

OVER THE VALLEY

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Grimmett Guests—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wells, of Eugene, Wash., left this morning after spending a week here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Grimmett and Mrs. Grimmett's brother, Jay Conroy. They came here with a view to considering a permanent location and according to Mrs. Grimmett will probably return later to establish their home here. They met a number of valley folk during their stay who will be glad to welcome them to this vicinity. Their home at present is on a farm near Endicott. They seemed mightily pleased with the Grande Valley.

Hermanns Home—After an extended stay in Quincy, Ill., Mrs. Arthur Hermann and her daughter, Anita, and her son, Harry, are home again on their farm in the valley. They were called east by the illness of Mrs. Hermann's mother-in-law, who is now considerably improved. Mrs. Hermann reports a host of pleasant experiences made the trip a memorable one to the three of them—and particularly to Master Harry, who had not been in the east since he was a very tiny tot. He thought it was all very exciting and most especially he enjoyed riding over the great railroad bridges and swimming in the Mississippi. Mrs. Hermann enjoyed visiting with her many friends in her former home and she attended several gatherings and reunions where she had opportunity to recall old times. She attended a Schroeder family reunion in Canton, Missouri, and Hermann's Schreder reunion in St. Louis, on her way to Quincy. They will start for the Northern river, returning via Kansas and Denver.

To Visit Parents—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Antlos and their son, Dale, of Tieton, in the Yakima country, and Mrs. Antlos' mother, Mrs. Browner, of Indiana, arrived in Cove last Wednesday for a short visit with Mr. Antlos' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Antlos.

Cove Man Ill—Albert Conklin has been quite ill for the last week at his home at Cove.

Return Home—George Willett and family, of Shel, in the Willamette Valley, have returned home after a splendid vacation. The family reunion at Wallawa a week ago when Mr. Willett's parents observed their golden wedding anniversary. They visited in the valley at the home of Mr. Willett's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Pleshman on the way home.

OLD FOLKS PICNIC—The annual Old Folks picnic held at Grandview, Ore., Thursday afternoon brought together nearly 4000 persons who look forward to this event as an opportunity to renew acquaintances and discuss other things. Some who attended last year have come to their reward and yet others who seemed frail last year are still able to come. Mr. Stoker who is to stay long enough to be presented a banner for his 75 years and another was shown to Mrs. Tripp who has passed her 92nd milestone and is still active.

The short program was opened with an invocation by Bishop Kozloski of the L.D.S. church followed by solo solos sung by Mr. Edwin Shindler with Mrs. Parker at the piano. The Rev. Leo gave the address of the afternoon followed by ten recitations by Ed Beckley of La Grande, Ed Little of Cove, Dr. Hamilton of Union and Mrs. Bell Wright, Mrs. Mattox gave a talk on the farm home supported by the W.C.T.U. and Lucille Sturgis gave a clever reading. At the close of the program the crowd assembled in the gymnasium and enjoyed the social which, cake, ice cream and refreshments served by the younger matrons.

Having Pleasant Visit—For Mr. and Mrs. Fred Speckhart and his mother, Mrs. Fred Speckhart, of Quincy, Ill., the past week or so has meant a round of pleasant visiting and entertainment here in the Grande Valley. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart, of La Grande. Mrs. Speckhart is the mother of Fred and John Speckhart. This is the first visit of the son and his wife to the west and they are getting a keen thrill out of the scenery and the farm methods, particularly use of the combine in harvesting. The farm is not new to them as they have farmed for many years in Illinois, but they are used to a different scale of working and to raising corn, rather than wheat. Mrs. Speckhart has been here several times before, visiting her son. The three plan to be here until the last of October and contemplate a number of interesting trips, including drives to Portland and to Wallawa Lake, Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Speckhart will go to Walla Walla to visit two weeks at the home of her brother, Fred Schmidt. Honoring her grandmother and her uncle and aunt, Mrs. Bertha Knautz was hostess at dinner last Friday night at her farm home in the Iowa school district. Seated at dinner that evening were the husbands, Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, the Rev. Harry S. Hamilton, of Boise, and Mr. and Mrs. Knautz and Lillian. On Sunday the visitors were again home guests at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speckhart entertaining this time Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Knautz and Lillian were their guests.

Indians Return—The 25th annual Indian visit to the Gekeler farm is over. A party of Indians which has been camped at the Charles Gekeler farm have returned to their homes on the Tumalla Indian reservation. More than a quarter of a century ago, an Indian came to the Gekeler



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The Bureau of Public Roads handles the engineering work of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in two main divisions—highway engineering and agricultural engineering. The first division deals with all highway functions of the department contemplated by regular appropriations, including the conducting of highway research, and also the work of handling the federal-aid and forest-road appropriations. Under the agricultural engineering branch, the bureau investigates farm problems such as irrigation and drainage, farm machinery, farm buildings and others.

hony and added for a camping place for himself and family, to use while they scoured camas roots plentiful in the Gekeler meadow. The plot of ground across the road from the front of the house was assigned to them, and every year since, this same spot has been used by the members of the same family when they come to the valley to get their supply of camas roots and to gather huckleberries in the nearby hills. In a few years the Indian who had asked for the camp site so many years ago was unable to come but the site continued the journey until it became too old. Then it was their children who made the journey and now it is the third generation. Sometimes they come in cars but usually on ponies as it is easier to get to the huckleberry patches in that way. Maude Moore, one of the young women who comes every year, has a college education and uses her training to advantage. She appreciates and enjoys visiting with members of the Gekeler family and she was among the friends who sincerely grieved the death of "Grandpa" Gekeler.

