

OVER THE VALLEY

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Former Resident Dies
Mrs. Turner Oliver received word last week of the death of the husband of her only sister, R. F. Reasoner, which occurred at the family home at Winters, California, July 26. The word received was very meagre and brought only the information that Mr. Reasoner's going was very sudden and no additional word has since been received by relatives, members of the McDonald families since. Mr. Reasoner was about 70 years of age and survived by his widow and six children—Gordon who is at home now on furlough from missionary work in Brazil, and was in Portland planning to come to La Grande when word of his father's death was received. William, a teacher in Tomoles, California, Stella, a nurse in Sacramento, Anna, who lives in Oakland, Jennie at home and Mrs. Arthur Stanley, of Berkeley. When they lived in the valley Mr. Reasoner's home was the farm adjoining Duncan McDonald's home in the Iowa district.

Large Shipments from Cove
The Cove Cooperative cherry growers shipped 80 tons of Royal Anson and 13 1/2 cartons of black cherries this season, according to the report of Lewin Lantz who was in charge of the work at the shed. Each carton contains not less than 127 lugs of cherries, over 15,000 lugs, or boxes of black cherries were shipped from the Cove cooperative shed. The crew averaged between 20 and 30 tons a rush, as high as 60 persons were employed. Between 40 and 50 growers brought in cherries during the 20 days of packing. No time was lost through weather conditions this year which is unusual, it is said. Prices were not quite so good for this year's crop as they were last year.

Losses Good Horse
The north of Summerville had the misfortune to lose one of his best work horses last week. While running with the other horses on the place the animal stumbled and fell, receiving such severe injuries to his back that it was necessary to put it out of its misery.

Visits Friends
Mrs. I. Treanor and children of Walla Walla, formerly lived in the Moss Chapel neighborhood are here visiting among friends in the valley for a short time.

Entertains Aid
The Island City aid society were guests Thursday afternoon at the parsonage with Mr. H. I. Hansen as the hostess. Mrs. Garrett Blokland, president, had charge of the business meeting and the devotionals were conducted by Mr. O. B. Shaffer. A very nice program was given. Miss Daphne Bowers gave a piano solo. Mrs. Mable Anson talked on the relationship of the aid society to the church, an interesting discussion following. A violin solo was given by Miss Anita Hermann. Some nice refreshments were served. Guests during the afternoon were Mrs. Mohl of Clatsop, Perry, Idaho, G. A. and M. Schroeder and Mrs. Treanor and two children of Walla Walla. Mrs. Hansen used cut flowers quite tastefully in decorating her home.

Both Frail
Mr. and Mrs. H. Littleton of near Alice, who have both been very frail have quite a hard time caring for each other. Mrs. Littleton has been the victim of a nervous disease which has robbed her of the control and use of her arms. Both are quite advanced in years.

Visit the Lakes
Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom and daughter, and Mrs. W. A. Zurbriek of Moss Chapel were members of a party driving to the North Powder Lakes recently. This trip has been quite popular this summer and many have ventured on the mountain road for the sake of the beauty to be seen in the lake region.

Three-1 Picnic
This coming Sunday, August 10 is the date for the annual Three-1 picnic and former residents of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa will gather at Riverside Park for their day's festivities. It is urged that all eligible make a special effort to be present.

Returns Home
Mrs. Earl Robinson of near Cove who recently underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis in La Grande has been discharged and is recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Childers on the lower Cove road.

Valley Boy Weds
Another former Cove boy recently entered the list of married men when Gordon Light of Underwood and Maud L. Cross of Stevenson were united in marriage at Goldendale, Washington, 28, 1930. They were attended by the groom's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Comer. The bride was attired in blue silk trimmed with lace. After the ceremony, they returned to the groom's home where a wedding lunch was served. Late the happy couple went to the camp of a large logging company where the groom is employed. They are both in wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity. Gordon Light is well known in Cove and vicinity where he has lived until about five years ago when he moved with his parents to Washington.

Visits Relatives
Mrs. Ida Hall, of Spangle, Washington, was a visitor in the valley last week having been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson on the sidewalk road. Mrs. Hall had been in California visiting with relatives and stopped off here on her way home.

In Valley
Miss Helen Hertog of La Grande is spending a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knauts in the Iowa neighborhood.

Doing Nicely
Mrs. Maude Woodell of the Lane State neighborhood has been having quite a painful time with her hand which was lacerated when she caught it in a food chopper. The end of one thumb was severed. It is reported that the member is healing quite satisfactorily now.

Visits in Baker
Miss Marie Ledbetter of Alice is visiting this week with friends in Baker and at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Loening at Muddy Creek.

