

### Soil In Wallowa Needs Moisture, Farmers Report

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent)  
WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—Comparatively mild weather continues to prevail here with sunshine during the day. However, thawing of the solid snow drifts in many parts of the hill sections is being somewhat delayed by hard frosts at night. The frost appears to be out of the ground in all places where the snow has melted, but on ground which is still covered with snow there seems to be considerable frost. Some farmers who have been digging just holes recently say that the soil is not wet to any great depth and in the opinion of many a lot of rain will be needed to put plenty of moisture into the ground to insure needed moisture for crops later in the season. No rains to speak of have occurred here yet and with some freezing at night the ground is slow in getting started. Much feeding is still being done on practically all farms, however, not nearly as much hay is being fed as in a few weeks ago as in many instances the stock are turned into the pastures during the day.

M. J. Sevier, of Diamond prairie who is about through lambing his band of 2000 ewes, has moved a part of the sheep to pasture in the hills east of town. Much of this range has been bare for two or three weeks. In a number of other instances some of the farmers have turned the ewes onto grass and are feeding some grain in addition and say the sheep are coming along in good shape. According to reports from many the greatest trouble with the early lambing this spring has been with the ewes not giving sufficient milk for the lambs. In bands where there are two or three lambs to a ewe it has been necessary to do considerable extra feeding, some of the larger sheep owners who did not care to handle the extra lambs in this manner have found ready sale for all they would spare at \$1 each. E. F. Johnson, of Lower valley, who has been lambing his band during the past two weeks, is a little better than half through at this time and reports good success in saving the lambs.

Mrs. Jay Dunn, of Idaho, arrived here recently for a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bell, of Whiskey creek. A considerable number of cases of flu and severe colds are being entertained by some of the residents of this community at present.

H. N. Williams, of Parsnip creek, returned recently from a several weeks visit with relatives in California.

A brilliant display of the northern lights was visible in this section on a couple of nights during the past week and were observed by many.

Mrs. Bertha Taylor, of La Grande, returned home the last of the week after a two week's visit with her son, Earl Burchfield, who is staying at Mrs. Meek's. At Quessenberry, a stock buyer of Enterprise, was a business visitor in this community the latter part of the week.

Some of the farmers in the valley section who did a lot of fall plowing report that their fields are drying off rapidly and that should the weather remain fair for another week some of the ground would do to work.

L. J. Willett, of Middle valley, has been in poor health recently suffering from some bad teeth. He has had some of the teeth extracted.

A number of farmers of this end of the valley are placing their orders for sweet clover in order to have it on hand to seed as soon as the weather will permit working of the soil.

Mrs. T. G. Johnson and daughter, Ellen, were La Grande visitors during the past week, going there to have Ellen's tonsils removed.

Jack Tucker, son of E. L. Tucker, of Parsnip creek, has been a patient at the hospital here recently suffering from rheumatism. He had improved enough to be taken home the last of the week.

H. D. Bechtel was an Elgin visitor the latter part of the week, making the trip by automobile.

Scott Powell, of Lower Valley, was a business visitor in town Saturday. Mr. Powell, who is quite old, states he has been busy recently cleaning out strawberry patches and getting ready to commence spring work on his farm in the valley.

F. A. Downing and wife, of Leap, were Enterprise visitors during the past week.

Many cars are now in use on the roads in the valley sections. With the rapid melting of the snow the roads have dried up quickly with many roads, which are usually deep in mud at this season of the year, being nearly dry. Charles Fisher, mail carrier from Wallowa to Maxville, says he is now able to

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### OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



use his car to the top of the hill at the tax place where the mail and other baggage is packed by horses to Maxville. Clyde Hoxson and E. L. Tucker, farmers of the Parsnip creek community, were business visitors in town the last of the week. They report the roads beginning to dry in places in that section. The ground squirrels have been coming out of their winter sleep in great numbers during the past two weeks and from present indications it is certain that farmers will find use for large quantities of poisoned

grain again this season. Some poisoning is being done at some of the farms now but many say that they have never been very successful in getting many of the squirrels with poison this early in the year. The most effective measure which has been reported to here in early spring is the use of poison gas, which is sure death to the rodents while the ground contains plenty of moisture. Bruce Fisher and wife, of Leap, were visitors in town the last of the week. Mr. Fisher reports lots of snow in that section yet. He

