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ABE MARTIN



"Oh, she's rather purty when she gets through with herself, but I would've wanted her when she was off the job," said Arie Lark, speaking of Miss Tawney Apple. A kid who tells a feller who has married a good manager by the way he brightens up when I speak kindly to him.

Cove Postmaster Unable to Work

By Mrs. J. R. Price (Observer Correspondent) COVE, Ore. (Special) — Logan Anderson, postmaster, was unable to be in the postoffice yesterday on account of the condition of his foot which he cut recently with an axe. Mrs. Anderson is taking his place.

George Childers has gone to Hot Lake for treatment. The injury to his leg some years ago is again causing him trouble. His son from Imbler is taking care of his place.

Mrs. Eva Millman returned from Pendleton Saturday evening. She had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dora Toban.

Mrs. E. Wardell, of La Grande, was a weekend visitor at Cove. She came Saturday expecting to return to La Grande Monday on the stage.

The dance Friday at the Odd Fellows hall well attended. This is the second of those dances being given by Charley Conner and Art Hanecek.

Supper was served at the regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Fanny grange Saturday in celebration of the improved weather conditions which allowed the members to meet for the first time in two months. The tables were decorated with bouquets of white flowers and Japanese lanterns furnished by Mrs. Chris Bertach. Only regular business came before the meeting.

The boxes of sewing done for Mrs. Eva Price, of Five Points, were taken to her Saturday by S. H. Weimer.

Mrs. L. E. Anderson gave a paper on home making at the club meeting Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Anderson consented to give her paper at this time although she had expected to give it March 23.

Mrs. E. E. Coad will give an art program at that time.

A number of the school children listened to the inaugural ceremonies over the radio at the home of L. E. Anderson Monday morning.

The Dorens society will meet with Mrs. J. W. Houston, Sr., Thursday at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. Arthur Hall, who resigned as pastor at the church at Helix for evangelistic work, will hold meetings in the Baptist church beginning March 5, and continuing until Easter Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Hall comes here from Burns where he has held a series of meetings.

Professor L. J. Allen, of Oregon State college is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Alice O. Allen, of Cove. Mr. Allen is acting leader of the boys and girls clubs and comes to Cove after attending the economic conference at La Grande last week.

Cut In Telegraph Rates Announced

The Western Union Telegraph company announced two drastic reductions in its overnight cable rates to Great Britain and Ireland, effective Monday, Mar. 4. The company's rate for short cable night letters is reduced from 16 cents to eight cents per word, or words. Under the new tariffs a 25-word cable night letter may be sent from La Grande, Ore., to London nine cents to seven cents per word for \$2. Previous rate was \$2 word, or 22.2 per cent. Both of these reduced word rates had been in effect by the Western Union company for a short time previously but in conjunction with lengthy messages of no less than 50 and 100 words, respectively. These minimums are now reduced to 25 cents per word, and the rate for short 25-word cable night letter may be sent from La Grande, Ore., to London nine cents to seven cents per word for \$2. Previous rate was \$2 word, or 22.2 per cent. Both of

WEATHER BRINGS WALLOWA RELIEF

Grass Available for Stock in Some Sections; Water Shortage Ends

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent) WALLOWA, Ore. (Special) —

