OVER THE VALLEY

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Have First Swim—
A group of girls from La Grande enjoyed their first swim of the year Sunday at the Cove swimming pool as guests of Mrs. Minnette Sentner, manager of the pool. They found the water as delightful as on a midsummer day except for the chilliness of the atmosphere. Mrs. Sentner reports that swimmers have been at hand almost every Sunday and on New Year's day a good sized crowd was present at the pool. Those who ventured out Sunday were members of the Observer staff including the Misses Lenore Gibson, Alyce Cook, Ruth Durland and Katheryn Moran, accompanied by Miss Mary Culp.

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All Day Meet—
Cricket Flat grange met in regular session at the Highland school house Saturday. This was an all day meeting with lunch served by section No. 3. During the afternoon, a discussion was held concerning the establishing and operation of a cooperative creamery in Union county. Mr. Kergard, of Emmett, Idaho, was present, as were R. S. Comstock, of Cove and W. R. Gekeler, of La Grande. Those members of the grange who were interested in dairying were favorably impressed with the proposition. During the lecture hour, reports were received from the various divisions of the economic conference held last month in La Grande. There were about 40 members present. Raymond Waelty gave a short report on farm crops. Perry Witherspoon gave a summary of the poultry and livestock division, Bernal Hug told of the discussions of the horticultural section and Mrs. Bernal Hug gave a review of the home economics section. On March 22 the two Elgin granges, Cricket Flat and Rock Wall will entertain the Union County Pomona grange at the Rock Wall grange's new hall on the market road north of Elgin.

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Taken to Hospital—
Mrs. Henry Muir, of Cove, who has been suffering with influenza, was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital last Friday for treatment for sinus trouble.

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Selling Chickens—
Mrs. Luther Hindman, of Elgin, reports the sale of nearly 200 chickens to the Portland markets last week. Last spring Mrs. Hindman bought 500 day-old chicks and has already marketed a large number. Among them were a large number of capons.

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Entertains Guests—
Mrs. C. C. Cates entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gervais, Mrs. Sarah Bills, Mrs. Knull, of Twin Falls and Mrs. Logan Beem and Mrs. Nancy Merritt at her home recently. The Cates home is located on the market road north of Elgin.

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Ill at Home—
Jacob Pepper, who has made his home for several years with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Betchel, of Pine Grove district, near Elgin, is reported as being quite ill of late. Due partly to his advanced age his health has been gradually failing for some time, but for the last few weeks, he has been compelled to remain in bed practically all the time.

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To Portland—
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker, of Cove left last Tuesday for a two weeks visit in Portland at the home of Mrs. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown.

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Birthday Party—
Mrs. Benjamin Bendshadler, of the Highland district, near Elgin gave a party on Wednesday of last week honoring her older daughter, Irene's, birthday anniversary. Due to the inclement weather, the party was held at the B. D. Hug home in Elgin. As it was also the sixth birthday anniversary of Harold Harriman, there were two identical birthday cakes with the appropriate number of candles on each. The children present were David Hug, Ila Knezevich, Nadine Sanders, Jane Hallgarth, Norma Kelty, Earl Harriman, Junior and Philip Hug, DeLeva Hug, Ernestine and Lorita Aland, Frederick Hill, Lois and Irene Bendshadler and Harold Harriman.

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Many Attend School—
Among the many interested listeners at the tractor school held in La Grande Friday were Earl Chandler and Weber English, of Elgin. Bernal Hug, also of Elgin was visiting in La Grande earlier in the week and remained for the school.

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Resumes Studies—
Miss Dorothy Mills, who has been spending a short vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills, at Cove, returned Thursday to Walla Walla to resume her studies at the beginning of the new semester.

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Have Collision—
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller, of Alicel, had their car badly wrecked Friday when a truck collided with them on the street in La Grande.

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Ill at Home—
Mrs. Sarah Gekeler has been confined to her home near Elgin by an attack of influenza. Miss Lucy McClune has been assisting with the work on the farm during Mrs. Gekeler's illness.

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Has Operation—
Willard Snively, who underwent a mastoid operation at Hot Lake on Friday, is reported to be recovering nicely. He is the son of Will Snively who formerly had a ranch on Little creek, a few miles from Union. He now lives at Haines.

