

Over The Valley

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Union Ag. Club is Busy—

Members of the Agricultural Club of the Union High school had an interesting meeting Monday evening, November 21, in the Agricultural department rooms when they laid plans for future activities of the organization. The plans include the publishing in the near future of a four page departmental paper to be circulated among patrons of the district and to similar agricultural departments elsewhere in the state. A "father's night" program will also be staged later in the winter, while it is proposed to entertain some neighboring "ag club"—probably the Imbler group—some evening during the winter.

Home From Hospital—

Elmer Vermillion has returned to his home at Summerville following a stay of several weeks in Enterprise where he had been since the auto accident in which he figured. It will be remembered that Vermillion in company with Jack Courtney and Henry Wagener of Summerville were in a car which went off the road near Miriam. For several days, Vermillion, who was the most severely injured of the three, was unconscious. Since the first days, he has come off into unconsciousness more or less frequently. The Wallawa Sun in speaking of Mr. Vermillion's condition says, "He is still in a serious condition being only semi-conscious at times, and it is thought, partially paralyzed for life."

Visits Her Sister—

Miss Marie Ledbetter went to Haines Sunday where she is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Henry Lonnig.

Bazaar a Success—

The bazaar and luncheon given last week by the members of the Women's Improvement Club at Cove, as a benefit for the Cove library, was very successful. Between \$150 and \$160 was cleared with a number of articles left unsold, which will later add to the total. The club paid \$100 on the amount still due on the library building, and now have a balance of only \$100 yet to meet. A part of the money was used for the salary of the librarian and the remainder kept for running expenses of that institution, which it sponsors.

Have Fine Baby Boy—

A baby boy was born Friday November 25th, at the Grande Ronde hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Blank of Cove.

Union Child Dies—

Mark Moncrief, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Moncrief, of Union, died last week at Hot Lake, following an illness of ten days. This is the babe which in some way got hold of the "bottle" of furniture polish and drank of its contents before it was noticed by its parents. The funeral was Friday.

Visits His Brother—

John Bradner of Providence, Rhode Island, arrived recently in Cove and will spend the winter at the home of his brother, Rev. William Bradner.

County P. T. A.—

This evening the county council of the Parent-Teacher association will be held at Island City, with the association at that place as hostesses. The addresses of the evening will be given by Mrs. A. W. and Mrs. McPherson of La Grande with several musical numbers interspersing the program.

Surprise Miss Mills—

Miss Dorothy Mills, who was home from her school work in the high school at Walla Walla, was the victim of a surprise party given her last Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills near Cove. Here were thirty-one guests who spent the evening happily with games and dancing. Misses Carney Daniel and Jean Welmer were responsible for some delicious refreshments served at the close of the evening. Miss Dorothy returned Sunday to resume her school work.

River is Up—

While the Grande Ronde river is very nearly bank full in a number of places, only one place has been reported where it is out of its banks. On the Frank McKennon place near Imbler the river is about as high, or one foot higher, than it was at any time last spring.

Called to Corvallis—

Prof. and Mrs. Ralph L. Morgan and son, Billie of Imbler, left Friday night for Corvallis called by

Merrell Conley in Role—

Merrell Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley of near Cove, was one of the leading characters in the operetta "The Price of Pilsen," staged at Walla Walla last Thursday and Friday evenings as a part of the home-coming program of Whitman college. The affair was an eminent success. Miss Vina Conley, of this city witnessed the production in which her brother figured.

Clear Near Sum—

About \$40 was cleared at the pie social held last week at the Moss Chapel school, as a benefit for the picture fund of the school. The attendance was not as large as had been hoped for but all who were present appeared to be in a generous mood and the financial result was very satisfactory. The program opened with a song by the entire school under the direction of Miss Dorothy Smith, the teacher. This was followed by recitation by Margaret Treanor, Dallas McKennon, Lorena Treanor and Margaret Zurbich. Next came a play in which the leading characters were taken by Faye Walker, Martha McKennon, Alfred Walker and Margaret Zurbich. In the play, was a very pretty tableau put on by Rowlin Keenan, Wilfred Zaeger, Harold Zurbich, Lorena Treanor, Chester Hoak, Alfred Hoak, and Dallas McKennon. Roxie Zauger and Allen Shaw were to have had parts in this also, but were detained by illness, so Jean McKennon and Miss Smith substituted for them. Chester Hoak and Harold Zurbich next gave recitation and they were followed by a play put on by the entire school. After Rowlin Keenan had given his recitation, the whole school sang a pretty song and then, led by George S. Birnie, of La Grande, some community singing was indulged in. With Jim Dobbin as auctioneer, the sale of the pies was held and this part of the evening's program was as successful as the preceding numbers had been.

