

OVER THE VALLEY

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Hand in Winger—Mrs. Sam Williamson of Cove avenue suffered a very painful and severe injury yesterday when she caught her left hand in the electric winder while assisting with the washing. The two smaller fingers were caught first and in her confusion she tried to pull the hand from the winder. By the time the power was shut off the flesh had been badly torn from these two fingers and the back of her hand was badly lacerated. It is all very painful.

Returns Home—Rev. Josie Blokland returned last night to her home at Nyssa after having had a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Blokland and family near Island City. Miss Blokland reports that Miss Mabel Aubin who lives with her at Nyssa was quite ill the first of the week having had a recurrence of her old sinus trouble.

Home From Idaho—Mrs. Ralph Wells and children and Miss Rhoda Jean Jasper, all of the Valeria district, have returned from their auto trip up into Idaho.

Have New Car—Frank McKinnis and family of near Summerville are driving a new Chevrolet sedan.

Scorn Home—Mr. and Mrs. Irl Treanor and their children have returned to their home at Walla Walla following a visit with their former neighbors in the Moss Chapel district.

Given Farewell—Yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Blokland near Island City, friends in the Island City community gave the Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Hansen a farewell party, the members of the Ladies Aid society having been sponsors of the lovely affair. When the entire company had gathered, and there must have been around 50 people present, a short program was given over which Mrs. Blokland, president of the aid, presided. Mrs. O. O. Shafer, chairman, had charge of the devotional prayer. Mrs. Mabel Anson gave an excellent reading, followed by two pretty songs by Miss Edna Hulley with Miss Mildred Spencer at the piano. Mrs. Josie Blokland gave a short talk in which she stressed the importance of the work which the women of the church are doing today, the worthwhileness of it, the volume of it, the Herminie gave a very pleasing violin number, pleasing as she always does, with Miss Spencer playing the accompaniment. Miss Mae Ding, of Foothill, China, was introduced and she gave an interesting talk, first along education lines and then speaking of present civil conditions in China and events which lead up to those present, existing conditions. Mrs. Allen Shupe turned the next number on the program and after reading one of Queen's poems on friends, she presented Rev. and Mrs. Hansen with a beautiful mirror for their home, 1606 M. avenue in La Grande as a gift from their Island City friends. Rev. Hansen responded briefly. The afternoon concluded with an hour or so of informal sociability and with the serving of a tray lunch by the committee.

To Funeral—Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlstrom and daughter, Della Jean of Moss Chapel, are in North Pole today attending the funeral of Al Olson, a prominent resident of that locality who died Tuesday evening.

Brother Visits—Mrs. Ed Jasper of the Valeria district was quite delighted Saturday when her brother, Gordon McDonald, came in for a brief visit over the weekend, a few days from a vacation auto trip. Mr. McDonald is in his junior year in the medical school in Portland.

At Rondova—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Matheson and Marvin Matheson and Arthur Marr were guests of the weekend at the home of Eugene Sixby home at Rondova. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Sixby who is spending a few days in La Grande looking after business matters.

Visit Cousins—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shafer of Baker were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Shafer of near Island City.

Last Call—This is our last opportunity to urge people all over the valley to pack their lunch baskets next Wednesday and get to the Eastern Oregon experiment station in time for the program in connection with the annual county 4-H picnic, the annual all-county grange picnic and the open house of the Eastern Oregon. The weather here is favorable several hundred people will, no doubt, be present and in addition to the social features the educational trend of the day will be very much worth while.

Visits—Miss Dora Hutchinson of near Union has been having as her house-guest her aunt, Mrs. E. H. Pratt of Postville, Oregon.

Letter—Mrs. Amanda Wagoner of near Summerville who has been having some trouble with her eyes is reported as being much better.

Have New Son—A fine new baby son is reported as the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Weight of Fruitdale, since the 25th. The babe weighed ten and a half pounds and so far as we could learn a fine enough name has not yet been found. He and his mother are still at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Visitors—Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fisher and family in the Willwade neighborhood have been A. W. Downer an old friend of the family from Stanfield and Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Keil and five children of Pendleton. Harvesting has not yet started at the Fisher place. The 100 acres of wheat not having been considered ready yet.

Return From Trip—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill and their daughter, Ruth, have returned from their auto trip to the home of Mrs. McNeill's people at Newberg. They report a pleasant vacation visit.

To Washington—Miss Minnie Holman of near Island City started Wednesday morning on an trip to Bellingham, Washington and way stations, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill of May Park, who were going on their daughter, Miss Amelia. The latter who is a teacher at the Island City school has been taking summer work at the Bellingham normal school.

Foundation—The foundation of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Wagoner is in and the super-structure will probably be started soon. This new modern bungalow which Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner are erecting on their acreage in Fruitdale is but one more of the splendid new homes just erected or being erected in that part of the valley.

Something Very New—We felt so sorry for some chickens we saw out on the A. J. Stange ranch Wednesday, the place so ably operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McClure and their family and wondered what the state humane officers would do to Miss Ruth McClure for dressing her chickens up in the old-fashioned "kitty hoods" on such a hot day as that day was. But Miss Ruth marched us bodily out to the chicken pen and gave us a close up view of her "Japanese silkies," a novelty in the chicken family and certainly something very interesting to look at. The birds are about the size of the bantams, have real black skin and are covered with white down, so it looks, rather than the coarse feathers. Mr. Stange, who is the start of the small flock this spring, a rooster and two hens and Ruth has a flock of seven of the strange, but very beautiful silkies. She is naturally very proud of them. This bunch is a very busy place, but an interesting one. There are about 100 turkeys which seem to be doing very well, 150 geese, ducks in proportion and lots of chickens.

