

Over The Valley

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When he returned home it was about 11 o'clock, but there was a big company of his friends and the table all set for a big birthday dinner—a complete surprise on Mr. Moss.

Makes Improvements—Tom Wallinger of Valeria district has been making some outdoor improvements the last few weeks, anticipating the approaching bad weather. Among other things he has torn away the old water tank and installed a new cement tank of large proportions.

Working on Road—The county road surveyors are working on the road north of Summerville, which is slated for a course of improvements. With a few days of good weather the work started on the road past Dillard Chouteau's would have been completed with the temporary bridge finished.

Get All Honors—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, living west of Summerville, go all honors and first prize for being the first ones to drag the green Dodge sedan out of the mud for this season. Driving off the gravel at the end of the Pleasant Grove road when it was just getting dark enough to not see the slippery condition of the road and not knowing it had rained hard in that particular section all afternoon, Toddie made a brave start, but did a few fancy steps and wheel spins and stopped on the edge of the bank. After a half hour's work when the car refused to stay jacked up long enough for the chains to go on and the Over the Valley feet were so heavy with mud, moving was well nigh impossible—oh,

the grand and glorious feeling of at least someone coming along the road at near-dark. And the Good Samaritans did the job and Toddie went on her way rejoicing. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have both been about sick with very severe colds and coughs and, while he is about well again, Mrs. Smith is having quite a time yet.

Of Local Interest—Did you read on the last page of last evening's Observer of the hen over at Dulles, Ore., that made the record of 244 eggs in a year? And did you figure that that would be some money if all the eggs could have brought present prices? It really had more local interest than that. Out at Mosses Hatchery at Imbler, Mrs. Moss has 11 blooded roosters, which she purchased as day-old chicks last season, and they are from the same flock and strain as this hen which made this unusual record. Mrs. Moss has always been proud of her fine birds, but this makes her all the more so—and justly.

Have Large Class—At the regular meeting tomorrow evening of the I. O. O. F. of Summerville a class of six candidates will be given the initiatory work.

Parm Sale Reported—The sale of the Leonard Huffman 660-acre ranch to Marshall Huffman has been reported. Possession to be given the first of the year. The ranch is in the Pyle canyon district, about five miles south of Union.

Take Possession—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Becker and son, Eugene, arrived in the valley Tuesday of this week and have taken up their present and permanent home on the old J. M. Smith homestead below the lower Cove road near Alice. This farm came into the possession of Eugene Becker, Jr., through the terms of the will of the late J. M. Smith.

Home for Few Days—The Misses Eula and Leila Ott, who have been working at the dehydrator in La Grande, have gone to their home near Summerville for a 10 days' vacation period.

Move—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doty, who have been living on the DeLong farm in the Valeria district, have moved to a farm a short distance below Elgin.

Big Time—While actual reports of the association meeting last evening at Summerville are not available as this is being written, from the preparations being made yesterday the meeting at Old Fellows and Rebekahs from all over the county last evening must have been successful. In addition to the instructive part of the evening, the Summerville people had prepared a program for the entertainment of their guests, including a short play. Refreshments were served after the work of the evening, two courses of good things to eat which those Summerville people know so well how to prepare.

Spend Day—Mrs. Don Stewart of Imbler was a guest at the Ledbetter home at Alice Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are planning to drive up into Washington next week to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. Stewart's parents in Seattle and with her parents at Port Lewis.

Day in La Grande—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sanderson and Mrs. E. Sanderson of Summerville were in La Grande Wednesday, visiting at the home of Mrs. Dave Sanderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Niederer, and doing some Christmas shopping.

Give Program—The children of the first four grades of the Cove school are to appear in an entertainment this evening at the school, the program taking the form of a minstrel show and the performers being advertised as the "Junior or Varsity Kids." The young folks with their teachers have been working on the program for some time.

All-day Meeting—Members of the Island City aid held an all-day meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Fred Kiddle with 42 members and one visitor present. At noon a potluck dinner was served, which to the guests seemed more like a Christmas dinner—the table so pretty in its appointments and with Oregon groups

She's Nation's Champ Canner



One jar of selected peas, canned according to government bulletins issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and cooked in a pressure cooker, has brought Mrs. Mary Hyvass of Kennan, Wis., \$1000 and the title of champion canner of the nation at the National Canning Contest held in Chicago recently. In addition to that prize, she won \$250 for a jar of vegetables entered.

furnishing the decoration. The work for the day was tacking out cornerboards and three were completed.

Directors For Ackles Cemetery Are Selected

A meeting of those interested in the Ackles cemetery was held the first of this week at the courthouse. The first object of the meeting was to choose directors to succeed Albert Good, deceased, and Hawkins Mitchell, who has moved out of this part of the state. William Tiffany of La Grande was chosen to succeed the former and William Mitchell of Island to succeed the latter. Another meeting of those interested will be held next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the same place.