Realt Canyon Ranch—

The large ranch of Mrs. McCall in Ladd Canyon has been rented by Charles Smith of near Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have moved already to their new home.

Return From Baker—

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagener have returned to their home at Summerville following a brief visit with friends at Baker. They accompanied their guest Mr. Williams to his home.

Has Her Son For Guest—

Mrs. Josephine Prillaman, of Cove, had as her guest over the Thanksgiving vacation, her son, Tolex Prillaman of Vale, Oregon.

Canaries Her Hobby—

Mrs. J. A. Hulbe, of the town district here, in addition to her strenuous duties as housewife on a large ranch, to devote to her hobby, which is her canaries. Mrs. Hulbe has five beautiful birds at the present time, three of which she raised this past season, and which are now very lovely singers. The birds have the freedom of a very large cage, which they seem to enjoy immensely.

Program and Pie Social—

Great preparations are being made for the program and pie social to be staged Wednesday evening by the members of the Pleasant Grove grange at the grange hall. Scheduled as some of the leading attractions, the grange is announcing the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs of Imbler, the Ladies V. I. M. Club of Pumpkin Ridge, the Synopiating, Soremaiding Haymakers, a Nobby Group of Summerville Women, etc. The program begins at 8 o'clock. Each lady is supposed to bring a pie.

Rock Crushers Busy—

The Union Republican has the following to say about the busy rock crushers now at work in their little city: The two big rock crushers that have been recently set at Union got well under way early this week and have been scattering crushed rock all over the face of nature. The places to be covered are the Eaton lane and the market road sections connecting with the highway at Union, and about a quarter of a mile of new road from the Benson ranch to the highway. The rock on the latter road is being paid for by the Bensons, the county doing the grading. With favorable weather conditions the road work promises to hop right along.

Install Fences—

Snow fences have been put in by the county along the highway in the vicinity of the Summerville cemetery, a stretch which always seems to need them.

Have Portland Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Feldman, their daughter, Valda, and son, Daniel, and Charles Daniel, of Portland, were guests from Wednesday until Sunday at the parental A. B. Daniel home at Cove. They returned to their home Sunday.

To Entertain Guild—

Mrs. R. H. Daniel and Mrs. Chris Bertech, both residing near

Burglars Visit Reynolds' Store At Island City

If you wear a 6 1/2 or a 10 1/2 shoe, or 38 or 46 underwear, you had best not let Lee Reynolds proprietor of the Island City store find it out, at least for a while. Mr. Reynolds is looking for such a man, or men, or one who would wear a 34 inch leather belt. Sunday morning when Mr. Reynolds went to open up his store for the day's business, he found that he was not the first on hands that morning. Someone had been there during the night or early morning, had cut the screen on the door near the front at the side, had broken through the window glass, and then, using some instrument, had pried off the two padlocks which held the iron grating in place as a further protection of the door. Immediately upon discovering these traces of night-time visitors, Mr. Reynolds found, in going over his stock, that the following articles were missing: Three and one-half dozen pocket knives—some were just ordinary knives, some were the fancier pearl handled knives, but the majority of them were the high class, farmer's knives—Camels were the choice. 3 1/2 dozen Ingersoll watches. 1 wrist watch. 6 dress caps. 5 dozen extra fine Hotleproof hose for men. A large quantity cheaper hose for women. 2 fountain pens. But a Lifetime guarantee pen was overlooked. In addition to these, the marauders fitted themselves out with overalls, leather coats, shoes, hats, wool shirts, underwear and belts. They also went through things in the store, and took a few things which are located in the rear of the store, but nothing there was molested so far as Mr. Reynolds was able to ascertain yesterday. He places the valuation on the articles taken at \$200. Officers were notified immediately and are working on the case.

Cove will be the hostess, on next Saturday afternoon, to the Guild of the Episcopal church of Cove at the Bertech home on Mill Creek.

Mrs. Royce Still Improves—

Mrs. Mike Royce, of Dry Creek, continues to improve at her home. This is good news to her many friends who have regretted her prolonged and serious illness.

