OVER THE VALLEY

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Ladino Clover Again—

Ladino clover, probably one of the most important pasture developments in Oregon in recent years, while particularly valuable on irrigated pasture lands, is also proving its worth on unirrigated lands having sufficient moisture to maintain it, reports the experimental station at Oregon State college. It also holds considerable promise as a seed crop, yields ranging from 150 to 400 pounds per acre, which, at present, allows a fair return to the grower.

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Class Has Meeting—

Wednesday evening the Alert class of the Sunday school of the community church at Island City held a very splendid social at the home of William Perry. A fine evening is reported by those in attendance.

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Annual Pheasant Feed—

The annual pheasant feed enjoyed by a group of families in the neighborhood of Summerville, Brooks Lane, Pumpkin Ridge and Kibenhurst will be held next Sunday with Mr. and and Mrs. Reed Hibbert and their little daughter, M. Kibenhurst, in the lead and Interests. Since none of the pheasants in the valley are thought to have died during the period of heavy snows, yet the custom of "meeting and eating" is to be observed and the game and it will be a gala day for those privileged to attend.

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Return From Salem—

E. S. Comstock and children, Frances and John, returned Sunday from Salem where they spent an enjoyable week taking in the state fair and also contributing to it with a number of head of their fine Holsteins.

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To Make Official Visit—

Members of Cherry chapter, O. E. S. at Elgin are making elaborate plans for their meeting a week from this evening when they will have as their distinguished guest Mrs. Carrie Jackson, of Baker, associate grand matron of the grand chapter of Oregon, who is making an official visit. Mrs. Jackson is the friend of every member of this order in the valley and her visits are always greatly enjoyed.

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Pledged—

Melvin Crew, of Lostine, who entered Willamette university this fall, has pledged Alpha Pi, the fraternity with which most of the young men of this valley, and Wallowa county as well, have been identified while students at the Methodist school.

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Visit Valley—

Mrs. E. F. Tyler and her mother, Mrs. L. Hill, of Nora Springs, Iowa, and Paul and Bernice Hyde, of La Grande were guests yesterday at the home of Mrs. Chris Bertsch in Mill creek canyon, near Cove.

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Store Improved—

The City Drug store at Elgin is undergoing a complete reconstruction of the interior. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strachan, of La Grande, the new owners, are planning to arrange living quarters in the building at a later date.

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Fall Base Ball—

Fall baseball is the innovation this year at the Imbler high school according to Principal J. W. King. With five of the star baseball players out of school this year, a football team is out of the question, says Mr. King. Consequently baseball is proving quite popular. Why not? We have spring football!

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Infant New Officers—

New officers of the Island City Ladies aid, who took their respective offices at their meeting last Thursday were: president, Mrs. Garrett Hackland; first vice president, Mrs. Dee Davis; second vice president, Miss Minnie Hickman; secretary, Mrs. Isaac Shurtleff; treasurer, Mrs. Orlie Amos.

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Pioneer's Daughter Here—

Mrs. Julia Conley has for her guest for the next few months her sister, Mrs. Ada Walters, of Corvallis, known to the older residents all over the valley. These two fellow sun daughters of one of the earliest pioneers in the Grande Ronde valley.

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Mrs. Anderson Ill—

Mrs. H. H. Anderson, of near La Grande, was taken quite suddenly and quite seriously on Saturday evening and for a time her condition was quite alarming. She is reported as being a little better.

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Get New Rock—

Todd Conrad and Mrs. Clifford, of near Imbler, and Prof. Don Stewart, of the Imbler High school, went up into the Indian Creek section Sunday and came back with a fine rock and thereby set their names in the list of the early successful hunters. Good work done by daylight this morning and the few remaining pheasants in the valley will probably have been bagged before the open season is very far spent. Many minutes were to hope that the season might be made closed at least this and next year inasmuch as the severe weather practically wiped out the pheasants here.

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Reception For Teachers—

A delightful informal reception for the teachers of the Island City school was held Friday evening, September 27, at the school house under the auspices of the Island City Parent-Teacher association.

Beautiful flowers of the fall season lent their charm to the occasion. The program was opened by singing and Rev. I. H. Hansen, of the Island City community church, led in prayer. In his address of welcome, state senator Fred Kiddle stressed the need for elementary unity and cooperation. Mr. [illegible] responded in behalf of the teachers. The following selections were well received:

Violin solo, "Admiration," "Minuet in G," by Anita Hermann, accompanied by Mrs. Rae Hackland.

