

Over The Valley

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Recovers From Operation—

Miss Dorothy Jean Carter, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter of near Cove submitted to an operation Friday for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. She is getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Carter who purchased this spring the Arthur Hamann farm, will not move into the home on the farm until after the Hamann residence in Island City is completed. They report that they will be perfectly willing to live on a gravelled highway after having been off it for a couple of miles or more.

Takes Mt. Glen School—

Mrs. Lucille Coyner, La Grande, has been employed for the remainder of the year as the teacher at Mt. Glen school, where 26 pupils are enrolled. Mrs. Coyner is a normal school graduate, has had some college work, brought excellent recommendations from her former teaching positions, and Mt. Glen people are happy to have secured her services. She succeeded R. T. Ferguson, who recently accepted a position in California.

Purchases Farm—

Harvey J. Boory has purchased 155 acres of farm land and 80 acres of timber land from the Hendrickson brothers. The farm lies across the highway west from the Iowa district school house and is considered one of the choice tracts in this part of the valley. It was formerly a part of the Albert Hunter farm.

Compliment Bridge & Groom—

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Woodell gave a dinner at their home near Pleasant Grove Sunday, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Gee) Woodell. The bride, who has recently returned to the valley from Ashland, their first appearance here since their marriage at holiday time. A lovely dinner was served by Mrs. Woodell at one o'clock with plates laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnston and children, Bernice, Leighton and Dean, Miss Joan Gorman, William Prieme, Mr. and Mrs. George Hardie and children, Vern and Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Chant and daughters, Rena and Arlene, Mrs. W. A. Baker and Roy Baker.

Visit in Baker—

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foster and son, Claire of Albee, drove to Baker Sunday where they spent the day with relatives.

Take Sheep to the Hills—

R. E. Miller has already had three bands of lambs taken to the hills. While the weather the past week in the valley has been rather hard on lambs and lambing operations, Mr. Miller reports his all to be doing very well.

Grange Tomorrow—

Blue Mt. grange holds an all day meeting tomorrow at their hall near La Grande.

Reports Large Shipment—

Karl J. Stackland, of Cove, the oldest fruit shipper in the valley reports the shipment of 150 carloads of apples since the beginning of the year, these besides previous shipments during the season. Mr. Stackland, with his brothers shipped the first apples out from La Grande, having bought up home orchard apples, each car containing numerous varieties. Mr. Stackland has always found his own market in the east and midwest and from that small beginning more than a quarter of a century ago has built up a large and dependable trade in fruits of various kinds.

Visits in Baker—

Mrs. E. D. Gaskill, of near Albee visited Friday with friends in Baker and Haines Friday.

Pleasant Grove Grange—

The regular meeting of the Pleasant Grove grange comes this Saturday evening. There will be work and important matters to come up during the evening.

Visits in Cove—

Miss Lucy Cane of Corvallis, who spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday conducting nutrition classes in different sections, was the guest of her friends in and near Cove over the weekend.

Miss Aubin Not so Well—

Miss Mabel Aubin who has been ill for some time, and who is at the home of Miss Josie Bland, pastor of the Methodist church at Haines, has been quite ill for the

past few weeks and does not regain her strength as her friends would wish. Miss Aubin was for some time pastor of the Methodist church at Imbler, giving up the work only when her health demanded.

Lots of Water—

A drive over the valley in almost any direction reveals the fact that great quantities of water are found in the filling all the lower lying ground, in many places in great expanses. The river has not been as high the last few days as it was ten days or two weeks ago. It is reported that at the head of Bear Creek in Wallawa county there is at present 11 feet of packed snow, which according to residents in that part, guarantees plenty of water for irrigation purposes the coming season.

Entertains Pioneers Club—

Mr. and Mrs. August Erickson of May mark entertained the members of the Pioneers club Saturday evening at their home. There were four tables at play during the evening, the high scores having been made by Gilbert Hunter and Mrs. Louis Standley. During the latter part of the evening Mrs. Erickson served some delicious refreshments.

Finishes Ditch—

A. E. Kockritz of Union, has just finished one mile of drainage ditch, built by blasting with dynamite. He expects to construct an additional one and one-half miles of ditch by the same method.

