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A SOLEMN WARNING—It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.—Matthew 13:24, 25, 26.



A nice thing about being a senator is that your jawing is called debate.

The degree of poverty that pinches is the one degree by which you are poorer than the neighbors.

Among the world's rottenest sports are those who bring a child into the world and deny it the training and attention that would give it a fair chance. It's sorry but true that children reflect all too accurately the interest and time parents give them.

People will come from all corners of Union and Wallowa counties to take part in the Pirate Party being staged the last three days of this week by La Grande business firms. Read the details in tomorrow's Observer—study the lists of free prizes—and we think you'll agree that it should be the biggest event the community has seen for a long time.

That community is indeed poor about which no good can be said, but poorer still is the citizen so blinded by petty prejudices and self-interest that his criticisms of the home-town are many and never interspersed with approbation. Just as every human being has faults, every community, which is but a collection of human beings, has defects. But, considering the number of human failings, is it not surprising that the average city and town has so few shortcomings and can please so many? There would be less knocking if the knockers realized that a community is just what its citizens make it and that it is a confession of personal weakness to diagnose the home-town as incurably sick and decrepit. By their fault-finding they admit they have failed to do their part in making their town fit their ideal of what a community should be.

NOT SELF-SUSTAINING

Americans have always been proud of the great extent of their country's natural resources. They have been told, very often, that the nation is self-sufficient; and the fact that its territory yields more of such great commodities as oil, coal, copper, lumber, wheat, cotton and iron than any other nation seems to substantiate that statement.

But modern civilization is very complicated. It requires an enormous number of products to keep it going. So, when Theodore Knappen of the Magazine of Wall Street took the trouble to investigate the situation the other day, he found himself driven to this conclusion:

"The United States is not self-contained. We could not maintain our present population with the simplest sort of living standards, and we could not exist at all according to present standards, if we were cut off from the rest of the world." This is a surprising statement. Yet Knappen presents figures to back it up.

The United States is wholly, or almost wholly, dependent on other nations for its supplies of such essential commodities as tin, rubber, chromium, manganese, nickel, potash, jute and sugar.

Some of those are things of which the ordinary man hears little. Yet our present civilization could not function without them. They are things we must have, in ample measure, if we are to keep going. Realization of this ought to make us a little bit more willing to turn our minds to the question of world peace.

For this fact—the fact that we are not a self-sustaining nation—obviously means that a war would be very bad business. To be sure, we might insure our safety by building a navy twice as big as anyone else's, and by maintaining an enormous army; but that would be expensive, and it might not work anyway.

It will be easier, and wiser, to see that we remain at peace.

OVER THE VALLEY

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Entertain Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thompson, of Fruitdale gave a dinner at home Sunday, the guests at the delightful event having been Mrs. Jennie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Welch and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Thompson and Mrs. Al Johnson.

Over From Weston

Prof. and Mrs. Guy Brace, of Weston drove over Sunday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ledbetter, and on their return were accompanied by Eva and Edna Ledbetter. Other guests at the Ledbetter home over the weekend were Mrs. Ruby Loeving of Muddy creek and Miss Edith Peale, teacher in the Muddy creek high school.

Drive to Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Osborne of Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Summerville drove to Ontario Saturday, and returned Sunday with the limit of pheasants.

Improves

Viral flu of near Imbler was quite ill last week but is much better now, according to reports.

Get Their Dues

Frank Oliver, Leo Niederer, Louis Aulchir and Ernest Pugh made up a party of Dry Creek farmers who went into the hills last week and returned with three milk deer, all very good sized.

Sunday Guest

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frizell and family of Pleasant Grove were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall.

Receives Bad News

Mrs. Abe LaViers of near Summerville was called yesterday to Dulake after a message, which stated that her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, was very low. Mrs. LaViers was called to Dulake last week by her sister's illness, but returned home a few days ago when she had improved a great deal.