Grange Builds Kitchen—

The Wolf Creek Grange, near North Powder, is improving its property by adding a kitchen to the present grange hall. They are endeavoring to complete the addition in time to be used on December 10th, when this group entertains the Pomona Grange.

Winter in Lewiston—

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dobbin, of Enterprise, will be interested to know that they have gone to Lewiston, Idaho, where they have taken an apartment and will live during the winter months. As the majority of Mr. Dobbin's stock is run on the Snake, he finds it more convenient to live at Lewiston.

Pupils Appear in Recital—

Mrs. Bernice Thompson Webb presented five of her music pupils in a very pleasing recital Saturday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thompson in Fruitdale. After the program, the hostess served some delicious refreshments.

Returns to Corvallis—

Russell McKennon and his guest, Keith Abbott of Berkeley, California, left Saturday evening for Pendleton where they spent the night, they were joined by some college friends and resumed their drive Sunday for Corvallis, where they are students at O. A. C.

Builds New Barn—

Earl Hankin, who recently completed the fine new residence on his farm on the La Grande-Joseph highway, just outside Island City, is making further improvements on the place. Work was just this week started on a new barn.

Home From Vacation—

Miss Alice Payne, pastor of the Methodist church at Cove, and Miss Ruth Hayes, also of Cove, were La Grande visitors Saturday. Miss Payne has recently returned from a two weeks vacation which she spent at her home at Sheridan, Oregon.

In La Grande on Business—

John Wells, of Starkey was in La Grande looking after business matters yesterday.

Campfire Ceremonial—

The Nisaski campfire girls of Cove put on a special ceremonial Friday night at French Hall to which parents and friends had been invited. After honor beads had been awarded, a number of the girls put on a pantomime, which was a dramatization of the story of Ruth, and which seemed to be unusually appropriate at the Thanksgiving season. The origin of Thanksgiving was interestingly told by L. Ellen Breeseburg. Honor beads for rank were awarded and the formal program closed with a song by the entire assembled company. One new member was enrolled, Miss Jean Welmer.

Boys Carload of Jersey—

Oscar Shafer, of near Wallawa, returned last week from Shedd,

POULTRY FARMER'S OUTLOOK GOOD OVER STATE, STUDY SHOWS

A study of the cost of commercial egg production in Oregon being conducted by the poultry and farm management departments of the Oregon Agricultural College indicates that the poultry farmer need have no fear of the future if he develops a reasonable efficiency in the organization and operation of his farm. The study, copies which have just been received locally, indicates that the necessary degree of efficiency is quite within the reach of the average farmer. An analysis of the progress report of the study prepared by Cecil L. Griggs, instructor in Agriculture at the Union High school, for use in the junior and senior farm management course of that school gives some of the high lights of the study which will be of interest to Union county farmers who are interested in poultry raising as a farm enterprise. "Cooperative marketing of eggs has rendered marked aid in Oregon and the Pacific Coast states in successfully disposing of the regional surplus and maintaining prices thereof," asserts the report. "In the United States chickens have increased from 286 million in 1916 to 414 million in 1925 while egg production has increased from 1575 million dozen in 1916 to 1912 million dozen in 1925. In Oregon the chicken population doubled in the period between 1916 and 1925, 2,250,000 chickens and a yield of 29 million dozen eggs a year. With the rate of increase in production approximating six times the rate of increase in population, this indicates rather forcibly the possibility and indeed the danger of reaching the saturation point for home consumption, although the U. S. now consumes practically all of the eggs we produce." Regions included in the study included 82 farms in the Willamette valley, 25 farms in Eastern Oregon, 17 in the coast section, and 19 in Southern Oregon. The Eastern Oregon section included six farms in Umatilla county, three in Morrow county, and 16 in Deschutes county. Only commercial egg producing flocks were included, avoiding the small farm flocks as one extreme and the highly specialized breeding farms as the other extreme. The investigators making the study found that the average poultry farm consists of 40 acres, of which 1.9 acres of fruit, 16.8 acres of woods and pasture land that could be cleared for farming purposes and 14.4 acres of non-tiltable woods and pasture, with an average of 2.2 acres in the farmstead and waste area. The average poultry farm had 539 hens, the entire group ranging from 119 hens to 2440 hens. It was found that the average flock contained 58 per cent pullets, 22 per cent one-year-old hens, and nine per cent of older hens. About half of the flock was replaced annually with new stock. The average rate of culling out was found to be about 25 per cent of the flock each year, while the average death rate was found to be 11 per cent. The high death rate was chiefly attributed to the factor of soil infection. Figures regarding the capital investment of the average poultry farmer show that the average to Oregon, where he had purchased and had shipped here a car load of Jersey cattle. He has put these on his farm on Alder Slope. The shipment consisted of 17 cows and one bull for his own farm and two bulls which he purchased for neighbors.

