

Over The Valley

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To Attend Ashland Normal

Miss Ava Woodell, of Dry Creek, leaves tomorrow evening for Ashland, Oregon, where she will enter the Oregon State Normal school.

Start Harvest Ice Soon

It is expected that the Pacific Fruit Exchange will begin its annual harvest of ice at North Powder within the next few weeks. Ice to a thickness of about nine inches was reported last week, but the company expects to wait until a 12-inch thickness can be secured.

Go To Portland

Miss Geneva Sayre, principal of the school at Summerville went to Portland this week. Miss Sayre will take in as many of the sessions of the Oregon State Teachers' association convention, as she can, and will also attend a convention of the Young Peoples' association of the Free Methodist church which will be in session in Portland about the same time.

To Have Special Program

A special New Year's program, together with the installation of officers for the ensuing year, will be the program at the regular meeting of the Blue Mountain Grange to be held at the hall next Wednesday, January 4th.

Returns Home

Mrs. Henry Loening returned Tuesday to her home at Muddy Creek, near Haines, following a visit of a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter at Albee.

Concludes Visit

Frank Conklin returned the first of the week to his home at Flora after having visited at the home of relatives in Imbler for some time.

Dogs After Sheep

Dogs are causing considerable damage for sheep owners in the Medical Springs and Pondosa communities, according to reports. Elmer Kennedy reports the loss of

mas even there was one cabin occupied by tourists. They reported themselves real comfortable in the new sealed cabins erected late this fall by Mr. Ingram.

Does Not Improve

G. B. Talant, of near Cove, who has been ill for some weeks and who was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital at La Grande, does not improve.

Have Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Grimmett, near Island City, had as their guests Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard of Cove.

Family All Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Antles, of Cove, had an exceptionally delightful Christmas at their home because they had all their children and their families at home over the holiday season, including two sons and a daughter who live at a distance. On Monday evening a company of people, friends of the family went in on them and surprised them at their home.

Entertains Club

Mrs. Guy Barker, of Cove, entertained the ladies of the Fun and Joy club Tuesday afternoon at her home. Besides playing bridge for a few hours, this was a Christmas party, and there was a tree with gifts for all. The refreshments served by the hostess were quite delicious.

Takes Work

Miss Eva Ledbetter, of Albee, was the guest Wednesday of Miss Albee Morton in La Grande, and took her initiatory work in Eastern Star that evening. Miss Ledbetter returns tomorrow to her teaching duties at Mossrock, Washington.

Hosts To Guild

Mrs. T. C. Heffle and Mrs. C. E. Lawson, of Cove, had for their guests yesterday afternoon the members of the Guild at the home of Mrs. Lawson. The affair was in the form of a Christmas party.

Fun and Joy Club

The members of the Fun and Joy club, of Cove, together with their husbands were very graciously entertained last evening by Mrs. George Miller at her home near Cove.

Good Old Winter Time

Winter time may cause considerable discomfort and inconvenience in a number of ways, but there seems to be, right now, nothing that produces more real substantial fun and enjoyment than the present, with coasting just about right, skating good, and bobbing parties and sleighing parties on the side roads O. K. The young people over at Cove are taking advantage of the weather and coasting parties, with plenty of snow, and the temperature not cold enough to be disagreeable. Monday evening a company of about 20 high school folks had a fine coasting party on the Barker hill, and late in the evening went inside and enjoyed cards and other entertaining features.

Experiences of 50 Years Ago

By M. L. Carter
"One one day from Desert station, with a slow-moving freight train, we reached what was then Payne's Ferry, on Snake river, afterwards known for a good many years as Lewis Ferry. M. E. Payne was from Lincoln county, Oregon. He, with his parents, crossed the plains in 1847 and settled near Albany. R. Payne, his nephew, is now (1927) county judge of Linn county. M. E. Payne ran a pack train through Grande Ronde valley to the interior mining camps during the same time that George Gray was packing over the same trails. In the early 50s, he brought a small band of cattle to Baker county and they nearly all starved or froze to death.

"Upon arriving at the ferry, I hired to Mr. Payne for two months for \$35 per month. Nothing more was said about wages between us until the next fall, some eight months afterward, when he came to settle, he paid me \$39 per month and hired me for a year. My first job was working for a placer mine under the direction of Frank Conwell and Bob Sharp, two miners who had discovered gold on a river one mile above the ferry and had given Mr. Payne a third interest for capital to open up the project. We worked at this until hot summer weather came and the river was too high for mining operations. Then with a number of other hands, we went to Camas Prairie to build a road through Camas and High prairies and down Louise Creek to connect with the old road to Rock Bar and Atlanta. On this trip we were rained for some time along side of the Hannock Indians, as that tribe claim Camas Prairie as a summer reservation. While we would be cutting bridge timbers from body of trees, the tops would be full of swamps, chopping and hacking to get wood to cook their camas. There were stories afloat among the people farther away that the Hannocks were about to go on the warpath, but we were too close to hear the news. While many of them acted friendly to us, there were others who seemed morose and sulky. Some of the swamps came and traded camas for bread. A few of the old bucks would come and burn a plate of beans. Some of the younger bucks traded trout for flour. Hannock Jim had a very sick child and wanted us to come down and see it. Three of us went. The child appeared to be very sick, it rattled and wheezed as though it had a bad cold on its lungs. All through the nights we could hear the mournful chant of

