

Over The Valley

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A Right Merrie Christmas!

To all the friends of this department, goes today, the most sincere wish for "A Joyous Christmas!" A wish that around every hearth, "Over the valley," where the children are all gathered together, or not, there may be a real manifestation of that spirit of love and peace and good-will, brought into the world by the birth of the Christ-child, centuries ago.

An Anniversary

"Over The Valley" is six months old. That does not seem like a very long time. In many respects, it seems as if it should be six years. But the editor wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation for the myriad of kindnesses and attentions, and acts of thoughtfulness that have been extended these six months. There has been a very certain cooperation by the splendid folks who live all over the valley, and it has made the months slip by very rapidly and have left memories that will never be erased. This page was started as an experiment, according to the initial announcement of the editor of The Observer, and also according to him, it has been an outstanding success. That is all because folks have helped. They have given their news, generously and accurately, they have made contact possible, for the sake of many items, they have been cordial, they have been sympathetic, have overlooked lots of things, they have pulled out of the mud, they have pushed out of soft places, they have shoveled out of snow, they have loaned gas, and cleaned spark plugs, they have opened up their homes, when storms, or the lateness of the hour have made driving back to La Grande, impossible or inconvenient, they have heaped kindness upon kindness. The thought of it all, at this season of the year makes one very humble—and also very grateful.

Returns From Cheney

Miss Elizabeth Huron returned Monday from Cheney where she is a student at the Washington State Normal school and will have a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron, near Imbler. Miss Huron had not been well and came home a few days before school was dismissed. Miss Lydia Cleaver will come in today, or tomorrow.

Leave For Medford

Mrs. Jeannette Tuttle, of Pumpkin Ridge, changed her plans for her winter's trip south and, together with her sisters-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Tuttle, of Elgin, left early this week for Medford, Oregon, where they contemplate making an indefinite stay. Should the weather there prove unfavorable, they will go on to California, otherwise, they will remain in Medford until spring.

Bussey Speeding

Bussey drivers going through North Powder at the rate of 55 miles per hour were meted out the same.

Arrange for Demonstration

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you will be convinced.

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Oregon.

Experience of a Plumber

Under the title of "Along The

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Velvet Pincho
1½ cups brown sugar,
1½ cups white sugar,
2 tablespoons glucose,
1 cup milk,
1 cup nut meats,
1 tablespoon butter,
1 pinch of soda,
1 pinch of salt,
Vanilla.
Mix the sugar, milk, glucose and soda. Cook to the medium ball stage. Add butter and vanilla. Let stand until cool. Beat as long as possible, then add salt and nuts; turn on to hard and knead.

Overland Road Fifty Years Ago.
M. L. Carter of Near Cove, tells, at length and interestingly, of his experiences in crossing the plains, leading up to his arrival in this county. Parts of Mr. Carter's story, simply told, will appear in this location for a few issues.

Kelton, Utah, on the Central Pacific railroad, was the eastern terminus of the Overland Stage route, fifty years ago. It was also a boom town, from which the stage and other towns in Southern Idaho, shipped in their supplies. So freighting with horses, oxen and mules was the great industry in that part of the west. The hotel was operated by Joseph Roseberry, behind the counter was a slim, alert young man, named Frank Reng, who, in later years, clearly demonstrated to the people of Southern Idaho, that he was able to look out for himself. Another citizen of the town, who had already attained some notoriety and more as the years passed, was Slim Jim, the 3-card monte sharp. He was a leading citizen of the town in an social sense. Slim had a pal by the name of McKinney. One of them would impersonate a bootlegger, to do the grinning and act, but seemingly so drunk that anyone could fleece him. The other would act as capper and lead the unwary emigrants, who sighted from the train, to a short time, to where they could play a safe game and win a lot of money. The capper would not get on the game and always rake in the dough. The emigrant was allowed to win until he felt confident enough to bet heavy, then his luck would change. The conductor would call "All Aboard" and the game was over until the next train, or until the arrival of a "underfoot" from some other direction.