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Has Nice Flock—
Several years ago Ted Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson of Union, started in the chicken business on a small scale and has gradually increased his flock until he has built up quite a profitable industry. His interest dates back to the time when his father told him he could have their flock or chickens if he would stop their depredations in the yard and garden. He was eight years of age then and has had charge of the flock ever since that time. Three years ago he decided that his pure bred Rhode Island Reds were not paying as big dividends as he had hoped and sent for 200 White Leghorn baby chicks of the Hollsen strain. By systematic planning and scientific feeding he has been able to accumulate a bank account that will help defray his expenses at college next fall. He fattens the young roosters on milk and corn and sells them as broilers. During the summer months while eggs are cheap and the production is low he figures he breaks even on expenses and his broilers pay for the baby chicks. This last year his pullets began to lay in August and reached the peak of production in December when eggs were the highest. During the months of December and January he had a gross income of $327.12. His feed for the two months cost $65.65 making a net income of $262.57 from 325 hens. He has kept an accurate account of every expense item and the number of eggs sold for the past three years and knows that he is getting good returns for his labors. This year he plans to cull his year old hens quite closely to make room for his pullets. He has ordered 500 baby chicks for early March and will have everything ready to give them the best of care.

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School Reopens—
Although Miss Frances Kelly, who is the teacher at the Willowdale school, near Hot Lake, is still ill at her home in La Grande, the school has been reopened after a week's vacation. Mrs. J. H. Dicky, of La Grande, is substituting for Miss Kelly.

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Wheat Is Delivered—
A large truck load of wheat was delivered to the court house yesterday to be prepared with poison to be used in killing squirrels in the spring. The county takes this measure every spring in aiding the farmers to kill the squirrels.

Holds Regular Meeting—
The Missionary society of the Union Methodist church held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Eugene Reuter last Wednesday with a good crowd in attendance. During the business session the president, Mrs. Halsey read and interesting letter from Mrs. Belle Wright who is spending the winter at Eugene. Mrs. Wright recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Her numerous friends remembered her with a deluge of letters, telegrams and flowers, and a lovely birthday dinner was given for her at their apartments by her daughter, Mrs. Edith Phy. Besides the many flowers that made the rooms festive a large cake bearing 80 candles added a blaze of glory to the occasion. Mrs. Wright has endeared herself to those who know her intimately and has a host of friends over the valley.

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New Sedan—
Jack Brown, who lives on the Cove-Union highway is driving a new sedan.

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Date Set—
The date for the presenting of "The Wishing Well," an operetta to be given by the Cove high school chorus has been set for Saturday evening, March 1.

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Visiting Cousin—
Ross and Ralph Sparrow, of Rich Hill, Mo., who have been visiting their cousin, Mrs. Curt Butler, of Alicel, left Saturday for Baker where they will spend some time with another cousin Mrs. Walter Mathews.

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Pleasant Evening—
A neighborhood party, one of a series being held in the Hindman district was given at the Raymond Waelty home last Friday night. The evening was spent in dancing and visiting. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

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Visiting in Valley—
Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson and children, of Yakima, Wash., have been visiting for the last several weeks with relatives in the valley. At present they are at the home of Mr. Nelson's mother, Mrs. John Wickens.

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"Brothers Day"—
Next Saturday is to be the annual "Brothers Day" at the Blue Mountain grange and the meeting will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in La Grande. There will be the usual dinner at noon with the men in charge of all the arrangements for the occasion. The committee in charge consists of R. A. Masterton, chairman and William Taylor and Jim Lindsey.

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Slightly Improved—
Miss Bess Kelley, who was taken to the hospital in La Grande Tuesday from her home in Cove, is reported to be improving slowly. Miss Kelley had been ill at her home for a week before her condition was considered at all serious.

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Visit Parents—
The Misses Eva and Elma Lee better spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter. Sunday evening they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brace back to Weston to resume their teaching duties in the high school there. Mr. and Mrs. Brace spent Saturday and Sunday at the Ledbetter home.

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Cove Teams Defeated—
The boys and girls basketball teams journeyed to North Powder last Friday evening where both suffered defeat. Another game was scheduled with Elgin at Cove last evening.

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Club to Meet—
The Women's club of Imbler will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ruth Westenskow. Members are urged to be present.

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Visitors Sunday—
Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilstrap and baby, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huber and Mrs. L. B. Brett, of Baker, were visitors at the J. E. Huber home in the valley on Sunday.

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Circle Meet—
The "What Shall I Read Circle" met Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Winnifred M. Pierce with the best attendance yet reported. A most interesting and helpful discussion was held of the books which had been read. About 50 books were distributed during the afternoon to be read by the members of the circle.

