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Over The Valley

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To Undergo Operation—
Hatie Hudson, of near Imbler, expects to go to La Grande tomorrow, Saturday, where he will undergo an operation.

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Repair Telephone Equipment—
Residents living along the road passing the Blue Mt. Grange hall are having considerable repairing done on their telephone lines at present. New wire is being strung and the poles are being repaired or replaced where necessary.

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Will Meet at the La Grande—
The annual meeting of the Union county sheep growers will be held Saturday evening at the new La Grande hotel in place of the Sommer as had been previously arranged and announced.

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Blue Mt. Elects—
Blue Mt. Grange, at the regular meeting held at grange hall on Wednesday elected the following officers to serve in the several capacities during the ensuing year: Master, L. F. Wright; Overseer, T. M. Gekeler; Lecturer, Cora Wright; Steward, Ed Dunn; Assistant Steward, J. B. Lindsey; Chaplain, Jessie M. Masterson; Gatekeeper, John Hamann; Treasurer, Mrs. Susie Williamson; Secretary, W. R. Gekeler; Ceres, Mrs. E. L. Eckley; Pomona, Mrs. Huffman; Flora, Mrs. Laura Taylor; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. J. B. Lindsey; Executive committee, Ed Dunn, E. L. Eckley, W. F. Wright, W. R. Gekeler, and Mrs. R. A. Masterson; Musician, Mrs. Katherine Redhear. During the meeting one new member was admitted and a number of resolutions were passed, which will be presented to the Pomona grange, at its meeting at North Powder, Saturday, December 10th. Dinner was served at noon by section one, and in the afternoon a good program of music, readings and discussions was given. At the next meeting, a special Christmas program will be given under the direction of the chaplain, Mrs. Masterson.

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Defer New Gymnasium—
On account of weather and other conditions, work on the new gym at Elgin will not be started until in the spring. The project was voted at an Elgin meeting of the tax payers of the district.

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Experiments With Planter—
When planting his large acreage of potatoes last spring, Routh McKennon, of Alicel, made an experiment with the Picker Planter as over against the two-man planter, which had been the method employed previously in getting the seed into the ground. For using the picker, the seed must be in smaller sizes than for the other method. When Mr. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at the State Agriculture college was here on one of his tours for the purpose of inspecting potato fields, he found in Mr. McKennon's field that where the picker planter was used, the stand of plants was 20 per cent better than where the other form of planting was followed.

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Visits Her Parents—
Mrs. Lizzie McAllister, of North Powder has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Standley, in the Iowa district and will be there indefinitely, while she is receiving medical care in La Grande. Mrs. McAllister whose health has been poor for many months is improving now.

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Work on Bridge—
State highway crews have been working for the past few weeks on the bridge over the county, on state. The first work was done on bridges between Kamela and La Grande and the crew has now moved to the bridge over the Grande Ronde between Rhinehart and Elgin.

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Rock Wall Grange—
Rock Wall Grange near Elgin, at its next meeting will elect its officers for the year 1928, and will also ballot on state officers. This grange is making its plans for the Christmas program and meeting, which this year promises to be unusually attractive. Rock Wall was one of the first granges in the state to send in the per capita asked some months ago to carry on an important state project.

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Returns From Visit—
Miss Marie Ledbetter returned Wednesday from Muddy Creek, near Haines where she had been visiting for about ten days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Loennig. Mr. and Mrs. Loennig accompanied her and spent the day at the Ledbetter home. Mr. Loennig reports that the siege of the highways maintained by the cholera among hogs with which the farmers in his immediate neighborhood had been battling has been completely checked. One farmer lost about 40 head of hogs. All owners of hogs in that vicinity, whose animals had not been vaccinated, resorted to that method of combating the disease.

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Loses Five Fox Cubs—
Ross Parry, of Imbler, who has quite a large fox farm on the outskirts of that town reports that recently five fox cubs were stolen from his pens. The thieving took place about the same time that the thieves visited the Furman fruit farms and made away with apples, poultry and clothes hanging on the line. The loss to Mr. Parry is quite large as he had previously contracted for the sale of the animals.

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Still Some Threshing—
Winter came early this winter before some few farmers in the valley had entirely finished their threshing operations. In one neighborhood, an attempt was made to move a threshing outfit. A soft place in the road was encountered however, the machine mired, and it was several days before it could be moved, putting all travel along that road in jeopardy as there was a very narrow track at the side of the machine.

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Ship Logs to Milton—
According to the Joseph Herald a large shipment of logs was completed early this week preparatory to shipment to Milton where they will be made up into box shooks. The Herald has this to say about the enterprise:

After several weeks of assembling logs and preparing a loading device, the Gargus Logging Co., started making delivery to the Milton Box factory this week. The work has been greatly hampered by weather conditions and the company was forced to abandon the logging operations on the Meek property. They are now hauling from M. V. Knight's timber on the east side of Wallowa lake.

