

Over The Valley

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Returns From Portland Visit— Mrs. Everett Wallinger, of Valeria district, has returned from Portland, where she spent a couple of weeks visiting with her mother, who lives there.

Reports Foot of Snow— The first of this week, a foot of snow was reported to have covered the Powder river valley, while it had reached a depth of several feet in the neighborhood of the North Powder lakes.

Story of Other Wise Men— Van Dyke's wonderful story "The Story of the Other Wise Men," will be read and illustrated with a number of beautiful lantern slides as a part of the Christmas program to be given tomorrow, when the Blue Mt. Grange meets in regular session. It will be an all day meeting, and it is hoped a large representation of the grange may be present. Mrs. R. A. Masterton has charge of the program.

Does Not Improve— J. B. Tallent, of Cove, who has been ill for many weeks does not improve as fast as his friends would wish. He was taken to La Grande yesterday for further medical care and attention.

Graveling Market Road— Work has been in progress for some time on the surfacing of the market road from Medical Springs into Baker county. The rock crusher has been in operation there for a couple of weeks.

Completes Work— G. N. Cochran, who has been living for a year at Cove, while looking after the affairs of the defunct Cove State Bank, has moved back to his home at Haines.

Women's Country Club— Mrs. Kate Redhead was the hostess to the members of the Women's Country club, Thursday at her home. There were fourteen ladies present and all reported a genuinely good time. During the afternoon a party was planned which will be given on New Year's Eve. Mrs. C. D. Huffman assisted Mrs. Redhead in serving some delicious refreshments. Mrs. Fred Huffman was a guest at the meeting.

Irrigation Problem— From the Wallowa Sun, is this recent item concerning the problem at present faced by one of the irrigation districts in our neighboring county: At a meeting held in the county court house Monday by taxpayers of the Wallowa Valley Improvement district, No. 1, known as Upper Prairie Creek, to prepare the assessment roll for the coming year, the big problem of equalizing the assessments and paying off the indebtedness came up for some vigorous discussion, with the final conclusion reached to seek for federal money at 3 1/2 per cent.

There are at present 52 farmers affected by assessments on this district, the assessments amounting to \$2.22 per acre last year and to be more in this year. All of the valley land affected is said to be paying at all well; the hill land being the defaulting property. It is fully realized, it is said, that the hill land can not stand the burden, hence the problem has developed of equalizing the assessments with respect to this land. One proposition is to eliminate this land all together from the district and another is to take all the water for the valley and sell the surplus to the hill farmers.

Recovers From Illness— Mrs. Helene Lincoln, on Mill Creek above Cove, is recovering from her recent illness which has confined her to her home for the past week or more.

Assisting at Store— Virgil Sanderson, of Dry Creek, is the new assistant at the Wagoner store at Summerville.

Has Community Building— The city of Joseph since last week boasts of a new community building. The city, the Fire department and the city all had deposits in the bank, now defunct. Through a deal recently consummated with the state banking department, the city comes into possession of the old bank building, as a settlement of the three accounts. As we understand it, the city will occupy the first floor, the old bank vault making a splendid place for the safe storing of city records. The second story which has been leased by the Women's club will be considerably altered and made ready for use for community purposes. It is expected that the building will be ready for use shortly after the first of the year.

Mt. Fannie Grange— The regular meeting of the Mt. Fannie grange at Cove will be held tomorrow all day at their hall.

Care For Son— Mrs. E. Sanderson, of Summerville, has been in La Grande the past week caring for her son, Stewart Sanderson, who has been ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

New Years Party— The Rehearsal and the Odd Fellows Club of Summerville are issuing invitations for a dancing party to be given in the Masonic

hall at Summerville, on the evening of December 31st. The affair is to be a benefit for the piano fund.

Enterials Miss Case— Miss Lucy Case, of the extension department of O. A. C., who spent several days over the week end holding institutes in this county, was the guest of the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch, near Cove.

Improves From Operation— Rattie Hudson, of near Imbler, who has been in a La Grande hospital for the past week, following an operation, is reported as improving.

Eyesight Not Affected— Logan Anderson, post-master, at Cove, will not suffer from impaired vision following his recent accident in which his right eyeball was torn. The bandages have been removed by the attending physician and the sight was found to be unimpaired. The members is healing very rapidly.

Senior Play Tonight— The annual play, given by the senior class of the Imbler high school, will be an event of this evening. It will be staged at Wade hall.

Return From Trip Abroad— Fred Dutt, brother of Mrs. Chris Bertsch, of Mill Creek, Cove and Mrs. Klopfenstein, of La Grande, came in last Tuesday and spent the day with his relatives en route to his home at Enterprise from his trip abroad which has taken him from his home for about eight months. Mr. Dutt arrived taking his family unawares and visited here while waiting for Mrs. Dutt to come down from Enterprise. Mr. Dutt left here the week before Easter on his third trip back to his old home in Switzerland. His three brothers, still in the old country, met him on the border and accompanied him to Sitterdorf, St. Thurgau, which was his headquarters while gone. He traveled about considerably during his absence and visited with numerous relatives. In fact, he reports the entire trip to have been delightful.