County P. T. A. Council—

Announcement is made of the next meeting of the county council of the Parent-Teacher association, which will be held at North Powder on the 21st of this month. It will be an all day meeting with a pot luck lunch at noon, coffee to be served by the North Powder council. This is to be a very important meeting, the election of officers to be one of the prominent items of business to be considered.

Week End Visitors—

Wayne Crew of Lostine drove down Friday evening and spent the week end visiting with friends at Imbler and Summerville.

Sells Blooded Stock—

A. Hunter, of Wallawa, well known throughout this county as catfishman has recently made a very outstanding sale from among the animals of his herd. In speaking of the transaction, the Wallawa Sun has the following to say: "A. Hunter, Wallawa county's catfishman and breeder of blooded Herefords has returned from Medford where he took a car load of 21 two-year-old bulls to Brophy & Co., extensive breeders of Southern Oregon. Mr. Hunter's stock was selected as the best suited to their needs by Brophy & Co., after an inspection of herds in California, Washington and other Oregon points. They pronounced Mr. Hunter's stock as 'good stuff' which to the catfishman means the best."

Pleasant Grove Social—

There was a very large crowd attended the social given Saturday evening by the members of the Pleasant Grove grange. The fifth Saturday night of the month and to utilize it for social purposes. There was dancing, cards and games of all sorts provided for both the old and young. Late in the evening lunch, consisting of sandwiches, salads, cake and coffee was served by a committee from the grange.

Installs Equipment—

Some excellent new play-ground equipment was installed this past week on the play-grounds at the Summerville school. The items include a slide, swing, rings, swinging ladder, teeter and two horizontal bars.

Return Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinnis have returned to their home at Springfield, Oregon, following a visit among their relatives in and around Imbler and Summerville.

Arrange Specialties—

A number of specialties have been arranged for Friday evening when the Summerville Rebekahs present their play "The Winding Road," at the Masonic hall at Summerville. There will be musical numbers preceding the raising of the first curtain. Miss Ruth Littell of Imbler will sing a solo and the Rebekah quartet from La

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Cocoanut Macaroons
1 1/2 cups cocoanuts
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups cornflakes
2 egg whites
Beat whites until stiff, add sugar slowly as in a meringue. Add cocoanuts then cocoanut. Drop on oiled baking sheet, and bake in a slow oven until brown. Macaroons may be substituted for the cornflakes.

Ted Roy Visits Blacksmith Shop While At Union

The "Clang of the Forge" rivals more ambitious music to the ears of Ted Roy, Oregon State College singer—literally speaking. When in Union recently with the opera "H. M. S. Pinafore," the famous college singer, winner of national honors in last years Alway-Kent audition, immediately looked up the local blacksmith shop and spent a couple of hours talking shop to the "Smiths" J. B. "Big" Johnson.

was working on a hammer, drawing "it out," says Mr. Johnson describing the experience. "This fellow came in and said he had been looking all over town for the blacksmith shop. Then he peered off his coat and swung the hammer awhile. Although he doesn't know anything about shoeing horses, he is a good blacksmith. He swung the hammer in more than 250 pounds makes him a good man to work hot metal."

Roy works each summer as a blacksmith in Pilot Rock in the shop of Deane Brothers, the singer told Mr. Johnson. This shop was formerly owned by Roy's father before his retirement and was the place where the singer learned his "trade." His work as a "smith" caused him to be known as "the singing blacksmith." During his meteoric rise to national fame as a singer.

One amusing incident related by Roy particularly appreciated by Mr. Johnson was that of one of the many entertainments arranged in his honor following his return from New York last winter, where a stage was decorated to represent a blacksmith shop. Everything was correct, the story went, until the singer's practiced eye fell on the anvil which was set with the "horn" pointed the wrong way! "A good blacksmith and a nice fellow," is the accolade added to Roy's collection of honors by the local blacksmith.

Grange, consisting of Miss Mamie Woodell, Miss Mamie Montz, Mrs. Moss and Miss Thelma Hug, will appear a number of times Dress rehearsals begin this evening.

