

Over the Valley

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Gives Outlook In Wool Market For This Year

John J. Durham, of San Francisco, representative of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers, is spending a few days in La Grande, stopping at the Seaside Inn. While here he is conferring with some of the Grande Rondo valley.

"The situation as it stands today shows the wool very low and it looks like this condition will continue," Mr. Durham said in answer to a question regarding the outlook for 1929. "Crossbreds are commanding a good price and holding up to the 1928 top values. All indications point to their holding their values throughout this year."

"In fine wools," he continued, "we cannot look for much of an upward trend this year although we expect markets to maintain at about last year's figure."

He said that at this time last year 100 million pounds had been contracted compared with one million this year. "Practically all contracts on fine wool made last year found the contracting concerns selling at a loss and this year they are not taking any chances."

Mr. Durham advised sheep men to not all sell at shearing time but to hold most of them to hold for orderly markets. The mills are buying hand-to-mouth, he said. There may be a few clips contracted but they will be the better known ones and by mills that have used these clips before and desire them, he concluded.

The Pacific association consists of 2,500 members scattered throughout the western states.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Meat Sticks
(The following recipe is one from Mrs. Nona Wilson, Hadenoch, of Chicago, whose articles along different phases of home-making have appeared in Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, etc., etc. Mrs. Hadenoch is one of the outstanding women of the middle west, a recognized authority in her line. She is a long time and personal friend of the Washington, Iowa, contingent in this valley, that having been her birthplace and home until after her college days.)

Slice pork tenderloin in 1/2 inch slices.

Put the round of veal in the same sized pieces.

Take a wooden skewer and put it through the center of a piece of the veal, then put on a piece of the pork tenderloin. Next a piece of veal, etc., until there are, on the skewer, 2 pieces of veal and 2 pieces of pork, alternating. Push the meat close together.

Now dip the meat on the skewer in egg and roll in dry bread crumbs. Fry as you would chicken. When done and just before serving put a paper chop frill on each end of the skewer. To eat, take it up by both ends and eat like an ear of corn on the cob.

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PERFECTING PLANS FOR DEPARTMENT OF HOME MANAGEMENT

Plans are rapidly being perfected for the "Home Management" section of the approaching Union County Economic conference, whose dates are Monday, February 25, to Saturday, March 2, inclusive, or week after next. This section of the conference has proven to be one of the most popular and last year while it was the next to the youngest department, it was also the next to the largest department with 150 in registered attendance.

The youngest department of the conference is that of the boys and girls club work over which Mrs. Lloyd Pierce has superintendence. Mrs. W. T. Phy is the chairman of the Home Management department.

On the Home Management program appear the names of two women who will guarantee a strong program. The first is Mrs. Jessie J. McMahon, who is at the head of the extension service department for women at the Oregon state college. Mrs. McMahon first came to La Grande at the time of the Observer's institute in 1926. She has made one visit here since. Mrs.

The second prominent speaker is to be Miss Glasgow, head of physical education for women at the college. Miss Glasgow will offer a "health for happiness" program—what to do for health, posture, etc., etc. This is Miss Glasgow's first visit to Eastern Oregon.

The dates for this section are Monday and Tuesday, the 25 and 26, with the program to start at noon on the first day and continue through the entire day Tuesday.

It is being urged by the entire staff of the conference, and by the women on the committee in particular, that all women in the county make their plans to attend these two days of the conference. The roads will in all probability be opened by that time, the program is a strong one, and they declare that there will be much of great practical value to all the women of the valley.

6 Days Of Zero Weather, Snow At Lower Cove

By Mrs. Nell Right
(Observer Correspondent)
LOWER COVE, Ore. (Special)—Winter is still with this district, the thermometer registering below zero for the last six nights, with lots of snow still on the ground. Farmers report that they have plenty of feed, and that lambing is progressing nicely.

Mrs. T. B. Johnson returned to her home here last Wednesday after three weeks in La Grande where she went to spend the night, and was unable to return on account of the storm.

E. T. Howell and Harlan Koger delivered their fat hogs to La Grande on Friday, after keeping them two weeks from the time they first made the attempt to cross the valley after the snow storm.

N. Darnen spent Wednesday night at the home of his brother, Elmer Darnen, at Island City.

Glen Crankshaw is attending school at Elgin for the remainder of the year. He is staying with his grandparents.

T. B. Johnson and A. E. Hartley spent Saturday in La Grande on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Crankshaw were guests at the Nell Right home Sunday.

Ralph Crankshaw and family, who are at the A. E. Hartley home on Sunday.

