

OVER THE VALLEY

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Presumptive—Miss Edith Hermann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann of the Cove highway, and Howard Smith of Island City, whose marriage is to be an event of the near future, were honored with a very nice party given Thursday evening by Mrs. Albert Wardell and the Misses Beulah and Ella Prouty at the Wardell home in Island City. There were about 20 young people present for a very happy evening.

In addition to games and other forms of entertainment arranged for the evening, a mock wedding was very impressively staged. "Oh, Promise Me" sung by Miss Edith Hermann, preceded the ceremony. Miss Ella Prouty made a beautiful bride and Mildred Wardell a handsome bridegroom. Mrs. H. G. Avery was the officiating clergyman while the members of the bridal party included Hazel Hermann and Beulah Prouty, bridesmaids, Peggy Walters, the best man and Barbara Wardell, ring bearer. The bride was given in marriage by Mrs. Wardell. There were some delicious refreshments. Miss Hermann was given a miscellaneous shower and received many lovely gifts from her friends.

Returns Home—Mrs. Charles Wright and daughter, Patricia, have returned to their home in Baker following a visit in the homes of numerous relatives in the valley and with her father, L. L. McKennon in La Grande. While they were in this valley, the other daughter, Naomi, attended the basketball tournament in Union. Naomi and her friend, Jeannette Potter, came Saturday and remained here over the weekend, returning to Baker also Sunday.

Countrywomen's Club—You townswomen, can you feature cutting up a whole fresh ham and trying it deliciously for one meal? Makes your mouth water? Even think of it, but that is what Mrs. Albert Hermann did for her part in the hot luck dinner which the members of the Countrywomen's club had at her home on the Cove highway last Friday. And that was just one item of food on the table, or tables that were fairly groaning when dinner was announced. There were 26 women present for the St. Patrick's party, three new members were received and there were some visitors. All the items on the program, and the various entertainment features centered about St. Patrick's day. It was a successful party all the way through and one that will long be remembered.

Teach at St. Glen—Miss Genevieve Nelson, formerly of La Grande, but this year a teacher in Wallawa county has been elected to teach the St. Glen school for next year. Mr. Deerman, the present teacher was not a candidate.

Spend Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fuller of Alicet had for their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jet Gaskill.

Returns Home—Mrs. Henry Loennig returned Friday to her home at Muddy Creek after having made a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter at Alicet.

Effected at Frosty—Miss Vera Case, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Case of near Alicet, has been elected as teacher for Frosty school, on Lower Cove, for next year. Miss Case, who is a student this year at the Eastern Oregon Normal, will follow Mrs. Lillian Allen who has been a successful at Frosty for the past year and a part of the year preceding that.

Sunday Guests—The Misses Alice Klippel and Alita Little of La Grande drove "Fordie" out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Austin west of Summerville Sunday and spent the day. This is the first time these two cronies have been able to get together for some time, the roads up north of Pleasant Grove interfering with the driving.

Funeral Saturday—Funeral services for the late Alonzo Ludgate were held Saturday afternoon at the Island City community church, conducted by Rev. Hansen and attended by neighbors and friends of the deceased gentleman. Burial followed in the Island City cemetery. Mr. Ludgate was born in Maine in 1857 and so far as could be ascertained leaves no relatives. He had lived in this county for over 20 years, having first owned a ranch on Clover Creek for 13 years and then coming to the Island City neighborhood where he lived for the last 15 years.

Visits in Other Valleys—Floyd Edwards who has charge of the cattle at the Eastern Oregon experiment station has gone to Western Oregon on a vacation trip. A graduate of the state college, Mr. Edwards spent a few days on the campus of his alma mater last week and also visited with relatives at Junction City.

Painful Accident—Lloyd German, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray German of west of Summerville, was the recent victim of a very painful accident. In some manner his finger was caught in the line spreader which his father was using and the entire end was cut off. He goes to La Grande frequently to have the finger dressed. Though it hurt like everything, Lloyd has been mighty brave all the time.

