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Over The Valley

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Visits Relatives—

Mr. and Mrs. Joel VanMeter, of Yakima, Wash., have been visiting among their numerous relatives over the valley, their first visit to this section since their marriage in California this spring. Mrs. Van Meter will be remembered as Miss Irma Woodell, daughter of the late Simon Woodell, a former resident of the Summerville locality.

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Prepare to Move to La Grande—

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilstrap, who have been living in Portland, where Dr. Gilstrap is a practicing physician, are expected to arrive in La Grande within the next 10 days, the doctor to open up his office here. Mrs. Gilstrap is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huise, of the Shadow Point ranch in the Iowa district.

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Entertains for Daughter—

Mrs. Lydia Lantz, of near the Cove, invited in a large company of her neighbors and friends yesterday afternoon as a compliment to her daughter, Miss Mabel A. Lantz, who arrived home last Wednesday from Ames, Iowa, for a very brief visit with her mother, other relatives and friends. The ladies spent the afternoon in an informal social fashion and before they left, Mrs. Lantz served light refreshments. Since her graduation from Oregon State college, Miss Lantz has been located in Ames, Iowa, where she served for six years as secretary to the student pastor of the Presbyterian church, at the Iowa State college, the largest agricultural college in the United States. She has recently resigned that position, and after her short stay in the valley, will leave for New York City, where she will sail on the second of August for Alexandria, Egypt. There she will be connected with a boys' school supported by the United Presbyterian church, as instructor in commercial subjects.

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Visiting Friends—

Miss Geneva Glenn, of Pendleton, is here visiting among her many Union county friends. She is the house guest of her friend, Miss Frances McKennon, near Imbler.

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Commence Cherry Picking—

Next week the harvest of the cherry crop at the fruit farm of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hefty above the Cove will begin in earnest and it is expected will continue there for about three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Hefty have about 26 acres in cherries, the three favorite local varieties, Royal Annes, Bings, and Lamberts and their early estimate of their crop is around 40 tons. The largest crop ever harvested from their acreage was 70 tons, a bumper crop, and that before the heavy freeze which took so many of the cherry-bearing trees in this locality. The early indications here as elsewhere, were for an unusually large crop this year, and while the blossoms here did not fall as in some other orchards, the final crop will not come up to the first expectation. The present cool weather has been very good for this fruit, they report, retarding the ripening process and allowing the cherries to grow much larger. So far the rains have done no damage. The crop has all been disposed of and Mr. and Mrs. Hefty expect to realize a fair price for their fruit this year.

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Drive From Ontario—

The Rev. and Mrs. H. N. Lines and Mr. and Mrs. Martin drove up from Ontario last week and visited briefly with their friends in the Alicel and Imbler neighborhoods. The Rev. Lines reports that their son, a member of the Ontario high school basketball team which made such a good record at the tournament, and who became ill shortly after, is improving quite satisfactorily. He was threatened with tubercular trouble.

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To Have Joint Picnic—

The members of the Imbler Ladies' Aid society will be guests next Thursday of the Summerville aid at a picnic to be held in the grove near the Dry Creek schoolhouse.

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On Auto Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes, of Weiser, Ida., and Mrs. O. P. Harrison, of La Grande, started last Thursday in a car for Portland, Seattle and coast cities on an extended auto trip. Mrs. Hughes was formerly Mrs. Thornton, of La Grande.

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Visits Son—

Harry Ruhl of near Alicel is entertaining his mother, Mrs. Ruhl, who came Tuesday from Portland for a summer vacation visit.

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Making Truck—

C. P. Edvalson believes it is always wise to make the best of everything, consequently he has taken the chassis of the Ford recently stolen from his son, Herman Edvalson and badly wrecked and is making a truck for use about his dairy farm up on Catherine creek. The car was left parked in front of the News office at North Powder while the young man was en route to his work at Rock Creek. Some miscreant stole it, made away and was wrecked before he reached Baker, secured help and was conveyed from the scene of the accident before his identity was known. The car suffered considerably, the entire top having been torn off.

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Back on Visit—

Miss Pansy Van Houten, of Portland, and her brother, Ted, of Princeton, Cal., came to the valley last week to see their former friends and acquaintances, having formerly lived at Alicel. They were accompanied by Leo Oliver, also of Princeton, who visited with relatives.

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Entertained Yesterday—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon, son Russell, and daughter, Frances, Claire McKennon, Wayne Welch of Imbler, Miss Geneva Glenn, of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter, and family, Eva, Glenn, Edna, Marie and Lyle, of Alicel, and Mabel Morton were invited Wednesday to Muddy Creek as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loennig. The men folks drove on to Baker and either participated in or witnessed the ball game, while the rest of the crowd enjoyed the day at the Loennig home.