ASCENSION SCHOOL AT COVE IS NEARLY HALF CENTURY OLD

One of the early institutions of the Grande Ronde valley, was the Ascension School for Girls, established at the Cove, nearly half a century ago. This school became possible through the generosity of one of Cove's pioneers, Mr. Samuel G. French, a gentleman of the old school and a devout churchman who bequeathed at his death in 1882, his home and his farm of 100 acres to establish and maintain an Episcopal Girls' School. Because of the identity of the Ascension School with S. G. French a slight mention of him will not be amiss. Samuel G. French was born in New Jersey and died at East Orange, New Jersey, February 20th, 1882, being about 49 years of age. In the spring of 1864, Mr. French, in company with three others left St. Paul, Minnesota where he had gone for his health and traveled overland to Ft. Benton, down through the Coueur d'Alene into Walla Walla, Washington, thence to Cove, Oregon. Arriving at the Cove in the fall of 1861, he soon took up pre-emption and homesteaded right on land below town. This was known as French ranch, and his residence, together with 100 acres of land, on which was the orchard, was the estate bequeathed to the Ascension school for girls. This was given in trust to the Bishop of Oregon. The Rev. R. W. Wiktor Morris was bishop of Oregon at this time and right willingly did accept this trust, and eagerly set to work the beginnings of Ascension school.

To this dwelling house, set in the midst of a beautiful wide sweeping lawn, were added wings on either side and in the rear. The structure was a two-story affair, with class rooms below and dormitories above. It was very primitive, not much like the modern school building, but many of our learned and truly great men have been educated in lesser. At one side, in the rear, was erected a small building to be used for a library, the nucleus being the private library of the donor. In those early days, buildings did not spring up and become equipped in the short period of time that is now required, but after many hardships, the school was finally completed and opened on September 4th, 1884, with the Rev. William Powell in charge and a staff of seven teachers. The first year there were 25 enrolled as students, and the faculty was made up of the Rev. W. P. Remington and his clerymen from all three men and women sent out by the educational department of New York City. It is here that the boys and girls and the grown-ups too, are given instruction in the Bible and a training for Sunday school work. They are also taught love and sympathy. Hours of recreation are hours of organized play and the ten days spent at the summer school at Cove are days that

of success. Sometimes there were forty or fifty pupils and again not so many, but Bishop Morris had always hopes of some time rebuilding and again having the school of Mr. French's wishes. After the death of Bishop Morris, the bishop of Oregon seemed to take little interest in this part of the state, and the property was rented from year to year, and as rented property will, was run down and the buildings and fences in a deplorable condition. But with the coming of William P. Remington in 1923, as bishop of the missionary district of Eastern Oregon, there was an immediate change and he began to formulate plans for a school, perhaps not just such a school as the donor had in mind when he gave the property, but a school, as the bishop himself says, he feels sure would meet with his the donor's approval.

It is a training school for church workers. A reconstruction began, the farm was put in the hands of a capable man, the fences rebuilt, the buildings overhauled and put in shape. The building, now known as Morris hall, named for Bishop Morris, was once the school building, used after the fire in 1882, but it is so altered and improved that you would never know from whence it sprang. A large recreational hall on the grounds called French Hall, in honor of S. G. French, was once an open air shed, built by the community for a display of fruit in the days when Cove held the annual Cherry Fair. This building was turned over to the bishop for a nominal sum and it has been made into perhaps not a thing of beauty, but into something of great pleasure with its great stone fireplace and wide hall that is a joy forever.

The "Summer School", for church workers came into being in the summer of 1924. The first year there were 25 enrolled as students, and the faculty was made up of the Rev. W. P. Remington and his clerymen from all three men and women sent out by the educational department of New York City. It is here that the boys and girls and the grown-ups too, are given instruction in the Bible and a training for Sunday school work. They are also taught love and sympathy. Hours of recreation are hours of organized play and the ten days spent at the summer school at Cove are days that

recruited from eastern colleges. Music was taught and all the subjects of the day and week. The halls rang with laughter, and gay and happy feet found pleasure on that beautiful playground of soft turf and under those giant, widespread shade trees. Thus the Ascension school had its beginning. It was carried from year to year in an even tenor, until, after a few years, the liabilities began to outnumber the assets. As an educational institution it was a splendid standpoint, the available funds were inadequate to meet the necessities. The bishop and the headmaster of the school being desirous of extending its benefits as widely as possible, put the necessary fees entirely too low to meet the expenditures. The faculty, of necessity, was depleted, the curriculum was curtailed, the students dropped off, until the school had few boarders and was largely dependent on the day pupils for attendance. Then in the summer of 1893, came the disastrous fire that completely destroyed all that had so painstakingly been built up. The fire was caused by some overzealous persons throwing too much kindling on the roof, and the sparks falling on the roof. At this season of the year everything was as dry as tinder, and the building, having been constructed almost entirely of pine, and with no facilities for fighting fire, the flames spread rapidly and the whole thing was soon a seething mass. Some of the furniture was saved, including three of the four pianos and also most of the books from the library. The library, though built of brick, went too. The school was now gone and the chapters seemed closed, but with the indomitable courage ever displayed by Bishop Morris, he set about for a reconstruction. There were not sufficient funds, to think of rebuilding, but a frame structure that was originally intended for a barn, but never used for that purpose, was moved onto the site, and with the assistance of the Rev. W. L. Potbury, the choristman at Pendleton, was made into a one-room school building, with the library upstairs. On September 1st, 1892 everything was ready to begin the school year, just two months after the fire. From this time on, it was a day school only, with varying degrees