Harvesting Full Blast
The wheat crop is being harvested

A CHAMPION



The first cut ever used on the Over The Valley page after it was started three years ago, was, in a way, very similar to the one above. The above is the champion in one of the classes of horses exhibited at this year's Eastern Oregon Livestock show, and held by its owner, county

commissioner W. R. Ledbetter. The picture used three years ago was of the colt, then three weeks old, and valued at \$300 at that time. The animal has come to the show stage now and the predictions made three years ago have come true.

quite rapidly these days with each day seeing gigantic strides made in the direction of the modern combine. There are many new combines in operation this year, but many are also using the header and the binding and threshing methods. The quantity of the wheat this year is said to be very good and the quantity good, also. Yesterday's rain retarded the work somewhat. A very slight trace of hail is reported near Summerville.

Andrew Blokland
The Over The Valley section of The Observer, together with many others in the valley, has lost a good friend in the tragic death early yesterday morning of Andrew Blokland, pioneer farmer. Mr. Blokland and the members of his family were among the first friends made three years ago and they have been helpful ever since in many ways. In our memory, we cherish varied pictures of our friends who have gone on, but the one which the editor of this page will like best to have of Mr. Blokland was that one on Father's Day, which was accompanied by his stalwart sons, he occupied a prominent place in the congregation of the First Methodist church in La Grande.

Builds Warehouse
Lamar Westnikow, whose big apple packing plant and warehouse was totally destroyed by fire about the first of the year is building a new plant, this time in Imbler and adjacent to the railroad. The old building stood in his apple orchard. The building being erected stands on the site until recently occupied by the Standard Oil tanks and will be 30 by 80 feet in dimension.

A Hazardous Trip?
When Marshall Dana was in this part of Oregon last week he had numerous stories to relate, but none perhaps more interesting than of a visit here years ago when he missed connections in La Grande and had difficulty in getting on over in Walla Walla county. Mr. Dana relates on this trip to Walla Walla, the train was late and the branch line train did not wait for the limited at La Grande. He was accompanied at the time by two Portland business men who were very anxious to get to Walla Walla that day and offered \$50 for anyone who would bring them over in an automobile. The trip that now takes but little over an hour, was then so hazardous that none of the owners of cars in La Grande would undertake it and they were forced to spend a day in La Grande and come to Walla Walla the following day. Mr. Dana recalls that Mrs. McCully, of Joseph, had driven a car to La Grande a few days prior to their trip and was not only the first woman to accomplish the feat but had won a reputation for doing that event that had a youth of the day were not anxious to emulate.

Weekend at Weston
W. R. Ledbetter and daughters, Eva and Edna, drove to Weston on Friday and spent the weekend visiting with friends in and near there and also at Pendleton.

Have Baby Boy
The birth of a fine six-pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan of Moss Chapel district last week is reported.

Valley Boy III
Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rubin of near Alice have received word recently that their son, Virgil, who is visiting with friends and relatives in California was quite ill and yet his condition would not warrant his being sent home.

Concludes Visit
Mr. F. Wilson, orchardist near Imbler has returned from Walla Walla where she has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Henshaw and family.

Pioneer Gathering Sunday
Each year the Women's club of Cove puts on a pioneer picnic for the old pioneers of that vicinity. This year the event will last all day and will be held on the Ascension camp grounds, the day being next Sunday, August 10. All are invited but the special guests are the pioneers of 60 years and upwards. The program is being arranged by M. L. Carter of the Riverside district.

Improving Building
The school house at Alice is being given some repairs before school opens, the principal item being the installation of a hard wood floor.

Get Truck
Walshinger Bros. of the Valeria district are in the midst of the wheat harvesting. Adding to their other modern equipment, Everett Walshinger has purchased a new truck. This year which leaves practically nothing to be secured for the expeditions gathering and marketing of the crop.

From the Lake
Mrs. Turner Oliver and Miss Margaret Anson have returned from Walla Walla lake where they were guests of Mrs. Margaret McDonald at her beau-

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Wool Report

Crop Reporting Service. The lamb crop of 1930 is estimated at 1,738,000 head compared with 1,461,000 head in 1929 and 1,611,000 head in 1928. The number of lambs saved per 100 ewes was 90 this year compared with 80 last year and 95 in 1928. Breeding ewes in Oregon have steadily increased since 1924 until January 1, 1930, when they were estimated at 1,029,000. The unusually large increase in the 1930 lamb crop over 1929 is due to the fact that the number of ewes and the number of lambs per hundred ewes.

