

Over the Valley

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To Have Community Party

This coming Friday evening, March 8, all the residents of Island City are invited to a calico party to be held at the community church, the event being sponsored by the ladies aid.

Those who are expected to make the place are expecting a large crowd with every Island City attending, if possible. The men are supposed to wear calico ties and while the ladies must not necessarily wear calico, their dresses must be confined to cotton material. There will be a fine for failure to observe this part of the program. Something good has been thought out for every part of the evening and all ages have also been kept in mind. It promises to be one of the biggest social events held in Island City for a long time. A pot luck supper opens the festivities at 7 o'clock.

Attend Conference

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mills and all of their children who are at home now were over from Cove Saturday attending the club section of the economic conference. Mr. and Mrs. Mills have both been very successful and painstaking as well as patient local club leaders, and they have many successful projects over Cove way due to their leadership.

Brothers to Entertain

The lady members of the Blue Mt. Grange are to be the guests at the meeting this Saturday and the men are to be responsible for the day—the cuts and the program. This is always a big event in the calendar year of Blue Mt. and this year promises to be no exception.

State Officer Here

Dr. Green, of Salem, a member of the staff of Dr. Lytle, state veterinarian was in La Grande Sunday for the purpose of making a complete investigation into the situation at the Steve Hatt farm near La Grande, where a number of head of livestock were lost last week and the week before. Dr. Green spent the entire day on the matter and reported after his investigation had been carefully done, that the animals had not been poisoned by eating the flesh of the horses taken from the freight passing through. He believes that the animals were affected by a poison which is similar to strychnine poisoning in humans and may be caused by eating of spoiled fruits or sometimes drinking from stagnant water. All the livestock on Mr. Hatt's place was thoroughly examined and no trace of any further disease or poisoning was found to exist anywhere else at the present time.

Will Not Meet

The Imbler Ladies aid society will not meet this week, the regular gathering having been postponed until a later date.

Wrong Mrs. Pierce

Saturday's Observer announced the wrong Mrs. Pierce as having had charge of the sessions of the economic conference held Saturday as the closing day of the successful week. Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, who has always had a great interest in club work and who was responsible for its success last year, is the presiding officer. She kept things moving and kept them interesting Saturday even though the attendance and the roads limited the attendance.

Grasses Adopted

At the economic conference last week a list of grasses which, it was thought, could be sown here to advantage for pasture purposes, was given out for consideration. In the list were Kentucky blue grass, timothy, orchard grass, English rye, alkali clover, sweet clover and common white clover.

Goes to Portland

J. C. Griesel of the Blue Mt. Fruit Exchange and Routh McKennon of Allet went to Portland Saturday evening on business.

Goes Visiting

Little Miss Betty Ann Blokland, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Blokland of Island City, went to Portland Saturday where her father played with the O. W. R. & N. basketball team Sunday. Miss Betty Ann went to visit her great-grandmother, now very near to the century mark, on this her first visit away from Island City, any distant. Betty Ann may boast of many relatives, having besides her 97-year old great-grandmother in Portland a great-grandfather in La Grande. We know from observation that this little lady is one of the most loved babies ever in a home, and to say that her grand-parents Blokland adore her, would be expressing it about right.

Wife of Little Change

Mrs. Everett Waininger of the Valeria district who was called to Portland a few weeks ago by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. DeLong, writes that there seemed to be little change in her mother's condition. Another daughter from California is in Portland now, also.

Goes to Hot Lake

Mrs. L. L. McKennon of La Grande went to Hot Lake yesterday where she will spend a few days.

To Have a Doctor

After having been without the services of a resident physician since the death of Dr. Jayne several months ago, announcement is made that Dr. W. H. Thompson is soon to move from Portland to Elgin and open up the practice of medicine in that community.

Open Road

County road equipment and some of the state's was put on the trailer-Summerville road Saturday.

In an effort to open that highway

and give Summerville residents some relief from their long siege of confinement. The depth of the snow still on the road is quite astonishing.