A most welcome change has come about in weather conditions in this section during the last few days in the form of a long looked for clime to remove the heavy blanket of snow which has covered all parts of the county during the past several weeks, bringing back memories of the severe winters which were most common in this county in early days. The weather started warming up fast during the middle of the week a strong chinook wind commenced blowing and continued Friday, Saturday and Sunday melting the snow at a rapid rate. The water shortage which has been most serious at many of the farms over the community as well as on many of the irrigated farms came to an abrupt end with this warm spell. Wells which had been practically dry for the past several months filled brim-full over night. Much of the pasture ground in the hill sections is becoming bare at this time and will afford considerable feed at once for horses and such stock which will be able to live on the cured grass. Just before the start of the break the situation was becoming an alarming one with all available hay having been bought up and none obtainable at any price. With spring-like weather coming and the uncovering of much of the old grass which will follow the turning out of a part of the stock it is expected that some hay will be for sale by those who did not care to sell while the weather condition gave appearance of having to feed for an unlimited time. Reports from the winter range sections on Snake and Imnaha rivers received by persons here over a week ago indicate that it is no longer necessary to pack feed for the long distances to the bands of sheep there and with the weather having warmed up considerably many believe that grass will be reasonably early in starting. The sleighing has entirely played out on all roads in the valley section and the frost is rapidly going out of the ground. Some roads are beginning to show signs of getting soft in places. Charles Fisher, mail carrier to Maxville, reports road conditions on that route becoming bad, it being necessary to change rigs in making the trip. He says that if conditions get much worse that it will be necessary to use a pack-horse in getting the mail and baggage through.

A dance was given at the L. V. Lathrop home in the Leap community last Saturday night. A large crowd was in attendance all reporting an excellent time.

A. W. Johnson, of Lower valley, who is a director of the Wallowa county marketing association was busy during the past week gathering a shipment of old horses for shipment to Portland, for use in manufacture of fox food. A number of farmers of the community availed themselves of the opportunity of getting rid of some of their old stock which was practically worthless to them. Two cars consisting of 45 head were shipped out the last of the week.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, was a business visitor in town the first of the week, taking home a load of lumber for use in constructing a house in which to care for a large shipment of young chicks he has ordered for April 1st. Mr. Fisher reports a considerable scarcity of hay in his community and much snow yet on the ground there.

L. W. Minor has been busy the past week caring for young lambs which are beginning to arrive at his farm.

Sam Meek was busy several days the past week hauling some hay from the C. W. Mumford place to his farm in the hills.

The passenger train was delayed for several hours Saturday by a snow slide in the canyon between here and Minam. It is reported that considerable difficulty was encountered in removing the snow

and debris because of the fact that some logs were embedded in the snow which slid over the track. The train did not arrive here until 4 p. m.

H. D. Bechtel, who lives a few miles east of town on the former J. R. Pace place, has been busy the past week getting his sheep shed into shape for lambing. On Saturday Mr. Bechtel stated that lambing during the past few days had been very satisfactory getting 34 fine lambs from 13 ewes. He has a flock of nearly two hundred head of ewes.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, was a business visitor the latter part of the week. While there he secured a load of coal for use in his chick brooder stove.

E. F. Johnson, of Lower valley, one of the largest sheepmen in this end of the valley is starting lambing operations at his farm.

H. M. Pfeiffer's residence in the west part of town was completely destroyed by fire Thursday. When discovered the fire had such a start that it was impossible to save anything from the home. It is not known whether any insurance was carried.

Wayne Prince, of Dry Creek, was busy the first of the week hauling hay from the valley to his ranch on the hill.

Elmer Southwick, rural carrier on route No. 1, finds it necessary to make use of three conveyances in making his trips. With the snow all gone from the roads on both ends of the route he must use a buggy and deep snow through the hill sections make it impossible to use a wheeled rig. In order to have a suitable rig for all portions of the route Mr. Southwick finds it necessary to go one way on the route one day and back-track on the next.

Harley Fleener and wife, of Lostine, were business visitors in town the last of the week.

J. P. Morelock, of La Grande, was a business visitor in this section the latter part of the week.

Toy Gastin visited a few days the past week with his uncle, Bert and Norris Cusins, at their farm west of Lostine. Mr. Gastin reports lots of snow on the slope next to the mountain.

Oscar Maxwell was busy the latter part of the week hauling some posts to U. G. Couch ranch in the hills. He reports finding road conditions very unfavorable for heavy hauling in that community because of the deep snow and roads not being broken out very good.

