

Over The Valley

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To Serve Forum Luncheon

The members of the Pleasant Grove grange will serve the regular weekly luncheon to the members of the La Grande Chamber of Commerce next Tuesday at the grange hall.

Entertains Relatives

Mrs. Henry Gregory of Taft, Oregon, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Hendrickson of Seattle, drove down last Saturday night and have been visiting for a few days at the home of Mrs. Gregory's sister, Mrs. Tom Wallinger, of near Alice. A number of trips have been taken this week to entertain the guests and to show them this section of Eastern Oregon. On Monday the Wallinger family, Miss Myrtle Wilcox, Miss Marjorie Wallinger and the visitors drove to Cove and spent an enjoyable afternoon at the swimming pool. Wednesday they formed a party which drove up to Lake Wallowa for a day's outing.

Co. Agent Here

County Agent Donaldson of Walla Walla is in La Grande and vicinity yesterday looking after business matters.

Have New Daughter

Relatives in La Grande, Union and over the valley received phone messages yesterday announcing the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright of Baker, Oregon, of this county. Mrs. Wright was formerly Alice McKennon, daughter of L. L. McKennon, of La Grande.

Entertain at Dinner

Mrs. Pauline Prattman and her brother, G. G. Stackland, of Cove had for their dinner guests Sunday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Horn of Falls City, and their son, Calvin of La Grande. Mrs. Prattman and the Horn family became very close friends when their sons were students at the University of Oregon.

Will Have Club

The teacher and pupils at the Dry Creek school north of Sunnyside have been very anxious to secure for their school one or more clubs. Following the visit of representative Shyne, and J. E. Calahan early in the week, it was decided to have a sewing club for the girls and a potato club for the boys. The club year begins November 1st.

To Leave Union, Hotel

An announcement recently made that Manager and Mrs. Kerr of the Union hotel were to sever their connection with that hostelry, has brought very general expressions of regret from patrons all over the country. The announcement stated that Mr. and Mrs. Kerr expected to leave before the beginning of the year.

Two is Too Many

So an enthusiastic fisherman of La Grande says after an experience, fishing for yachts last Sunday at Lake Wallowa. It seems like two gentlemen, from La Grande were out in a boat fishing. One of them had just thrown his hook, and feeling constrained to draw it in, found two fine fish, struggling on his hook. His excitement became so intense that he fell over the side of the boat into the cold lake waters, where even the short time his order was considerably cooled.

The Showing at State Fair

In the Fern Bulletin distributed this past week from the office of the county agriculturalist, Harry Avery, a resume of the awards made Union county exhibits etc. is made by Mr. Avery, following word from L. J. Allen, of Corvallis.



Schilling's best coffee advertisement with text: 'Guaranteed without limit! If you don't like Schilling's best... your money back at your grocer's... instantly. Your statement is enough. You keep the coffee. Schilling's Coffee Tea • 19 Spices • 31 Extracts Baking Powder'

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

- Chutney Sauce: 12 ripe tomatoes, 12 apples, 4 onions, 2 green peppers, 1 package raisins, 1 quart vinegar, 1 lb. brown sugar, 1/2 cup salt, 1 tsp. ginger. Grind all the solids in a food chopper. Mix and cook one hour. Seal hot.

all the livestock fairs and exhibitions are looking toward the Pacific Interstates which opens the last of next week. Among those who are already planning to go are the R. H. Daniel family, the Harry Wetmer family, Jimmie Mills and sons, Lloyd and Allen, Frances Constock and Virgil Conley.

Visitor in La Grande—Mrs. Lynn Hill, of Elgin, spent Wednesday visiting with friends in La Grande, and looking after matters of business.

Mrs. Presto Ill—Mrs. Irene Presto, who lives on the Stackland farm near Cove, is reported as being ill.

Writes of Club Work—Charles Nice, 13 years old, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nice of Wolf Creek, beyond North Powder, is one of the most enthusiastic club members in the county. He has not been in club work as long as some of the other boys but has a wonderful aptitude and interest in his club work. In a recent issue of the Grange Bulletin, Charles had this to say about his club experience: "In March 1927, among a litter of pigs, was one whose mother little thought would be exhibited at the Union Stock show. The muddy Creek fair and had but far from best at the state fair at Salem, Oregon.

"The county agricultural agent organized a pig club in our community April 15, 1927, and after much thought I decided to enter this pig, a cross between a Poland and a Chester White. Later I named him 'Hi-Hat'.

"Each day I fed him two and one-half gallons of skimmed milk and one-half gallon of grain. I gave him fresh water at noon. "I could scratch him and he would lie down; I could give him a bath, trim his feet and brush him with my hand.

"He gained about 1.55 pounds a day for 133 days. "The first place I exhibited him was at the Union Stock show. I gave him a brushing every day, while there. He won first prize, which was a silver trophy.

"The next place was at the Muddy Creek fair. I brushed him up after we got there and gave him two baths there. That time I won a five-dollar pair of shoes and I learned how to judge a pig.