the medicine man. Two of our men starting out one morning before daylight, passed near the Indian lodges and began to assist the medicine man with his chant. They had not traveled far when the boy, in form of old Hannock, Jim confronted them and threatened to shoot them if they did not shut up. Anyhow none of them seemed to do any good and the child died."

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PART I
1 1/2 cups flour,
1/2 teaspoon salt,
1 cup sugar,
1/2 cup shortening,
2 eggs,
1 teaspoon baking powder.
PART II
1/4 teaspoon vanilla,
1 cup brown sugar,
1 egg white,
1 cup nuts.
Part I—Cream shortening and add sugar, egg yolks, sifted dry ingredients, flavoring and add beaten whites last. Spread mixture on cookie sheet.
Part II—Sprinkle mixture with nuts chopped fine. Beat egg white and fold in brown sugar and vanilla. Spread meringue over nuts and bake slowly for about 20 minutes.

PARK PERSONALS

THE PARK (Special)—Mrs. Kenneth Vanorder underwent an operation at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker for appendicitis last Saturday. The last reports were that she was getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxfield and children were dinner guests of Mrs. Joe Lay Christmas. Those present had a most enjoyable time. Mrs. John Christy and children spent Christmas with relatives here. They returned to their home in Baker Monday. Mrs. Ed Phillips and Mrs. Alfred Olson and Charles Olson were visiting in Baker Monday and Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Corbett had as their guest Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Kline and children. William and Herbert Melow are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. George Melow of Union. They expect to remain a week. Edward Wolf and Tom Bratton will help to mold character, as well as intellect. To the school is added each year, equipment, more and better buildings and there is an added number of students. It began with 35, jumped to 60, and then again to 98 and next year, the Bishop plans to make room for 150. And thus the school that came into being as an "Episcopal School for Girls" is now a training school for church workers, with a man at the helm who molds character and intellect and at the same time inspires the love of the first two commandments.

Winter Weather At Wallowa Is Classed Ideal

WALLOWA, Ore., Dec. 29 (Special)—Ideal winter weather has prevailed over this section of the country during the past week, with the temperature low enough to prevent any thawing of the snow. On a number of nights recently zero and slightly below has been recorded by thermometers in various parts of the county, but during the day it has not appeared to be very cold. A large amount of feeding is being done on most of the farms at this time. Reports from farmers state the stock are eating all kinds of feed well, and staying in good shape despite the cold weather. Hay sales have been quite slow here until the recent cold weather since which a considerable amount of the hay has been disposed of at fair prices. Much of the hay which has been stacked outside is not of very good quality, as much of the sections cuttings were put up during the rainy season in late September and was none too dry when stacked, and the large amount of rain which fell afterward caused many of the stacks to become wet quite deeply. Much of the stock in the hill sections where straw stacks are available, are being fed mostly on straw at this time. Many of the horses in those sections are also doing quite well in the bunch-grass pastures without additional feed. Sledging Wheat. The sledging still remains fine on all roads, and many farmers who were unable to get their wheat in the hill sections because of the muddy conditions of the roads have been busy hauling in large loads on sleds, the greater part of the recently hauled wheat has gone to the ware houses at Evans, where the larger part of the wheat from the hill sections is stored. Reports from a number of farmers indicate that there is still a quite a large percentage of wheat held by farmers of the county yet. Much of the wheat which was threshed after the heavy rains during the fall has retained a quite a large percentage of moisture, resulting in comparatively low prices on this class of grain, many farmers have held in hopes that prices would show some advance after part of the grain had been moved out from larger marketing points. A rattlesnake bit a Fresno, California, man. The man was treated at the county hospital and recovered. The snake died the day following the incident.

Wallowa Grange To Meet on Jan. 8

WALLOWA, Ore., Dec. 29 (Special)—Jan. 8 has been set as a date for a regular meeting of Wallowa Grange No. 603 in the basement of the M. E. church here. A lunch will be served at 12 o'clock by the women of the organization, following which a short business session will be held. A number of visiting members from South Fork grange at Lostine have promised to attend the meeting, and all local members are urged to be present.

For the sake of economy many couples in a workmen's quarter in France are married en masse. They assemble every Saturday, line up, and the principals and witnesses sign the register as they pass into the big "wedding saloon" of the city hall.

Bargain

Farm for sale at bargain price—940 acres—100 acres in cultivation, balance pasture and timber. Good improvements. \$2,500.00 cash will give you possession.

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