I arrived in Kelton on the 16th of March, 1877. The next day being St. Patrick's Day, the good people of Kelton were anxious to celebrate the occasion with a dance, but the violinists, who played for them on such occasions were freighters and somewhere with their beams on the Overland road. Consequently a committee of citizens, including Slim Jim, seeing that I had a violin box among my baggage asked me to play for their dance. I was very reluctantly agreed to do, if they could not find anyone else. I had never played for a dance in my life, and knew nothing about dancing or playing for one as my mother had never allowed me to attend dances. So the dance was advertised and was well attended. After it had proceeded for about two hours and I had found out good and plenty the great difference there was between playing all night and playing a few tunes for amusement. Frank Hubbard and George Childers arrived on the scene and saved my life. These were the men who usually played for the Kelton dance. George Childers was an uncle of George Childers who now lives in the Cove.

(To be Continued.)

Ginger is the oldest spice known. Gingerbread cakes in the shape of dolls, horses, and other objects have been made for the amusement of children since the Middle Ages.

Returned From Hospital—
Rattie Hudson, of near Allice, was taken to his home Wednesday after having been in a La Grande hospital for ten days, submitting to and recuperating from an operation.

Christmas at Home

The Mimes Carnon and Jane Daniel, who were regular students at the La Grande high school, went to their home near Cove today for Christmas.

Build New Garage

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Standby are building a fine new garage on their farm in the Iowa district. The cement foundation and floor was laid before the weather turned so much colder, and since then the work has been at a standstill.

Mrs. Martin Improves

Mrs. Frank Martin, of Imbler, who recently submitted to an operation for the removal of gallstones, continues to improve.

Home From Baker

Miss Marian Nadine, recently came home from Baker for a visit during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nadine at Imbler. Miss Nadine is a student at the Baker Business college.

M. L. A. Play

Wednesday evening, at Wade Union, the Mutual Improvement Association, of Imbler, produced the play, "The Boys in the Woods," under the direction of Miss Emma Baxter, as a benefit for the association. The parts were very well taken, with lines perfectly learned and action splendid. Members of the association orchestra furnished music at intervals during the evening.

To Arkansas

Robert French of Cove, and Harris French, of La Grande, left Wednesday night for Charlestown, Arkansas, where they will spend the holidays with his and Mrs. A. M. McKinney.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. La Verne Hurbach has resigned her position as teacher of the Clover Creek school. Mrs. Hurbach has been hired to teach the remainder of the term. Teachers' examinations are being held at the courthouse in La Grande this week. Six of the county teachers are writing the tests.

A majority of the schools and communities of the county are uniting in having Christmas trees and programs this week.

The Oregon State Teachers' Association will meet in Portland December 27th for a three-day session. Delegates from this county are Supt. J. T. Longfellow, La

Grande; Mrs. E. A. McKeehan, principal of Central grade school, La Grande; Miss Mary A. Cool, high school teacher, Imbler; and Miss Vina A. Conley, teacher in Greenwood school, La Grande.

Mrs. noted speakers are on the program of the teachers' meeting as follows:
Dr. David Sheddin of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City; Miss Mary Snow, classroom teacher of Seattle; Joy Elmer Morgan, editor Journal of National Education Association; Miss Florence Hale, State Supervisor of Rural Schools of Maine; and C. M. Dennis, Dean of the Conservatory of Music, Stockton, California.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Mrs. C. R. Renshaw, of Walla Walla, is a house guest this week at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox.

Miss Marie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, is spending the holiday season with her parents. Miss Smith is attending Link's Business college in Boise. Fred Cook, who is attending Belknap-Walker Business college in Portland arrived home Saturday and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Cook. Ben Jory returned home Wednesday from Pendleton where he spent a couple of days visiting and shopping.

Miss Esther L. Noble left Tuesday evening for her home at Corvallis, Ore., where she will spend Christmas vacation with her parents. Miss Noble is the commercial teacher here in the high school. Cecil Griggs, agricultural teacher here in the high school left Tuesday evening for his home in Eugene where he will spend the holidays with his relatives.

Keith Coburn left Tuesday for his home at Mitchell, Ore., where he will spend the Christmas season with his parents. Mr. Coburn is a junior in the local high school.

Mrs. Alex Slater will leave next week for Seattle, Wash., where she will spend several weeks visiting with her two daughters.

Bert Knight, local miller at the Union Flouring mills, was business visitor at Island City Thursday morning.

L. S. Ward, of the Eastern Oregon Music company, and Stanley Cathcart, of La Grande, were transacting business here Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Fox, second grade teacher, left Wednesday morning for her home in La Grande where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

J. J. Carr, of La Grande, was a business visitor at Union Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Conner, of Conner's store, spent Wednesday at Enterprise on business.

Miss Julia Crouter arrived at Union Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Crouter. Miss Crouter is a student at Oregon State college at Corvallis.

