

Over The Valley

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Has Some Chickens—Ted Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hutchinson of Union has quite a fine pen of White Leghorn chickens. He has about 200 of the chicks which are now a month old and fully feathered out. He also has about 100 of the old chickens. Ted has been incapacitated for some time now, since trouble having followed an accident which resulted in a broken nose.

Women's Club Meets—The Elgin Women's Improvement club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. L. Burnham, this being the time for the regular meeting. The program of the afternoon was a continuation of the general study of Oregon history, the special subject "Oregon Trail and Pioneer Days" being discussed under the leadership of Mrs. Nels Rasmussen. The ladies announce that the gross receipts of their recent play "Clubbing a Husband" amounted to over \$90. They will not repeat the play at Summerville as had been previously announced.

School Work Hindered—According to a bulletin from the office of county superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre, school attendance in some localities is being hindered by an epidemic of whooping cough and the mumps. Imbler is having a round of the mumps this week.

To Build Park—The Grande-Tonde Lumber company has started to build a park at Pondosa. The men have been working there now for about a week and have succeeded in cutting down and burning most of the sage brush where they intend to plant grass and trees and to erect playground apparatus for the children. There are 11 organizations in Pondosa and Mendocino Springs and they have chosen three representatives from each organization to meet at the boarding house Friday evening and decide what arrangements to make for the opening of Pondosa park.

Spend Day At Enterprise—Miss Marie Ledbetter went to Enterprise this morning and spent the day with relatives. She came home with her sister, Eva Ledbetter who has been spending a few days in Enterprise.

Need a Normal—The county superintendent of schools recently made inquiry of all the normal schools in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to find out how many students from eastern Oregon were attending these schools. Replies show that we have 16 students attending those normals from ten eastern Oregon counties. Mr. Sayre concludes his statement with the question "Do we need a normal school?"

Countrywomen's Club—Mrs. Robert A. Masterton is the hostess this afternoon to the members of the Countrywomen's club at her home on Cove avenue.

Business In La Grande—Earl Chandler, a prominent farmer of the section above Elgin was a business visitor in La Grande yesterday. The house on the Chandler farm in which Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug have been living this winter is being remodeled and repaired for the occupancy of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler. Bernal Hug is doing the carpenter work.

Ill in Hospital—Tom Skeen, of Fruitdale is reported to be recovering slowly

from an operation to which he recently submitted at the Grande-Ronde hospital.

Granges To Meet—A delightful dinner party was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug, north of Elgin with Mrs. Hug's mother, Mrs. A. J. Holbrook of Boise, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holbrook of La Grande as special guests. A lovely dinner was served at 6:30 with the following guests besides the guests of honor: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hill and son, Frederick, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chandler.

Recovers Slowly—Mrs. John Holman has been ill for a few weeks at her home near Island City. While she is recovering, it is very slow as is almost always the case with the flu.

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Repairing Road—County road men are working this week repairing the road between Imbler and Summerville especially at the Willow creek bridge, where considerable of the dirt surface had been washed out during the winter weather. An abutment is being put in near the bridge and the road is being filled in with gravel.

Leaves Hospital—Guy Christ, school boy of the Catherine creek school has recently left the Hot Lake sanatorium where he had been for an operation for appendicitis.

P. F. A. Tonight—The regular meeting of the Imbler Parent-Teacher association comes this evening at Waste Hall.

Boys and Girls Clubs—Boys and Girls clubs are being organized for this season quite satisfactorily, according to Mr. Sayre, one of the county leaders. The following clubs are being organized: 7 girls' cooking, 5 boys' camp cooking, 5 poultry, 3 sheep, 11 potato, 1 pig, 3. There are several more to be organized this month.

Getting Ready for Fourth—The Community club of Elgin is already quite busy at work on their plans for their 1928 Fourth of July celebration. At a recent meeting of the club plans were outlined and the ball started rolling for what they claim will be a gigantic three day festival. The first day, July 2nd, has scheduled for its special feature a big home-coming picnic. Invitations will be sent out to all former residents of Elgin, and an effort made to gather together as many such as possible. There will be other attractions and features all leading up to the grand finale on the Fourth.

