Over The Valley

Mabel E. Morton, Valley News Editor

Blue Mt. Grange—

The Blue Mountain grange at its meeting held on Saturday, kept up its reputation for securing new applications for membership at each meeting, and there are still a number of names which will be presented in the near future. During the roll call, on the lecturers program, the question of lowering the license rates for automobiles was discussed and the members unanimously expressed themselves as being opposed to any change in the present license law, until the road program is completed and the bonds paid. Mrs. H. Golden was appointed lecturer to act until the regular lecturer, Callie Spencer is again able to fill the position. A report of the work of the Producers' Cooperative market of Eugene and the cooperative cannery, was sent to the grange by Mrs. Bessie Ragain. The grange voted to hold a social on the evening of the 29th of October and a committee consisting of Mrs. R. A. Masterson, Laura Taylor, Katherine Redhead, Mrs. W. R. Gekeler and Ed Dunn was appointed to work with the home economics committee in making arrangements.

Plans were completed for the Grange Conference which is to be October 29th. One of the special attractions which is being arranged for the day by the Blue Mountain grange will be a lecture on Chinese ways and customs by Miss Geneva Sayre, will also sing songs in the Chinese language.

County superintendent Sayre discussed the club work done in the county and gave a report of the state fair, during the lecture program Saturday.

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Prepare For Bazaar—

The Women's Improvement club of Cove through its every effort, is preparing for the big bazaar which they are planning to have around the middle of November. The club has been divided into two groups to plan for the affair, the operations of each side being kept secret from the others. It is reported that many beautiful pieces of handiwork are being turned out which will be for sale. On the day of the bazaar a dinner will also be served. As is pretty well known this club has for one of its avenues of great usefulness the support of the Cove Public Library, an institution which has no other financial backing. The ladies are hoping through this bazaar to realize enough to pay off the rest of their indebtedness, $200 and also have some for the running expenses of the library. A Hallowe'en party is also being arranged, the time and place to be announced later.

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Babe Ill—

Bobbie Neiderer, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neiderer, living near Summerville, was reported as being quite ill yesterday.

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County Aid Tomorrow—

The county gathering of The different Ladies Aid Societies is to be held all day tomorrow at the Methodist Church in La Grande. The meeting begins at ten o'clock in the morning, continuing all day with a big dinner at noon. It is hoped that the attendance may be very large.

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Gets Prized Garment—

About a month ago, C. P. Edvalson, residing on Catherine Creek was called to Utah to the burial of his mother. When little personal articles were divided up, Mr. Edvalson came into possession of a shawl, which he has been very anxious to have and was glad to finally possess it. The shawl is an exquisite thing. It is 115 years old and was the property of his grandmothed. As the custom in those days long ago, the girl was employed in a home, where the recompense was the "keep" and a very meagre sum in addition. The lady for whom she worked was making this beautiful garment, and it was given to Mr. Edvalson's grandmother in return for a whole year's work. It is, of course, homespun, the finest kind of work. It is very nearly two yards square and is bordered by a fringe. It was woven white, and later the patterns were stamped on with the use of wooden stamps, a process which required a week's time. The pattern is quite attractive and is very skilfully put on. Mr. Edvalson's remembers when a small boy, in Sweden and it would be extremely cold, his grandmother would take the shawl and wrap it about his head and shoulders to keep him warm. The Edvalson family is quite proud of this bit of aged finery.

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Ship Second Car—

The second car of apples from the Wilson orchard near Imbler was shipped today, the first one having gone last week. The car today contained 756 boxes of the apples. Indications now are that the gathering of the Wilson crop will not be completed until about December first, and will total approximately 20 car loads. The Wagners and Johnathans were picked first and are all in. Mr. and Mrs. Wrenshaw of Walla Walla who also have a small orchard near Mrs. Wrenshaw's mother's (Mrs. Wilson) were here a short time ago and packed 1500 boxes from their six-acre tract. Another daughter and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox, of Union, finished gathering from their ten-acre tract recently, with practically the same results.

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Purchases Tractor—

Alex Robertson, of Cove avenue, purchased a Fordson tractor this week, to assist in the fall work and be ready for a full season next year.

