

Over The Valley

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Returns From Mid-West—

I. Bingham of Imbler returned home last week after a trip to the middle west. Mr. Bingham was called to Rochester, Minnesota, where his brother, Rev. Bingham, pastor of the Methodist church at Denison, Iowa, was to undergo a very serious operation at the Mayo Bros. hospital. His brother went through the ordeal in an encouraging fashion, and word from him within the last few days is to the effect that he is getting along nicely. Mr. Bingham went from Rochester down into his old home neighborhood in southern Iowa and visited for a few days among relatives and old friends and acquaintances. He reports that weather and crop conditions are in about the same stage in that section of the country as they are here. It was a cold and backward season with the crops greatly retarded. In Nebraska, he states everything was terribly dry. Until he reached middle Idaho, Mr. Bingham says he saw no farms which were even far enough along to require a mower.

Adds to Equipment—

J. S. Rogers who operates a big ranch on the Ladd Canyon road to North Powder has a fine herd of Jersey cows and a large herd, too. There are about 35 head in the herd most of them registered animals but some smaller per cent are grade. He has built his herd up by degrees getting the most of the Jerseys from the neighborhood of Hermiston. Mr. Rogers has recently installed a milking machine, a DeLaval junior, two pail machines, to assist him in the big milking job in connection with his dairy business. The entire ranch, which extends consists of 1300 acres, with 100 of it in intensive cultivation. Mr. Rogers also goes into the sheep business quite extensively having several bands of good size.

Gives Farewell Party—

Mrs. Purley Folk, of the Mt. Glen neighborhood gave a splendid party last week honoring her brother, Frank James, who has been making his home with the Peik family for some time. He is leaving for his home in Utah for a short visit and will then start on a mission. There was a large company of his friends present, all of whom report a good time. Mrs. Folk served a two course luncheon during the evening.

Improves at Hospital—

Mrs. Elsie Collins of the Cove has been making very frequent and very regular visits to the Grande Ronde hospital where her son, Ivan Marchison has been a patient for some time and where he is responding, now, quite encouragingly to the treatment given. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Visit in Pendleton—

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Berry of the Iowa district visited last week with friends in Pendleton. They report, as do others crossing the mountain, that the road, while passable is far from good, and the effect is quite serious on tires because of the size of the rocks which have been used to cover the soft parts of the road.

Aid to Meet—

Mrs. J. A. Gaskill, of this side of Imbler will be the hostess to the Imbler Ladies Aid society, Thursday afternoon at her home. A large attendance of the members is desired.

Strong Wind—

A west wind of exceptional velocity swept over portions of the valley yesterday for a number of hours. Residents of the valley say it was the hardest wind they have seen in several years.

Mr. Titus Improving—

W. F. Titus, of near Tolocaset on the highway, seems to be making improvement from his recent sudden and serious illness. Mr. Titus was stricken, while operating the separator, the whole lower portion of his body becoming suddenly numb. After a careful ex-

amination at Hot Lake it was decided that his trouble was an infection due to the condition of his teeth. His friends hope for a speedy and complete recovery.

Catherine Creek High—

Along with other creeks and streams in this section, Catherine creek was very high last week, and it is reported higher than at any other time this spring, which is saying quite a little for this time of year.

Starting New Barn—

Work was started last week on the fine, new and very large barn, which Fred Zaugg is building on his farm on the foot-hills just off the Mt. Glen road. The barn is being erected in the opposite direction from the house from the present barn which will be razed when the new structure is completed. The cement foundation is being laid and on it will be built a large barn which will meet all the requirements of a hay and cattle barn. As stated previously the old barn will be torn down. It is the last of the old buildings on the place, and when the new barn is finished Mr. and Mrs. Zaugg will have all new and modern buildings, including a beautiful home, on their farm.

Visit in Country—

The little Misses Wilma and Norma Jean Payne of La Grande went out to the country and had a wonderful visit from Sunday until Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Berry in the Iowa district.

Ladd Canyon Grange Met—

The Ladd Canyon grange, the newest subordinate in the county, met last Tuesday evening with a very profitable session. The special speakers during the meeting were county agriculturist Harry Avery and state deputy, W. R. Gokeler.

Mrs. Chenoit Ill—

Mrs. R. G. Chenoit who lives near the Cove highway has been ill for several weeks and now seems to be improving. She has been receiving care at the Hot Lake Sanatorium.

To Organize Clubs—

Under the supervision of the Wolf Creek Grange, two 4-H clubs will be organized the latter part of this month provided enough young folks can be interested in the two projects. A pig club will be organized with J. A. Nice as leader and a sheep club with A. E. Bowman as leader. This section of the county has had a very successful pig club before this, good work having been done by the individual members.

