

Over the Valley

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Visitors at the McDonald homes in the valley for a few days this week have been Mrs. S. P. Reasoner of Winters, California, and Mr. and Mrs. William Reasoner of Marin, California, who came to the valley early in the week and will be in eastern Oregon until some time next week.

Have Good Trip—Ernest Bell and Guy Sales of near the Cove report a fine fishing trip last week when they went up to the Little Miami, and among others brought back a fine 18-inch Dolly Varden trout. Mr. Bell reports having seen three deer which were on the road right near the Wade place, this side of the power plant. The animals ran along in the road ahead of the two men for quite a distance, and finally crossing ahead of them jumped a fence and were gone. They were very tame and were quite near the two men most of the time they were in sight.

Those Cherries—Next week, the cherry business at their peak will be in full swing, reports C. M. Ogilvie who lives above the Cave. The Ogilvie's have a good sized orchard with the three standard varieties, Bing, Lambert and Royal Anne, and also have some Sweet Tartarians.

Entertain Aid—There were thirty-six present when Mrs. Everett Wallinger and Mrs. Frank Wright entertained the members of the Alice aid Wednesday at the Wallinger home, in the party being several from a distance. The business was presided over by the president, Mrs. Mina Stanley when a number of important items were brought up for discussion. The program was in charge of the hostesses. Instrumental and vocal numbers were offered by Miss Genevieve Adler, Miss Josephine Fisher and Mrs. Ray Fuller. Mrs. Ed Jasper read the article in a recent issue of the Oregon Citizen on "Women Who Have Made Oregon History" anticipating the pioneer picnic held yesterday. Each one present contributed to the program by selling her experiences on her first day at school, or on some early school day. A lovely tray lunch was served at the close of the program by the hostesses.

To Have Demonstration—It is being announced that the Lower Cave Bible school will give its demonstration to the public this evening at eight o'clock.

Caravan Here Monday—Seventeen automobiles carrying approximately 44 people will be through this valley Sunday evening, directors of the Challenge Cream and Butter association of Los Angeles, California en route to Boise, Idaho. This is the creamery through which cooperative creameries in California, Oregon and Idaho market their produce, and as the Payette creamery to which the Eastern Oregon Dairy-men's association belongs markets here also, local Payette patrons are intensely interested. The visitors will have a meeting Monday morning at nine o'clock in the park near the hotel at Union which members of the Eastern Oregon Dairy-men's association are urged to attend.

Build Log Cabin—Louie Standley and children, Mildred and Dale of the Iowa district have returned home from their place several miles north of Stummersville, near the summit where they have been for some time. While they erected a neat log cabin, something which the Standley's have wanted to do for a long time.

Not Newly Weds—There were two interesting couples yesterday at the pioneer picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Masterson of Elgin were introduced as the oldest married couple, that is the couple having been married the longest of any one there and we are not sure but one of the oldest in the county. They have been married a little over 61 years. Mr. and Mrs. James Standley of the Iowa district made a close second as they observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary on the 13 of March this year.

Married at Baker—Miss Ivy Gowdy of Imbler and Eldon Maksonson of Halfway were married at Baker, the third of July, according to word received in the valley by their friends.

Conch Makes Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Conrad of near Imbler have as their guest, a cousin of Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. Gertrude Leaman of Cleveland, Ohio.

Linger Guests—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson of the side hill road had as their guests at a lovely fried chicken dinner Wednesday evening, Charles Scammon of Seattle, and Mabel Morton, of the valley.

Mr. Mc Week-end Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKinnis and children of Dry Creek left yesterday for Halfway. They will visit Mrs. McKinnis' people and return home next Monday.

THE OLD PIONEERS

They have come up from the valley, and from the mountains down. They are gathered from the country, from city and from town. They came to swap reminiscences of times now on the wane. Of the anxious months of danger, of "the trip across the plains." Their ranks are getting thinner, and their forms are bending low. Their eyes are growing dimmer and their locks are white as snow. Give them every comfort, they carry well their years. They are grand old men and women, these "Old Pioneers."

It was they who blazed the trails to this Empire of the West. Their noble "works do follow them," they're entitled to the best. They forded streams and cut the roads to the beautiful Grande Ronde. The fairest and most fertile vale that on the trail was found. And now their children multiply and ride in handsome style. "Go it ten miles an hour," while the old folks make a mile, but the old folks are contented, in their declining years. They are still the same brave, noble, "Old Pioneers."

Let their years of annual reunion continue ever on. Until the last old pilgrim among them all is gone. They have sown the sugar beet where the camas once did grow. And the palace car now follows the trail, the pack mule used to go. The school house now takes the place of the Indian "Wickeysup." And they who wrought the change, observe the "Golden Cup." Scatter flowers in their pathway, adown decling years. They are grand old men and women, these "Old Pioneers."

The starry flag of freedom waving over Oregon. Was planted by the pioneers, grandly moving on. No trouble ever daunted them, these "Old Tenderfeet." They were "up and at it" early, often with scanty fare to eat. Brave men then were brothers, and brave women sisters, too. Honor and respect them, ye who dangers never knew. Generations have been coming, aye will come for years. In the westward beaten pathway of these "Old Pioneers."

Let these annual reunions sacred ever be. They will soon get along, without either you or me. But their children and their children's children will still come and go. Like the forest flowers of summer, and winter's driven snow. Let the happy people of this loveliest valley in the West, With health, wealth and plenty be forever blest. Their parents were the pilgrims who plodded many years—Noble men and women, these "Old Pioneers."

Yesterday at the annual pioneer picnic held at Riverside Park, Mrs. E. S. McComas of Union was made "Queen Mother" of the pioneers inasmuch as she was the oldest pioneer mother present—she is 85 years of age. Mrs. McComas' husband, E. S. McComas, was at one time a prominent newspaper man of the whole northwest, his home having been at Union. Thirty years ago, he wrote the above poem and dedicated it to pioneers at their first organized meeting when General John H. Stevens was elected president of the organization.

