

OVER THE VALLEY

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To Attend High School—

Miss Sylvia Johnson and Miss Arlath Prigall, of Pleasant Grove, will attend high school in La Grande this year. Miss Arlath was in school in La Grande last year, while Miss Sylvia completed her grade work at Pleasant Grove last spring.

Dinner Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon, of near Imbler, had for their dinner guests Sunday Harvey Carter, of La Grande, Chas. McKennon, of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter and family, of Allied. Chas. is leaving soon to continue his work at the University of Oregon. Marie Ledbetter leaves tomorrow for Salem where she will enroll at Willamette university, beginning her four years college course. Miss Frances McKennon leaves week after next for Corvallis to enter as a freshman at the state college and Russell McKennon will leave a week later to continue his work at the same institution.

Care For Mrs. Smith—

Mrs. Oma Laplante has returned to her home in La Grande after having been in the valley a month caring for Mrs. James Smith, in the Valley district. Mrs. Oma Sperry, of Union, is now at the Fish or home caring for Mrs. Smith, who remains about the same.

Three Fine School—

Valeria school opened Monday with an attendance of nine pupils among them three beginners. The largest attendance in a good many years is said. Mrs. Merle Howland is the teacher.

To Have Fine Home—

Improvements being made on the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Whitliff at Mt. Zion are going on rapidly. An addition was made to the front, a large front porch built, and now the whole structure is being given a stucco coat.

Island City Aid—

The regular meeting of the Island City Ladies aid society and the annual election of officers will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Sam Williamson on Cove avenue. A large attendance of the members is urged.

Returns From Portland—

Hans Soren, official tester for the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association, has returned from Portland where he spent some time in laboratory work with state dairy and food commission, J. H. Micks.

To Attend High School—

Melvin Carper, of Promise, will attend high school at Valeria. Melvin will drive to La Grande every day in company with Vera and Homer Case. He will take his third year of high school work in La Grande, while Homer will take his first year and Miss Vera will complete her work at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

Finishing Harvest—

Donald Hog is finishing the harvesting of his wheat at his ranch on Crockett flat. He had 100 acres in spring grain which is turning out very well. Long Bros. in the same locality, Thursday finished their 800 acres, with an encouraging report as to yield.

Decrease in Lamb—

According to reports sent out from the state college, a marked decrease in Oregon sheep is shown. The report has the following to say regarding the situation: "A very marked decrease in Oregon sheep is indicated by the fall marketing report of Paul C. Newsum in charge of the federal state crop reporting service. The 1929 lamb crop was 5 per cent smaller than in 1928 and losses were 20 per cent greater this year than last. As a result early lamb shipments have totaled around 12 per cent less than a year ago with fall marketings of lambs estimated at about six per cent less. However, fall marketings of sheep other than lambs show very little change. Information obtained in the same inquiry as of August 1st showed that in Oregon fewer ewe lambs were being held than usual. Prospective high prices for winter feed coupled with present shortage of range feed, have stimulated fall marketings so that they are holding up fairly close to a year ago and much larger than in 1927. Lamb weights are about up to last year, but the crop is expected to be a little larger than usual this season."

Hold Council Here—

Members of the Tapawaki Campfire group at Pleasant Grove held a council here at the grand hall Friday evening with a splendid attendance and an interesting meeting. The group, Mrs. Martha McKennon and Miss Ava Woodall, being present. Honor heads were awarded to those who had earned them. Miss Frances McKennon, secretary, and Miss Marie Ledbetter, seribler, resigned their offices as they both are leaving for college soon.

School Starts Off Fine—

The state school started off last week with a large enrollment and with a good spirit manifested everywhere. The board has recently installed a new automatic burner which will make the heating arrangement more satisfactory this year. It is hoped. The members of the Christian church gave a reception to the teachers on Friday evening at the church. There was a nice crowd, a nice program concluded with the singing of hymns and hymns.

To Leave Valley—

Walter J. Pierson arrived last night from Portland to make a short visit at the home of Mrs.



J. W. T. DUVEL
Chief, Grain Futures Administration

THE compiling of daily reports of transactions in grain futures from all markets, the checking of false and misleading information which affects or tends to affect the prices of grain, and the making of general observations of the entire grain marketing machinery with a view to preventing abnormal fluctuations of prices and to create market conditions which will reflect supply and demand, is handled by the Grain Futures Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This office has charge of the carrying out of the grain futures act of Sept. 21, 1922, which places the supervision of all trading in grain futures in the hands of the federal government.

