

# Over The Valley

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### Present Senior Class Play

The Senior class of the Imbler high school will present their annual class play on Friday evening of this week, December 16th. A three-act comedy drama, "The Girl Who Forgot," is the selection to be presented by a strong cast of characters. Miss Frances McKinnon and Lynn Woodell taking the leading roles. The comedy is furnished by the Swedish cook and her "boy friend," the detective. The play is very full of thrills and action. In fact, Miss Mary Anita Cool, high school instructor, who is coaching the play, says that the play has more plots, really, than actors. The complete cast is as follows:

Danny Mann Ernest Pugh  
David Baird Lynn Woodell  
Rose May Frances McKinnon  
Greta Mildred Brown  
Linda Gray Marie West  
Albana Creston Donald Brown  
Pearl Dawn Merle Prizzoli  
Olles Elton Jack McFall  
July Elton Iona Perry  
Gustavus Swenson Howard Kohn

### Scouts to Have Feed

The Boy Scout troop of Elgin, is planning for another big feed to be held Friday night at the Farmers' Union hall at Elgin. There will be a number of speakers among them, Russell Scott of La Grande, Fred Hall and Lynn Hill are leaders of the troop.

### Chickens Make Some Record

Mrs. Burns, living north of Summerville, raised some chickens this past season that made no small record for themselves. Mrs. Burns received a shipment of chicks from a hatchery in Salem on the 21st day of March. They were Plymouth Rocks. To all appearances they seemed little dif-

ferent from other Plymouth Rock chicks. Early in the harvest season, however, the pullets commenced to lay and early in September one came off with a flock of a dozen little chicks. Moreover, Mrs. Burns was able to keep her chickens during the series of thievery in that section of the country, and even disposed of them, before any unsolicited visitors came and walked away with them.

### Have Sunday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron, of Brooks Lane, had as their guests all day Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnon, and daughter, Frances, and Miss Merle Prizzoli.

### Rev. Bradner to Leave

Rev. William Bradner, who serves the Episcopal churches at Union and Cove as pastor, has recently announced that his connections with the two organizations will be severed early next spring at which time, he contemplates returning to Providence, Rhode Island, his former home, and will work with his father, and continue his studies there. The news has brought very general regret for Rev. and Mrs. Bradner have endeared themselves not only to their own parishioners, but also in the two communities where they have entered largely into various and varied activities.

### Has Been Chosen Pastor

Ray Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge, who has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at the Church of Christ in Elgin, completed the series last week. It is reported that much good has come from the meetings and several accessions to the church are also

reported. Mr. Hug while living at Pumpkin Ridge, conducted services for some time at Summerville and also filled other pulpits he is a very good speaker. At the close of the recent meetings, Mr. Hug was asked to continue in charge of that pastorate for the coming year.

### Visit at Elgin

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park, of Summerville, visited Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hill at Elgin.

### Plan Vaudeville Night

Something in the order of a vaudeville, or stunt night is being planned by the Parent-Teacher association at Imbler, to be put on, or pulled off, between Christmas and New Year at Wade hall. Different organizations are being asked to contribute something to the program. This is to be a benefit for Wade hall, a community center, on which there are still some payments due, and which the association, and the community, are anxious to clean up as early as possible.

### Mr. Tallent the Same

J. R. Tallent, of Cove, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, remains about the same. He was taken home from the hospital two or three weeks ago.

### All Set in New Building

Teacher and pupils are all happy at work in the brand new school building at Kamela, the moving operations having all been completed, several days ago. The new building makes a fine plant for the school. The old building which had been in service for years and years, was condemned as being unsafe for school purposes, the authorities being convinced that the building was no longer safe during periods of snowy weather.

### Returns From Visit

Ray Hug, of Imbler, has returned home on a visit at the home of his daughter at Sumpter.

### A Near Fire

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ledbetter, of Allice, had a great deal of excitement at their home Sunday, as well as a very narrow escape from what might have proven a serious fire. While preparations were under way for the Sunday dinner it is supposed that the pipe from the kitchen range came part way out from the chimney, either from the high wind or some other cause. The first intimation that something was wrong, was when smoke was noticed coming from the wall. Carl Fuller, who with his family were at the Ledbetter home, lost no time in investigating and found that the fire seemed back in between the walls at the rear of the house where the structure stands only one story. Mr. Ledbetter arrived home while the small fire was still being combated, and the flames were extinguished before any very serious damage was done. The fire was discovered, however, just when Sunday's severe high wind was at its worst, and what might have happened was food for considerable conjecture. Had the fire made any greater headway before discovery, when the direction of the wind is taken into account, it is possible that there might have been a complete cleaning up of the buildings, which are all rather close, and were in exactly the right line for the direction of the wind.

