

OVER THE VALLEY

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Cars Get Through
The first cars of the season drove up the Mill Creek canyon road above the power house from Cove Sunday. This is one of the most scenic roads in Union county and the beautiful weather of Sunday, together with the many wild flowers which are now coming into bloom made the drive much more enjoyable.

Year, several hundred very fine birds. And they favor the red chickens.
Drives Her Car
Mrs. Grover Grimmett of Mt. Glen has recently purchased a new car which she is driving a new Studebaker Commander, eight, with a bright body. The car is of a pretty color and is very attractive.

Change Meeting Time
The time of the next meeting of the Woman's club of Cove has been changed in order that more people may hear the program which is being arranged. The day of the meeting is April 23, next Thursday, and the hour will be at 8 in the evening instead of 2:30 in the afternoon. County agricultural agent, Harry Avery is to speak on the subject of dairying in Oregon and this subject is of great interest to many outside of the club, it was thought well to have an evening meeting. Everyone is cordially invited, the home of Mrs. J. W. Fisher is the supper and light refreshments after the business meeting.

Has Fall
Mrs. Sarah Thompson, close to 80 years of age, who makes her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, fell Sunday while about the house and received some very serious and some very painful injuries. Medical attention was called immediately and the aged lady was made as comfortable as possible. Word of her rapid improvement will be good news to her many friends.

Pioneer Is Ill
George Miller, one of the valley's prominent pioneers, is reported as being ill at his home on the Island City-Cove highway. It was reported Wednesday that pneumonia was feared.

From California
Merlin Alexander, who has been in California and Mexico for the greater part of the winter, returned to Cove last week. Mr. Alexander came to Cove with Calvin Underwood, a brother of Mrs. T. C. Hefly of near Cove. Mr. Underwood, after a short visit with his sister and family, left Sunday for New Plymouth, Idaho, where he will be employed on a fruit farm.

In La Grande
Mrs. Charles Cleaver of near Imbler has been spending a few days in La Grande while Chick Cleaver is a patient in the hospital following an appendicitis operation. The Cleaver family now living at Meacham are spending a few days with their relatives in Imbler. Mr. Cleaver is reported to be doing nicely at present.

Move Back to County
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larsen of Portland are moving to Union this week to make their home. They are former residents of Imbler and their son, Harry, was the only Imbler boy to die in the service during the World war. The local Harry K. Larsen American Legion post was named to honor his memory. Mr. and Mrs. Larsen own a large orchard and residence property here, but have chosen Union to be their future home in order to be near their daughter and family, the Orville Jensens.

S. S. Does Well
At the regular meeting of the Sunday school held by the church at 10 o'clock last night, the subject was "The Kingdom of God is Within You." The report of the action taken at a recent meeting in Pendleton is as follows: By vote of the congregation, the Pendleton chamber of commerce at its forum dinner last evening the local organization has joined with the West-Columbia school district to secure work this year on the closing of the eight mile gap on the Umatilla county end of the Weston-Elgin road. The county court has offered

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Mrs. Mary Taylor of Alice, who is now staying in La Grande visited yesterday with her valley friends at the home of Mrs. Paul Knauts in the Iowa neighborhood.

Out From Quarantine
The Louis Standley home in the Iowa district which has been under quarantine for the past several weeks, while Mr. Standley was a victim of the smallpox, was released from quarantine and fumigated this week.

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Representatives of the Presbyterian church at Elgin, who attended the services in La Grande Wednesday were Rev. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Fred Hall and Mrs. Willard Russell.

Visit Parents
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel and daughter, Ardis, of Mades-Creek spent Wednesday in the valley, trip which they have made quite frequently of late. Mr. Daniel's mother, who is a patient at Hot Lake is in a very serious condition, with a complication of troubles, and a heart affection making an operation impossible. It is reported. At the time Mrs. R. H. Daniel's father, E. Barker of near the Cove is a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital. Mr. Barker was very ill with a case of appendicitis which gangrene setting in. He is much improved now and looks forward to getting home in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel report that Miss Jane Daniel is much improved in health now and is getting ready for commencement days.