Pierson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaskill, near Imbler. Today, Mr. and Mrs. Pierson and their baby daughter, LaNita, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaskill drove to Wallawa county on a business and pleasure trip. This evening they will be guests at dinner at the Walter Hutton home in La Grande. Tomorrow morning early, the Piersons will leave for their home in Portland. Mrs. Pierson and the baby have been spending the summer of the Gaskill home and with other relatives over the valley.

Inspects Departments—

O. L. Paulson, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, has been in this section of the state on his annual tour of inspection of the Smith-Hughes departments in the two schools where that work is being done. Imbler and Union are the two schools. In Union county, where work is being successfully carried on under the leadership of Donald Stewart and Cecil Griggs, while Wallawa and Enterprise have the only two departments of the kind in Wallawa county.

Move to La Grande—

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Webb and daughter, who have been living in Portland, have moved to La Grande and taken up their residence near Sixth and O avenues.

Aired Aid—

Mrs. Frank McKennon, Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter and Mrs. Ruth McKennon will be the hostesses to the members of the Aired aid Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ruth McKennon at two o'clock.

Teacher Resign—

Miss Marion Philbrick, who has been the teacher at the Fox Hill school near La Grande, which commences near the spring, summer and fall months, rather than during the winter, for the last three years, has resigned to accept a position in the Imbler school. Miss Philbrick has been chosen as her successor and has already taken up her new duties.

News of Marriage—

Relative in the valley have received word of the recent marriage of Jay Howard Dobbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dobbin, of Wallawa county, to a Miss Hurter, of Lexington, Kansas. Mr. Dobbin and his bride were expected to reach eastern Oregon today and after a short visit at the home of his parents near Joseph will go on to San Francisco, where they will make their home. At Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they stopped on their way to California, they were met by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Austin, of Wallawa, who were guests during their stay. The two young ladies have been spending the summer in eastern Oregon and are returning to the east, the former to Albany, New York, where she is an instructor in the State College of New York, and the latter to Philadelphia, where she will take graduate work at the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

Makes Nice Record—

Members of the Wolf Creek Pig club are again doing over their recent successes along a number of different lines. The South Powder News speaks of them after the fashion: "The Wolf Creek Boys' and Girls' Pig club, member of the 4-H club organization, won double distinction last week by winning in the judging contest over all clubs of Union county at the 4-H club picnic held at the experimental station of Union county, and by carrying off first, second and third prizes in the market pig division at the Muddy Creek fair. The club members are at the judging contest, Charles and Virginia Niss and Owen Goodman, a true trio to Salem this fall to attend the state fair. In the judging contest the Wolf Creek club was in competition with many teams, and they emerged in noted with pride by their fine accomplishment. A team from Cove took sec-

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 28, Union county Potomac grange at the Pleasant Grove grange hall.
Oct. 1-11, annual teachers institute held jointly in La Grande by Union, Wallawa and Baker counties.
October 4-5, fair held by the Blue Mt. Grange at its hall near La Grande.
Nov. 2, Fall district state grange meeting in La Grande, commencing the National Grange gathering to be held in Seattle.

and. At the Muddy Creek fair Olive Goodman was awarded first, Chas. Niss second and Virginia Niss third. In the market hog display. The Wolf Creek Pig club has been working but three years.

New Guardian—

Members of the Nissold Campfire group at Cove are highly elated that Mrs. Kenneth LaViolette, one of the new teachers, has taken the guardianship of their group succeeding Mrs. J. E. Price, who has left Cove. Mrs. LaViolette, while not having particular experience along this line, has been very successful with girls work and will make an excellent leader, the girls think. She was graduated from Willamette university a year ago.

Have Fine Visit—

Mrs. Harry Fisher reports a splendid trip recently over in Idaho, having visited at the home of a cousin near Fairfield. She was accompanied by her two children, Josephine and Jay Newton, and by Mrs. S. E. Norris, of La Grande, who looked after business at Fairfield and also was a guest at the Martin home. The trip was made in Fisher's new Ford.

Change Residence—

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doty have moved into Mrs. DeLona's home across the corner from the Valeria school. Mr. Doty is employed by Ed Jasper in the operation of his farm nearby. Mr. and Mrs. John Wells and family who had been living in the DeLona home, moved this summer into the home of Roy Wells in the same neighborhood.