Come Into Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Grant Williams and their daughter are newcomers in the valley having come about three weeks ago from Walla Walla and are living on what is known as the Floyd McKennon place at Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are already well impressed with the valley, and while they had planned to be here only until September, may decide to remain here for a longer period.

Leaves the Valley—Mrs. Ida Hendricks of Ft. Madison, Iowa, who has been in the valley for many months visiting with relatives, especially her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Standley in the Iowa district, left last night for Aberdeen, Washington, for a visit, then on to Olympia, then Coeur d'Alene, and finally to her Iowa home, reaching there probably in November. Mrs. Hendricks has made many friends during her stay in our valley.

County Coming—County Agent Nray Lawrence has received word N. C. Jamison, dairy specialist, will come to the valley next Wednesday, July 24 to attend the joint picnic of the Union county Pomona grange and the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association. Mr. Jamison will be one of the chief speakers on the program of the afternoon. The picnic is to be held in the grove at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station near Union, with an inspection of the station in the morning, lunch at noon and a program afterwards.

Have Treasure Hunt—The senior group of Camp-fire girls at Pleasant Grove, held a treasure hunt Tuesday with every member of the group present except one. The girls met at West's ranch and soon found the traces of the treasure, following the different hints along the way the girls finally reached the spring where they found a freezer of home-made ice cream and cakes. The hostess committee was Vada Slack, Frances McKennon, Ava Woodell, Marie Ledbetter.

Drive New Car—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woodell, of near Imbler are driving a new Ford sedan these days.

Return to California—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Weatherford and their interesting children, Evelyn, Elding and Donald, have returned to their home at Santa Rosa, California, following a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holman of near Island City. They made the trip in their car.

Visit In Country—Mrs. S. O. Smith and Mrs. John Speckhart, and Mrs. Smith's grand-daughter, Mary Jane Colwell of Phoenix, Arizona spent Monday night and Tuesday at the Paul Knautz home in the Iowa district. This was Janie's very first visit on a farm, and Lillian Knautz had a great time initiating her into all the mysteries of farm life, milking, riding the horses, feeding the chickens and just a dozen other things very fascinating to Janie but quite drudgery to Lillian.

Grange Tomorrow—The regular meeting of Blue Mt.

County Pioneers Hold Picnic At Riverside Park

Yesterday one of the best pioneer picnics held in Union county in a long time was held at Riverside Park, according to the opinion of a great many of the valley yesterday morning retarded the program somewhat so that the formal exercises were not held until after lunch, but there were several hundred people present by the time the program opened. Many old timers were there from the four corners of the county, a good many were present from a distance—all, whether they came from far or near, seemed glad to be present and rather enjoyed the free morning hours which they spent reminiscing over other days.

Those who sat in the audience faced a very interesting company all during the afternoon. On the platform which was beautiful—decorated with immense baskets of the garden flowers so abundant now—were probably two scores of real pioneers, those who had come here during the 60's, and of these the honored guest was Mrs. McComas of Union, who became the oldest pioneer mother present—85 years of age—made "Mother Queen" of the celebration. Many of them contributed to the program. Others merely enjoyed it. But all continually reminded those in the audience of the perils and hardships, privations and sacrifices of those who made the things which we enjoy today, possible.

At R. Hunter presided over the program and first announced the invocation which was pronounced by Rev. Tennyson of St. Peter's Episcopal church. Ed Jasper of Alice, a son of a pioneer, spoke words of welcome as a representative of the sons and daughters. In his address, Mr. Jasper reviewed something of the early history of this county, which was first settled in the early 60's, whose first house was built by Uncle Ben Brown in the winter of 1861-2, of the forming of Union county by an act of the Legislature in 1864. According to Mr. Jasper, at that time about 90 per cent of the population was found in mining settlements in the district of the Coves-river. Mr. Jasper pointed out how the growth had continued so that in the space of an average life time, beautiful homes, prosperity and happiness had supplanted savagery and the uncertainties of life.

The Hon. Dunham Wright, president of the Union county pioneers represented his organization. Mr. Wright never fails to interest and his chief means of holding the riveted attention of his hearers, perhaps, is the great fund of personal experiences during the years, which he tells so well. Mr. Wright spoke of the emigration of 1842 as the greatest emigration history has ever recorded in this country. It has been estimated that 50,000 people moved westward. The years is also known as the "cholera year" and 5,000 men, women and children are said to have died along the line of the trail and were buried in graves that were covered up and hidden just they be noticed by the savages. It was that his hearers might better understand and better appreciate the cost of the things we have today, that Mr. Wright went into detail concerning many of the events leading up to the settlement of this, our beautiful valley. Attorney Henry Ross of La Grande made a very stirring address, in which, too, followed the history of the northwest emphasizing the great part played by the sturdy pioneers in this particular section.

Mrs. C. E. Golden, read the names of the pioneers who had passed on during the past year, thirty-three of them. Among them was George Gray of lower Cove, always a prominent figure, who passed on a year ago next Monday at a very advanced age. Mrs. Walter M. Pierce who spoke briefly, pleading for a preservation of the things in the possession of the pioneers, priceless documents, papers, treasures, and also a preservation of the narratives of the Gray of lower Cove, always a prominent figure, who passed on a year ago next Monday at a very advanced age. Mrs. Walter M. Pierce who spoke briefly, pleading for a preservation of the things in the possession of the pioneers, priceless documents, papers, treasures, and also a preservation of the narratives of the Gray of lower Cove, always a prominent figure, who passed on a year ago next Monday at a very advanced age.

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