

Over the Valley

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Returns from Portland—

Mrs. Sentner of the Cove swimming pool has returned from a business trip to Portland made possible by the fact that her daughter and family of Pendleton were visiting at Cove and could look after the swimming pool in her absence. While away she visited the various beaches and gathered many new ideas. Haakell Bloom formerly of Cove, is expected to be in that locality in a few days and will look after the swimming classes.

Home for Visit—

Miss Marie West of Pumpkin who is taking nurse training in a hospital in Baker has been home for a week's vacation visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. West.

Has Tonsillitis—

Mrs. Katie Woodell of Dry Creek is recovering nicely from the operation performed last week for the removal of her tonsils.

Guests from Washington—

Mrs. Pearl Dickus of Hoquiam, Washington is here with her four children renewing her acquaintances in the Summerville neighborhood while she visits her mother, Mrs. Monroe.

Over from Baker—

Albert Woodell and son, Marshall spent the day Sunday in the valley coming particularly to attend the Woodell family reunion at Pleasant Grove.

Sunday at Muddy Creek—

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ledbetter, Marie and Lyle and Mrs. Hilda McKennon drove to Muddy Creek Sunday and spent the day at the Henry Loomis home. Lyle remained for a few days visit at his sister's home and Mrs. McKennon for a visit there and also at the Charles Wright home in Baker.

Makes Lovely Gift—

At a recent meeting of the Pleasant Grove Grange, J. D. Woodell made the organization a splendid gift, a novel fashioned from myrtle wood in a very attractive design, which he purchased at the time he and Mrs. Woodell attended the state grange meeting at Myrtle Point. The gift was gratefully accepted by the grange as voted by the master, H. H. Woodell.

Down from Enterprise—

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Vance and their four children of Enterprise drove into this valley Sunday and spent the day among relatives.

Offer Substantial Reward—

At the meeting of the Blue Mountain Grange, held Saturday afternoon, among other important matters, the grange voted a very substantial reward for the apprehension and arrest of the person who broke into the hall several weeks ago, taking with them the ballots from the ballot box, the officers badges and other equipment which has no value to the marauders but seriously affects the grange. This is the first time the hall has been entered, but the grange is determined that it shall not happen again and expresses themselves as unwilling to stop until it is found out who the guilty parties are.

Blue Mt. Grange—

A very interesting meeting of Blue Mt. Grange was held at their hall Saturday. The first item of importance in a business way was the discussion of the fair which this organization will hold this fall. Mrs. Anna Anson as chairman of the committee for general arrangements announced the working committees, dates and plans were discussed. The grange is planning largely for this event which is to be given primarily for the benefit of their new building fund. Further plans will be announced later. Ralph Hunt, of La Grande, a past grange master was endorsed as the new deputy for eastern Oregon, the appointment to be made by state grange officials. A reward for the arrest and conviction of the person who broke and entered the hall a few weeks ago, taking a quantity of the paraphernalia, was voted. Mrs. Carrie Spencer, acting as lecturer offered a literary and musical program.

Picking Under Way—

Cherry picking, especially in the Union vicinity, has been moving rather slowly this week due to the fact that the fruit is not quite ripe enough yet. By another week it will be going along full swing. While the prices offered this year are higher than has been the case for some years, yet the requirements are higher, too it is said.

Visit in Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bekley of near Riverside park and her sister, Mrs. E. L. Gamble, and son, Billie, of Long Beach, California, went to Portland last week for a visit among friends.

Has Sins Operation—

C. C. Welch of Imbler was in La Grande last week for a day or so, submitting to and recovering from an operation for sinus trouble.

Returns Home—

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fureber of Seattle who have been visiting among their numerous relatives in the valley, and being special guests at the home of Mrs. Fureber's brother, Claude Woodell of near Imbler, started home Friday in their car, expecting to go to Hood River the first day.

Up from Toloceno—

Mrs. Charles Hill and daughter, Juanita of Toloceno drove into

the valley Saturday and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park near Summerville.