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Just Like a Skunk—

This is one thing that makes a farmer's wife's hair turn gray. A lady living within a comparatively narrow radius of La Grande has been having splendid luck with her young chickens this season and had 95 of them all ready for market as fryers. Within the past few weeks she has been finding one or two dead each morning, traces of the offender having looked like a weasel. The inroads kept growing and the traps set failed to catch any miscreants. Several nights ago the young man on the place, chancing to go to the chicken house, found a skunk of goodly proportions playing havoc with the young chickens. A gun made short work of the animal. The following night, the rest of the young flock, we forget the numbers, but would say around 60, were placed within a wire netting, allowing them plenty of air, but keeping them from the skunks, should there be any more. During the night 5 or 6 full grown animals visited the pen, succeeded in tearing away the wire, and the next morning every chicken was found dead. The casualty list to date numbers just 95 and wipes out the nice bunch of fryers. "Oh, the farmer's life is a jolly life." And so is the farmer's wife's.

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Yew Bow Camp—

Each day sees considerable progress made on the development of "Yew Bow" the summer camp for boys being built by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Price on the Mill creek road above the Cove. There is quite a company of boys at the camp already this summer, Mrs. Price having recently brought five boys home with her from Crane, Ore., a former home of theirs. Work was recently started on the Price home, which will be an attractive log structure, commodious and comfortable. The living room will be 20x30 feet with other roms in proportion.

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Finishing Barn—

A force of nine men were working last week completing a barn on the Roy Baker ranch near Cove. It is a big barn, built of frame construction on a concrete foundation.

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Return Home—

Mrs. Wilford Westenskow and sons, Garth and Ronald, have returned to their home at Walla Walla after visiting for a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McBride, at Imbler, her sister, Mrs. Irvin Westenskow and with other relatives and friends.

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Guest From Boise—

Miss Catherine Prickett, of Boise, Idaho, is making a visit in the valley, the guest of her friend, Miss Velma McCall on the foothill road.

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Here From Iowa—

The editor of this page had to learn about summer fallow and combines and Trebel barley and a few other things when she struck this valley just a year ago, but yesterday morning for about an hour or so she could talk in her own language and talk quite intelligently, to L. E. Hiatt, who came last week from his home at Indianola, Iowa, for an extended visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Austin, of the foothill road. Mr. Hiatt, who is well up in the 70's, has recently disposed of his business interests in the Iowa college town and is taking life more leisurely visiting among his children who are scattered east and west. From here he expects to go to Portland, Eugene and points in California before he returns to the Hawkeye state.

Mr. Hiatt has quite a business record in his native state, as a buyer and seller of hogs, representing the Morrell & Co. Packing Co., located to Ottumwa, Iowa, and with which he was connected for around 46 years, or since 1882. The number of animals he purchased and shipped and the aggregate sum he paid and received for them would make some very interesting figures. The county from which he hales, as also the entire state, is quite a hog-raising section. That is where they feed more hogs, to buy more land, to raise more corn, to feed more hogs, to buy more land, to raise more corn, etc., etc., etc. During the year 1926, which is the latest for which Mr. Hiatt had figures, the average increase on each quarter section farm in Warren county, from hogs alone was $1150. During that year, Mr. Hiatt shipped 247 cars from the county to the packing house, costing him over $440,000, an increase of $77,000 over 1925. The average valuation per car was $1939.30. One lot of 14,605 head brought an average price of $11.95 per hundred, or $30.14 per head. Mr. Hiatt states that the Tamworths which had such a flurry in the middle west a few years ago, have lost their popularity as a bacon hog, and the old red, and black and white breeds are the ones generally raised.

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Sheep Shearing Finished—

According to the Joseph Herald, the shearing season is drawing to a close in Wallowa county. The Hughes crew pulled into the Gaulke & Kernan camp on Little Sheep last week and after a delay of two or three days on account of rain, turned out the Jordan, Whitmore & Parcell band Sunday afternoon.

A light shower Sunday evening failed to dampen the backs of the Gaulke & Kernan bands sufficiently to cause delay and by Tuesday noon more than 1400 head had been shorn. With favorable weather the shearing could have been finished today. After last night's rain they will be delayed again.

The face of the Gaulke & Kernan commissary has spread beyond the shearers and herders and Sunday the mess hall resembled a popular boarding house. Thirty-two people ate there at noon and again at the evening meal and there was plenty for everybody and to spare. The shearers say they don't care how much it rains.