C. B. Harris, manager of the Milton box factory, was in Joseph the first of the week to assist in getting the log shipment started.

Up to the present about 160,000 feet of logs have been hauled to the loading platform on the "Y" at the depot. This is enough to make twenty carloads as the railroad company limits the shipper to 8,000 feet to the car. According to Mr. Harris, his concern will take enough logs from here to keep the Gargus company busy all winter.

This is a long distance to haul logs to sawmill and would seem also to be an expensive method of acquiring timber. However, the demand for box shooks is good and the price warrants the box factory people in getting the logs at an excessive figure. The Milton concern's market is largely local, a feature in it's favor, as many of the customers drive to the plant and haul the shooks to their orchards.

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Community Christmas—
Plans for the community Christmas festival at Imbler are rapidly taking definite shape, all community organizations assisting with the work. A representative from each of the three Sunday schools, the school and the American Legion, all figure prominently in the event, which is announced for Friday evening, December 23rd. The affair will be held at Wade Hall, beginning probably at eight o'clock. The lower grades of the school, under the direction of the Misses Baxter and Delap will give an operetta. The Misses Turner and Neilson will direct the pupils of the four upper grades in the presentation of a pageant. The high school will also have some number on the program. The entire company present will join in the carol singing. The tree and the candles will be furnished by the American Legion.

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Move to La Grande—
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge have moved into La Grande for the winter.

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Repair Bridge—
County workmen have been busy the past few days repairing the bridge over Dry Creek below Summerville. During the recent spell of high water this bridge was lifted and floated for a few days. New stringers are being put in, and the bridge otherwise strengthened against such another emergency.

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Visits In La Grande—
Mrs. K. Murchison, of Pleasant Grove, is spending about two weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grant Wilson, in La Grande.

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Aid Has Christmas Program—
The meeting of the Alicel Ladies aid society held yesterday afternooon at the home of Mrs. I. A. Howell in Valeria school district is described as one of the nicest of the season. There were firty-five members and their children present to participate in, and enjoy the appropriate program. At the business meeting, Mrs. Frank McKennon, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Everett Wallsinger. The program which followed included a piano solo by Josephine Fisher; reading, Rhoda Jasper; reading, Marie Wells; song, "Silent Night," Marjorie Haines; duet, Edna and Donald Jasper; vocal solo, Mrs. Ray Fuller; reading, Josephine Fisher; two violin numbers, Mrs. Ed Jasper, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Ray Fuller. A lovely luncheon also quite in keeping with the season was served. The Howell home was very attractively decorated, fir boughs having been used with good effect and a small decorated Christmas tree appearing in each of the rooms. It made a very beautiful setting for the afternoon party. As is the custom at this particular meeting, gifts were brought for the children and each one present received a Christmas stocking of pop-corn and candy.

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Visit at Lostine—
Mr. and Mrs. Miles Woodell and children, Lloyd, Ava and Marjorie visited last Sunday at the George Vance home at Lostine.

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Visits Mrs. Ott—
Mrs. Frank Ott of Summerville, went to La Grande yesterday where she visited Mrs. Francis Ott, who is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital.

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Have Dancing Party—
A community dance was held last evening at the Pleasant Grove grange hall, and was very well attended. Music was furnished by the Gekeler orchestra.

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Mrs. West Improves—
Mrs. W. A. West, of Pumpkin Ridge, who has been ill, is reported as being much improved.

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Improve Cove Road—
Considerable improvement have been made on the Island City-Cove road during the last week or ten days. The road has been harrowed and graded and is now in very good shape for the beginning of winter. The road had become quite rough and full of holes previous to the improvements.

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Miss Cherry Blossom—
The young people of the Wallowa high school are to present the operetta "Miss Cherry Blossom", on the evening of December 20th. This is a very beautiful production, and some very good talent has been secured from among the students there to take the different leading roles.

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Sunday Guests—
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wells, who have recently gone to housekeeping on the John Wells farm, near Alicel, were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Well's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barker, near Cove.

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Revival at Cove—
Special services are being held at the Baptist church at Cove. The regular minister is being assisted by Rev. Bentley, state evangelist of that denomination.

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due—
County Agriculturist Harry Avery recently gave out the following statement of appreciation: "J. E. Mills, leader of the Union County Baby Beef club, was successful in putting on the best exhibit this club has ever had, both at the Union Stock show and the Pacific International. Eight boys were enrolled in the work from Union, Cove and Island City communities. All members as well as Mr. Mills, were present at the Pacific International. The large banner donated by local business firms and entitled "Union County Beef Club" attracted much attention to the exhibit."

