

Over The Valley

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Rock Wall Grange Tonight

The regular meeting of the Rock Wall Grange will be held this evening at the customary meeting place—Thorny Grove school.

Expecting Large Pack

Mrs. Turner Oliver, of La Grande has a large crew of pickers working on her orchard which borders on the highway at Alice. The orchard consists of 18 acres, and Mrs. Oliver is expecting to pack about 15,000 boxes of apples. Among other varieties, she has the Delicious, Home Beauties and Winesaps.

Co. Aids to Gather

The announcement was made yesterday of the county convention of the Methodist Ladies Aid societies which will be held in the First Methodist church in La Grande, next Wednesday, October 19. The day's program is announced to begin at 10:30 o'clock, and on the program proper it is expected that each organization over the county will contribute at least one number. Each lady is asked to bring her own dishes and silver, and also either a covered dish, a cake or some sandwiches. The Aid society of La Grande furnishes the coffee and cream and sugar.

Walter Richards Much Better

Walter Richards, residing on the Cove highway, runs one out of La Grande is very nearly completely recovered from his recent severe illness, caused by an abscess which formed at the root of his tongue. While he was laid up only a few days, yet of that time, for 24 hours his condition was exceedingly critical. Mr. Richards was first bothered with a soreness and swelling which was thought to have been caused by a defective tooth. The tooth was extracted but it was found that the seat of his trouble was elsewhere. An abscess was discovered and Mr. Richards was brought to the Grande hospital where it was lance. Until it broke and it was determined whether or not it would break at the back and send the poisonous discharge down his throat, his condition was very grave. Mr. Richards' many friends were glad to hear that the turn came for the better.

Move to New Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Riggs, who for the past two years have lived on the John Brant Sr. ranch northwest of North Powder, have recently leased the ranch of Miss Trevalion, of Portland, four miles southeast of North Powder and are moving there this week. The recent harvest on the Brant place yielded about 15,000 bushels of 40-Fold and Hard Federation wheat, of a very good quality.

Pollocks on Visit

Rev. and Mrs. Pollock and daughter, Miss Lucille, who recently moved from Elgin, Va., Oregon, have been back this week visiting among their Elgin friends en route to Joseph to make a short visit with relatives. While in Elgin, Rev. and Mrs. Pollock were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hill, while Lucille was the guest of Miss Jeanne Denham.

Lock After Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tracy of Summerville looked after the Walter Richards farm on Cove road, last week, during Mr. Richards' serious illness. The Tracy's have recently moved from Summerville to their new home in Elgin.

Move to Cove

Supt. and Mrs. Price of the Cove school and their family have recently purchased a home in Cove

A SEASONABLE 'RECIPE'

Baked Sweet Potatoes With Sals Select large potatoes, cut in halves lengthwise and bake in a hot oven. When well baked, scrape out the pulp and mash thoroughly. To one pint of pulp add: One teaspoon salt.

One-fourth teaspoon pepper One tablespoon milk. One-half cup butter or enough to moisten slightly.

One-half cup chopped nut meats Heap pulp into the shells, lay a thick slice of bacon on each and place in a hot oven to crisp and brown.

Guests From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Payne, of Portland, are making a visit at the home of Mrs. Payne's mother, Mrs. Frank Ott at Summerville.

Dr. Phy And Sheep

Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, is pleased with his experience with sheep within the past season. He purchased a bunch of the sheep for his farm, and later realized enough from the lambs to cover the original cost of the sheep. Then the wool paid for the wintering, and he finds himself just ahead the sheep. Another argument for the enthusiastic sheep growers of the county, of which the number seems to continually be on the increase.

