

OVER THE VALLEY

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The Hulse Reunion... The big Hulse reunion held annually at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hulse in the Iowa neighborhood...

Have Family Picnic... Complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Michelson of San Francisco who have been visiting relatives in the valley...

On the Toll Gate Road... Union and Walla Walla counties are tremendously interested in the improvement to be made on the toll gate road...

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poole enjoyed the three-day holiday by exploring the proposed toll gate road from Elgin to Milton...

Has Tonsils Out... Gifford Hulse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hulse of the Lone Star neighborhood, had his tonsils removed...

Have Lawn Party... Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Baile who live on the Island City-Cove highway proved themselves the most gracious host and hostess last Friday evening...

Get the Berries... Mr. and Mrs. Lester Courtney who live on the Judge Knowles farm on the sidehill road had a very successful huckleberry trip up Little Creek Sunday...

Busy With Cherries... The cherry orchard of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hefly is quite a busy place with a crew of 20 pickers...

Imbler Aid... There was a good attendance of the members at a meeting of the Imbler Aid society held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. George Crouser...

Have Fine Trip... Mr. and Mrs. E. Austin of Ladd Canyon have returned from a most enjoyable auto trip which took them to Pendleton and Pilot Rock...

Drive to Walla Walla... Mrs. I. Smutz, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smutz and family, Dee and George Smutz, have been married in the parlor of John Day and Canyon City...

To Institute... From all over the valley yesterday groups of young people, members of the Epworth Leagues at North Powder, Union, Cove, La Grande, Island City and Elgin started to Lake Walla where they will spend this week attending the annual Epworth League institute...

Home From Hospital... Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Penland of Island City have returned home from Portland where they have been the past few weeks while Mr. Penland was in the Veterans hospital...

At Mother's... Kenneth Gekeler of near Imbler, who has been ill of typhoid fever, has been taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Edith Gekeler of Grange Hall for care...

Have Reunion... Members of the Hughes family enjoyed a family reunion last week at the home of their sister and family, Mrs. Edwin Arnold at Yakima, Washington...

Pioneer Picnic... The annual Walla Walla county pioneer picnic which always attracts many of the pioneers from this valley is announced for Saturday, July 26, at the head of the lake, Daniel W. Sheahan is president of the association...

Visit in Country... Mrs. E. W. Leighton and daughter, Louise of Hulse, spent a few days last week at the Tom Wallinger home on the lower Cove road and helped to can the big crop of peas from Mrs. Wallinger's garden...

Home From Conference... Miss Dorothy Smutz returned yesterday from Turner, Oregon, where she has been attending a conference of the young people of the Christian churches of Oregon and also attending a church convention after the close of the conference...

Moving to New Home... Mrs. E. Austin entertained the members of the Get Together club last Thursday at her home in Ladd Canyon. There was a good company of the members present, all of whom report a pleasant afternoon...

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Sunday Guests... Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crossen who live on the sidehill road near La Grande had for their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes of Weiser, Mrs. Mary Worth of Rydewood, Washington, and Mrs. O. P. Harrison of La Grande...

Visits... Mrs. S. V. Snedeker who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Hawkins on the Cove-Union highway has been visiting at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Henry Vogel and family of near Union. Mrs. Snedeker is very proud of her great-grand-children at the Vogel home...

Has Guests... Mrs. E. C. Rees of near Cove has as her guests, Mrs. Ed Wright and her mother, Mrs. Clark, both of Salem. They came to the valley accompanied by Mrs. G. L. Dutton who is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter in La Grande...

Grange in Meet... The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. Grange is to be held this coming Saturday at their hall near La Grande. This subordinate is quite busy now on preliminary plans for their fair which is to be staged in the late summer or early fall. A similar fair was held last year after an interruption of a few years...

Wed... The marriage of two residents of the Wolf Creek neighborhood is reported, Miss Ethel Simons and Moody Coley having been married in Baker early this month. They have gone to housekeeping on the O'Brien farm in the Wolf Creek neighborhood which Mr. Coley and his brother have been operating...

An Inspiring View... Some time when you have more time than is required to make the light-seeing loop up around the Mt. Glen hill, drive out to the Cove and go up past the fruit farm of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hefly. Then saunter down the hill past Guy Barkers and Chris Stackland's and Mrs. Lydia Lantz, etc. If you have not yet been totally convinced of the unsurpassed beauty of this valley, you may be after such a trip. It is exceptionally beautiful now with the wheat fields of the valley so rapidly turning in color...

To Lake... Mrs. Garrett Blokland of near Island City, who has a cottage on the Methodist camp grounds at Walla Walla Lake, has placed the five girls of her Sunday school class at the Island City community church who will be her guests during the week of the Epworth League institute...