Returns from Idaho—
Mrs. Margaret Oliver of Portland and Miss Bertha Wallinger have returned from their week's auto trip into Idaho to visit one of Mrs. Oliver's sons, "Abie", on good behavior all during the trip with only one exception to have a flat tire. The ladies report a splendid trip and visit.

Day in the Country—

Clara Belle Reeman of Seattle had a great visit Friday at the home of Madeline Oliver in Dry Creek neighborhood north of Summerville. She has her credit in the way of new experiences, crossing Mill Creek on a narrow plank bridge, climbing the top of the hill to help pick raspberries and cherries, chasing through the Oliver wheat field, New Federation which is rapidly turning, feeding the geese, chasing the family cat and stray chickens, getting a few scratches and pecks in return and doing a few other things too numerous to mention. Clara Belle's right hand man for a few weeks is gaining multitudinous experiences through the kindness of friends to take back with her to the city apartment in a week or so. Although but three years old, Clara Belle can locate geographically more than a score of valley folks and has some distinguishing features about each, not the least of which is the faithful dog "Boots" at the C. H. Robinson ranch whose one little three weeks old puppy out of a family of eleven is the one coveted thing in the valley—thus far.

Drive to Baker—

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Becker and son, Troy drove to Baker Sunday where they spent the day and were accompanied on their return trip by their son, Robert who has been visiting there and by their niece from Portland who are their home guests.

Up from California—

Mrs. Walter Woodell and little daughter, Mabelle arrived in the valley last week from their home in Los Angeles, and are making visits among their numerous relatives in the valley, particularly at the Summerville and Imbler sections.

Drive to the Coast—

Mr. and Mrs. George Salisbury are driving to the coast for a vacation visit of a few days.

Grange Meets—

About fifty members of the Pleasant Grove Grange together with a few visitors met in the hall Saturday evening for their regular monthly meeting. The regular routine work was carried on, one candidate was given the third and fourth degrees. Under the lecturers hour there was a round table discussion of variety of subjects which proved to be very practical. At the close of the meeting, light refreshments were served by the members of the home economics committee.

Father Passes—

Mrs. Reine Risor and Mrs. Helen Yardstrom of Hot Lake mourn the loss of their father, Alfred Gardner who passed away last week at the home of his other daughter, Mrs. Walter McGrath of North Portland. Mr. Gardner had been a resident of this and Baker counties for about a quarter of a century.

Return to Corvallis—

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gray and children, Jean and Joe and Mr. and Mrs. Duke Gray of Corvallis, returned Saturday to their homes following a two weeks stay at the home of their aunt, Mrs. George Gray on lower Cove and with the other members of the Gray connection in that locality.

Losses Commuted—

Grover Grimmett of near La Grande came practically up to harvest and then suffered the loss, by fire, of his combine. The machine had been kept on his farm near Alice, known as the Alice place. A hurried phone call from that place informed Mr. Grimmett that the machine was burning. By the time he could reach the other place the machine was beyond saving. The cause of the blaze is not known. Mr. Grimmett has replaced the machine at once and has a Holt 16-14 inch combine at the harvesting of this season's wheat. Much wheat is already in the shock on the different sidehill sections and it is reported that considerable heading will begin next week.

Island City Aid—

Mrs. Ed Kittle will be the hostess to the Island City ladies aid society Thursday afternoon at her home.

Big Picnic Tomorrow—

Every indication is that the picnic tomorrow at the Experiment station put on by the Union County Pomona Grange and the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement Association combined will be one of the biggest picnics of the year. The program will follow very much that of previous county grange picnics. The morning will be devoted to an inspection of the experiment station when different projects will be explained and discussed by Mr. Withycombe and his assistants. The picnic dinner will be served in the grove at noon. The Withycombes furnishing the coffee and the ice cream. The program will be held in the afternoon and besides musical numbers by people from Cove and Union, there will be an address of welcome by the special superintendent, Mr. Withycombe, a talk