To Sow Much Clover

Olaf Dahlstrom of near North Powder is an enthusiast for clover and sweet clover. He is reported to be so enthusiastic about sweet clover as the best feed for dairy cows that he has placed an order for 1000 pounds of seed for spring sowing.

A year ago Mr. Dahlstrom bought a registered Holstein bull, indicating that he appreciates that both good blood and good feed pay. The animal was a young one but is expected to develop into a good sire. He now intends to get some purebred females, buying them as calves, which he believes is the best way for the ordinary dairyman to get into registered stock.

Weekend in Country

Miss Anne Arnoldus of La Grande went to Allet and spent the weekend at the home of her sister, Mrs. Routh McKennon. Miss Arnoldus is at the head of the home economics department in the La Grande high school.

Visits in Town

High Hutton of Brooks Lane went to La Grande Saturday evening on combined business and pleasure errands, visiting while there with his aunt, Miss Anna Brooks.

Goes to Summerville

After visiting for a short time in La Grande, Mrs. Edward Ambrose Austin went to Imbler Saturday afternoon for a visit over Sunday at the Charles Cleaver home and from there expect to go on to the Austin's new home north and west of Summerville. Miss Alice Klippel and Miss Alta Little accompanied Mrs. Austin to Imbler and also visited at Cleaver's. The Courtney family who have leased the Judge Knowles farm on the side-hill road which the Austin family has vacated will move in this week.

To Improve Orchards

In his review of work done toward the eradication of pests and insects in orchards in the valley, acting county agent Wray Lawrence reported on some of the accomplishments of last year. One of the enemies attacked was the cherry fruit fly. There is a quarantine on fruit from orchards where this fly is found but last year this was practically controlled with proper spraying and the situation was under control so that to orchards of cherries were shipped from the county, something which would have been impossible otherwise. Another step toward improvement were the meetings held relative to soil management. It is reported that 50 per cent of the orchards, approximately, are using some sort of cover crop. Some work is being done along the line of using commercial fertilizer, different types being used in the experiments.

Sunday in Town

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fuller and son, Claire of Allet were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Playle in La Grande.

To Visit College Friend

To have a visit with a close college friend who acted as chaperon for girls from Ontario attending the basketball tournament at Union, Miss Lora Harriman, of the domestic science department of the La Grande high school spent the weekend in Union.

Mrs. Pierce Resigns

At a called meeting of the Island City Parent-Teacher association held Friday evening, March 1, Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, president, tendered

her resignation as she is leaving

for California. Mrs. Alex Robertson, vice president will act as president until the next regular meeting and election of officers in April. Members of this organization are asked to watch the papers for announcements.

Entertains Sunday School Class

Mrs. Garrett Blokland entertained her Sunday school class of the Island City community church at a dinner at her home beyond Island City Sunday. Mrs. Blokland has a most interesting class of little girls who are hard workers in the community Sunday School. Mrs. Blokland's dinner was wonderful according to the girls. Before leaving for their homes they held a short business meeting at which time they elected the following officers: president, May Shafer; vice president, Beulah Hagey; secretary, Rhea Cooper; social committee, Daphne Rowery and Mildred Wardell; flower committee, Lillian Parker. Some of these girls did not even miss a Sunday from Sunday school during the last year. Those present Sunday were Rhea Cooper, May Shafer, Lillian Parker, Daphne Rowery and Beulah Hagey.

Down From Elgin

Mrs. William Roulet was down from Elgin Friday visiting among friends and attending the economic conference. Mrs. Roulet was one of the first friends over the valley made here and the latter will always have a warm spot in her heart for the Elgin lady, as her maiden name was the same as Over the Valley's mother, Alice Morton. Over the Valley also has a sister, Maude Morton back in Iowa, the same name as one of Mrs. Roulet's sisters who is quite well known in La Grande.

Assist. Leader Here

Mr. Toutsch, assistant county agent leader for state of Oregon was in La Grande last week and spent several days taking in the Union county economic conference. Mr. Toutsch enjoys a wide acquaintance here.