Attend Flower Show—

Mrs. Earl Chandler, Mrs. Lynn Hill and Mrs. Frank Giltner, all of Elgin, drove to La Grande Saturday and visited the flower show put on by the Neighborhood club.

Ships Many Lambs—

As reported over the state in the column "Oregon State news," has been the item, the past week, to the effect that Tom Johnson, of lower Cove, has shipped 5000 lambs this season. Mr. Johnson, who is one of the best known buyers and shippers of lambs in eastern Oregon, bought largely this year and shipped out good weight. He finds his market in the middle west, the lambs this year having gone to St. Joseph, Missouri.

Make Short Stay—

Mrs. Tom Williamson and Miss Sara Williamson, who have had charge of the store this season at the Wallawa Lake Wonderland, drove out last Friday and spent the day in this vicinity. The store has been closed for the year.

Returns From Hospital—

Mrs. J. E. Collins, who was operated for acute appendicitis at the Grande Ronde hospital several weeks ago, is back again at her home out of Cove and is reported to be improving nicely. During her absence from home her interior was looked after carefully by her family, several of whom besides having the excellent training received from their parents, have been given the additional training offered by the various 4-H clubs.

Imbler Aid—

Members of the ladies aid society of Imbler held an interesting meeting last Thursday. It was an all day meeting for quilting and was held at the church. There was a good attendance, a splendid lunch and much work done. Six of the ladies met again on Friday and finished the quilt which is to be sent to the time of the bazaar to be held sometime during the Halloween season.

Leave the Valley—

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl McKee and Miss McKee's mother, of Indianola, Iowa, have concluded their visit in the valley and gone on their way to California where they plan to spend the winter. The McKees were guests during their stay, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Austin, of north of Summerville, and of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chavez, relatives, at Imbler.

A REASONABLE RECIPE

Down East Succotash
One quart tender green beans.
One pint green corn cut from the cob.

One tablespoon butter.
One cup sweet milk or cream.
Two tablespoons flour.
Salt and pepper to taste.
Break and string the beans and cook until nearly done. Add the corn and cook all until tender. Then add salt, pepper and butter. When about ready to serve, remove from fire, add the milk or cream and the flour which has been dissolved in a little milk. Return to the fire for five minutes to reheat but do not boil. Serve hot.

Ingersoll's Vision

"I see the world without a slave. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret souls of the earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race."—Robert G. Ingersoll's Vision of the Future.

STORY OF PIONEERS TOLD BY MRS. GEKELER IS FULL OF THRILLS

At the recent reunion of the Gekeler family held at Riverside park, Mrs. Edith Gekeler of Grande Hall neighborhood read a very interesting history of the Gekeler family together with some very interesting tales which were handed down to the present generation by those who were members of the Young emigrant train in which this family came to the valley. These pioneers landed in the valley December 12, 1862, and their descendants, and descendants of other members of the train of the Young emigrant train, are now scattered all over the world. Mrs. Gekeler's paper, which covered pioneer history and many anecdotes and experiences of the pioneers is given in full.

History of the Gekeler Family—

Living Descendants: Seven children, 32 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren.
John Gekeler and his wife were born in Whettersburg, Germany, and emigrated to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, afterwards moving to Lancaster, New York. They were the parents of George Gekeler, born in New York in 1831.

In 1859, George Gekeler was married to Catherine E., daughter of Louis and Emma King. After their marriage, they emigrated to Nebraska, settling at what is now Falls City. This trip was made almost all by water and they were so unfortunate as to lose all their household goods, carpenter tools and so forth in this journey. In 1862, they left Nebraska, joining the Young train for Oregon, reaching Union county September 12, 1862.

George Gekeler died October 23, 1891, and lies in the Masonic cemetery at La Grande. He leaves a name honored among men, and strong in all that defines a noble character, a good citizen.

Catherine King Gekeler died July 19, 1929, a staunch pioneer, a woman of sterling integrity, loved and honored by all who knew her. She sleeps beside her husband. Both were members of the Lutheran church.

Tales of Pioneer Life Our Grandmother Told

It was a long trip across the plains here and we were so hungry for something green to eat. We heard that a man lived up Grande canyon who raised vegetables to sell to emigrants. So Mrs. Young and I started there one day. Each of us had a baby, each had but 25 cents, but each had one thing, we would trade the pony and hold both babies and the other would hold him, then we would change. When we got there, the vegetables were so high one 25 cents would not buy anything. We were so disappointed we both cried, so the man I think it was Fredmore, said he would give us some pumpkins, cucumbers and other vegetables.