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Sunday Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright and daughter, Naomi, of Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon and daughter, Frances, of Imbler, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKennon, of La Grande were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter and family, at Alicel.

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Pleasant Grove Grange—

The necessity for long hours in the harvest fields cut down the attendance considerably at the all-day meeting of the Pleasant Grove grange last Saturday but program was enjoyed. There was a big dinner at noon, two tables being spread for the company, who brought quantities of fried chicken, baked beans, salads, cakes, sandwiches, pies, pickles, etc. etc. Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the experiment station, was the chief speaker of the afternoon program. Mr. Withycombe spoke particularly of the relation of the station to the grange, and brought out many good points concerning the lines of work in which they were all interested. Because other speakers were not present, each one present was called upon for remarks. Practically all who were present responded and contributed very much to the program. Because this grange has a reputation for never allowing the proper night to go by without a meeting, a meeting was arranged for the evening and it was well attended. Only routine business was given attention. It is said that the master of the grange, John Lewis, during his three years incumbency in office has missed but one meeting. The Juvenile grange met at the same time as the senior organization.

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Visit at Mill Creek—

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds and their interesting family, spent Sunday at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch, on Mill Creek, near Cove.

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Leave on Trip—

W. R. Gekeler, lecturer of the Pomona grange arrived home early Saturday morning after having driven all night Friday night from Umatilla county where he had been on grange business. His wish was to be here for the booster meeting of Blue Mt. grange. Mr. Gekeler left again yesterday for Stanfield where he speaks before a grange gathering.

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Improves Some—

Muir Whisler, living on a farm east of Cove, is still at Hot Lake where he is reported as improving following his recent and very severe operation.

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Form Association—

The girls of the Imbler high school perfected the organization last week of the Associated Girls' Students, with the women members of the faculty as honorary members. The object of the organization is to create good fellowship and good feeling in the student body of the school. Membership is compulsory. Officers chosen to direct all the affairs are as follows: president, Marie West, vice president, Merle Frizzell; secretary-treasurer, Vadis Slack and sergeant-at-arms, Madeline Oliver. Committee chairmen were announced as follows: program, Bonnie Osborne; social, Frances McKennon and publicity, Mildred Brown. It was decided to hold two meetings of the association each month, on the second and fourth Fridays. The program and social committees will alternate in having charge of the meetings.

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Work Delayed—

Work on the road improvement program on the Catherine Creek road has been delayed for one week on account of a break in the crusher. It was expected that the work would start up again today. The graders are working very close now to the town of Union. The crusher it at the water mill hill.

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Visits Son—

Mrs. S. V. McNeill, of La Grande is spending a few weeks at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill on Mill Creek, near Cove.

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All Day Meeting Friday—

Ladies who are interested are urged to remember the all day meeting to be held Friday at the Pleasant Grove grange hall, when experts from grange headquarters and O. A. C. will be present to speak along lines of Home Economics.

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Too Much Moisture—

Under this heading last week's Enterprise Record Chieftain gave a small glimpse of the wheat conditions over Wallowa county. The statements it made were these:

Due to recent rains much of the wheat being received at the warehouses contains too much moisture, according to A. G. Hornstedt, of the Woolgrowers Warehouse. Seeking a market for some of this grain, a car of wheat from the J. H. Dobbin farm was shipped to Ogden, Utah, early in the week. At the Utah city there is a large dryer that does much to make the grain saleable, the only trouble being that the market may not be as strong there as in Portland.

The car of wheat from the Dobbin ranch, according to Mr. Hornstedt, tested 22 per cent moisture; 17 per cent, he says, is considered as entirely too much and the Portland market will not buy grain containing over 16 per cent.

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Complete Silo Filling—

C. P. Edvalson, Catherine Creek, finished the filling of the 120-ton silo on his dairy farm last week. Corn was used entirely. Mr. and Mrs. Edvalson were long ago sold on the matter of the worth of ensilage as winter feed for their dairy cows. A number of springs when their supply of the ensilage was depleted, they noticed a decided difference in the milk, both as to quantity and quality, and they were convinced of its merits. The Edvalson's are at present milking about 20 cows, Holsteins. A new granary has recently been completed on this farm. Mr. Edvalson has never before fed much grain to his cows but he intends to experiment some this winter. The granary stands 12x16 feet on the ground.