Crop Conditions In Wallowa Co. Are Described

For some time the most encouraging reports have come concerning the crop conditions in Wallowa County. Today, our correspondent writes of serious damage done recently by prevailing hot winds. The weather and crop conditions for the present, in Wallowa is as follows—

A considerable amount of crop damage has occurred in this county during the past week of hot burning weather. A steady north to northwest wind has been blowing almost constantly for the past two or three weeks and has taken a large amount of moisture from the soil. The spring sown grain which was seeded on land which was plowed this spring shows signs of having been damaged the most, however, practically all fields, even the early seeded winter wheat, has been damaged to a considerable extent. If the weather remains the same for another week it is not unlikely that the yield will be cut at least half on much of the dry land.

Many here are of the opinion that with such a large amount of rain during the month of June enough moisture was stored in the soil to insure a good crop of winter grain at least and to be of a great help to spring sowings, but the continued hot drying weather has caused the crops to be scorched rapidly over grain and pasture lands everywhere that water was not being turned on every few days.

The grain crops in the irrigated areas have made an excellent growth during the warm weather and are in full blast on many of the valley farms. The hay crop in most instances are said to be quite heavy. During the past two or three years many of the old meadows have been plowed up and re-seeded. On all of these fields the hay crops are exceptionally good this season. Some cutting of grain hay has been started in the dry farming sections of this end of the county during the past week, the warm weather has pushed the fall grain along rapidly and many early sowed fields are beginning to look like harvest was close at hand. Many of the farmers in the hills are still busy working their summer crops to get the weeds killed down before the harvest operations. The past few weeks have been very good for getting the weeds started and cleaned from the ground which is being summer-fallowed this season. The ground squirrel season is about past in this section. Many of the squirrels have become very fat and are starting to hole up for the long sleep. With a large amount of poisoned oats and calcium cyanide used by farmers in practically all sections of the county, the damage to grain crops by the rodents is said to have been very small compared to what it has been in years past when no organized efforts were being put forth to combat the rodents.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Cherry Tart.
One and one-half cups flour.
One-half teaspoon salt.
Three teaspoons baking powder.
Six tablespoons shortening.
One-third cup cold water.
One quart pitted cherries.
Method: Sift dry ingredients together; rub in the shortening very lightly with finger tips; add water slowly, mixing with a fork until dough is soft. Roll out thin, being careful to line patty pans and have pastry come well over the edges. Bake in a hot oven fifteen minutes and fill with cooked cherries. Cover with a syrup made as follows:
One-half cup sugar.
One-half cup cherry juice.
One and one-half cups boiling water.
One tablespoon cornstarch.
Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Serve either hot or cold.

by Dr. Phy and an address by N. C. Jamison of the state college, who is to be a special guest for the day.

Have Interesting Meeting—

Quite a good many dairymen of the county, especially members of the Eastern Oregon Dairymen's association attended the meeting yesterday morning in the city park at Union, held by most of the forty or more directors of the Challenge Creamery corporation, who, in 7 cars were en route to an official meeting in Idaho. T. H. Johnson, of Cove, a director of the Payette Cooperative presided over the meeting. Addresses of welcome were given by Messrs. Cadwell, Levy, Griggs and Withycombe of Union and various officers, the president, manager, legal advisor of the concern spoke of the organization and growth of the organization which they represented and through which the dairy products of parts of this valley are marketed. Mr. Murphy who founded the company several years ago reviewed its growth from the day when its delivering was done with a one-horse cart to today when 100 trucks are required to care for the business which handles 100,000 pounds of butter daily. The visitors came from different cities in California, Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. Union people gave them treats in the form of bags of cherries which are being picked over there now.

