OVER THE VALLEY

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Visits Friends—
Miss Ava Woodell of Dry Creek visited with friends in La Grande over the weekend. Have we ever told our reading friends that Miss Ava had been elected to a position in the schools at Ontario for next year?

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Does Splendidly—
His friends are pleased over the improvement that T. J. Snider, formerly of the Iowa district is making following his recent operation. The ordeal seemed all the harder to his friends in view of the fact that he could not take a general anasthetic, and could have only a local anasthetic for the operation. Mr. Snider was a former and long-time resident of the Iowa district.

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The 1931 Lamb Pool—
Much interest is being shown in the cooperative lamb shipping movement started in Union county last year, according to a report made to the Baker Daily Record by William Teutsch, assistant county agent.

Wallowa county plans to ship 10,000 farm flock lambs in this year's pool, nearly that number are expected to be shipped by Union county and the estimated number to go from Baker county is 5,000. Many Baker county sheepmen are enthusiastic about the pool plan.

The feeding of the lambs is pushed by using lamb creeps with grain. Through this method of forcing, the growers hope to get on the early market, getting the advantage of higher prices. This year it is expected that the first carloads of lambs will be shipped during the latter part of May.

Not only has this method of marketing been used in Eastern Oregon, but also in Western Oregon, particularly in the Coos Bay district. Most of the lambs shipped in the pools from Eastern Oregon are shipped to the Omaha market.

The county agents in each county are active in the organization of these pools and they also serve on the grading committees. After grading, only the fat lambs are shipped in the pools. This method of marketing brings the grower a maximum per cent of the consumers dollar.

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Returns Home—
Mrs. S. H. Weimer, who has been at Hot Lake sanatorium for some time following a tonsil operation, returned Friday to her home at Cove. Her daughter, Miss Jean, who is now at home, reports that her mother is improving rapidly.

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Are Spraying—
Orchardists in the vicinity of the Cove are busy this week spraying, for the first time in this valley for "thrip," a pest which was seen for the first time in this locality last year. Nicotine is used in the spray to destroy the bug. Most of the attention is being placed on pears, but some of the cherry, prune and apple trees have been found to have been attacked and all are receiving the nicotine treatment.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Raymond and daughter, Doris, of Maxville, came to La Grande Friday and spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hogensen in La Grande.

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Seriously Ill—
Mrs. Ish Littreal, of Summerville, is quite seriously ill at her home following a recent stroke of paralysis. A daughter, Marjorie Golden, of Portland and son, Ira Hobson, of Mill valley, Cal. and a brother, Jim Childers, of Hermiston, have been called home on account of her critical condition.

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Flowers—
Take a ride out through the Iowa district one of these days and see Mrs. J. H. Standley's flowers. Mrs. Standley spends much time on her yard and she coaxes the hyacinths, the daffodils and other yearly flowers to come out, early, in beautiful colors and in great quantities. This year is proving no exception.

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Not Very Well—
Mrs. J. A. Holman is not very well these days at her country home, east of Island City. It will be remembered that Mrs. Holman journeyed to California last fall to spend the winter months at the home of her daughter. Along in January or February Mrs. Holman saw a friend who reported on having recently read a Union county paper in which it was reported that Western Oregon was enjoying warm weather, birds were singing, things were getting green, etc. OF COURSE Mrs. Holman would then get homesick for the most beautiful spot in the universe so she packed her bag and came home. The return of winter has been rather hard on her, and she is anxiously awaiting the arrival of warmer weather, for then she is sure she will feel better and her friends are hoping that she is right in that.

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Oh Dear—
Of course we knew it was Mrs. Hugh Hulse who assisted in the serving at the recent meeting of the Alicel Ladies aid society at the Knautz home. Mrs. Hulse and her two children, who live on the West farm in Lone Star district were special guests.

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Receives Burns—
Louie Phillips of Island City received very painful burns a few evenings ago while working at the Pioneer mills at Island City. Mr. Phillips was warming some tar which was to be used on the roof when the material became too hot, flamed up striking Mr. Phillips in the face which was scorched somewhat and inflicting bad burns on his left forearm.

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Takes Cattle—
Wilbur Zurbrick of Moss Chapel took his herd of Herefords to the hills the last of last week where they will be on the range until fall.