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Sunday Visitors—

Mrs. John Wagoner, Mrs. Rose Magin, Mrs. E. Sanderson, Mrs. Charles Sanderson and Mrs. Frank Woodel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park of near Summerville.

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Section II Meeting—

Section Two of the Cove Women's Improvement Club is meeting this afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. Chris Bertsch.

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Finishes Apple Pick—

Yesterday Will Rollins, of Imbler, finished the picking and packing of the apples on his five-acre orchard on Depot street. Thirty-two hundred boxes were brought in. Mr. Rollins reported this to be about a 50 per cent crop. He says that the frosts or freezes were exceedingly inconsiderate and affected only the lower parts of the trees, so that all the apples had to be picked from ladders, this year. His apples were all Rome Beauties, which he believes to be an all-round apple.

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To Winter in Cal.—

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, of near Cove, expect to leave soon for California, where they will spend the winter months.

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Coming Rebekah Convention—

Members of the Rebekah lodge at Summerville are busy with their plans for the approaching county convention, which they will entertain on November 19th. Under the direction of the Noble Grand, Mrs. Pearl Wagoner, a degree team has been organized, the first in the county, and they are very busy preparing for their part of the convention's program.

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Week End Visitor—

Miss Stella Edvalson, who teaches at Rock Creek in Baker county, spent the week end at the home of her parents on Catherine Creek.

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Real Article In Show—

Winter has really begun up about Lake Aneroid in Wallowa county, according to reports brought down to the county seat from his resort by Charles Reeber of Enterprise. Under the warm snow of autumn the snow melts in the day time and freezes up at night, forming a solid crust. When Mr. Reeber came down last week, this crust was firm enough to support a man. It was his opinion that it had hardened and packed enough to remain all winter. He said that snow was banked around his cabins and icicles hung from the roof and eaves.

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Wallowa's Biggest Herd—

The dairy herd of Elvyn K. Hunter of Middle Valley, already the largest in Wallowa county, was made bigger Friday in the purchase by Mr. Hunter of the Al Snyder herd. Mr. Snyder, a neighbor of Mr. Hunter, had developed a herd of high-grade Jerseys and the purchase therefore augments Mr. Hunter's herd in the same line, as all of his are Jerseys. Mr. Hunter is now milking 58 cows, operating two electric milking machines—Sun.

One-eighth grain of nectar can be obtained by a bee draining sixty different flower tubes in a single clover bloom.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Butterscotch Apple Rolls

Two cups flour.
Four tsps. baking powder.
One-fourth tsp. salt.
Three tbsps. fat.
One egg, well beaten.
One-half cup water.

Mix the flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in the fat with a knife and slowly add the rest of the ingredients. When a soft dough has been formed roll it out on a floured board until it is one-half inch thick. Add the apple mixture.

Apple Mixture

Bring four apples sliced to a scald with four tablespoons water. Add one cup dark brown sugar, four tablespoons butter, one teaspoon cinnamon. Spread on top of the dough and roll up like a jelly roll. Set upon a greased pan and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes. Cut in one inch slices and serve with a hard sauce or whipped cream.

MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

MEDICAL SPRINGS, (Special)—Last week Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kennedy, of La Grande, came here to get their winter's supply of vegetables. On their way they got stuck in a mud hole and broke an axle.

T. E. Kennedy was deer hunting last week. He saw quite a few and got his second deer for the season.

Mrs. Almira Kennedy, of Union, is here for a few days' visit.

Wilson Hays bought seven head of milch cows from Chet Johnson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Chandler and baby, of La Grande, visited here over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Urdell Lay and babies are staying at her mother's place for a few days.

Wilson and Elmer Kennedy are going to go to the timber soon for some poles to move Hays' house from the Vivian Kennedy place.

