

Over The Valley

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Mr. Baker Low

W. A. Baker of Pleasant Grove was reported as being very low last night. His children have all been summoned home on account of their father's critical condition.

Get Salient Chicks

Mrs. C. P. Edvalson of Catherine Creek road above Union will secure her baby chicks this year from the Salem Chickeries and not attempt to hatch them out on their own place. She has ordered 300 Plymouth Rock chicks, which she has found in the past to be the most suitable on their place. The Edvalsons are milking 19 fine Holstein cows now and are disposing of their milk through the Payette cooperative.

Returns from Washington

Mrs. Reed Taylor has returned from Dayton, Washington, where she has been visiting with relatives for some time. Mr. Taylor, who has been quite ill is reported as being very much improved.

Car Orders Arrive

Two cars of land plaster and one carload of salt purchased through the Pleasant Grove grange arrived early this week at Imbler and are being distributed among the members of the grange who had placed their orders before the order was placed.

Bridge Goes Out

S. E. Miller suffered quite a serious, though temporary misfortune for lambing season at his place on Eaton road just from Union, when a county bridge went out early this week. Mr. Miller was feeding his band of sheep on one side of the bridge, hauling his hay from the other side. He was attempting to drive the sheep across the bridge, and while in the process the bridge became loose at one end and very shortly went out. None of the animals which were on the bridge at the time were lost. The going out of the bridge cut Mr. Miller off from getting his feed to the sheep, which was some misfortune as about six or seven loads were being hauled each day. Temporary arrangements were made for feeding them until the county can repair the bridge. The structure was of steel and was valued at about \$3,500. A temporary bridge will be put in to relieve the situation.

Bays Purchased Guernseys

Rattle Hudson, of near Imbler, who has been visiting for some time at Sunnyside, Washington, has returned to his home. During his stay in Washington Mr. Hudson purchased two head of purebred Guernseys, a bull and a four-year-old cow. Mr. Hudson at present has Jerseys on his place but expects to work gradually into the purebred Guernsey business.

Visits at Home

Miss Stella Edvalson who teaches at Rock Creek in Baker county was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edvalson on Catherine Creek for a visit over the weekend.

Cast Is Announced

The home-talent play to be given by the Women's Improvement club of Elgin, on Tuesday evening, March 27th, has been announced. The play "Chubbing a Husband" is to be given as a benefit for the student loan fund and the public library of Elgin. Work on the production is said to be going along nicely, with the following cast at work on the various parts:

Mrs. Blanche Newmann, a bride—Mrs. Earl Chandler.

Mrs. Henrietta Ashton, her sister from Boston—Mrs. R. H. Osburn.

Maud Ashton, an overgrown girl, dressed young—Mrs. Walter Duron.

Belle, Mrs. Newmann's colored cook—Mrs. Flo McKinzie.

Bridget O'Flannagan, a wash-lady—Mrs. Bernal Hug.

Mrs. Ottowa, and old grandmother of the past—Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Mrs. Ferris, her daughter—Miss Veda Patton.

Dr. Georgiana Jordan, a spinster feminist—Mrs. M. G. Allen.

Mrs. Whitney, inclined to be jealous—Miss Ruth Hug.

Mrs. Reynolds, something of a bargain hunter—Mrs. Stella Witty.

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Have Successful Sale

The community sale held yesterday at the M. F. VanHousen place at Alcei was quite successful with a good crowd in attendance and the articles brought in, going at satisfactory prices. Auctioneer J. D. Smith of La Grande cried the sale. The sale was held in connection with the closing out sale of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. VanHousen, who have been in Portland for some time, but are now back disposing of their property and possessions here, with the intention of making that their permanent home. The property was sold to Jim Clark of Alcei.

Mr. and Mrs. VanHousen, who are thus severing their connection with affairs at Alcei have been long time residents of that locality, and have been closely and prominently identified with all activities there. Mr. VanHousen was the first rural carrier out of the Alcei postoffice and served in that capacity until he reached the age of 65 years when it was necessary for him to be retired. He has since been on pension. He was carrier for about 20 years, covering the route 25 miles long, with a team during all excepting the last three or four years. Mr. VanHousen did not miss a day on account of sickness during all the years, the one time he was sick, during a vacation period. He was able to make the route every day but one. On that day, he started but became stuck in the snow and was obliged to stop for that day. For all but the first two years, Mrs. VanHousen served as Mr. VanHousen's substitute. Patrons along the route often speak of the faithfulness and regularity of Mr. VanHousen. Their permanent removal from the Alcei neighborhood has been very generally regretted.

