

Over The Valley

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Pomona Grange—

The semi-annual meeting of the Pomona Grange will be held tomorrow at Medical Springs and with good weather, which will not allow present splendid driving conditions to that town to be changed, a large crowd will be in attendance. A day full of good and interesting and worth while things have been arranged, including a visit by the State Lecturer.

Getting Seeding Done—

Considerable planting of wheat is being done this week. The weather has permitted harvesting to be continued during the past week. Two or three weeks yet and in a few instances even more, will be necessary to see all the remaining wheat cared for. The dew which is rather heavy each morning retards starting hour and cuts the working day shorter by a few hours.

Leave for Monmouth—

The Misses Elizabeth Pollock, Sara Wickens, Velma Woods, Ruth Hensley, Anna Cason, Fay McIntyre and Martha Glason and Wicks all left last evening from Elgin for Monmouth where they will be ready for the opening of the year's work at the Normal school. With the exception of Miss Glason, all of the above are first year students.

Presbyterian Meets Saturday—

Mrs. A. T. Hill, president of the Grande Ronde Presbyterian is announcing the fall meeting to be held all day Saturday at Union, with representatives present from La Grande, Union, Elgin, Wallawa, Lostine, Enterprise and Baker. An excellent program has been prepared.

Getting Ready for Portland—

The Misses Frances Comstock, Carmen and Jane Daniel of Cove, are looking forward to their trip this fall to the International at Portland. They were selected as the first judging team in the county, the first time the girls have beaten the boys to the first place. However those who have known of the work done, believe that the girls have worked hard during the entire year and believe that they will not be any accident that they reached the top.

Fall Festival On—

The Fall Festival, which is being staged at Elgin by a committee working under the Community Club got a good start yesterday. There are good attractions, and with continued good weather, the affair should be a very successful one.

Given Shower—

Mrs. Everett Wallinger, of Allentown, was given a very delightful surprise Wednesday, when twenty members of the Allentown Ladies Aid Society, of which she is the president, went in at her home while she was absent and proceeded to "shower" her with beautiful handkerchiefs. Mrs. Wallinger had been substituting for a couple of days at the Wallawa school, and it was while she was attending these duties that the self-invited guests gathered and awaited her return. She received twenty dainty gifts. The ladies brought with them nice refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee, which were served at the close of a very happy afternoon.

Team Off for Salem—

County agent, Harry Avery, accompanying the second judging team from the Boys and Girls Clubs of the county leaves tomorrow morning for Portland where they will spend tomorrow night and go on from

there to Salem, where they attend the State Fair until Wednesday. The team which goes to the fair, is the Imbler team and consists of Clifford Conrad, Lyle Ledbetter and Grant Strickland.

Leaves for Vale, Ore.—

Rev. and Mrs. Pollock and daughter, Miss Lucille, who have been resident of Elgin, during Rev. Pollock's pastorate of the Methodist church, left today for their new home at Vale, where they were sent by the recent conference. The Pollock family has been very popular in Elgin, and on all sides are remarks of regret over their removal. The new minister is Rev. L. V. Barker, who comes from Heppner.

Have Fine Bazaar at Imbler—

The bazaar and entertainment given by the Imbler Ward Relief Society Wednesday evening was attended by a very large crowd and was reported to have been very successful, the gross receipts amounting to very nearly \$100. Two one-act plays were given, a bazaar held, wherein were displayed, and also sold, many pretty articles. A fish pond for the younger folks and a booth where ice cream, cookies, pie, etc. were sold. The gym at the school where the affair was held was very prettily arranged and decorated. Mrs. Zephia Anderson, Mrs. Mattie Westenskow and Mrs. Annie Westenskow were the members of the committee having general oversight of arrangements. Mrs. Belle Bittling, Mrs. Ruth Westenskow and Mrs. Helen McBride were responsible for the plays. Mrs. Jennie Perry, Mrs. Eliza Stringham and Geneva Westenskow, for the sale of refreshments. Mrs. Foster Westenskow and Mrs. Rosamund Richardson for the fish pond. Prof. Morgan had charge of the drawing of the two quilts, and going to Mrs. Jim McGinnis and the other to Mrs. Elmer Wise.

Go To O. A. C.—

Russell McKennon, of Imbler, left last night, and Virgil Wallinger, of Allentown, left this morning for Corvallis where they will continue their work at O. A. C. This week is witnessing a very general exodus of young people from all over the county to various colleges, universities and normal schools, besides schools of a special character. Those who have followed news items regarding them, realize that a great contribution, Union county makes to the population of the higher schools of learning this year.