"This morning I shipped him to the State Fair. I don't say with him this time, but I cleaned him good before he left. I don't know whether he will be able to gain a prize, but I have learned much about caring for a pig."

All Day Meeting—From present indications, the all day meeting for women which was announced to be held at the Pleasant Grove grange, will be very largely attended. While sponsored by the grange, it is understood that all ladies who are interested are given a warm invitation.

Work on Eaton Road—Work on the Eaton road extending from the Miller corner at the edge of Union is progressing very satisfactorily. The work of grading is going on rapidly and within a few weeks the laying of the crushed rock will all have been completed.

Have Spokane Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz, and daughter, Lillian, have been having as their guests, Mr. Knautz's mother and sister, Mrs. E. Knautz and daughter, Esther, of Spokane. They returned to their home the first of this week, accompanied by Mrs. Gus Bengelsdorf, of La Grande.

Looking Towards Portland—Falls over the Cove, where there is always a keen interest in

APPLES OF UNION COUNTY PASS TEST; EXAMINE 51 SAMPLES

Apples grown in Union county this year are all of them within the tolerance for domestic sale, and only a small exception of them pass for foreign shipment. Without the resorting to certain washing processes which are required in the other fruit-growing localities in the northwest according to recent word received from authorities at Corvallis. The word, which means that this county is such a safe profitable and ideal for the growing of apples came to H. L. Andrews, federal inspector of apples and potatoes, and to Harry Avery, county agriculturalist, following tests made at the agriculture college upon request by them. The vicinity, following the season's spraying, and the result according to the word received indicated that of 51 samples submitted, representing the majority of the apple orchards in the county, all of them passed the test for domestic use and all but four that for exportation.

According to Mr. Andrews and Mr. Avery the whole matter came about as follows: a few years ago the British government after some disastrous results following the eating of imported apples made a ruling that hereafter no apples could be received into their country on which were found more than 1-100 of one per cent of arsenic residue from arsenate of lead in spraying operations in this country. The maximum permissible was 25-100 of one per cent of arsenic.

Following this ruling about two years ago, various methods were resorted to by apple growers in an effort to meet the requirements of the law. Among those tried was dipping the apples at the time of picking and packing with cotton gloves. This did not prove satisfactory. It was reported that car loads of pears and apples shipped from northwest territory to the east were destroyed on the grounds that the arsenic was found in quantities larger than the law permitted.

The winter following, various experiments were made at the Oregon Agriculture college to perfect some means by which the fruit growers might be relieved of this real, serious handicap. The result was a wiping machine, one of which is reported at the time of picking and packing with cotton gloves. This did not prove satisfactory. It was reported that car loads of pears and apples shipped from northwest territory to the east were destroyed on the grounds that the arsenic was found in quantities larger than the law permitted.

Once more college folks set to work for a solution to the problem, realizing that fruit growing was one of the largest assets of this northwest. They now have perfected a system for dipping and washing. This process consists of dipping the fruit in a solution of soda, and then rinsing and drying them. Several companies have put out machines which are more or less successful and which are now in operation in different fruit growing sections of the northwest. The cost of this operation averages 10 cents per box.

Inspected apple crops have not been as large in this county since the ruling was put into effect, until this present season, growers here were not especially concerned. This year, however, with the unusually large crop, and with the exceptional prospects for local growers, since the apple crop elsewhere is reported to be the smallest in 20 years with the exception of 1921, growers began early to inquire as to the situation in Union county.

It was on that account that J. D. Mielke, state dairy and food commissioner was called here to look into the situation and look over the grounds. Following his visit as stated above, Mr. Andrews secured 51 samples and sent them to Corvallis. Now the report comes, that because conditions in Union county are so favorable, and so little spraying is necessary, without going through any process of cleaning whatsoever, but that they are taken from the orchards, locally grown apples have so little arsenic on them as a result of the spraying materials, that all can be sold for domestic use, that is, they have less than 25-100ths of one per cent, and all but four have 1-100th of one per cent or less and can be exported.

With the report of the findings, some words of congratulation from Mr. Mielke, who was more or less dubious of the time of his visit here—that fruit could be grown here, so clean and so free from this element which causes so much extra labor elsewhere, can be mentioned in the additional report.

In an interview with Mr. Andrews and Mr. Avery, it developed that both of these authorities are more enthusiastic than ever over the possibilities of Union county as a fruit growing country. The cheapness of the land, the absence of the necessity for spraying, and the comparatively slight amount of spraying necessary for the extermination of various pests and insects, should, they agree, attract many who are interested in this line, and moreover should interest

Spent Week End at Wallowa—Mrs. Margaret McDonald who recently sold her old ranch of upwards of 2200 acres in Wallowa county, has commenced work on the fine new summer home which she is erecting just inside the entrance to the park of Lake Wallowa. Last Sunday she had as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohm.

