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Over The Valley

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Elected at Kendrick—

Miss Edna Ledbetter, of Alicel, who was graduated this spring from the College of Liberal Arts at Willamette University, Salem, has been elected to a teaching position in the high school at Kendrick, Idaho, for the coming year. Miss Ledbetter will have commercial subjects and domestic science. Kendrick is about midway between Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho. Miss Edna Ledbetter who has taught successfully for three years in the Imbler high school, will go to Montesano, Washington, which is just south of the Olympic National Park, where she will be instructor in domestic science in the high school.

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Making Improvements—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Johnson, on Pleasant Grove way, are having some improvements made at their home. Among other things a modern bath room is being put in and some splendid built-in features are being constructed in the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are just finishing their red raspberries, which they report to have been the smallest crop they have had in years—due to the freeze last fall. Their large apple orchard is very promising, with apples in abundance. The Johnsons have about thirty different varieties of apples. They do not raise them for commercial purposes.

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Recovers From Illness—

Mrs. J. J. Waggoner of Summerville has recovered from the recent illness, which confined her to her home for several days.

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Bees Doing Well—

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Fox living at the extreme north end of Elgin have ten stands of bees which are doing exceptionally well. Gathering the honey from neighboring orchards as well as plots of alfalfa, some very good honey has been taken off heretofore. While in the past only enough honey has been produced to fill their own wants, this year there will be quite an excess as the number of the stands is more than doubled.

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Camping at Lake—

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason of La Grande are spending their vacation camping at Lake Wallowa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson of Summerville drove up Friday and spend a couple of days as guests of the Masons.

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Has Visit From Son—

Mrs. Josephine Prutsman who lives with her brother, G. G. Markland, at Cove, had for her guest one of her twin sons, Reice Prutsman, who came up for a visit over the week end.

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Repairs Nearing Completion—

The work of gravelling and oiling the highway between Island City and Elgin, which has been in progress for the last couple of weeks or more is nearing completion, with only one or two short stripe yet to be given attention. The loose gravel on the roads has made traveling rather noisy and heavy, but it is gradually working down into the oil and the road, generally, is getting into splendid condition. The work has been done with admirably little detouring and the public has been quite careful in observing the temporary road traffic rules.

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Returns From Haines—

Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter returned Monday from Haines where she had been spending a week at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Lansing.

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Conquers Visit—

Mrs. R. A. Grant and her son, Glenn, of Malden, Washington, returned to their home on Saturday evening after having visited for two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield of Alicel.

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Spend Summer in Valley—

Mr. and Mrs. R. Edgar, who reside for a part of the year in Salem, have been here since the early spring visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fisher, on the new lower Cove road. Mr. Edgar who is now past 81 years of age is a real Oregon pioneer having come into the Willamette valley 81 years ago. Mr. Edgar says he first came across pioneer George Gray of this county, at Florence, Idaho, more than 61 years ago. That was one of the great gold mining stampedes of that time and many young men and older men had been attracted from all parts of the country to hear of the richness of the mines. Referring to the statement of Dan Wright, that he once went into the store and weighed out $125 for a hundredweight of flour, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar took certain the date when they paid $1.50 a pound for their bacon, and Mr. Edgar $2.50 a pound for his tobacco.

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Find Huckleberries—

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nunn, Doris Hermann and Howard Booth formed a camping party that spent a few days up Catherine creek, early last week. They were fortunate in finding quite a few huckleberries during their stay, enough for pies with some for canning. Mrs. Lewis and Miss Hermann returned home in the week and gathered more of the berries. The berries they found were of very good size.

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Has Splendid Corn Patch—

J. L. Slater of Alicel has been entertaining this member on a piece of summer fallow on his farm where there was some stock run, and which Mr. Fisher thought he might contract by following some diversity of crops. He secured enough seed corn at a variety of prices from and for taking six pounds to acre, put in about 2½ acres of the stalks. This was planted some time in May. The corn has made a very good growth, had been laid by for some time and now stands around 5 or 6 feet high. It has tasseled out but is not yet in milk. The premise right now is for quite a good yield of corn in the ear, besides the stover which would make excellent fodder. Mr. Fisher has not yet decided to what use he will put the corn as the planting was entirely an experiment. The corn has not taken any more attention, it is stated, as the summer fallow would have required. It has been cultivated twice and harrowed twice. Mr. Fisher rather feels that whatever he will realize from the patch will be just so much velvet.

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Lull in Fruit Harvest—

This year's crops of raspberries and black caps are just about over in the Markland fruit farms at Cove. So far as fruit and berries there are concerned, there will be little more to gather until the pear season is on. There will be quite a few pears, it is reported. The prunes in this valley this year will be an.

