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Over The Valley

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Visiting Among Friends

Rev. N. H. Lines and son, Paul of Ontario, have been visiting among old friends and former acquaintances over the valley having come at this particular time on account of the basketball tournament. He has been a guest at the L. L. McKennon home in La Grande, the W. R. Ledbetter home at Alicel, the Isaac Bingaman home at Imbler and others. Rev. Lines was formerly Methodist pastor both at Imbler and Alicel.

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Pleasant Grove Play

The play given Wednesday evening by the members of the Pleasant Grove grange as a benefit for their baseball team, was enjoyed by a crowd that packed the Masonic hall at Summerville where it was put on. The play "The Time of His Life," was given by a cast which was well chosen, each one carrying his or her part creditably. The cast was as follows:

Tom Carter, having the time of his life ..... Lloyd A. Woodell
Peter Wycombe, a pessimist with a digestion ..... Gaston Sion
Mrs. Peter Wycombe, a personage in society ..... Ona Rhoads
Uncle Tom "Good Lawd a massy, I'se a dead nigger" ..... Virgil D. Sanderson
Mr. Bob Grey, a business man, returning from the west ..... Etheridge Tameris
Mrs. Bob Grey, a hostess under difficulties ..... Ivy Lanman
Dorothy Landon, enjoying herself ..... Zelma Goin
Mr. James Landon, Sr., her father, of a peppery disposition ..... Henry Fries
Officer Hogan, of the 22nd St. police ..... John C. Lewis

Several musical numbers were given between acts and preceding the play. The young people are planning to repeat the play at Cove and Elgin within the next few days.

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Little Girl Improves

Harriet Avery, baby daughter of County Agriculturist and Mrs. Harry Avery is very much improved. It was feared for a time that the child would have pneumonia.

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Spend Sunday at Home

The Misses Jane and Carmen Daniel of Cove spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel near Cove. Mr. Daniel who recently suffered painful injuries in a fall is improving and was able to be in La Grande on Friday.

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Success With Lambs

According to ex-governor Walter M. Pierce, lambing on the Pierce ranch near Island City has been going on quite successfully. At noon Saturday with 800 ewes, they reported 947 lambs.

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Visits in La Grande

Mrs. J. S. Denham of Elgin spent Friday in La Grande shopping and visiting with her husband, J. S. Denham.

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Sustains Bruises

A. A. Crader of Summerville is improving from painful injuries which he sustained recently. A horse with which he was working managed to get him down in some manner and then trod on him. As the horse was sharp shod, Mr. Crader received a number of rather deep bruises which made it impossible for him to be about his work for a time. He is still rather sore and lame, but glad the injuries were not more serious.

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Has Chicken Pox

Walter Pierce Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce living near Island City is ill with the chicken pox having been taken sick the latter part of the week.

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Have Birthday Dinner

A very splendid birthday dinner was given on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann, on the Cove highway in honor of the birthday anniversaries of George Carnes and Miss Georgia La Walters. There were 23 guests present to enjoy the delicious dinner served, and for several hours of informal sociability after the dinner.

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Returns from Trip

Mrs. W. F. Titus, of near Telocaset has returned from a three weeks' trip which took her to Portland principally as well as to other places in that general locality.

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Visit in Elgin

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huffman of Cove avenue, visited Saturday at the home of his sister and family, Mr. Lynn Hill and son at Elgin.

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Returns to Corvallis

Miss Lucy Case, who has been in this county the major part of last week left Saturday for Corvallis. Miss Case who is in the extension service of O. S. C. was here to meet for the first time those groups of women who are enrolled in her new series of classes in nutrition and also to have some of the hours of the economic conference. She will return to the county in about six weeks for the second school at Blue Mt. grange, Island City P. T. A. and Pleasant Grove grange.

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Island City P. T. A.

The Island City P. T. A. held a very interesting meeting Friday afternoon. The meeting had been originally planned for the evening at the church, but developments made it necessary to meet in the afternoon, consequently it was held at the school as the church could not be darkened for the pictures to be shown. Prof. Hunt gave his illustrated lecture on Yellowstone park and those who saw and heard it pronounced it as being exceptionally good. At the business meeting it was decided to purchase a first aid kit for the school. It was also announced that at the meeting to be held on March 16, there would be presented the set of slides secured from the University of Oregon on the birds of Oregon. The Audobon society of La Grande and all others especially interested are to be invited to the meeting.

