

Over The Valley

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A Correction
The old Time Dances which has been arranged for by the Pythian Sisters of Imbler is to be held on Saturday evening instead of Thursday as had been erroneously announced.

Riving Hoing
The last few days have seen the Grande Ronde river come up pretty fast. It is reported that at the Sam Ruckman place near Alice, the water is out over the grade.

Make Fine Record
Newton Shafer, 16-year-old sheep raiser of Fruitdale, is quite elated over his sheep. He had a bunch of nine purebred ewes, Hampshire, Lambing in over and Newton has 15 sturdy lambs, and reports on loss. This makes about 166 2-3 per cent.

Give Bird Lecture
Although there were about 75 people who witnessed the illustrated lecture on Oregon birds given under the auspices of the Island City P. T. A. last Saturday evening, those who sponsored the entertainment feel that the program merited attendance several times that size.

Successful Season
L. J. Green of the firm of Green & Hess of La Grande reports a very successful lambing season on his ranch which borders the highway this side of Elgin. In his band of about 1300 head, he has 1640 ewes, which have had 1870 lambs, about 114 per cent which is very large, taking the size of his bands into account.

Business Trip
Wills Moss and Isaac Shafer of the Moss Chapel neighborhood, made a business trip yesterday to Willowa.

Pomona Grange
Grangers from all over the county will journey tomorrow to Cove where they will be guests of the Mt. Fannie grange, the hostess organization to the spring meeting of the Pomona grange.

Return to College
Wayne Welch, Glenn Ledbetter and Turfield Schindler left yesterday morning in the latter's car to resume their work at Willamette university after having spent their spring vacation in the Alice and Imbler neighborhoods.

Tri-County Meet
Next Tuesday evening at Union members of the Masonic fraternity will gather at Union to participate in a meeting of Union, Willowa and Baker county Masons. A dinner will precede the work of the evening which will be honored by the presence of Master of the Grand Lodge Robert S. Eakin of La Grande. The degree work will be put on by the team from Willowa county.

Make Extended Visit
Mrs. A. E. Henderson, of Elgin, left by train Tuesday for Nampa, Idaho, where she will spend the next several months with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Evans, whose husband, Mr. Evans, recently passed away. Mrs. Henderson will probably be in Nampa until June.

Sunday Guests
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shafer and sons, Kenneth, Vernon and Paren and Miss Jessie, Nelle Evans, all of Baker were Sunday guests at the I. Shafer home near Island City.

Ships Car of Potatoes
W. R. Ledbetter of Alice Wednesday shipped from Imbler a car of his finest Netted Gem potatoes, Dr. McNary of the state hospital at Pendleton being the purchaser. The car held 400 sacks of the spuds which were of baker size and larger.

District Association
The regular meeting of the district association of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges is announced for a week from Saturday, March 31st, at Cove, when the two organizations of that place will entertain probably upwards of 100 guests from the lodges of the county.

Conclude Visit
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Powers of Medical Springs who have been spending a few days in La Grande, guests at the Suezajawa Inn, registered on Wednesday and returned to their home. Mr. Powers reports that the origin of the fire, which a few weeks ago destroyed their fine chicken house and all the hundreds of chickens, has been determined. Youth, who in the act of throwing struck matches and accidentally let the head or one or more fall in the straw were responsible for the disastrous flames. Mr. Powers reported that insurance covered the loss on the building but not entirely on the contents.

Improves from Illness
Mrs. Jim McKinnis of near Imbler is improving from a recent attack of the flu.

Country Women's Club
Members of the Country Women's club are meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John A. Hoffman, of near Island City.

Visit Daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sturdevant of Fruitdale have been in Walla Walla where they are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Francis Carlisle. Mrs. Carlisle is there to be near her husband, who is a patient at the Veterans' hospital.

Sells Ranch
Bert Vandevanter who lives at the Park, on the Catherine creek road has recently sold his ranch and has given possession. It is reported that Mr. Vandevanter has purchased a dairy farm near Wingville and will go to his new location soon.

Child Ill
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cummins of Elgin took their little son, John, to La Grande early this week for medical attention. The little fellow has been very ill with pneumonia and is now suffering from resultant complications.