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Enjoy Short Visit—
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loennig, of Middle creek, were visiting for a short time Sunday at the home of Mrs. Loennig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter near Alicel.

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Meeting Place Changed—
Due to the bad roads in the valley the meeting of the Countrywomen's club has been changed to the home of Mrs. E. A. Sayre who will be assisted by Mrs. Delbert Anson. The meeting is to take place next Friday afternoon, Feb. 14, as previously announced. All members are requested to bring a valentine.

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All Day Meeting—
The Ladies' Aid society of Island City will hold an all day meeting next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry G. Avery. There will be a potluck dinner at noon and the afternoon will be spent sociably.

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Visiting Friends—
Miss Anna Hacker, of Pumphin Ridge, has been spending a few days at the Raymond Waelty home near Elgin.

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Seriously Ill—
Mrs. Homer Littleton, a resident of Alicel for many years, who has been in poor health for some time, is reported to be in a serious condition at the present time, being almost helpless.

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Appendix Operation—
Ray Fuller, of Alicel, is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis on Saturday morning. He is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

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Return Home—
Mrs. Arleigh Thompson and infant daughter, Ardith, returned to her home last Thursday. She has been at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Barlow, Mrs. Thompson's home is in North Cricket Flat country.

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In Hospital—
Word has been received in the valley that Uncle Ed Murphy, a former resident of Alicel, is the critical condition in the hospital at the soldiers home at Roseburg, Ore.

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Acts As Substitute—
Miss Margaret Taylor was substituting for Mrs. Miller, teacher in the Alicel school, while Mrs. Miller attended the funeral of Bonnie Miller at Cove last Wednesday.

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Has Bad Fall—
Mrs. Will Adler, of May Park, received quite painful injuries yesterday morning from a fall. Her back was injured and she will probably be confined to her bed for several days at least.

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Visit Parents—
Miss Josiah Smith, who teaches in the Athens high school, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, at Island City. Mrs. Milo Blackford, another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, also spent the weekend at home while Mr. Blackford was in Portland with the O. N. G. basketball team.

An ancient fire bell has been abandoned by Augusta, Ga., after 75 years of service.

How They Grew Thin

You will be surprised, if you look around, at how many people have grown thin in late years. It is evident that some new method has come into very wide use.

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One and two-thirds cupfuls cake flour after sifting once.
One cupful sugar.
One teaspoonful vanilla.
Two teaspoonfuls baking powder.
Two egg whites.
One-half cupful milk.
Soft butter or other shortening.

Sift together the flour, sugar and baking powder. To the egg whites in a measuring cup add enough soft "not melted" butter to half fill the cup, add milk to fill the cup, turn into dry ingredients, add flavoring and beat vigorously seven minutes, bake in two layers. Put layers together and cover with the following quick frosting.

One egg white unbeaten.
Seven-eighths cupful sugar.
Three tablespoonsful water.
One teaspoonful vanilla.
Twelve marshmallows.

Put the egg whites, sugar and water in the upper part of a double boiler and set it over rapidly boiling water. Begin beating immediately with a Dover egg beater and beat constantly for seven minutes. Remove from stove and add the vanilla and marshmallows cut in small pieces. Beat until of the proper consistency to spread.

Poultry Stock Is From Famous 300-Egg Strain

One of the very interesting poultry farms near La Grande is that of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Chapman who during the last 18 years have devoted their time and efforts to the development of what is now a most successful business.

In 1912 Mrs. Chapman became interested in the chicken business and is reported to be the first in this section to get a cockerel and setting eggs from the Oregon State college and also the first breeder to succeed in breeding a 200 egg hen. Several years later she purchased eggs from the winners of the Missouri egg-laying contest record 258 to 278 eggs which was said at that time to be a world's record. From which she raised six cockerel and five pullets.

As soon as there was an official record of 300 egg hens a setting was purchased, Mrs. Chapman states, and at present has a cock and hen from the original setting as well as many of the same strain. These are said to be of the same blood lines as last year's winners of the Storrs International laying contest, a new world's record of 2989 eggs in twelve months by ten hens.

During seven years time Mrs. Chapman trapnested her hens, selecting the best two-year-old hens for breeders and raised her own baby chicks. She is constantly seeking new ways to improve her flock, and devotes her entire time and energy to this work of which she is justly proud.

