

Over the Valley

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Going to Portland—
Miss Anna Brooks, of Brooks Lane, Adair, leaves tonight for Portland where she will enter a hospital and submit to an operation for the removal of an internal growth.

Returns From Trip—
Mrs. and Mr. Lincoln and their house guests, Mrs. Lincoln's sister, Mrs. Kathryn Smith, and Mrs. Jack Napier, have returned from their auto trip through southern and western Oregon. Outside of the fact that it turned extremely cold while they were away, all report an excellent time. Mrs. Napier, who has been making an extended stay at the Lincoln home on the Mt. Hood road above the Cove, started last evening for her home at Cleveland, Ohio.

Spend Sunday—
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCall, of Haines, drove up to the vicinity of La Grande Sunday and spent the day with their numerous relatives.

Returns Home—
Mrs. Will Taylor and her week-old baby boy have returned to their home on the Cove highway from the Grande Ronde hospital. Mrs. Taylor is recovering.

Returns to School—
Miss Judith Franklin, of Pleasant Grove, who has been ill at her home with the measles the past week was able to start to school again on Monday. Miss Franklin is a student at the La Grande high school.

Have Family Reunion—
Mrs. A. P. Wilson, who lives near Imbler, had all of her family including the Ray, Taylor and Wilson families of Imbler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox of Union and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wrenshaw of Walla Walla. Mrs. Wrenshaw, who is at the home of her mother recuperating from a recent operation to gain strength quite consistently.

Have Auto Wreck—
A truck and a Ford roadster came together in a head-on collision Saturday evening on the highway near the Conley warehouse, bright lights having been given as the cause of the collision. The Ford was coming home from La Grande with his truck having delivered a load of apples to the warehouse. Forrest Hardie and Miss Mildred, friends of Imbler, were on their way to La Grande. The Ford was turned over and was badly damaged. The truck also suffered some damage. None of the persons concerned were injured in any way, although Mr. Hardie had to fill the Ford for its occupants to travel from under the wreckage.

Blue Mt. Meets—
The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. Grange comes this next Saturday at the grange hall. It will be an all day meeting, a good program is assured and a large attendance is hoped for.

Sunday Guests—
Miss Anne Arnold, head of the home economics department of the La Grande high school, was a guest during the weekend of her sister, Mrs. Ruth McKinnon, near Alsea.

Near Casualty—
One month-old baby had been added to the list of casualties during the hunting season in Eastern Oregon recently. E. H. Gault, of Eastern, while out hunting birds with a friend was struck with five shots from a charge-ford by his friend. One shot pierced the calf of his leg, one the ribs and the others hit him in the body. Fortunately none made serious wounds.

More poetry—
Speaking of the pleasant feed, the one this year seemed to be the inspiration for wags and puns of various sorts. Mrs. Jennette Tuttle, of Richland, who was one of the chief instigators of the original feed, sends in some verses which she jotted down the day of the feed. They are as follows:

The beautiful home of the Knight's we go today,
For our annual feed, the poor peasant we stay.
If lucky, we get one or two—
If not, we feel very blue.

Other cats will have plenty, I know,
But China pheasants must be let go.
We'll have to handle it as we see fit,
For hunters are hunting all the highway.

China pheasants may like
Then hunting will be white
Over the fields and in the brush,
They hunt about and say, "Oh, hush."

There goes a shot—it's on the fly,
It's gone—we may get it by and by.
Men are so hungry at home, they could eat dust,
Or perhaps a nice juicy piece of dust.

Or bacon, would it,

Has Chicken Pox—
Loren Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight, is ill with the chicken pox. The lad was completely enough to come down with the illness until after the pleasant feed was over.

County Aid Convention—
Thursday at the Federal City church, the annual county convention of the Methodist aid societies will be held with the members of the Grand City aid societies.

per to be served at noon and the sessions continued through the afternoon. For the dinner each lady is asked to bring one covered dish and also her dishes and silver. Mrs. Maude Walbridge, of Valerius district, past president of the A. L. C. aid, is the county president. Mrs. Lynn Hill of Elgin is the secretary.

Returns Home—
Tom McKinnon and son, Carl, who spent a few days in the valley visiting with numerous relatives and attending to some business errands have returned to their home at Springfield, Oregon. They came by the way of the McKinnon Pass but returned by the Old Oregon Trail.

Suffers a Stroke—
Mrs. Mary Huffman, who lives at the home of her brother, R. J. Wale, on the Mt. Hood road above the Cove, up towards the power plant, suffered a stroke of paralysis last week and is reported as being very ill.

General Sunday—
The funeral of Mrs. Wilford Robbs was held Sunday afternoon at the Summerville chapel and interment was made in the Summerville cemetery. Mrs. Robbs' death followed a long illness. She was a woman who possessed many friends and was beloved by those who knew her. The Robbs family lived in the Pleasant Grove vicinity.