Timely Topic Announced—In the radio program to be broadcast tomorrow, Wednesday evening, from station KOAC, H. A. Lindgren, extension specialist in animal husbandry, will speak at 7:15 o'clock on the topic "How to Get the Most Money for Lambs." On Thursday afternoon, Dr. Helen Gilkey of the botany department will speak at 5:30 on the protection of Oregon wild flowers.

Improving—G. L. Spencer of northwest of Summerville who has been suffering greatly from infection in one of his arms, is reported as improving rapidly.

Visits—Mrs. Sara Anson who moved, a few weeks ago, from the Grange hall neighborhood down to Haines where her son, Charles, is employed, was in the valley Saturday visiting among her many friends.

At Daughters—Mrs. R. L. Barker who lives near the Cove has been down in Muddy Creek, in Baker county, visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Daniels and family.

Have New Car—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleaver, who live near Alicet, are driving a new Ford car the last few weeks.

Home Again—Hans Haacker of near Summerville who recently underwent an operation for hernia, has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to his home.

Grange Meets—The meeting of the Blue Grange held Saturday was "different." It was different in the way the dinner at noon was served. The Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co. put on one of its demonstrations having one of its electric ranges and three of the cookers there to supply the food for the large company of grangers present. Lovely roasts and tasty vegetables composed the good things furnished by the demonstrators, these supplemented by dishes prepared by the grange women. The customary business meeting was held in the morning and in the afternoon, the visitors gave further demonstrations which were very interesting as well as instructive, and also showed a six reel picture.

Ill—Miss Lillian Hillhouse, who lives just beyond Island City, on the market road, has been quarantined at her home for some time with scarlet fever. The reports are that her case is not a very serious one and that she is getting along all right.

Sunday Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon of near Alicet were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Avery at Island City.

Have Quilting—Friday Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter of Alicet entertained a company of old friends of her sister, Mrs. Alice Wright, of Baker, who was visiting in the valley, and the day was spent working on a quilt for Mrs. Wright. The work was not too strenuous to permit good old-fashioned visiting and it was a happy day for all concerned. At noon Mrs. Ledbetter, with the assistance of her daughter, Mrs. Looming, served one of the dinners, or which she is famous. The guests besides Mrs. Wright were Mrs. H. G. Avery, Mrs. Frank McKennon, Mrs. Roach McKennon, Mrs. J. A. Gaskill, Mrs. Harry Ruhl, Grandma Gaskill, Mrs. Carl Fuller, and Mrs. Henry Loennig.

Good Record—Lynn Spencer of near Summerville gives a good report of this season's lambing operations on his place. He had 29 lambs from 14 ewes, and has lost four lambs. In the lot there were two sets of triplets. This seems to be a good year for the lamb crop from all reports we have received.

Stock Show Next—With the basketball tournament over at Union, all energies are now to be centered on the approaching Eastern Oregon livestock show, for which initial plans were made last week. The first big feature to be reported concerning the 1930 program is the fact that during a recent visit to Union, Robert Chandler of Baker, showed an exhibition of many head of his nationally known Herefords. Mr. Chandler has for years been one of the staunch supporters of the Union show. The reduction in the admission fee to 50 cents will meet with universal approval and it is said, will bring up the attendance records considerably.

Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann of the Cove highway were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith in the Riversides district.

Improves—Mrs. Emma McAnish of the Valeria district is reported as improving from her recent illness.

School to Open—According to county superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre, Fox Hill school is to open Monday next week with Mrs. Lola H. Quirk of La Grande as the teacher. Fox Hill school is unique in that it opens each year at this time and runs through the summer months and closes in late fall. Located away up in the hills it is impossible to hold school through the winter season.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Oatmeal Maccaroons
Four cups oatmeal.
One cup melted butter.
One cup coconut.
One teaspoon soda.
Two cups brown sugar.
Two eggs.
One-half teaspoon baking powder.

Pinch of salt.
Drop egg yolks into melted butter, add sugar and beat well. Add coconut, salt and the soda which has been dissolved in a little hot water. Add oatmeal and one and one-half cups of flour with baking powder sifted, adding last one-half cup flour sparingly. Add well beaten egg whites last. Drop from end of a teaspoon on well greased pans. Bake 12 to 15 minutes in a slow oven.