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FARM BOARD PLAN FOR MARKETING IS BEST AVAILABLE

"The farm board cooperative marketing plan for farm products is quite different than the McNary-Haugen bill and export debenture plan which farmers have been trying to get for a number of years but it is the best plan and only plan yet offered to help the farmer," said Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, chairman of a committee of farmers and banking representatives who met Saturday to discuss the organization of a cooperative marketing unit among local wheat growers. A. T. Hill who was present representing the La Grande National bank said "the farmer has no cause for complaint if he does not try out the plan and it should be given a fair trial." T. J. Scroggin of the U. S. National bank endorsed the same thought and reported "that information he had secured indicated that the Canadian wheat pool was a good marketing system."

The meeting was called at the request of the farm crops section of the recent agricultural economic conference at which time a committee was named to consider the cooperative wheat marketing plan. Those who attended Saturday's meeting include: Walter M. Pierce, chairman, Grover Grimmett, Clyde Myers, William Nothnagel, W. J. Case, Gilbert Courtright, A. T. Hill, C. Y. Beale, T. J. Scroggin, Frank Wright, Harvey Ruckman, F. L. Meyers and E. H. DeLong. If the plan is adopted in this community, wheat growers will become members of the national wheat marketing organization, which will handle all warehousing, financing and selling operations from the time the grain is harvested until it reaches the miller or exporter. Cotton growers, wool growers, wheat growers, dairy producers and others have already begun the organization of these nation wide selling organizations as a part of what is the largest trial of cooperative marketing ever attempted in the world. Local growers took no definite action at the Saturday meeting but have deferred formal adoption of the plan until a later date, probably around March 1st, when a mass meeting of farmers will be held here.

More information about the grain marketing plan will be secured next Friday at a meeting at Arlington, Ore., with Sam McKelvie representing grain marketing on the farm board, addressing farmers of Eastern Oregon on that subject. A committee composed of Walter M. Pierce, Grover Grimmett, T. J. Scroggin, William Nothnagel, Harvey Ruckman, W. J. Case, F. L. Meyers and H. G. Avery were selected to attend this meeting. The meeting is to be held at Arlington Feb. 13 at 2:30 p. m. The group went on record as requesting all wheat farmers possible to attend and hear Mr. McKelvie's explanation of wheat marketing and requested that those who intend to go get in touch with Mr. Avery, county agent who will assist in arranging transportation to and from the meeting.

Calf Is Given To Allen Mills By Benson Bros.

"Benson Special," is the name of the calf, selected from the Benson brothers herd of about 500 head, given to Allen Mills, for having the highest percentage in a fat feeding contest held by the Benson brothers. Dick, 8-m and George for the boy scoring the most on the following basis: 25 per cent on the quality of the animal; 25 per cent on the showmanship; 25 per cent on the amount of gain; 25 per cent on the records kept by the boy.

Saturday morning Allen and his father; and H. G. Avery, the Benson brothers, visited the Benson ranch near Union and with the help of Pete Dexis, manager and operator, selected the prize calf, chosen with the view of entering it in next year's show and sale. Allen will put this calf on full feed as soon as he can get it home. He thinks this animal has the prospect of making as good a beef as any calf he has ever had.

During the coming year, Benson brothers are offering another calf to the boy who makes the highest record, all with the exception of Allen are eligible to compete. All the beef club members in Union county (about nine boys) are entering this year; boys from Wallowa, Malheur and Baker counties are eligible for the competition.

Steers in the last contest were sold at the fat stock sale, in the Pacific International stock show this year.

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But truly, I am sure they err,
For my girl's eyes are bright.

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Dwight: That girl is a good swimmer.
Fern: She ought to be. She's ashamed of her figure.

"You know, dear that dad of mine is getting to be simply unbearable lately."
"What's the trouble now?"
"Just think, he had the awful nerve to ask me for the car this morning."

FACE THE MUSIC—
Found—By wife returning from vacation, a lady's brooch in the back of husband's car. Owner may have same by paying for this notice, identifying property and admitting owner-ship.—Exchange.

THE LITTLE BITTER WE HAVE TO TAKE ALONG WITH THE SWEET MAKES IT ALL THE SWEETER.

When a woman believes there is such a thing as an ideal husband, you can mark her down as an old maid.

Tightskin Tillie says that civilization won't be perfect until they put out canned foods that can be opened by a push button.

A man could be surer about liking his wife's new gown if he knew what it cost.

"Do you think medicines are any good?"
"My uncle derived a lot of good from drugs."
"What was the matter with him?"
"He was a druggist."