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER, (Special) — The special train from Portland stopped here Monday morning for 20 minutes and the band that accompanied the chamber of commerce from Portland serenaded the town.

Theo Hahn spent Sunday in La Grande.

Clarence Keown visited his mother last Sunday.

W. W. Smith visited over the weekend with his family.

Mrs. Gekeler and Mrs. John Gekeler, of Elgin, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Perin last Saturday.

Mrs. Cecil McKinnis visited her parents at Freewater last week. Mr. McKinnis motored over there Sunday and his family returned home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnis have moved in from the ranch. They are living on the Cobie estate now owned by Charley Cleaver.

Grant Tucker, Walter Furman and Lyle Wilson were called on the jury last Monday.

If the weather permits the apples will nearly all be gathered this week.

Ella M. Walker was very ill Sunday night but is improved at this writing.

Harry Cowan, of Portland, visited friends at Imbler one day last week. Mr. Cowan owns the Twin Umbrella auto camp eight and one-half miles east of Portland. He made a business trip to Boise and will stop over on his return.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION, Ore. (Special) — Mrs. Sadie Connor was visiting in La Grande Saturday.

When the grand master of the state officially visited Union lodge No. 39, I. O. O. F. he was greeted not only by the members of the subordinate lodge, but also by a group of Rebekahs, the latter being present to serve a chicken dinner to the visiting and local Odd Fellows. The grand master, Mr. Porter, was accompanied by his wife as was also the district deputy who was here representing the Baker City lodges and Haines and North Powder. Dr. H. H. Little and C. W. Clarke were here from Cove lodge, and Charles Weagle from La Grande.

Mrs. Patterson, who has been here during the summer and fall, employed at the Union hotel, left Saturday for Pendleton. She was accompanied by her two children and expects to make her home in the latter place.

Floyd Gauthier has had a crew of men working at North Powder where he is laying a pipe line for the public school. They will finish the first of this week.

The commercial club held its first dance of the season at the school gym Friday evening.

Mr. Roberts, a former gambler, but now reformed, delivered a message at the Methodist church Sunday evening, telling of his former life and his conversion. Mr. Roberts is now located at Hot Lake.

Among the Union people who drove to North Powder to witness the football game Saturday were: Willis Phillips, Tony Smith, L. Z. Terrell, Roy Conklin, John Wortman, W. V. Conner, Robert Wakefield, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Gilmore, C. L. Cadwell, Mrs. Nell Hutchinson, George Clark and Bernard Shinks.

Mark Butler, grandson of the Rev. R. C. Lee, who has been working at the Union hotel, was away from his work for part of last week because of an attack of flu. He is better at this time.

Alta Phillips, a former Union boy, now living at North Powder, announces the arrival at his home of a baby girl who will answer to the name of Gloria Lee. Miss Gloria arrived at the Phillips home last Thursday. Alta says she is just fine.

The first issue of the Union High school paper, The U-Hi, is off the press and being distributed among the local people and is also being sent to many other high schools of the state. Ralph Mills, senior in the school, has been very successful as business manager of the publication, making the paper a paying proposition for the student body, from a financial standpoint.

Wm. Penn—5 cents—A Good Cigar

New Club Year To Start Soon; Outlook Good

J. E. Calavan, from the office of the state superintendent of public instruction, and an assistant state club leader, arrived in La Grande yesterday and together with county superintendent, E. A. Sayre, started a survey of the schools of the county, with the matter of clubs for next year, especially, in view. According to state customs, the club year ends on the last of September and all work for the new year begins on the first of November.

Mr. Sayre is of the opinion that the work which he and the assistant club leader have to do will require the greater part of this week, if not the entire week. All the schools over the county which have been conducting the work this year, in one or more of the several departments, is anxious that the work be continued or enlarged next year. In addition to this there are several of the schools which had no clubs this past year but are asking for them next year. Among these are the Dry Creek, where there is a large and enthusiastic student body this year, Pleasant Grove, Pumpkin Ridge, Summerville and others.

Several of the clubs will not commence their work until in the spring, among them the garden, poultry and kindred clubs, but their work will be completed in the fall at the same time as the other groups.

