

Over The Valley

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Those Tomatoes

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barlow, picked their first ripe tomatoes a day or so ago, half a dozen nice home grown early Anna tomatoes. This is the beginning of several weeks picking of this luscious fruit or vegetable. Last evening they presented the tomatoes to a friend of theirs, a roving resident of the valley. No names have yet been mentioned but next Tuesday's Over the Valley will explain (1) to whom Mr. and Mrs. Barlow gave the tomatoes, (2) why they gave them and thirdly, how they tasted.

Having School Picnics

Ever so many school picnics are being held as fitting close to the year's work. One of the largest of which we have heard is the joint picnic being held by the Summerville and Pleasant Grove schools. The pupils and their parents went this morning to the end of the Indian trail and had their dinner together at noon. After dinner they returned to Pleasant Grove where the two schools had a baseball game. At this same location also, the Lone Star school held their picnic, all plans having been made before they were aware of the other groups being there also.

To Start On Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry and their three children expect to start within the next few days on an auto trip which will take them to Salt Lake City and other points in Utah. They expect to be in Salt Lake City the first week in June in order to attend the public schools to be held there at that time. They expect to be gone about a month and are making the trip in their new Whippet sedan.

Visiting In Baker

Mrs. L. A. LaViers of near Summerville has gone to Baker where she is visiting for a time among relatives and friends.

Return from Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Biz Rohde and their children of Union have returned from Vancouver where they have been visiting with Mr. Rohde's father.

Hazing Building

The work of hazing the frame two-story building at Elgin, owned by Julius Roesch and formerly oc-

cupied by a pool hall is very nearly completed, the work having been done in short order. The site is being cleared for the erection and installation of a new filling station for Elgin.

Guests At Camp

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Thompson of Delavan, California, came last week and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ingram at the Pine Cove auto camp and are assisting with some additions and improvements being made there. One more new cabin is being completed making five of the splendidly appointed lodgings for travelers. The board walls and flooring in the swimming tank at the camp are being removed and the tank will be given cement floors and walls making it much better all around. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram have had many nice things said about their camp since they started their improvements last summer. A tourist from Chicago a few weeks ago said the cabins were the best he had found between here and Chicago.

Improving Roads

County road men are working on the Summerville road at the Willow creek bridge repairing places which have been washed out by the high waters of the winter.

Little Girl Visits

Lila Jean Ambrose, of Cove avenue, La Grande, has been visiting at the home of her grand-mother, Mrs. W. H. Patrick at Pleasant Grove.

Last Day At Moss Chapel

The pupils of Moss Chapel school and their teacher, Miss Dorothy Smith had a sweltering hot day a few evenings ago and spent a happy evening at it. Their school picnic is being held today at Cove.

Sunday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. John Neiderer, Miss Lydia Hug, Olena Fine of La Grande, Milo Stewart of Allice and Gibbs Wagoner of Summerville were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sanderson and family of Dry Creek.

Engage Teacher

Miss Nina Williams who is attending Ashland Normal this year has been hired to teach the two lower grades at the Pleasant Grove school next year. Miss Williams is at present a room mate of Miss

Ava Woodell of Summerville who is also at Ashland.

Busy At Lostine

E. M. Pratt of the fish farm at Sanderson springs has gone to Lostine where he is busy with preliminary work in connection with the new fish farm which he is to start there this season.

Improves From Operation

Mrs. Frank Greiner of the Lone Star neighborhood was recently operated at the Grande Ronde hospital. Word from her friends is that she is improving nicely.

Isabe Quite Well Again

The babe of Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom who live on the Clark farm near Island City is reported as being quite well again. The child has been sick for some time.

One Thing Then Another

Good and bad luck has attended farmers wives over the valley who are now busy with their baby chicks. From one section now comes a report that the magpies are getting the little chicks, and in some instances making quite serious inroads into the flocks of fluffy.

Memorial Service

The hour of the memorial service which is to be held under the auspices of the Island City Cemetery association on Memorial Day, May 30th is announced as 11 o'clock, the service to be held at the Island City church. New officers have been recently chosen for this association and Mrs. Carrie B. Steincamp is now the president and Mrs. Emma L. Blokland is the secretary-treasurer.

Like the Guernseys

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins who, last fall, decided to change the breed of dairy cattle on their farm above Cove, and brought in thirteen head of Guernseys, are very enthusiastic over their success with their statements. Of the thirteen, they have one registered bull and one registered cow, the rest being grades. The first few months were necessary for the stock to become acclimated. Mrs. Collins says, "Thus far ten have calved and Mr. and Mrs. Collins have eight fine heifer calves. They are disposing of the animals in their former herd gradually and intend as soon as all adjustments have been made to have nothing but Guernseys."

Return to Boise

Mrs. Theina Walker has returned to her home at Boise following a visit among her relatives, the Standley families in Iowa district and with other friends in this vicinity. Mrs. Walker is connected with the Boise-Payette Lumber Co. at Boise.