Reading, "The Child's Wisdom," Mrs. John Schroeder.

Vocal solo, "Old Familiar Faces," Miss Ruth Stanley, accompanied by Mrs. Ray Hackland.

Imitation of a small girl singing "School Days," Miss Ruth Stanley.

Refreshments were served by the committee of which Mrs. Henry Moore was the chairman. The Rev. Hansen and John Schroeder were on the serving committee.

Conclude Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Hudson, Kansas, who have been spending the past two months visiting relatives in the valley, left Sunday evening for their home.

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Visit at Muddy Creek—

Mrs. E. I. Parker and daughter, Rosie, of near Cove, drove to Muddy Creek last week where they made a visit at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. H. Daniel, and family. The Daniel family is very nicely located on their new ranch in the Muddy Creek vicinity.

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Moving to La Grande—

Mrs. Lizzie Baker and son, Ray, are moving this week from their old home ranch in Pleasant Grove neighborhood to La Grande where they contemplate living this winter. Mrs. Baker is expecting to purchase a smaller acreage nearer La Grande next spring.

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Visiting at Home—

Miss Bessie Smith is making a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lee Smith, at Island City, and will be here until probably Thursday. Miss Smith is at the head of the English department of the Athens High school.

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Attend Funeral—

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackman and Mrs. Loren Davis, of Island City, have returned from Walla Walla, where they attended the funeral of the father of the two ladies.

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Potato Harvest On—

Potato digging is the task immediately before potato growers in this valley. The results are not said to be overwhelming as the summer's drouth has resulted in a rather small size of the spuds for this locality this season. Some growers of commercial potatoes have made the statement this were it not for the probable very high prices this year, they would not even dig their potatoes. Stuart McKennon, on the Sunridge, is digging his 10 acres at the present time and finds his crop similar to others in this locality. He has a company of Umatilla Indians coming to his place who are picking the spuds this year.

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Mother Dies—

Charles M. Chaney, of Imbler, received word a week ago Saturday of the death of his mother Mrs. Katherine Chaney, which occurred that day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Wilbrandt of Omaha, Nebraska, with whom she had been making her home. While Mrs. Chaney was 87 years of age on September 11, she had been quite well considering her years and was ill but a very short time before her death. The message announcing her passing came before any word that she was ill. Mrs. Chaney had visited in the valley a number of times at the home of her son in Imbler and the other son, Harry Chaney, in La Grande. She made many friends and acquaintances during the stays here.

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Prune Picking Delayed—

A number of owners of prune orchards near the Cove report that it will be several days yet before prunes are ripe enough to be picked. Some report two weeks before a much shorter period. The prospects are that a big box car of the prunes from this valley will be dried this year.

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Day at Muddy Creek—

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter and Lyle, of Alder, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKennon and Miss Alice Kappel, of La Grande, drove to Muddy Creek Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lossing, where Curt Kappel and Miss Beatrice Lossing, of the same neighborhood, and the latter's cousin from Baker, including Mrs. Charles Wright, sen. Gordon, and daughter, Patricia, and Mrs. D. Gibson, were also guests.

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To Entertain Aid—

Mrs. Charles W. Chaney will be the hostess to the Imbler Ladies Aid Thursday afternoon at her home.

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Visit Near Cove—

Miss Merle Tippitsch and Mrs. J. A. Tippitsch, of La Grande, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch.

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Miss Daniel Ill—

Friends of Miss Jane Daniel, formerly of the La Grande High school and the Cove High school, will regret to learn of her illness last week at her home at Muddy Creek. Miss Jane suffered a similar illness during her freshman year in La Grande.

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Does Judging—

Harry G. Avery was here in Eastern Oregon for a few days last week and served as the judge at Stanfield at the Willows county fair in session at Enterprise. Mr. Avery returned to Corvallis Thursday making the trip by car.

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Reports Large Yields—

Floyd W. Hammack, who lives near Lostine, reports a yield of wheat in excess of 50 bushels to the acre this fall. In talking of the yield the Enterprise Record-Chieftain has the following to say: "In a 20-acre field north of the highway from his home, Floyd W. Hammack has harvested a winter wheat crop that made 50 bushels, perhaps the record for the valley this season. Mr. Hammack lives half a mile east of Lostine. In the level valley land north of the highway is a field which was in danger of being taken by Canada thistles. So Mr. Hammack left it fallow last year and cultivated it every week or so. He killed most of the thistles and at the same time working the soil so thoroughly that it produced a double crop of grain.