Here For Funeral—Among the relatives who were here from a distance to attend the funeral of the late Frank Jasper held last Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. George Jasper, of Meridian, Idaho, Miss Velma Jasper who teaches at Mountain Home, Idaho, Merrill Jasper of Boise, Idaho, Jasper of Los Angeles, California.

Much Accomplished—Last week saw a great deal of out-of-door work done over the valley. Many farmers were in the fields plowing and considerable work was done on the roads. The majority of the roads are in pretty good condition at the present time.

To Boise—Rev. G. L. Hanson of Island City expects to start tomorrow by car for Boise where he will attend the big regional conference of Methodist men to be held there.

Business Trip—Wayne Feltz of Pleasant Grove went to Wallawa Saturday to look after business matters.

Pomona Grange—This coming Saturday, March 23, the Rock Wall and Cricket Ball granges of near Elgin will entertain the Union County Pomona Grange at an all day session. There will be a very large crowd, no doubt as these two neighboring granges invariably have a good day. One of the big features of the day will be the presence of the state club leader, H. C. Seymour, who will present the matter of 4-H clubs to the meeting.

Relief—Frank McKinnis of near Summerville has for years been a terrible sufferer from asthma. Some months ago, Mr. McKinnis submitted to an operation for asthma, and it was hoped that that operation might also bring him relief from asthma. Mr. McKinnis believes now that that is going to be the case and is expecting that when the weather gets a bit warmer, he is going to feel much better. His friends hope for the same thing for him.

Drive to Nyssa—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blokland, of Enterprise, who are making a visit at the home of Mrs. Blokland, home, drove to Nyssa Thursday and Friday for a visit with his sister, Rev. Josie Blokland. They report that Miss Mabel Aubin, who has been having some sinus trouble, is a great deal better.

Fertilizer Tests—A supply of commercial fertilizing material has been received by the county agent for a series of five-year tests which will be conducted in the orchards of John Deane and T. C. Huffy of Cove. The material supplied by one of the large fertilizer companies, will be put on under plans worked out by G. L. Long, field horticulturist of the extension service in cooperation with Mr. Deane and Mr. Huffy.

88 YEARS YOUNG
Last week, the Hon. Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, beloved pioneer of Union county, celebrated his 88th birthday anniversary. There must have been many thrills for "Uncle Dunham" during the day, but perhaps none was as thrilling as the music broadcast especially for him from station KXN, Hollywood, Mr. Wright having been mentioned as the nearest living relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Report Is Made On Livestock Outlook For Present Year
In the 1929 agricultural outlook for Oregon as prepared by L. B. Breithaupt, of the extension service of the state college, some very concise statements are made concerning all phases of the livestock situation in this state at the beginning of this year. Mr. Breithaupt divides his findings into five different groups for presentation, the first having to do with beef cattle on which he reports as follows:

The most disturbing factor in the beef-cattle outlook is the dairy situation. Compared with the increase in milk cattle, only a slight expansion in the beef-cattle industry has yet taken place. In the far west about one per cent fewer beef cattle were on hand on January 1, 1929 than a year previous. With an expansion of beef cattle and the impending liquidation of dairy cattle in the eastern states, western cattlemen face a period of heavier competition.

How soon and how seriously this competition will be felt, depends largely on when and how rapidly the eastern dairymen dispose of the unnecessary dairy cattle now on farms. There is in prospect an excess of approximately 2,000,000 dairy cows which should be culled out in the next two years. Slaughtering of these excess milk cows will likely get noticeably under way when prices for milk cows decline more in line with beef-cattle prices.

The total inspected slaughter cattle during 1929 was 8,234,000 head and 4,459,000 calves. This was two per cent fewer cattle and four per cent fewer calves than were slaughtered in 1928, and 16 per cent fewer than in 1926, when 2,013,000 head were slaughtered than in 1929.

The number of beef cattle in Oregon is not large compared to former years, but the sheep industry has expanded until the available range and feed supply is fully utilized.

Sheep Outlook
Rapid increase in number of sheep which has been going on in the United States for several years now appears to have been checked; prices for sheep, lambs, and wool are already relatively low and industrial conditions are expected to improve. Periods of declining prices for sheep and wool heretofore have been followed by increasing prices not long afterward.