Gets Lonely—
J. A. Knight, of above Elgin, who is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital following an accident a week ago Monday when he suffered a fractured hip, does enjoy visits from his friends at the hospital. Mr. Knight is over 90 years of age, has always been extremely active and busy and the days run rather long and monotonous. Attending physicians have not yet been able to set the broken limb.

Sunday Visitors—
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch of above the Cove had for guests Sunday her sister, Mrs. Hilda Riefman, and son, Arthur, and also Mr. Riepfenstein of La Grande.

Marketing Spoken—
North McKinnon, of Alsea, who is the heaviest grower of potatoes in the valley, this year is trying a new plan for marketing some of his best potatoes and quite a demand has been created for them. Mr. McKinnon puts up 25 pounds of hand-picked, fine smooth Netted Gem potatoes in a wooden box and these are sealed through herotainers. This is just a little variation from the usual manner of selling the potatoes in bulk, sacks. Mr. McKinnon has barely started to dig the potatoes on his big acreage. The large potato shed has been completed, however, and being absolutely frost proof will be put to good use with his shipment for this year. The shed has a capacity of 20,000 sacks.

Holiness Meeting Today—
The Eastern Oregon Holiness association is meeting today at the Methodist church at Cove. The speakers are Rev. H. C. Lee, of Union, Capt. Holland of the Salvation Army at La Grande and Rev. Knodl of Baker.

Brings Back the Spots—
Charles and Debbie Keegan, of Imbler, brought back, as spoils from their hunting trip over the weekend, a fine but-back and two cub bears. The mother bear was tried at and wounded, but she made a get-away.

Our Road Highways—
An our road of Wallawa high school students had a near-accident when coming to the La Grande

some a week ago. The sedan in which they were riding struck a lot of loose gravel, when turning out to meet an approaching car. The car went off into the ditch but luckily no one was injured.

Building Cabin—
Frank Woodell, Hugh and Earl Park, Bart Oliver, Art Roberts and Dillard Choate, all of the Summerville and Dry Creek neighborhoods, have been up in the hills north of Summerville the past week erecting a log cabin which shall be for the use of the men having cattle in that locality.

Preparing to Move—
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Binkaman and family are preparing to move from their former home to the place nearer the highway purchased last spring. It is the place occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hattie Hudson who have recently moved to Joseph.

Aged Woman Injured—
It is reported that Mrs. Mary McGrath of Union was badly gored by a cow at her home about ten days ago. Mrs. McGrath went to drive the cow away from her fence, so the story is told, when the animal turned on her, one horn penetrating her thigh and leaving a bad wound.

Club to Entertain—
The members of the Women's Improvement club of Cove are announcing a party to be held this coming Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch. The public is invited as the club hopes to secure funds to make further improvements on the city library. There will be splendid entertainment, and games will be provided in which all can share. Refreshments will be served.

Drive to Summit—
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson and Lorraine, all of Summerville, Stuart Sanderson and two children and Bryant Roberts of La Grande drove to the summit Sunday where they spent the day.

Visit From Brother—
Mrs. W. A. West, residing on Pumpkin Ridge, has as her guest for a time, her brother, Charles Shaver, whose home is at Walla, Oregon.

Miss Wade Better—
Friends of Miss Lucy Wade will be glad to hear that reports from her bedside are much more encouraging and she seems to be improving for the first time since she became bedfast a good many weeks ago. Her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conover, drove in from Fayette, Idaho, last week, the sister remaining and will be with Miss Wade for some time.

Club To Meet—
The Women's club of Imbler will meet tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Wilfred Wooten. This will be the occasion for the annual election of officers and there will also be talks which will be a sort of study on voting and a consideration of some important things preliminary to the coming election.

Leaves For Klamath Falls—
Mrs. Phoebe Williams of Baker has concluded her visit among friends at Summerville and has gone to Klamath Falls where she will spend the winter.

Good Year for Vegetables—
Not only in Union county have vegetables flourished this year but reports come that this is true in one neighboring Wallawa county also. Making special comment on the fact, last week the Sun proved its

Glimpses of Weatherspoon Orchard



Just a section of the orchard of H. H. Weatherspoon, three miles south of Elgin, the largest individually owned orchard in the state of Oregon.



Thinning the apples on the Weatherspoon, a job which calls for more than Elgin in weather. This year Mr. Weatherspoon's orchard was damaged by a hail storm in June which reduced his crop probably 50 per cent.

Mr. Weatherspoon has been experimenting the past few years with an apple new to this section, the McIntosh Red, and with apples of this variety in his orchard this year for the first time. It is greatly pleased. In speaking of this latest achievement of Mr. Weatherspoon, the Elgin Observer speaks as follows:

"H. H. Weatherspoon is highly elated over results that he has attained with the McIntosh Red apple at his orchard near town. The McIntosh Red is one of the choicest grades of apples grown, and brings the highest price on the New York market. Heretofore it has only been possible to raise the apple in certain parts of Montana, and hence the production has always been limited."

