OVER THE VALLEY

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ment of home economics at the state college in 1914. She married and upon the death of her husband in 1926 she returned to the college where she was granted a master's degree after a year of study in the field of child development and parent education. As a part of her year of graduate work, Mrs. Case was sent to the Merrill-Palmer school in Detroit, Michigan, an internationally known center for the training of graduate students in the field of child development. Last year Mrs. Case was a member of the extension staff of California and held conferences with groups of homemakers on problems of child training. She has three young sons. Because of her training on problems of child training and experience, Mrs. Case is deemed admirably fitted to discuss subjects along the line of child development, which are to be held at different centers next week. Mrs. Case is to address a meeting at the high school in Elgin at one o'clock on Thursday and that evening at 7:30 o'clock she is to speak at the high school at Cove.

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Leaves Hospital—

Mrs. Brant of North Powder, who has been a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital for two weeks following an operation for ruptured appendix, has been released from the hospital. She has not returned to her home yet but will be with friends in La Grande for a short time. Mrs. Brant is gaining quite consistently and she will be able to go to North Powder within a few days, it is believed.

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Among the Sick—

Mrs. M. Murchison of Pleasant Grove does not improve. . . . Mrs. Story Morris of lower Cove who has been so very ill over a period of four or five weeks is on the up-grade now, which is very good news. . . . Howard Bay, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Im Bay of Pleasant Grove is ill, reports have it. Howard has been a victim of asthma for a long time and recently there have been complications. . . . Mrs. Fowler, of Alicel, does not make any noticeable improvement the last few days. Mrs. Fowler has anaemia. . . . Mrs. William Reynolds of the Cove is quite ill. She has not been very well all winter but an enlarged goitre is causing serious trouble of late and she is now under a doctor's care.

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Is Quarantined—

Mrs. F. P. Zaugg, of the Mt. Glen community, is among the latest victims of the small pox, and the home is under quarantine. The case is not severe, it is reported.

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Has Good Start—

Last fall we carried quite a story in these columns in regard to the poultry pen which Wade Gray of lower Cove was starting. Mr. Gray built his pens up on the mountainside above the home of his brother, Charles Gray, which was considered quite an ideal place for such an industry. Mr. Gray secured a fine strain of the White Leghorns. The start has proven most successful and Mr. Gray is looking forward to the coming season with considerable anticipation. He has quite a number of hens setting now.

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To Give Play—

The younger people of the Pleasant Grove grange are getting ready for their annual mid-winter home talent production. We have not learned what play they expect to put on this winter. Rehearsals have already started.

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On Business Trip—

F. H. Kiddle of Island City is in Portland this week looking after matters of business.

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Aged Gentleman Ill—

Reports are that Joseph Anson is quite poorly at the home of his son, Orlin Anson, near Island City. Mr. Anson is well up in the 90's and has been rather frail for some time.

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Has Birthday Party—

Averill Harris of the Cove was hostess at a birthday party given at her home on Monday afternoon. Inez and Verna Towle, Dinty Davis and Rita Harris were the guests of the little six-year-old miss. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and jello were served in the tiny dishes which were just the right size for the company.

MANY COMMUNITY MEETINGS NOW BEING PLANNED

County agricultural agent, Harry G. Avery, has practically completed the schedule for the community meetings which are to be held next week, February second to seventh inclusive, as forerunners of the eighth annual economic conference. The meetings, according to an early announcement are for the purpose of treating subjects of great importance to residents of the valley at the present time, and are given with the hope that many from the four corners of the county may receive so much practical benefit from them that they will plan to attend the various sessions of the conference.

The details of the meetings to be addressed by Mrs. Sarah V. Case, member of the staff of the state college and at present home demonstration agent for Columbia county, have not been completed. Two meetings are being definitely announced, one of them being at the Elgin high school at one o'clock and the other at Cove at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Case's subjects are "Constructive discipline of young children in forming habits of play," "Intellectual curiosity," etc. There will be at least two other meetings scheduled for Mrs. Case.

