

Over the Valley

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Return From Valley—
Mr. and Mrs. Don Ruckman of near Alice have returned from the western part of the state where they had been for several weeks. A part of the time was spent at different places on the coast and the remainder visiting with relatives in numerous cities in the Willamette valley. The trip was made for one reason on account of Mr. Ruckman's health and it is reported that he is feeling much better, although having contracted a cold in the valley.

Purchases Farm—
J. P. Reim of Cove who has been, until recently in partnership with Tom Johnson in the dairy business has purchased the Ray Norval farm located on the ridge from Rhinehart. The Norval place is one with considerable improvements, splendid house, barns etc and all in very good condition. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes who have been living on the place have moved into the extra house on the 5. C. Welch farm near the Will Ruckman residence south of Imbler.

I. Smith Ill—
I. D. Smith who lives on the side hill road out from La Grande is reported as being quite ill at the Grande Ronde hospital. Mr. Smith submitted to a serious operation Saturday, having been on the table about four hours. It is reported. His many friends all over the valley will be glad for encouraging word from his bedside.

Home With Mumps—
Charles Lewis, a member of the South-Hughes judging team of Imbler returned home from the stock show at Portland early this week, ill with the mumps having come down while he was in the city.

Visits Sister—
Mrs. H. Parry of Island City went to Haines Monday where she spent the day with her sister, Miss Josie Blokland, who is pastor of the Methodist church there.

Mashes Finger—
Mrs. Ed Combs had the misfortune to catch her finger in a car door election day and badly injured that member. Mrs. Combs lives at Summerville.

Saddle Turn—
W. A. Zurbick of the Moss Chapel district is improving satisfactorily from injuries received one day last week.

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Entertains Club—
Mrs. Edna Anson is entertaining the members of the Country Women's club this afternoon at her home near Cove avenue.

Pleasant Grove Grange—
There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Pleasant Grove grange Saturday evening, though the attendance was cut somewhat by the concert of the Williams Jubilee singers at Imbler. Master Miss Woodell presided. Master and Mrs. L. P. Wright and John Wells of Alice were guests and Mr. Wells discussed various political measures.

Return From Trip—
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walsinger of the lower Cove road have returned from their recent auto trip which has covered the last few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Walsinger visited relatives in Seattle and other Washington and Oregon points, then had in addition, a wonderful time at numerous coast points. They returned in time to cast their vote at Alice Tuesday.

Arranges Fox Farm—
Theodore Choate who now operates the Bud Glenn farm between Imbler and Summerville is getting along fairly well with the fox farm which he is building on the place across the highway from the residence. Mr. Choate has around half a dozen of the silver foxes and is providing excellent quarters for them.

Improves Slowly—
Mrs. L. Shafter of Island City is having quite a time getting rid of the flu and its effects. Mrs. Shafter was ill with the disease three or four weeks ago but is a long way yet from recovery.

Have Party for Returns—
A very large company of neighbors and friends gathered Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter on the Cove highway to enjoy a evening together and also to get the late election returns. The evening was a very happy and profitable one for all.



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UNION COUNTY WINS MANY AWARDS THIS WEEK AT PORTLAND

UNION COUNTY—over the valley. From all reports coming from the Pacific International Livestock show which has been open since last Saturday in Portland, Union county is piling up records and receiving awards and prizes and recognition as she does wherever showings or exhibitions are made or contests entered into.

The stock judging team of Union won the high honor of sixth place in the judging contest for high school departments of agriculture. Placing third highest among Oregon high schools, the Union team missed winning the honor of a trip as the Oregon contestant in a national contest to Kansas City where the American Royal is held, by less than 30 points. The team from Roseman, Montana, won the event with a score of 2346 points.

Other teams among the highest in the contest, according to the way they finished, included Twin Falls, Idaho; 2295; Clatsop, Oregon; 2185; Clatsop, Idaho; 2184; Woodburn, Oregon; 2128; Union, Oregon; 2107; Molalla, Oregon 2063; Independence, Oregon; 2059; Cheney, Washington; 2059; and Coquille, Oregon; 2045.

Dale Baxter of the Union team was 19th high man among the 156 contestants completing the 52 teams in the contest, and representing five western states. Other members of the team were Royal White, Allen Zaugg, and Reynolds Huxley, alternates. Cecil L. Griggs, instructor in agriculture at Union, was coach for the team, and accompanied the boys to Portland.

Besides competing in the contest the Union group attended the big stock show with its 10 acres of exhibits, saw the night horse show, visited the Swift Packing plant, attended the annual Smith-Hughes agricultural banquet at which J. C. Penney, of chain store fame, and likewise a noted breeder of Guernsey cattle, was the principal speaker, besides attending the theaters and sightseeing about Portland.

Last year the Union team placed 12th among 48 teams, being sixth highest in Oregon. Ralph Taylor, a senior member of last year's team, won 4th place in that contest. All of the members of the team this year were sophomores, having completed one year's work in animal husbandry.

