

Over the Valley

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Have Baby Daughter—
A seven and a quarter pound baby girl was born at the Hart Maternity home in La Grande Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hasbrouck of Pendleton.

Over From Cove—
Mrs. Lillian Allen and daughter, Iva June, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mr. Bonney and Mrs. Minnie Senter all of the Cove were transacting business in La Grande yesterday coming over by the way of Union.

Returns Home—
Miss Frances McKennon returned today to her home near Imbler after having spent a week with friends in La Grande.

Lambing at Cove—
A number of sheep raisers over at Cove are reporting lambing operations as being on in that locality.

Visits at Home—
Miss Pauline Payton who teaches the Iowa school, which has been closed for some time on account of the roads, went last week to her home near Portland for a few days visit during the enforced vacation.

Making Fine Improvement—
Mrs. C. E. Crossen of the side hill road who recently underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor has been reported that she is getting along splendidly.

Sunday in Town—
Mrs. Hugh Huron of near Imbler accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Don Sutton as far as La Grande when she returned to her home in Portland last Saturday.

Sunday Guests—
Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKinnis and son, Donald of Kinchart spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnis near Summerville.

Serving Lunches—
A group of camp-fire girls at Elgin, whose standard is Miss Cora Price, domestic science teacher at the Elgin high school, have been serving splendid hot lunches at the school at noon.

Mother Very Ill—
Relatives in the valley have received word from Mrs. Everett Watsinger who was called to Portland last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. DeLong to the effect that she found her mother quite ill and her condition quite discouraging.

Shopping in La Grande—
Mrs. L. A. Howell of Valeria district was in town shopping Monday. Mrs. Howell said she believed she

Concludes Visit—
T. L. Colburn who has been visiting with his niece Mrs. Harry Fisher and with his sister, Mrs. Smith, all in the valley, has returned to his home near Roseman, Montana.

Gets \$100 and Costs—
In the suit tried last evening at La Grande wherein Earl Chandler of north of Elgin was seeking compensation for damages done to his property last spring when a truck driver lost control of his truck and ran into a valuable tree in front of Mr. Chandler's house and spread wheat all over his lawn, Mr. Chandler was awarded damages to the amount of \$100, the defendant to pay costs.

Mother Dies—
Billy Heagy, connected with the planer mill at Elgin received word early this week of the death of his mother who resided at Seattle and to which place Mr. Heagy went on receipt of the news. The planer mill was shut down this week.

Having Fine Lambs—
Lambing has been very satisfactory so far at the Frank McKennon farm near Imbler. At noon yesterday Mr. McKennon reported seven ewes with 14 lambs, an even 200 per cent. The lambs are all sturdy. McKennons have the registered Hampshires.

Have Joint Installation—
The Rebekah and I. O. O. F. lodges at Summerville held their joint installation Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellows hall. This had been once postponed but was held regardless of roads and it is reported that 80 people were present.

Start Volley Ball—
Business men of Elgin have recently organized a volley ball team, practicing at the new gym and are expecting soon to have some match games with teams from other localities. It is also reported that the Elgin women also have similar aspirations and hope to have their volley teams in practice soon.

Stages On Schedule—
The La Grande-Joseph stages have been running on their regular schedules for some time now and are giving patrons along the line good service this winter weather. We heard this week of a farmer in the valley who needed

doctor's attention but getting to town was a problem. He finally went across fields on skis to the highway where the accommodating bus-driver picked him up and took him the remainder of the way.

Returns to Walla Walla—
Dick Hibberd returned to his school work at Whitman college, Walla Walla Monday following a few days visit with friends and relatives at Imbler.

Good Attendance at Conference—
It is reported that the county agents of Oregon are having a splendid and very practical conference this week at the state college at Corvallis. Wray Lawrence, county agriculturist of this county is one of 55 officials attending. In speaking of the gathering, the following is reported—

The most complete array of Oregon agricultural information possible to assemble in one spot is present in Corvallis this week in the form of some 55 members of the state college extension service staff who met this morning for the opening session of their annual six-day conference.

The gathering includes 28 county agents and their assistants, several club and home demonstration agents, an even dozen extension specialists and seven members of the administration staff.

Speaking of the personnel of the extension service in his opening address to the gathering, Paul V. Maris, director, called attention to the fact that while county employees the service had increased from 14 to 44 between 1916 and 1928, the staff of specialists had only been increased from 10 to 12 1/2, and the administration staff had remained at seven throughout the period.