had placed his order for 1000 baby chicks for April 1, but due to the lateness of the spring has delayed the shipment for about three weeks in hopes the snow would be gone by that time and allow getting the chicks onto the ground, where they seem to do better than where confined to a small enclosure. Elmer Osborn, of Parsnip creek, was a visitor in town the last of the week. He recently sustained a painful injury to his hand. In closing a barn door a broken hasp on the door caught his hand in

such a manner as to cut a deep flesh wound. The W. C. Gettings sale held at the Brock place about two miles southeast of town, March 14, was attended by a large crowd from many parts of this and Union county. A large number of stock was sold as well as considerable machinery. Mr. Gettings, who has been farming on a large scale, has purchased a smaller farm and held the sale to dispose of a part of his stock and machinery no longer needed. The stock sold included horses, cattle and hogs. Despite the fact that sale for horses has been very dull in this county for a number of years the most of the horses brought fairly good prices, the prices ranging from \$20 to \$75 per head. A number of milk cows were sold at prices ranging from \$50 to \$85 per head, yearling heifers sold at slightly better than \$40 per head. A large bunch of sheeps and brood sows with pigs were also sold at very satisfactory prices. Part of the livestock was purchased by farmers of the Elgin and Cricket flat sections.

Mrs. Ira Fisher, of Joseph, spent several days visiting with relatives in the Leap community during the past week. Elmer Southwick, who has found it necessary to use a sleigh and two buggies in making the trip on his rural route during the past two weeks, was recently able to discard his sled and is now able to make the entire trip with a buggy. He says there is still considerable snow in some of the roads in the hills, but that the snow has become soft enough to use a wheeled rig. Giles Plass and wife, who spent part of the winter with their son LeRoy Plass and wife at Enterprise and part of the time with relatives here, have moved to their farm in the hills. L. W. Minor has experienced some losses of lambs and ewes from his flock during the past few weeks. He is nearly through lambing and reports in the neighborhood of 100 lambs.

Among those from Elgin community who attended the W. C. Gettings sale Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Breshers and Mr. Stowe. H. D. Bechtel, who has been in the midst of lambing for the past three weeks, reports that his flock of ewes are nearly through lambing. He has been fortunate in saving a large percentage of the lambs.

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### Farm Pointers

Corn silage for fattening lambs saves hay and grain and reduces the cost of gain. Give the lambs only a small quantity of silage at the beginning and gradually increase the daily allowance until they are on full feed. Lambs weighing from 50 to 60 pounds should get about 1.5 pounds of silage a day when receiving hay and grain in addition. Temporary lambing sheds, built of light frame material and covered with canvas, are excellent for sheep in sections of the country where the snowfall is not excessive. This type of shed is ideal from a sanitary standpoint as the canvas can be removed to let plenty of sunshine inside, and if necessary the shed can be easily moved. It is important to use good-sized eggs for hatching to get large chicks. Choose eggs weighing at least two ounces. Continued use of small eggs for hatching results in lowered vigor of the laying or breeding stock and a decrease in the size of eggs for market. Skinning an animal is most easily done before the carcass has cooled. Avoid cutting or scoring the skin, but at the same time remove all the flesh from it. De-feet from scurs and flesh lower the quality of many country hides.

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Amount of capital stock paid up	None
Net premiums received during the year	\$2,748,344.42
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$4,317.87
Income from other sources received during the year	\$250.86
Total income	\$2,752,913.15
Net losses paid during the year including advances	\$1,504,943.20
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	None
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$9,529.24
Amount of all other expenses during the year	\$131,306.88
Total expenditures	\$2,645,769.32
Value of real estate owned	\$203,982.59
Amount of unexpired premiums on all outstanding policies	\$121,273.80
Due for commission and brokerage	\$7,559.12
All other liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of	\$41,161.22
Total liabilities	\$273,976.74
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**BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR**  
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Name of secretary: Benefit Association of Railway Employees, 1000 N. W. 1st St., Portland, Ore.  
Name of president: Roy A. Lutz, 1000 N. W. 1st St., Portland, Ore.  
Name of secretary: G. M. Chappell, 1000 N. W. 1st St., Portland, Ore.  
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