

Over the Valley

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Grange Tomorrow—
Tomorrow will be a big day for the members of Blue Mt. Grange. It is firmly believed by all members of that subordinate. This is to be "Brother's" day and that term is full of significance to Blue mountaineers.

Packing Apples—
Apples are being packed this week at Grant Tuckers at Imbler and next week will probably see this task for this season, finished.

To Speak Sunday Night—
Dr. Tenney, president of Gooding college, Gooding, Idaho, will be in the valley Sunday and will speak at Island City church, Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

Funeral of Miss Roberts—
Grave-side, funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Cove cemetery for the late Ida Roberts, teacher of the Frosty school on lower Cove.

Working on Plays—
Both the juniors and the seniors of the Imbler high school are busy practicing their class plays to be given in the near future.

Have New Baby—
A baby girl was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kraeger. Mr. and Mrs. Kraeger have recently moved on to the Fisher farm north of Summerville.

Real Spring—
In a ride through the valley over to Cove and up the Mill Creek road yesterday there were various and numerous signs of spring, some unmistakable signs.

To Visit in Baker—
Mrs. Carl Fuller and son, Claire went to Baker yesterday where they will visit for a few days at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathews.

Big Time Tonight—
Island City is planning for a big time tonight when the community "calico" party is to be staged at the church.

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Thursday, Mrs. Bernal Hug and Mrs. Sam Knight drove to La Grande Wednesday to make some additional purchases of furnishings for the church.

Hero For Visit—
Mrs. Lynn Kasbrouck and two children, Jack and Phyllis Rae came yesterday from Pendleton for a visit at the parental Prior home at Imbler.

Move to Farm—
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson have moved from Summerville to their farm north of that place in the Dry Creek neighborhood the past week.

Open Road—
Louie Stanley of the Iowa district was in La Grande Wednesday and reported that the road from the Iowa school up to the Paul Knauts corner had been opened by a number of the residents of that section using home made implements.

Have Bad Luck—
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Austin met with considerable bad luck last day of their moving operations from side-hill road to their new home north of Pleasant Grove.

Concludes Visit—
Miss Marie Ledbetter returned Tuesday from Muddy Creek where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Loennig for a week.

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DeLong Jersey Cow High During January, Report

A grade Jersey cow, belonging to Ernest H. DeLong was the high cow in the Union Dairy Herd Improvement association according to the report for January, returns of which have just been received. The cow, "Twin" produced 1475 pounds of milk and 87.3 pounds of butterfat.

Testing during the month of January was a very difficult process, according to Hans Sefors, official tester. The testing itself was not so difficult, however but the traveling from one place to another.

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The Bureau of Dairy Industry has thoroughly summarized the records and found them to be surprisingly correct. Therefore, we have their hearty endorsement and cooperation, and together with our state college, we surely are worthy the name "Dairy Herd Improvement association."

Oregon does not have so large a number of associations, but I do believe Oregon has done some remarkably good work, due to a very able, and well arranged system encouraged by our state dairy specialist.

Some of our dairy herd improvement associations have been in activity for more than a dozen years. The testimony and records from those members who stayed by the wheel throughout those years, give us examples of real persistency.

Friends, let me give you the fact that Oregon produces butterfat more cheaply than any of our rival eastern states, or at 27 cents per pound. The Coos county, Tillamook county and Lower Columbia associations have, really accomplished deeds of national importance through their production and marketing facilities.

How are we coming along with our local affairs? Pretty well, as far as we have gone—but your dairy must have a lot of attention to become a man.

I have here the annual report of the Union-Wallowa Dairy Herd Improvement association, which we completed last September. Let us compare this with our national production.

The Bureau of Dairy Industry reports 124,327 cows for 466 herd improvement associations. Average production per cow—milk, 7324; butterfat 259 lbs. Average test 3.9 per cent. Value of product \$170.78.

Average cost of roughage \$34.18. Average cost of grain \$51.23. Total cost of feed \$85.41. Average income above cost of feed \$101.27. Average income per \$1 expended \$2.46.

The Union-Wallowa report follows: No. of herds tested 48. No. cows completing year's test 518. Average lbs. of milk per cow 5540.7. Average lbs. butterfat 258.2. Value of product \$134.12. Average cost of roughage \$34.28. Average cost of grain \$16.91. Total average feed cost \$51.19. Average profit above feed cost \$82.93.

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REPORT GIVEN BY SELFORS TELLS MUCH OF DAIRY INDUSTRY

During the recent economic conference along with the emphasis placed on the dairy industry in this county, there was considerable mention of the important part played in that industry by the cow testing associations, and included in the list of them was the Union County Dairy Development association which has been operating for nearly a year.

All who hold membership in this organization are enthusiastic over its operations and the benefit they feel they have derived from it even in the short period of time it has been in existence.

The first day of the conference, Hans Sefors, the official tester for the association, was on the program with a talk in which he not only gave some data from the annual report of the Union-Wallowa association but also a bit of history of the entire movement. It will be remembered that dairy herd owners first belonged to a joint association with those of Wallowa county, then later when there were enough willing to belong in this county, to warrant it, an association for Union county was formed.

Figures for the joint association were used inasmuch as a year had been completed there and not here. Mr. Sefors' report is given herewith:

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Illustration of a man and a woman with a can of Golden West Coffee. Text: "Gosh, George—don't you know that thermos is filled with Golden West!"