

OVER THE VALLEY

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Eldest Teacher—

Miss Jonette Hanford, who has been living this year at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hanford, and attending the Eastern Oregon Normal school, has been elected to teach the Linn Star school in the valley for next year. She succeeds Miss Ava Woodell, of Pleasant Grove, who has been a very successful teacher in that school for the last two years but who has taught as long as she can on her present certificate.

Home From Valley—

Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, Jr., have returned to this valley from the Willamette valley where they have been spending the winter months as has been their custom for a good many years. Mr. Wells is staying at the old home place which is being operated by his son, Franklin Wells, and wife. Mrs. Wells has gone to Starkey where she is making a visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Thompson.

Visit—

Mrs. Sara Anson was up from Haines Saturday and visited among her many friends in this valley and attended the Pomona grange at Rock Wall.

School Meeting—

A school meeting is called for Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the school house at Island City which will have for its specific purpose the determining of how many teachers shall be employed in the school next year. This matter for which has been the subject for much discussion, the next month will be decided at that time.

In Hospital Again—

Mrs. Will Sanderson of Dry Creek was brought back to the Grande Ronde hospital again last week where she is now a patient. An abscess formed in Mrs. Sanderson's side following her recent operation for the removal of a tumor and surgical treatment was found necessary.

Measles—

Now it is measles! The epidemic has started at the Pleasant Grove school where last week seven of the older pupils were taken down by the disease. The pupils are still lingering around, also in certain sections, and Delbert Hays of Imbler is the latest victim reported.

Concludes Visit—

Miss Ruth Johnson, a teacher in the high school at The Dalles, has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gekeler, in the grange hall neighborhood. She has returned to The Dalles.

Visits Sister—

Mrs. Frances Daugherty who is a patient at Hot Lake, taking treatments for arthritis, was the guest Sunday of her twin sister, Miss Mae Stearns. Mrs. Daugherty is making satisfactory improvement.

More Home—

Members of the Burr Shack family who have been living in La Grande this winter, are moving what of their effects they had in town to the old home on their farm near Summerville. The house in which they lived for several years together with the contents not in use in town, was destroyed by fire during the winter.

Island At—

The Island City Aid will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Emma Kiddle for an all day meeting. It is hoped that the attendance may be large. A potluck dinner will be served at noon.

Children Better—

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ballie, who live on the Island City-Cove highway, have been ill of the flu but are much better now and able to be out again.

Are Fine Hosts—

The members of the Rock Wall grange are to be congratulated in the manner in which they entertained the spring meeting of the Union County Pomona grange Saturday. No one was surprised, for they handled the job in the same way in which they handled the erection of their new grange hall—successfully but without any confusion. The hall which was used for the first time to accommodate the Pomona meeting proved to be quite commodious, even though the company there during the day numbered around 200. Charles E. Moore is master of the Rock Wall grange and has been ever since it was first organized. At the meeting held Saturday it in said every grange in the county was represented. Some of the representatives were from Mt. Placid, Macle, Rankin, Severs, Mrs. Lydia Lantz, Mrs. George Miller, Ray Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Constock, from Pleasant Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon, J. D. Woodell, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Haron, Mr. and Mrs. John Marchison, from Blue Mt., Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Eckley, Mrs. K. H. Gekeler, Mrs. Mattie Golden, Mrs. C. D. Huffman, Mrs. R. A. Masterton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, John Wells Sr., Hans Seltors, Harry G. Avery, William Sherwood, Mrs. S. B. Williamson, Mrs. Homer Wilson, Mrs. Irwin Moss, Mrs. Sara Anson, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Sayre, Mr. H. Gekeler, Maurice and K. H. Gekeler, Mr. Star, S. T. Ballie, and others, from Wolf Creek, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nice and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cusick and others. There were also some grangers present from Wallawa county.

Baby Ill—

Little Miss Sally Sutton, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Elizabeth Huron) Sutton has been quite ill and for a time was threatened with pneumonia. She was taken from the Huron home near Imbler to the home of Mrs. T. H. Lanthorn in La Grande for treatment but has now been taken home again.

Re-elected—

The school directors at Summerville have re-elected Mrs. Leslie, the present teacher for another year at their school. Mrs. Leslie has given Summerville a good school this year and this recent action of the board is its stamp of approval on the work.