Wallawa County Fair—

From all present indications, this year's session of the Wallawa county fair, promises to be one of the largest and best ever staged there and it will attract hundreds of visitors from all over this valley, as well as many exhibitors etc. Next week is the week, and with weather such as has prevailed so far this week, attendance should be of a record breaking degree.

Leave for Normal—

Lois Rosewall, of Union, and Pearl Wells, of Allentown, are among those who have gone this week to their school work at Monmouth.

Ship 18 Cars of Cattle—

Cattle shipped from Joseph last week Saturday were quite heavy and consisted of 18 car loads all destined for Portland.

A Big School—

School authorities at Imbler have been able to meet the school situation very nicely, and things

are moving along right now very smoothly, the congested conditions the first week having been somewhat relieved by the election of an additional teacher. One big jump was in the commercial department where last year's enrollment of 5 or 7 was followed by this year's enrollment of 24 in one line of work offered, typing. New machines have been purchased, classes carried through this day, including one at the noon hour, and the additional teacher, Mrs. Thomas, a commercial teacher on the job one new department in the curriculum this year is that of domestic science, for which Mrs. Allen, an experienced teacher was secured. For this first year, the original enrollment was 12, 12 girls and 2 boys. As only 12 could be accommodated, the class was confined to girls this year. Two classes are held in domestic science, with three days of cooking and three of lecture, and one class in domestic art. The girls started cooking this week. Among other new equipment secured, are two brand new kerosene stoves, of four burners each. The board has also allowed the department \$200. With curtains and plants the rooms are being made very pleasing in appearance and will make a nice place for the serving of the hot lunches to students at noon, containing perhaps the middle of next month.

Teacher Relieved—

Mrs. Howell, teacher of Valeria school near Allentown, was called to her home in La Grande, by the illness of her mother, the first of the week. Mrs. Everett Wallinger substituted for her. This school has four pupils this year, an increase of three over last year.

Miss Hall to Ashland—

Miss Margaret Hall, of Elgin left Tuesday evening for Ashland, where she will attend the Normal school this year, making her home with her sister. She drove to Ashland, accompanied by her father, Fred Hall and her sister, Mrs. Roy Nicolson, who will also visit for a time with her daughter and sister. Mrs. M. Richardson at Ashland. The trip was made by the way of Bond, with the return to be by the Columbia River Highway.

Loses Three Fine Cows—

L. E. Edmunds, who lives on Hurricane creek in Wallawa county, had the misfortune to lose three fine cows by lightning three weeks ago. The loss was a registered Jersey bull, a fine Jersey cow and a Holstein. They were in the pasture when the bolt struck them, the lightning striking the corner of the barn, which seemed to travel along the ground.

Don't waste time on knockers. If the postman stopped to fight it out with every little ear that barked at him he would never get his mail delivered.

More Than 2000-Acre Farm Sold In Diamond Prairie, Wallawa County

Of interest to all land owners in this valley, as well as over in Wallawa county, is the sale of any considerable piece of property of any considerable size, or of any smaller piece, especially when for any reason, or reason at all, it is being sold. On that account, the recent report that the large and very well known McDonald ranch in Diamond Prairie in Wallawa county has changed hands has no little interest to our readers. The passing from the hands of pioneer of more than 2000 acres of the Wallawa county land into the hands of strangers in eastern Oregon, is recorded in a recent issue of the Wallawa Sun, whose publisher permits its republication here, believing it carries a certain news value.

The 2200-acre Diamond Prairie ranch of Mrs. Margaret McDonald, reported sold last week at a price that will run around the six figure mark, boasts a 14-room residence, a fine barn, and the beautiful grounds surrounding, including lawn, shrubs and orchard makes it the show place of Wallawa county.

The completion of the deal which, as announced in The Sun last week, marks the completion of abstracts and signing of the deed, is in the same state as last week, although it is understood the abstracts have been examined and found acceptable and Mrs. McDonald was called into Portland yesterday. It is also understood that M. J. Scher, the reputed purchaser, and a member of the consulting firm of Scher and Wood of Portland, will arrive in Wallawa next Sunday with his wife and four children, two boys and two girls, three of whom will enter the Wallawa schools next Monday.

The sale consists of the 2200 acres in the one place owned by Mrs. McDonald, all on Diamond Prairie and adjoining lands, and does not include the 1800 acres of hill and meadow land out east of Wallawa, adjoining the C. A. Hunter and W. C. Gittings place.

The 2200 acres were originally developed by the late Doctor McDonald and Mrs. McDonald as an exclusive stock ranch, raising Hereford and Clydehead horses. There are 600 acres under cultivation and the balance is range land. Mr. McDonald was one of the state's best known stockmen and his Clydehead horses were nationally known. He was a horse buyer for the army as well as transfer companies of Portland.