Serve Dinner

Maintaining a custom established a long time ago, the Ladies Aid society of the Island City church served a dinner at the church today, election day. There was a wide array of good, home cooked dishes of food, liberally patronized and thoroughly enjoyed.

Allice Aid

In some way or other, the account of the meeting of the Allice Ladies Aid society held last week was mislaid and failed to get into these columns. It was a most enjoyable meeting and was attended by about sixty-two people. Mrs. John Hamann, on Cove highway, was the hostess and she was assisted by Mrs. Laura Taylor, Mrs. Walter Richards, Mrs. Clarence Carter and Mrs. L. A. Howell. The program of the afternoon was centered about the thought of Mother's Day and included readings by Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Carter, a group of songs by the Rebekah quartet of La Grande, an interesting guessing contest, and songs by Mrs. Ray Fuller, accompanied by Mrs. Adler. Among the guests were several from La Grande.

Additional Teachers

Additional teachers hired or required for next year at various schools over the county are Mrs. J. R. Oliver at the Hladman school north of Elgin, Miss Nora Clausen at Pine Grove and Miss Pauline Payton at the Iowa school. Miss Zelma Goin who has taught the Dry Creek school for two years will not return next year but will attend school. Miss Goin left today for Spokane where she was called by the illness of her mother, who is a patient in a hospital there. She will later go to her home in Idaho.

Have Fine Sale

A good crowd and good prices were reported at the Fisher sale held Tuesday on the J. F. Fisher ranch near North Powder. A fine bunch of dairy cattle was offered for sale and all brought good prices, it is reported.

Mrs. Lewis Ill

Mrs. Martie Lewis of Pleasant Grove is ill with tonsillitis and is confined to her home.

Visiting Their Parents

Miss Florence Auclair of Portland is home for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Auclair of beyond Summerville. The other daughter, Miss Clara is expected shortly for a summer's stay.

Have Birthday Party

The Women's club of Pondosa has been organized just one year, consequently at the meeting held last Thursday, the members celebrated with a birthday party. Election of officers for the coming year was also held, with Mrs. John Pettifly being elected president, Mrs. Eugene Nelson, first vice president, Mrs. Mason Raymond

4-H BOYS AND GIRLS GUESTS AT ANNUAL PROGRAM AT UNION

"Howdydo, Mr. Smith Howdydo! Is there anything that we can do for you?"

So sang the group of husky boys and girls from different sections of the county, members of the 4-H clubs, to Tony Smith, secretary of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, when the officers and stock holders of the association gave their annual party to club members Wednesday evening. The festivities of the evening, that is the program was given in the high school gymnasium, and "cats" were served at the Shank cafe following the program.

Tony Smith, genial post-master at Union and serving life sentence as secretary of the stock show, always a real friend of the boys and girls in the clubs over the county, presided over the meeting in conjunction with president, S. E. Miller. After the boys and girls had sang their welcome inquiry, the "Stock Show Girls" sang similarly to the club members, just before Cecil R. Griggs, instructor of agriculture at the Union high school was introduced.

Mr. Griggs in his brief but pointed talk told of the clubs which are being sponsored in Union this year, all of them flourishing and starting off with a genuine enthusiasm. He spoke of the object of the clubs which seems to be to make the best, better. He told of the approaching club summer school to be held at O. S. C. which will be attended by a number of boys and girls from the county, but urging as many other as possible to plan to take in the course.

Mrs. Edith Pfy of Union was next introduced and delighted the company with a group of songs, her daughter being her accompanist. Mrs. Pfy was obliged to respond to an encore. After her songs the second vice president, Mrs. M. J. Murray for treasurer and Mrs. T. V. Bratton for secretary. This is the second term for Mrs. Pettifly and Mrs. Bratton. During the afternoon the members gave a handkerchief shower for their president and she received about forty beautiful gifts, a complete surprise for her. Mrs. Mason Raymond, the only member who has never missed a meeting was presented with a hand-embroidered lunch cloth. The club now has fifty-two members enrolled.

Visits Mother

Stewart Sanderson and two children, Phyllis and Verial of La Grande, spent Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. Sanderson at Summerville.

Have Big Time

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Summerville report a big time at their ball last Saturday evening. It was the evening for the regular meeting of the men at which three brothers, Wayne, Earl and Hugh Park were given their third degree. The Rebekahs had been invited to be guests of the men, consequently while they were having their closed session the women enjoyed themselves in a social way in the lodge kitchen and dining room. There were about eighty-four present in all, including some members from La Grande and they report a good time and a fine supper served by the men at the close of their session.

Iowa School Closes

Pupils of the Iowa school, where Pauline Payton of La Grande teaches, gave a program last evening at the school which was appreciated by the parents of the pupils. The year having school picnics today at Riverside Park in La Grande.

Miss Frees Ill

Miss Leona Frees of Pleasant Grove is reported as being ill with the flu.

Raising Turkeys

The women over the valley are trying their luck at raising turkeys this summer, on larger and smaller scales. Mrs. Wayne Park of near Summerville had quite good success with her flock last summer and marketed around three dozen. This year she set two turkey hens and two hens on 72 eggs, which are hatching out very nicely.