Attends Lodge— Mrs. J. J. Wagoner, of Summerville, visited with friends in La Grande on Wednesday and attended the regular meeting and also the election of officers at the Royal Neighbors held that evening.

Mrs. Martin Improves— Mrs. Frank Martin, of Imbler, who has been recuperating from a recent operation for gall stones, is reported to be gaining each day.

Dairying in Wallowa Co.— In Wallowa, as in Union county, considerable emphasis is being laid at present on the possibilities of the country for the dairy business. In his recent annual report, county agriculturist, N. C. Donaldson, of that county, has the following to say in regard to his county now being done in dairying: "Most of the dairymen are using purebred sires but there is need for more and better sires. Many farmers are awakening to the importance of dairying in the county. A cow testing association has been formed." As regards to allied industries, Mr. Donaldson has the following to say: "About half the agricultural income of the county comes from the sale of livestock. In many sections the stock men are able to pasture their stock the year around. According to the 1924 report of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics this county had 18,399 head of beef cattle. There are at the present time about 80,000 head of sheep in the county. Most of these are range sheep, but the farm flocks are mostly purebreds and supply the rams for the range sheepmen."

Odd Fellows to Meet— The I. O. O. F. of Summerville meets in their hall in regular session tomorrow evening. There will be candidates for initiation.

A Different Seed— According to Mr. Avery, farmers in Union county, who are attempting to grow potatoes for seed will be interested in the action of potato growers of the Baker section at the economic conference. After advising with G. H. Hyslop, head of farm crops department at O. A. C., it was decided that seed grown should be of the Idaho Rural or Earliest of All variety. There seems to be a good market for this type of seed in western Idaho, while the market for Netted

Gem seed is limited. It was also recommended that a Baker county potato growers association be formed and all seed potatoes sold, be carefully graded and sacked in sacks bearing the association label.

Will Feed Sheep— Frank Wade has rented land of Ted Conklin on the highway south of Imbler, and has placed a band of upwards of 1900 sheep on it, which he will feed there this winter.

Fine Farm Bulletin— County agriculturist, Harry Avery, yesterday, issued the December issue of the Farm Bulletin, which is exceptionally good. This issue consists of eight pages instead of four as heretofore. The bulletin contains, besides excerpts from the annual report recently completed, some complete articles on important topics, from that report. Perhaps one of the outstanding items is the status of the work of the department, a comparison of conditions now, with those of 1921, when Mr. Avery first commenced to work in Union county. With Mr. Avery's consent, items from this bulletin and also from the report will appear in these columns from time to time.

Roads Open— Snow plows on a number of the county roads have kept the roads open for travel during the past week, even though in some sections the fall of snow has been very heavy. At no time, with the possible exception of very short periods immediately after a heavy fall, have the roads been impassable in a car, even without chains. Snow fences were put up quite generously early in the season and those have been added to this past week, where it was found that those already in place would not take care of the roads where such provisions were necessary.

Move to Town— Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon and family are planning to move into Imbler within the next few weeks, and reside there during the balance of the winter. This is a custom which Mr. and Mrs. McKennon have followed for a number of years, as the roads to their place early become blocked and hard to travel.

Rural Carrier Ill— Rural carrier Sutherland, out from the Cove post-office has been ill this week, and a substitute required to look after the interests of the patrons of the route.

To Be Fine Program— Plans are rapidly maturing for the big Van der Vliet or Stunt night to be put on by the Imbler P. O. A. during Christmas week. Different groups and organizations in the vicinity had been asked to contribute something to the program and these are all responding cordially. A detailed notice will be given later.

Has Eye Removed— Arthur Hamann, residing about six miles out from La Grande on the Cove highway is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital, where, Tuesday, he submitted to an operation for the removal of an eye. He is getting along very nicely according to reports from his bedside and his family are hopeful that he may be able to be taken home within the next few days. For two days, Mr. Hamann had not had any sight in the eye which was removed, although he had not been bothered by it, as he thought. This summer he had not been well, having suffered from an intense pain in his head for the greater part of the time. Continued examinations failed to locate the seat of the trouble until recently when it was decided that the trouble was with this dead member. Since the operation, Mr. Hamann has been free from the pain and feels much better other, wise.

TURN DOWN PRUNE PLAN— PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Recommendation that any further attempt to erect a state-wide packer-grower organization for marketing of prunes on the principles adopted by the committee of 1919 in Corvallis June 1 be abandoned was made late yesterday by the committee of nine to which the plan had been referred.

NUTRITION MEETINGS RESULT IN IMPROVED FEEDING PRACTICES

During the past week, Miss Lucy Case, of the extension service of O. A. C., working under county agriculturist, Harry Avery, has completed a series of schools in nutrition, which was started last spring at five different locations in the county. It seems to have been the consensus at each of the gatherings that this course has been invaluable, and much good has been accomplished, where suggestions offered have been followed. As this last session concluded the series, a period of checking up was indulged in, when women who have been regular attendants were asked to report on methods or suggestions put into operation since the course was started. It was found that in nearly every case, one or more changes had been made, and that the change had resulted beneficially. Miss Case reported that of 26 communities reporting, "previous to her visit here, there had been 2,905 cases of improved practices reported."