As this horse market declined Mr. McDonald turned his attention to cattle, the ranch running from 300 to 1000 head of stock. Mr. McDonald at first put in Shorthorn, and later on Hereford and there after continued his breeding to that stock.

Mr. McDonald was one of the county's pioneers and with his brothers, including John of Wallawa, owned all of what is now

Improving Pine Cone Auto Camp Near This City

When all the present plans for the enlargement and improvement of the Pine Cone Auto Camp, have been completed by A. E. Ingram, its owner, the camp will be one of the most comfortable, complete and attractive camps in Eastern Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram announce, The camp, as is known, is situated on the highway about two miles or so northeast of La Grande. The site of the old country club grounds.

Work has already been started on a new eight modern cabins, one having been practically completed and the others being in various degrees of construction. The swimming tank, which has been so popular the past season will be improved with concrete floors and walls. The whole place will be improved with shrubbery, flowers etc. These, together with the natural beauty of the place, and being located right on the Grande Ronde river are the features which the owners are emphasizing.

The cottages, or cabins, are being built 20x28 and rest on a concrete foundation. Of this floor space, one half, or 10-20 feet are contained in the garage which is under the same roof as the other, and is of the same substantial construction. The bed room measures 12x10 feet and the kitchen 6x10. The latter has two wide windows, one opening out on the river side, a stove, sink with running water (this not to be installed until early spring) and a drain board. In the bed room, will be a bed, chairs and table, with room for a cot, when necessary. There are two large windows in the bed room and a glass door. At the end of the garage, beyond the space required for the car, which will be completely enclosed and sheltered from the elements, is ample room for fire wood, which will thus be kept dry for immediate use. A door opens from the garage into the kitchen, which allows the garage to be fastened on the inside and entrance into the kitchen without going out of doors.

The cabins will be lighted with electricity. They are seated inside with one layer of weather paper between the inside finish and the weather-board. In every regard, Mr. Ingram is following the requirements of the law and in addition, has in mind the comfort and pleasure of his transient guests.

The Ingrams have a large garden and orchard, which supply fresh vegetables for the camp, and they also raise several hundred chickens which provide fresh for campers. Cows on the place also provide fresh milk and cream.

The horses are all small; they start riding them when they are a year old and they nearly all keep them with them, so they are very good riders. The original owner, Hickman, Chamberlain and other home-owners.

Twenty-six years ago Mrs. McDonald came to the county and in keeping with the successful progress made on the ranch, a new home was built, the third, replacing the frame structure that had replaced a log cabin.

The new home was and still is a marvel. It is a two-story, with basement, steam heated and electrically wired throughout; has hardwood floors, fireplace, three bedrooms and all other luxuries that one associates with the city rather than the country home.

The setting is on a rolling knoll at the base of the mountain, large pine trees making a semi-circle at the rear while the lawn slopes off to the east, and south through which wind walks and rows of shrubbery. To the north is the orchard, the grounds in all comprising about three acres and overlooking the fields and the valley lying toward the river to the east and north.

There are five barns in the out-building group of which two are hay barns, two general stock barns and one a dairy with stanchions for 20 cows.

All stationary machinery on the ranch is operated by electricity.

He was such an expert that his father called him Bill.

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MR. AND MRS. BROOKS WRITE OF LIFE IN REPUBLIC OF CUBA

Sometime ago Mr. and Mrs. Wade Brooks, of this valley, went to Cuba on business errands and for two or three years will make their home in that part of the United States. They were accompanied by Miss Letha Williamson, Mrs. Brooks' sister, both being daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Williamson, pioneers of this valley, and now living on Cove Avenue. Mr. Brooks is the son of L. A. Brooks of Imbler. All are so well known that a glimpse of life, as they are finding it in Cuba, will be extremely interesting to their friends all over the valley. The letters came to Miss Anna Brooks and Mrs. Hugh Huron, sisters of Mr. Brooks.

Bayamo, Oriente Cuba

"I just received a letter saying you did not get my letter or letters. I have been having a time getting mail through for some reason. It seems to be quite a common thing to lose letters and packages, in fact, it is sort of expected, and there is not one thing you can do about it. I made a complaint once, and they said, 'Well every one loses mail.' They don't care. It is the custom of the country to steal and lie—every one does. It is a terrible country, full of disease and poverty. (to say nothing of cruelty to animals) and the immoral, ignorant, unreliable people. They are only one step ahead of the animal."