For the other divisions to be held, the program will be as follows:

Daily Program

Elgin—Feb. 3, 1 p. m.—R. W. Morse, dairy specialist, O. A. C., Reducing Cost of Production; W. E. Thistlewaite, inspector B. A. I., Contagious Abortion; H. G. Avery, Pastures.

Imbler—Feb. 3, 8 p. m., R. W. Morse, dairy specialist, O. A. C., Reducing Cost of Production.

Wolf Creek—Feb. 4, 10 a. m., R. W. Morse, dairy specialist, O. A. C., Reducing Cost of Production; W. E. Thistlewaite, inspector B. A. I., Contagious Abortion; H. G. Avery, Pastures.

Union, Feb. 4, 1:30 p. m. and Cove, Feb. 4th, 7:30 p. m., same program as above.

Horticulture Program

Union, Feb. 2, 10 a. m., O. T. McWhorter, Cherry Outlook and New Methods in Cherry Production.

Cove, Feb. 2, 2 p. m., O. T. McWhorter, Cherry Outlook and New Methods in Cherry Production.

Elgin, Feb. 2, 7 p. m., O. T. McWhorter, Fruit Outlook and New Methods.

Imbler, Feb. 5, 10 a. m., O. T. McWhorter, The Fruit Outlook and Market Information.

La Grande, Feb. 6, 1:30 p. m., O. T. McWhorter, The Fruit Outlook and Report of Cherry Conference.

Reduction Of Grain Acreage Important

CHICAGO, Jan. 30 (AP)—Walter I. Beam, vice president and treasurer of the grain stabilization corporation, said yesterday he had heard reports from Washington to the effect that the federal farm board would cease its stabilization efforts and dispose of its wheat holdings unless farmers reduced their wheat acreage.

"The inference to be drawn," Beam said, "is that, viewed over a considerable period of time, failure to reduce acreage would naturally nullify the grain stabilization corporation's efforts to control the surplus.

"Acreage reduction is a long time program and the grain stabilization corporation will continue to support the old crop, it is too early even to consider whether or not there is need of a stabilizing program for the new crop."

Lightning Strikes Forest Lookout

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 30 (AP) — Investigating reports that vandals had damaged the forest lookout at White Rock, a 4,010-foot observation point on South Myrtle Creek, Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas County Fire Patrol, discovered the station had been struck by lightning.

The bolt hit a tree 50 yards away and followed the telephone line into the station. Porcelain bases of electrical equipment were shattered with such force particles were buried an inch deep in wooden shutters of the building. Fifteen of the eighteen windows in the building were shattered.

Two-Pants Suit Has Advantages

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (AP) — There are advantages in the two-trouser suits, some merchants say.

Russell B. Johnson, an official of a company with offices in a Michigan avenue building, agreed as he stood on the eighth floor of the structure, thinking about the business appointment he had to keep.

"My good man," he had just said to the robber who departed with his trousers and $10 in cash, "I can't go out looking like this."

"I thought of that," said the thief as he departed.

And then Johnson telephoned to his wife and said:

"Phyllis, you know that two-pants suit I got; well, send me the other pair."

He kept his appointment.

Milnor Willing To Request a Change

PENDLETON, Jan. 30 (AP)—If he is given the facts in the case, George Milnor, manager of the national grain corporation, said he is willing to take up action on the circumstance that the coast wheat price is not high enough as compared to quotations in the east.

He told a group here he is "willing to be shown."

The argument for the West coast growers will be prepared by E. R. Jackman of Oregon State college and will be sent to Milnor at Chicago.

In the five years the St. Louis Cardinals have been operating a chain system of "farm" clubs on a large scale the team has won 446 games and lost 321.

The salary of none of the New York Yankee players was cut for the 1931 season despite the fact the club failed to finish 1-2 last year, according to Ed Barrow, business manager.

OBSERVATIONS

By a Cove Hill Billy

Today the "Cove Hill Billy" talks about some of his ideas of education. These ideas given from week to week are the "Billy's" own ideas, given under his name. At different times, he talks of different things, the pioneers of the valley, the beauties of the valley, his ideas over a wide range of subjects, and this time it is on

EDUCATION.