Work Retarded Again—

Not much farm work was accomplished during the short dry spell and now practically all early spring work is at a standstill. As late as yesterday a few farmers were able to be plowing their wheat, but a few more days of wet weather will make any work in the fields, whatever, impossible.

Joint Aid—

Thursday the ladies aid societies of Imbler and Summerville will hold a joint meeting in Imbler upon invitation from the ladies of that town.

An Appreciation—

In another column appears a story concerning the cow testing association of Union county from Prof. Cecil L. Griggs of Union. Mr. Griggs is the instructor in vocational agriculture in the Union high school and a very good friend of this page evidenced by his contributions. Mr. Griggs was one of those most interested in the formation of the Union-Wallawa county cow testing association and had much to do with the preliminary work connected with its organization.

COW TESTING WORK BOOSTS COUNTY TO POSITION NEAR TOP

Organization of a separate cow testing association for Union county which dairy leaders of this section plan to consummate at a general meeting April 15, marks the entry of Union county into the ranks of the leading dairy counties of the state. Progressing steadily since the first organized testing work was started by the department of vocational agriculture of the Union High school several years ago, the section has had part time service for a limited number of dairymen during the last six months from the Union-Wallawa cow testing association. Interest in the testing association work has gained such impetus during that time, that as a result, the dairy committee of the county agricultural economic conference saw fit to recommend a separate testing association for Union county.

Formation of a Union cow testing association will give a total of eleven such organizations, all located in important dairying centers and testing more than 6000 cows. At present the testing associations and numbers of cows tested by each are as follows: Tillamook, 722; Marion County, 625; Central Oregon, 498; Umatilla, 527; Columbia county, 479; Baker county, 324; Union-Wallawa county, 679; Metolow "Number One," 674; Metolow "Number Two," 440; and Coquille Valley, 952. The last three associations are located in Coos county on the Coos and Coquille rivers. Each association employs a full-time college-trained man as tester who makes regular monthly visits to the farms on his route, weighing and testing the milk of each cow for a day's period. As a result of the testing findings, during February, more than 30 unprofitable cows were sold as members, while series of changes in ratings were made after record books were consulted and the tester's advice heeded.

Tested cows bring higher prices and are worth more than ordinary dairy stock, asserts N. C. Jamison, extension dairy specialist of the Oregon Experiment Station. In the February report of the cow testing work, Mr. Jamison warns Oregon dairymen not to undervalue their cows, particularly when they are backed up with records. "Every member knows there is an increasing demand for good dairy cows but does every member realize that association cows have an added value unless they are being sold as unprofitable?" says Mr. Jamison. "A record of production adds value that the buyer is willing to pay, so don't sell too cheaply. Do not be ashamed of a good cow and take less than her worth. Reliable authorities advise that Oregon cattle are preferred in California market and that that market will continue for 15 years. Dairymen with surplus feed may govern themselves accordingly."

"Union county needs more good dairy cows," declared a prominent local dairymen recently. "While surveys have shown that we produce the cheapest alfalfa hay in the state, good improvement can still be made along the line of economical butterfat production. Only by keeping records and building up our herds intelligently by the use of such records can this be accomplished."

Evidence that dairymen of this section believe in cow testing association records is shown by the fact that scores of calves from cows having records of more than 200 pounds of butterfat in a year are being shipped in from Tillamook county each year. Tillamook is the oldest cow testing association county in Oregon and finds a profitable outlet for thousands of calves annually, though sale of small calves to dairymen in all parts of the Northwest. Good calves shipped in from Tillamook cost local dairymen about \$18 to \$18 a head including express. These calves are usually two to

three weeks old and taught to drink milk out of buckets. Some loss is experienced usually due to digestive troubles after shipments are received as it is almost impossible to feed the calves properly in transit.

"There are many herds in Union county which will benefit greatly by membership in a testing association," says County Agricultural Agent H. G. Avery. "Cow testing simply means keeping books on the dairy herd, or the application of business methods to the business of dairying. It makes possible the best cows to maintain and build up the herd, and reduction of production costs by study of ration and comparison of yields and rations with those of other dairymen belonging to the testing association."