Stock Shipments... From Haines come reports of recent satisfactory lamb shipments as follows: Following the example, and with the assistance, of Union county farmer-sheepmen, nine farmers of Haines and adjacent districts Tuesday loaded a carload of selected fine fat lambs which were pooled cooperatively for shipment and sale to eastern markets...

This is the first pool shipment made by local farmers, and resulted when County Agent Avery of Union county consulted Roger Morse, Baker county agent, last week and our first lambs could be secured here to fill out one of the carloads from Union county. Instead of a full carload, it was found that a half carload could be secured and this was done and the balance of the Union county half car was filled at North Powder...

In order that the lambs would all be uniformly good, and in condition for market, the several flocks were inspected at the farms by T. B. Johnson, manager of the Union county lamb pool and Robert French from Union county. They with Mr. Avery and Mr. Morse, were in hand Tuesday morning for the weighing and loading of the lambs...

It is intended for the cooperative shipping pool that while many owners of small flocks never have enough to make up a shipment, and even fair size sheep raisers seldom have enough in prime condition at one time, a number shipping together can easily make up a car and get full shipping and selling advantages. The pool sends one man with the entire shipment...

Has Brown Swiss... Chas. Crossen living near La Grande on the sidehill road is gradually building up a dairy herd of registered Brown Swiss cattle and he has now a total of about 16 head of the registered variety but the breed, Mr. Crossen thinks, is particularly adapted to the rigors of this climate—are more able to stand the severe winter weather prevalent here than some of the other breeds. He is also partial to the Swiss cattle because if they do not succeed as dairy animals they are of the beefy type also. There are not many herds of Brown Swiss in this locality but the numbers are increasing and several fine herds may be seen...

Do Good Deeds... Members of the Odd Fellows lodge at Summerville went to the alfalfa field of Claude Hale yesterday, with six mowers and cut his 40 acres of hay. Today they are raking the hay and the job will be finished the latter part of the week. Mr. Hale, who is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital recovering from an accident is reported to be doing very well at present. Mrs. Carl Brown and Mrs. Violet Buoy prepared a warm dinner, and took to the hay makers yesterday...

From California... Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer arrived the first of the week from their home in Los Angeles and will have a visit here for their lawn social to serve home made ice cream. It was last Saturday night when nothing tickled the palate better than the things they served. There was a splendid crowd, the aprons in the bazaar booth sold well and the women stand to clear around \$35. A splendid program was given also. The affair has given on the lawn in front of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Combs and when we come to think about it, it was the Rebekah lodge which sponsored the affair, it might have been the Rebekah social club, but they have an equal amount of pep...

Baker Pioneers... Union county will have a representation at Baker tomorrow when the annual Baker county pioneer picnic will be held...

FINANCIAL SHOT... LOS ANGELES, July 14 (AP)—Molley H. Flint, Los Angeles financier, was shot to death in the Los Angeles county hall of justice today. A squad of police was rushed to the building to learn details. The shooting occurred in the courtroom of Superior Judge Collier. Flint, who was a brother of the late United States senator, Frank P. Flint, was killed instantly. The shot was fired by Frank O. Keaton, a real estate broker...

Third Year's Work Started By Dairy Group

Ralph Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson of the sidehill road near La Grande has been chosen by the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association as the official tester for the new year's work which started on the first of this present month. Mr. Robinson, in addition to much practical experience, is a Smith-Hughes graduate and has been a student of the Montana State college at Bozeman. He comes very well qualified for the work. It is believed by the members and officers of the association...

The work of this organization is being conducted on something of a different basis this year, and will operate on a part time schedule. Twenty-three days testing will be done by Mr. Robinson in place of 26 as heretofore. Of this 19 1/2 days have already been signed up and others who are interested will be signing within the course of a few weeks...

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JULY FIRST CROP REPORT

From the United States department of agriculture cooperating with the extension service of the Oregon state college comes the following crop report for Oregon and the United States...

With the July production forecasts on Oregon averaging considerably above the five year average, the current crop report of the Oregon crop reporting service is on the whole a very favorable one. Some areas in the state have been hit by damaging hot weather, other sections have suffered from insect and disease damage as well as damage by weather factors, but for the state as a whole the situation is above average on July first...

In the case of field crops corn, rye and hops are the only ones showing below average production. Corn production is 16,000 bushels below average, and rye is 6000 bushels below average. Oregon hops are much below average due chiefly to downy mildew and the present forecast is very little over one-half of last year's production. Potato production is considerably above the 1929 production from the same acreage. The big drop from the average is due chiefly to a decreased acreage of the crop. The acreage estimate of 21,000 is the largest since 1925. The increased acreage of spring wheat is sufficient to offset the decrease from last year in the case of winter wheat...