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Return From Salem—

E. A. Sutton, county superintendent of schools, and Wray Lawrence, county representative, returned Saturday and Sunday respectively from Salem where they went accompanying the different groups of 4-H young people in the state fair. Like all who took in the big show this year they are quite enthusiastic over the size and the success of this year's enterprise. Mr. Sutton is authority for the statement that 114 club members from the four corners of the state were in attendance and that they showed over 400 head of livestock. This work in this state is being very positively done, according to those in the position to know.

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Day in La Grande—

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McNeil, of the Mill Creek canyon, and Mrs. Minnie Sumner, of the swimming pool, were Cove residents who made yesterday in La Grande an outing.

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Enrolled at Normal—

Glenn Henderson, of the Iowa district, is among the valley young people who have enrolled at the Eastern Oregon Normal. Glenn was graduated from the La Grande High school last spring. He makes his home with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Henderson, in this locality.

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Raising Small Seed—

Clark R. Griggs, Smith-Hughes instructor at the Union High school, is authority for the new industry very interesting items. Affalfa seed yields were good near Union this fall. J. W. Hunter threshed 12 sacks from a three acre plot which is rows between prune trees with a yielding wonder. If seed prices hold up the income from this little field will compare favorably with the main crop. Gilbert Countryman will seed 400 acres of wheat this year. A new drug farmer doth the chief of its kind on potato farm in Oregon. Rye has been sowed and soon will be seeding day and night seeding a caterpillar tractor. Mr. Countryman did not harvest sweet clover seed this year, but did have some alfalfa seed which yielded a bushel of seed per acre. This does not seem a large yield but will probably return about as much net as wheat. The seed was threshed with a combine cleaned with a few special attachments. Wheat growers are still watch the deep furrow seeding with interest as it is said to increase yields to as 25 per cent.

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Entertain for Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin entertained at dinner Sunday at their home in Imbler in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Midland, Kansas. The table was prettily decorated with asters and dinner was enjoyed by the following relatives and friends: Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sturgis and daughter, Mrs. Billie Sturgis, of Enterprise, Mr. and Mrs. William Young and children, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Martin and children and Austin Martin, of Imbler, Miss Hazel Martin, of Portland, and Cleon L. Martin, of La Grande.

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Return Home—

Mrs. Mary Kuhl, who has been making an extended visit at the home of her son, Harry Kuhl, and family near Alder, has returned to her home at Goodson, Oregon.

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Apple Picking—

While some localities in the valley are picking prunes and other varieties of fruit in the north end of the valley they are beginning to be a little apples. In some every orchard there is some evidence of the approaching busy time picking season. Boys are being rounded and plans concerning, etc. etc. It is reported that the Wilson Bros. Ray, Lyle and Clyde, who have one of the large orchards in the Imbler neighborhood, are commencing on their winter business already.

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Mrs. Night Improves—

Mrs. Noah Kight, of Lower Cove, Observer correspondent from that locality, is reported to be recovering quite satisfactorily from her recent operation for appendicitis at Dr. Wonderlich's hospital in La Grande.

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Not All Live—

Jasper Mills, of near Cove, is still more or less optimistic over his crop of prunes for this season. At the time of the severe hail storm on August first it was reported that the Mills family had lost in the neighborhood of 70 tons of prunes. Even so, Mr. Mills says they expect to have a few little crop to be gathered in the near future.

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Grange Tomorrow—

The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. grange will be held tomorrow. This is a very important meeting inasmuch as final plans are to be made for the fair which is to be held Friday and Saturday of this week.

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Remodeled Home—

Chas. McCullough, who lives in the south part of Elgin, is very extensively remodelling his home. Among other improvements, two rooms are being added to the present structure.

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Change Location—

Their many friends in the valley will be interested in knowing that Mr. and Mrs. Wade Brooks, formerly of this section, who have been in Cove for the last three years, have been transferred from their former home at Bayard to Redgate and are coming to feel at home in their new surroundings. The two towns are about 75 miles apart.

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Entertainment Saturday Eve—

The same talent entertainment, "The Beauteous Choice," which the Women's club of Elgin is giving as a benefit for their community swimming pool, is to be held this coming Saturday evening.