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to join with the forestry service in building eight miles of fire line on 50-50 basis and the particular job at present is to expedite the matter that at least a part of the work can be done during the summer. As explained by C. W. Avery, secretary of the highway organization, last evening four miles of the uncompleted section runs through the Weston mountain potato region where the crops are harvested late in the season and are usually hauled to market in the spring. Owing to the heavy soil and the abundant moisture on the mountain the roads become nearly impassable and a real hardship is worked upon the growers. The highway organization is now working to build the Weston-Elgin road. The first meeting being held at Weston nine years ago. Since that time the section leading to Toll Gate. Mr. Avery told of the raising of funds and the purchase of the old toll road so as to eliminate that feature. The section to be opened when the link is completed but gave particular stress to the fact that the work so as to allow crop movement.

Visit in Cove
Mrs. Louise Weaver Heatwole and baby daughter, Lois Earline, arrived in Cove for an extended visit Tuesday from Brawley, California. Mrs. Heatwole will visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bloom, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hallmark until her husband leaves his position at Brawley for one in Livingston, California as the doctor advised an immediate change of climate for both Mrs. Heatwole and her baby daughter. The thermometer at Brawley had registered 102 degrees before their departure and during the summer is has been known to register as high as 130 degrees. Brawley is a great fruit and vegetable shipping point.

Nephew Visits
Mrs. Carrie Howell of Valeria was quite surprised one night this week when her nephew, Lester Eaton of Portland came in for a very short, but a very enjoyable visit. The aunt and nephew had not seen each other for at least five years and they made use of every bit of the time he had to spend in the valley.

Is O. K. Again
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Comstock of near the Cove report that their son, John, a student at the state college, is back in his classes again after having been kept in confinement with measles. John's illness was very long and dragsy. He is finishing his first year at the college.

Are Well
Their relatives and friends in the valley have received word that Miss Peggy Walters of this valley and Tony Fred have been married and are at home in Crankbrook, B. C.

Shipment of Oregon vegetables and melons increased more than five times in the past 10 years. Increases mostly were accounted for in cauliflower, celery and onions. Carrot lettuce shipments declined. No market change was indicated in vegetable acreage except for substantial increases in green peas and a 50 per cent increase in cantaloupe acreage. Domestic production of walnuts, pecans and filberts is expected to increase rapidly in the next few years. But almond production may remain normal.

Walnuts
There may be 15,000 acres in Oregon and Washington but estimates vary. Many trees are non-bearing. Present production seems sufficient for shelled and unshelled nuts.

Filberts
Probably 5000 acres are planted in Oregon which, with Washington, is main domestic producer. Practically all trees are young or not in full bearing. Eastern plantings are being made. Production of 25,000 acres would be necessary to equal domestic demands, it was estimated.

Some Winter Kill
Is noted in many places at this time, however, the kill does not appear extensive enough to warrant any receding to speak of, but rather spotted with only occasional dead bunches, more especially in low spots. Drying weather during the past few days seems to be forming a crust on the top of the soil and some of the farmers express the opinion that it may be necessary to do some harrowing of wheat as soon as the ground becomes dry enough to allow travel over it without injury to the grain.

Grass Does Well
Grass in all parts of the county is said to be making an excellent growth at this time. Many bands of stock which have been held on feed yards until recently have been moved out to pasture at this time and are rapidly shedding their long coat of winter hair and beginning to fatten up. According to reports from a number of the stockmen there has been but little trouble from ticks this spring and with warm weather approaching it is not felt much trouble is likely to be experienced during the summer months. But little planting of early grain has been done here yet. Some are expecting to have garden plots plowed and are planning to do some planting during the next week or two.

