mr. Carter has been a very successful farmer. He has comparatively little trouble with his crops as he is unable to care for it but he interests have either been confined to raising grain and hay. As is very well known, Mr. Carter has more an unusual aptitude in the way of writing verse, and he has some very creditable productions in hand for and written for different occasions. His talent has been fully twice recognized, many of his poems have found their way into print, and have made their native place in demand on programs at different times.

Three States To Plow

Former residents of the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri are looking forward to their annual tri-state plow which will start off each year on the first Sunday in August. This year that day will fall on August 13th and the plow will be in charge will soon have the desired program of the day completed. The plow will be held, as usual, at Riverside park in La Grande.

Begin Work on Road

A large company of men, working 45 horses, started work yesterday

Union County's Field Tour Will Be Held Friday

The annual field tour held under the direction of County Agent Harry Avery is scheduled for next Friday, July 28. This tour, which has for its purpose the inspection of some new variety of field crop, some new method of handling same from industry, or any other project which will be of benefit to the farmers and others participating, is being definitely arranged, with details to be announced later. Suffice it here to say that all those who wish to be a part of the expedition, gathering the good, which is sure to be found, are to be ready to start from the postoffice at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The tour will continue the entire day.

These field tours have been held each year since Mr. Avery came into the county to be director of and advise for farm activities. 1908, a small beginning when perhaps only about 25 or 30 farmers took in the tour, the number has grown until as many as 100 have shared in it. It is expected that at least 50 will be on hand for this year's program.

Mr. Avery is now being joined, some 17 or 18 cars will be started Friday. These four-wheelers, perhaps, of the type will be made to inspect farms where some change is being grown. This is a new step in this locality for pasture purposes and it is believed will prove to be very successful, farmers who are experimenting with it being of the opinion that this may solve some of the problems relative to the keeping of a dairy herd on any farm, or going into the dairy business in any way, large or small.

Have Splendid Berry Crop

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills, above Cove, are right in the midst of the gathering of what is proving to be an exceptionally good crop of black raspberries and red raspberries. Both of these varieties are reported by Mr. Mills to be larger and of a better quality than in previous years. The berries are coming in just about 20 days later than usual. Last year this time 200 crates had been marketed, while this year the number had not been more than 100. The Mills have about ten pickers busy on the job at present and from all indications, they will have at least 400 crates of the red raspberries and 200 of the black ones. The entire crop was contracted for some time ago, and Mr. Mills' berries will reach the consumer through La Grande merchants. Mr. Mills reports that he will have no blackberries this year, and no blackberries. Also his blue acre strain orchard is absolutely fruitless this year, due to the cold weather last fall and spring.

Sudden Death Mourned

The sudden death last week of Owen Thompson of Elgin, was very widely mourned. Mr. Thompson was in the prime of life, being 54 years old, and having resided in and about Elgin for 30 years. He had always been quite active, just recently having leased a farm near Hermiston and was about ready to take command. Some heart affection caused his death. He is survived by two daughters and three sons.

Up Summerville Way

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oliver and daughter, of Seaside, Washington, came last Friday for a visit at the Oliver home and with other relatives. . . . Painters commenced to paint the big barn on the Clyde McKinnon place, west of Cove, this last week. . . . Howard Hixson of Portland has been visiting among relatives in the vicinity. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy have returned from their visit with friends at Elgin. . . . H. J. Sanders and Ross Ray, who are working in the harvest fields near Athena, were at home for a visit with their families over the week end. . . . Mrs. E. Sanderson is making a stop at the home of her son, Stewart Sanderson and family in La Grande. . . . Mrs. J. J. Wagner drove recently to Baker accompanying home her house guest, Mrs. Phoebe Williams, who has been here for two weeks. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Landman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson, Mrs. W. A. West and daughters, Marie and Henrietta of Summerville and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason of La Grande were Sunday visitors in Cove. . . . Roy Atkins, of Touchet, Washington, is a guest at the George McDonald home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Earl Park were guests of friends at Cove Sunday. . . . Mrs. Wayne Park has a splendid flock of 1400-pound Rhode Island Red chickens on the Park farm near Summerville. Besides the old hens, she has about 275 young chickens. A small flock of unknown with a thriving family of little guinea pigs is also the property of Mrs. Park.



The K. O. M. picnic comes off the first Sunday in August. It means Kansas, O means Oklahoma and M means Missouri. This picnic is held every year at the Riverside park.

Last year Claude Pratt, the big Oklahomaian, happened to be down there eating ice cream, and they elected him president. I am unable to get all the committee together on such a short notice, therefore I am asking each one to do his very best in arranging the program and we will do the same. We would like to have some old-fashioned southern molasses and some old-fashioned corn bread. I don't know of anything that helps to create an old-time spirit like corn bread and molasses, makes it so sweet potatoes and watermelons from Oklahoma.

Last, but not least, we have a railroad of heavy cedar shingles that we are going to sell off at lightning speed at \$2.85 per M, right out of the car door. We don't care whether they are from Kansas, Oklahoma or Missouri. You can even be from Arkansas, and still buy shingles for \$2.85. I am not a Missionary but you got to show us the cash before you get the shingles.

We want all the K. O. M. to be there and if any new ones have come into the country, come down and get acquainted. I will take my band down on that day. Good-bye.

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—N.Y. About Harlan KEEPER DRY under this umbrella would be a heavy job for Ralph Thompson, for it is a giant sponge that will absorb a hundred pounds of water. It's the largest ever taken out of the maring sounds off Key West.