The new generation makes both rooms fancier and fancier. The parlor got smaller attention until people got used to having one.

Tower of Jericho Reported Found

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — A Jerusalem dispatch to the London Daily Express Monday said that Professor Garstang, who is leading Sir Charles Marston's expedition to excavate the ruins of the ancient city of Jericho, reported the discovery of the tower of that city. According to the dispatch it is a citadel which has been partly cleared and resembles the defensive towers of the Cananite city. It is built of brick walls twelve feet thick rising 27 feet above the foundation. Professor Garstang believed from the pottery he unearthed that the tower was erected about 2600 B. C.

BEN OSBORNE HEADS LABOR ORGANIZATION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP) Ben T. Osborne, executive secretary of the state federation of labor, was elected president of organized labor's political league at an organization meeting here. E. J. Ellingson, Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, was elected vice president, and William Otto, president of Portland Typographical Union No. 58, was made secretary.

The association was organized, it was explained, to line labor up behind movements that will promote welfare of the workers. The organization endorsed no candidates, and will not do so, the officers said.

News drifted out of Albania the other day describing a revolt against King Zogu. Anyway, it's a good name to revolt against.

Association Is Shipping Stock From Union Co.

The Wallowa County Marketing association is already shipping some stock from Union county and probably will handle more in the future. This developed at the Union County Agricultural Economic conference held at La Grande the first three days of a recent week.

County Agent N. C. Donaldson explained the operations of the Wallowa county association at the conference Monday, and the opinion prevailed that it would not be wise to form another small marketing association of Union county farmers, and that the best plan would be for them to have a director of the Wallowa county association, who should assemble shipments at Union county stations and have the business handled by the Wallowa county association. Union county is a small shipper of stock and it would not be a move for efficiency, speakers said, for them to go into the marketing business when they could join with an established agency.

Heretofore Union county farmers who wished to use the Wallowa county association have hauled their stock to this county for shipment. This has been the case with farmers near Elgin, particularly in the rich farm district east of Elgin, who have trucked hogs to Wallowa and put them into Wallowa county shipments.—Chieftain.

Victoria, B. C., has an annual musical festival of compositions dealing with fisher folk songs.

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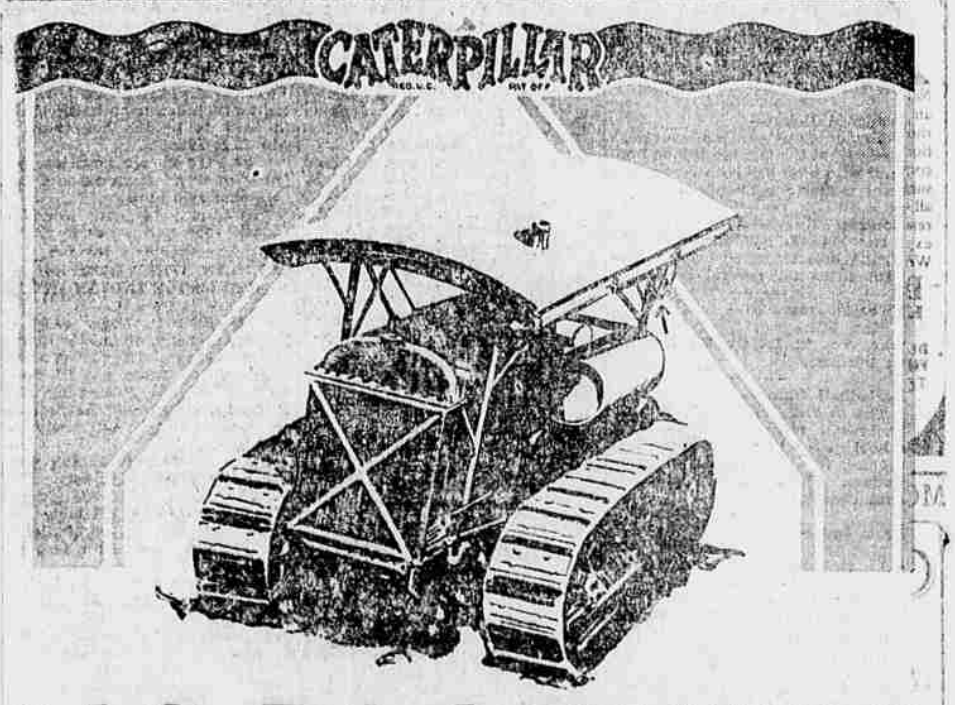

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