Book learning to a Hill Billy is of very little importance when it is not combined with actual practices, for practice makes perfect — but both learning and practice is of value only when supplanted with a close study of God's great outdoors with its wonderful immutable laws.

Out in the woods under the protection of a mountain, especially one of these beautiful Wallowa mountains, I can take any book and the all powerful nature surroundings will speak to me in its universal language and will interpret clearly any passage which otherwise would be unintelligible—it will do more—it will make clear all that was so dark and mysterious in the past.

So with a good book, I hike to the woods on a hot summer day. Soon I am comfortably leaning, my back against a great big bull pine whose long limbs bushy with pine needles keep the finest shade over my head, while a silvery stream flows at my feet sending a cool breeze up in my face—my eyes steadily gazing up and down noticing the small splashes made by hungry trout jumping after worms and flies floating on the murmuring waters. Then my ears take notice of a chirping pine squirrel above my head—which at times makes a proper nuisance by letting the peelings of a pine cone fall on my head.

A chipmunk crosses and recrosses over me touching my hands with its fine whiskers, looking for the dainties I generally bring for its entire family of little munks. And there are thousands of things which I observe by seeing and hearing in the silence of the God-made natural woods.

Opening the book, relaxing from the exciting, but invigorating scenes, which for some moments held me spellbound—I began reading. Passage after passage goes over my eyes —words and phrases which are unintelligently conveyed to my brain—whole paragraphs that did not leave any tangible comprehension; for the book is the Vedas of the ancient Hindus—the Brahman Ideas.

I read on, more trying to find what it is all about—those queer and mysterious janglings of my old Indian brothers of long ago.

A shot from a 30-30 Savage, (for a Hill Billy can tell nearly all guns in the woods by the report) reverberate through the tall pole jungles on the other side of the creek. This stops my reading for a second—my eyes lift over the black pines and are riveted on the sunny side of China Cap's majestic peak. While almost entranced by that everlasting beauty—as so many voices, comes to me this: A complete review of my reading passes before me—in plain language, it tells me of the significance of those mystic words. It tells me that going back to the early Aryan race, probably the earliest expression of highly developed thought was that formulated by the Hindus in their personification and worship of the powers of nature. This has been handed down to us in the Vevas —hymns of the deified natural forces and phenomena that these prehistoric immigrants found about them—just as I today feel like doing—Lyrics to the Dawn, the Sky, the Storm-gods, or the Moon-plant. All of the Brahman Ideas tell me now that they founded their education on what they could hear and see in the natural forces—developing the greatest of ideas into the one of a Maker who must absolutely have conceived and created the harmony existing everywhere in nature. It brought to the world the idea of one Supreme Being—One God—one universal and eternal power, instead of many hundreds—changing the minds from adoring many imaginary gods, i. e., idolatry—to the present greater understanding of the one God.

Now my Vedas is a much worthwhile book. From it I extract the essences of these God-given ideas of the simple folks of old. I can see that it took centuries of education to bring about the knowledge by which we are blessed today. It would not have taken as long if this natural and simple education had not been restrained by man's refusal to hear the voices of nature. In fact, I really believe that mental telepathy would have been long perfected and instead of a mechanical man-made radio we would use the mind waves of which every individual in the universe have a set of sending and receiving apparatus—some highly developed in lower animals—but lying dormant and undeveloped in man's brain.

From this early foundation from the natural things which now still surround me I perceive that they still carry and obey that same law—that same force, by which in reality was the foundation of a true Christianity.

Down the line from these early educators of the Aryan race I note such as Buddha, Confucius, Plutarch, Anaximander, Plato and Socrates, Aristotle and many more until I come to the greatest of great teachers ancient and modern—that Son of Man whose Father art in Heaven—and who gave us the golden rule in the positive sense—the rule which must be applied in order to live right with God's eternal command. All of those great teachers lived a close-to-nature life. And the best of them all—that Divine Teacher was found when a babe, in a lowly manger, by lowly shepherds—and, the rest of his life has never been duplicated for its simple humility and adherence to the natural things which surrounded Him. It was in the mountains and with the lowly that he always best communed with His father in heaven.

And in my contemplation the babbling brook tells me that if the natural things were good enough for the Master of all masters—the greatest divine manifestation come to earth—it ought to be good enough for me. All other educations fade away before that which was chosen by the lowly carpenter of Nazareth. He is my guide today.

I also ponder much over volumes from the more modern teachers, for I am a student, always learning something from everything even to solid rocks—for also there I find that there are "Sermons in stones," and I find that those that are lasting, are long on natural study of God's own creation. Therefore I find that the best education after all is an understanding knowledge of the workings of the natural laws.

If I would love to live in the mountains, I realized long ago that I must conform myself to the mountains' laws. If I try to adapt the mountains to my way of thinking—they will surely crush me out of existence, for I then became repulsive to all my surroundings. If I conform myself to its laws—they in return bless me with a bountiful supply of everything that is good for right living.

To be a mountaineer—a regular Hill Billy, I must first be receptive to the call of the wild. I must learn to obey the million voices—the stream mingling with the chirp of the squirrel, the buzzing of the busy wild bees—the pretty song of the birds—the call of the big boss elk—the screeching cougar—the howl of the hungry coyote, and the roar of the thunder storm, the moan of a dying wind changing directly to a gentle breeze which I can feel and hear through the whispering pines. All of these are the eternal voice of the Maker of us all. To try to command instead of obeying that wonderful "Call of the Wild" is to try to pass something over the head of my maker. The results of such are obviously around me in the world at the present time.

No, to be a mountaineer, I must love, cherish and protect all of the mountain life. By that, I learn that to be a man among my kind I must do the same—love, cherish and protect all life. For, if I refuse to do that, like the mountains which crush those contrary to its nature, the world will surely crush me—that is a natural law which I have learned in the wild woods—the elimination of the non-essentials—the shirkers of the law. So, I have learned to despise no man—I have learned to love all life.

Education as it is mostly understood today is that which gives a knowledge to do better the things which we are required to be done and to not do those things which are forbidden. Now those things which are for the most part essentially of our making. So too often they are rules and regulations devised by some selfish minds for individual purpose, which have brought about something like an advanced guard over private and individual interests, formulating "not to do" ordinances much more than "orders to do" things. In such education I find only a means to accomplish the many things desired by whoever may be at the head of the various organizations.

In the mountains, I have learned that God's natural law always says "Do!" and never says "Don't do." I am repaid in kind always for doing what I do. If "do" as commanded I am rewarded with the best there is. If I refuse to "do" of consequence I "don't do" and the mountain in return does not do a thing for me and I suffer. It must be so likewise in the whole world. I must do the things which the world demands of me through its natural command. And this doing, I learned that I must be first in doing, for as an entity being at all time filled with my own personality—I must first give something in order to be able to receive. So I am trying hard to be alert at all times to those things which I am to do.

I have learned much from these out-doors revelations about moral character. I find that all things except man ever carry the moral characteristics endowed to each in kind by the creator. Each kind invariably teaches their young in morals and character fit for their existence as such. For instance a pair of animals in their wild state always rear its coming generation just as they are intended to be—no variation. Beavers are beavers and never act like pigs. Deer are forever deer and do not imitate the elephant—and I am sorry to say I can't say the same in regard to some of my kind.

There is nothing more beautiful in all nature than to see, hear and understand what a wonderful creation this universe is—and that it is for the very reason that it carries the moral and characteristic spirit of the maker. It is to be deplored that some of our brothers and sisters depart from that principle, which in itself is so simple and easy to acquire and practice.

My greatest wish is to found an education on the fundamental principle of the universe as created—that education consists in planting a moral character—human characteristics in every child's breast — teach them nothing but that, first of all —teach them how to be good men and women—the goal of which is one hundred per cent men and women. And I am going to do all I can towards that goal.

Under the snowy cap of Mount Fanny I write these few observations —from the mountain I will gather impressions which I will give you next week in my definition of "Freedom."

Freedom and liberty are found in the woods and wild outdoors more than any other known places—and it has many lessons of what the real meaning of freedom is. And I believe that the mountains will give all the necessary information which I will pass on.

Charivari Given Maxville Couple

By Mrs. M. F. Raymond
(Observer Correspondent)

MAXVILLE, Ore. (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Carper, who were married in Promise Saturday, moved into camp Sunday. Mrs. Carper was Miss Ruby Burnett, of Palmer Junction, before her marriage. The couple were serenaded Monday evening by a large crowd of well-wishers who gathered at the home of the newlyweds with tin cans, cow bells, etc. After a few minutes of the "music" the guests were invited into the home where refreshments were served.

W. F. Matthes returned on the stage Monday. He went to La Grande Sunday to attend the funeral of Sam Ashby.

Fred Jennison, who has been here a week, returned to his work near Wallowa Sunday.

Mary Ann Huffman, who was bitten quite severely by a dog last week, has entirely recovered.

Success Note

To get a look in you gotta look out for yourself.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Radio Programs

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

National Broadcasting Co.: 5:30, orchestra, soloists; 6, Ravel's "Bolero," other numbers; 7, dance music; 8, Amos and Andy; 8:15, Circus; 8:45, smiles program; 9, minstrels; 9:30, Spotlight Review; 10 to 12, dance music.

Northwest Broadcasting system: 5:40, markets; 5:50, labor talk; 6, musical programs; 7, mystery play; 7:30, music; 9, band; 10, sunshine program; 10:30, harmony program; 11, dance music; 12 to 3, requests.

Columbia Broadcasting system: 5:30, orchestra, novelties; 6:30, national forum; 7, Show Boat; 8, symphony; 8:30, musical programs; 10, feature, answers; 10:20 to 1, dance music.

Oakland

KGO (790): 5:30, NBC; 8:15, Rainbow Harmonies; 8:45 to 12, NBC programs.

KLX (880): 6, concert duo; 7, news; 7:30, musical programs; 8:45, sports; 9, dance music; 10, orchestra, classic recordings; 11:30, dance program.

Tacoma

KVI (760): 9, CBS; 10, orchestra; 11, CBS; 12, organ recital.

Salt Lake City

KSL (1130): 5:30, quartet; 6, NBC; 8:15, concert music, varieties; 9, musical comedy selections; 10, dance music; 11, Midnight hour.

Los Angeles

KHJ (900): 5:30, CBS; 10, news, dance music; 12 to 1, organ.

KNX (1050): 6, organ, musical program; 7, Watanabe and Archie; 7:15, orchestra; 8, revue; 8:30, Wranglers; 9, art club program; 9:30, Ethel Duncan; 10, Wranglers; 11, organ.

KFI (640): 5:45, stock markets; 6, NBC; 8:30, musical programs; 9:30, NBC; 11, concert orchestra; 12, Midnight frolic.

Spokane

KHQ (590): 7 a. m., Town Crier, news, Start o' Day; 8, Happytime; 9, Lumberjacks, Walt and Norman; 9:30, farm annd home hour; 10:30, Woman's magazine; 11:30, organ, talk; 12:15, musical programs; 1:15, markets, studio features; 2:30, Musical Gems, orchestra; 3:15, piano novelties; 5:15, NBC; 8:15, violin, novelty; 8:45, NBC; 10 to 12, dance music.

Denver

KOA (830): 5:30, NBC; 8:15, musical programs; 9, orchestra; 10, NBC.

San Francisco

KPRC (610): 5:30 to 1, CBS programs.

KPO (680): 6, organ, Cecil and Sally; 6:45, Henry Starr; 7, popular music; 8, feature; 8:15, NBC; 9, concert orchestra; 10, dance music; 11, Melodists.

Portland

KEX (1180): 8, NBS; 9, Night in India; 9:30, recorded programs; 10 to 3 a. m., NBS programs.

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