Power of Passion

The passions are the only orators that always persuade. They are, as it were, a natural art, the rules of which are intuitive, and the simplest man with passion is more persuasive than the most eloquent without it.—La Rochefoucauld.

Wanted Smoke in Hereafter

That a pipe, a pouch of tobacco, and a box of matches might be buried with him, was the strange request made by Sydney Turner, New Barking, Essex, England. His will was made on a scrap of paper

UNION CO. MEMBERS WIN LAURELS AGAIN AT THE STATE FAIR

County agriculturist Wray Lawrence returned from the state fair Sunday feeling very good over the records made by the boys and girls who went down with their livestock for exhibit and who were as representatives of the county clubs to participate in the livestock judging contests. The club work this year, according to all who were at Salem, was the big thing of the show. Very close to 1200 boys and girls were on the ground and they showed up as an appreciative public what they can do and have been doing in the line of the livestock exhibited. "The boys and girls could put on quite a show all by themselves," one is reported as saying.

The whirlwind of Gertrude Bell, of near Cove, whose registered Jersey, Lisa Flora Valentine Bell, was placed champion in her class; Clayton Fox, of Imbler, who made such a wonderful record with his cow and run, and Bobbie Horne, of Brooks Lane, who brought home the governor's ribbon, have been given mention before. The records made and awards received, as given out by Mr. Lawrence, with no mention of the prize in each instance, is as follows:

Division I, sheep—
Bobbie Horne, first.
Clayton Fox, second.

Division II—Fat Lamb—
Clayton Fox, first.
Bobbie Horne, second.

Division III—Yearling—
Bobbie Horne, first.

Division I, swine—
Clayton Fox, first.
Bobbie Horne, second.

Division II—Fat Lamb—
Clayton Fox, first.
Bobbie Horne, second.

Division III—Yearling—
Bobbie Horne, first.

In the open class, Clayton took fourth place with both his sow and ram.

Showmanship, Clayton, second; Bobbie, fifth.

Dairy Division—

Gertrude Bell, first on senior heifer (Jersey).

Gertrude Bell, first on producing cow (Jersey).

John Comstock, fifth on senior calf (Holstein).

Frances Comstock, sixth on senior calf (Holstein).

Frances Comstock, fifth on senior yearling (Holstein).

Ted Ogilvie, fifth on producing cow (Guernsey).

Ted Ogilvie, fourth on senior calf.

Ted Ogilvie, in open class, fifth on senior calf.

Gertrude Bell, open class, first in three year old division.

Gertrude Bell, open class, fourth on senior calf.

Roberta Bell, third, open class, senior calf.

Roberta Bell, seventh, open class, senior calf.

Showmanship, Gertrude Bell, seventh.

Beef Cattle Division—

Annie Gess, first and seventh on showmanship.

Hogs—

Olive Gorham, Chester White, showmanship, first.

Owen Gorham, second.

Quintin Bowman, fourth.

Forrest Bowman, fifth.

Virginia Noe, sixth.

Gene Hackland, seventh.

Wilbur Hackland, eighth.

In the livestock judging contest, the Union county representatives, being the three young people from North Powder, tied for sixth place with 19 clubs competing. This was their first judging experience of this kind, and their showing is quite a credit to Union county club work, it is asserted.

Smith-Hughes Boys Do Well At Enterprise

Since this is the very first experience at judging of livestock, except in class work at the high school, Union High school folks are quite proud of the fact that one of their team, Holden Miller, was the high point man at the judging contest held at the Enterprise fair last week. Miller made a total of 447 points, with Merley coming close after him as second man in the lot. Teams were present from the four high schools in Eastern Oregon which have the Smith-Hughes departments, Enterprise with 1452 points winning first place, Imbler with 1168 second, Union with 1445 third, and Wallowa fourth with 1377. The boys judged dairy and beef cattle, sheep and hogs.

The team representing Imbler composed of Rollins, Smith, Mattess, Holmes, and Merley and from this bunch will be chosen a team to represent Dan Stewart which will be sent the last Saturday of the month to participate in the contests at the Pacific International. In addition to the judging Imbler representatives brought back two blue ribbons and some cash, Virgil Chaney's Soft Federation wheat taking first in both the club and open classes.

Instructor Cecil R. Griggs, of Union, is quite encouraged over the showing which his boys made, and is expecting them to do well at the big Portland show. Miller, who as stated was high point man, had 447 points. Tripp was second in his team with 431. Wright made 342. DeVaty was the alternate going to Enterprise. The boys are all hard at work now and the announcement will be made later of the personnel of the team going to Portland.