The initial meeting held in this county was in La Grande a week ago where an interested company of women participated in a sandwich demonstration and heard the lecture on "Training the Family in Good Eating Habits." In the first place, Miss Case emphasized the fact that children should be made for them, not by main force, but by a wise selection of foods, and without any comment, more than necessary, teaching the child to eat what was set before him as a matter of course. She based her arguments on the fact that the child, not knowing what was best, takes care of the roads where such provisions were necessary.

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similar to the one in La Grande. Lunch was served in the high school cafeteria at noon.

Monday, the Elgin ladies entered into the sessions with characteristic enthusiasm. Mrs. Lynn Hill was the general chairman of the day's program which opened with the afternoon session attended by 30 women. The lecture of the afternoon was the same as given elsewhere and was reported to have been "genuinely interesting." A community supper was planned for the evening by Mrs. Bernal Hug and Mrs. Bert Hill. The menu was quite balanced, according to Miss Case, herself, and was composed of delicious articles of food, such as creamed chicken, hot biscuits, peas, combination salad, jelly, cakes and fruit. Fifty people participated in this event, many country people having been detained by the heavy snow of that day. R. E. Arant, principal of the Elgin school acted as toastmaster and introduced Miss Case, Dr. Thistlewaite, J. W. Wright, editor of the Elgin Recorder and others. Dr. Thistlewaite explained the detection of some of the more common diseases among farm animals killed for food purposes.

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A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Spanish Liver This recipe is given for two reasons. The first is that since this is quite generally the butchering season over the valley, different recipes for the use of the liver are welcomed. Second, it was pointed out in the nutrition conferences held this week by Miss Case, that liver ranked first in the content of iron. 1 pound liver, 2 cups fresh, or canned tomatoes. 1-3 cup rice, measured raw. Boil the liver until tender. Add salt while cooking. Cover rice with one quart boiling water and cook until soft. Dissolve the boiled liver into cubes, or grind in food chopper. Combine liver, cooked rice, tomatoes, chopped onion and liver stock, and let simmer until it thickens. Serve hot. If desired, this dish may be baked after combining all ingredients. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake one-half hour in moderate oven. A bouillon cube may be dissolved in the stock. This makes eight servings.

CATHERINE CREEK PERSONALS

CATHERINE CREEK (Special)— Winter seems to have come to stay as the thermometer dropped in a few hours to a near zero point with a heavy snow falling and the indications are that there will be more snow. The snow is about six inches deep now and everything puts on a wintry appearance. A. N. Stonedahl, who has been suffering for several days with sciatic rheumatism, was taken to Hot Lake Saturday where he will receive medical aid. Latest reports are that he is improving but will remain at the lake for some time. Miss Frances Godsey is staying with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Moudy, and assisting with the housework during Mrs. Moudy's illness. Latest reports are that Mrs. Moudy is improving. Miss Blanche Whiting, the teacher of the Catherine Creek school, is preparing a Christmas program to be held the evening of Dec. 22. Roy Cusick and family, of La

Production of Clean Milk on The Farm Explained by Mr. Withycombe

There follows, the second of a number of papers presented before the Health and Agriculture committee of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. The Production of Clean Milk On The Farm By Robert Withycombe Since milk occupies such a very important place in the human diet, and is likewise mainly used in the raw state, it is, therefore, very essential that the utmost care and cleanliness be practiced in connection with its production.

Dairy cows should be well fed and kept clean and healthy at all times. They should be tested for tuberculosis by the Federal inspector, Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, who is now located at La Grande. This service is given free of charge and is available to anyone applying for it. Dairy barns and surroundings cannot be kept too clean. Floors, whenever possible, should be of concrete. A well bedded, lighted and ventilated sleeping quarters should be provided where cows may rest in comfort instead of being held in stanchions. Clipping the hair from the udder and flanks often, aids in keeping cows clean and likewise, a thorough brushing at least once a day tends to make the hair-coat clean and bright. The udder should be made clean with a moist cloth or, in some cases, washed and dried before milking.

Milking should be done by a healthy person with clean hands, using a clean, small-mouthed pail, which has been exposed to direct sun-light during the day. At present, there is a decided interest taken in milking machines in connection with the clean talk situation. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of our more successful dairymen that cleaner and better milk may be had by the use of the milking machine than by the most careful hand milker.

Milk is one of the best known media for the growth and development of germ life. It is, therefore, very important and necessary that the utmost cleanliness be practiced in its handling at all times. As soon as the milk is drawn, it should be removed from the barn to a clean milk room and cooled to a temperature below that which is required for bacterial development. An occasional bacterial count and also a dirt test should be made which will serve as an indicator of the efficiency of milking operations under sanitary conditions.

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Credit for introducing the idea of daylight saving time should go to Benjamin Franklin, who, while minister to France in 1784, wrote an article explaining how, by changing their clocks, the people of Paris could save millions of dollars a year in candles.

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