Potatoes Out

With rather varying results, the potato crop of the valley is practically out of the grounds. In the majority of instances the yield is said to be lighter than has been hoped for on account of the long drought. The spuds are smaller in size in certain localities. Others report good yields. The price of the commodity at present and the outlook for the winter makes all who have had any spots at all wish it might have been a bumper crop.

Sunday at Imbler

Miss Dorothy Kirby and her house guest, Miss Gertrude Turner, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fox at Imbler. Miss Turner taught in the Imbler school two years ago.

To Have Social

The Abert class of the Island City Sunday school will have a social and family sale, Friday evening at the church. A program has been arranged and the evening promises to be an interesting one.

Observe Birthdays

The children and grand children and a few friends of Mrs. W. A. West of Pumpkin Ridge helped her observe her 84th birthday and were entertained by going to the West home for dinner, the whole affair being in the nature of a surprise. Those who attended the event and gave Mrs. West a never-to-be-forgotten birthday were Miss Marie West of Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason, Ben Milum and Dr. Mason of La Grande, Miss Henrietta West, Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Mason of Ilwaco, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson and Lorraine Hue of Dry Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jamman and children of Pleasant Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Park, Mr. and Mrs. Ray West and children.

Visit at Indian Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Zorbeck and children of Moss Chapel drove to Indian Creek Sunday and were guests of the Horn home.

Have Fine Herd

U. M. Gray of lower Cove has one of the largest and really good herds of grade cows in that locality. Mr. Gray is milking 25 cows at present, the work being done by a milking machine, and he finds a ready market for his sweet cream.

Island City Aid

There was an unusually large attendance at the Island City Ladies Aid when it met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ray Hokland with Mrs. Mita Hokland and Mrs. C. H. Hillwell as assisting hostesses. The Hokland home was very cozy with its decorations of fall flowers. Mrs. Ernest Hokland, president, presided over the business meeting and the devotional was led by Mrs. O. D. Shaffer. A fine program followed the business meeting. After Mrs. Ruth Smalley sang "Home," Virginia and Alfred Perry dressed in pretty costumes, presented a great number of pretty gifts showcased by the ladies present on Mrs. Wray Lawrence. Mrs. John Schroeder gave an excellent and appropriate reading. Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon. The guests present were Mrs. Will Mitchell, and small son, Billy; Mrs. Marion Stroblard and Mrs. Ed Hokland.

Not so Well

Mrs. J. N. Smith of the Valeria district was reported as not being so well last week.

FOUR SISTERS WIN DE GREES
THEIR (Aunt)—Hazel Thibson, a local business woman, is one of the present fathers in all Germany. Her two daughters are all doctors of philosophy. Two are already university professors, while the two youngest, Berna, have just received their degrees.

Returns From Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Royce of near Summerville have returned from Portland where they went about a week ago. They visited also at Sunnyside, Washington, on their way home.

Visiting in Valley

Mrs. Alma Rogers of Yallma, Washington, has been visiting among relatives in different parts of the valley. Mrs. Rogers was called here by the sudden death of her brother, W. J. Cantrell of Ponderosa.

To Address Club

Mrs. Walter Pierce of the valley will address the members of the Women's club of Union, when it meets at the club house on Thursday. Mrs. Pierce's subject will be "Incidents of Travel."

Death of Pioneer

Friends in the valley were grieved last week to learn of the death of James "Chippers" in Wallowa county. Mr. Chipper was among the early pioneers of early Oregon and lived until about 20 years ago in the Summerville section. He crossed the plains with his parents from Missouri in his early 60's and settled near Summerville.

Visitors Sunday

Mrs. Ruth Oliver, of Dry creek, had for visitors Sunday, Mrs. Earl Park, Mrs. Wayne Park, Miss Frank Woodell and Mrs. Press Pugh. The men folks were up in the reserve where they have their cattle during the winter season, repairing the trails.

Gets First Buck

Richard Miller, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Miller of lower Cove is quite elated, and justly so, over the fine buck he brought home Sunday, his first one, and a fine one according to reports.