From our county agriculturist Harry Avery who has been in Portland since the show opened helping the club boys with their exhibits and having general supervision of and displaying a decided interest in Union county entries, comes some interesting items. Mr. Avery informs us that in the list of grain awards appear the names of two Union county farmers. J. A. Gaskill of near Imbler was given second place on White club wheat and also second place on Hard Federation. C. C. Conrad of the same neighborhood was given first place on his alfalfa seed.

The club awards were won as follows: beef calf, under one year, Herbert Blokland, Island City; first, heifer one year and over, Alfred Blokland, Island City, first; fat steer, Allen Mills, Cove, fifth; Hampshire lambs, Bobby Huron, Brooks lane, lead all exhibitors, winning first on ram lamb, second on ewe lamb and second on wether (fat lamb). At the time of his letter, no hogs had been judged in the club stuff.

Since Mr. Avery's report the following item has been sent out: "The championship for the pig feeding contest for pig club members was won by Clifford Conrad of Imbler, who was also winner of first place in the Eastern Oregon district in the contest. The youth received an award of \$20 for the district championship and \$75 for the general championship. These awards were a portion of the \$1075 in cash prizes offered in the contest by the Portland Union Stock Yards company, sponsors of the competition." Clifford is quite proud to think that in this one event—pig feeding, he was able to carry away 10 per cent of the total cash offered. Clifford is merely sustaining a record which he started a few years ago and which has continually netted him considerable prize money as well as the valuable experience. Other heads point to his work as but one of the practical results of work done through

and by the clubs in the county, and his record one which might be duplicated by the majority of the club members who have a like amount of energy and ambition, with a willingness to work.

We are also informed that in addition to the club awards, Clyde Kiddie was awarded the grand championship on a carload of Poland China hogs; also first on a carload of heavyweights and first and second prizes on lightweights.

Byron Daggett of Enterprise was awarded first place for Hampshire ewes, and we take it that this is the highest prize of any car of fruit of its size on the market this year. The hogs, which were of the D'Anjou variety, sold for from \$2.75 to \$4.35 per box, averaging \$3.55.

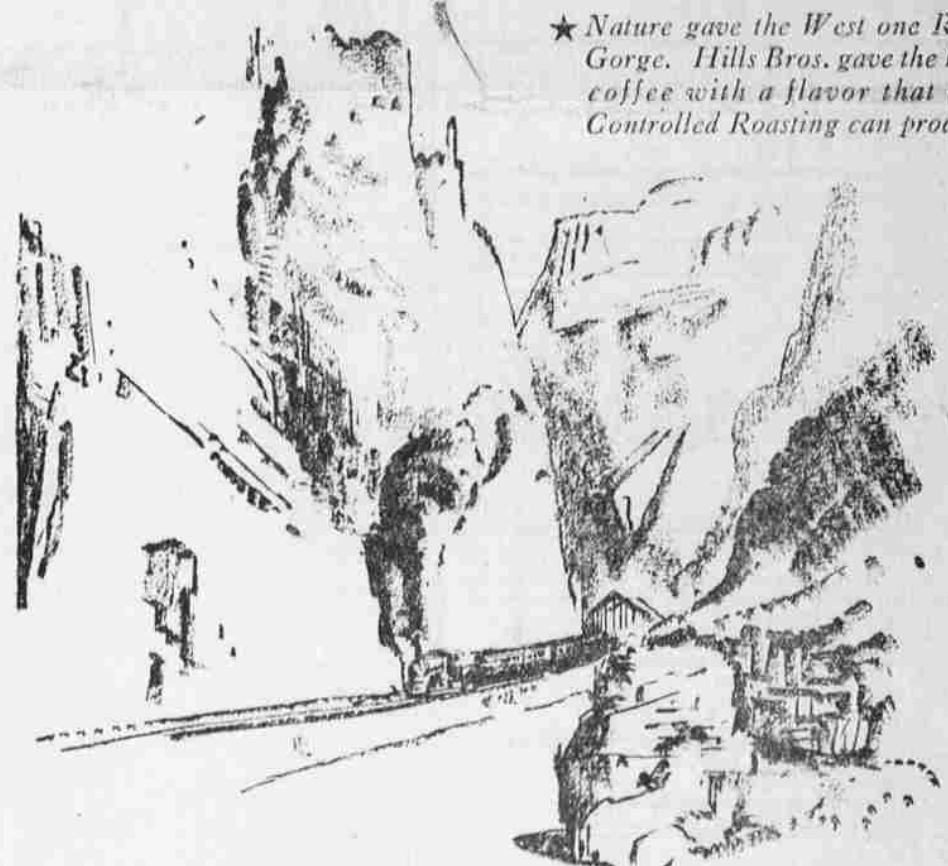
The report of the sale was made by H. C. Griesel, manager of the Blue Mountain Fruit Exchange who reports that the letter received relative to this particular car load was full of high praise for the fruit in the shipment. "The pears were 'very wonderful' the letter read 'and should have been labeled, 'Extra Fancy'."

Mr. Griesel reports that the pear crop was of fair size this year, but the quality was excellent. In fact he states that the crop was quite good considering the small acreage there is in this particular fruit in this valley.

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