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All Day Meeting
Mrs. C. H. Hildwell will be the hostess to the Island City Ladies Aid society Thursday at her home. This is to be an all day meeting for work and a pot luck dinner will be served at noon. The ladies in charge are hoping for a large attendance.

Mrs. Geo. Chandler Low
Mrs. Geo. Chandler, of Elgin, was reported yesterday as being very low at her home. There seemed to be little hope held out to members of her family.

Blue Mt. Grange
The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. grange will be held at the Grange hall Saturday, and it is hoped that there may be a large attendance as the roads out to the last meeting. Mrs. Grace Grout, lecturer, announces the program for the afternoon to be as follows:

Home Grange
Bell Call, to be responded to by the ladies on "My best labor saving device." For the men, "What I want my home to be."
Debate, "Should I Mortgage My Home to send my son and daughter to college?" Affirmative, I. P. Wright; negative, Ed Eckley.

Reading, Mrs. H. A. Masterton.
Content, in charge of the home economics committee.

Reading, J. B. Lindsey.
Dinner is to be served by section number two. The H. E. committee is asking each lady to bring a tea towel, hemmed and marked for the grange.

Visits Valley
Mrs. Wallace E. Brown, wife of the presiding bishop of this area of the Methodist church, who is visiting friends in the county, accompanied Over The Valley on her trip Monday and Tuesday, visiting Elgin and intermediate points yesterday and Union and intermediate points today. Mrs. Brown, with her husband, has lived for a number of years in China, but they have recently taken up their episcopal residence in Helena, Montana. Mrs. Brown was delighted with our beautiful valley.

Visiting in Elgin
Mrs. C. P. Holbrook, of La Grande, is visiting for a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hug, in Elgin.

Return From California
Mrs. P. A. McDonald and son, George, of the Iowa district, and Mrs. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, returned Sunday from their two week trip to California. During the trip they visited San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other points of interest.

Club
The Imbler Women's club will meet tomorrow, February 13, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ralph Morgan, instead of with Mrs. Cleaver as previously announced. The program subject will be "Painted Furniture," with Mrs. Jessie Westlake as leader. The entertainment committee will be Mrs. Charles Cleaver and Mrs. Charles Keenan, and the refreshment committee will be Mrs. J. A. Gaskill and Mrs. C. C. Welch. Throughout the afternoon the Valentine motif will be carried out.

Lambing On at Union
A. B. Miller, of Union, one of Union county's biggest sheep growers, reports some early lambs, while Will Woodruff of the same locality expects to be through this week. Roy Wheeler, of near Union, reports very good luck so far, the per cent running about 150.

In La Grande
Mrs. Ed Combs, of Summerville, went to La Grande Saturday evening where she is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Sanders, who is a patient at the Grande Rondo hospital. Members of the family report that Mrs. Sanders does not improve very fast.

Packing Apples
At Imbler last week, apple packing was retarded for a few days by the severe weather. It was reported that about 50 car loads of apples yet to be packed at the different houses remained to be shipped out from that section. At the Cove, Earl Stackland reported about two and a half weeks work yet in the packing of the fruit.

Co. Agent Returns
Wray Lawrence, county agriculturalist, was back at his desk this week after having been absent last week attending the state conference of county agents. The program arranged was very practical and the discussions were very helpful. It is reported.

Start For California
Mr. and Mrs. Wray McIntyre, who have been visiting, among other places, at the Herbert Speckhart and Paul Knautz homes in the Iowa district, left Sunday to continue their trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre were the guests at a number of social affairs during their stay here. Their home is at Quincy, Illinois.

In La Grande
J. E. Witherspoon, one of the prominent farmers in Cricket Flat, and one of the most progressive and aggressive farmers in the valley, has been in La Grande for more than a week now doing jury duty.

Heavy Work
County apparatus has been on the lower Elgin road for more than a week, attempting to open the road. It is reported that the road is now open for a few miles, but the work is still being done.

etc., that progress was extremely slow. Residents of that section will be glad, however, when they can reach the highway. There has been another problem, too. Quite a few farmers were able to get in to town with their babbles, but some of the highways have been so completely barred of the snow by the various plows, rotaries, etc., that there was no snow for sledding after the main roads were reached.

Good Prospects
W. R. Lampkin, who lives on Clover Creek, has 600 acres seeded to fall wheat now, it is reported, and believing that now conditions are favorable for a good crop next year is planning to put in 300 acres in spring wheat. "Dry land farmers feel sure of a crop this coming season," says Mr. Lampkin. "The depth of the snow is assurance of sufficient moisture for the growing of a good wheat crop on dry land."