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Gravelling Streets—
A number of the streets in Union have been gravelled the last few weeks, the city and the property holders working jointly. One of the stretches given this surface is the block extending from the highway up past the Methodist church. This is one block on the way to the Union stock show, and all patrons of that enterprise will be glad when the gravel extends clear to the entrance—or farther.

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Summerville Aid—
The members of the Summerville Ladies Aid society had an unusually happy time at their regular meeting held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Woodell, and with about thirty guests present. The business meeting was held first, presided over by the president, Mrs. Ed Combs. The bazaar which was to have been held this week was postponed until nearer Easter time. After the business meeting, two readings were given, one by Mrs. Miles Woodell, and the other by aunt Millie McDowell. The remainder of the afternoon was special in an informal social fashion. The luncheon was delicious and was served by the hostess committee, Mrs. Bert Oliver, Mrs. D. R. Choate, Mrs. Miles Woodell, Mrs. Mollie McDonald and Mrs. Woodell. Among the guests were Mrs. Ida Sanderson, who leaves tomorrow for California for an indefinite stay and Mrs. Bert Sanders, who is leaving shortly after Christmas for New York City, where she will make her future home. Both of these ladies extended to the aid as invitation to hold their next meeting with them. Instead, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John J. Wagoner having as assistant hostesses the Misses Geneva Sayre, Lollie Black and Mabel Morton.

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Returns From Hospital—
Mrs. Henry Fries, of Dry Creek, who has been at the Grande Ronde hospital for several weeks was taken to her home early this week.

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Drive to Wallowa—
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frizell and Roy Baker of Pleasant Grove drove to Wallowa this week on a combined business and pleasure trip.

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Spends The Day—
Mrs. John Wells and children of Starkey visited with relatives near Alicel yesterday.

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Warns Against Cholera—
County Agriculturist Harry Avery is warning Union county farmers in regard to hog cholera. There have been a number of outbreaks of the disease in Baker county, the last having been very close to the county line. Watching carefully for any symptoms, is Mr. Avery's caution to all hog raisers in this county.

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Hogs as Mortgage Lifters—
Under this heading, a recent issue of the Union Republican tells of the experiences of George McDow, a resident of The Park vicinity. Editor Scibard says, "Mr. McDow has the Boycles place in The Park, and by hard work and good management has been able to clear up a rather unfavorable financial condition that he was facing a few years ago. Mr. McDow's success in the hog business demonstrates what may be done in that line if one will stick to it.

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Loses Part of Finger—
Press Pugh, of Summerville, who has been having such a serious time with blood poison in one of his hands, had a part of one of his fingers amputated early this week.

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Move to California—
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hutchinson and family left their old home at North Powder last week for California, where they expect to settle, making Oakland, across the bay from San Francisco, their future home. The Hutchinsons have been life long residents of the North Powder community.

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Makes New Trail—
Wallowa Lake fans are interested in a piece of work being done by J. A. Hopkins, owner of the White Elephant Chalet at the park, when he is apparently killing two birds with one stone. Mr. Hopkins is taking out about 100 cords of wood from the mountain back of the chalet. The logs which are taken out in 16-foot lengths, are sent folling down the trail, perhaps for a quarter of a mile, stopping on the level space back of the chalet. It is said that the trail is so straight the logs can be seen coming down the whole way. Mr. Hopkins is thus making a good wide trail for hiking parties who wish to use that way to get to one of the fascinating view points in the whole locality, and also suggests that the trail, when completed will lend itself admirably for skiing.

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To Town for Winter—
Mr. and Mrs. John Nice, and family of Wolf Creek, have moved into North Powder where they will reside during the severe weather of the winter.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

LEMON CHIFFON PIE

3 eggs (yolks).
1 lemon (juice and rind).
5 tablespoons boiling water.
5 tablespoons sugar.

Beat the yolks very light. Add sugar and beat again. Add the lemon, then the boiling water. Cook this in a double boiler until the eggs are well done. Cool. Beat whites until stiff with 3 tablespoons of sugar, then beat the whites into the cool mixture until stiff. Put in a baked shell and brown the oven.

Pomona Grange Meets Tomorrow At Wolf Creek

The regular meeting of Pomona Grange comes tomorrow. The Wolf Creek grange will be the host for the day, all the program to be held at the grange hall, a short distance out from North Powder. It is reported that the roads are in good enough condition that all may reach the hall, and a large attendance is anticipated.

The day's session opens with the business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 10:30 in the morning and will be presided over by Pomona Master, J. A. Nice, of the Wolf Creek subordinate. This business session will be followed by a basket dinner to be served at noon, and this is always one of the big features of the day.