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Spend Sunday at Muddy Creek

Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter, daughters, Eva and Marie, son, Lyle and Mabel Morton drove to Muddy Creek Sunday where they spent the day at the Henry Loennig home. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright and daughters, Naomi and Patricia and Dr. and Mrs. Carlson, Virginia and Mae of Baker.

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Women's Club

The Women's club of Imbler held their regular meeting last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Wilford Westenskow with a good attendance of the members. Mrs. Charles Cleaver had charge of the program which was of a patriotic character. Mrs. Leo Westenskow and Mrs. Alvin Westenskow had papers on Mt. Vernon and the care of Washington's tomb.

Mrs. Green had a paper of the life of Washington and Mrs. Cleaver also had a paper on an appropriate subject. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Welch when the subject will be pictures. The ladies are hoping to have Mrs. H. H. Cleaver and Mrs. Mossman out from La Grande to assist with the program.

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Entertains Club

Mrs. R. H. Daniel was the hostess to the Fun and Joy Bridge club of Cove Saturday afternoon at her home near Cove. Three tables were at play during the afternoon, Mrs. Dilly Millering of La Grande making the high score. The hostess was assisted by Berta Barker and Methine Hibbard in serving some lovely refreshments.

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Registrar Speaks

E. B. Lemon, registrar at O. S. C. spoke before the high school students at Imbler during his recent visit in the county. Mr. Lemon was a dinner guest of Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Morgan while at Imbler.

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Will Serve Lunch

The Imbler P. T. A. is preparing to serve a luncheon to the county teachers who attend the county institute to be held in the Imbler high school on Saturday the 10th of March.

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Receives Serious Cut

Louie Myers, who works on the Brook ranch in the Dry Creek neighborhood suffered from a very severe cut while sawing wood on the ranch last Friday afternoon. In some manner the frame of the saw collapsed letting the sharp blade down, and striking Mr. Myers on the left arm. The gash cut was very deep and for a time there was considerable alarm over the extent of the injury, for it was feared that an artery had been severed, the bleeding was so profuse. An ambulance was called and Mr. Myers was removed to a La Grande hospital. There it was found that it was only a flesh wound and not so serious as had been feared. He is doing very well although he is rather weak at present from the loss of so much blood.

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Have Successful Party

The dancing party given at Amusement hall at Imbler Friday evening by the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of Imbler was reported to have been most enjoyable. Music was furnished by the Wallowa Wonderland orchestra.

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Improvements at Medical

The improvements to be made at Medical Springs looking toward the developing of resources there into a large resort, and which were announced in the columns last summer, are soon to be started, according to word given out by J. P. Powers of the Medical Springs sanatorium. The plunge will be the first time in the plan to be completed. A company is being organized to finance the proposition, a number of prominent business men of Baker being interested.

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Visiting in La Grande

Mrs. A. Sanderson of Summerville is in La Grande for a few days which she is spending with her son, Stewart.

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Improves Gekeler Lane

A number of the farmers living in the vicinity of Grange hall have been donating their time and labor recently repairing a very bad place in Gekeler lane near the hall. The road has been in bad condition all winter but lately one section has been almost impassable. A number of loads of sand have been hauled and placed on as a surface which has improved things quite considerably.

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Buying Potatoes

F. G. Cossedy of Sunnyside, Washington has been in the valley this week buying potatoes.

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To Entertain Convention

The Pythian Sisters of Imbler are already beginning their preparations to entertain the annual district convention which will assemble at Imbler the last week in May. Representatives from the organizations in both Union and Wallowa counties will be seated in the gathering. The Imbler Pythian Sisters number but 16 members, but they are very active and succeed in putting big things across. Visitors at this particular time are assured of splendid entertainment.

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Is Improving

Mrs. R. C. Alexander of Island City avenue, who has been ill for some time, is reported as improving.

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To Entertain Aid

The regular meeting of the Alicel Ladies' Aid will be held next Thursday, March 8th at the home of Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter. This will be an all day meeting, the assisting hostesses being Mrs. Frank McKennon and Mrs. Sam Ruckman.

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Begin Excavation

Excavation for the new home which Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamann are building in Island City was started on Monday and excellent progress has been made during this week. Mr. and Mrs. Hamann held their closing out sale Tuesday and expect to move soon from their former farm residence.

