

# Over the Valley

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**Sunday Visitors**—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith and Mrs. Charles Smith of North Powder spent Sunday in the valley visiting their daughters and sisters. Mrs. Henry McClure and Mrs. Charles Nance who live on practically adjoining farms on the side-hill road, Mrs. McClure is trying her hand at raising turkeys for the first time this year starting on a small scale and has been quite successful so far. She has 19 young turkeys.

**Go to Idaho**—Mrs. Margaret Oliver who has been here from Portland visiting among her relatives all over the valley accompanied her sister, Miss Bertha Walbridge to Murten, Idaho where they will visit Mrs. Oliver's son, Ray and family. They made the trip in Bertha's car "Able" going as far as Boise, Sunday, and continuing on their way yesterday. Mrs. Oliver will return to the valley in a week or so and remain here for several weeks yet.

**Mother's Visit**—Mrs. Martha Wood, from Sweet Home, Oregon, who has been making an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Knight at Rhinehart, has returned to her home near North Powder following a few days visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Huron near Imbler.

**Your Friday**—The farm boys tour for this year, arranged by acting county agriculturist Wray Lawrence, commences this Friday and many farmers of the valley are planning to join the caravan. The first place to be visited is Andrew Holstad's near Island City, where those interested are asked to assemble at 8:20 o'clock. Sweet clover in different aspects, livestock, treatment of weeds, alfalfa, feed plots, etc., will be among the things inspected. Lunch will be served in the grove back of Jot Gaskill's home at or near noon, with the last stop being an inspection of several interesting things on the Gaskill place in the afternoon. There will be outside speakers for a program in the grove immediately after the lunch.

**Have Picnic Sunday**—Members of the Lower Cove Baptist church held a picnic meeting Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Morris on Lower Cove Sunday. There was a large crowd of the members present and a profitable and enjoyable day is reported.

**Going up East**—The country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gekeler near La Grande is rapidly nearing completion. The building is of the unusual type, modern in every regard and will make the Gekelers a lovely home. Last year the improvements on the place included a large combination barn of the latest type.

**Club Meets**—The Cosmopolitan club, a group of girls in and near the Cove, meeting for missionary study, had a splendid time Saturday afternoon when they met at the Merchants' parlour and heard Rev. Graham tell of some of his experiences when he lived in Alaska and something of this country and its people. It was all very in-

teresting. Some refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Lillian Allen, teacher of Prossy school, is sponsor of the group.

**Visit Sunday**—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jasper and children of the Valeria district spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jasper, who moved some time ago from Pruitdale to their new home on the side-hill road, in old McCall place.

**Relatives Visit**—Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw of Portland were guests last week at the home of their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Todd Henderson in the Iowa district. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were on an extensive auto trip from here west on through Idaho to Yellowstone Park.

**Aid to Meet**—The Imbler ladies aid society will meet tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harold Hingaman. During the afternoon, the ladies will work on the quilt to be sold at the bazaar this fall.

**Returns Home**—Mrs. Homer Bidwell has returned to her home near North Powder following a few days visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hugh Huron near Imbler.

**Pastor to Leave**—It is quite generally regretted that the pastor that he has transferred Rev. P. E. Sturges from the Episcopal churches at Cove and Union, to the church at Bend. Of course this is a distinct promotion for Rev. Sturges who came here from the east a comparatively short time ago. It is understood services will be held once a month by Rev. Sturges of Primitivon. Baptismal services will be held at the church next Sunday morning with Mrs. Royce Conley and small daughter as the candidates.

**Many Cherry Pickers**—The different sections of the valley where sweet cherries are grown are alive at the present time with cherry pickers who have come from far and wide to help gather the crop. At Cove this is especially true. The former camping places not being available this year the temporary visitors have pitched their tents wherever possible. The actual picking will begin the latter part of this week. The good price being offered this year is not peevish anyone who has cherries to sell. The various packing sheds will be mighty busy places within the course of a few days.

**Having a Siege**—Parley Peck is having quite a siege with the snakes at his home in Mt. Glen, and at this busy season, too. Mr. Peck has his hay down, but after one day's work was obliged to go back to bed again, and the hay still is in the field. Help has been at such a premium all over the valley, that Mr. Peck has been unable to get his hay into the barns or stacks.

**Alfred Aid**—Mrs. Everett Walbridge and Mrs. Frank Wright are to entertain the members of the Alfred aid tomorrow afternoon at the Wal-

bridge home in the Valeria district.

**Grass Fire**—Scores of cars were attracted to the fire Sunday evening on one of the Shaffer place near Island City. A grass fire became abase in some manner and the actual fire itself as well as the reflection was seen for many miles. For a time it looked like a big conflagration. How it started is not known, but no considerable damage was done.

**Idaho Visitors**—J. C. Sablin of Burleigh, Idaho has been a visitor in the valley the past week, a guest of A. J. Colt and daughter of near Sumnerville. Mr. Sablin covered most of the valley while here and was very much impressed with this section of the country.