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Motor to Baker—

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stein and their daughters, Eloise and Imogene accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, of Island City, and J. C. Stein motored to Baker where they spent the Fourth.

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Picking Cherries at Imbler—

Cherry picking at Imbler started this week, according to Cap Tuttle's who expect to have a fair crop of fruit of excellent quality.

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Receives Pheasants—

R. H. Bonney, superintendent of the Union fish hatchery reports that 225 10-day old china pheasants were received at Union last week from the Pendleton game farm. As the china pheasant hens do not set in captivity, the little ones are being mothered by Rhode Island Red hens. There are nine coops with 25 little birds to a coop. They grow rapidly and in three or four weeks will disappear and leave for other parts of the country to care for themselves.

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Have Fourth of July Party—

About 60 young people enjoyed a Fourth of July party Wednesday evening at the I. D. Pantz home on the foothill road, with Miss Catherine Prickett, of Boise, Ida., as an honored guest. The evening was an exceptionally happy one with games of a wide variety played on the lawn about the Smutz home and concluding with pretty fireworks in great abundance. Root beer was served during the evening.

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Visit Mother—

Mrs. A. F. Wilson had as her guests on the Fourth her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox, of Union.

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Car Overturns—

A Ford coupe standing bottom-side up in several feet of water at the side of the road between Hot Lake and Union, on the Fourth caused no little wonderment on the part of all passersby and in all probability caused drivers to drive a bit more carefully on such a busy and rainy day.

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Plan Family Picnic—

Members of the family of L. L. McKennon, of La Grande, are planning for a big family picnic to be held at Riverside park on Sunday, July 15th in honor of Mrs. Leland Sackett (Fannie McKennon) and her three children who are visiting here from Portland.

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Remains About the Same—

Mrs. John Smith, who has been ill for a long time and whose condition has become more precarious during the past few months, remains about the same. Mrs. Smith resides near Alicel.

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Goes to Montana—

Lee Hiatt of near La Grande left Saturday for Kalispell, Mont., where he has employment on the farm of his cousin during the summer months.

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Celebrates 82nd Birthday—

The 82nd birthday anniversary of Mrs. Lucretia Ruckman was celebrated at her home in Imbler on Saturday, June 30th. A dinner was served for which covers were laid for 21 guests, and consisted of two courses, the centerpiece being pretty sweetpeas. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Ruckman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ruckman, and son, Walter Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Harvery Ruckman and daughter, Mary, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ruckman and Maxine Nessley, Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Mrs. Oliver Perrin, Mrs. Jennie Greiner, Mrs. E. D. Gaskill, Mrs. J. L. Andrews, Mrs. Carol Friswold, Mrs. Mary Hayes and daughter, Eleanor, Ella M. Walker and the guest of honor. Mrs. Ruckman received many beautiful gifts. Mrs. William Ruckman, Mrs. Sam Ruckman, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Harvey Ruckman were the hostesses.

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Visits Parent—

Mrs. Ray Cook from Pendleton is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. German, of near Imbler.

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Dunham Wright's Story—

Reminiscences of the early days in this section:

"In December of the winter of '63 and '64 I with others was taking a pack train load of flour and a few 10-gallon kegs from Uma-

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Grange Elects Three Residents Of East Oregon

Eastern Oregon and Union county are quite elated over the fact that on the officiary of the State Grange of Oregon for next year there will be three residents of this part of the state—two from this county. Union county, always very active in grange work, has furnished much which has contributed to the success of enterprises carried on by the state organization, and the organization of the work here has attracted attention for years.

W. R. Gekeler, a member and officer of Blue Mountain grange, is also secretary of the Union county Pomona, and for years has been one of the state organizers carrying a record of having organized more subordinates than all the rest of the organizers put together, and having a big record for the number of charter memberships he has personally secured. At the election held at the recent state grange, Mr. Gekeler was honored by being elected to a place on the state executive board, a place which his friends say he will fill with great credit.

Two other officers have been appointed in this district by the master of the state grange, and they have already taken up their offices. Mrs. W. R. Gekeler, of La Grande, has been appointed juvenile grange deputy for the East Oregon district and on the evening of June 16th organized the first grange under the new appointment. This juvenile was organized at Boardman and is to be known as the Greenfield Juvenile grange.

Mrs. Charles Hook, of Lostine, has been appointed chairman of the home economics department for this district to succeed Mrs. Mary E. Jones, of Milton, who carried on the work for several years and is very well known here. This work includes the ladies' side of grange work and also the cooperative work carried on under the county vocational department.