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Death of J. E. Calavan

The news received recently by County Superintendent of Schools E. A. Sayre, announcing the death of J. E. Calavan of Salem was a real shock to hundreds of boys and girls over the state of Oregon who had come to know Mr. Calavan through his work as assistant state club leader, working under the office of C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. A story appeared in these columns recently concerning the visit of Mr. Calavan in this county scheduled for the second week in April at which time he was to assist with the organizing of new clubs over the county. The name of successor in office has not been received here as yet.

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Returns from Visit

Miss Anna Brooks who has been visiting with relatives in La Grande for some time returned to her home on Brooks Lane near Imbler the first of the week.

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Grange to Meet

The regular meeting of Pleasant Grove grange will be held Saturday evening at their hall.

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Still Successful

Hugh Huron is still having quite excellent success in saving his lambs. There are already between 90 and 100 lambs and of this number only six have been lost. In the lot are two sets of triplets. Lambing on the Huron farm is over three-quarters finished, they report.

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Returns to Washington

Miss Eva Ledbetter, who has been at her home near Alicel for the past three weeks recuperating from her recent operation left yesterday morning for Portland. She and Mabel Morton drove to Portland, from there going to Salem to attend the Freshman Glee at Willamette university and to visit with friends, from there Miss Ledbetter goes to Mossyrock, Washington, where she will resume her work which was interrupted when she became ill the second week of January.

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Guests from Colorado

Mrs. Elma Knott arrived yesterday from Montrose, Colorado, and is visiting for a week at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer of Moss Chapel. Next week, accompanied by the Shafers, Mrs. Knott will go up into Washington for a visit among relatives.

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Sell Ranch—

Mr. and Mrs. Holly Horn of Summerville are enjoying a visit with Mr. Horn's parents brother and sister, who have recently sold their home on Indian Creek. They think of locating in Portland.

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Mrs. Newbill Better

Friends of Grandma Newbill of Summerville are so pleased to hear she is convalescing. She is staying with her granddaughter, Mrs. Cochran in Portland.

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Along the Old Oregon Trail

Fifty years ago. A few weeks ago M. L. Carter of near Cove wrote an account of his experiences on his way to this valley when he was a very young man. Since that time there have come numerous requests for an addition to those recitals, and Mr. Carter has prepared a short article which will be given, as was the last, in serial fashion.

One evening while we were making the toll road through Camas Prairie, the boss butchered a beef. An Indian came along and asked for the liver and heart, which were given him. After we had our supper over, the Indian asked for the frying pan in which to cook his part of the feast. When the siwash had the liver cooking in good shape, a man by the name of Dan Hawksworth, who had a ranch out on Alkali creek, got some salt and let the Indian taste it and asked him if he wanted some on the meat, to which the Indian assented. Hawksworth had pulverized in the other hand seven pills. This was the salt that he sprinkled on the meat. It foamed up and acted queer for salt, but the Indian stayed with his job and finally concluded it was ready to eat. He started in as though he were real hungry, but soon began to slacken up and acted as though there were something about the meat that did not taste just right. He would stop and look the meat over, then eat a little more. Finally he gave it up, set the frying pan aside and asked Hawksworth for his pipe. Hawks said "bime-bye." When he finished his smoking, he cut up some tobacco and four more pills with it, filled the pipe and passed it to the Indian, who smoked it awhile and gave it back. We soon had a very sick Indian in camp, who howled the most of the night, but saddled up and departed before morning. One of the first things the Bannock Indians did after starting on the war-path the next summer was to steal all the horses that Hawksworth had.

It was on this trip in 1877, that Frank Corbell bought a pup from W. H. H. Lee, known as old Alphabet Lee. Mero turned out to be a very smart dog. He appeared to know the names of the people with whom he lived as well as a person would. Corbell could go away from home several miles and send the dog back with a note to some of his comrades and the dog always took it to the person he was told to. The note had to be tied around the dog's neck, as he always ran so hard that soon he would open his mouth, drop the note and then it would be hard to pick it up again. In the latter part of 1878, Corbell worked in the placer mines at Salmon Falls. The mines were on one side of the river. O'Connor's store and saloon was on the other side and half a mile farther down the river. Corbell would tie a bottle around the dog's neck and tell him to go to O'Connor's and have it filled. The dog would swim across Snake river, go to the saloon, where O'Connor's would fill the bottle and the dog would return the same route to camp. One advantage of sending the dog after the whiskey was that there was no danger of the contents of the bottle being disturbed until it reached home.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

SPANISH ROAST

Choose large flank steak. Pepper and salt it well. Spread generous layer of canned tomatoes over the surface. Add layer of sliced onion. Add layer of sliced green peppers. More salt and pepper will be needed for the vegetables. Sew up and roll, turning in the ends neatly.