Has Chicken Fox

Dobbie Huron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron of Elkins Lane is ill at his home with chicken pox.

Ill at Hot Lake

Gay Christ, fourteen-year-old boy from the neighborhood of the Catherine Creek school was taken to Hot Lake early this week where he submitted to an operation.

Move to Farm

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roland of La Grande have moved to the farm of Routh McKennon near Imbler, known as the old Stein place.

Second High Cow

C. P. Edvalson's Holstein was the second high cow in the Wallawa-Union county testing association last month with 71.2 pounds of butter fat. Mr. Edvalson is quite an enthusiast for the testing, having had his herd tested before the association was formed here. Since the work was started he has disposed of two of his cows which were found to be bidders.

Leaves Farm Permanently

Renwick Clarke who has been on the Clarke farm near Island City for some time has gone to La Grande permanently and will be associated with the others members of the family in the florist business. Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom have leased the Clarke farm, having taken possession the latter part of last year. Mr. Robert Clarke, who has been ill for some time, yesterday underwent double mastoid operation at Hot Lake, which it is hoped will give permanent relief.

To Have Sale

A. C. Hys, Glenn, who lives near Summerville is announcing a public sale at his place next Wednesday, March 14th. Among other articles to be offered for sale are considerable livestock, cattle, sheep and hogs, besides farm implements. Mr. Glenn has leased his farm to Thelbert Choate.

To Repeat Play

The young people of Pleasant Grove who gave their play "The Time of His Life" so successfully as a benefit for their own grange, last week, are repeating the production this evening as a benefit for Rock Wall grange above Elgin. The proceeds are to go to the

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Most of the wheat fields in the hill sections are still covered with several inches of snow, and farmers are in hopes this will be melted away during the early part of the month, in order to prevent any possibility of the grain being smothered out, like last spring. It is believed that the greater percentage of crop damage from killing in this county last year, was caused by this condition, rather than from freezing. While green grass has shown signs of starting up on the south slopes where the snow has been gone for some time, the hard freezing at night has prevented it making any growth to speak of, and two or three weeks warm weather will be necessary after the freezing has stopped, before there will be enough new grass to make any feed for stock.

On some of the hill pastures and range areas there is a considerable amount of old grass which was not heavily pastured last fall, which will be available for turning the stock onto as soon as the snow has melted away a little more. Stock of all kinds are still eating hay good yet, and most bunches appear to be doing well.

Road conditions everywhere except on the highways and market roads are beginning to get at their worst at this time. On many of the dirt roads where the frost is leaving at this time, travel with even light rigs is causing some deep ruts and chuck-holes to be cut. It is expected that practically all dirt roads will be quite muddy during the greater part of this month at least.

Preparations are under way at many farms for putting up a stiff winter ration for the stock and for this season, the rodents have been making their appearance in fairly large numbers during the past few weeks, and while the ground has been covered with snow making it difficult to get around to distribute poison, many expect to commence soon.

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Comes to Hotel

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Contract Lambs

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Butchered Yesterday

Clyde Myers with the assistance of neighbors did his season's butchering yesterday, six fat hogs having been butchered.

Blue Mt. Grange

The Blue Mt. grange adopted the report of the agricultural program committee for the year, as arranged by the local committee and county agent and submitted to the regular meeting held Wednesday at the hall. The program is to include dairying, poultry work, demonstrations to be carried out during the year. S. T. Balle is chairman of the committee. At the meeting Wednesday, the first reports on the program were also made. A. F. Hug reported on the value of land plaster on alfalfa and S. T. Balle on the value of pure seed.

Five applications for membership were reported at the morning session. A number of questions were discussed under the legislative committee work. A splendid literary program was presented during the lecture's hour. A report of Rev. Fred Weatherford's trip to the Holy Land was given and had especial interest as he is well known in the Blue Mt. grange district.

Milk Herd Highest

In the recent report covering the month of February as submitted by E. H. Ahlstrom, tester of the Union-Wallowa county cow testing association, the herd of J. E. Mills was reported as the high herd in the association with an average of 25.68. Also C. P. Edvalson had the second highest cow with a yield of 71.2 pounds of butter fat. Mr. Ahlstrom tested 39 herds, 122 out of the 670 being bred by. The average of the entire number

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DEAN OF UNION CO. EDITORS OBSERVES 25TH YEAR SERVICE

A very modest announcement appeared in last week's issue of the Weekly Eastern Oregon Republican of Union, which stated that with that issue George A. Seibird had rounded out twenty-five years as editor and publisher of that news sheet. This dean of editors of Union county has passed a silver anniversary in the news field of this section.