Club Postponed—

The meeting of the Countrywomen's club which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Rebecca McAlister next Friday has been postponed for one week and will consequently meet on Friday, April 4. This is because Mrs. McAlister has been called unexpectedly to Portland. The attending hostesses are Mrs. Charles Spencer and Mrs. Claude Wilcock.

Sells Dairy Cows—

From Muddy Creek comes the report that R. H. Daniel, formerly of this valley has recently disposed of the 12 head of Jersey cows which he has had on his place. He keeps for the herd on his dairy farm, 12 head of Holsteins and some young stock.

Cleans up Spud—

Routh McKennon of Alford has disposed of the last of his 23 crop of potatoes, the last three car loads having gone out to Washington state for seed recently. Mr. McKennon says that the season was fairly successful. He did not clean up a million but he made some money. The price remained good all during the season.

At Bidwell—

Miss Helen Hulac of the Union schools was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bidwell at Island City.

Has Spring Vacation—

Miss Marie Ledbetter came home Friday from Salem where she is a student at Willamette university and will have a vacation visit of about ten days at her home near Alford. The Misses Eva and Edna were also home for the weekend, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon were other guests on Sunday.

Idaho Guest—

Mrs. H. A. Watson, Mrs. Carmen, Mrs. McKinnis and Mrs. Dennison all of Imbler had a visit last week with their sister, Mrs. Lydia Jasper, who came from her home at Caldwell, Idaho to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Frank Jasper.

Leaves Farm—

From the North Powder News comes the story of the leaving of one of the good farms and large farms in that neighborhood.

After leaving North Powder last week for his home in Los Angeles without being able to secure a suitable farm here, as reported in last week's News, Ralph Williams this week was given a lease of the Mary E. Hutchinson ranch seven miles from this city, along North Powder river, and he and his family will come here at once from the California city to take charge of the place. This farm is the one recently operated by Alva Walters and consists of 525 acres of irrigated land. Mr. Williams is a brother of Mrs. Valley Lee of North Powder and is reported to be a capable farmer.

Goes to Michigan—

Women of the valley, who became acquainted with Mrs. Vera Brandon from the state college, who was one of the speakers at the recent economic conference will be interested to know that Mrs. Brandon has been given a leave of absence from her duties in the former hold administration department of the college and has already gone to Michigan.

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

TUTTI FRUTTI GINGERBREAD
Two cups flour.
One-half teaspoon each—soda, ginger, cinnamon, baking powder.
One-fourth teaspoon cloves.
Two eggs.
One-half cup softened shortening.
One-half cup sour milk or buttermilk.
One-half cup sugar.
Three-fourths cup molasses.
One cup seeded raisins (chopped).
Mix and sift dry ingredients together. Mix the sour milk and molasses, combine the two mixtures and add the eggs without beating them and mix in the chopped and slightly softened raisins. Pour by beat in the partially melted shortening, beat all well. Bake in two deep layer cake pans. When finished mix layers together and ice with the following:
Tutti Frutti Filling
One and one-half cups granulated sugar.
One tablespoon butter.
One tablespoon cocoa.
One-half cup milk.
One-fourth cup seeded raisins and chopped nut meats.
One-half teaspoon vanilla.
Mix together all the ingredients, except the raisins, add vanilla, cook rapidly for five minutes then add the raisins, nuts, vanilla, pour into the soft ball stage. Cool, beat until thick enough to spread.

east where she will spend several months at the Merrill Palmer school of Detroit. Mrs. Brandon has received a grant at this school, the second of its kind presented to members of the home economics staff of the college. En route to Detroit, Mrs. Brandon who is going by the southern route, is stopping at San Francisco and Los Angeles to visit universities and colleges and will also make a stop at the University of Iowa. Mrs. Brandon's work in the east will contribute until probably the latter part of August.

Play Is Successful—

The Rehoboth lodge at Summerville added one more to their long list of successful home talent plays when they presented "Kenny" Friday evening at the Masonic hall at Summerville. The crowd was a capacity one in spite of rain, weather and prevailing sickness in that part of the valley. The parts were all well taken. The lodge stands to clear about \$75 from the evening's performance.