"They live in thatched huts, with no floors, some have only a roof. The pigs are usually tied, so they can sleep under the table, and the chickens are as welcome as any one of the family. They are content to merely exist, and many of the country people are near starvation, living chiefly on sugar cane and wild fruit. They do not till the soil, nor feed their stock; everything has to be their own row, and if it can not find enough to eat, it simply starves."

"The most prosperous ones are grangers of some sort and live very well. They have nice homes and are very sporty, dress in white and strut about with cane and drink. A wife has no say as to her likes and dislikes all she has to do is to have a big family of her own. The husband brings his illegitimate children from his concubines, home, and they are legalized through some form the Cuban government has adopted. They are then looked upon with just as much respect as his legal ones. A big man has many sons. One man that works for Wade, was once the chief of police and he has 23 children. Another who works for Mr. Haines, the recovery man, has 42. The girl and boy together, you know many in Havana, who had 100 sons. They are very proud of their large families."

"The horses are all small; they start riding them when they are a year old and they nearly all keep them with them, so they are very good riders. The original owner, Hickman, Chamberlain and other home-owners."

"The band plays in the public square every Thursday and Sunday evenings, and the people all come out and dance around the square, the girls going one way and the boys the other. If you see a 70 years behind the times. All they are engaged."

"Havana isn't Cuba, by any means. It is a very beautiful, modern city. All the wealth from the island is spent in beautifying Havana. The ten to twelve tourist crop every year is enormous."

"The people in the interior are 75 years behind the times. All hunting and heavy work are done with men. They have great, high, two-wheeled carts, with wooden axles, that go away and speaking along, with from four to eight men, are killed to death, by a mass of rope wound about the horns, and they go blundering along pulling all the load by their heads."

"Bayamo is a very old town, full

of ruins. They have a revolution here every few years and I guess the last one nearly demolished the town. The bullet holes in the many buildings, bear evidence of the struggle. Nearly all the homes are built like store buildings, along the street, with no yard in front, but a very large court in the back, all walled in. Our house has a yard all the way around the house, with rose bushes and other flowers. There are some fruit trees too, a coconac-macaca tree, a fig tree, avocado pear tree, one sour apple and another native fruit. I do not know the name of the ripe figs are delicious."

"Oriente is one of the richest provinces on the island, having eight or more big sugar mills, and cane is raised extensively. It is the one thing the natives grow on account of its long life and little care. When it is once planted, their work is finished with the exception of the cutting and delivering."

Bayamo is the oldest town on the island, having been built 30 miles inland to avoid the pirates. Mangoes, coconuts, and limes grow wild and are brought in on horses and sold in the streets. We get lovely pineapples, too. The mango is as near a peach as anything we have at home, only they are of sickening sweet nature. I have learned to like them very much. Bananas are plentiful but grape fruit and oranges are very scarce. Potatoes are shipped in from the states."

"There are quite a good many Chinamen here, some do gardening and others are in the grocery business. The grocery stores here are positively the filthiest places. I have ever seen. Rice, beans, peas, sugar, and salt, are in low open bins and the chickens get up in them and lay. The little chicks run at will all over everything, feeding on the rice and catching flies in the sugar. Sometimes

there is a pet pig and several dogs or a goat or two that live in the store. A man rides his horse up on the porch, and comes inside leaving the horse loose and it comes in too, if it takes the notion."

"The men are very curious and crowd up as close as they can, and never take their eyes off Letha and me, and if we even dare to look at them, they have something to say. Sometimes, if they get too thick and the merchant notices that we are annoyed, he will either let us in behind the counter or call the men down. But they are so ignorant, they don't know any better."

"I always go shopping for meat and groceries early in the morning and the little boys love to run along beside me and look up into my face, and when I step into a store to buy or look over their wares, the little kids stand as close as they can and as soon as I open my pocket book, they begin to pull on my sleeve, asking for a penny."

"It is very hot here, a different

kind of heat than we are accustomed to at home, but we are beginning to get acclimated now and do not mind it so much. We have a very modern and comfortable house of 11 rooms, not including two bath rooms, hall and store room. We also have three dogs and a cat. As soon as we get a pig, we will be fixed out."

"Wade's work is coming along fine, and he is very enthusiastic over it. He is superintendent over the rock crushers, hot stuff, and concrete plant and also the laying of the concrete and hot muff. He has full charge of the set-up and is breaking in native foremen for different lines of work."

The assistant secretary of the navy in charge of aviation is learning to fly. Maybe that's what led President Coolidge to say the other day that "our air service is being perfected."

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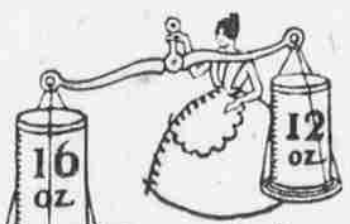
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