On Vacation
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams left Saturday morning for Boise, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Williams' mother, who has been with the Williams' since early spring went with them to her home in Boise where she will remain. Their son, Chester and David Larson who has been with the Williams since the close of school, are in La Grande with David's parents. Mr. Williams is operator of the Cove unit of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co.'s plants and is taking his vacation at this time. Ben Lloyd, assistant operator is in charge during his absence.

Sunday Guests
Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bowen living in the Fry Creek neighborhood had as their guests at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sanderson and son, Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell, Mrs. E. Sanderson, Burt Oliver and daughter, Madeline, Charles and Willie Sanderson, Leo Neiderer and Claude Kellum.

Gifts Shower
Mrs. Amanda Wagoner entertained about 25 friends last week at her home in Summerville at a shower for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Hensley. It was a very happy event. Mrs. Hensley received some beautiful gifts from her friends.

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION MAKES EFFORT TO STOP DOWNWARD PRICE TREND

The National Wool Marketing Corporation has made its first formal move in the direction of wool market stabilization. In a statement issued Friday, July 18, the national cooperative declared its intention to use its influence to prevent any further decrease of prices. The complete statement follows:

"Prices of wool have declined fifteen per cent in the last two years and the wool grower must show further declines of 15 to 25 per cent, according to grade, to reach an importing parity. Spot stocks of foreign wool are usually small and with even substantial business importation will be necessary. Mill stocks are low and fabric inventories small. The public is offered exceptional values today in clothing. The National Wool Marketing Corporation holds from one-third to one-half of the unsold domestic clip. It will be the corporation's policy to maintain prices at present levels or advance prices whenever conditions warrant and maintain a greater stabilization of values. The National Wool Marketing Corporation believes that the wool clip will work to the advantage of all from the wool grower to the consumer of wool."

As set forth in this statement, the National Wool Marketing Corporation believes that the domestic wool situation is fundamentally sound. The analysis by the cooperative, upon which its plan of action was outlined, indicates that stocks of foreign wool in this country are exceedingly small and that mill stocks and fabric inventories are low. Operating conditions, fundamentally important in the wool market situation, the wool marketing organization believes the time is ripe to make its first major move.

Throughout the current wool trading season the constructive influence of the national cooperative operating for the first year, has been apparent. But for the activity of the National Wool Marketing Corporation wool values in the field undoubtedly would have gone much lower than they did. Conservative observers of the wool industry feel that the presence of the nationwide cooperative meant at least 3 to 5 cents a pound more to the grower on the average for their wool than would have been received had there been no cooperative.

The National Wool Marketing Corporation has been receiving and storing wools at several concentration points for several months. In keeping with the principles of orderly marketing, which calls for distributing wools as they are needed, the cooperative has been filling orders since the first shipments were received. The bulk of the cooperative wools, however, are yet to be merchandised, which gives the association a large volume of wool with which to achieve its constructive stabilization goal.

The cooperative believes this step will be the most desirable one that could be taken in behalf of the thousands of wool growers who are affiliated with the new marketing institution. When prices at the London sales, which opened July 7, showed declines of 5 to 7 per cent, the National Wool Marketing Corporation was quick to give producers an analysis of the world situation, showing that the small decline in England should not have any similar reaction in this country. The effect of this was that growers were protected from any speculators who might try to take advantage of the slight foreign

Wool Report

United States Lamb Crop—July 1930
The United States lamb crop of 1930 is about 8 per cent larger than the crops of 1929 and 1928 and about 18 per cent larger than the 1927 crop. The indicated lamb crop for 1930 is 26,458,000 compared with 26,341,000 in 1929; 26,363,000 in 1928; and 24,153,000 in 1927. The number of lambs saved per 100 ewes one year old over on January 1 was 97.5 in 1930; 83.9 in 1929; 89.1 in 1928; and 87.2 in 1927.

The larger lamb crop this year was due to increases in both the native and western lamb states. The crop in the native lamb states this year was about 4 per cent or 400,000 head larger than in 1929. This increase was due to an increase in the number of breeding ewes, a slightly larger number of lambs saved per 100 ewes. The native lamb crop was 9,734,000 in 1930; 9,326,000 in 1929; 8,930,000 in 1928, and 8,975,000 in 1927.

The number of breeding ewes in the United States on January 1 was 32,602,000, an increase of about 3.5 per cent over the previous year and 10 per cent larger than on January 1, 1928; and about 26.5 per cent larger than on January 1, 1925.

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While wheat has always been fed to hogs in small quantities in some localities, Professor Oliver points out that the price of it in some years has not made it profitable and in most cases it has been a losing proposition. Records kept by the animal husbandry department since 1910 show an average loss over