Mr. Seibird with his partner, Mr. Glover came to Union from Colorado and purchased the Union paper on March 1st, 1903. For health reasons he had been obliged to leave the high altitude of Colorado and come farther west and into a lower country. Their objective at the time they left Colorado had been Payette, Idaho, but some difficulties in making arrangements for the transfer of the property in question there, caused them to come further.

Union, at that time the county seat, made a very strong appeal. From a business standpoint, from the standpoint of making the town their home and from general physical conditions the offer appeared to be a good one, according to Mr. Seibird and the two gentlemen agreed among themselves to make the venture and if not all that they hoped to be, it would be easy to leave the field and seek some other.

Housing conditions were rather hard then in Union. A house was not to be had and in order to close the deal, the former owner agreed to build two homes for the two prospective buyers and that was done.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Glover died, and Mr. Seibird has since conducted the business by himself. In a statement made yesterday, they have been happy years for Mr. Seibird. He has seen his health improve. He has been able through his efforts to build up the plant which he acquired by purchase. He has been able to secure those necessities and some of the luxuries of life. He has been permitted to contribute his share toward the building up of his home city and toward the betterment of his fellow citizens.

Those who know Mr. Seibird and his work at Union have placed a high valuation on it. He has given himself of time, and effort in community projects. He has served in numerous official capacities. He has given Union and the part of the county directly affected a good newspaper.

Ever since the "Over the Valley" section of The Observer started last June, Mr. Seibird has been most helpful, obliging and encouraging. The editor wishes to join other friends in the wish for the least another twenty-five busy, happy and prosperous years at the helm of the Republican.

"When John Halley sent the message that the Indians were coming back up the river, the armed guards on the stages had been discontinued. The stages were still running without lights. The driver of the eastbound stage which came along about 1 o'clock a. m. brought the dispatch and wished me to read it, so that he could take the news to the people along the route toward Kelton. So he lighted matches while I read the news. The matches we had in those days were in little square blocks and when separated were very small, consequently would not make a light very long. For that reason it took us some time to get it read. This took place on the opposite side of the river from the house. When I turned the light loose to go back across, it appeared to me that there was something wrong.

"The house was on the bank close to the river. The window next to the river had not been filled with oil, but had been left open to give some light in the house. I had left a candle on the table and the light that shone from that window appeared too great to be made by a candle. From the porch in the north side a light was shining and I always kept the door of that room locked as I had the money hid there. I was something like the old woman, who had gone away from home and was told that her house had burned down. She would not believe it because as she said "she had the key in her pocket."

"There was only one conclusion came to me and that is that someone had entered the house and had broken into that room to get the money. I fixed that boat to make it go as fast as possible, but it seemed to me it was almost standing still. It finally did get to the bank, but I never stopped to tie it but as soon as I could jump to land I did so. I ran towards the house with the lanterns of my shot gun raised ready for instant use. I pushed the door open and brought the gun to a position as near as I could, but there was no explosion of fire because the house was afire. The candle had in some way set fire to some papers on the table. It may have fallen over. The partition between the two rooms had caught fire. It had burned through into the other room and burned through the ceiling to the room above. I picked up a bucket of water and threw it against where it was going through the ceiling, and then hit the trail for the river at my best gait. To my own surprise and to all others, who saw the result of the blaze, I got the fire put out. Then it occurred to me that I had a shot gun upon my arrival at the fire. I found it lying at the door with both hammers still raised, where I had let go of it to grab the bucket of water."

(To be continued.)

Wallowa Farmers Report Lambing Operations Good

WALLOWA (Special)—Reports coming from a number of the farms in this end of the valley indicate that very good luck is being obtained in lambing operations. The cold nights of the past two weeks, has made it necessary to keep the ewes under sheds at night, and keeping of a close watch for lambs coming during the night to prevent them from being lost from chilling. Some of the small flocks in various parts of the county have been finished at this time, while many others are just getting started.

Some excellent percentages are reported from a few of those who have finished, with some getting as high as 150 per cent. In most instances, it is stated that but little trouble is being experienced from ewes not giving plenty of milk for the lambs. Sheep owners feel that with good luck in saving a large percentage of the lambs, that prospects for some profit from this industry is assured for this season, as much of the wool has been contracted at prices above 30 cents per pound, and some lots of lambs also contracted at 10 cents.

Our forests are going, but things could be worse. Just suppose some fashion leader should come down the street wearing a wooden leg.

hear last Wednesday.

Frank Graham, of Elgin, was seen on our streets Wednesday.

Joe Ross, of La Grande, was here last Wednesday.

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