Secure Positions—

Lloyd Woodell and his friend, Byron Paul, who went to Seattle a few weeks ago looking for a position in their line, radio operators, were successful and are now back in the valley again, waiting to be called the last of this month or the first of next. They have been taken on a job by some company in Alaska with the contract calling for six months service. Lloyd is at present carrying the mail over the route out from Summerville, being substituted for his father, Miles Woodell, who has been in La Grande ill of neuritis.

Patient Ill—

Uncle Tommy Ruekman of Imbler is reported as being ill at his home.

Receives Injuries—

S. J. Kingsbury, who lives on the Catherine Creek road had the misfortune to fall from an embankment near his home last week and suffered injuries to his back.

Club to Meet—

The Women's club of Imbler is to be entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Cleaver at her home near Imbler.

Has Measles—

Miss Irma Choate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Choate of near Pleasant Grove is sporting a new case of the measles.

To Have Party—

The Eastern Star Social club is planning for an old time dancing party which it plans to give on Tuesday evening, April first, at the home of Mrs. Charles Cleaver at the home of the Eastern Star and their families are to be invited.

To Talk on Hogs—

"Hog Futures" will be discussed from KQAC by Prof. R. L. Potter, head of the department of animal husbandry of the state college tomorrow, Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Timely topics concerning the livestock industry in Oregon are listed in the farm programs every Wednesday evening at that hour.

Day at Quilting—

Mrs. Lee Smith, Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Milo Hokland and daughter, Betty Ann, all of Island City spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Henry Hermann and daughter, Miss Edith, on the Cove highway and helped tack a quilt. All had a most pleasant afternoon.

Make Big Planting—

Two years ago passably on the Union-Cove market road wondered about the pulling out of the big acreage of prime trees on the Hutchinson place. The current issue of the Union Republican reports the planting of that plot in cherry and pear trees as follows:
Miss Doris Hutchinson of Union, is planting about seven acres of fruit this spring—700 cherry trees, Royal Annes and Bing, and about 200 pear trees. Among the cherry trees are two-year-olds and the pears one-year-olds. This will make one of the finest orchards of its class in this immediate vicinity. These trees take the place of a prime orchard, pulled out a couple of years ago.

Day at Daughter's—

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaskill of near Imbler drove to La Grande Sunday and had the day visiting at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hutchinson.

Has Good Lambs—

Le Sloan of near North Powder reports a 20 per cent increase with his physical Hampshire this lambing season. Mr. Sloan was one of the first of that district to go into breeding purebreds and has a ready market for his lambs to sheepmen in various sections.

Boy Is Injured—

Friends in this valley of Mr. and

Mrs. Wm. Wiggins of Lostine will be sorry to know that Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins received word that their son, Lawrence E. Wiggins, of Baker, had been injured, Saturday, by coming in contact with a live wire. Mr. Wiggins has worked eleven years with the electric company and this is his first accident. It is thought it may prove necessary to amputate his hand.

Tragedy Visits Valley—

The death yesterday afternoon of William Zander of the Valeria district is greatly deplored by the many friends and neighbors of this family. While the details of the accident will now never be known it is known that the father and son had been using explosives to split up some old apple trees which were being converted into fire wood and that the boy had gone to the camp early yesterday morning to get ready for the day's work. His injuries were so severe that it was practically known from the first that recovery was impossible.

To Pick Scholarship Winner At Meet Today

This afternoon at a meeting of the proper committee to be held in the office of County Superintendent Dr. School A. Sayre, the Union county boy will be chosen who will receive the U. P. scholarship awarded annually for outstanding work in agriculture. The scholarship at the state college amounts to \$100 in cash and transportation to Corvallis, the money to be paid after the one chosen reaches the college to begin his college course.

Students in Smith-Hughes departments are eligible for this scholarship and that means that in this county he must come either from the Union or the Cove high school. Prof. Griggs of Union and Prof. Stewart of Imbler have made their selection of six students each and it is from this list that the winner will be selected.

The winners from Wallawa county have already been chosen, Kenneth Koeh of the Enterprise school and Lyle Iner, senior in the Joseph High school, being the boys chosen because of the excellence of work done in the agriculture department as well as their general standing in school.

The committee from Union county which makes the selections consists of county superintendent of schools, E. A. Sayre, Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon experiment station and J. E. Reynolds.