The afternoon will be devoted to a program of a miscellaneous character. The details are being arranged by Mrs. Nice of Wolf Creek and W. R. Gekeler, Pomona lecturer. All the numbers cannot yet be announced, but among the speakers will be County Agriculturist Harry M. Avery, ex-governor Walter M. Pierce. It is also expected that some speaker from the extension service will be present to address the granges of the county.

In the evening, the degree work of the order will be exemplified. This is also one of the big meetings of the day and all who can are urged to remain for this, or if not possible to attend during the day, to come for the evening.

'PURE BRED WHEAT' SUBJECT OF TALK BY MERTON KIDDLE

At a recent meeting of the Agriculture and Health committee of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, Merton W. Kiddle was asked to present the subject of "Pure Bred Wheat." The matter presented by Mr. Kiddle is given here in full, and the closing poem, which he gave, while not having a direct bearing on the subject is also given in full, for the benefit of all of Mr. Avery's good friends over the county.

"As we have discussed various matters in our committee meetings from the soil up to purebred sires, I thought it might be well, at this time, to bring up the matter of pure bred wheat and see if we could not work together and keep this valley supplied with pure seed wheat, as there is no question as to the benefits to be derived from a good grade of seed wheat.

"Several years ago, we had some certified Forty-fold wheat, which I think started at the Experiment Station at Union. Mr. Ledbetter and others planted some of this certified seed and we had quite a lot of certified seed to put on the market—the growers receiving about a 10 cent premim over other wheat. Some of the farmers objected to paying 10 cents royalty and sowed their own wheat. The results, however, were not satisfactory, as in most cases, the certified wheat made several bushels per acre better than that which was not certified. Ten cents per bushel for seed, which means 10 cents per acre, is a very small matter in my estimation, as it only means on 200 acres about $20 additional and a few extra bushels of wheat would soon pay for this extra $20 expended.

"We recently purchased a carload of wheat from Heppner, paying $1.25 per bushel f.o.b. cars Heppner. It was the Forty-fold variety and certified. While it did not look anything like the certified Forty-fold that we put out here, nevertheless, it will probably show up to better advantage on next year's crop, as we presume that the weather conditions affected it and caused it to be somewhat shrivelled and not plump like our Forty-fold wheat. The freight and handling of this wheat came to about 20 cents a bushel, making it cost the farmers $1.45 per bushel here. At the time we purchased this what we were paying about $1.13 per bushel. This makes a premium of 32 cents per bushel, which we paid to outside growers in order to get some certified seed.

"If we could work a small plot each year of certified seed and get some farmer with good clean ground to raise a little, it would not take long to get a good start here—the only thing is that we seem to fall down and do not keep some coming along, a little each year, so that it would not be running out.

"We think Mr. Withycombe of the Experiment Station, would be glad to work along with us on these lines and I am sure that Mr. Avery could help us considerably, and we might accomplish quite a little good and be quite a saving to the farmers for seed grain. As far as the companies I am interested in, I think you will find us ready at all times to help with anything in this line, as we are very anxious to get the best quality of grain, as in milling operations, we prefer the best.

"In closing I have a little piece here regarding the county agent. As our county agent is very much alive, and on the job at all times, even when it comes to deer hunting, I thought it would be appropriate that I should read this piece to you:

The County Agent

When it comes out fresh from school.
That farmers call, "That dad-burned fool,"
And bawl him out just like a mule?
The County Agent.

Who is it gets up all the clubs,
Who helps the women with their duds,
And pals around with farmer dubs?
The County Agent.

Who shows him how to pool his wool,
Or helps him make his tractor pull,
Goes anywhere to buy a bull?
The County Agent.

Who is it culls most all the hens,
And shows us how to build pig pens,
And drains the marshes and the fens?
The County Agent.

Who tells us how to raise our crops
And worm our pigs with knock-out drops,
Who always goes and NEVER stops?
The County Agent.

Who hammers out 'bout every night,
On roads that mostly are a fright,
And tells us of the farmers' plight?
The County Agent.

Who is it at the Pearly Gate,
Will straggle in ten minutes late,
But drive his "flivver" through the gate?
The County Agent.

There at ease, in regions blest,
He'll take a long, much-needed rest,
And say, 'By Hek, I done my best, while I was,'
The County Agent."

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Men's fancy cashmere dress hose, pair 44c
Men's fancy rayon dress hose, pair ..... 29c and 39c
Men's fancy cotton dress hose 29c
Men's plain cotton 7-point hose 25c
Men's heavy wool mix work sox 49c

For the Boys
Heavy wool boot sox 49c
Little men's sox, sizes 5, 8½, 9, 25c

For the Children
Children's Extra Special
Misses' fancy wool and rayon hose, sizes 7½ to 10 ..... 19c
Children's plain wool and cotton hose, sizes 6 to 9½ 44c
Children's fine rayon and mercerized stockings, plain colors 44c
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