Busy Blowing—

J. H. Berry has been exceedingly busy all the time when the weather would permit doing plowing for his neighbors with his International tractor. At present he is plowing for O. E. Wagner. Mr. Berry has additional fields of his own this season having recently acquired, by purchase, the 135 acre Hendrickson tract which lies directly across the road from his home in the Iowa district.

To Summer at Cove—

Walter Daron who has been teaching in the public school at Elgin this past summer will go to Cove at the close of school where he will live this summer in his property which joins the Methodist church property. Mr. Daron will not return to Quincy, Oregon where he has accepted the position of principal at an advanced salary.

Have Fine Visit—

Mrs. J. A. Tracey of Elgin has been having a splendid visit lately with an old time friend, Mrs. Cooley, who recently came from her home at Prairie Home, Nebraska for a visit with Mrs. Tracey. She was accompanied by her children, Hazel and Arthur. Mrs. Tracey

and Mrs. Cooley while close friends in their home in the middle west had not seen each other for 25 years prior to this visit. Needless to say, they are enjoying every bit of the time together. Last week, Mrs. Tracey's daughter and son-in-law and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richards and sons of the Cove highway drove to Elgin and also spent a day visiting. Mrs. Cooley knew Mrs. Richards when she was a bit of a girl.

Spent Weekend at Home—

Miss Geneva Sayre principal of the Summerville school spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Supt. and Mrs. E. A. Sayre. She was accompanied by Miss Lotte Black the other teacher at Summerville who spent the weekend here.

Having The Mumps—

Verne Thompson, of Hagar who has been working at Stange's camp has been a victim of the mumps and not able to work for some time. For a while he was a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Home for Weekend—

Miss Eva Ledbetter returned Sunday evening to Enterprise after having spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter at Allice.

Meadowbrook Grange—

Announcement is made of the approaching meeting of the Meadowbrook grange the subordinate composed of members residing at Starkey. It will be held on Sunday May 13th.

Have Free Day—

Mrs. S. M. Senter gave a free day at the Cove Swimming Pool a week ago Saturday inviting all who cared to, to enjoy a swim at the pool that day with her compliments. The invitation was quite generally accepted and many enjoyed the pool on that day, which it will be remembered was one of the finest days we have had this spring. The pool has been subjected to many improvements since it was closed last fall and is ready for a good season's business.

Buy New Machine—

Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson who lives near the Eastern Oregon Experiment station at Union is having installed a new Junior, two-bucket, DeLaval milking machine. About 25 head of cows are being milked at present on Mrs. Hutchinson's ranch.

Blue Mt.—

Members of the Blue Mountain grange will meet all day tomorrow in their regular May meeting. The program to be given is quite attractive and should appeal to all those who have their farm work far enough advanced to leave it for a few hours.

Return From Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. Holgar Larson, of Pondera have recently returned from a fine trip to Salt Lake and Ogden, Utah. They made the trip by car and report it to have been most enjoyable.

More Milk and Cream—

Local dairies and creameries report that milk and cream are being brought in considerably increased quantities. The new grass and pastures are yielding every day, they report.

New Tenant—

Mr. and Mrs. Cretzberg and family of Colorado, have recently moved into the tenant house on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moss at Moss Chapel and will assist in the operation of the Moss farm this season.

About Completed—

The recreation hall at Mt. Glen is being in considerable use these days with affairs of different kinds. The floor is completed, although it has not yet been waxed or polished.

Returns to Lostine—

Miss Edna Myers returned Sunday to her school work at Lostine after an over-Sunday visit with

UNION COUNTY COW ASSOCIATION NOW AN ASSURED FACT

The Union County Cow Testing association is an assured fact, and those who have signed the contract for a year's membership in the association are meeting this afternoon in the city hall, with N. C. Jamison, of the United States Dairy Division, to perfect the organization, adopt a constitution and by-laws, elect officers for the year and attend to all matters connected with the definite launching of the project.

The preliminary work in connection with this movement has been the work of county agriculturist, Harry Avery who is a firm believer in the good to be obtained for all those belonging to such a group, with the assistance of other men over the valley who are interested. Great care has been exercised in the securing of members.

Give Program—

The children at the Iowa school gave a very good program Friday a week ago in observance of April 19th. There were a number of visitors present to enjoy the exercises.

Pine New Son—

A new baby son is reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elders residing on Cove avenue, and born to them Wednesday, April 19th. He weighed eight pounds and has been given the name of Charles William.