Disposes of Grades

J. E. Mills of the Cove is another dairymen who has left the ranks of grade herd owners and joined the ranks of owners of purebred cattle. Mr. Mills has recently sold all of his grade stuff and retained only the seven head of purebred Jerseys. It will be remembered that all of these animals are those which have been cared for by members of 4-H clubs in the Mills family. Mr. Mills expects to haul in his new herd gradually, but will stick to the purebred stuff.

Summerville Association

The annual meeting of the Summerville Cemetery association was held Saturday at the chapel at which time such business as is customary at an annual meeting was given attention. John McHae was elected director, the hold-over members being James Woodell and William Parks. Mr. Woodell was made chairman of the board, Mrs. C. C. Welch was elected secretary and Mrs. John Wagoner, treasurer. The ladies are busy now with their soliciting for the big dinner to be given on Memorial Day, May 30th. They are hoping that their solicitors may meet with

secretary called for the different club leaders present to report for their clubs. Not all leaders were able to be present, but those who were there responded briefly. Ray Bell of Cove in his remarks recalled the fact that Union county boys and girls won more scholarships and more prize money last year than did the similar groups from any other county in the state of Oregon. These reports preceded another number by the Stock Show Girls who appeared as milk maids and sang an appropriate number.

Dr. W. T. Pfy was introduced as the speaker of the evening and was introduced as a man who is especially interested not only in the approaching stock show but primarily in the boys and girls and the work they are trying to do. Dr. Pfy addressed his remarks particularly to them. He dwelt on the manner in which they might improve the products of the club, emphasizing the fact that genetics, which is improving the products by better breeding, is the only way to make progress. "The boys and girls' work is the only hope of the stock show," asserted Dr. Pfy and he urged the boys and girls present to work, not alone for the winning of a prize but also to get some good out of the work in the club.

The Stock Show girls, or two of them, closed this part of the program with a Hawaiian number, in costume. The company immediately adjourned to the restaurant for the refreshments. It developed during the meeting that the boys and girls are working on their exhibits in the various livestock and poultry clubs and that their contribution to the coming show will be as usual, large and interesting.

Miss Case Will Give Nutrition Meetings Soon

Miss Lucy Case, of Corvallis, nutrition expert working under the extension department of the state college will come to Union county the latter part of next week and will conduct the next series of nutrition schools which are being held under the auspices of three different agencies, the Pleasant Grove grange, the Island City Parent-Teacher association and the Blue Mt. grange. The first of the schools will be held at Pleasant Grove Saturday, May 26th and the other two will follow on Monday and Tuesday. The demonstration this time, which will begin on each of the three days at 10 o'clock in the morning will be on salads and the making of clam chowder, the demonstration to be followed by the luncheon served at noon. In the afternoon Miss Case will give her lecture on eating to become thin and eating to become fat. Ladies living in any of these three centers are invited to attend the group meetings.

Elgin Nursery Planned; Site Already Picked

Elgin is soon to have a new beauty spot if plans formulated by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hug are carried forward to a successful completion. Mr. and Mrs. Hug, with their daughter, Miss Luth and their nephew, Bernal D. Hug are preparing to develop a nursery for hardy, ornamental flowers and shrubs. The site chosen is the block on which Mr. Hug's home stands, one half of the block to be used for this new project. Those starting the project are confident that it is ideally located, on rather a slope, the soil is of the best possible consistency and all in all everything seems to be just right for such a garden spot as they are planning. According to Mr. Hug, they will specialize on iris, peonies, lilacs and gladioli and while the work was recently commenced, already 850 bulbs of gladioli of choice varieties have been planted. It is the purpose of these people to collect plants adapted to the Blue Mountain area, to sell plants and cut flowers in season and to do landscape work. The idea is not all a commercial one, the plans call for a very generous response as it is necessary to raise considerable money to meet the necessary expenses. A number of improvements have been made on the property in the past year including the setting out of a quantity of trees and shrubbery. Last year something over \$400 was realized and it was found that this amount was absolutely necessary to take care of the burying ground during the year.

Postpone Play

The play "Prof Pepp" which was to have been given this evening at the lumber high school has been indefinitely postponed.

Starkey Grange

The regular meeting of Meadowbrook grange at Starkey was held last Sunday at the school house and was an all-day meeting. Dinner was served at the noon. Plans were made for the next all day

for an artistic arrangement of the plot. The spring on the plot has suggested a lily pond which will be made at once and which will add much to the attractiveness of the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Hug are among the old residents of Elgin and have both had much experience in plant culture, an outgrowth of a deep

love for this sort of work, a combination which results in successful horticultural operations. Bernal Hug is also not new in this line of work. He is an O. A. C. man and has made a special and intensive study of wild plants. He is widely known for his hobby for flowers and landscaping as a visit to his ranch up above Elgin would

easily convince the most pronounced doubter. He has there one of the best collections of hardy flowers in the county. The location of the new flower garden, is at the extreme end of Elgin just this side of the bridge over the Grande Ronde river, on a slight hill that borders on the highway.

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