

Over the Valley

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Owner Still Unknown—
The owner of the worn wedding ring found a week ago has not yet been ascertained. It will be remembered by readers of this column that a lady residing in the valley found a worn wedding ring in a glove which she purchased from a local store before Christmas. Owner may phone to Over the Valley, either Main 27 or 826 J.

Wind Scatters Hay—
Several large stacks of hay in the Hot Lake vicinity were untied and some of them more than half blown away in the severe winds of last week.

Father Suffers In Fall—
Hugh Huron of near Imbler received word the middle of last week that his aged father who lives in Dunville, Indiana had fallen in his home and broken a hip. His condition is very precarious. Ralph Huron, of La Grande left for the east upon the receipt of the word. The elder Mr. Huron, who has resided here and retains many friendships in the valley, suffered a stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago.

Leave For Corvallis—
Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Avery and daughters, Kathryn and Harriet left yesterday in their car for Corvallis where they will make their home this year. Mrs. Avery who has been suffering from the mumps, was considerably improved.

Return to Monmouth—
The Misses Carmen Daniel, Ethel Anderson and Geneva Murchison of Cove returned last night to their school work at Monmouth after having spent their holiday vacation at their respective homes.

Have Candy Pull—
Hazel and Edith Hermann gave a party to a company of their friends last Thursday evening at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann on the Cove highway. The evening was spent making candy and having just a general good time. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Irwin and daughter, Ruth and son, Truman, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Richards and sons, Edwin and Raymond, Myrtle and Gertrude Walters, Mildred Wardell and Howard Smith.

Countrywomen's Club—
Mrs. John Hamann who has recently moved to La Grande will entertain the members of the Countrywomen's club Friday afternoon at her home, 1103 N. avenue.

Blue Mt. Grange—
They had a big time at Blue Mt. grange last evening when the brothers were hosts at a banquet and watch night party. There was a large crowd and a splendid time. A more detailed account will appear later.

Concludes Course—
Miss Lucy Case, nutrition expert from the state college, will be in the county again the latter part of the month to hold the concluding number of her nutrition courses at different sections. She will be at Wolf Creek grange on the 23rd to give a demonstration and lecture which belonged to the course of a year ago. On account of the weather and roads, Miss Case was not able to make this appointment at that time.

Improve From Illness—
State Representative and Mrs. H. L. Weatherston of Elgin who have both been quite ill of the flu are much improved, though they are still suffering considerably from the weakness which follows this disease.

Concludes Visit—
Miss Josie Blokland, who spent the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blokland near Island City has returned to her pastorate at Haines.

Honored at Dinner—
Ann Loomis, of Weston who has been visiting friends in the valley during the holidays was a special guest at a dinner given Saturday evening at the Elgin Hotel in the Melville apartments in La Grande. She returned Sunday to Weston where she is primary teacher in the public school.

To Attend Bellingham—
Miss Ruth Irwin of the Cove highway expects to leave within a day or so for Bellingham, Washington, where she will enter the Bellingham normal school to commence her course in normal training. Miss Irwin was graduated from the La Grande high school last spring.

Wolf Creek to Install—
As a part of their program at a regular meeting next Saturday evening, Wolf Creek grange will hold their annual installation of officers. There will be other interesting features also which will merit a large attendance.

Losses Hay by Fire—
The loss of 90 tons of hay by fire in one of S. E. Miller's ranches west of Union, a week ago Sunday is reported. It is believed that the fire had its origin from sparks from passing engines. Mr. Miller's loss has been placed at from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Guests Christmas—
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann and their family of the Cove highway, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bloom, Myrtle and Gertrude Walters, of near Cove, J. C. Darnell and Howard Smith were guests Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hermann in May Park.

To Visit Parents—
Mrs. Elizabeth Huron Sutton was

expected in the valley today to make a good visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron near Imbler. Mrs. Sutton has been in Portland and is stopping off here for the visit on her way to Cheney, Washington.

Makes Short Visit—
Miss Marion Soime who works in Haines home for Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nodine at Imbler. Mrs. Nodine who is home now from her experience at the Grande Ronde hospital is gaining quite consistently.

Have New Daughter—
Believes living at Cove have received word of the recent birth of a baby daughter, weighing 8 1/2 pounds to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Tipp at Haines. Mr. Tipp is manager of the Cooperative creamery at Haines and he and Mrs. Tipp are widely known over this county.

Home From Bend—
Miss Oma Hudson who teaches in the schools at Bend has been spending her Christmas vacation with her parents who live at Imbler. Other guests at the parental home were Mr. and Mrs. Bartie Hudson and children of Joseph who came out for the day.

To Valley for Winter—
Mrs. Edith Pity of Union, her daughter, Miss Margaret and her mother, Mrs. Wright left yesterday for Eugene where they expect to spend the remainder of the winter.

Visits In Astoria—
Miss Margaret Hall of Elgin who teaches the High Valley school has gone to Astoria where she is visiting at the home of her sister, Miss Hall as obliged to close her school before the set time on account of the prevalence of the flu in the High Valley locality.

Acting State Leader—
The many friends of Leonard J. Allen, formerly of the Cove and very well known in the valley on account of his services rendered here as assistant state club leader, will be interested to know that Mr. Allen is at present filling the office of state club leader. This place was made temporarily vacant by the recent granting of a year's leave of absence to H. P. Seymour, the regular incumbent. That Mr. Allen is well qualified to carry on this important work is the conviction of those who know him well in Union county.

Return From Valley—
Principal and Mrs. Ralph Morgan and son Billy and Miss Spangenberg, all connected with the Imbler schools have returned from their Christmas visit to the Willamette valley, the major part of the time having been spent in Corvallis.

Giving Dancing Party—
The members of the Pleasant Grove grange are giving another of their dancing parties tomorrow evening at the grange hall.

Funeral Friday—
The funeral services for the late Joe Woods, held at the undertaking parlors of La Grande and later at the Summerville chapel last Friday were largely attended by old friends, neighbors and acquaintances of this pioneer stage-driver in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Woods was known far and wide on account of his early experiences in Eastern Oregon and also for his ability to handle horses, a skill which he exhibited on many occasions. Perhaps no event stood out more prominently in Mr. Woods' later years than the opportunity which came to him at the time of the visit of President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding, in 1923 when Mr. Woods was honored by having been

chosen as the driver for the conveyance in which they rode at the pioneer celebration. Mr. Woods was the last of the old time drivers. Perhaps his last exhibition was at the Union livestock show when he drove Willis Moss' fine team.

Have Day in Town—
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hill and their twin sons who live on Pumpkin Ridge drove to La Grande yesterday where they spent the day looking after matters of business.

Mr. Hermann Improves—
Henry Hermann, living out about six miles from La Grande is reported to be improving from his recent severe attack of the flu.

Farm Changes Hands—
Floyd Walk who has owned a farm of 80 acres on Wolf Creek east from North Powder sold the place last week to L. M. Daugherty. It is reputed to be one of the best improved and most highly cultivated farms in that part of the county.

Sells Calves—
Lou Davis of near North Powder whose purebred Durham cattle have a wide reputation has recently sold a truckload of calves to a party residing in Pine Valley. Mr. Davis' animals are reported to always be in demand, which speaks well for the kind of stuff which he raises on his farm.

On Their Golden Wedding Day—
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cruikshank Sr. of Elgin observed their golden wedding one day last week, and the festivities are reported to have been fitting to such an occasion. The account of the happy event was so well given in last week's Recorder that they are given here in full for the benefit of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank who peruse these columns.

The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cruikshank Sr., well known residents of Elgin, was celebrated at their home here Wednesday at a family gathering at a dinner and Christmas tree, including the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank, there were 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild present. One son, B. P. Cruikshank of East St. Louis, was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank who were married December 25, 1878, in Minnesota, moved to Eastern Oregon 27 years ago, and have lived in this section of the country ever since. They moved to Elgin about a year ago, where they have since made their home.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hall and family, Elgin; W. H. Cruikshank, Jr., wife and son, Glenn, Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips and family, Cricket Flat; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith and family, Gordon Creek; John Cruikshank, Cricket Flat; Miss Flora Cruikshank, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nicolson and baby, Elgin; Lloyd Beem, Cricket Flat.

Mrs. J. P. Hall, Mrs. Earl Phillips, Mrs. Ira Smith, Miss Flora Cruikshank and Miss Bertha Cruikshank are daughters, W. H. Cruikshank and John Cruikshank are sons of the aged couple, while Mrs. Roy Nicolson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hall, is their granddaughter.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Date Muffins
1-2 cup butter,
3/4 cup sugar,
3/4 cup milk,
2 cups flour,
2 level teaspoons baking powder,
3/4 level teaspoon salt,
1 egg,
3/4 pound dates,
Cream butter. Add sugar gradually and the dates chopped fine. Mix well together, then add the beaten egg. Stir salt, flour and baking powder together twice and add to first mixture, alternately with the milk. Bake in greased muffin pans, 20 to 25 minutes in hot oven.

Restored Hearing Acute
A. T. Bilbesshaft of Willows, Calif., who had been deaf for years, recently advised in a world of strange noises to restore his hearing had been restored overnight. Bilbesshaft said when he realized that he could hear again, the wind in the trees and the fowls in the barnyard sounded almost hoisterous.

Time to Whisper
When Donald went to church for the first time his mother took care to impress it upon his childish mind that he must whisper. About midway of the service and in a very solemn part Minister Donald audibly inquired in an expansive voice: "Mother, is it time to whisper now?"

Sunbaths for Greyhounds
At Wembley stadium, in England, is a famous greyhound racing course. Now added to its equipment is a complete dispensary and operating theater for caring for every type of sickness or injury to which greyhounds may fall heir.—Youth's Companion.

Light of Health



Transformed from a cold pile of stones by day to a pillar of Christmas cheer by night, the skyscraper in this striking photo carried a vivid message to New Yorkers. Windows of the American Radiator building were illuminated to form the double-barred cross that symbolizes the Christmas seal campaign of the tuberculosis association.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

OH—BOO HOO—
HOO—WHY DIDN' I—
YI—DO—HOO BETTER BY 'IM WHEN HE WAS 'H—HERE—OH PORE OL STIF—I MEAN FATHER TIME—OH BOOH HU AH HOOH—

YUH NUT! YUH'LL GIT US ALL CUT UP! HE'LL SWEAR WE ALL HAD A HAND IN THET. I'M AGITTN OUT SIDE.

ME TOO! THET OLD GOAT SKIN RIGHT UNDER HIS NOSE AN' THEN PUTTIN' THET VICIOUS WEPPON RIGHT HANDY—YOU ARE CRACKED.



COST OF GROWING ACRE OF ALFALFA GIVEN FOR COUNTY

The shortage in the hay crop in this county the past season and the consequent decrease in the number of cattle fed for market etc., has led to much discussion as to the advisability of a larger acreage in alfalfa. For this reason the results of a survey made by the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station in regard to the cost of production of alfalfa hay and other forage crops is quite apt. The survey covers the years 1925, 1926 and 1927 and while it included all sections of the state, the records of experienced growers having been taken into account, the data from Union and Baker counties were segregated in one report. This part of the complete report was compiled from 20 different records secured in the two adjoining counties.

According to Harry G. Avery, since Union county has at present time an insufficient production of hay as compared with feeding demands and since the cost report indicates that more of this crop can be profitably grown, a report of both the state and local figures is of exceptional interest. The figures give the average cost of producing alfalfa hay, the first column being the cost for the whole state and the second column these two counties.

No. of records	629	90
No. of acres	27,927	6,482
No. of tons	33,982	18,448
Direct man labor	\$ 5.45	\$ 6.50
Overhead man labor	2.23	1.23
Horse labor	2.93	2.20
Machinery	1.59	1.22
Automobile	.26	.28
Fertilizer	.42	.21
Irrigation water	2.69	1.11
Taxes	1.90	1.44
Interest on land	7.51	5.85
Depreciation of stand	1.20	.92
Miscellaneous	15	20
TOTALS	\$39.03	\$26.38
Credit for pasture	1.60	.93

Net cost per acre—\$28.43 \$19.45
Tons per acre—3.5 2.9
Cost per ton—\$ 8.98 \$ 6.69

Mr. Avery comments on the above reports by stating that with the exception of the section about North Powder, and also excepting the year 1921, prices of alfalfa hay in the state has brought from \$8 up to a much larger figure.

Taps for Tips
Walters in cafes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, instead of offering a "thanks" when accepting a tip merely tap the coin on the table. When they are satisfied with the tip they tap once with the edge of the coin on the table, and if the tip is liberal it is rewarded with two taps.

Wray Lawrence Begins Duties As County Agent

Wray Lawrence, who is to serve the county as county agriculturalist for this present year, following the granting of a year's leave of absence to Harry G. Avery by the county court, arrived in the valley Saturday and took up his duties yesterday morning at the office in the post-office building. Mr. Lawrence had time for short and hurried conference with Mr. Avery before the latter's departure and will now be occupied for several days getting on to the ropes in his new location.

Mr. Lawrence comes to Union county from Klamath Falls where he has been in similar work since he was graduated from the state college in 1926. Mr. Lawrence served Klamath county as assistant county agent, and had charge of the farm crops program, that having been his major at the college. He also had charge of much miscellaneous work in the office and assisted Mr. Sexton with the club work in that county. Mr. Lawrence is especially well fitted to carry on the work here, according to Mr. Ballard, state county agent leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have leased the Kiddle residence at Island City, which had been the home of the Avery family for several years, and expect to be comfortably situated there within the course of a few days.

Coming from Klamath Falls, Mr. Lawrence speaks of his associations with Earl Reynolds, former chamber of commerce secretary at La Grande and also speaks very highly of the work he is doing in that section of the state.

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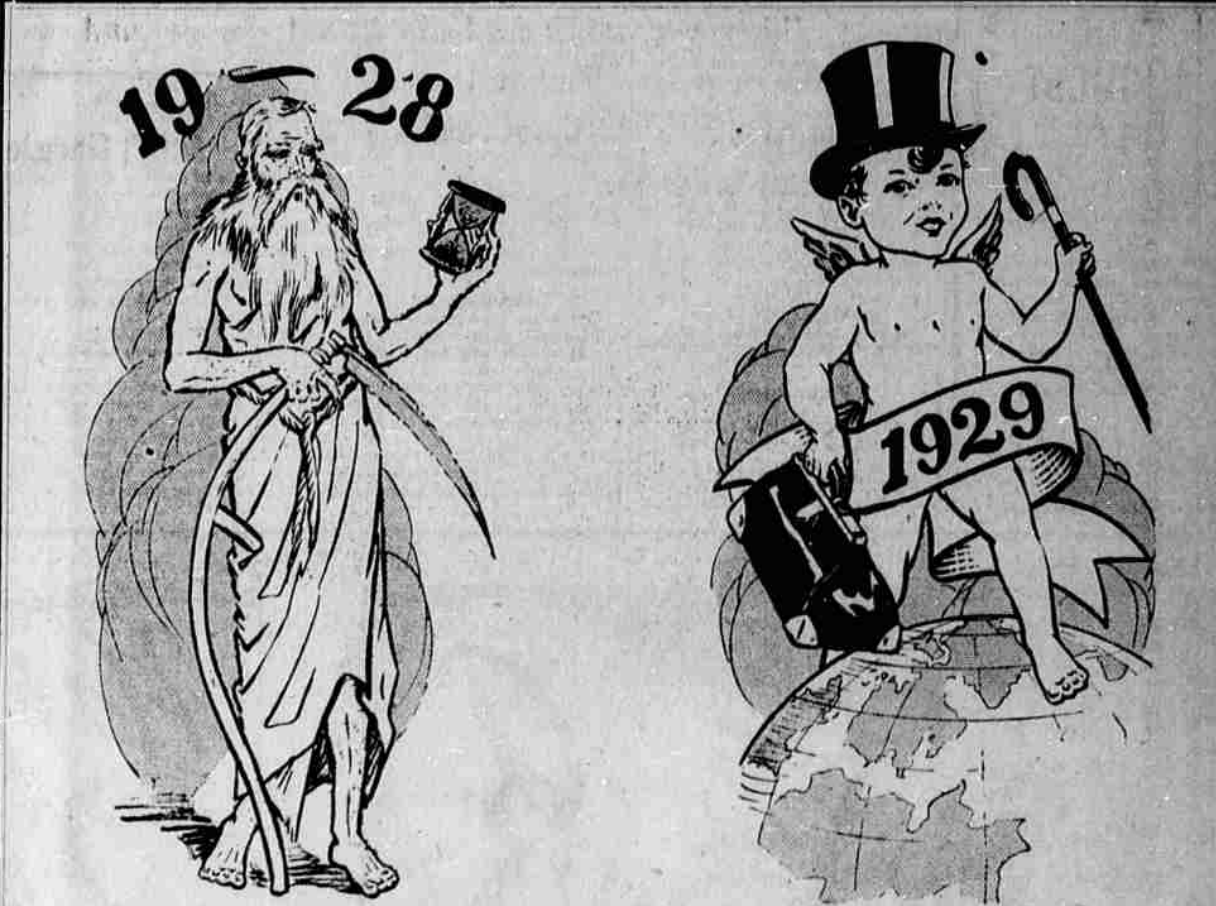
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