Large Funeral—

The funeral of Mrs. Lola West Hug held Sunday afternoon at the Summerville chapel was one of the largest ever held there. It is reported, many friends, relatives and neighbors gathering to participate in the service. The floral offerings were both numerous and beautiful, silent tokens of sympathy and regard. Rev. Putnam, pastor of the Christian church of La Grande had charge of the service after which interment was made in the Summerville burying ground.

Day in Baker—

Mrs. Willis Moss, of Moss Chapel Mrs. Reed McAllister of the Grange neighborhood and Mrs. Jack McCarty of La Grande where in Baker one day this week on business and pleasure combined.

Sunday in Country—

Mrs. W. F. Hutchinson of La Grande spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaskill near Imbler. Mrs. Hutchinson has recently returned from a few days visit with Mrs. Hutchinson's sister in Portland.

Goes to Arlington—

Mrs. Ish Littlejohn of Imbler went to Arlington Wednesday called by the illness of some friends.

In From Slakes—

Jesse Plunkett, prominent rancher of the Starkey neighborhood was in La Grande on business Saturday, among other matters securing a quantity of the poisoned grain for the control of rodents on his place. Mr. Plunkett says he used the same material two years ago and the work seemed to be so thoroughly done that last year he was almost entirely freed from these pests. This year he finds a few and is determined to exterminate them.

Has Birthday Party—

Harvey Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schroeder of near Island City was given a birthday party last Saturday at his home in honor of his seventh birthday anniversary. Games such as the children like most were arranged for the afternoon and every bit of the time was most thoroughly enjoyed by the dozen or so friends who were present. Mrs. Schroeder capped the climax when she served the best refreshments ever.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Harvard Beets
2 cups cooked beets
1-2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup vinegar, mild
2 tablespoons butter
1-3 teaspoon salt
Wash and cook beets. Mix sugar, salt, and cornstarch; add vinegar, and boil 5 minutes. Cut beets in small balls or 1/2 inch cubes. Pour mixture over hot beets and let stand, covered, over low fire 1/2 hour. Add butter just before serving. Serve as accompaniment for veal or beef.

THE GARDEN

Sow snapdragon seed at once and keep the plants cool while young. Do all the wheelbarrow work possible while the ground is frozen hard. Order sweet peas at once and get ready to plant them if you expect a show this year. Onion seed for show onions needs to be started at once to be ready for early transplanting. Spread manure on the onion patch now. It is not too early to begin work on the lawn. Fertilizer may be spread and weeds pulled any soft day. Get in a supply of stakes or wire for the peas and for dahlias and tall perennials that require firm support. You can order them from the carpenter shop for quick delivery during cold weather. Six-foot inch stakes are right for tomatoes.

Nine or ten garden tools essential for good cultivation in the order of their importance are: A spading fork, hoe, rake, spade, trowel, knife, wheelbarrow, lawn mower, garden shears and an edging tool. See that you have them ready.

C. A. Thompson, instructor in agriculture at Willowa high school who visited Union Sunday to make reservations at the hotel. "We are particularly anxious to get the event started right, as this is the first year. The boys of most Eastern Oregon schools have few opportunities to visit the Experiment Station, so it will be a highly educational trip."

The program as now outlined is as follows: Friday, May 4, 8:30-9:00 registration, Union High school; 9:30-10:30 stock judging contest, Eastern Oregon experiment station; 1:30-2:00 assembly, experiment station building; 2:00-3:30 demonstrations, E. L. Potter, head of animal husbandry department, O. A. C. and D. D. Hill, farm crop department, O. A. C.; 3:30-5:30 recreation; 5:30-7:00 dinner at high school; 7:00-8:00 moving pictures high school; 8:00 entire party will attend high school operetta.

The program begins at 8:30 Saturday morning at the experiment station with a tour of the farm, special attention being given to experimental work. This will be under the direction of Robert Whytecombe, superintendent; and Arthur L. Walker, farm crops specialist at the experiment station. From 10 to 12, various contests characteristic of agriculture will be held, including hog-calling, harnessing and driving, agricultural practice demonstrations and others. Prizes for the event are being donated by Union merchants.

Schools which may be represented at the Union conference include Enterprise, Willowa, Imbler, Halfway, Ontario, and Union. Emil J. Smith, instructor at Enterprise, C. A. Thompson, instructor at Willowa, and Cecil L. Griggs, Union instructor, comprise the membership of the committee handling the affair, while the Oregon Agricultural College authorities will be represented by D. D. Hill, instructor in farm crops. Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Griggs were on the student committee which originally planned the Western Oregon conference at Corvallis.

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