APPLE HARVEST MAY BE 125,000 BOXES ON VALLEY ORCHARD

From present indications, the apple crop to be harvested this year from the James Weatherhead orchard, five miles north of Elgin, will be one of the largest ever gathered in. A crop aggregating in the neighborhood of 125,000 boxes is possible, and an ear will hold all the way from 713 to 400 boxes of apples, there is a possibility that there may be shipped from Elgin from this one orchard alone upwards of 125 carloads of apples.

A visitor back before last from Yakima, which is well known as a nation-wide reputation as an apple growing country, was very enthusiastic not only over the present outlook for the fruit as he saw it from a visit at the Weatherhead place, but also from the prospects which this valley afforded for the raising of such fruit. He very enthusiastically asserted that in a number of ways, the Grande Ronde valley was far ahead of the Yakima valley. One instance, which he mentioned in particular, was the difference in the cost of producing a box of apples here and there. He stated that it cost the Yakima fruit growers \$1 to raise a box of apples, one of the big items of course being the spraying, which, there, must be done about once a month. In this valley four times a season has been found to be sufficiently often to produce the results desired.

HOBO RETAINS KINDNESS

MARSHFIELD, Ore.—A letter has come to Mrs. Sarah Haughton of Myrtle Point informing her that 24 years ago when the writer was passing her home, alone and tired, she gave him some sandwiches. Two dollar bills were enclosed to convey the one-time hobo's appreciation of the favor.

Apple Harvesting at the Weatherhead

Mr. Weatherhead, this year, besides caring for his own orchard of 150 acres, also has the Harry Weatherhead orchard which brings the total Mr. Weatherhead is operating up to 226 acres. All the best commercial varieties of apples are to be found, and this year the entire orchard is of bearing trees. The cultivating is all done by use of a tractor and other improved methods being the labor involved down to a minimum.

The late spring, accompanied by the cold weather and the frequent rains, which was rather hard on some of the other crops in the valley was of considerable benefit to the apple orchards. The most outstanding way in which this was beneficial was the manner of pollination. This year, it was found that in the clusters of blossoms which literally covered the trees, only the king blossom was pollinated and the others soon dropped off. This made it unnecessary to go through with the thinning process, which, we are told, is one of the long tasks and one which involves a great expenditure each year. The weather conditions resulted directly in the orchard taking care of its own thinning, and was a great saving in labor and money, as stated. As it is, the trees stand heavily laden with the rapidly developing fruit and even in this stage present a beautiful appearance.

Apple harvesting at the Weatherhead will begin in about two months—along toward the last week in September and will continue for about a month. It will require a company of about 150 people to care for the operations incident to the gathering, packing and shipping of the fruit. The Weatherhead warehouse, in Elgin, and their own five trucks will be kept busy transporting the fruit from the orchard into the town.

No difficulty in marketing the apples this year is anticipated. A large export trade has been built up in recent years and apples from this section have found their permanent place in the trade, particularly in European countries. It has been found that growers here tell us that the apples grown in this locality, where irrigation is not necessary and where spraying is resorted to so infrequently, are much firmer and have much better keeping qualities, consequently they are very desirable for shipping greater distances.

A story of the Weatherhead orchard would certainly not become complete without stating that this particular orchard is the largest individual orchard in the state of Oregon. There are others of large acreage but they are all owned and controlled by companies or corporations. Mr. Weatherhead first planted his orchard in 1909. For a number of years he raised his own stock, and for a time conducted quite a nursery business in connection with it. In caring for his business he has always tried to keep abreast of the times and employ the latest and best improved methods. In blossom time, his orchard was a sight well worth traveling miles to see, and even more attractive will be the scene in weeks of time when the fruit is about ready to be gathered.

PROMISE PERSONALS

PROMISE (Special)—Mrs. Bertha Carpenter returned home from La Grande Wednesday evening where she had been helping to care for her son, Harold, who is quite ill. He is improving slowly but is not able to be up yet. Miss Lillian Carpenter remained in La Grande.

Mrs. Emily Phillips returned to Willamette valley last week with her son, John Phillips. She expects to visit for some time in Oregon City, Washington and Newbern before she returns to Promise.

James Fowler preached again at the Promise school house Sunday. Mrs. Stella Poulson is visiting friends in La Grande.

Frederick Barton is helping Bill Carpenter put up his hay. Mr. and Mrs. Masterson of Hillsboro, Ore., arrived Saturday for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Maude Swearingen.

Philip Beaman, of La Grande came in Wednesday. He returned to his home Sunday.

Romona Swearingen spent the week end with her family. Roy Carpenter and Bill Bennett made a business trip to Promise Friday night.

WOLVES ON INCREASE SUPERIOR, Wis.—Upper Wisconsin still has its wolves. County clerk estimate from bounty payments that they are becoming more numerous. The recent legislation to increase bounties on wolves, believing farmers needed no further incentive to hunt them.

"David, Belasco's advice impressed me"

Walter J. Leather is telling Joyce Todd as they start for an all-day motor jaunt through the Berkshires.



David Belasco, dean of the American Theatre, writes:

"The voice is to the actor what the chisel is to the sculptor. He must beware of dulling its qualities. Naturally I am vitally concerned about the voices of my players, so I always advise the one cigarette that I discovered many years ago that does not impair control of the subtlest vocal shadings or cause huskiness or harshness. I mean the 'Lucky Strike.' It is the player's best friend."

David Belasco.

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