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Cove West for a Change—

M. L. Carter, of Alicel, is a pioneer of half a century. He is a native of an Atlantic coast state and began to feel responsibility in life when he was very young, as his father died when he was an infant of age. In the east, in those days, from $12 to $15 was about all one of his age could earn in a month. He determined to come west and look for his chance, holding out one goal to strive after—that being that when he did find an employer, he would make himself so useful to him that he (the employer) could not get along without him. With such an ambition and determination, it was not long after he came west, shopping on foot, that he got name for which he offered $25 per month. This was in the spring of the year and he received no compensation until in the fall, when instead of the $25, he was rewarded at the rate of $40 per month. He was retained for a year in a placer mine under two men. Within a year, conditions were reversed and the two men were working for him. Mr. Carter only stayed in Idaho for two years, then came on west and has been a prominent figure in the early history of this valley. Although handicapped by ill health, Mr. Carter has succeeded in gaining possession of considerable land in one of the most fertile sections of the county and still does a good by good days work.

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Reporting Average Yield—

Reports from farmers who are getting their wheat in early, are to the effect that the yield in the Imbler community is around the average with some perhaps a little better. The reason for this figure, it is believed to be in the fact of the cool and rainy spring and backward summer conditions. There have been, even this early, some exceptional yields also. For instance, on the Walter place at Alicel, where it was first reported that the 40 mark would be reached, after the harvest on Friday it was not even higher, with a possibility of, of course, that it might or may be forthcoming as this particular field has not been finished.

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Two Summer Schools—

There are two very interesting summer schools being conducted in Union county at the present time, and one is worth mentioning because of the year's work started in Union, and of which an unusually popular teacher, now dead, and the children who attend. One of these schools is the Ivan school, up in the hills beyond Elgin. The school year ends from March until November and the pupils are regularly in school. Miss Vail Brown of Elgin is the teacher.

The other school has probably a lot more of interest attached to it because of the conditions and circumstances connected with its establishment and operation. Residents living up on Fox Hill (the hill to the Mt. Emily lumber office) asked repeatedly for a school for the children in that section. For some time the request was denied, because the attendance, taken into consideration, the valley proposed, would not be warranted. Patrons of the proposed school were not to be so easily defeated in the matter, so the men got busy and cut down enough logs to build a school and did just that, and a very fine school building was completed. Miss Fulkerson, a normal graduate was secured as teacher, the school season being sandwiched in with her university course. For two years Miss Fulkerson conducted this school. The following year she suggested a change. She finally agreed to the continuing requests of the patrons who in turn, secured the material and built for a cozy little teacherage right adjacent to the school. She is now starting her third year. It gets rather cool in the little night meetings, and we are told there is scarcely a morning that a little fire in the school house does not feel comfortable. There are seven pupils this year. If the school had not been built, the parents would of necessity have had to move away from the place of their employment, as there is no other school near enough for the children to attend regularly. The interior of the building has been made quite attractive. The desks are splendid and comfortable, all having been made by one of the men in the district.

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Small Forest Fire—

The forest ranger was notified Saturday of a small forest fire which had been discovered on the side of Mt. Emily almost straight up and a little to the left of the F. E. Johnson farm. Only a few acres have been affected and the fire is now reported to be under control.

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Entertain Bakery Club—

Mrs. Alice Jenkins and Mrs. Clarence Wheeler of La Grande will be at their guests tomorrow the members of the Ladies' Club of Muddy creek. The club has a three year lease and the majority of their all come to La Grande. Other will be served at noon followed by a social afternoon.

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Visit Friend—

George Childress of Woodland, California, who is connected with the American Railway Express at that place is spending his summer vacation with his parents, who live at Cove. Mr. Childress, together with Howard and Elmer Green, Marvin Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lake, all of La Grande were guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Johnson and family at Pleasant Grove.

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Catherine Creek Road—

Work on the improvements on Catherine Creek road beyond Union is progressing nicely. Gravel having has been finished on one side of the road, meaning that there will be five miles to remove this kind of facing.

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Wallowa Field Tour—

A field tour for the farmers interested in Wallowa county is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday. This is the first event of the kind to be held in that county, extension work being new there. It is probable that the tour will not be as long as the one held in this county, where the tour is a well established annual event, but it will be none the less interesting and helpful to those taking part. County Agent Donaldson of Wallowa county is now over there although he has done county agent work in Washington for a number of years. County Agent Avery will be one of those making the trip.