**Return from Visit**—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker and sons, Troy and Robert of lower Cove and their neices, Harriet and Dorothy Becker of La Grande returned last of the week from Portland where they had spent a week visiting with relatives. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Becker's neices, Helen and Mary Hempe, of Sandy, who will spend two weeks visiting at the Becker home.

**Home from Hospital**—Mrs. M. M. Arant of Elgin who has been a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital following a major operation has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to her home Sunday—very good news to her many friends.

**Purchased Fine Bull**—Jim and Frank McKinnis and Hugh Huron have purchased a fine Jersey bull from Bell Bros. of near the Cove. The animal purchased was the junior grand champion Jersey bull at the recent Eastern Oregon Livestock show, and will head the herds on these three adjoining farms. Jim McKinnis is building up his herd of registered Jerseys as fast as possible, having purchased four more cows recently in Idaho.

**Have Been Camping**—Mr. and Mrs. Arch Conley and Mrs. Jabe Conley have been camping for a time at Radiun Springs near Haines. Mr. and Mrs. Carter, keepers of the springs, are daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Conley.

**Visit Old Friends**—Rev. N. H. Lines of Ontario visited among his friends in the valley last week while en route to Wallowa Lake to attend the Epworth League institute. The Lines family lived at Imbler, but had friends far and wide in the valley.

**Drives New Car**—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauts of the Iowa district are driving one of the new Dodge sixes which they find much to their liking. This is Mr. Knauts' third Dodge he says and he finds himself pretty much wedded to this particular make of a car.

**Making Improvements**—Mr. Hickey of Portland who came to the valley a week ago is making considerable improvements on his acquisition of real estate, the Haggy place near

George Gekelers. This is a smaller acreage with splendid buildings on it and Mr. Hickey is getting everything in first class shape.

**Entertainers Club**—Mrs. Cassie Orton of Cove entertained the members of the Pine and Joy Bridge Club Saturday at her home. Bridge, naturally, furnished the diversion for the afternoon with lovely refreshments at the close. Mrs. T. R. Conklin made the high score during the afternoon.

**Guests from Portland**—Mrs. Walter Andrew and three children of Portland have been making a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Parley Peck and family in the Mt. Glen district.

**From the Valley**—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gray of Corvallis are here making stays among the many relatives in the Cove and lower Cove neighborhoods.

**Day at Minam**—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zurbriek, son and daughter of Moss Chapel drove to the Minam Sunday where they spent the day.

**Pioneer Picnic**—Residents from all over the valley are making their plans to attend the Union county pioneer picnic to be held Thursday at the Riverside Park. It is hoped that the attendance of the pioneers as well as their sons and daughters will be large this year.

**Return from Elgin**—Mrs. H. Fuller and son, Dickie of Allice, Mrs. Will Adler and daughter, Genevieve of near La Grande and Mrs. J. B. McKennon of California returned yesterday from Wallowa Lake where they have had a delightful outing of a few days.

**Enlarge Home**—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Whitting of Mr. Glen are making some fine additions to their home near the L.D.S. church. An addition is being made on the front and quite a sizable porch is being built, also.

**Visits in La Grande**—L. C. Halls of Pondosa, was a business visitor in La Grande Saturday. Mr. Halls says he has been a continuous reader of The Observer for 25 years.

**Ships Cattle**—George Hardy shipped another load of cattle to Portland from Imbler last week. Mr. Hardy has been doing considerable shipping of late and has found good prices on the Portland market.

**Sunday Guests**—County agriculturist and Mrs. Wray Lawrence of Island City, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. LeDetteur at Allice.

**Getting Settled**—Prof. and Mrs. Stewart recently some of their household effects last week at Imbler and are getting settled in the Dan Weston-slow place where they will live this year. Mr. Stewart is the new Smith-Hughes art teacher at Imbler, is getting acquainted over his territory and getting familiar with the projects which the boys in that department have un-

**The Item Sale**—Interest in the approaching Oregon Item Sale increases among sheep raisers in the valley and the offerings from this locality will probably reach the limit set by the officers of the organization. As announced recently, an innovation this year will be the sale of a limited number of registered ewes. Hugh Huron will have a pen of his ewes up, in addition to other pens. Jim Bobbin, Frank McKennon and others are making preparations for the sale.

**Want Swimming Tank**—Business men of Elgin are enthusiastic over the prospect for a new swimming pool there on the site near the depot which the Women's club of that place is making over into a fine city park. The men are planning to close their places of business for an afternoon, contribute their services for excavating the pool, working with the graders and other equipment which has been donated. It is believed that this big item could be quickly taken care of with the cooperation of all, and the buying of floor and walls would give Elgin a tank within what is believed would be about 20 days time.

**Specialist Coming**—Wray Lawrence has received word that H. B. Scullen, assistant professor of entomology at the state college and a bee specialist will be in La Grande this coming Saturday, July 20. Mr. Lawrence announces that if any of the bee men in the county wish to call for a meeting to discuss problems with Prof. Scullen, they may do so by getting in touch with the county agent's office.