Letter From S. L. Brooks

The Observer—I have not written a word to anyone since I left La Grande Sept. 15th at 8:30 p. m. I woke up at Bliss, Idaho, a rather good looking country. They have a fairly good crop of alfalfa, a few small patches of corn, otherwise very poor crops, around Gooding, Idaho. There is fine looking country and an abundance of alfalfa and potatoes around Shoshone. At the next place, American Falls, is the dam, which dams up the Snake river for 25 or 30 miles—one of the largest dams in the United States. It is surely a great sight and the making of Idaho. Between American Falls and Shoshone was some very fine wheat, not yet harvested and non-irrigated. The balance of the trip was rather poor country, until we got to the Bear River valley. That is one of the greatest stock countries in the world, and abundance of grazing land and hay, near homes and things looking prosperous. From the Bear River district, we went to Cheyenne. Mr. Bellamy went on to Chicago to see the big fight. I went to Denver, where I laid over for four hours and then went on through to Seymour, Iowa, arriving there Saturday, Sept. 17th at 2:30 in the afternoon. On the next day, Sunday, my brother and his wife had an old settlers' dinner. There were 126 at the lawn dinner, so I got to see several old friends. It has rained here 29 miles lately that the roads are impassable, so we cannot get out of town very much. Corn crops are very poor, very late and soft. Not many hogs to feed it to.

Organize Women's Club

A group of women gathered at Wade Hall at Imbler, Tuesday of this week and after preliminary discussion took the initial steps for the organization of a Women's club at that place. All who were present gave their names as charter members of the organization, and it is their purpose to enroll as many of the ladies of the community as possible. The idea, the perpetrators had in mind was a study club rather than a social group. They are confident that such a club is warranted in Imbler. Officers chosen at the first meeting were as follows: Mrs. Ralph L. Morgan, president; Mrs. Charles G. Weaver, vice president; Mrs. Cecil McKinnis, secretary-treasurer. A committee consisting of Mrs. J. A. Gaskill, Mrs. Cleaver and Mrs. Hazen was appointed to look into the matter of constitution and by-laws and report at the next meeting.

Wolf Creek Grange

The last of the series of meetings of the granges of this county by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, of Eugene, wife lecturer was held on Tuesday evening at Wolf Creek. The attendance was exceptionally good, the evening's festivities opening with a banquet served by different members of the grange. A program followed, opened by the singing of "Smile, Smile, Smile", by the whole group. Miss Virginia Nice gave an excellent reading and a song was rendered by Miss Lena Gorham and Miss Edna Lund. W. R. Gekeler was present and gave a short talk, dwelling especially on the insurance and after his talk, the special guest, Mrs. Bond gave an address on the principles of the order which was greatly appreciated. J. A. Nice, master of the Pomona grange closed the speaking program. This grange has recently nominated the following state officer, master: G. A. Fajulter, governor, M. J. Glover, lecturer, Mrs. Minnie Bond, executive council, W. R. Gekeler, La Grande, Troy W. Hill, Portland John Wells, Imbler.

Seventy-Fifth Birthdays

Last Sunday members of his family, assisted W. A. Baker, of near Summerville to celebrate his 75th birthday anniversary. At noon, a sumptuous dinner, befitting such an event was served by Mrs. Baker and her daughter, Mrs. Miles Woodell. Those who were present during the day were the Elmer Baker and Earnest Bryant families of La Grande, and the Miles Woodell family of Dry Creek.

Student Receives Burns

Miss Thelma Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson of Cove who is a student this year at the Oregon State normal school at Monmouth was quite painfully though not seriously burned last week, and is very much better now. In some manner the boiling water, which she was carrying in a teakettle, was poured over her arms with the above result. The injury was, naturally very painful, but with prompt and proper care, she suffered no serious after-effects.

Sheep Grazing

A band of 1165 sheep belonging to Mr. Hingstah of Baker have been placed on Larvated wheat fields on the Henry Hermon farm on the Cove road, to take care of the great quantities of the grain not realized at harvesting time.