Hereford Man Coming
According to the Joseph Herald, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chapman, of Riparian, Wash., have leased the old Peter Headland place on upper Prairie creek and will move there soon, according to Max Wilson who handled the lease. Mr. Chapman is a breeder of purebred Hereford cattle, and has about 250 head which he will transfer here, it is said. There are about 500 acres of irrigated land on the place, with considerable grazing land in the hills.

Week in La Grande
Tom Walsinger, of the lower Cove road, has been in La Grande for a week doing jury duty.

Give Taffy Pull
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Grout gave a taffy pull Saturday evening at their home in the Grange hall neighborhood, their guests numbering about twelve. Besides the fun pulling the taffy, several hours were enjoyably spent at pinole.

Alice Aid
Mrs. John Hamann will entertain the members of the Alice Aid society Thursday at her home on N avenue in La Grande. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Walter Richards and Mrs. G. W. Taylor, both of the Island City-Cove highway.

Student Improves
Clifford Conrad, champion pig feeder, and a student at the Imbler high school, was able to return to his school work last week. Clifford bruised one of his knees while playing basketball and the men's basketball team will not play until next week.

Miss Cloth
Mrs. Rattie Wells, of Imbler, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. L. Littrell, at Summerville. Mrs. Littrell, who was not in very good health for a long time, is reported as being much better.

Skips a Meeting
Crickle Flat grange, of north of Elgin, lost out on one meeting on account of weather and roads. They met regularly last Saturday evening at their hall.

Loses Horse
W. F. Brock, of Dry Creek, lost a valuable horse last week from foundering.

Returns Home
Mrs. Fred Henning returned home last week to La Grande following a visit at the Ralph Bell home at Joseph.

Can't Set Date
Members of the Rebekah lodge at Summerville have been unable to set a date for the presentation of the play "And Home Came Ted," on which they started working

some time ago. Those in the east who live in Imbler have been unable to get to Summerville and so the whole works have been stopped for several weeks. It is thought that work can begin again shortly and the date for the production will be definitely fixed.

A Large Sheep Owner
P. W. Faulkner last week brought out three bands of sheep from Imbler, to his ranch in lower end of the Wallawa valley, according to the Enterprise Record-Chiefdom. There Mr. Faulkner has 600 tons of hay with which to feed them. His ranch is now occupied by Vern Hiplinger.

Mr. Faulkner a short time ago purchased an 11,000 acre ranch near Pendleton which was valued at \$250,000. This is one of the largest ranches in Oregon, and Mr. Faulkner is one of the largest sheep owners in the country.

State Dairy Conference Coming
The statewide dairy conference to be held at the state college March 21-22, will be headed by six prominent farmers, creamerymen and others selected for committee chairmanships. The following men have been announced as heads of the main divisions of the conference: Claude Buchanan, production and management; George F. Fawcett, creamerymen; economic status dairy industry; Will T. Wright, Oregon City banker, finance; M. M. Ronco, manager Eugene Co-operative creamery, grades and standards; C. C. Dickson, Shedd dairyman, disease control, and A. E. Engstrom, secretary of the lower Columbia Dairy association, marketing.

Making Beautiful Quilt
The members of the Alice Ladies Aid society are making a beautiful quilt on which they have been working during the winter months. They will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall in Summerville Friday to finish it, having a pot luck dinner at noon.

Interesting Figures
Figures from Wallawa county regarding the shipments of livestock from that section through their shipping association are always of keen interest. County Agent Donaldson has recently compiled some more figures regarding that lively industry in our neighboring county, we presume for use at the county agents conference last week at the state college, as that was to have been his subject. The chief tells in his current issue of the volume of business transacted as follows:

Two double-deck cars of hogs were shipped from the upper valley Saturday and one car of cattle, the two were shipped by the marketing association and were loaded at Joseph, Enterprise and Lostine, and one Pace went to Portland with them. Henry C. Hansen shipped the cattle from Joseph.

County Agent N. C. Donaldson has gathered figures to show that Wallawa county shipped out 25,250 hogs in 1928, a substantial increase over the year before. This is from the reports of the railroad station agents, on the basis of 100 hogs to each full deck, and 50 hogs to each mixed car. From the four towns shipments were:

From Joseph, 8,400.
From Enterprise, 15,200.
From Lostine, 5,550.
From Wallawa, 2,500.

The figures from the three upper towns are actual records and the Wallawa total is estimated and is the same as the actual shipments last year. Enterprise shipments show an increase of 5,600 over 1927.

Since the marketing association was formed in October, it has sent 6334 hogs to market and they have sold for more than \$100,000.

Mr. Donaldson estimates that the hogs and dairy cattle brought

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams

