

# OVER THE VALLEY

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**Children Ill—**  
Clark Hartley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hartley of near Cove is reported as being ill.

**Gets Braces—**  
Claude Hale, mayor of Imbler, whose case has attracted county wide interest since he was injured early last summer, has received his braces now and is attempting to use them at the Grande Ronde hospital. The first attempts were not overly encouraging. It is reported.

**Have Less Irrigation—**  
There are some interesting figures given in a recent bulletin issued by the bureau of census, Washington, D. C. in regard to irrigation in Oregon. The figures given are results of the 1930 census and some comparative data from the 1920 census. The 1920 figures being preliminary are subject to correction. In the entire state of Oregon, the acreage irrigated in 1930 was 937,068, which is a decrease of 5 per cent from the figure of 1920. The acreage enterprises which were capable of irrigating in 1930 was 1,344,920 and in 1920, 1,188,920, a decrease of 11.5 per cent. The figures being preliminary are subject to correction. In the entire state of Oregon, the acreage irrigated in 1930 was 937,068, which is a decrease of 5 per cent from the figure of 1920. The acreage enterprises which were capable of irrigating in 1930 was 1,344,920 and in 1920, 1,188,920, a decrease of 11.5 per cent.

**Have Doctor—**  
Dr. C. E. Calame, who is also Rev. C. A. Calame, pastor of the Methodist church at Cove, has been kept quite busy during the recent epidemics in that community. Cove people are appreciating the immediate presence of a doctor at such a time.

**To Other Valley—**  
Glenn Linn and his two daughters, Neva and Rita of near the Cove left Monday of this week for Eugene where they will spend the rest of the winter. The two girls will be with their aunt, Mrs. Mary and will finish the school year in Eugene. Rita Mary has lived with her aunt since the death of her mother when she was a toddler. She spent the summer when she came to Cove to be with her own family for a time. Mr. Lincoln will visit with other relatives near Eugene and hopes to find work later on.

**Go Skiing—**  
A number of young people from Elgin and Cove enjoyed a skiing party Sunday on Fletcher's hill. This is a favorite spot for skiing. Miss Dorothy Barker who was one of the party, says the beauty of the scene was one which will not soon be forgotten, as the sun striking through the banks of fog below them, was indeed a sight.

**Club Entertainments—**  
The members of the Pep and Step club of the Summerville Rebekah lodge, entertained the members of the membership at the regular meeting held at the hall on Wednesday evening. The club gave a program of music and readings and concluded with serving pie a la mode.

**Dinner Guest—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Chadwick of lower Cove had as guest Sunday for dinner Dr. C. W. Tenney, president of Gooding college, who occupied the pulpit at the Cove Methodist church on Sunday.

**President Happily Surprised—**  
Mrs. Garrett Blokland who works so hard as president of the Island City Ladies Aid society was most happily surprised yesterday when the aid met for an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Perry. It had been announced as an all day work meeting with a pot luck lunch at noon, as Island City ladies are quite conscientious and always are on hand for the quilting or other handwork that needs attention. And they came in large numbers. The lunch was served shortly after noon and was most complete. When the meal was nearly over Mrs. J. M. Bowers appeared carrying a wonderful birthday cake and she stepped right in front of Mrs. Blokland. That let the secret out—it was almost Mrs. Blokland's 57th birthday and the cake was baked by Mrs. Bowers in honor of that event. Mrs. Blokland told her friends that although this was her 57th birthday this was the very first birthday cake which she had received from her own self. After the dinner there was a business meeting over which Mrs. Blokland presided. Rev. Hansen, former pastor, led in the prayer. Mrs. N. E. Henshaw gave an appropriate reading. Plans for the tin-pall or old-fashioned school party which is to be given a week from this evening were discussed. And they were all attended to. Mrs. Bowers appeared with another surprise and this was a handkerchief shower when Mrs. Blokland received numerous and dainty gifts from her friends and co-workers in the aid. It was a very happy day for all concerned.

**Meeting Today—**  
The Countrywomen's club is meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Reece McAllister near Island City, with Mrs. C. B. Spencer as the assistant hostess.

**Dinner Guests—**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Dean of lower Cove had for their dinner guests on Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. Ringo of La Grande. Mrs. Dean served one of the dinners for which she is famed and the evening hours were spent informally.

**Has Quilting Bee—**  
Mrs. Frank Woodell of Summerville was one of the famous quilting bees Tuesday of this week and from all accounts it measured up pretty well to the others which have been held. She had for her guests during the day Mrs. Ray H. and Mrs. W. A. West of Pumpkin Ridge, Mrs. Burt Oliver, Mrs. Charles Sanderson of Dry Creek, Mrs. J. J. Wagoner, Mrs. Claire Hamilton, Mrs. E. Sanderson, Mrs. N. E. Henshaw, Mrs. Ed Combs and Mrs. Bouy of Summerville. Mrs. Woodell served a chicken dinner at noon, and she insists that this time she did not serve 26 kinds of vegetables, though we will wager she had 35 (not counting egg plant). The portion of the day which was not spent eating was put on Mrs. Woodell's pretty quilt.

**Does Not Grieve—**  
The condition of Mrs. Mary Murchison who has been bedfast at the home of her son, John Murchison of the Pleasant Grove for two weeks or more, is reported as being very grave. Her daughters, Mrs. Earl Park of Dry Creek and Mrs. Wilson of La Grande are assisting in her care.

**Moves Sheep—**  
Robert French moved his sheep from the winter feed yard to the lambing sheds at North Powder, a distance of about seven miles, on Monday. They report that there was about a foot of loose snow at the time the sheep were moved and that it was slow work. Mr. French expects his sheep to begin lambing in about two weeks.

**Comes to Grandparents—**  
Gerald Moss of Portland arrived in the valley last week and will be here for the remainder of the school year, making his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moss of Moss Chapel.

**Party Tonight—**  
The Ladies' Guild of the Ascension Episcopal church of Cove is giving a no-hostess party this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch on the Mill Creek canyon road. To this all members of the guild and their husbands have been invited.

**Loses Valuable Cow—**  
F. W. Hawkins, who lives on the Union-Cove highway, had the misfortune Saturday to lose a very valuable cow, one of the high grade Jerseys from his herd of 14 head. The animal had been sick for ten days and Mr. Hawkins had doctoring her for pneumonia as she had symptoms of that disease. During all the time, the animal suffered greatly and while everything was done in an attempt to alleviate the ailment she did not respond to the treatment given. A post mortem was held on Sunday and a big rusty nail was found piercing the animal's lung. This is the fifth cow Mr. Hawkins has lost in the two years he has been living on this ranch. The first one died from eating wild parsnips, one from milk fever, one which appeared to have the same trouble as the cow which they lost Saturday and the fifth one, which died about six months ago had wire in her stomach that had also pierced her heart.

**Home From Hospital—**  
Lyle Ledbetter who has been at the Grande Ronde hospital for almost three weeks following an operation for ruptured appendix has made splendid recovery and was able to be taken to his home near Elgin yesterday.

**Wind Hits Roads—**  
The severe winds of the past few days have played havoc with the roads in many sections of the valley. Even between La Grande and Island City, the drifts were quite sizable and farther out on the Island City-Cove highway the snow plow was at work Wednesday and presumably yesterday where snow drifts had become impassable in many places. Several cars were stalled in the road between Summerville and Island City yesterday, and even the county plow was stuck for a time until the caterpillar was brought to drag it out.

**Steps On Nail—**  
Donald Gale of near Union has been experiencing much pain from a recent accident in which a nail penetrated his foot for some distance. We are not certain if we were told that the member had become infected, but Mr. Gale has been having much trouble with it.

**Is Promoted—**  
Relatives in the valley have received word that Clarence Bean, formerly of Elgin who left that com-

**Miss Nye Is Honored Again—**  
The many friends in this valley of Miss Claribel Nye will read with interest the story of another honor which has come to her recently. Miss Nye is leader of home economics extension in Oregon. The item says: Miss Claribel Nye, head of home economics extension at the college, was recently appointed chairman of the state better homes committee by James Ford, executive director of Better Homes in America, an educational movement with President Hoover as its honorary chairman. Miss Nye replaces Miss Jane Spurlin, Portland attorney, who has held the position for some time, but who has recently been asked to be relieved of her duties because of other work. Miss Nye's selection for the chairmanship was due partly to the fact that she was chairman of the New York state committee before she came to Oregon. The history of the organization began when Herbert Hoover became interested in a similar institution in Ohio and in a speech recommended it for a nationwide movement. Mrs. W. B. Maloney, editor of Delmar, Oregon, noticed the review of the speech and developed plans for a Better Homes week, which was so well taken that a foundation financed the plan and provided for headquarters in Washington, D. C., with James Ford as the executive director.

**Start Home—**  
T. C. Hefty, orchardist, who lives above the Cove, took Mrs. Hefty and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Underwood to Union Junction early Wednesday morning where they expected to go on from here to California where they intended to remain for about three months. Mr. Underwood was taken ill soon after his arrival and consequently the two decided to return to their home as soon as his condition would permit. The ambulance which was to have taken Mr. Underwood to La Grande because of a drift near the Hamann ranch in the valley and was unable to make the trip, so Mr. Hefty took the party to Union Junction. Mr. Hefty reports that Mr. Underwood arrived at the Junction with no ill effects from the ride apparently. Mrs. Hefty accompanied her parents as far as Ogden, Utah and will then return to the valley if her father's condition seems to warrant her leaving them.

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Mrs. Haskell Bloom and baby daughter, Beulah Mae have returned from Haines where they visited at the home of Mrs. Bloom's mother, Mrs. Tibbs.

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community some time ago to take an important position with Montgomery Ward & Co. has had another promotion. He has been taken from the management of the Los Angeles district and has been transferred to the main office at Oakland, Cal.

**To Baker—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Powers of Medical Springs left yesterday for Baker where they were called by the death and the funeral of Mr. Powers' sister. Mrs. Powers had been visiting among her many friends in La Grande for several days and Mr. Powers came to the city for her on Wednesday.

**Has Operation—**  
Mrs. Amy Valentine of the Cove who was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital last week was operated Tuesday morning of this week and reports from her bedside are quite encouraging. Mrs. Valentine had been under the doctor's care for some time as she had been suffering from diabetes and later she had an attack of the flu. The operation was for the removal of gall stones.

**Organize New Group—**  
A new camp fire group was organized at Cove Friday evening, the old group—the Nissaki—having been one of the old groups in the valley. This organization is made up of high school girls with Miss Mae Hileman as guardian. The officers elected are: president, Eleanor Davis; vice president, Katherine Davis; scribe, Ruth White. Other members of the new group are: Aida Blank, Evelyn Hagey and Lavene Hallmark. Maxine Towle and Jean Miller who were members of the Nissaki group are transferring to the new group. Miss Hileman, Miss Thelma Anderson, guardian of the Nissaki group and Miss Margaret Hubbard each gave an interesting talk on camp fire work and ideals. The new group will meet on Thursdays.

**Give Dance—**  
A large company of people attended a dance given Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Breshers on lower Cove, 46 being the number present. Alvin Lloid played the violin with various people helping out on the piano and Fred Bristow called the dances. A lunch was served to those present, all of whom report a very good time.

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by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Summerville in which the members and their families shared. It was an exceptionally happy party with a very large crowd present. During the evening, however, a strong wind, for which the valley is so very famous came up and clogged up the roads in nearly every direction from Summerville. Those who had to go long or short distances had trouble, many had to leave their cars, walk for teams to pull their cars out and several were delayed as late as Friday afternoon and some even until Saturday afternoon to get through the roads to their homes.

**To Have Party—**  
The Epworth League of the Island City community church will have a party this evening at the home of Albert Wardell in the Island.

**At Gray's—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lovan of Union have gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gray on lower Cove where they plan to make an indefinite stay.

**Club Hears Review—**  
At their monthly silver tea held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Egan E. Anderson, the members of the Women's Improvement club of Cove heard Miss Amanda Zabel of La Grande give her very fascinating review of "The Green Pastures." This was the eighth time Miss Zabel had been asked by groups in various localities to give this review and the Cove women on Wednesday, as have all the preceding groups who have heard it were delighted with the program. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. J. R. Fletcher, president of the club. Tea was served following the program by Mrs. A. G. Conkitt, assisted by Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. J. R. Price, Mrs. Chris Bertsch, Mrs. W. A. McNeill and Mr. Anderson.