The outlook for next year is good, it is stated. This last year was a good year and excellent records were made by the majority of the club members. Next year may be better. In spite of the importance of the work and the character of the work, club leaders report that the work is handicapped because of financial limitations. They say that the $200 allowed Mr. Sayre does not cover his car bill, that is the gas and oil etc. He not only makes generous contributions of his time and his energy but this last year has had to meet considerable of the expense of supervision and management of the clubs, for which he is responsible, out of his own pocket. Club leaders are hoping that some better provision may be made next year.

KENNEDY PURCHASES HERD OF GUERNSEYS OF HIGHEST GRADE

There is nothing new in the fact that Ira C. Kennedy, on Cove avenue, conducts a good-sized dairy farm; for five years he has brought every morning his cans of whole milk to a local dairy concern. But there is some news in the fact that week before last, or thereabouts, Mr. Kennedy disposed of his herd of dairy cattle, selling them to a dairyman living in Wallowa county. Immediately following that sale, Mr. Kennedy and a neighbor of his went up into Wallowa county and purchased almost a car load of fine Guernsey cows, all coming three-year old, and brought them to Union county, dividing them very nearly half and half. The herd purchased was that of R. J. Kelly, of between Lostine and Enterprise. Mr. Kennedy describes them as cattle of the highest grade, and while he does not have the papers, he says they are worthy of registration.

Mr. Kennedy gives a number of reasons for the changing of the personnel of his dairy herd. In the first place, he says, he believes that his new herd are of a breed which is superior in both quality and quantity of milk production. The milk given is heavier and of a richer color. "In many places," says Mr. Kennedy, "a premium is paid for Guernsey milk. I also believe that the Guernseys are hardier and will stand the severe weather better than some other breeds. The Guernseys very nearly predominate in the Willamette valley and I am going there early in the spring and purchase a registered bull, for my herd sire."

The farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and their family live has been primarily a dairy farm for 20 years. It is well adapted for that line of farming. Water, in abundance, has its source in a number of springs on the place. All the feed required to supply the herd is raised on the 400 acres which Mr. Kennedy is at present farming. The rations consist of alfalfa and chopped oats. Barley and wheat are the other grain crops produced.

Of the 200 acres in wheat this year, Mr. Kennedy was fortunate in having the greater part of it in fall and winter wheat, which was harvested early. The spring wheat and the barley were damaged somewhat. "The time has just about come," said Mr. Kennedy, "when each farmer, or a very few in a neighborhood, will have to own his, or their, own harvesting machinery, if the crops are to be saved. This year's experience has taught farmers over the valley that."

Mr. Kennedy is also proud over another crop on his place, his potatoes. He put in the Netted Gems, from certified seed and he states that his prospects now are about four car loads of spuds of a very superior quality. Those which have already been dug were found in large numbers in the hills. The vines were green until they were touched by the recent frosts. They bore a fruit which is said to be large and smooth. Parties from Pendleton were negotiating yesterday with Mr. Kennedy for some of the potatoes for seed.

Mrs. Kennedy, also, contributes her share toward the successful operation of this farm of many activities. She raises chickens, and has poultry pens of which she is very justly proud. Last spring, she purchased three-day old chicks from the Cockrel poultry farm near Milwaukie, Oregon. She has White Leghorns of a very good strain. She has at present 250 laying hens, and adds that they are laying, too. Last week her flock was inspected by Mr. Cockrel, himself, and he pronounced them about the best he had seen. She purchased the chicks on April 1st, and they were laying in five months.

Mrs. Kennedy believes that much of her success with her chickens was due to the fact that she gave them nothing but buttermilk and chick feed at first. She gave them all the buttermilk they would take, and she reports that the quantities which they consumed were almost unbelievable. They were given no water at all, until they were turned out, and found it for themselves. She believes that the buttermilk produces healthier chickens and much nicer pullets. The sole diet of the chickens at present is wheat.

The head of the prohibition forces in Washington say intelligence agents have been assigned to investigate at several big colleges. Wonder what they're hunting for—liquor or intelligence?

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