Visits Sunday—Miss Helen Britts of La Grande spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fisher on the Lower Cove road.

Have New Truck—E. H. Becker of the Valeria district has a new Ford truck with dual wheels to help with the work at this busy season of the year.

Give Farewell—A farewell party was given recently at the home of Mrs. Garrett Blokland near Island City by Mrs. Blokland and the members of her Sunday school class of the Island City Community church in honor of Lillian, Julia, Jane and Marcia Parker who are leaving soon for Kansas where they will make their home. The afternoon was spent with games and music and delicious refreshments. Daphne Bowery, representing the class presented the girls with some gifts as remembrances from their friends. Besides the members of the class there were one other occasion, Miss Pitma Shafer and Miss Margaret Zurbrick also entertained for the Parker girls.

Back to Idaho—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mehl returned Tuesday evening to their home at Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, following a visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Hansen.

Nearing Completion—The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward in Fruitdale is rapidly nearing completion. The structure is of the bungalow type, modern throughout and will make one more splendid new home in that locality. Mr. Ward's property is east of the school house.

Tally—Students of the Island City community are urged to remember the Sunday school rally and picnic dinner next Sunday.

Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bates of the Willwade district have had as their recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McMasters and two children of Union and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bates and baby son. The latter family has been living at Pondosa but has now moved into La Grande.

Receives Fine Bird—Mrs. George Chapman of May Park who has one of the most scientifically bred poultry flocks in Eastern Oregon has recently added to her pens a cock bird from the University of British Columbia whose pedigree runs back for three generations from very high record hens. This university has the world's highest record hen, which laid 351 eggs in 365 days. By getting one of the cocks from the above and by pedigreeing and trapping for many years, Mrs. Chapman is justified in thinking that not many individual flocks can surpass hers.

Annual Bazaar—October 17 is the date set by the officers of the Imbler Ward Relief society for their annual bazaar. This is one of the large affairs of the kind held over the valley and the ladies have always had very good success.

To Coast—J. J. Schroeder, president of the board of directors of the Island City school announces that their school will not open until September 8. The school has been practically "made over" during the summer months and will be in splendid shape for the year's work. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder and their two children, Alma and Harry, left yesterday in their car for the coast where they will have a week's vacation.

Off For Teaching—Mrs. Lillian Allen and her daughter, Iva June of near the Cove left on Tuesday for King's Hill, Idaho, where Mrs. Allen will be on the high school faculty this coming year.

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light, and from Colorado and Nebraska where range conditions are good and feed production ample. In Texas the low pasture and range conditions of August 1 have not yet been relieved. Unless ample rains come within the next month range and feed prospects will be very poor. While present indications are for a considerable reduction in marketings, continued drought may force heavy late shipments.

To date few cattle or calves have been contracted and corn belt feeders have indicated that they will buy a larger proportion of their supplies on public markets than for several years past. While total corn production in the corn belt states will be very short, production in the principal cattle feeding areas will be relatively much better than in other sections, and supplies of other feed grains and hay are fairly large. Recent rains have improved corn belt pastures and normal rainfall during September will insure an abundant supply of fall feed. The probable shipments of sheep

and lambs from the 13 western sheep states during the last four months of 1930 will be about 1,200,000 head or 10 per cent larger than during the last four months of 1929 and 27 per cent larger than during the last four months of 1928. This covers sheep lots to market and direct to feed lots. Most of this increase will be in lambs, the increased movement of sheep—mostly ewes—being estimated at only 77,000 head or five per cent larger than last year.

The movement of early lambs from these states to the end of August this year is estimated as about 300,000 head or 9 per cent larger than in 1929. This increase in early lambs added to the probable increase in shipments during the last four months is about equivalent to the estimated increase in the lamb crop in these states. The western lamb crop of 1930 was estimated at about 1,600,000 head larger than that of 1929.

The estimate of shipments this year is based upon reports received from a large number of sheepmen reporting their own marketings last year, upon estimates from sheepmen, bankers, dealers, railroad officials and others as to the probable shipments from different states, and upon consideration of range conditions, feed supplies and other factors that will influence the shipments. While subsequent developments in the market situation and the feed outlook may change considerably, the actual marketings from the above estimate, it is thought that such developments are more apt to increase than to decrease the movement.

Because of the small number of lambs contracted either by feeders or dealers and the continued inactivity of dealers in states where a large part of the lambs are sold to dealers, there is great uncertainty in these states as to what the marketings may be this year. Unless such buying develops on a large scale during the next two months, it is probable that a much larger proportion of the shipments this year will go to stock yards mar-

kets than has been the case in recent years.

Feed production and prospective winter range conditions for these western states as a whole are below last year and much below the average of the past five shipments. This year, however, the low level of prices for old ewes and feeding lambs may have the effect of inducing many sheepmen, who are in a position to do so, to retain such stock in the expectation of an improvement in the price situation. The number of ewe lambs to be held for breeding is questionable at this time. There is an evident tendency to hold ewe lambs where feed and financial conditions permit. With a light local demand for old ewes and low prices, many old ewes will be held on the range.

Lamb feeding operations will be reduced in Colorado and Western Nebraska. In several western sections that have fed an effort will be made to feed lambs before marketing rather than to sell feeder lambs at low prices.

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