Three years ago Mr. Weatherspoon made a McIntosh Red graft on a Jonathan tree, and this year will gather his first fruit. He says that the apples are of a better quality and color than the Montana product, larger in size and superior in every way.

"He believes that the soil and weather conditions here are better suited to this apple than they are in Montana, and predicts that in the near future growers will be grafting it in extensively."

statements by describing two potatoes left in their office by the grower, Giles Plank. They are Early Ohio and weigh 2 1/2 and 2 3/4 pounds respectively. Also William Johnson of that vicinity is showing a head of cabbage that tips the scales at 44 pounds. The exhibits at the recent Wallawa county fair also attest to the splendid growing weather of this fall season.

Have Fine Pears—
The income from a small acreage in fruit in a good year is again proven and while the flowers come from the neighborhood of Walla Walla they can no doubt be duplicated in this section also. C. A. E. Wilson of near Imbler, is here helping with the disposal of the apple crop on his various orchards at the Wilson connection, states that his five acres in pears on his Walla Walla place brought in \$2000 this year.

Visit in Country—
Mrs. J. W. Lytle of La Grande was a guest yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Walbridge at Valerius district.

Book Changes To Be At Minimum

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 15—(AP)—Changes in the text-books for Oregon schools to be made by the state-text-book commission when it meets November 13 will be held to a minimum, it was stated after a preliminary meeting of the commission here yesterday. No publishers' representatives will appear before the meeting unless requested to do so.

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OUT OUR WAY



FOXING A FOX

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Grange Meeting At Cricket Flat Is Home-Coming

ELGIN (Special)—The home-coming meeting of Cricket Flat grange was held last Saturday. It took an all day and evening meeting to dispose of the business and program.

Rock Wall grange of Elgin attended in mass after their day's work of harvesting apples was over, and the various members contributed materially to the evening program. Rock Wall brought their orchestra, which every one pronounced good; also a number of monologues, which brought loud laughter and applause.

One of the outstanding events of the day's program, however, was a story, "The Other Wise Man," given by Professor Hunt of Imbler City, and illustrated by colored lantern slides.

Professor Arant of Elgin rendered a special solo and numerous other songs were given during the day, but Rock Wall grange surprised the audience by rendering a cleverly worded song about their own grange.

Luncheon, dinner and supper were served by the ladies of Cricket Flat grange.

Among the members attending from other parts of the county were county master J. A. Niss of North Powder and state deputy W. H. Gieseler of La Grande, both of whom spoke on various grange matters.

During the afternoon representatives of the Black Marble Line company of Enterprise were present and discussed the results of experiments with their lime fertilizer that had been conducted during the past summer.

Grange fire insurance was discussed by the insurance agent of Pleasant Grove near Summerville and county chairman of the home economics committee, Mrs. Frank Wright, of La Grande, explained the work of the home economics committee.

Isn't it odd how many friends the farmer is able to pick up every four years?

PACKING APPLES IN BASKETS THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF BOXES

Something new is being tried this year in the way of packing apples for shipment and that is the use of baskets in place of the old time boxes. New equipment has been installed by the Blue Mountain Fruit exchange in this manner.

Wilson Bros. of Imbler are also shipping their apples this way this year. The only reason for the change in packing, according to Mr. Griesel, manager of the local fruit company, is that customers in the middle western sections are showing a decided preference for apples in baskets this year, and the boxed stuff is given second consideration. For that reason about 25 per cent of the fruit from the Blue Mt. will go out in baskets this year. The Wilsons are using baskets exclusively.

Outside of the fact that the majority of people who express an opinion believe that the fruit looks more attractive in the baskets, we are told that this method of packing is more expensive, the baskets costing considerably more than the boxes. The cost of packing, the speed, etc. are about the same, while a basket of the fruit weighs just the same as the box. 500 boxes make a standard shipping car, while about 700 of the baskets will fill a car.

At the Blue Mt. Fruit exchange a new grading machine has been installed, with the belt which regulates the size, having a three-grade combination. The baskets are packed "face and fill" are lined with a light cardboard, and the fruit compressed and the corrugated cover and side put on by a speedy and simple process. According to one worker considerable time is eliminated by the basket packing method.

According to Mr. Griesel, the crop this year will be a good one. The company is beginning to ship all varieties now, and heavy shipment will prevail for the next 60 days. The Winter Bonanza have all practically gone. Jonathans are coming in now in great quantities.

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Benjamin Strong Dies In New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 16—(AP)—Benjamin Strong, governor of the federal reserve bank of New York, died today in New York hospital.

Mr. Strong, who had been in poor health for the last few years, underwent an operation for intestinal trouble recently from which he apparently was making a steady recovery. A collapse set in during the night, however, and death occurred at 8:45 o'clock this morning. He was 58 years old.

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