

Over The Valley

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Ocean Gives Thrill—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer and their four children and Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Smith and family took a trip early this summer, motoring to Seaside where they had their first glimpse of the Pacific ocean.

Like others who see this mighty water for the first time, they were wonderfully thrilled and the greatness of it all grew on them during their stay at Seaside. From La Grande they drove to Portland, continuing over the Columbia River highway to Astoria and then going on to Seaside. They took camping equipment with them and camped at Cannon Beach. So enthusiastic are they over the trip that it is expected next spring that a second catalog and road map will appear simultaneously and another trip will be on next year's program.

Former Residents on Visit—Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Watkins, who for years operated the store and post office at Alsea, are back from Seattle visiting among their old friends in the Alsea neighborhood, including Mrs. Hattie Friesold and the Harry Trull family. They are driving through and come to this country from Soap Lake, Washington near Spokane, where they had also been visiting. They expect to conclude their visit here within a few days.

To Improve Camp—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ingram, who own and operate the Pine Cone auto camp two miles west of the city, on the highway, are already making their plans for improvements which they expect to make at their camp, commencing in the earliest spring. Among the things planned are a number of first class modern cabins. The place has been very popular this summer, the location, the natural

vicinity, and spent several days with relatives and among Mr. Tuttle's old friends. Mr. Tuttle now lives at Aberdeen, Washington, on Grays Harbor.

Second Inspection on—The second inspection of the fields of potatoes in this county, which are seeking certification in, on Prof. G. H. Hyslop, farm crops professor at the Oregon Agricultural College, being here for the job. At the time of his first visit, all but a very small per cent of the fields passed the inspection.

Water Carnival Saturday Night—Announcement is made of a water carnival which will be held Saturday evening at the swimming pool at Cove in connection with the week of instruction which is being held there this week. A number of unusual features are announced by Prof. C. S. Leaf, the program to begin at 8:00 o'clock. Prof. Leaf himself will give an exhibition of strokes and do some trick swimming. Bad swimmers of 1745, who hold the national collegiate swimming records for 220 and 440 yard and also 22 intermediate records will be present. He will teach a relay of six of the fastest swimmers to be found in this section. They will swim two lengths of 40 yards apiece. Mr. Shields swimming the whole distance. A number of local swimmers will also appear. Prof. Leaf has had a full week with an enrollment of about 20 in the different classes. Of all the beginners, there is not one who is not swimming, and there are among the beginners three or more who are between 55 and 60 years of age. The life saving courses have been taken by good representations of both Boy Scouts and Campfire girls. Elementary swimming, crawl and back stroke have been covered in the beginners' class, with the finished crawl, back stroke, back crawl, side stroke, single over arm, in the advanced class. Prof. Leaf comes from the Brigham Young University where he is sole instructor of swimming as well as having charge of swimming at the Provo high school.

To Teach in La Grande—Miss Vina Conley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley of Lower Cove has been elected to teaching position in one of the grade schools in La Grande.

Has Visit From Son—Miss Jeanette Trull of Imbler has had for her guest recently, her son Gerald and his son Howard, who formerly lived in that

Pioneer Blue Fox Farm At Imbler Is One of Largest In Grande Ronde

Boss Perry, of Imbler has one of the largest fox farms in Union county—probably the largest Silver and Blue Fox farm. It has been operating for four years now under the name of the "Pioneer Blue Fox Farm." His plant consists of 55 pens, each 8x20 feet, and each pen holding a pair of the foxes. Also there is a large pen 200x200 feet into which the pups are turned in the summer time until they have practically matured.

The fox business is quite a profitable one, when rightly conducted, according to Mr. Perry, as the litters are large, the cost of operating and the time required for caring for the animals are small, and there is always a good sale for the animals for breeding purposes as well as a good market for the pups. Mr. Perry has always found a ready market, the business being about half and half, pups and animals for breeding. One half of this year's increase has already been sold.

Mr. Perry brought his original stock from Alaska in 1922. During the years in which he has operated the business there has been an average of 11 pups to each female. One litter of 15 was raised to maturity. These large litters are from the Blue Foxes, as the Silver Foxes average only two. The

animals are quite sturdy and are not easily susceptible to disease. Mr. Perry reports a loss of but one pup out of 22. Some times they will kill each other. This, of course, is a dead loss at this time of the year, but should such a thing occur in the winter time, the pup is saved and there is no loss. Mr. Perry has one fox which has mated him \$5000 from sales in two years, he reports. He also reports that he has had foxes which have had litters of pups of as many as ten in number before they had reached one year of age. He believes that this is the only fox farm in this vicinity the only which has any large number of young animals.

Animals and pups have been shipped from Imbler in all parts of the country, as well as having been sold locally. There were fourteen of the animals in one single shipment last year. Blue Fox pups will bring all the way from \$25 to \$150 each.

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Improvement Is Marked At Home Of Roy Spencer

A recently enlarged home on a new farm, a new barn, a new garage and other buildings, newly set out ornamental trees which have shown a remarkable growth, all combine to make the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer on route two out of this city, most attractive. The 50-acre tract on which Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are living came to her with the first division of her father's estate (the late Mr. Gekeler) and at the time they acquired it, nothing was there of the present lawn and surroundings, save a row of hardy willow trees. These they considered an asset. Indeed they were.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer first erected their beautiful home, which is of the bungalow type. It is now under the process of enlargement and when this is completed, the house will consist of seven rooms not including halls and closets. Plans will see it strictly modern, the water system not having yet been completed. The alterations have been made consist of a rearrangement of the roof which permitted the addition of two bedrooms and a large hall 20x25 in all, on the second floor.