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busheles per acre, oat production is well above average although below 1929. Barley acreage dropped below 1929 but is much above average and the yield estimate is about average. Condition of Oregon tame hay crops are below average but with considerable increase in acreage, the estimate of total production compares favorably with previous years. Alfalfa acreage is unchanged but prospects are for a better crop than in 1929. Clover and timothy condition is below average and shows a seasonal decrease from a month ago. Oregon fruit prospects are generally much more favorable than fields...

office at Union, Mr. Scibird bought out and discontinued the office of a competitor—the Oregon Scout—the elder paper; also bought the building on Main street now occupied by the Republican office, still owned by Mr. Scibird. This ended 46 years in business for himself. In retiring from the printing business, Mr. Scibird finds himself in good health, the owner of a fine home and fruit tract, some timber land, and enough laid by to insure comfort all the rest of his days. Mr. Scibird has a hobby unusual among newspaper men—horsemanship—and it isn't a hobby-horse, either. He keeps a fine saddle horse and rides from five to ten miles almost every pleasant day. The veteran editor has taken this form of exercise for many years—before coming to Oregon and steadily since. This may account for the vigor that has kept him going journalistically past the time when many of his contemporaries have dropped by the wayside. Aside from a determination to keep up his horsemanship, Mr. Scibird has no immediate plans for the future.

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Early in 1875 he returned to Illinois and took cases on the Daily Leader, the Bloomington paper where he had started newspaper work. This work months there, and he went back to Colorado, following the mining boom to Del Norte, the gateway to the San Juan mines, where he landed May 15, 1876. A position on the San Juan Prospector occupied him until the fall of the next year. Returning to Illinois for a visit, he was back in old, he stopped temporarily out of journalism to become clerk at the Hot Springs hotel at Wagon Wheel Gap, summer resort. A telegram from W. F. Hogan took him to Leadville, then a booming mining camp, in the fall of 1878, to become foreman of the Eclipse, to get out Leadville's first daily; this was printed on a Washington hand press early in 1879. The year ago, about March or April of that year Mr. Scibird was called to Del Norte to take charge of the mechanical department of the San Juan Prospector. He worked there until April 1, 1884, at which time he bought the Prospector property, taking as a partner John C. Glover, a printer working in the office. The firm of Scibird & Glover published the Prospector until February, 1903, when the partners left for the west. At Union they bought the Enterprise of L. J. and M. P. Davis, taking charge March 1, 1904. Five years later Mr. Glover died, ending a partnership covering 24 years in two states. Mr. Scibird purchased from Mr. Glover's widow his interest in the Enterprise and continued publication until his retirement, at 74 years of age, a few weeks ago. The sale was made to W. C. and Violet Lewis, of Goldfield, Nevada. The local printer-publisher was at one time secretary of the Oregon State Editorial association—the year J. S. Dellinger, late publisher of the Astorian, was president. While operating the Republican

Sketch is given of GEO. SCIBIRD 61 YEARS EDITOR. A few weeks ago George A. Scibird, widely known over the valley as the dean of Eastern Oregon editors and the long-time publisher of the Republican at Union, retired, disposing of his paper by sale. His story in the newspaper work is a very interesting one. The current issue of the Oregon Exchanges having asked Mr. Scibird his rules and comments on the life of the editor. The sketch as prepared by editor Turnbull is as follows: Working hours, 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., winter and summer; longer if necessary. Office always in order—could not do satisfactory work in a slovenly office. Paid all bills promptly every month. Paid help always at end of week. Believed in getting job work out promptly and doing it the best he knew how. Collected all bills possible the first of each month—had no delicacy about asking for money that had been earned. Always endeavored to be fair with employes and always had their good will. Was never cheap workman—he believed in a fair price for good work. The subject of this sketch has not been to any great extent a rover. His long career has been spent on seven country newspapers. He was born a westerner, for schooling, he was decidedly western February 20, 1856, when the new Scibird made his first appearance. He became more and more a westerner, spending the last 27 years of nearly half his active career, in Oregon, in connection with the Union Republican. George Scibird's first work was done as apprentice in the job office of the Bloomington Daily Leader, August 15, 1880; he was then 13 years old. He remained on the Leader four years, leaving in October, 1873, for Colorado. From Colorado Springs he went to South Park, Colo., the same fall, and he spent the winter and spring at ranch work. Tiring of this, he went to Fairplay, Park county, Colo., got a job on the Fairplay Sentinel, published by Dick

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