Entertains Aid

Mrs. E. Sanderson opened her newly acquired home at Summerville yesterday to the members of the Summerville Ladies Aid society for their regular monthly meeting. Serving with her as hostesses were Miss Wayne Park, Charles Sanderson and E. F. Combs. On account of the busy fruit gathering season, the attendance was not as large as on some former occasions, but a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the ladies who were present—some 25 in number or thereabouts. A short business meeting was held, presided over by the president, Mrs. Combs, at which time an invitation was read to the county meeting next Wednesday, in La Grande. A splendid tray luncheon

"GRANGE DAY" WILL BE OBSERVED OVER COUNTY TOMORROW

This present month is witnessing all over the state unusual activities on the part of the different granges. Those planned by higher officials, others are those arranged by the locals themselves, but taking it all in all the month of October has been looked upon as a month when grange membership rolls are built up, more enthusiasm is engendered, and grounds are improved, in fact when the whole system is apparently given new life, and the work for the year started with increased vigor.

Tomorrow Grange Day

To that end, tomorrow, October 15th was long ago set aside as "Grange Day." In each of the granges in Union county, Blue Mountain at La Grande, Tolocant, Cove, Wolf Creek, Stark, Pleasant Grove, Medical Springs and at Rock Wall and Creek Flat in the Elgin vicinity, there will be special activity programs tomorrow. The majority of them will hold all day meetings when work on the halls, or improving the grounds about the halls, will be done. Each member is asked to contribute his or her labor tomorrow for that purpose. At Pleasant Grove the meeting which was to have been held last Sunday, but which was postponed, because so many of the members were making their hay when the sun was shining, will be held. Blue Mountain grange is planning a booster meeting of large proportions. Others are staging similar events. Throughout the entire county membership, grangers are asked to bring in petitions or applications for membership that the numerical strength of the order may be increased, really, doubted if each member heeds the request.

County Conference Arranged

A conference of all the granges in the county is announced to be held in Blue Mountain grange hall, near La Grande, on Saturday, October 29. It will be an all day meeting the Blue Mountain members acting as hosts. The conference is to be for grange members only and is to foster better work among the subordinate organizations. J. A. Nice will have charge of the meeting, by virtue of his office—county master, and the program will be under the direction of W. R. Gekeler, Pomona lecturer. Several papers will be given by members, and musical numbers will be given by the hostesses at the conclusion of the pleasant afternoon.

To Have Home Ex. Conference

On Friday, October 21st, a conference will be held at the Pleasant Grove grange hall, to which all women, who are interested, are given a cordial invitation. It will be an all day meeting, more definite announcements being made later. Speakers from a distance who will discuss very vital topics, and topics of interest to all homemakers, will be Mrs. Mary E. Jones, of Freewater, chairman of the home economics department of the state grange, and Mrs. M. Combs from the Oregon Agricultural college.

Recovers From Illness

Miss Leila Ott, of Summerville, who has been quite ill, is reported as being much improved this week.

Gets First Buck

Edwin Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richards, and who is attending high school at Elgin, got his first buck last week, and is rather justly proud of his achievement.

Grange Foster's Club

The Wolf Creek grange has had as one of its projects during the past year, the fostering of a pig club among the boys and girls of their immediate community. The work done has been considered very beneficial, and the year will close with about 80 per cent of the members having finished the work. The last meeting for the year to be held soon will have a program put on entirely by the club members and at which county agriculturist Harry Avery will be an honored guest. One member of the club, Charles Nice, has won a number of ribbons in his pig, a shaggy white. Exhibited at the Elgin Livestock show, he won first place, at the Muddy Creek fair, second place and fourth place at the recent state fair. J. A. Nice, of North Powder is leader of the club.

Sunday Guests

Miss Floyd Kendall and children of Walla Walla, and Mrs. W. Kendall, and daughter, Elmo, of Pendleton, spent last Sunday visiting among their friends in the Summerville and Dry Creek neighborhoods. They report that Floyd Kendall who has been in the hospital since last December following severe burns, which he suffered, is still in the Spokane hospital, where he is recovering, though slowly, and will have to remain there for two months more. At an informal gathering held to meet their Sunday afternoon at the Bert Oliver home were Mrs. Frank Woodell, Mrs. Wayne Park, Mrs. Charles Sanderson, Mrs. Earl Park, Mrs. Leo Nelderer, and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Sanderson and family of La Grande.