COMING EVENTS

Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, Blue Mt. grange fair at grange hall.

Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5, Applejack Gulch at Imbler.

Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11, Tri-county Teachers Institute at La Grande.

Thursday, October 17, annual county convention of Ladies Aid societies at the Alder church.

A Seasonable Recipe

Tomato Relish (Cold)

One peck ripe tomatoes, chopped fine.

One cup salt.

Sprinkle salt over tomatoes. Let stand over night. Next morning turn in colander and drain all water off. Then chop separately:

Two cups celery.
Two cups onions.
Three sweet peppers.

Add:

Three cups light brown sugar.
Three pints vinegar.
One tablespoon black pepper.
One tablespoon cinnamon.

Mix all together and seal in jars. Keep one year.

Grange Notes

The meeting of Blue Mt. grange will be held Thursday instead of Friday. The morning will be the regular meeting while the afternoon will be spent making entries for the fair which opens up on Friday.

Grange Fair This Week

Committees are out attempting to secure a full house of exhibits for the Grange fair to be held on Friday and Saturday of this week. A number of special exhibits are to be on display. Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce is to bring in exhibit of sewing from various countries, the Blue Mt. Fair farm expects to be also to get in exhibit and the Boy Scouts expect to have a special demonstration. Other special attractions are being arranged and a number are out getting the exhibits of grain, fruit and vegetables.

Several more prizes have been given by the business men of La Grande, and in addition to the ones reported last week, J. H. Truax and sons, Turkish Motor company, Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co., Blue Mt. garage, Melville Hardware store, U. S. Bank, La Grande National Bank, La Grande Book and Stationery company, Jack Alley Supply Co., Van Patten Lumber Co., and Barr Paint store. County school superintendent Sayre is working in getting club work exhibits and county agent Lawrence is working in getting agricultural exhibits and also assisting in arranging for judges. Frank McKennon and E. W. Scarey are assisting in getting exhibits from their localities, while J. A. Noe is planning on bringing down an exhibit from the Wall Cove districts. Admittance to the fair is free and all are invited to attend. Those who wish are invited to donate their exhibits to the fair and they will be sold at auction in paying the fair expenses and the balance used to add to the fund for a new grange hall.

Full House at Pomona

Pleasant Grove grange hall was filled with grange members from all over the county at the meeting of the Pomona grange on Sunday, Sept. 29. The Wallowa Pomona grange went over in a delegation of three members and practically every grange in this county had members present.

During the business meeting a special set in credentials committee—Jas. Woodell, W. M. Pierce and E. L. Kelsey—was appointed, and Mrs. Cornelia Pierce and Mrs. W. H. Gekeler were appointed as investigators and report at the next meeting on state printed text books.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the changing of the deer hunting season to the 1st of October for speaker and also endorsing the recommendation of Mt. Fannie grange that each subordinate grange in the county sponsor the sending of one boy or girl club member to the summer school.

Fred Hambright, Pomona master of Wallowa, extended greetings to the Union county members and N. C. Donaldson, master of Alder Slope grange and Pomona grange lecturer, explained the work shipping association of Wallowa and county agent Wray W. Lawrence was appointed as chairman of a committee to look into the matter further and report at the next Pomona meeting.

On the literary program under the direction of the Pomona lecturer, Mrs. W. R. Gekeler, music numbers were given by the Pleasant Grove orchestra, piano solo by Clara Norris. The leading address of the day was given by Hon. Walter M. Pierce, County School Supt. E. A. Ekins gave a fine report of the club work and the results from this county at the state fair.

Two fine banquets were given by the members of the Pleasant Grove grange and refreshments were also served after the degree work in the evening. The next Pomona grange meeting will be held with the Blue Mt. grange on the second Saturday in November.

Grange Date

The special meeting of the Oregon State Grange to be held in La Grande has been changed from the first Saturday in November to the fourth Saturday in October, which comes on the 26th. The meeting was changed on account of conflicting dates. A meeting of the committee to make final arrangements is set for Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5, at the grange fair. The chamber of commerce will be asked to send a committee to meet with the committee from the grange.

Icebergs' Graveyard

After the icebergs get out of the Labrador current disintegration goes on naturally and more and more repair until the bergs finally disappear about 400 miles south of New Scotia. This region is called the "graveyard of the icebergs."

Using the Sun

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