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## 14 COUNTY SCHOOLS GET CERTIFICATES OF STANDARDIZATION

Fourteen schools in Union county have recently received from the state department of education through the office of E. A. Sayre, county superintendent of schools of this county, certificates which show that they have met all the requirements to become standard schools. This rating is for rural schools only, which term means those schools operating in communities with 2500 population or less. This eliminates the La Grande schools, but all others in the county are eligible. Standardization is gained by making a certain number out of 100 points, and the list as given by Mr. Sayre shows that 12 schools have made 80 points out of the possible 100 which makes them standard, while two more have reached 90 points and have therefore been certified as "superior standard."

The schools which have reached standardization requirements are: Union, superior standard; North Powder, superior standard; Elgin, standard; Imbler, standard; Cove, standard; Island City, standard; Pleasant Grove, standard; Alcol, standard; Summerville, standard; Fruitdale, standard; Kamela, standard; Iowa, standard; Ladd Canyon, standard; Perry, standard.

To reach this standard, the individual schools are rated as follows:

Category	Possible Points
Grounds and outbuildings	12
Schoolhouse	19
Equipment	19
Library and supplementary readers	9
Teacher and school organization	20
Community and school activities	12
Total score	100

Under these several headings are lists of items which win points for rating. For instance, under grounds and outbuildings come—manner in which the school grounds are kept, their beautification, whether there is a flag and flag pole, adequate in size, with sizable playground, water supply, etc. For this 12 points may be earned.

The condition of the schoolhouse may gain 19 points. Its foundation must be good, as also the roof and siding with well painted exterior and good windows. The doors must be good and have lock and key. The interior walls must be in good condition and tinted in a light shade. The number and location of windows is considered as are also the shades and curtains, heating and ventilation, cloak rooms, amount of floor space per pupil and also window space and blackboards.

The equipment includes what one

would naturally expect—in addition to the ordinary furniture first aid kits, shoe mats, etc., being required. The division given over to library and supplementary readers may give 9 points and here are listed good bookcases, suitable reference book list of 150 books chosen from the state list, two sets of supplementary readers for all grades from one to four and one current events paper.

The teacher and the school organization cover 20 points of the whole. Her training, her contract, her previous experience, her professional spirit, her attendance at summer school, her relation to the community, these and others, similar, whether or not the patrons and parents are interested enough to visit school, the special programs put on, hot lunches—may make up the division.

In the sixth section, community and school activities are listed. The matter of the teacher's salary is important enough to have first place, the attitude of school directors, representation at meets or fairs of various kinds, competitive programs, spelling, dramatic, music, etc., the interest in such activities as 4-H clubs, campfire girls, girl reserves, etc.

From a careful study of the requirements it occurs to the layman that the list is quite complete and the approval of the state board is no small recognition.

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### La Grande National Bank

## TENTATIVE PLAN IS GIVEN OUT FOR TRI-CO. CONFERENCE

A tentative program for the coming Economic Conference to be held at the Sacajawea Inn, February 10, 11 and 12 has been issued by county agricultural agent, Harry G. Avery, who is working out the details of the important meeting in cooperation with the Union county chamber of commerce and the extension service of the Oregon state college. An innovation this year is the series of group meetings to be held at different county centers during the week preceding the conference. The object of these meetings, Mr. Avery states is to give some of the same information to be given at the conference to individuals in the communities who will be unable to attend all the conference sessions and it is expected, in turn, that these community meetings will stimulate attendance from those same localities.

The farm crop section meets on the opening day, February 10, with J. A. Gaskill as the chairman. In this program an attempt will be made to point out ways of substituting other crop-reducing costs, etc. A report will be given of the Union County Grain Growers association and timely topics will be presented by specialists in this field.

On the second day, the horticulture group will meet and it is reported that the most important thing at this group meeting will be the report of the state wide cherry conference held last month at Corvallis. The program will also include a discussion of marketing and new methods. H. H. Weatherspoon of Elgin will act as the chairman of this group.

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