Government Is To Designate Size Of Farms

A farm, according to the census bureau, is all the land farmed by one person, whether it is three acres or three thousand acres. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, it wasn't so simple for the government officials to decide what should be considered a farm by the enumerators during the census of 1920. Much study and years of practical experience were necessary before the short, concise definition was agreed upon.
Dr. L. C. Gray and Dr. O. E. Baker, of the department of agriculture, assist census officials in deciding upon what should be called a farm.

The amount of farm land owned by one person has nothing to do with the definition of a farm so far as the census bureau is concerned. The question is not how much land does he own but how much does he operate or farm. A man who owns 200 acres might farm half of it himself and rent the other half out to three tenants, 50 acres to each. This would go down on the census records as four farms, because the land farmed by each man is considered as a unit.

On the other hand, one man might rent various tracts of land from 10 different owners. He might rent a few acres on shares, a few more from somebody else for mow, rent, and the rest from other people on different terms. The different pieces of land might be widely separated. If they were all farmed and managed by one man, however, they would all be put down together as one farm. If, however, a separate manager were hired to supervise a certain portion of the land, that portion would go down as a separate farm.

No tract of land of less than three acres will be registered as a farm unless it produced more than \$250 worth of farm products last year. In the census of 1920 if a piece of land of less than three acres was farmed by a man who gave his entire time to the task, it was listed as a farm regardless of

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BY STAGE COACH FROM MARYLAND TO GRANDE RONDE

The name "Gekeler" will always be closely associated with the pioneer history of the Grande Ronde valley. There are many fascinating stories connected with the early experiences of that family. Mrs. Edith Gekeler's pen furnishes this story of the trek from the extreme east to the extreme west.

How the wind whistled and moaned through the naked trees and around the house tonight, like an echo from the land of unfulfilled dreams! Occasionally a dash of rain comes, scattering the wind howl. But the fire burns brightly and as I sit here alone my mind drifts back more than half a century ago to the far east. To a party by a few miles north and south of the Mason and Dixon line in Pennsylvania and Maryland. This is one of the earliest of settlements in the United States. Many of the ancestors of the people had received their grants of land from William Penn and Lord Baltimore. Had been divided and subdivided among their descendants who had married and intermarried until every one was in some way related to all the rest. How peaceful their lives seemed to pass along. And so it created quite a sensation when it was learned that the Widow Carter (my mother) was going to sell her home and she and her daughter (myself) were going west to live with her three sons. Friends and relatives came to entreat her not to be so unwise. Such a terrible trip! We would likely never reach Oregon, and if we did it was in a country where only Indians and white outlaws. Even the pastor of the little church came to add his voice to the rest, but being a woman with a very decided mind of her own, on the 30th of September, 1878 we said goodbye to Widdie, her childhood home and started on our long journey west. I remember the many friends waiting by the gates when we passed on our way to the depot and at Rock Springs, Md., our little home village, the countryside seemed to have gathered there. How ashamed I feel to think how little I cared! I was young, going to the great west, the land of romance and adventure. But what would I not give to see just one of those faces here tonight. One school girl even waited at the roadside with a bunch of wild flowers, such as we together had often gathered on the Maryland hills. She tossed them to me as we passed, and ran away without saying a word. Dear girl, the wild flowers have been growing on her grave these many years.

At Baltimore we found we could buy a ticket to Kelton, Utah, where we were to take the stage but must change at Ogden or get one through to San Francisco. We did the latter as there was no difference in the price. Nothing of interest occurred until we reached Omaha where the emigrants were sorted out and loaded into five coaches attached to a freight train. Our car was filled with men going to the Black Hills. Ours was a very congenial company. There were four other girls besides myself going west to teach. Our sleeper was a cushion, covered with calico and filled with straw and made to fit between the seats. We paid a dollar for it in Omaha. The car was heated by a stove in one end and some used it to heat food on they carried with them. We depended on getting our food at the irregular hours, the train stopped and what was sold to us at the small towns. There was quite a variety even some very fine hot cakes and one day a man in a suit of buckskin, the first we had ever seen, came through with hot venison steak. How good it was and how we enjoyed the wild flavor until some one discovered a bunch of wool.