### Wolf Creek Elects

Officers for the coming year at the Wolf Creek grange were elected at the regular meeting held last week. The complete list is as follows: Master, H. L. Nice; Overseer, Clifford Gikinson; Lecturer, Mrs. Celestia Nice; Steward, Earl Shurrum; Assistant Steward, Treasa Smith; Lady Assistant Steward, Edna Nice; Chaplain, Mrs. J. L. Hand; Treasurer, A. F. Bowman; Secretary, J. A. Nice; Gate-keeper, Charles Nice; Ceres, Edna Lund; Flora, Edna Shurrum; Pomona, Lena Gorham; Executive committee, Mrs. Helen Bowman, Mrs. Mattie Nice, Mrs. Mary Gikinson.

### Gets Severe Cut

Wayland Hussy, a school boy of Imbler, met with a painful accident Sunday evening, when his right hand was caught by the leaves of a fan in an automobile. The ends of a number of the fingers were very badly cut.

### Grange is Prospering

There are but four counties within the state of Oregon which exceed Union county in the number of active subordinate granges. These are Clatsop county which boasts of 19 such organizations, and Lane having 17, Washington with 12, Columbia with 12, and Union and Linn counties coming next with 10 each.

### Postpone P. T. A.

On account of the severe weather, the meeting of the Summerville Parent-Teacher association, which was to have been held last evening, was postponed.

### Give Nice Party

The annual "Prashman Return Party" was given Friday evening by the trustees of the Cove high school, with almost of the school as guests also. The affair was held at French hall, where there was a variety of games, and the evening concluded with refreshments.

### Owens New Car

Mrs. Lillian Allen, domestic science instructor at Imbler, is the owner of a new Dodge sedan.

### South For the Winter

Mrs. Jeannette Tuttle of near Imbler, and Miss Lucy Wade of La Grande, are contemplating starting next week for Payette, Idaho, where they will visit with friends and relatives. From there, Mrs. Tuttle expects to go by the way of Salt Lake City, to San Bernardino, California, and on to California points where she will spend

## A SEASONABLE RECIPE

### Mock Plum Pudding

1 cup sugar.  
1/2 cup butter, or chopped suet  
1 cup grated raw carrots.  
1 cup flour or bread crumbs.  
1/2 teaspoon salt.  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.  
1 cup cloves and nut.  
1 cup chopped raisins.  
1 teaspoon soda.  
1 cup grated potatoes.  
Mix in the order given.  
Put in greased vessels and steam 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Serve hot with lemon sauce, whipped cream, or hard sauce.

This recipe will make from 12 to 16 servings.

### Expect to Finish Pack

Apple packing which has been in progress for weeks at Cove, will probably be finished the latter part of the week, it is reported.

### To Give Play Soon

The Mutual Improvement Association, of Imbler, is working on a play which they expect to give on the evening of December 21st at Wade Hall. More details will be given later.

### Transacts Business

J. H. Bonifer, clerk of the High school district, was in La Grande yesterday attending to business matters at the offices of the county superintendent of schools and the county treasurer.

### Sweet Clover

County Agriculturist Harry Avery has had much to say the past season about pasture grasses over the valley. One variety which he has emphasized in particular is sweet clover, which has been found in many instances, to be quite successful in this locality. Two farmers from different sections have the following to say about sweet clover. Earl Chandler of Elgin says: "I have been able to keep sweet clover going continuously on one field for seven years by allowing it to reseed itself. It has produced heavier than alfalfa on similar ground. I get good results in pasturing and in feeding hay after graining." Ren-

wick Clark, of La Grande, gives his experience. "I like sweet clover fine, and have been growing it for four years. I have raised larger crops of wheat following sweet clover. My first sweet clover land, planted to wheat after breaking out, produced eleven bushels more per acre than every other harvested on this field."

### Home For Sunday

The Misses Charmon and Jane Daniel, students at the La Grande high school, were at their home at Cove over the week end. They returned to La Grande Sunday afternoon.

### State Horticultural Society

Fruit growers over the valley are interested in the 42nd annual program to be presented by the State Horticultural society which opens its convention today at Hood River, and continues through Thursday. The program has considerable interest for the grower, the subjects being all very practical. Considerable time will be devoted to the question of the real-estate from spraying which is causing so much difficulty in the northwest at the present time. Both state and national experts will be present to discuss subjects of vital interest to those in attendance.

### Visit at Merriamson

Mrs. Herb Tooley and baby are guests for two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Merriamson in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood.

### Follow Winter Schedule

Carriers of mail on various rural routes from different offices over the county started carrying on the winter schedule last week, that schedule being an earlier start and not necessarily waiting for any moulting and coming into the different postoffices. During the winter months rural carriers have long days, on account of poor roads, and some times carriers of long routes, or those over especially bad territory, cannot make the entire trip in one day.