Certification Standards Needed—G. B. Hystop, farm crop professor at O. S. C. well known here by reason of his visits here to inspect potato fields for certification, recently attended a meeting of potato certification officers and growers of Northwestern U. S. and Canada, held in Spokane. In speaking of the meeting, Mr. Hystop said, "An attempt is being made to bring certification standards of the northwest more closely together. We shall try to reach a more uniform

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

SAND TAITS
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 cup flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 egg white
Blanch almonds
Cream the shortening and add the sugar and egg. Sift together the flour, baking powder and cinnamon, and add these to the mixture. Fold in the beaten egg white. Roll as thin as possible and cut. Split blanched almonds, and after putting the cookies on the cookie sheet, place the halves of almonds in any desirable position on the cookies. Bake in a quick oven until light brown.

Interpretation of disease standards at a field conference this summer.

Germination Tests—According to the Farm Bulletin, germination tests on seed of all kinds can be made at the Oregon Agriculture college, where seed will be sent by the county agent. This service is free to all farmers. Since February several lots of seed have been sent in and tested. Reports on two wheat samples were 95 and 98 per cent, respectively. The owners of this seed were about to reject it for seed purposes. The tests showed that it was good.

Successful Season—Will Vogel is another of the large sheep growers of this valley who reports having had a satisfactory per cent of lambs this season. Mr. Vogel took his sheep to the hills about two weeks ago.

Death of Brother—Mrs. Hattie Eckley of near La Grande has recently received word of the death of her brother, Win Probst, at Yuma, Arizona. A cerebral hemorrhage resulted in his death. Mr. Probst was a former resident of this valley, having been one of the earliest of the pioneer families coming here.

Club Meets—The members of the Women's Educational club of Imbler held their regular meeting Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. A. Gaskill. The study of the afternoon was intensely interesting being of the book of Ruth. There was a good attendance.

Milking Many Cows—C. P. Edvalson, whose dairy herd made the high record last month in the Union-Wallowa cow testing association, is milking at present 22 head of Holsteins, with six more coming on soon. Mr. Edvalson does not have a milking machine to take care of this big item in the day's work as it is scarcely necessary with six adults to do the milking and the chore is done up in short order. The separating is no small item and Mr. Edvalson has recently installed an electric motor and is letting "Elec" do the separating. They are getting very nearly ten gallons of cream each day. Mr. Edvalson's individual cow which stood highest in the test for March produced an average of 91.5 pounds of butterfat. Mrs. Edvalson is busy now looking after her chicks. She has 20 Plymouth Rocks about a week old.

Out From La Grande—Mrs. Lucian Shelton of La Grande visited Wednesday at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Chandler at Elgin and attended the funeral of Fred Wagner, who met a tragic death in a lumber camp early in the week.

Home On Visit—Miss Della Stonedahl, a trained nurse from Boise, Idaho is making a visit at the parental A. Stonedahl home on the Catherine creek road above Union.

Entertains Club—Mrs. Frank Miller was hostess to the Fun and Joy Bridge club Saturday afternoon at her home in Lower Cove. Two tables were set at play, the guests including Misses W. J. Hallmark, T. R. Conklin, A. H. Orton, John Miller, H. H. Daniel, Charles Hibberd and Miss Bess Kelley. Mrs. Conklin won the high score. A two course luncheon was served after the game.

Give Surprise Shower—A group of fourteen lady friends of Mrs. Lynn Hill, of Elgin went in on her at her home a week ago this afternoon and took her completely by surprise. The afternoon was spent in a delightfully informal social fashion and during the afternoon Mrs. Hill was given a splendid shower. Some delicious refreshments were served.

Teacher Ill—Miss Lois Johnson, a teacher in the Enterprise high school, is a patient at the Grande-Ronde hospital.

Returns From Visit—Mrs. A. F. Wilson has returned to her home near Imbler following a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fox at Union.

Spend Sunday at Home—Miss Stella Edvalson who teaches at Rock Creek in Baker county, and her brother Herman, who works in the same vicinity were Sunday visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edvalson on Catherine creek.

Meadow Brook Grange—The Meadowbrook grangers held their regular meeting Sunday with a good attendance. The names of three new members were ballot-

BUTTERFAT BRINGS \$375,000 LAST YEAR TO WALLOWA FARMS

Some idea of the dairy industry as it is being carried on in Wallowa county may be gathered from a recent report covering the year 1927, made by N. C. Donaldson, agent of that county. The facts are clearly set forth by Mr. Donaldson, who has had considerable interest for those in the dairy business, as well as for those who had not been previously cognizant of its extent.