Some startling figures are shown in the study of variations in cost. Eleven farms actually produced eggs at an average cost of 17.9 cents a dozen, while 32 averaged as low as 29.8 cents a dozen. "These farms are making money right along and can withstand a lot of competition successfully," is the terse way the investigators comment on these facts. No advantages in location or other features were found on these farms, the lower cost being caused simply by better organization and efficient operation. About eight per cent of the farms had a cost of production of more than 36 cents a dozen. The production of eggs per hen was found to greatly affect the cost of eggs. On farms where the

Her Dolls Win



Elaine Lincoln, Detroit society girl, always liked to draw and paint. One day she began working on dolls, dressing them in lace and leathers and rosebuds and framing them as gifts to her friends. The dolls won so much praise that she began marketing a few and now her orders are dated far ahead.

WHEN IS DRY CREEK?

"Just where does Willow Creek end, and Dry Creek begin," asked Over The Valley of the genial proprietor of the general store at Summerville last Saturday. "Well you see, it is Willow Creek until it gets about opposite Summerville, and up above that it is Dry." Maybe.

The fact that this is the opinion of most people that "up above that it is Dry," in any event, little old Dry creek became very wet about Friday of last week. Tired of the reputation and standing which had had for such a long time, it asserted itself, tumbled out of its bed on the Brock farm near the school house, ran out into the wide world and appropriated the Dry Creek-Summerville road for its new channel. It started down the road, running at full speed and never once stopped running until it got clear into Summerville town. Inhabitants all along the way ran out to stop it. They weren't enough so they called for county commissioners and with the aid of a number of huskies the wild little stream was urged back and pushed back and finally diked back, until it found its old bed and consented to remain there, though it tossed about wildly for some time and threatened to get back into the wide world again, if only it could get the chance. Nor was this all. Union county has more than one "Dry Creek." Up in Elgin they have one. While it is Phillips Creek part of the way, they will tell you that where it runs through Elgin it is "Dry," and the badge sign on the highway designates it as "Dry Creek." However, bad news and good news both travel fast. Not to be outdone by what its sister over at Summerville had succeeded in accomplishing, the Dry before, on Saturday, Elgin's Dry Creek decided that it had stayed in one rut long enough, and so it worked up quite a fever and tossed and argued about in its bed. At one place, a mile or so from the county fair grounds, when it found no one looking, this Dry Creek got out of its bed, also, and ran down the side streets of Elgin, finally boldly breaking onto Main street, where it joined the throng of Saturday and Christmas shoppers and put on a show all its own to add to the excitement of the day. "Just a case of too much water," one of the city's officials said, but when the surplus was finally turned off from the main thoroughfare, it seemed to be also a case of too many sticks and stones and debris of one kind or another which the rushing waters brought to town and laid in front of some Elgin's business houses and residences. "Just when is 'Dry Creek'?"

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Baked pears are good at this season. Wash them, cut in halves and core. Place in a baking dish, sprinkle with sugar and a little salt, add a dot of butter and a very little water. Cover at first until the fruit is very soft. Baste once or twice with the liquid in the pan. Add more water if necessary to keep the pears from burning.

Apple Roll
4 medium sized apples.
1 1/2 cups water.
1 pint water.
2 cups sifted flour.
4 teaspoonful baking powder.
3/4 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons sugar.
2 tablespoons shortening.
3/4 cups liquid (half milk and half water).
Select apples that will cook quickly; peel, core and chop fine. Put sugar and water in pan over slow fire, add lump of butter. While syrup is cooking slowly, make biscuit dough; roll out about 1/4 inch thick into an oblong square, spread with the chopped apples and roll into a long roll; take a sharp knife and slice one inch thick, place in a dripping pan, pour syrup around the slices, sprinkle with cinnamon, bake in hot oven until apples are done and the crust is golden brown. Serve with plain or whipped cream.

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