Class Meets

The W. W. Sunday school class, a group of school girls taught by Mrs. Emma Hokland, met yesterday afternoon after school and held a business meeting. Miss Anna Mae Shaffer presided during the meeting. Officers were chosen as follows: president, Beniah Hazy, vice president, Ben Cooper, secretary, Anna Mae Shaffer, chairman social committee, Daphne Rowery, chairman program committee, Edith Parker.

To Entertain Thursday

Members of the Ladd Canyon club will have as their guests at a luncheon on Thursday the members of the Paradise club.

Go on Hunting Expedition

Herman and Arthur Babin of Cove highway, Isaac Shaffer and son, Newton of Island City and Wilmer Shumate of La Grande returned Sunday from a hunting expedition up in the vicinity of Troy in Wallowa county. They were joined there by Fred Shaffer of that locality who took the men further into the hills.

Have Good Sale

The sale at the Coleman George farm nine miles east of La Grande yesterday was very well attended and things sold well, according to reports.

Visit At Pendleton

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Zurlieck and children, Harold and Margaret of Moss Chapel, drove to Pendleton Saturday and spent the day there on a combined business and pleasure excursion.

Have New Son

A baby son was born last week

Announce Marriage

Mr. Gilbert Miller and Miss Catherine Daniel are announcing their marriage which was an event of June 21. For considerable time, Mr. and Mrs. Miller kept the news of their marriage a real secret but during the last few weeks there has been some hint of it circulating here and there. The two young people concerned are among the most popular and well known people of the valley both having lived for years in the Cove neighborhood. Mrs. Miller after having completed her high school work at Cove took a year of post graduate work at the La Grande high school then had a year at Monmouth and this summer attended the summer session of the Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande. She is teaching the Alice school this year. She is the elder daughter of R. H. Daniel, until recently of the Cove. Mr. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Miller of lower Cove and has been associated with his father in operating the ranch. Mrs. Miller will teach the Alice school through the present year, but beyond that time they are not announcing their plans.

Rent Farm

Billie Ray, who has been living in the tent house on the Baker farm in the Dry creek neighborhood has rented the Pete Arnold place in the same locality and moved there the first of the week.

Visit Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow, teaching in the Loring school visited at the home of Mrs. Crow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers near Summerville at the time of the Tri-county teachers institute.

Grandma Luckman Ill

Grandma Luckman of Imbler is reported as being quite ill at her home. Her advanced years makes her illness all the more serious.

Fire Spreads Rapidly

A fire started on the Pierce place across the highway and track from the house spread very rapidly yesterday, with the wind blowing at a pretty good rate and covered in addition to the Pierce tract, a 180-acre stubble field and straw stacks on the Garrett Hokland farm as well as the fence between the Garrett and Andrew Hokland fields. The loss to Mr. Hokland was quite heavy as it took all of his straw, and robbed him of all the feed on this large tract.

Have New Son

A baby son was born last week

at the Grand Island hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Iron Osborne of Imbler last week.

Return From Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wright and daughter of lower Cove have returned from their trip into Idaho taken over the weekend while school was not in session. They visited Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Comstock.

Given Splendid Surprise

Mrs. Fred Spuehler, Sr. of Quincy, Ill., who is visiting among her relatives in the valley, was given a genuine surprise and a very happy one Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauer and daughter, Edna, in the Iowa district. The guests at the splendid supper were, in addition to the guest of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spuehler, Jr. of Painesville, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Starr and son, Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallinger, Mr. and Mrs. John Spuehler, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Spuehler and daughter, Helen Jean. After the supper the evening was spent socially, with music at intervals. Mrs. Knauer used pink and white flowers in abundance for her decorations. One of the delightful features of the party was when Mrs. Spuehler was presented with a basket of gifts from her relatives and friends.

Weekend at Home

Miss Ardath Prizell, who stays in La Grande and attends high school, spent the weekend at her home at Pleasant Grove.

Returns From Canada

Earle Miller, of Lower Cove has returned from a ten days business trip up into Canada.

Club in Meet

Mrs. L. A. Willerson of Fruitdale will be the hostess to the members of the Paradise club tomorrow at her home.