### To Have School Paper

Students of the Imbler high school are soon to commence the publication of their school paper, the "I. H. S. Gossip."

### Grange to Meet Saturday

The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. Grange will be held at the hall

this coming Saturday. It will be an all-day meeting. A special Christmas program is being planned which promises to be unusually attractive.

### To Attend Ashland

Miss Ava Woodell, of Dry Creek, expects to leave soon after the holidays for Ashland where she will enter the Oregon State Normal school. Her sister, Miss Inez, is already a student there.

### Community Christmas Tree

Initial steps were taken last week at Elgin for a community Christmas tree, a project which is being tried there for the first time this year. The three churches and the Women's club are cooperating to make the event a successful one, and committees recently appointed are already hard at work. The affair will be held at the city hall, on Christmas eve, beginning at 8 o'clock. The program will be put on jointly by the schools, the Women's club and the churches. The Boy Scouts are to be responsible for the tree. They also had a concert on Sunday and gathered in a quantity of used, but good toys, which will be required and touched up, and will be given out on the tree. It is quite a universally enthusiastic spirit in Elgin over the prospects, which usually assures success.

### Leave for California

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lundmann, and daughter, of Summerville started Saturday for California where they plan to spend the balance of the winter. They went as far as Heppner on Saturday and stopped here to see relatives. Sunday, they went on to Oregon City and after a visit there continued their way south.

### Ill With Pneumonia

Haag Knezevitch, a little nine-year-old girl of Elgin, was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital Friday afternoon. She is very ill with the pneumonia.

### Visit Hohman Grange

W. H. Gehler and Fred Hoffman, representing local granges went to Pendleton last Friday evening where they attended the meeting of the Hohman grange at which a class of ten new members were given the initiatory rites.

### Only Five per Cent of the 19,000

children in orphan asylums in nine states are full orphans.

# POMONA GRANGE IN INTERESTING MEET; WOLF CREEK HOST

The regular meeting of the Pomona Grange was held with the Wolf Creek Grange of North Powder last Saturday, December 10th, and notwithstanding the fact that it was below zero weather, there was a very good attendance. A business meeting was held in the morning, when several important matters were attended to. Worthy Master, J. A. Nice, made some appointments for the year 1928. Mrs. L. P. Wright of the Blue Mountain Grange will head the Home Economics committee, and F. R. Johnson, of the Pleasant Grove Grange will be chairman of the Dairy committee. Upon the suggestion of the board of regents, an attempt will be made to have the annual grange picnic, which is always held at the Experiment Station, include granges also from Wallawa, Baker, Umatilla and perhaps Madras counties. A committee to look into this matter was appointed, the personnel being Robert Withycombe, Harry Avery, M. L. Carter, Celestia Nice and Merle Prizzoli. Resolutions were adopted opposing the repeal of the national

inheritance tax, and also the proposed 42 state auto license fee. It was also decided to arrange for a system of visitation among the granges of the county.

Several granges reported that they were making preparations to enter the state-wide debate, being put on by the state lecturer, seeking to win the cup which has been offered by Paul V. Maris, director of extension service of O. A. C.

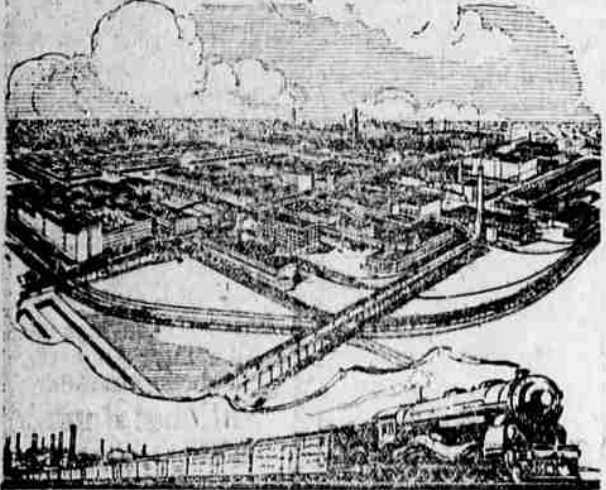
The program of the day was put on under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Nice, lecturer of the Wolf Creek Grange, and was as follows: Song, Clifford Gikinson; Recitation, Virginia Nice; Song, Lena Gorham; Recitation, Quinten Gorham; Reading, Mrs. Stella Hoffman; Pastime and Stunts, "Christmas Shopping"; Song, Edna Lund; Play, "Rashful Lovers", members of Wolf Creek Grange.

The regular December meeting date was changed to the second Saturday in November for the future, and the schedule for next year will begin with the meeting with the Mt. Pannle Grange, which will come in March.

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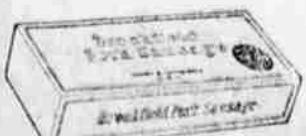
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