Mr. Donaldson pointed out that \$16,000 pounds of butterfat were produced in Wallowa county during 1927 of which records were kept. Of this, 550,000 were shipped out and 256,000 were consumed at home. For the amount of the product which found its way to market by being shipped by rail or truck, by being delivered to the cheese factory at Enterprise or being used by the two creameries in the county, a neat sum of \$375,000 was realized.

This, Mr. Donaldson pointed out, was cash coming in continuously throughout the entire year. It

comes through an industry that knows no seasonal ups and downs. The cash returns are immediate and regular.

A tabulation of the shipments from the four shipping centers was illuminating. Enterprise, as would be expected, being the largest, Wallowa shows up as being the smallest but this was explained by reference to the creameries there which use the major part of the produce of that locality. The three counties represent five, eight and ten gallon cans respectively: Enterprise 183 119 7366 Joseph 1523 116 3529 Lostine 261 4245 Wallowa 63 2177

Mr. Donaldson makes two statements in calling attention to the report, the first being the extent of the industry. The second was the fact that the greater part of the product is going out of the county. He insists that if the cream were kept at home there would be sufficient butterfat produced to support two more creameries and another cheese factory.

ed on during the business hour. The day being Easter, a very appropriate program was rendered in honor of the day. Miss Pearl Wells, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Thomas, was a visitor of the grange and took part in the program.

Lambing Season Successful At Dobbin's Ranch—Jim Dobbin whose ranch lies near La Grande has a reputation as a sheep grower that extends considerably beyond the confines of this county. Lambing season was very successful this year, with a minimum of loss. Mr. Dobbin has 200 head of registered Hampshire sheep, and it will be remembered that animals from his pens have always been ribbon winners, and have commanded a very high price.

On the Dobbin farm may be found what has been termed by those who know, the best equipped sheep barn in eastern Oregon, and a visitor in this section from the other valley is responsible for the statement that it is the best in Oregon. In this barn Mr. Dobbin has worked out a number of his original ideas, ideas which have been copied quite considerably because of their merit. A new addition has been built which measures 50x110 feet.

The one outstanding idea, it was pointed out, was the convenience for feeding. Mr. Dobbin asserts that when everything sets in proper working order, it will be possible for one man to feed 200 sheep, night and morning, in one hour. He keeps all his feed, including chopped hay overhead. The hay is all chopped under cover. He has perfected a water trough which has great merit and is working on other things which he believes will be a great improvement over anything procurable at the present time.

It was pointed out that with the arrangements and improvements made, with the barn made into compartments, etc., a large band of sheep could be cared for entirely under cover.

Editor's Family Arrives—Mrs. Fred C. Sefton and her niece, Miss Gladys Beardsley arrived the last of the week from their home in Ealem and have taken up their abode in Elgin. They constitute the present family of the new editor of the Elgin Recorder. Miss Beardsley will be a member of the Recorder staff.

La Grande Air Field Personals—LA GRANDE AIRFIELD (Special)—Planting a new Eaglerock plane which he was delivering to the Olympic Aeronautical corporation in Tacoma, Wash., J. B. Story stopped at the field here a few hours yesterday while en route from Omaha, Neb. He left Omaha Sunday morning, stopped one day in Granger, Wyo., and landed in Boise, Ida., Wednesday evening, where he remained until the following morning.

Mr. Story, who lives in Tacoma and is widely known to people of the northwest interested in aviation, is vice president of the Olympic corporation, the company that opened a new aviation field in Tacoma the first of the year where flying schools are now functioning and which is also being used by the Pacific Air-Transport company for mail and passenger service between Portland and Seattle. He is also manager of the Story School of Flying and the Story Eaglerock Sales company, distributors for Eaglerock planes for Western Washington. When he left the Boise airport yesterday morning he reported the weather conditions in that country but the latter he traveled this way, the worse the storms became.

Country agriculturalist Harry Avery who has charge of the livestock club was instrumental in the process of organization of all of the above clubs.

100 CHICKENS BURNED—PENDLETON, Apr. 12—Four hundred young chickens and a brooder house on the ranch of W. Campbell near Arden, were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning when the brooder stove set the structure afire. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

RETURNS TO SENATE—WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Senator Johnson, republican, California, who has been ill at home here for more than a week returned yesterday to the senate.

Few things are so fashionable that sooner or later you won't find them on the bargain counter.

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