The number of lambs on feed January 1, 1929, was about 700,000 more than a year earlier and the largest number in eight years. Marketing of these lambs is expected to be somewhat later than usual, which will increase competition for early spring lambs. The demand for late lambs may be

better than for early lambs at shipping time, if economic conditions improve as much as expected, but the proportion of ewe lambs sold for slaughter and feeding will likely be larger than during recent years when fleeces were being increased by holding back large numbers of ewe lambs. The total supply of 1929-crop lambs is now expected to be about 2,000,000 more than in 1927, or an increase of 3 per cent.

While it is not improbable that a new record of sheep and lamb slaughtering may be made within a year or two, no such price decline as took place in 1929 and 1927 is expected if marketings are made in an orderly manner.

Wool production of wool is not likely to increase much more, and some decrease may occur by 1931. The present unfavorable demand conditions are not likely to continue through 1929, so that the wool market outlook is expected to be improved somewhat, at least for the clip of 1931.

The total production of wool in important countries, exclusive of Russia and China, increased from 2,566,000,000 pounds in 1923 to 3,213,000,000 pounds in 1929. Most of this increase was in the Southern Hemisphere and the United States, and consisted more of fine wools than of medium and coarse

wools. Some of the Southern Hemisphere countries are subject to more serious droughts than have occurred in recent years, recurrence of which might reduce sheep numbers materially in a short time.

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Mohair
For mohair the market outlook is not as favorable as in recent years. Production of mohair has now increased so that the domestic supply approximately equals the average consumption during the past six years. The low prices in 1929, however, checked the trend toward decreased consumption, and demand in 1929 is expected to improve somewhat. In Oregon there is at present an increased demand for goats for hand-clearing purposes.

According to the federal outlook report, hog prices in 1929 are expected to average as high as in 1928 and possibly higher. The expected reduction in slaughter sup-

plies will probably be about offset by reduced foreign and domestic demand. The outlook appears relatively more favorable for hogs to be marketed during the winter and early fall months of 1929 than the rest of the year. Demand for United States pork and lard will probably decline in Europe, where production of work and vegetable oil and substitutes is increasing. Corn belt hog producers are likely to produce large numbers of hogs to be marketed in the 1931-32 season, especially if a large corn crop is harvested this year. There seems to be no reason, however, to change from the established policy of producing hogs in Oregon to utilize farm waste products.

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Poultry School At Alicet To Open March 24

Following the recommendations of the recent economic conference, another poultry school is to open at Alicet on next Monday evening, March 24. The school is to continue for five weeks with two meetings each week. There are no fees connected with the enterprise of all those who are interested in poultry raising are urged to invite to attend. A special invitation is extended to those who participated in the school at Imbler.

The meetings will follow the same plan used at Imbler, that of round table discussions. Some of the topics to be considered are "Poultry Diseases," "Poultry Raising," "Brooding and Feeding Baby Chicks," "Housing of Poultry," etc. Any other subjects which those attending wish to have covered will be given a place during the course. Prof. Don Stewart, Smith-Hughes instructor at Imbler and county agricultural agent, Harry G. Avery, will have charge of the course assisted by Mrs. Irwin Moss.

The school will be held at the Alicet school house, the meetings to begin promptly at 8 o'clock and stopping at 9:30 sharp. The initial meeting will be next Monday evening.

The school in progress at Island City under the same leadership and following the same plan has three more meetings, one of them being this evening. There is still time for any in that community who may care to, to attend and receive the benefit of the discussions.

Ag Conditions At This Time Reported Good
Conditions in this state, agriculturally, are quite encouraging according to the agricultural report issued Saturday by the extension service of the state college. In regard to the general situation the report says:

Farmers throughout the nation are again busy with preparations for crop production, and prospects are favorable for an ample output of most commodities. Each season brings new developments in the trend toward increased production on fewer acres, with less labor. During the past four years the average output of agricultural products has been about 16 per cent larger than in 1915-1922, although the farm population decreased about 10 per cent.

The rate of decrease in farm population was less rapid in 1929 than in former years, it being estimated that 1,375,000 people moved from the farms and that 1,257,000 people moved from cities to farms. As forecasted in the

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