On Summer Schedule
Archie Koenig, who carries the mail out from the Alice postoffice started on the new schedule this week. During the winter months, when the roads made travel hard and slow, carriers are allowed to start their routes early in the morning and not wait for any morning mail coming into their re-

Eight Carloads Of Seed Wheat Come to Valley

Last week these columns reported the arrival in this county of a shipment of six cars of certified Federation seed wheat from Umattilla county. That shipment which came into the Grande Ronde grain company has since been increased to eight car loads.

According to G. H. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at O. S. C. who has often been here on tours of inspection, the seed received here is some of the best in the state.

The same story was made to say that Umattilla county was one of the largest shipping centers of seed wheat in the state. We are informed that that statement was in error. Umattilla county has for a number of years had the edge on the seed wheat business and has every year shipped out a number of carloads of the seed.

Umattilla produces much but does not ship much. Union county has the purchase hard Federation seed that is procurable anywhere. In 1924, it is reported, 25 cars went out from this county and it brought a glittered price.

Miles Woodell who has the long run out from Summerville, still has several miles on his route which cannot be traveled with a car and will not change his schedule until he can put up his team permanently.

Twenty-eight ladies were guests Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Gump in Fruitdale, when Mrs. Gump, Mrs. Tom Standley and Mrs. John Bennett were the hostesses to the Parkdale club. The program of the afternoon dealt with Oregon history and Mrs. Ed Eckley in a very interesting fashion gave an excellent talk on the subject which the ladies greatly enjoyed and thoroughly appreciated. At the close of the program the hostesses served a light luncheon.

Members of the Eastern Star order of Elgin are planning to have a splendid time this evening after the close of chapter, when games and other entertaining features will be arranged for a few hours of enjoyment.

Mrs. Robert Alexander who lives on the Island City highway is reported to be improving from her recent illness. The son, Bobbie, who has also been severely ill with pneumonia, is improving somewhat, though it is very slow.

John Dahlstrom, who has leased the Clarke farm of 200 acres near Island City is milking now 14 cows and every morning brings his milk to La Grande to a local dairy. Mr. Dahlstrom is another firm believer in the dairy business as a profitable one for this valley, and believes that it is to his particular advantage to market his milk as he does. Mrs. Dahlstrom is on the farm on which Renwick Clarke formerly lived and made his experiments with sweet clover, over which he became quite enthusiastic. From this farm there is being sold quantities of sweet clover seed this spring for which there had been a steady demand and for which a good price can be commanded.

The Summerville and Imbler grade school youngsters are still having some mighty interesting basketball contests. Wednesday the second Imbler grade team and the second Summerville grade team met at Summerville, the latter having the best of the visitors by a score of something like 8 to 3. This is the first game that has been played on the Summerville floor.

From some sections of the valley are coming reports of the necessity of re-seeding the wheat, intermittent freezes and thaws of the winter having succeeded in killing some of the grain which was sowed last fall.

"Emmy Lou" the faithful Dodge sedan which has been one-half of the "we" which has covered the valley gathering news for this page since last June, has gone to the golden garage so far as this page is concerned. She fought a good fight and is now reposing for a time in a garage in La Grande. Because "Emmy Lou" was so well known over the valley and had so many scores of sister cars who always spoke to her on the highway, it is an announcement made. After this, friends of this page are asked to look out for a bright and shiny new car all dressed up in green. The new car is a some relative come for a visit but she stops in front of the door, but is just a new conveyance come for your interesting bits or columns of news.

SIR JOHN DUNN TO WED NEW YORK - Sir John Dunn, actor, whose father was once Lord Mayor of London, is to wed Miss Mignonne Matzger, actress, whose father is a member of the New Zealand Parliament. The ceremony will be at the Little Church around the Corner. Sir John has been on the stage 12 years.

APPLE SEASON ENDS WITH 400 CARLOADS SHIPPED TO MARKET

The apple season of 1927 has been closed, so far as Imbler, recognized as the apple center of the county, is concerned. One car load of apples remained on hands until the last few weeks, when the owners decided to dispose of them locally. The season has been a long one, but according to fruit growers, has been a good one so far as quality, price and marketing conditions were concerned.