State Inspector Is Campaigning Against Sale of Wormy Apples

As Inspector for the state board of Horticulture, H. L. Andrews, of La Grande, is putting on a vigorous campaign at present among merchants in this county and in Wallowa county in an endeavor to put a stop to the practice of offering for sale wormy apples. In his campaign, which he expects to push to the limit Mr. Andrews reports that he has met with the most sincere cooperation on the part of all the dealers with whom he has conferred.

The situation as it has been put up to him, has suggested the fact that outside peddlers have brought into this area, apples which are wormy and which are inferior in other regards. On these, a lower price may be set and it becomes necessary for other dealers to meet that price. The result has been that culls have been put on the market, a practice which Mr. Andrews with the backing which his office gives him and with the cooperation of those concerned are giving, intends to stamp out.

"I believe the whole difficulty," says Mr. Andrews, "has arisen from the fact that peddlers have Walk Walla or other sections have taken into this county and Wallowa county, a quality of fruit which could be disposed of at a smaller price, but which has hurt the market for locally-grown stuff. It is not that the merchant of this section prefer to handle this, but they have been forced to meet this competition. Consumers would rather pay 25 cents or 50 cents a box more and have a better quality of fruit, and one free from worms."

To this statement, Mr. Avery, county agriculturalist adds, that it is his opinion, that some, at least, of these peddlers are conducting their business illegally inasmuch as they themselves are not farmers, but are trucking without a license. If these could be caught

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and be dealt with according to the law, it might be of considerable assistance in stamping out the practice. Such a campaign as Mr. Andrews is conducting is for the good of all and would very certainly be a benefit to local fruit growers in the marketing of their produce, it is claimed.

Mr. Andrews makes this suggestion to all apple growers—if the boxes are properly marked or labeled on the outside, with the grade of apple contained in the box, the net weight, the growers name and address and the variety of the apple, it would go a long way toward securing the results desired. It will readily be seen, that the purchaser of undesirable fruit would know at once, on whom the blame should rest, while a packer would hesitate labeling a box of inferior fruit with his own name.

The matter is not only a moral obligation on the packer of apples, but the law has some very plain things to say in the matter of falsely marking a box of fruit. One section of the law reads thus: "Every person who packs, or prepares for shipment to any point, within the state, or who delivers to any express agent or railroad agent, or other person, or to any transportation company, or corporation, for shipment to any point without the state, any fruit or fruits, either fresh, cured or dried, that is infected with insects, pests or disease, injurious to shrubs, plants, fruits or vegetables, in quality of a misdemeanor." The penalty attached is a fine of from \$25 to \$100.

The law also plainly states that it shall be unlawful for any dealer, commission merchant, shipper, or vendor to have in his possession, fruits which have been falsely marked. The fact that any such has in his possession fruits falsely marked or labeled, shall be

Large advertisement for Gem-Nut Margarine. Text: 'Your dealer is glad to recommend Gem-Nut. He knows that Gem-Nut has retained all its original freshness and flavor. made every day refrigerated all the way double wrapped. It's worth while to protect the goodness of a spread so fine as Gem-Nut Margarine. Splendid for all Cooking and Baking-made by the makers of Swift's Premium Oleomargarine. Swift & Company. Includes image of Gem-Nut Margarine box and a small illustration of a man holding a box.'

prima facie evidence that they have been guilty of false labelling. The penalty is a fine of from \$5 to \$50, or a jail sentence of from 10 to 100 days, or both.

There is also a provision in the law regarding the sale of apples in box lots. Where fruit is so sold or disposed of, every person, firm, association, or corporation, if for shipment either in or without the state, must have his name and address plainly marked on the outside of the box. Also, when the fruit is grown other than by the party packing, the name and address of the grower must be stamped on the outside of the box.

Mr. Andrews is confident that the consumers in this county, as in Wallowa, do not want wormy apples; he is also confident that merchants do not care to handle wormy apples and he is likewise confident that growers too do not wish to have the market for their own perfect fruit ruined by the influx of this inferior fruit. He was quite emphatic in an interview yesterday, in his recital of the conditions, and there was a very certain determination in his words and in his manner, which bespoke confidence that growers too do not wish to have the market for their own perfect fruit ruined by the influx of this inferior fruit. He was quite emphatic in an interview yesterday, in his recital of the conditions, and there was a very certain determination in his words and in his manner, which bespoke confidence that growers too do not wish to have the market for their own perfect fruit ruined by the influx of this inferior fruit.

VERDICT REDUCED—CLEVELAND—Police Sergeant Frank Tofts must pay only \$2,200 for arresting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mack when they were spooning in their car. The verdict awarded Mrs. Mack has been reduced from \$3,575.

There are nineteen sons of presidents living in the United States: John Coolidge; Charles and Robert Taft; Theodore, Kermit and Archibald Roosevelt; Richard and Francis Cleveland; Russell Harrison; Chester Arthur; Abram, James, Irwin and Harry Garfield; Ellyses and Jesse Grant; Lyon and David Tyler; and Webb Hayes.