Convention Thursday

Members of the Abert Ladies Aid are making extensive preparations for the county aid convention which they will be hostesses Thursday of this week. The program begins in the morning with lunch at noon, to which all attending will contribute, and an interesting afternoon. The convention will be held in the Abert Methodist church.

Sunday at Home

Mrs. Burr Slack and her daughters, Bernice and Vada, and son, Lyle went to their home near Summerville over the vacation period of last week. The young people are attending school in La Grande, for them.

Visit Relatives

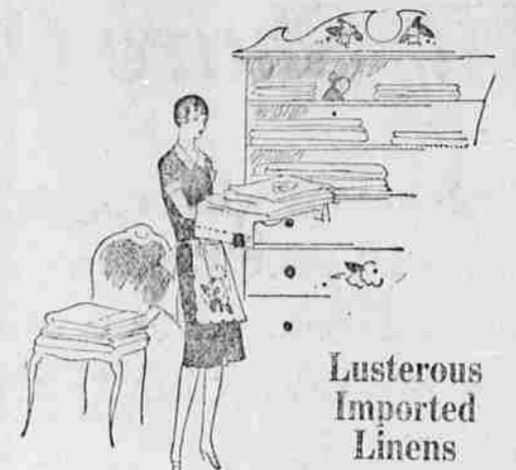
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel, Jane and Arletta drove up from Muddy Creek Sunday and spent the day at the A. H. Daniel and R. H. Burkey homes at Cove. Miss Jane was given a birthday party at the Muddy Creek school one afternoon last week in which 24 of her classmates participated.

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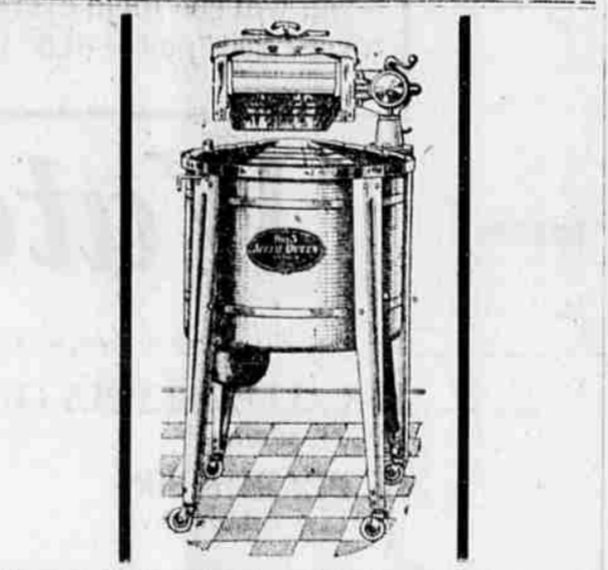
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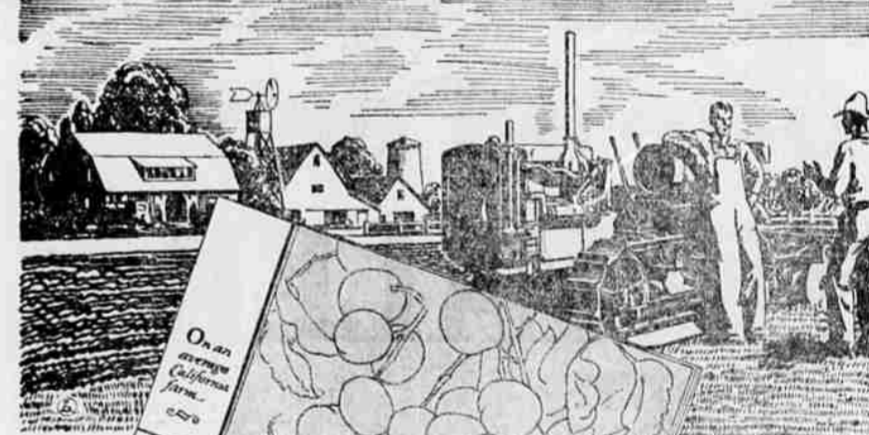
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