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Cove Calf Clubs Are The Hosts At Fine Dinner

Saturday evening at the grange hall in the Cove, there was staged one of the most enjoyable parties ever given anywhere—so say the company who were invited guests of the members of the two Hostess calf clubs operating in that vicinity, the Cove Registered Hostess Calf Club and the Cove Grade Holstein Calf Club. The membership in the two groups consists of Orla, Jean and Chester Haum, Troy and Robert Becker, Lavonne Koger, John, Frances, Harold, Kathleen and Ruth Comstock, These boys and girls and the invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wray Lawrence, Hans Solfors, Esther Miller, Mabel Morton, Mrs. Lydia Lantz, A. W. Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Phy and the officials of the Eastern Oregon Live-stock show were seated at two long tables, very prettily decorated with garden flowers, and were served a most indelibly good fried chicken dinner by the four

mothers. Everything was simply delicious from the chicken to the home made ice cream and the lovely cakes and the plates were served so generously that no one felt quite right when it was all over.

Miss Ruth Comstock quite gracefully presided over the program which started soon after the serving began and continued through the evening. It was as follows:

Addresses of welcome, Frances Comstock.

Song, Orla and Jean Baum.
Speeches: C. L. Caldwell, Troy Becker, Tony Smith, Dr. Phy, Wray Lawrence.

Violin Solo, Troy Becker.

Speech, Robert Withycombe.

Reading Mrs. Lydia Lantz "The Farmers' Tips and Downs."

Speeches: Cecil Griggs, Roy Conklin, Mabel Morton, Hans Solfors and A. W. Nelson.

John Comstock is the leader of the Cove club, which has done such outstanding work the past year and won besides many other prizes, two scholarships to the summer school at the state college, Troy Becker and Ruth Comstock having been the recipients.

ANNUAL FARM CROPS TOUR MAKES STUDY OF SWEET CLOVER

The annual farm crops tour held last Friday under the arrangement and supervision of acting county agriculturist Wray Lawrence was pronounced one of the best and most successful which have ever been held. The caravan which made the tour was a large one, the different farms visited and crops inspected offered practical help and valuable suggestions to the farmers and the lunch at noon, the crowd augmented by the ladies who were responsible for the splendid meal numbering 75, was quite an event.

The men gathered at the Andrew Blockland farm near Island City where the two Blockland boys had their dairy cattle on display and they also showed the pigs which they are getting ready for the Union Stock Yards Feeding Special at the Pacific International this fall. Here was also shown a field of Markton oats a nurse crop for sweet clover. Mr. Blockland gave something of the history of the land, telling that it had been continuously cropped and he was now endeavoring to build up the organic matter of which it had been robbed to a certain extent.

The second stop was at John Dahlstrom's where a field of Potentilla wheat was seen. Previous to two years ago, the spring grain average on this plot was 23 bushels per acre, after two years of sweet clover, the average of grain produced was about 34 bushels per acre.

At W. A. Zurbieks in Moss Chapel district the company saw a field of grain which had previously been in sweet clover. The purpose of the inspection was to show something undesirable in the matter of sweet clover, for here the sweet clover had returned in the wheat after it had been used for soil improvement. The difference was shown where the clover had been plowed in before and after it had seeded, and means of control were discussed.

The fourth stop was at George K. McDonald's where was shown a new seeding of sweet clover without a nurse crop and all were well impressed with the field, which consisted of 55 acres and had a good stand all over. Here methods of preparing the seed bed and planting the clover were shown and pointed for the two-fold purposes of pasture and soil improvement.

At Will Brinkman's farm, the farmers saw a field where sodium chlorate. Another place on the morning glories. This year but a small per cent of the obnoxious weed is appearing. This is being easily controlled with a smaller application of sodium and calcium chlorate. Another place on the same farm was visited to see where sodium chlorate had been applied to quack grass, with a high per cent of kill. This was a very effective demonstration. It was also seen where the material had been applied to quack grass this year and it was also beginning to die down.

For the next stop, the caravan went to see Bobby Huron's sheep at the Hugh Huron place. Bobby gave his guests quite a talk on his sheep club project and gave a demonstration of handling sheep. Bobby had his sheep out on exhibit



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seed oats under field conditions was also inspected.

A fertilizer demonstrated at the Gaskill place was next seen. Here a field of Hybrid No. 123 had been treated, nitrate of soda having been applied at 100, 150 and 200 pound rates. A very decided increase was noted on the plot where the application had been 200 pounds. There were also plots where ammonium sulphate had been applied at 150 and 200 pounds but these did not show up so well.

Archaeological Find

Articles of Egyptian, Arabian and Persian origin were among those unearthed in the ruins of Zimshawe, in South Rhodesia. One relic is an Egyptian figure with a hieroglyphic inscription, partly defaced, but with the word "Osiris" still decipherable. (Osiris was the Egyptian god of the dead. On the figure was the cartouche of Thothmes III, a king of Egypt who ruled about 1450 B. C. Five soapstone birds were found, which archaeologists declare resemble images of birds sacred to Astarte, Phoenician deity.—Detroit News.

Term Long in Use

In the term "Way Down East" there is a peculiar usage of the word "down" which prevails in New England and which has been used from early times. The expression refers not only to Maine, but often to New England as a whole. There is no particular reason for this expression. It is merely a custom of considerable antiquity.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that I have received foreclosure execution and order of sale, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, dated the 14th day of June, 1929, in the suit there in pending wherein Julia A. Walker is plaintiff and Ethel Duncan is defendant, to me directed, upon a judgment, decree and order of sale made and entered in said court and cause on the 2nd day of June, 1929, in favor of the above plaintiff and against the above defendant. In the sum of \$1650.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 22nd day of April, 1929, until paid. The further sum of \$200.00 as reasonable attorney fees, and plaintiff's costs, with a credit upon said judgment of the sum of \$250.00, collected the 25th day of June, 1929, upon sale of the personal mortgaged property of said defendant, in which said execution and order of sale I am commanded to sell the following described property, to wit: The real property described in the mortgage being foreclosed in said unit, to-wit:

Lot Three (3) and the North six (6) feet of Lot Two (2) in Block Twenty (20) of Riverside Addition to La Grande, Union County, Oregon together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue and authority of said writ, and in obedience to its commands, I will, on Saturday, the 27th day of August, 1929, at two o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house in La Grande, Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction the said real property and all the right, title, estate, interest, and equity of the said defendant therein and thereto, to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as provided by law, the proceeds to be applied in satisfaction of said judgment and decree, including costs and accruing costs of execution and sale.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1929.

JESSE BRESHEARS, Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.
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Witchcraft Superstition

The Chinese or American Indian never conducted an organized campaign against witchcraft in any way comparable to that carried on in Europe in the middle centuries or in America in the early history of the country, but there is ample proof that the Jews from earliest times placed witchcraft under the ban of the law, and among the earliest laws given by Moses is the one "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Animal Weather Prophets

Pigs, usually so quiet, become agitated when a spell of good weather is about to cool. Pigs also have a curious custom of carrying mouthfuls of straw into their sleeping quarters just before a gale. Sheep in the weather scatter over a wide area, but if a change is approaching, they will huddle together.

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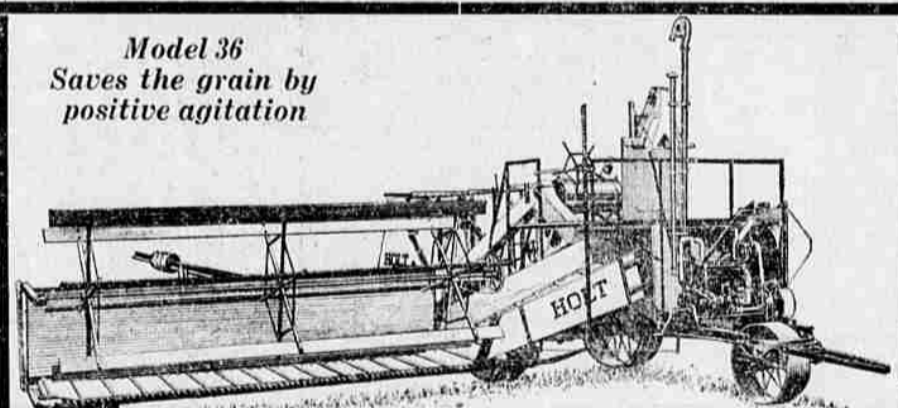
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