CROPS OVER STATE ARE AIDED MUCH BY THE RECENT RAINS

A threatened precipitation shortage seemed dispersed last week with general rains throughout Oregon, and stocks prepared on refreshed ranges, according to L. R. Brethaupt, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

"Losses were comparatively light due to the mild winter and while feeding requirements and costs were reduced greatly," the economist said. "Range feeding prospects are becoming more promising with late rainfall. The state may yet suffer a lack of sufficient irrigation water supplies, however."

Turkey Flocks Increase
Oregon turkey producers will increase their flocks this year and farmers are showing more interest in seed production, Brethaupt said reports indicated.

Production shortages continue to threaten in other western states and prices for farm products in general are below the 1910-14 level. The 1931 crop demand is none too certain, he said.

Egg Demand Good
The poultry situation seems improved with demands for eggs running 40 per cent ahead of last year in principal markets, it was noted.

"Reports indicate that markets are tending to strengthen somewhat and production is returning to normal," Brethaupt stated.

Car-tot movement of Oregon eggs steadily increased from 152 in 1925 to 310 in 1926 and to 433 in 1929 and 438 in 1930, it was shown.

"It is rather early to estimate 1931 turkey production, but reports indicated that bees wintered well except been packed out of doors in western intermountain regions. Clover, main honey supply source, suffered severely from drought last year."

APPROACH 62ND ANNIVERSARY

Shortly after their wedding anniversary last year, the "Over the Valley" news rather made some pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Edgar, of Lower Cove, beloved pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley. The picture and the story were copied and some interesting things followed. Not the least interesting was a letter which came a few weeks ago to Mrs. Edgar from a cousin of hers—Frank E. Tracy, who lives at Guthrie Center, Iowa, the childhood home of her father's family. Mr. Tracy had been handed a clipping from an Oregon paper which had found its way back to the Hawkeye state. Mrs. Edgar had not seen this cousin for at least 68 years. The writer stated that he was eight or nine years old when Mrs. Edgar's father started for the west, and he is now past 75 years. For the first few years he had kept track of the affairs of his relatives who had made the long journey to the far west but after those first years he had completely lost trace of them. The story was the first word he had had.

A Portland paper not long since carried an interesting story of these pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, who now live with their daughter, Mrs. Julius Fisher. Both are in rather feeble health, but are very happy in their surroundings, enjoy visitors and

In looking through these notes I am impressed by the absence of the usual reference, in pioneer papers, to hardship and suffering. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, I take it, are not of the suffering kind. Nor is it apparent were their fathers and mothers before them of the suffering kind, for in the story of the two long treks, one from Indiana, the other from Iowa, no mention is made of trouble with the Indians along the trail or with the grim circumstances commonly attendant on such journeys.

This accounts, perhaps, for the other fact that Mr. and Mrs. Edgar are today keen of mind and in enjoyment of good physical health. It may be that they were more naturally constituted for pioneering than others have been. At one time or another, I gather from the memoranda, they have lived in all parts of Oregon.

In July, 1883, the family started from the Willamette valley for Grant county. This journey was a memorable one, for in the Santiam pass they had an experience with a forest fire, set, it was supposed, by prisoners who had escaped from the penitentiary.

"First came waves of frogs and dozens several inches deep coming down the mountain side, the frogs, the waves of smoke, the escape, the fire," says the memorandum of this journey. "Terrible screaming. Didn't realize our danger until the waves had begun to turn back. Burning trees and limbs falling on all sides. Family became separated. Effie (the oldest daughter) rode on ahead. Thought she was lost but she got through all right. Bridge burned. In fire two days and nights. Just as the wagon pulled out on the third morning a blazing tree crane fell on it. The horses were in live coals up to their fetlocks. They screamed with pain, but they pulled us out."

Mr. Edgar's earlier life was given over to raising cattle and horses, both in eastern and western Oregon. Later he settled down to farming in the Willamette valley.

It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Edgar have as thorough an acquaintance with the state of Oregon as it is possible for any persons to have. They have moved about, and their years cover almost the entire span of the state's development.

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