S. I. Benson, Miss Alice Hall, Mrs. W. W. Stevens and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor were shopping in La Grande Wednesday afternoon.

D. H. Crouter, bookkeeper at the Union Flouring mills who has been ill for some time, was taken to Hot Lake Monday morning for medical treatment.

Emerson Haggerty is expected to arrive home Saturday from Portland where he is employed at the Lumberman's bank. He will spend a couple of days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggerty.

Miss Mae Shanks was shopping in La Grande Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggerty were business visitors in La Grande Monday afternoon.

Miss Alice Patterson, one of the high school teachers here, left Tuesday evening for Portland where she will spend the holiday season with her parents.

Misses Elida and Bethine Miller, who are attending Washington State college, in Seattle, arrived home Wednesday and will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller.

Miss Susan Chadwick arrived home Monday from Monmouth where she is attending the state normal school. Miss Chadwick is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick with whom she will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hildwell, of North Powder, were shopping at Union Monday afternoon.

Arthur Miller was a business visitor in La Grande Tuesday.

Miss Helen Schaper, English teacher and basketball coach here in the high school will leave Saturday morning for her home in Prosser, Wash., where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

Bill Clagerty arrived home Monday from Eugene where he is a senior at the University of Oregon. Mr. Haggerty will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggerty.

ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN (Special)—Miss Mildred Bennett, daughter of Mrs. Bill Childers, suffered injuries to both hands Saturday evening when the car she was driving collided with a hay wagon a short distance below Joseph. Jennie Broyles, who was in the car with Miss Bennett, escaped injury. The hay wagon had no light and the car came upon it before Miss Bennett realized the road was obstructed, and although she applied the brakes it was too late to avoid a collision. The car was upset and somewhat demolished. The girls were taken to Joseph, where Mildred was placed in the doctor's care who, after dressing her wounds, took her to the Enterprise hospital for a further examination. The examination failed to show any further injuries.

and Tucker, who has been attending the Oregon State college, arrived Monday to spend the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill.

Mrs. A. W. Stevens and son, Billy, returned Saturday to their home in Boise, Ida., after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Brownell.

Mrs. Hazel Lyons, of Portland, arrived this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

The Rev. Arthur L. Dickinson, who has served as pastor of the Presbyterian church for the past eight months, preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson and their baby left Monday for St. Anne, Ill., where they will make their home.

Jackson Gashit, of Prosser, arrived Saturday, being called here because of the illness of Charles Gashit, who has had a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Lyon and children, of Payette, Ida., moved here this week. They are living on the 420-acre Joe Paxton ranch.

Union County Is Third in East Oregon Survey

Of all the counties of Eastern Oregon, Union county ranks third in the number of families, according to the returns from a survey made some months ago by the Curtis Publishing Co., but just recently made public. With a total of 2387 families within its confines, Union county is exceeded by Umatilla county with 2794 families and Baker with 4299. Following Union are Malheur county with 2569, Walla Walla with 2289 and Grant with 1328.

According to the survey, La Grande, with 1681, occupies the sixth position, with only the number of families taken into consideration, being exceeded by Portland with 53,435 families, Salem with 2424, Eugene 2815, Astoria with 2171 and Baker with 1825. It is interesting to know that after La Grande, Oregon cities appear in the following order: Pendleton, 1588; Medford, 1495; Corvallis, 1418; The Dalles, 1329; Bend, 1292; Ashland, 1136; Klamath Falls, 1016; Marshfield, 955; Grants Pass, 876; North Bend, 789; Enterprise, 664, and Ontario, 472.

West of Elgin, which Mr. Lyons has purchased.

A Christmas program which will be held at the Thorny Grove school house Friday, is being put on jointly by the Thorny Grove and Elgin Greek schools together with the Greek Walt grange. An interesting program will be presented.

The Mason and Star lodges have elected their officers for the coming year. The Masons have invited the Eastern Stars to meet with them for joint installation Dec. 27 and the Star has accepted. There will be a dinner at 6:30 that evening to which all Masons, Eastern Stars and families are invited.

The Loyal Women met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Berna Hug for the purpose of making candy and popcorn balls for the bazaar held last Saturday.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—Charles Klinghammer and wife, of Elgin accompanied by their daughter Margaret and Miss Velma Austin, who is teaching in the Leap school, were visitors in town the latter part of the week.