Fry out a small quantity of beef suet in an iron pot. Add 1 tablespoon lard. When very hot, put in the roast. Brown well all around, then add the juice from the tomatoes. Put on slow fire and let simmer three or four hours. Make gravy by adding thickening of flour before removing roast from the pot.

TWO VALLEY COUPLES CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DAYS

To Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, pioneers of Lower Cove, has come the rare privilege of celebrating the fifty-fourth anniversary of their marriage, while but to few is even accorded the privilege of hearing their golden wedding bells ring.

On February 22, 1874, George Gray and Miss Vina Jasper were united in marriage and for fifty-four years, they have traveled down the path of life together.

Miss Vina was the daughter of Merrill and Nancy Jane Jasper, who made their home in Corvallis, Benton county. It was there she was born, August 11th, 1855 and lived there until she was nine years of age, when the family moved to the Grande Ronde valley, owning a ranch near the present home of the Gray's.

When Miss Vina was fifteen, her mother died and as she was the oldest daughter in a large family of children, she assumed the burdens that fell to her and carried them lightly until her marriage in 1874.

Mr. Gray was the son of Robert Dokie and Agnes Gray, and was born April 10th, 1840. His father was a Baptist minister and his early home was in Granger county, Tennessee. They came west in 1853 when Mr. Gray was but a small boy. His early life was fraught with many of the vicissitudes of that early day. He drove a team of pack mules over the "Old Oregon Trail" from Montana, through Idaho and up into eastern Washington. He brought the first printing ever brought into Oregon. At one time in his early life, he owned the first butcher shop ever in Idaho. This place later became the city of Boise.

This young couple were true Americans and selected February 22nd for their wedding day. The knot was tied in Summerville at the home of a friend, the journey there having been made in what was then a most delightful way to travel—in a sleigh.

After the wedding, they came to live on the ranch that is still their home. Mr. Gray engaged in stock raising and farming and the years of industry have brought them prosperity accorded to few.

To this union were born ten children, seven of whom are living. They have 22 grandchildren and three great-grand-children. Two children, a son and a daughter, were taken from them during an epidemic of diphtheria that scourged the valley in 1879. These two children passed away within a week of each other. Another son died in 1896.

The anniversary was spent quietly as these two people are not in robust health. On February 22nd, 1898, a daughter of this couple, Miss Sallie, became the bride of J. F. Conley, thus making this anniversary doubly dear to both parents and daughter.

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patrick of Pleasant Grove, after hearing they had recently passed their golden wedding anniversary, gave them a hearty surprise by walking in on them Tuesday evening with well-filled baskets and ice cream freezers, and spent the evening visiting with them. Grandma Murchison headed the list being the oldest one present. She is past 82.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patrick expressed the desire to make speeches, but the crowd coming in on them so unexpectedly, rendered them more than speechless.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patrick and grandsons and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patrick and sons, Albert, Wilford and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Noll Patrick and son, Lyman, Mrs. K. Murchison, Mrs. Ellen Vandermuelen, Mrs. Eva Vandermuelen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Veach, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Murchison, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murchison, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Johnson and children, Sylvia and Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Orsen Lake and son, George, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Frizzelle and children, Elton and June, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bell and daughter, Melvia, Victoria Hutchison, C. H. Stevenson and Walter Harmon. Their granddaughter, Mrs. George Ambrose of La Grande was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick have one son, three grand-children and six great-grand-children all of this valley. They are well known and liked in the Pleasant Grove neighborhood having resided there for the past thirteen years.

The party dispersed at 10 o'clock after having partaken of a bountiful feast and wishing the happy couple many happy returns of the day.

New Grange Is Organized; Beale Elected Master

The people of Ladd Canyon gathered at the school house Tuesday evening and organized a new subordinate grange which will be known as the Ladd Canyon district grange. E. R. Gekeler, of La Grande, state deputy and J. A. Nice of North Powder, Pomona master, organizers were present and assisted with the work. There were 31 charter members, which in the opinion of the organizers is very good for a new grange, and there are also others who have signified their intention of lining up with the organization later. The meetings will be held in the school house until a hall can be built.