As we neared Kelton our new friends and the conductor tried to persuade us to go on to San Francisco, as the stage journey was to hard and dangerous for two women alone but one night between ten and eleven, accompanied by the conductor and several of our new found friends, we left the train

and stumbled along in the darkness toward a dim light. We could hear a noise long before reaching it. The conductor preceded us and told a man who was behind a bar to show the ladies up stairs; that they were going out on the stage. It was a large room, filled with men, some were playing cards, some were playing a violin, some were drinking at the bar. The room lighted a candle and we followed him up a narrow stairway to a large celling room. There the conductor said good-bye with marked and intimated until every one was in some way related to all the rest. How peaceful their lives seemed to pass along. And so it created quite a sensation when it was learned that the Widow Carter (my mother) was going to sell her home and she and her daughter (myself) were going west to live with her three sons. Friends and relatives came to entreat her not to be so unwise. Such a terrible trip! We would likely never reach Oregon, and if we did it was in a country where only Indians and white outlaws. Even the pastor of the little church came to add his voice to the rest, but being a woman with a very decided mind of her own, on the 30th of September, 1878 we said goodbye to Widdie, her childhood home and started on our long journey west. I remember the many friends waiting by the gates when we passed on our way to the depot and at Rock Springs, Md., our little home village, the countryside seemed to have gathered there. How ashamed I feel to think how little I cared! I was young, going to the great west, the land of romance and adventure. But what would I not give to see just one of those faces here tonight. One school girl even waited at the roadside with a bunch of wild flowers, such as we together had often gathered on the Maryland hills. She tossed them to me as we passed, and ran away without saying a word. Dear girl, the wild flowers have been growing on her grave these many years.

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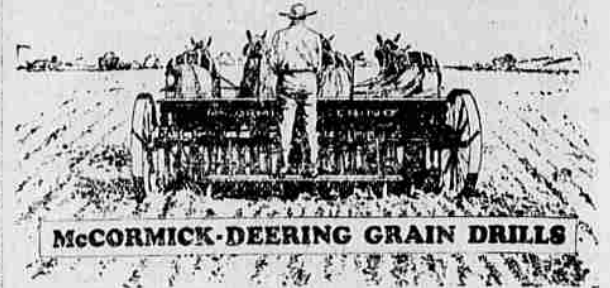
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for supper mother said we must clean up, so we got out our brushes to get rid of the dust. A tired looking woman leaned against the door frame and watched us. "You have not had any rain of late," mother said, "I have been here two years and it has not rained yet," was her answer. Such a country as we had come to! Near midnight we heard the most peculiar call. We forgot our weariness—Indians of course. Had we not read of their terrible war whoops? Soon it was repeated again and again. The stage stopped and my brother Marion looked in at us. The call was the driver announcing our arrival to my brother who had been sleeping by the roadside for several nights awaiting our arrival. This was at Paynes Ferry. The stage did not come there at that time.

We rested and visited there for some time. How interesting to watch the covered wagons and bit freight trains crossing on the ferry

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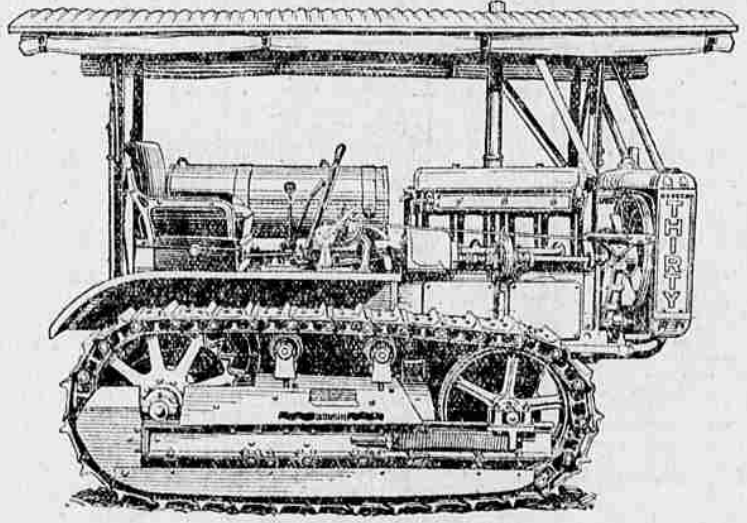
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