This spring and summer a large hay and dairy barn was erected having a ground measurement of 20x42 feet. The barn has one of the late self supporting roofs, each rafter taking the form of a truss and making unnecessary all the framework formerly required for support. This leaves the lot all clear and gives considerably more space than used to be the case.

A new garage has also been built by Mr. Spencer, who is himself a carpenter by trade. It is built low, something of the bungalow type, and rests on a cement floor rather than a foundation. Low eaves and small window panes add much to the appearance of the building, chicken houses and other buildings, all new, finish the outfit.

About the Spencer home are trees, shade and ornamental, which play no small part in the whole. Three rows of hard maples, the beautiful blue spruce and Norway spruce, mountain ash, black walnuts—these are a beautiful array and produce an effect that is very pleasing.

WILSON ORCHARD TO YIELD 15,000 BOXES APPLES THIS YEAR

Fifteen thousand boxes is the estimated crop which Mrs. A. F. Wilson and her sons expect to realize from their apple orchard which is just on the outskirts of Imbler. The crop is coming on its splendid stride, and while the spring freeze and the Wilsons probably one half of their crop, they are happy for the half which remains, which has never been surpassed as far as quality is concerned. It will be remembered that the freeze came just at blossom time, and while damage was done, as stated, it did not go so far but that it is necessary to go through the thinning process. That is being done at the present time.

When A. F. Wilson came to the Imbler neighborhood he owned the large orchard which borders on the highway. Eighteen years ago he planted the 50 acres which, since his death, is being cared for by Mrs. Wilson and the three sons, Ray and Lyle of Imbler and Clive who lives on the home place. In eight years, the trees commenced to bear and they have been quite profitable now for ten years. The varieties include Rome Beauty, Jonathans and Wagners, like other apple growers in this valley.

they find that two sprayings each year are sufficient, also, they do not irrigate.

Mrs. Wilson and her sons ship their fruit, chiefly to the eastern markets and usually can command a good price. The others which have already been made this year are very good and indicate to them that they will be able to secure a good price for all their fruit. They do not begin picking until about the first of October.

Clive Wilson also has on the place about 47 stands of bees and he is taking off quantities of a very excellent grade of honey. He has one less bee last night than he had yesterday morning, as one of the "varmints" took out its spite, while he was attempting to take off some of the honey and left a stinger in his left neck which was not the least painful, nor the most beautiful thing in the world. From \$200 to \$400 worth of the honey is sold each season, a wide patronage in La Grande taking the entire outfit.

Besides the 50 acres in orchard, the Wilson place has 20 acres in pasture. This is red clover, which accounts perhaps for the excellent flavor of honey.

Another type of multiple farmer has specialized on grain, principally barley, and has got rid of most of the stock, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry, which used to be kept by the smaller farmers.

When making gravy to serve with roast lamb, beat in one-half glass or more of currant jelly and add just before serving.

ESSEX, Eng., (AP)—The day was once when England exported food to the continent. Today it imports yearly \$2,500,000,000 worth of food products. The wheat acre has declined in the last seven years from 2,557,900 acres to 1,143,495 acres. In 1871 the total acreage was 2,433,884.

English Wheat Area On The Decline



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Daily Swimmers in the vicinity of Enterprise have a splendid market for some of their products in the Enterprise Creamery which is putting out a superior article in the way of Swiss cheese. Certain local conditions make that location a very good one for a cheese factory and it has flourished though in operation but one year. The output has been about 15,000 pounds per month. Swift and company taking it all.

Starting Fine Dairy Herd—Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Hill, who moved to this country from Baker very nearly a year ago, and live out about two miles from Union on the way to Cove, have the beginning of a dairy herd in 16 splendid Jersey cows which they are now milking and ten better calves which they are feeding. They find a good market for their cream and have also found the dairying business, as they conduct it, quite profitable. Their farm consists of 60 acres and on it they produce all the food for their cows. They raise hogs also, and Mrs. Hill has her chickens and turkeys which are doing very well.

Improvement in the milk at the Imbler public school to accommodate the new cooking classes which will be included in the curriculum for the first time this year. A new electric range is being installed and the department is being otherwise rearranged. Heretofore, only sewing was taught, but this year the department will be more complete. Miss Cook, the new high school teacher, was down from Portland last week, making preliminary arrangements for her coming permanently to Imbler.

Self and Boy—Mrs. Mary Sanderson, of Sumnerville, has recently and her home in this town. Mrs. Lela Clark, home at La Grande, took the purchase. Mrs. Sanderson in turn has bought the Johnnie Moffat place near the Jay Bennett home. Some improvements are being made and the house is being gotten ready for occupancy. Mrs. Sanderson will move within a few days.

Inspect Boys and Girls Work—The work, which has been done by the boys and girls over the county as members of the Boys and Girls Clubs, is being inspected this week by county superintendent of schools, E. A. Rayen, who is director of a part of the club and J. E. Colman, industrial field worker. The big picnic and exhibit which had been previously and conditionally announced for August 28th, next Tuesday. The picnic is to be held at the Experiment Station, and the exhibit at the high school gymnasium in Union. Not only the club members, but also their parents and neighbors are invited to bring a basket dinner and share in the extremely interesting and instructive program outlined for the day.

Visit in Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Elliott H. Derry of Vancouver, Washington, visited with friends in the valley on Tuesday. They were on their way to inspect an auto trip of several thousand miles starting the first week in June. Like many others from more or less distant localities Mr. and Mrs. Derry's visit was quite commensurate, enjoyed following their own way and they were quite

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