Newly chosen officers for the subordinate are as follows:

Master, C. Y. Beale.
Overseer, Charles Grandy.
Lecturer, Mrs. C. Y. Beale.
Steward, Frank Pool.
Assistant Steward, Frank Counsell.
Chaplain, Mrs. Frank Pool.
Treasurer, Mrs. Charles Grandy.
Secretary, Mrs. S. Ewin.
Gatekeeper, Elliott Austin.
Ceres, Miss Helen Austin.
Pomona, Miss Ruth Drumsmith.
Flora, Miss Lola Banton.
Assistant Lady Steward, Mrs. Henry Counsell.

The next meeting of the grange will be held in the evening of March 13th. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting Tuesday evening.

Sheep Outlook In Valley This Year Is Bright

"I am very optimistic over the sheep outlook this year," declared J. E. Reynolds, owner of one of the larger farm flocks of sheep in the vicinity of the La Grande airfield, when asked about the flock of ewes that are in the midst of lambing. "We are very nearly two-thirds through and so far the lambs are running about 145 per cent. We now have 300 of the little woolies with the expectation of the number running up to between 500 and 600. Wool is five cents higher than it was last year and lambs are the same price, which of course means a good price for both products this season."

Mr. Reynolds has reduced his commercial flock only keeping at present a number that he considers is about of the right size for his farm. There are 400 ewes, about half of them being unregistered purebred Hampshire. Both the lambs and the ewes are in fine condition, plenty of alfalfa hay having been fed all winter, while oats were fed since the first of February. Tom Malcomb, the flock master, has given the animals the best of attention and the results are very gratifying.

Lambs are running 125 per cent so far for Andrew Muilenburg and son. They have a farm flock of 70 ewes and the condition of both lambs and mothers is reported to be excellent. The season which is about one-half over, will last about two weeks longer.

ALICEL PERSONALS

ALICEL, Ore., (Special)—Quite a number of people from this community attended the sale at the Arthur Hamann place on Tuesday. Mr. Hamann has recently sold his farm and will move to Island City where he is building a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Van Housen are the proud parents of a baby girl born at the Hot Lake sanatorium. Mr. and Mrs. Van Housen were former residents of Alicel.

Frank Wurl has moved his sheep from the Ted Conklin place where he fed them through the winter to his home on Cricket Flat.

Ted Conklin spent several days this week at Enterprise on business.

Ray Fuller purchased a fine cow at the Arthur Hamann sale on Tues.

Mrs. W. E. Ruckman and Mrs. Harvey Ruckman are visiting in Portland and Seattle at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Audmer Playle, of La Grande, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fuller.

Three members of the A. L. Taylor family are ill of tonsilitis. Mr. Taylor became ill first and is now on the mend. Last Sunday evening Reed became quite ill and on Monday a doctor was called. Tuesday Miss Margaret became ill of the same disease.

Dr. Ross, of La Grande, was at Alicel on professional business last Tuesday.

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Hamilton's Kraut Juice
Recommended by doctors for stomach troubles—a good food tonic. Two cans for
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P. S. Peas
Telephone grade. These peas are of especially fine flavor; have a uniform quality. 4 cans—
69c

Pimentoes
Preferred Stock brand. A firm, full-flavored pimento—ideal for salads, etc. 2 four-oz. tins—
19c

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Preferred Stock brand. Very choice quality, making pies of fine, smooth flavor. 2 large cans—
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A. & L. Corn
A tender, juicy sweet corn in either white or golden. An addition to any menu. 4 cans—
73c

Sugar
This is a fine granulated cane sugar and a mighty good "buy" at this special price—100 lbs. Berry—
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Creme Oil and Palmolive—nationally known soap. A very attractive value—5 bars—
39c

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From Sunday's Oregonian March 11th
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Tomato, Mustard, Soused A very fine quality—a tasty food for lunch or Sunday night supper. 2 cans—
29c

Salmon
No. 1 tall can. Good quality pink salmon. Makes a delicious salad—3 cans for
47c

Shrimp
A. & L. Brand, always dependable. Ideal for cocktail and salad. Three cans for
59c

Peaches
Preferred Stock quality in either sliced or melba. Rich, meaty fruit of fine flavor. 4 cans—
95c

Preserves
As delicious as home-made and necessary for the well-planned, well-balanced menu. 3-lb. jar Kerr's—
59c

Beans
Large White beans, excellent in flavor and rich in food value. Special value, 5 pounds for
39c

Macaroni
Curve cut macaroni. A delicious, healthful food for growing children, 4 pounds, special at
33c

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