"Tomatoes have been substituted for beans on the navy mess schedule. What are they trying to do, take all the humor out of the navy?"

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of Columbian National Fire Insurance Co.

of Lansing, in the State of Michigan, on the thirty-first day of December, 1927, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL
Amount of capital stock paid up \$ 650,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 704,799.41
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 77,896.92
Income from other sources received during the year 199.10

Total income \$ 782,895.43
DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses \$ 246,357.72
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year 1,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 271,755.37
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 35,009.54
Amount of all other expenditures 125,707.34

Total expenditures \$ 728,920.81
ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 400,677.95
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 392,621.40
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 591,434.50
Cash in banks and on hand 127,896.51

Premiums in course of collection \$ 111.00 since September 30, 1927 189,434.29
Interest and rents due and accrued 27,855.15
Total admitted assets \$ 1,146,343.81

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 61,967.29
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 834,846.16
Due for commission and brokerage 2,000.00
All other liabilities 32,700.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock \$ 932,513.45

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Net premiums received during the year \$ 30,228.38
Losses paid during the year 5,414.57
Losses incurred during the year 6,126.17

Name of Company, Columbian National Fire Insurance Co.
Name of President, James J. Carey.
Name of Secretary, E. T. Lyons.

Club Leader To Take His Place In State May 1

J. W. Crites, of Hood River, who has recently been appointed as the successor to the late J. E. Calavan, state club leader, will not take his new office until May first according to an announcement recently made. This means that there will be no visit from the state club leader in this county this spring. Mr. Sayre who has had charge of certain lines of club work in the county will start soon to make an intensive effort to complete the work of organizing clubs among the boys and girls of Union county. Mr. Crites who is so soon to take up his new duties has been county superintendent of schools of Hood River county. He is a comparatively young man and is reputed to be the possessor of those characteristics which are essential for the task which has been assigned to him. He was formerly a principal under State Superintendent of public instruction, C. A. Howard, under whom he will now work.

Although no organized effort has been made in the county this year for club purposes, there are now 19 clubs organized for work outside of the district clubs. Since the last publication of club and officers, six new clubs have been reported, five of them at the Willow school which has always had a very active interest in this kind of work.

The new clubs are as follows: Girls Cooking club, Willow school, Mrs. J. E. Baker, leader, president, Ernest Bates, vice president, Dorothy Baker, secretary, Virginia Campbell.
Boys Cooking club, Willow school, Mrs. Florence Bates, leader, 10 members, president, Merle DeLo; vice president, Carl Douhan; secretary, Jack Bates.
Girls Cooking club, Willow school, 11 members, Mrs. Pearl Campbell, leader; president, Ethel Bates; vice president, Ethel McCosh; secretary, Margaret Snook.
Girls Sewing club, Willow school, 15 members, leader, Mrs. George Lockwood; president, Georgianna Lockwood; vice president, Elma Amos; secretary, Frances Alexander.

Sewing club, Thorny Grove school, 8 members, leader, Mrs. C. E. Moore; president, Mildred Skeen; vice president, Dorothy Coogan; secretary, Margaret Cowan.
Girls Cookery club, Willow school, 10 members, leader, Mrs. R. E. Cunningham; president, Dorothy Campbell; vice president, LaVenda Miller; secretary, Ida May Ambrose.

People who think there are no big leagues in Europe should go over to one of those countries with a couple of thousand dollars and try to get along.



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Bread and Butter Day Wednesday, April 4th

HAMS FOR EASTER! We have tried in every way to select the very best quality hams procurable. We wish to state now that the quality hams we have purchased for our Easter Trade are well in demand. Dining Car service between Seattle and Chicago use this same ham. We feel well satisfied that you will appreciate to buy a real quality ham that you won't have to parboil. Parboiling a ham takes the real sweet taste away and the result is that the consumer is very much put out and a deal of satisfaction has failed. So we say again, be sure and get 1/2 or whole ham at Skaggs Safeway Stores and make Easter Sunday the most enjoyable you have ever had.

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WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.