W. B. Hunter, of Lostine, was a visitor in town Saturday afternoon.

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SEVERAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS OVER THE VALLEY

The idea of a community celebration of Christmas is coming to be more and more in vogue with the passing of the years, and churches, clubs, schools are co-operating to make the occasion one of real enjoyment, not only to the younger folks, but to those of all ages. This idea is being carried out in a number of localities over the valley, with the time of the different affairs set to fit in the best with other activities.

Imbler celebrates on this Friday evening, and the plans being made there are quite pretentious. Here the three churches, Methodist, Church of God and Baptist, the schools and the Legion are uniting their forces to make the celebration worthwhile. The exercises will be held in Wade hall, with the program put on by the pupils of the different grades, directed by the Imbler teaching staff. This will be followed by the three and the treat for the little folks. In previous years, this celebration has been very largely attended and there is no reason to believe that this year will be any exception.

Elgin Towers accompanied by his sister, both of whom have been away attending school, arrived home Saturday for their holiday vacation.

T. O. Fougins and wife and Mrs. Doug, were visitors in town Saturday, from their home in the north woods.

G. E. Soleman, Chas. Horner and other farmers of the Powatka Ridge section, were in town the first of the week with several loads of fat hogs.

J. L. Maxwell left Saturday for Portland with a shipment of stock. A large crowd, both children and grown-ups, were attracted by Santa Claus at the H. B. Halston & Co. Inc. store, here Saturday afternoon, where all children entering were presented with a sack of candy and nuts.

G. P. Reel and wife returned home recently from Portland, where they spent a few days visiting relatives. While there Mr. Reel purchased a car.

Jim Downs made a trip to their former home on Powatka Ridge, the latter part of the week, for a load of machinery.

John Bond, of Promise, was a business visitor in town the last of the week.

Reports state that a few cases of scarlet fever exist here, although no serious cases have been reported.

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Saturday evening at six o'clock, in the city hall at Elgin, the Elgin community tree will be held. Here the churches, the schools and the city clubs together with the boy scouts are working hand in hand. The program which they have arranged is one that is entirely appropriate. It is reported that one of the finest things in all the event is the way the entire community has responded to the opportunity to assist—it is to a real community observance.

On the same evening, but at a later hour, the Summerville community will observe Christmas. Here the program is centering chiefly about the schools under the direction of the teachers, Miss Geneva Sayre and Miss Lattie Black but with every Summerville resident helping. The exercises will be held in the Mabone hall and will begin at eight o'clock. Other localities are getting together in larger or smaller groups, but whatever the plan, or the size of the festival, everyone seems to be pervaded with the genuine Christmas spirit.

Try Creek section, were visitors in town the last of the week.

John Carper, of Promise, was a business visitor here the latter part of the week.

Howard and Ted Collins, of Powatka Ridge, were recent business visitors in town.

Sam Meek was a business visitor in town the early part of the week.

E. A. Downing and Bruce Fisher, farmers, of the Leap section, were recent business visitors in town.

Frank Fisher, of Hurricane Creek, was a visitor in the Leap section the first of the week, coming to get his sisters Cora and Myrtle who spent a few days visiting relatives in that community.

A number of farmers who found the roads too muddy to allow them to have their wheat to the warehouses when harvesting was finished, have been taking advantage of the good sledding to get their grain into storage. Pete Knott, who has been hauling wheat to Evans for E. A. Downing, finished the first of the week, while a number of others who are hauling from some of the larger farms are still busy. Reports from many of the farmers indicate that a good share of the grain is still in the hands of farmers, who are inclined to believe that some advance in prices will occur during the winter months.



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Aunt Jemina Pancake

Flour

3½-lb. package—

31c

FREE—

Aunt Jemina doll with each pkg.

Celery Hearts—bunch—

15c

Home Made Sauer Kraut

quart—

14c

With every 5 pounds of candy or nuts we will give one pound

FREE

Corn Flakes

Kellogg's of Post Toasties—

3 packages

23c

Carrots—bulk, per lb.—

1½c

Cranberries

New shipment—lb.—

24c

OUT OUR WAY

I THOT THE BOYS WOULD LIKE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS CHRISTMAS, SO I'VE MADE UP THIS MENU FOR YOU. — FRUIT COCKTAIL — UNION SOUP — AU GRATIN — CROUTONS — CHICKEN EN CASSEROLE — SCALLOPED PRAWNS — SUCCOTASH AND UH —



By Williams