The new officers are planning a campaign to not only extend the work under their departments to new fields but to also increase the efficiency of the work now being done.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

RASPBERRY SHERBET

(Sufficient to serve six)

3 cups milk, 2 cups crushed red raspberries, 1 lemon, 2 cups sugar.

Mix the milk, raspberries, juice of the lemon, and sugar. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Freeze.

NUTRITION REPORT FOR COUNTY GIVEN BY MISS LUCY CASE

Miss Lucy Case, nutrition expert from the state college recently concluded in this county another series of nutrition lessons, the courses this time having been given at the Blue Mt. and Pleasant Grove grange halls and at Island City. After her last visit, Miss Case sent to the office of the county agriculturist a report of the accomplishments along the line of hot school lunches and also some suggestions for their preparation or operation. Miss Case's report is given herewith in full.

At school lunch demonstrations at Pleasant Grove Grange and Island City on May 26 and 29, given by Miss Lucy A. Case, of Oregon State Agricultural college extension service, a great deal of interest and support was shown for the proposition of the hot lunch dish in the schools next winter, and the following committees were appointed for this project:

Island City school:
Mrs. Lloyd B. Pierce, chairman;
Mrs. Ralph Hunt;
Mrs. J. J. Schroeder;
Mrs. Harry G. Avery.

Pleasant Grove school:
Mrs. H. R. Frizzell, chairman;
Mrs. James Lewis;
Mrs. W. R. Frizzell;
Mrs. Andrew Arnoldus;
Miss Leona Fries.

It was suggested that the chairman of these committees call their members together at the first opportunity and discuss arrangements suitable for their particular conditions.

The Island City Parent Teachers association did an excellent piece of work in giving the school children a hot lunch dish all last winter, and reported excellent results in better health and better school work of the students.

In some of the smaller schools, mothers take turns in bringing a kettle of hot soup or other suitable dishes to school from home. At Island City each mother went to school once a week and prepared the one hot dish, and no charge was made. The food was contributed at "pound parties" given by the Parent-Teacher association. At Milton, which is operating the hot school lunch very successfully under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Ahearn, the Women's Club pays a good cook $10.00 a month to make hot soup, and the older girls serve it in very orderly fashion. Milton parents who can afford to pay, contribute 50 cents per month, and the club gives an entertainment to earn the remaining expense money, which amounts to about $14.00 a month. At Imbler and Cove, the girls' cooking classes prepare a hot dish which is sold at around five cents per serving. Another method is for each child to bring a small glass jar from home containing food to be warmed over. The glass jars are placed in water at school, and the water is heated shortly before noon. Thermos bottles are found useful by some, but children usually enjoy more the things that they share together.

Miss Case believes that the hot lunch dish does most good when every child gets a serving of one hot dish from a common kettle, and where the children are not required to bring cash each day, and where only one dish is served, and that one dish is a hot dish.

Better school work, better discipline, fewer days lost from school, and less malnutrition was reported from those schools that have the advantage of the hot school lunch. It is believed much of the indigestion and other weakening digestive troubles among adults, has its origin in the irregularity of eating by the school child, the hurried eating, the inadequate noon meal, and the "pieing" on sweets after school. The hot lunch dish at noon at school means a more balanced meal, slower eating, and better digestion, eating more at meal time and less in between meals, better manners, and more enjoyment of the noon hour.

Another valuable step toward progress in healthful conditions for the school child, is the custom for all of the children to sit down with the teacher for fifteen minutes to eat, whether they have a hot dish or not. Where the desired sixty minutes cannot be arranged for the noon session, forty minutes, or forty-five minutes, at least thirty-five minutes, would mean better health conditions than thirty minutes, with more time for eating, for outdoor play, for toilet habits, and for relaxation and rest.

The meetings held late in May were the last of a series of three well attended meetings on foods for health subjects, and were organized last February by Mr. Harry G. Avery, County Agent. The local chairmen of the nutrition work in Union county are:

Mrs. Frank McKennon of Imbler.
Mrs. Lloyd B. Pierce of Island City.
Mrs. W. R. Frizzell of Pleasant Grove.
Mrs. Charles Spencer of Blue Mt. Grange.
Mrs. Lynn E. Hill of Elgin.
Mrs. C. F. McPherson of La Grande.
Mrs. W. A. McNeill of Cove.
Mrs. Alma E. Lund of Wolf Creek Grange.

Other communities are invited to apply to Mr. Avery for the nutrition work, as Miss Case expects to return to Union county next fall or winter.

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Salmon
Choice Alaska Pinks
3 No. 1 tall tins 55c

Puffed Wheat
2 packages 25c

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½ lb. tin 25c

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Pref. Stock oval tins
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2 packages 19c

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