

WALLOWA STILL IN WINTER GRIP

Food Situation on Farms Unfavorable; By-roads in Bad Condition

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WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—
King winter continues to hold this section in a firm grip. During the latter part of the week one of the worst storms of the winter swept across the higher portions of the county, depositing several inches of new snow and settling all roads and trails to a state of mud. The roads in which many deep drifts were piled are proving more difficult to break out than at the time of the last severe storm during January. Previous to the last storm the weather had moderated considerably and caused the snow to become quite soft. When this was carried by the hard winds and piled into drifts it soon became so solid that breaking roads through was some problem. Elmer Southwick has been unable to follow his route for several miles in the Leap section, being compelled to come down the Whiskey creek road on the trip back to town, and in this way misses some of the patrons on the route. Farmers have been busy the last few days trying to get the remaining portions of the roads open. Only one time during the winter has the wind resembled a chinook and then for only a short time, before turning cold again. Saturday was a warm day here and considerable thawing occurred in the valley and on the south slopes, but back a few miles in the hills but little thawing was in evidence. The food situation on most of the farms in this community is still a perplexing one, with farmers wondering whether the winter is going to break away before the present supply of food is gone. Many farmers say that they have found it necessary to use more food for the same number of stock during the past three months than ever before. This is accounted for by many reasons, the fact that it has been cold practically all the time since the first of December, causing stock to eat heavily in order to withstand the severe temperatures. Some hay is still being sold in small lots at prices ranging around \$20 per ton. Some farmers have paid this figure for hay in the upper part of the valley and hauled it a distance of 25 miles.

There has been much work of repairing bursted water pipes in and around town during the past few weeks, caused by severe freezing.

Herchel Scott who has been farming the Charles Fisher place on Dry creek during the past two years, is moving his household goods and stock to a farm near Joseph and stock to a farm near weeks ago.

May Couch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Couch of Leap, suffered a painful cut on one of her fingers by coming in contact with some barbed wire while playing at school.

Miss Merrieth Lathrop, who is attending high school here, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Lathrop, of Leap. L. W. Minor was at L. V. Lathrop's farm in Leap Sunday for one of his colts which Mr. Lathrop had brought from the range with his horses. Despite the fact that the horses had ranged in the deep snow, pawing in for their feed during the long cold spell, the most of them are said to be in fair condition.

Mrs. H. C. Hearing, of Middle valley, was sick a few days last week from an attack of the flu. She is reported to be much improved.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, was in town the early part of this week for a load of lumber with which he intends to build a brooder house to care for 1000 baby chicks he has ordered for delivery April 1.

L. W. Minor and George Cummins were hauling some post timber from Whiskey creek to their farm. Mrs. John Couch received a coop of turkeys by express in a past week. They were breeding stock.

Belle Haskett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Haskett of Joseph, has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Belle Feagina, and other relatives in the Leap community during the past week.

Mrs. C. F. Hays, of Leap, received a telegram from her daughter, Mrs. Vera Lyle of Dayton.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Wash., recently saying she and her husband were leaving for North Platte, Neb. where Mr. Lyle will be in the employ of one of the large chain store concerns.

Roy Gastin was a business visitor in town the latter part of the week.

Reports from the Imnaha and Snake river range areas indicate that the milder weather of the past few days has been very beneficial in melting away the snow on parts of the range, making it possible for sheep and other stock there to pick much of their feed. Many of the stockmen are still con-

fronted with the task of hauling and packing food supplies into the canyons from outside points in order to supply the sheep with oil cake and ground grain, mostly corn, much of which has been hauled with teams to Buck Horn Springs and taken the balance of the distance by pack horses, requiring about three days to make a return trip from Buck Horn to the bands and back. The reports say that no losses to speak of have been had and with much of the range becoming bare it is felt that the worst is probably over. The expense of purchasing high priced feed and additional expense of transporting it long distances has been heavy on many of the stock owners who were caught in the canyon with the stock being unable to get them out nearer supplies.

George Brooks, of Powwaka ridge, was a business visitor in this community the latter part of the week. Mr. Brooks and B. H. McGinnis and sons, who have between 900 and 1000 head of sheep in Lower valley where they are being fed at the Boyd ranch in Lower valley where they are being fed, report that they have found it necessary to buy more hay recently in

order to have enough to carry the sheep through. The sheep are being fed at the Boyd ranch in Lower valley, where they will be held until about the 15th or 20th of March before being moved to the Powwaka section. Mr. Brooks says there is about two and a half feet of snow in the Powwaka section.

Mrs. Susie Mack and sons Sam and Grover and Earl Burckfield, of Leap, were visitors in town the last of the week.

J. A. Roberts and Gunner Carlson were delivering some fat hogs to the stock yards at Evans recently.

J. R. Williams and wife, of near Evans, were visitors in town the last of the week. Mr. Williams reports excellent success in lambing his small flock of ewes having at this time 65 young lambs and has not lost a single lamb to date.

The greater part of the farmers and sheepmen of this community are still enjoying splendid luck in saving the most of the lambs, according to reports from many farms. Lambing operations at the M. J. Sevier ranch on Diamond prairie are well under way with a large bunch of young yambs coming along in fine shape. It is reported. Thomas Scott, of Middle valley, reports he has practically finished lambing out his flock and has about 150 per cent of lambs saved. Mr. Scott's flock of ewes last year produced a little better than 200 per cent lambs. E. F. Johnson, one of the largest sheep owners in this end of the valley, has not commenced lambing. The lambing season will start at the

Johnson farm during the month of March. Some owners feel that there is nothing to be gained by early lambing in this section where grass is seldom available until March or April, when extra cost of feeding is taken into consideration.

The Wallowa creamery, which has been trucking the cream in from many of the valley farms, has found road conditions had on many of the by-roads leading off the highway. During the past few days farmers have been bringing the cream in by team, it being impossible to reach some of the places with auto truck.

Herman Place, local drayman made a recent trip to Poodosa, taking a load of house-hold goods to that place. He left here at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon and returned home at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. He reports the road good practically the entire distance.

The fuel shortage experienced by some residents of town last week has been relieved by the arrival of two cars of coal this week. Some wood is also being hauled into town.

Frank Fisher, of Hurricane creek, was at Bruce Fisher's farm at Leap the last of the week for a load of wheat. He reports sleighing getting quite thin on some of the roads near Enterprise.

Mrs. Bruce Fisher and Miss Auel, teacher of the Leap school, visited Sunday with Mrs. C. F. Harmon.

One of the best things to have up your sleeve is a funny-bone.

Spots on the Moon
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