Major effort among the agricultural extension agents for the coming year should be directed toward encouraging enlarged or standard units of operation on the part of farmers in order that income can be brought high enough to insure better standards of living.

COUNTY AGENT AIDS VALLEY FARMERS IN CROP IMPROVEMENT

The report made to the state college and to the county court by Harry G. Avery, in several years, at the conclusion of the year 1928, is very illuminating as regards a number of definite things which Mr. Avery attempted to do during that twelve month period.

While the office of county agriculturist in many localities has had to prove its right to exist, it has long ago been proven, those who know assert, that in this county the office has been one of great practical benefit to the farming interests of Union county and especially during the years when Mr. Avery held the office was there marked the improvement in many fields of operation and a decided upward trend in all fields.

Because the club work, in a way, has the most prominence, that is, it has more publicity attached to it, that one department is perhaps more widely known by the general county population, town and rural alike.

But from a close association with the work, and from a perusal of Mr. Avery's reports, it is found that that is but one important branch. We propose looking from time to time at the different lines of work, which has direct assistance from the office of the county agriculturist, the only object being to raise bigger and better crops in Union county.

In Mr. Avery's report under the head of "Crop Improvement," he deals with several different lines, the first being the cereals, which have been the big farm crop in the county. In the endeavor toward crop improvements, the first item tactically is new seed.

"One of the goals set for the year, was the pooling of orders for two carloads of certified Federation seed wheat. This was taken up by the agent and a supply of good seed was located in Umatilla county. After a number of orders were secured the Grande Ronde Grain company at Island City offered to take over and deliver the grain at cost.

This arrangement was made and at their request six carloads of wheat were contracted for. This purchase was afterwards added to, a total of eight cars of seed having been secured."

The nursery for the study of wheat on the J. A. Gaskill farm near Imbler was planted in cooperation with the county agent and this year again was the subject for an important part of the program on the farm crops field tour. Outside world so far as travel is concerned for so long that a resident of that community remarked yesterday that it was nothing short of providential that there had been no sickness there to speak of as it would be next to impossible to secure the services of a doctor.

To Have Valentine Party—
Members of the Epworth League of Cove are planning for a Valentine party to be held next Thursday. Mrs. Tommy Towle and Mrs. Lillian Allen are the committee in charge of the arrangements for the party.

Sheep Statistics—
The United States Department of Agriculture gives out some interesting figures concerning the number of sheep and lambs on feed January 1, 1929, which is quite appropriate at this time.

The number of sheep and lambs on feed for market in the principal feeding states was about 252,000 head or 5 1/2 per cent larger than on January 1, 1928, according to the estimate of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The number estimated on feed this year was 4,715,000 head compared with the revised estimate of 4,463,000 January 1, 1928, and 4,259,000 head January 1, 1927.

The estimated number on feed in the corn belt states including Nebraska was 389,000 larger on January 1 this year than last, totaling 2,575,000 this year compared to 2,186,000 a year ago and 2,477,000 two years ago; while nearly all states in this area had more on feed this year than last, the largest increase was in Nebraska and Iowa. The increase in Nebraska was about 18,000 head above the number a year ago, and in Iowa it was about 120,000 head larger.

The number on feed January 1 in the seven states as a whole was about 140,000 head smaller than on January 1 a year ago, the total being 2,149,000 this year, 2,277,000 January 1, 1928 and 1,845,000 January 1, 1927. The estimated number in Colorado this year was 1,430,000 compared to 1,589,000 January 1, 1928, and 1,770,000 January 1, 1927. Northern Colorado had about 150,000 head less on feed than last year, and there was a decrease in the San Luis Valley, but an increase of over 100,000 head in the Arkansas Valley.

The increased number on feed January 1 this year was due both to an increase in the number shipped into the various feeding areas and a decrease in the number of fed lambs shipped to market before January 1 compared to a year ago. There was an increase of about 120,000 head over 1927 in the movement of feeder sheep and lambs into the corn belt states inspected through stockyards for the six month period July in December. In addition, there was a larger increase in the shipments direct to feed lots in Nebraska and some increase in the direct movement not going through stockyards into some other states. In Colorado there was an increase in the late

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A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Coconut Crusties
Make a pastry by cutting 1/2 cup of shortening into 2 even cups of well-sifted flour, to which 1/2 teaspoon salt has been added. Then add 4 tablespoons lemon juice to mix the dough. When thoroughly mixed roll out on a floured board, after having added 2 tablespoons shredded coconut and 1 tablespoon of sugar.

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