**This is Important**—Those who wish to have Dr. Thierlowitz make the blood tests in their herds for contagious abortion, this year, must have the matter attended to at once, according to county agriculturist Wray Lawrence. Dr. Thierlowitz is working in this county now and his services will not be available again for some months. This is quite important and should not be overlooked. Get in touch with Mr. Lawrence at once if you wish the tests made.

**Woodell Family Reunion**—The annual reunion of the Woodell family is to be held at the Pleasant Grove grange park this coming Sunday, July 21. This reunion has been an annual event for years and a most delightful one. In years past the clan gathered

## PRODUCTION HIGH IN DAIRY ASSOCIATION IN WALLOWA COUNTY

The report of the Wallowa Dairy Herd Improvement Association for June showed 582 cows on test, 53 of which were dry. The total production was 492,936 pounds of milk and 18,350 pounds of butterfat. There were 150 cows in the association which gave 40 pounds or more of butterfat. The average production, including dry cows, was 690 pounds of milk and 31.3 pounds of butterfat. This is the highest average production the association has had and is about 3 pounds higher than for June 1927. For herds of over 20 cows, excluding dry cows, Charles Thompsonburg had high herd with average production of 28.9 pounds of butterfat. Ernest Miller had 13 cows that gave the same average and Harley Murray had 9 cows with an average production of 48.7 pounds of butterfat. For the 10 months since the association was started, Woods and Hanlan with an average of 39.7 cows have an average production of 329.4 pounds of butterfat. Chas. Litch with an average of 23.7 cows has an average production of 329.5 pounds of butterfat. W. E. Honer with an average of 13.3 cows has an average production of 314.5 pounds of butterfat. J. W. Miller with an average of 19.1 cows has an average production of 210.9 pounds of butterfat. Harley Murray has an average production of 339.4 pounds of butterfat. Woods and Hanlan had high cow for June, a grade Jersey which gave 1860 pounds of milk and 51.1 pounds of butterfat. While the average production of butterfat is showing an increase, the average production of the Wallowa Dairy Herd Improvement Association is still below the average for the state. In May there were 9,722 cows under test in the state and the average production of the cows was 828.7 pounds of milk and 43.42 pounds of butterfat. This is an exceptionally high average and is caused by the high production in the coast counties during May. Tillamook with 1,926 cows in the association had an average production of 42.9 pounds of butterfat. According to the figures in Harvie Dairyman, the Tillamook Association had the highest production of any association in the United States for that month.

## Union County Grange Sunday At Cove Aug. 11

"Union County Grange Sunday" will be observed in this county on Sunday, August 11, according to an announcement made today by officials of the county organization. The exercises will be held at Cove and will be sponsored by the Pomona grange with each subordinate contributing something to the day's program. The Assenion Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church of Cove will assist with the services. Rev. P. F. Sturges, of St. Paul's Cathedral of Boston, father of the present pastor of the church at Cove has been invited to deliver the morning address in the afternoon. Other features of the day will be the picnic dinner to be served at noon, after which will be held the memorial service for departed members of the grange. Mrs. Emil Miller of Elgin, Pomona chaplain will have charge of the memorial program while Mrs. Lydia M. Lantz and Mrs. R. S. Comstock, acting as a special committee from the Mt. Pannie grange of Cove will assist with all the arrangements. Good musical numbers are being secured, and a number of short addresses are being arranged. The entire program will be open to the public and officials of this group of residents of Union county are desirous of a very large attendance. The only request is for a generous lunch basket for the noon hour.

**Thought for Today**  
What is done at home will always have its influence—and its revelations—in the life outside.

**Temptation**  
We are not tempted when we are weak, but when we are strong.—American Magazine.

**A SEASONABLE RECIPE**

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Fig Bread:  
1 1/2 c white flour,  
1/2 c sugar,  
1/2 tsp. soda,  
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder,  
2 c Graham or whole wheat flour,  
1 c chopped figs,  
1 1/2 c milk,  
1/2 c molasses.

Mix and sift flour, sugar, salt and baking powder. Add Graham or whole wheat flour and figs. Mix well. Stir the milk and molasses in gradually.

Pour into two greased and floured bread pans and bake in moderate oven.

## Uncle Sam's Farm Heads



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Secretary of Agriculture

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## Mother Held On Murder Charges

LOS ANGELES, July 16, (AP)—Mrs. Josephine Valenti, charged with murdering to death her eight month old son, was held in the county jail without bail today, pending trial on first degree murder charges following preliminary hearing yesterday.

Introduced as a surprise witness, ten-year-old Esther Garcia testified at the hearing that she saw Mrs. Valenti drop a lighted match into the baby carriage on the afternoon of July 8.

**Good Advice**  
The girl was known for a few harmless antics. A garrulous young fellow asked a dowager if he could present her, and then started to tell the old woman all about her. "When you present a girl," said the dowager, "just present her. Don't give her away."

**The Other Nine**  
Lists of ten most interesting men in the world have been compiled. What's your own idea of the other nine?—Boston Transcript.

**And Some Not So Average**  
The average man would much rather have his hands than his face on a five-dollar bill.—Louisville Times.

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