Revisit Cove—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel and daughter, June and Ardotta, who have moved to Muddy Creek, spent a day in their former home community, Cove, the past week. They report that they are getting nicely settled and enjoy their new locality, though they find it hard, too, to sever their old associations.

Home from Business Trip—R. H. Welton and his wife are home at Cove again after a business trip to Portland last week.

Visiting Parents—Mrs. Inez Orton, of Southern California, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Robinson and their relatives in the Cove. This is Mrs. Orton's first visit to her old home in Cove for several years.

New Teacher Elected—Miss Fanny of Portland, who had been elected to teach the commercial work in the Union High school returned recently and Miss Erling, daughter of a prominent Oregon pioneer and a Union county resident all her life, became known compensation to the school could be found in the knowledge that her passing ended a six year period of suffering and illness. Carrie O. Hunter had served her community as a wife and church worker and had many close friendships. Many friends were held this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Island City church with the Rev. William Crosby Ross, of Boise, conducting.

Home from Utah—Mrs. Edna Moss returned last Thursday night from Utah where she was called to attend the funeral of her grandfather, in Provo. Mrs. Moss was gone about two weeks.

Yield Average—Wheat yield at the Paul Knautz place has been running from 25 to 35, averaging about 30.

Mrs. Van Housen Porter—It will be of much interest to the many friends of Mrs. M. P. Van Housen, former Alsea resident, to know that she is recovering satisfactorily from her recent operation in a Portland hospital.

Visit at Promise—Mrs. Elmer Bennett and her three children, of Halfway and Harvey McDonald, who has been working in Pine Valley, and Mrs. Elmer Stanley, of La Grande, visited at the L. B. McDonald place at Promise last week. Mrs. Stanley is a sister with her aunt, Mrs. Bertha Carper. Elmer Carper accompanied her home for a brief visit. Harvey McDonald remained at Promise for a visit with his parents.

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Guest at Moss Home—Mrs. Oliver Kemp and her children, Betty and Jack, have been spending the past week at the Fred Moss home. They are from Hilliard.

Return to Home—After working here at the Lloyd Place farm near Hot Lake for two weeks, two college students, Duane Kirk and Walter Baker, left La Grande yesterday. Kirk is from Portland and attends school at Oregon State college, while Baker is a student at the University of Wyoming. They are both members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, national men's fraternity.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Summer Party Salad
One cup diced chicken, 1 cup shredded new cabbage, 1 cup diced pineapple, 2 tablespoons minced celery, 2 tablespoons green peas, 2 hard-boiled eggs, 2 hard-boiled sweet potatoes, 1 cup whipping cream, 1-2 cup mayonnaise, 1-2 teaspoon paprika, 1-1 teaspoon salt.

The breast of chicken is of course more delicate, but if dark meat must be used, take care that all bits of skin or gristle are carefully removed. Shred, chop and thoroughly chill cabbage. Rub egg yolks through a sieve. Lay chicken stand on ice in French dressing for an hour or longer before combining. Beat chowder and cream together until smooth, stir in mayonnaise, paprika and salt. Turn into a mold and pack in ice and salt. Let stand two hours or longer.

Which would you prefer combine salad ingredients and arrange on a bed of lettuce. Top with sprouts of the frozen dressing and sprinkle with sifted egg yolk.

SHIP CATTLE FROM WALLOWA TO PORTLAND

By Mrs. Bertha Carper (Observer Correspondent)
PROMISE (Special)—C. P. Carper, F. G. Potter, David Garrett, Sam Kennell and Harvey Bursell drove 21 head of fat cattle to Wallawa Friday. The cattle will be shipped to Portland.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Lawton McDaniel were in town Saturday.

Among those from Wallowa who were in La Grande Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Onstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Hilding Onstrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cox.

Miss Ann Shell is in Wallowa visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shell.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY

With chances for trips to Salem and to Pacific International at Portland, and prospects of prizes in all classes of exhibits lending a spark of excitement, the 75 Union county boys and girls qualified as club members for participation, are eagerly awaiting the annual 4-H club picnic this coming Friday, at the Union Experiment station.

That's only three days off—but then, three days, just before Christmas, and vacation—and the 4-H club picnic, too, can be a long time. Anyway, everything's "set to go" for what leaders hope will be the finest demonstration of club work any annual picnic has yet provided. With the cash prizes as a stimulus leaders feel that exhibits will be very representative this year.

The four best all-around club workers in the county will have a trip to Salem presented to them Friday and then two three-man teams out of some two clubs will be selected, one to go to Salem and one to the Pacific International. Much interest will attend the judging contest. This afternoon at 1:30 o'clock a preliminary contest took place at the Andrew Blokland farm near Island City.

E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, and W. Wray Lawrence, county agent, will direct the picnic, with Floyd Edwards of the Union Experiment station helping them. The chief social event of the day will be a noon basket picnic for which the experiment station will serve ice cream. Every club leader in the county will be assisting in the singing of the picnic and gathering. Adults are invited to visit the station during the day.

Livestock clubs and their leaders who will be represented follow: Lambier sheep club, Frank McKonon; Lambier pig club, Clifford Conrad; Island City beef club, Lester Blokland; Island City pig club, Lester Blokland; Holstein calf club, John Comstock; Grade Holstein calf club, John Comstock; Cove Jersey club, Allen Miller; Union calf club, Donald Gable; Union Sheep club, Floyd Edwards; Wolf Creek pig club, J. A. Snee.

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One Point of View
Anyone can plant milkweed! It takes courage to plant acorns and wait for the oak.

Who's "Q" Got Name
The name of the letter Q comes from the French name, meaning a fall, as the letter Q with a tail.

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