Funeral Today

The funeral of L. W. Weatherspoon, late of Halfway, is being held this afternoon at the chapel at the Summerville cemetery.

Agriculture And Health Groups Favor Clubwork

At the meeting of the Agriculture and Health committee of the Union County chamber of commerce recently, the committee expressed its approval of the work being done through the boys' and girls' clubs over the county and also registered its desire to assist in the work in a very substantial manner. The committee felt gratified at the record made this year by the different units and expressed itself as firmly believing that the movement was one whose influence would be felt more and more as the years come and go. In considering the question of how best they could assist with the work and encourage the members of clubs and their leaders, a number of suggestions were made and discussed. It was finally decided and definite action taken to offer a purebred ram lamb, to the boy or girl who did the best work with this line of livestock. The matter of securing the prize was far from difficult, as Jim Dolbin, one of the biggest sheep raisers in this section of the state had offered a lamb previous to the meeting, and as the matter was presented and discussed, Hugh Huron and Dr. Phy each offered to furnish the lamb without solicitation.

State Lecturer Leaves

Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, of Eugene, state lecturer, who has been in Eastern Oregon for the past month, concluded her tour of visitation and inspiration with the meeting at Wolf Creek, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Bond has visited every subordinate organization in this county and everywhere she was very warmly received. She is a very pleasing speaker, is very enthusiastic in her presentation of her ideas, and those who are most familiar with her itinerary here, believe that her visit or series of visits will result in much good to the individual granges.

mountains deer hunting recently

They each brought back a deer. A joint meeting of Chief Joseph post of the American Legion and of the Legion Auxiliary was held Friday evening at the library. This is the first meeting to be held since the summer vacation. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weathers and daughter, Pearl, are spending the week in Portland visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Weathers will attend the K. of P. convention which he has not missed in several years.

Mrs. John Calvin left recently for La Cygne, Kan., where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch Brownell and small sons left recently for Kennewick, Wash., where they expect to locate.

Social Note: The fall house-cleaning season is on full swing in Indiana. Several prominent citizens are reported to be moving.

Lepers so often suffer from other diseases that only about three per cent of them die from leprosy itself.

Did anyone ever hear of an efficiency expert making good in a business of his own?

Much Emphasis Placed on Boys' and Girls' Club Work in Oregon

This page is far from being the only one over the state which has, of late, been placing considerable emphasis on club work as it is being carried on among boys and girls in the different counties. Everywhere the movement is being recognized as one of the outstanding features of constructive work and the recognition brought to Union county through her boys' and girls' especially at the state fair, and will doubtless bring again during the Pacific International, has been no little. While so many of these things are yet fresh in mind, a comparison of the size and work of the organizations with those of 10 years ago is quite interesting. Club projects of all kinds had a valuation of \$169,528.71 last year as against \$11,463.22 in 1916, while the respective costs were \$102,581 as compared with \$4,394.29. Profits to members increased from \$7,708.92 in 1916 to \$66,947.71 last year. There were no standard clubs in 1916, while last year there were 1082, with the number increasing each year. The clubs in existence in 1916 claimed 2000 members, while at the end of 1926 there were 8186. Only 40 per cent of the members were in competition ten years ago, while last year 77 per cent of them entered these events. The actual number engaged in

HERB HUBBY CALLER

SUFFOLK, Va., (AP) — The world's champion husband caller is Mrs. Linwood C. Lettner, of Carrollton. A committee of four married men awarded her first in a contest at the county fair. The only contestant who called threateningly came in second.

There are fourteen pairs of twins, ten girls and eighteen boys, among the nine hundred pupils in one school in Dundee, Scotland.

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