One of the oxen on the way over died, and having had to put the cow in its place, she soon went dry, so there was no milk for the baby. Father and I had bread made of flour he had earned freight from the Dalles to Ridge and coffee made of parched barley brought from Walla Walla and it was 25 cents per pound. But baby could not live on that. So I had a powdered peach I had hoarded all the way across. I used to cook just one half in a tin cup with a lot of water and soaked his bread in that. I was afraid to cook more, for I was so hungry, I was afraid I might eat myself.

Old Homestead

The homestead of George and Catherine Gekeler in Union county, Oregon, was the east half of section 9, in township 2 south, Range 25 east of the district of lands subject to sale at La Grande, and containing 80 acres. Deed signed by U. S. Grant, 13 of June, 1878. The father, John, was selected land. In 1876, he purchased the Young homestead, consisting of 160 acres, west half of southeast quarter of section 8 and west half of the southeast quarter of section 16, range 25, township three south. In 1886 he purchased the tract known as the Summers place of 120 acres, adjoining La Grande, and in 1892 he made another purchase of a quarter section east of the Young homestead, making his farm 280 acres.

The Young Train

The Young train joined the main train at Twin Springs, Missouri. This train had been formed at Corydon, Iowa, but was held by the cavalry as being too small to try to cross, but when they joined the Young train they had some 42 wagons. John Young was elected commander and on May 5, 1862, they started on their long trip to Oregon. Two or three of the wagons had planned to go to California, but when the dividing road was reached, they were too small to go on so came with the rest. They crossed the treacherous Platte river, with its quick sand bottom, at Fort Laramie. Here it was necessary to make their wagon boxes water tight which they did by chaulking them with pitch, gathered from the trees along the banks and melted. Two wagons were taken over at a time. Each had ten yokes of oxen attached. All crossed in safety though a cyclone struck them while crossing, when many acts of heroism were performed. They crossed the Rockies at South Pass, coming through the Devil's Gateway crossing Little and Big Muddy rivers, crossing the Green river and Great mountains past Bear lake and struck the Snake river at American Falls, crossed the Malheur river, Wilson creek and left the Snake river at Farewell Bend. They passed the divide at what is now Huntington, which at that time was a sandy spot inhabited by rattlesnakes, scorpions and prairie dogs. Many of the children were bitten by scorpions. They followed the Burnt river to a creek called Trail creek, past Mudly springs where the Victim mine was located but at that time was not worked, past Powder river and came into the Grande Ronde valley over the hill lying east of Ladd Canyon, followed the foothills to the Grande Ronde river to near what is now the Park, making camp there on Sept. 12, 1862. Many of the train went on, some to the Willamette valley, some to Walla Walla, the rest remained here. Among them were Joe Young and family, George Gekeler and infant son, William Frank, Thomas Williamson and family, Mike Ellinger and family, George Horspool, Harvey McAllister and family, Arthur Hennings, D. A. McAllister, Sal Gorkin and Thomas Nance and wife.

All Dressed Up and Some Place to Go

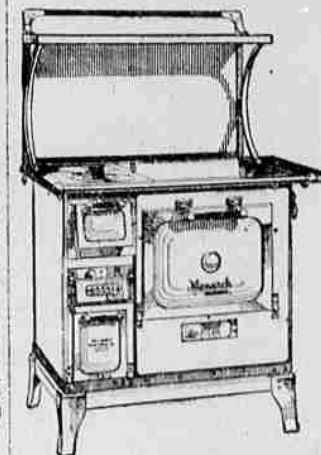


Marcelled and ready to go into the society of thoroughbreds at the Union county State Fair, this champion Herbert bull is owned by Herbert Chandler, Baker, who will see entries to this year's exhibition, September 22 to 25.

Indian villages, one at Grand, one at Fruitdale and one on the Walla Walla place, but they were always friendly.
The pioneers obtained oats, barley, potatoes and plows from the Whitman settlement near Walla Walla. They parched the barley and used it for coffee. Flour and butter were opened in 1862 at Auburn, Oregon basin and Malheur, which were very rich and gave the pioneers a market for any produce they could raise. Potatoes brought 12 cents per pound. As there were no thrashers, all the grain was either thrashed with a flail or tramped out by horses or oxen.
The first death in the valley was (Continued on Page 8.)



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