Two Aids to Meet

Two ladies aid societies will meet at Island City a week from Thursday, the Allet to meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Hamann and the Island City for an all day work meeting with Mrs. Perry.

New City Attorney

Harley Allen, young attorney has been appointed city attorney at Wallowa replacing the former incumbent, R. V. Christian whose term expired the first of the year.

To Dedicate Sunday

The new Christian church at Elgin is to be dedicated this coming Sunday.

Funeral Today

The funeral of Mrs. Evans of Mt. Glen is being held this afternoon at the Bohnenkamp mortuary. Mrs. Evans passed away Saturday noon at the Grande hospital. The aged lady suffered a stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago and never made any noticeable improvement.

Concludes Visit

Mrs. C. M. Thatcher and young son have returned to their home at Huntington following a rather short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinley near Summerville.

Slay the Rabbits

W. F. Ringer and son, C. A. Ringer of Medical Springs give some report on the number of rabbits killed in that vicinity this past season by themselves and other ranchers as well. They state that they had killed 2000 rabbits with

Hay Shortage In

Wallowa County, W. F. Brock Says

There is not enough hay for dairy cows in Wallowa county and it will be necessary to ship hauled hay by the railroad into the county for them, says W. F. Brock, of Summerville, who has just returned from Wallowa county.

Three carloads of work horses have been shipped from the county to near Caldwell, Ida., where they can be fed Mr. Brock says. At Caldwell the horses can eat hay which has weevil in it and cannot therefore be shipped out, but it is good for feed, it is reported. That hay sells for \$10 a ton, he says. Hay in Wallowa county is \$25 a ton.

The alfalfa crop in the county last year was unusually good, Mr. Brock says, but due to the long winter this year the supply has not been sufficient.

Mr. Brock is a pioneer in Wallowa county, though he now lives in Dry Creek north of Summerville, at present. Very near 40 years ago he homesteaded what is known as Brock Meadows in Wallowa county.

PLAN TO ORGANIZE

BOYS, GIRLS CLUBS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The closing sessions of the sixth annual economic conference were held Saturday afternoon and had to do with the work of the boys and girls clubs in Union county. The attendance was not large but the 20 or more who were there, were those who have an intense interest in this work and the afternoon was one of great benefit. It is reported, Mrs. Lloyd Pierce served as chairman during the day and Leonard J. Allen, acting state leader, was the specialist present to assist.

It was urged that all clubs over the county be organized for work just as soon as possible and Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Sayre will do all in their power to get the clubs at work as soon as spring opens. After the clubs shall have been organized then a county association of local leaders will be perfected, the purpose of this being to sustain and increase interest, interchange ideas and plans and generally improve club work in Union county. This plan has worked very successfully in other counties of the state.

The matter of prizes was discussed at length and it was the consensus of those present that all clubs should have the incentive of cash prizes this year. Last year prize money was all exhausted on livestock clubs, it was reported. The discussions in which all participated were invaluable and it is felt that Saturday's meeting resulted in greater enthusiasm and more determination to make this year a big year along this line.

L. J. Allen in a recent meeting told of the work of the 4-H clubs in Oregon, characterized as Oregon's largest student body, totaling 11,748 members, and of this 5704 carried projects through to completion during 1928. These projects represented a valuation of \$200,000 or a profit to the club members of \$45,400. There are 1488 clubs in the state, each of which keeps complete records, and transmits and conducts business in minute detail.

There were 41 clubs operating in Union county last year, 10 of these livestock clubs and the remainder those that are termed home-making, gardening and poultry. 62 1/2 per cent of these were 100 per cent clubs, which means that the club members carried their projects through to completion. This according to Mr. Allen was

not a bad per cent at all.

Reviewing the conference as a whole, acting county agricultural Lawrence believes that the 1929 conference was eminently successful. The attendance was not as large as had been hoped when the first plans were made, but the smaller crowds could be easily accounted for. Even so, there were good crowds present each day and they were the men and women who were interested in the particular lines being stressed on those particular days. The round table discussions brought out many workable ideas, plans and suggestions, all being the results of experiences of men actually engaged in the farming industry in Union county.

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