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A La Cart—

Last week, Peggy (Wallace) Boyles, in his horse drawn cart, pulled into Union and greeted his old friends. After a short time of receiving congratulations there, he announced that he had "put his horse up" at some stable, to get rested up, and he was "walking west" to Cove to see an old friend. Mr. Boyles is just up in his eighties and Cove was only nine miles away. Hot for home to Cove. Mr. Boyles, who was one of the earliest settlers in that section of the county, still retains ownership of a farm up in The Park, although his residence has been out of the county for years. He makes the trip back to see his land and his friends periodically. But his point in his two-wheeled cart was not some 10 or 15 or even 20 miles. He had come from 10 miles below Eugene, and arbound by the way of Mt. Ashland Park, a distance of about 300 miles. Mr. Boyles says that he planned to drive about 15 or 20 miles per day. However one day, he made 40 miles, but as he said "that was too long for one day." And "Peggy" Boyles is up in the eighties.

DEMONSTRATION OF CLUB WORK TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

Plans are being formulated by county agent, Harry Avery and county superintendent of schools, E. A. Rorr for a demonstration of club work, September third being a tentative date. It prevents from the outstanding feature of the work of these organizations over the county, has been an exhibition held in connection with the County Fair at Elgin. With the discontinuance of that fair, a readjustment of the program of the clubs was made necessary.

Although plans have not yet reached a real definite stage, it is hoped that the demonstration may be held on the third of next month, as stated above, and at the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union. Mr. Rorr reports superintendent Robert Wilkinson to be very anxious to use the station for a field for the annual gathering, and the place is quite ideal for it. While the picnic and stock judging contests will be held at the farm, the exhibition of club work will be put on at the high school gymnasium, according to present plans.

With an early announcement of the final plans, those in charge feel that every large crowd of people from the towns and the country districts will manifest their interest in the work being carried among the boys and girls, by coming under the day for this particular event. They expect to have an attractive programme and also they believe that the articles which the boys and girls have made or grown, or performed, will merit the keenest interest on the part of the men and women all over the county. The livestock clubs will be exhibit at this time as they had such large exhibitions at the Union County Livestock show in June.

On the day of the annual picnic the judges will make their final decision as to what boy and what girl, belonging to the clubs, is the most outstanding in club work. This decision will rest not only on the character of work done through the club year but also on the exhibit made. The county court has made an allowance of $200 to send three boys to the State Fair at Salem, as a reward for the work done. While the decision is based on these features mentioned, it is also a custom to send boys and girls who have not been sent previously, that the good to be derived from attending the fair, may be enjoyed by as many of the younger people over the county as possible.

It is probable that the actual date will be announced before long and those in charge are hoping that the day may early be set aside that the annual picnic and demonstration of the Boys and Girls' clubs this year may be outstanding successful.

ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN, Ore., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Good, son Howard, and grandson Elgin, Miss Elva Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hawthorne and children, Ray Ruby and Ina and Herbert Powell, of Meacham, spent Sunday on a pleasure trip along the Wallowa river.

Mrs. J. E. Lawton and daughter, Mary Frances, of Portland, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dye and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kerr. Mrs. Lawton will be remembered as Miss Lena Smith.

Mrs. Olive Van Hoosen and children, Kerr, Neal and Leon, spent Sunday visiting at Elgin.

Howard Good was in La Grande Friday for treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiley, of Pendleton, spent the week end at Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson, of Minam, visited relatives at Elgin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sough Wiley, of Pendleton, were Elgin visitors over the week end.

Alec Young and son Tom of Minam visited relatives at Elgin over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Clarke visited at the home of their daughter, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are working near Minam.

John Cranebank and Dick Hardy, who are working in a lime rock near Minam, were visitors at Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hardy, of Minam, visited at the home of Will Harer on Clarke's creek Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fields and children, Gladys and Frankie, of Pendleton, spent Sunday visiting relatives at Elgin.

Jennie Clark, son of Jess Clarke who has been visiting at Elgin, has returned to his home at Minam.

Mrs. J. W. Hayes was a La Grande visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. E. A. Pollock and daughter, Leslie, visited in La Grande Wednesday.

Mrs. L. E. Mill and Miss Jessie Graham were La Grande visitors Wednesday.

J. F. Mail and daughter, Margaret, were in La Grande on business Wednesday. Miss Margaret had her tonsils removed and returned home Friday.

Mrs. Nancy Lewis is very ill. She is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Culp.

The Rev. E. A. Pollock has begun preaching again. The Rev. Mr. Pollock was given a vacation during the month of July while he had some dental work done.

Scout Master Fred Hall has gone to Wallowa lake to spend a few days at the Boy Scout camp. He was accompanied by Hill Mannich and who will attend the meeting this week.

Miss Florence Smith, who is working on the Flat spend Sunday at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith at Gordon Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Gerhart and children and Miss Amber Mann, of Portland, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cranebank. They returned to their home Friday. Mr. Cranebank and Gerhart met in France in the army. On Thursday they went to Wallowa lake on a pleasure trip. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cranebank.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brosch, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kerr, of New York, and Miss Mabel Annerle of Boston, Pa., have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Good. Mrs. Nona is Mrs. Good's sister and she has not seen her for several years. They traveled in a two-room house car which was made especially for the trip. There were drawers and cupboards for their dishes and food, two upper beds and a large seat with room for all the travelers at the front of the car. The car was planned by the owner, Mr. Kerr, for touring purposes. They left Monday afternoon for Los Angeles.

Miss Ina Scott spent the week end visiting at the home of her friend Miss Dorothy Hagens, at La Grande.

Zeta Wiles, of Red Bluff, Cal., arrived in Elgin Monday where they will visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Parks, Nathan Parks and daughter Elva, attended the K. O. M. picnic at La Grande Sunday.

Among those attending the K. O. J. picnic Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Golding, Mrs. Sam Burrough, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wright and daughter Francis Ann and Miss Marion Hardy.

Police On Trail Of Explosive Cache

BOSTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Police Captain Herbert Goodwin said today that state police had been sent to a camp 15 miles from Boston and to another place nearer the city where he had reason to believe explosives were stored. The information, he said came through the questioning of two men arrested as suspicious persons.

SOUGHT HIS BODY

HAMMONTON, N. J.—Robert Swisher, attracted by a group grappling in the surf, drew near and sought enlightment. "Hunting the body of Bob Swisher!" he was told, and then revealed that he had left the water at a distant point and changed to street attire without advising friends.

ISLAND CITY PERSONALS

ISLAND CITY, Ore., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wittmeyer, of Enterprise, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alfred Wittmeyer, of Oregon city, who has been visiting with them, motored to Island City Friday evening. Mrs. Alfred Wittmeyer left Saturday morning for her home.

C. H. Prouty and daughters Tilla and Beulah left Monday evening for Chicago, Ill., to visit friends and relatives there for several weeks.

Work was started Monday morning to repair and oil the road from the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway to the golf links.

Mrs. Verne Anderson, of Salem, is visiting at the home of her mother Mrs. E. W. Caldwell. She will be here about three weeks.

Pete Bousquet, who has been working on the new mill at Medical Springs, is taking his vacation. He and his two sons plan to motor to Spokane, Wash., and other points during his vacation.

Miss Anita Hermann visited at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. William Schroeder, Sunday.

Rufus Keefer, of Imbler, has accepted employment here as warehouse man for the Pioneer Flouring mill.

Mrs. George Ball Only Woman in Wagon Train That Crossed Plains

Mrs. George Ball, of La Grande, has a pioneer story with many a thrill and which she is going to contact very soon for readers of this page. One unique feature of Mrs. Ball's pioneer experiences is that she took three long cross country trips that would equal many of the long auto trips taken today in comfort and luxury, so far as mileage covered is concerned. The mode of traveling could scarcely be spoken of in the same breath now as the first long trip which Mrs. Ball took, a yoke of oxen was the motive power.

Mrs. Ball first crossed the plains in 1862, when a young maiden she left her home at Corning, Iowa, and came to Denver. Traveling across country in those days was extremely hazardous. She says that there was a requirement at that time that no train could cross out of one train into wagons and stay there. When their company started they had but about 15 wagons in a caravan. Their number was reinforced by a large number of ox teams. There was constant fear of the Indians, and while trains had been attacked, their train was never seriously menaced. Every precaution was taken. And Mrs. Ball, who was the only woman in her train carried a gun at her side the same as did the men.

She says that at one point in the journey the train drawn wagons decided not to continue with them her mother and hurried on ahead. They had not gone far when they were attacked by the Indians and the train destroyed. The wagons burned, the harness torn to shreds etc. etc. When they reached Julesburg, Colorado, which is now no mean city, they found to their extreme dismay that 30,000 Indians had come down on the town a short time before and had held everything to waste. According to Mrs. Ball, if all the wagon trees had been gathered together and piled in one heap, it would have made a pile as high as a 3-story house. When they followed the stage route, there were stations at every twelve miles and at that time these were guarded by small companies of soldiers. These soldiers were principally southern soldiers, who were held prisoners and had been given their choice by the government of remaining prisoners or going west and fighting the Indians and they chose the latter.

After living in Colorado until 1869, Mrs. Ball and her family returned to Iowa, then some years after that they made a cross country trip back to Indiana. From the Hoosier state in 1884 they chose objective this time being near Arlington, Oregon. But more of the details of her story will be given later.

Curwood Seriously Ill At His Home

OWOSSO, Mich., Aug. 9 (AP)—The condition of James Oliver Curwood, author and conservationist, seriously ill at his home here with a streptococcal infection was reported today to be slightly improved.

NEW RADIO RULING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Radio broadcasting stations which transmit phonograph music after August 15 must announce with each machine record the fact that mechanical music is being sent out, under an order of the federal radio commission.

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