The Ackles cemetery is one about which the average citizen of the valley knows very little, although practically everyone who rides out in the valley at all is familiar with a little burying ground (as it looks to be) located on the Fred Zaugg ranch on the Mt. Glen road. It is easily seen from that road as well as roads down below in the valley. A close inspection of the plot shows it to be of fair size and containing many graves. The soil in the plot is very similar to that in the old cemetery which was formerly on the site of the E. O. N. It is very hard and very rocky. It is given us on very good authority that there was a real purpose in the selection of such a place for a cemetery. The earliest grave in Ackles cemetery bears a date of 1864. It is said that the Indians roaming over this territory frequently visited burying grounds and molested the graves, even to the extent of exhuming a body and sealing the corpse. To safeguard against this a soil was selected which would make such depredations next to impossible, at least not encouraging to the marauders.

The cemetery plot was given by the deed of George and Louise Ackles, pioneers of the valley and members of the Moss family. Mrs. Ackles having been an aunt of James Moss of La Grande. The deed was given to the trustees of the then two most prominent churches in the valley, the Methodist and the United Brethren. The grounds are kept in good shape and are protected by a splendid fence with steel posts set in concrete bases. According to the stipulation of the deed, burial in this plot is free.

FOSTER HEADS CONFERENCE—EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—Day Foster of Portland will head the high school leadership conference directorate at the University of Oregon and will be assisted by a committee of 14 members. Conference dates have been set for January 10 and 11, 1930 at which time high school leaders and journalists all over the state will come to Eugene.

Those appointed are: Eleanor Flanagan, Marshfield, assistant chairman; Phyllis Van Kinnell, Salem, secretary; Delbert Addison, Eugene; Stanford Brooks, Astoria; Anne Shauge, La Grande; Rex Tussing, Halcy; George Cherry, Enterprise; Harriet Kibbe, Charles Laird, Omar Palmer, Bill Knox, Wilma Enke, Harry Van Dine and Helen Peters, all of Portland.

EXPERIMENTAL KILN—CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—An experimental lumber dry kiln has just been put into full operation here by the school of forestry of the Oregon State college to determine the most favorable and economical conditions of heat and moisture for drying Oregon's commercial woods. The new kiln is fully equipped for accurate research, permitting variation of heat, humidity and rate of circulation. A huge scale connected with the floor gives the weight of the load at any time. Moisture content is being reduced from about 26 to 16 per cent with the best lumber.

A scientist says oysters have neither brains nor voice. But you surely have heard a lot of other poor fish talk.

Drouth Results In Wallowa Co. Are Pictured

The rains which commenced in Eastern Oregon during the week-end have brought or will result in decided relief for the farmers and livestock men. It is reported on every side. That conditions were getting to be very bad may be seen by the following story written by our Wallowa correspondent the day before the rains started in this county.

Reports from various farmers in different parts of the hill farming sections of this county indicate that stock water at many of the farms has reached the point of exhaustion. The wells and springs have been sinking lower for the past several weeks and continued use, with but very little water running into them, has used up the available supply rapidly. A number of farmers in the Dry creek community have been busy the past several days hauling up a supply of water from Whiskey creek and the river to fill some of their wells, hoping that by the time this has been used that the moisture conditions will show some improvement.

Some of those who have large numbers of cattle and horses in the dry pastures have been driving the stock for considerable distances to water. John Trince of Dry creek has been busy the past several days digging a well at his farm there. However, he says that he has struck no water and that the soil is exceptionally dry down to the solid rock.

Whiskey creek, from where some of the farmers of that community are hauling their water, is very low and some are finding it difficult to find places where there is enough water standing in pools to fill a tank without it being necessary to wait for more water to run down.

The weather up until Sunday morning has been fair the greater part of the time and much of the stock is still in pastures. On Sunday a light snow began falling and by noon the ground was covered with a light blanket of snow. Farmers are very glad to see the snow, as they feel this is the only chance for moisture at this season of the year.

The somewhat delayed egg production of the pullet flocks of this community is beginning to start at this time, according to reports from some of the flocks owners. Many poultrymen believe that the hot, dry weather has had much to do with the flocks being several weeks later in coming into laying. Egg prices have been around 50 and 55 cents here for the past several weeks. However, during the past week the prices at some of the stores have dropped to 45 cents per dozen.

One novel that seldom has a happy ending is the one you complete when you fill out the last stub in the check book.

TALK CREDIT CORPORATION—PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Twenty-five upstate bankers were here today at the invitation of W. G. Ide, manager of the Oregon state chamber of commerce, to discuss proposals for organizing a Pacific Northwest credit corporation to loan funds to farmers. The bankers met in conjunction with the numerous Pacific Northwest business men and agriculturists who are attending the Pacific Northwest advisory board meeting, which started today.

FISH PACKER DIES—PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Frank A. Seufert, of The Dalles, prominent fish packer and developer of the Upper Columbia country, died last night at his Portland residence after an illness of several months. He was 77 years old.

Seufert was born on Long Island, N. Y., in 1853 and learned the butcher trade in New York.

FORESEES FUTURE NEEDS—NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—The time when transoceanic airships will land passengers on skyscrapers is foreseen by Alfred B. Smith. The 55-story building to be erected on the site of the Waldorf Astoria hotel by a company of which he is president will be surrounded by a 260-foot mooring mast for dirigibles.

APPROVE TARIFF INCREASE—WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The senate today approved without a record vote an increase in the tariff on top wool waste from 21 to 27 cents a pound. The house bill provided a rate of 24 cents.



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