It is reported, authoritatively, that in the neighborhood of 400 car loads of apples were shipped from this county this season and this in addition to those which were disposed of locally, or shipped out by truck. Of this total, Imbler fruit growers shipped 136 car loads, sustaining their previous record of producing car for car with the entire remaining sections of the county. The casual visitor in this locality or the tourist driving through is not aware of the number or size of the apple orchards in this section, the territory immediately surrounding Imbler, but a few miles drive, or less than that, from Imbler in almost every direction convinces one of the size of this industry.

Those who are in the game report that the 1927 crop was but half a crop. Those who visited the section during blossom or fruit season will remember that things took something of a curious turn, also. Just beyond Imbler on the highway the road on both sides is lined with splendid fruit bearing trees. This year, on the right hand side of the road as one is proceeding north the crop was a good one, on the left hand side of the road there was scarcely an apple.

According to E. J. Hazen of the O. W. R. & N., who has been in Imbler for a number of years, the highest average season's shipment was 240 car loads.

For the most part fruit growers of Imbler found their own markets this year. The fruit has been shipped to every state in the Union, excepting those states lying east of the Hudson river, and almost every Michigan. In four years, but one car load of apples has been disposed of in that state, and that, of course, due to the fact that Michigan is, itself, an apple-growing section. Every other state eats Union county, Oregon, apples.

High freight rates east of the Hudson river prohibits the marketing of apples in the New England states. Only those apples go beyond that line which are shipped to the different points of embarkation. As is quite generally known, a commercial fertilizer, furnished by a large concern, sulphate of ammonium is being applied on winter wheat, Mr. Avery attempting to select yellow or thin spots. While the experiment tried in this county heretofore, has never been carried to a satisfactory completion, where it has been followed there has been quite gratifying results. In Umattilla county the procedure is considered to be very successful.

Farmers Fighting Ground Squirrels

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 23 (Special) - The ground squirrel season is now on in earnest in this section of the country. The rodents commenced to make their appearance in a few parts of the county as much as six weeks ago, and have continued to show up until there is an abundant supply of them at present. Farmers have not tried to do much in the way of poisoning until the past few days, because it has been difficult to get over the ground, however, many are poisoning and using the gas method at this time, with good results.

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A SEASONABLE RECIPE

MEAT CROQUETTES
2 cups meat, cooked, ground.
1 teaspoon salt.
1/2 teaspoon pepper.
Pinch cayenne.
1/2 tablespoon onion, chopped.
1 cup milk or meat stock.
2 tablespoons fat (if lean meat).
4 tablespoons flour.
2 lbs. fat, deep frying.
Make very thick sauce of liquid, fat, and flour. Blend with well-seasoned meat and condiments. Spread thinly on shallow pan to chill thoroughly until easily handled. Shape into neat, well-formed balls, cones, cubes, or cylinders. Blend white and yolk of egg slightly, strain, dilute with 2 tablespoons water. Use fine, sifted, dried crumbs for coating. Roll croquettes (1) in crumbs, (2) in egg, drain; (3) roll in salted crumbs-making an even, thin coating shaking off excess crumbs. Heat fat in deep kettle, using bread cube test, 60 seconds for raw mixtures; 40 seconds for cooked mixtures. Fry croquettes in deep fat 5 to 8 minutes until golden brown. Drain on unglazed paper.

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Rodent Control Fight In Union County Starts

The fight for rodent control is on in Union county in dead earnest. The length of the killing season cannot be determined in advance as weather conditions, etc., determine whether or not the season will be long or short, whether the early efforts made will bear good results. The poison is being prepared by the county agriculturist who weighs and mixes the oats and strychnine, sacks them and passes them out to the several points of distribution. The efforts expended to control rodents have increased quite materially since 1921, when 500 pounds of the poisonous mixture were prepared and distributed. Last year, Mr. Avery spent something over 18 days mixing considerably more than 12,000 pounds. This year, it is believed, the quantity will be even greater than last year. In Wallowa county where the war is also being waged, larger quantities will be put out than during 1927, while in Baker county it is believed a smaller quantity will be used.

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Fertilizer Test Plots Put in At Several Farms

County Agriculturist Harry Avery has been busy this week helping to put in several fertilizer test plots on a number of farms over the valley. Acre test plots were put in on the J. A. Gaskill place near Imbler, the Grover Grinnett farm near La Grande and the Luther Hindman farm near Elgin. One more is to be put in and Mr. Avery is of the opinion that it will be placed on the Huron farm as conditions there are quite satisfactory for such an experiment.

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