Because of the extreme shortage of hay in many parts of this county some few cars of livestock have been shipped out to outside points to be fed for a time. Recently M. J. Sevier, of Diamond Prairie, shipped three cars of cattle to North Powder, where hay is said to be quite plentiful.

Mrs. Susie Meek and sons Sam and Grover and Karl Hurdfield were visitors in town the last of the week.

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Debate by

Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver (Affirmative)

Rev. Oliver Riley Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of La Grande (Negative)

Monday Evening, March 11

At 8:15

LATTER DAY SAINTS TABERNACLE

La Grande

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Retiring cabinet members are allowed to take with them the black leather upholstered chairs they occupied in the cabinet room on payment of \$85 each. We assume that Charley Dawes was allowed to take home his pipe without charge.

A chamber of commerce or commercial club is often financially embarrassed. It is not operated for profit and sometimes seems to prefer to show a deficit in preference to anything else. Not so with the Union county chamber during the past year. Under the direction of Mr. Malboeuf, retiring executive secretary, and Judge Brady, retiring president, the chamber paid off an accumulation of bills amounting to several hundred dollars, spent less than the budget allowed on practically every activity item, and has no indebtedness of any kind and a small balance on hand. That's the way the finances of a chamber of commerce should be run and the executives responsible are to be congratulated.

Albert Hunter is to take over the duties of the executive secretary of the chamber of commerce on April 1st. Mr. Hunter has lived continuously in the Grande Ronde valley, a member of a pioneer family. He has always been a community servant. He has served in the state legislature in both houses, has worked years for the realization of the Eastern Oregon normal school, has been active in chamber of commerce work, has been identified with road improvement programs, the development of the livestock show at Union, the economic conference, and scores of activities designed to promote and protect progress in the La Grande territory. Because of these interests and many years of farming in the valley Mr. Hunter has an acquaintance that is unusually wide and valuable. He knows Union county and Eastern Oregon; knows its people, its problems, its possibilities. It is only natural, therefore, that his acceptance of this community position should be received with approval and enthusiasm by a great majority of the people he will seek to serve. His opportunities are great. His interest and zeal are well known. The Observer feels that the community and the members of the chamber deserve congratulations. We anticipate a year of accomplishment and bespeak for the chamber and its officers the "tolerance and co-operation" of everyone.

OREGON ON THE MEND

After going through some forty days of its session without producing much work worthy of attention, the legislature got down to business the last ten days and turned out more constructive legislation (or, at least, legislation designed to be constructive) than any session in recent years.

Fear was expressed generally that nothing would be done to correct the present deficit, that the program of the special property tax relief commission would not have proper consideration, that the session would end with the state more embarrassed by its tax muddle than ever. In spite of a lack of real leadership throughout most of the period, measures were finally passed to wipe out the deficit and a good share of the special tax program was enacted into law.

No one can say with certainty how the new excise tax and tax on intangibles will be regarded after they are in operation, but we feel that the legislators were right in assuming that the proposals of the special tax commission—made after two years of intensive study and consideration—deserved a trial. The result is that Oregon will have a more comprehensive change in her methods of taxation than she has ever before attempted at one time. The additional enactment of a personal income tax, which was not a part of the Carlin commission's program, is the only matter likely to cause serious controversy. Considering that such a measure was defeated last fall at the polls, it is very likely that it will be put to an election again. We hope that it will not jeopardize the other tax measures until they receive a fair test.

Although the bill for a consolidated board of regents was passed too hurriedly, there are many indications that this can prove to be constructive legislation of high order. If the legislature has shown the way to eliminate jealousy, controversy and duplications between institutions and to improve the general cause of higher education in Oregon, this bill will be a real achievement.

The repeal of unnecessary and obsolete laws, the enactment of regulations that will promote efficiency in state business, the appropriation of funds for obviously necessary improvements at various state institutions—these and other routine things help stamp the session as one of accomplishment. The job of a legislator is not an easy one and the membership as a whole can be proud of its 1929 record.



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