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To Make Cheese—
A few months ago Andrew Anderegg moved from this valley—his farm near Hot Lake—to Wallowa county where he purchased some land. According to announcements made last week by the Record-Chieftain, Mr. Anderegg is soon to put Swiss cheese on the market, the story reading like this:

Andrew Anderegg, who recently bought the J. S. Amey ranch four miles south of Enterprise and moved to it with some 80 Holstein cattle, completed his plans the first of the week by converting the farm and dairy herd into a Swiss cheese making plant. Since he moved in he has been putting up a building for his cheese factory and installing machinery.

With the plant practically finished, he quit selling butter fat Sunday and held his milk on the farm and turned it into the vats of his little cheese factory. He expects to continue the manufacture of cheese, and if the business grows he will buy some of his neighbors' milk besides using his own.

For many years Mr. Anderegg said he had been looking for a district in the United States with conditions such as are found in Switzerland. When he came into Wallowa valley he felt he had found what he wanted, and his hunt was ended. He bought a farm and proceeded at once to install a small cheese factory. In Switzerland it is said cheese is made on the farm where the cows are milked. Thus the milk is not handled but is made into cheese without delay or opportunity for deterioration.

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Is Elected—
Miss Stella Edvalson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edvalson of the Catherine creek road has been elected as one of the teachers in the grade school at the Cove for next year. Miss Edvalson, who has been teaching this year near North Powder, is one of Union county's successful teachers. She completed her training at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

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Has Birthday—
Miss Virginia Perin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perin of Island City gave a party to a crowd of her little friends Saturday in honor of her fifth birthday. All the children had a wonderfully good time, including Virginia, who will not forget the day she was five.

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Aid Thursday—
The Island City Ladies aid holds its regular meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bert Greiner, at 2 o'clock. And speaking of that society, we have been told that Mrs. J. M. Bowery was assistant hostess at the last meeting at the Blokland home but she forgot to mention this fact in reporting the item.

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Returns—
Miss Edna Ledbetter returned yesterday to Weston after a weekend visit at her home near Alicel.

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Very Ill—
William Volswinkler of Island City was very ill last week, it is reported to us, but he is some improved now. He has been tussling with the flu which has so many residents of the valley down now.

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To Landscape Grounds—
Members of Rock Wall grange are planning for a big day next Friday, April 24, when they plan to do all they can to beautify the grounds around their new hall. In honor of the first master of the subordinate, who was particularly interested, or rather quite skilled in landscaping, the grange is calling the day "Saunders Day." Members will come bringing shrubbery, trees and the more hardy plants, which will be placed around the place. Supper is to be served at six o'clock to be followed by the regular grange meeting and then a dance. Those in charge are hoping that the attendance may be very large.

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Make Shipment—
Riddle and Smith shipped two car loads of hogs to market Saturday, the shipment going out from Island City.

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To Move—
While they do not plan to move to their new home at Island City until after the close of school, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hicks are quite busy getting in a large garden on the place which they have rented. Mr. Hicks will be the principal of the island school next year.

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Visit—
Mrs. Frank McKennon and daughter, Miss Frances, of near Imbler, spent a day last week at the home of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Henry Koennig at Muddy Creek.

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Leagues Entertained—
Sunday afternoon and evening the Island City Epworth League entertained the members of the Cove and Union leagues. There were about 60 young folk present and in the afternoon games were played and refreshments served. Following the refreshments a short league service was held. George Moats, president of the Western district Epworth League, gave a short talk in the interest of the institute at Wallowa lake in July. The remainder of the program constated of readings, special music and a short devotional service.

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A Wedding—
Two Grande Ronde valley young people figured in a pretty wedding which took place Saturday evening at the Blanchard home in La Grande. The principals in the happy event, Miss Cecil Linville, a recent graduate of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and Jack Evans, of Wallowa county, were attended by Miss Eva Woodell of Dry Creek, bridesmaid, and Ernest Pugh, of near Summerville, as the best man.

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Reported Ill—
Howard Good a resident of Cricket flat neighborhood was reported as being very ill of the flu last week. For a time his condition was regarded as being very serious.

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Returns to Work—
Miss Beulah Smith, who came home from Enterprise for a short visit with her parents near Island City, returned Saturday evening. Miss Smith has been reelected for another year of teaching English in the Enterprise High school.

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Returns to Joseph—
Mrs. Myrtle Donahue, who has been in La Grande receiving medical treatment for several weeks, has returned to her home at Joseph.

A SEASONABLE RECEIPE

NEW DATE PIE

1 cup dates, stoned and cut fine.
½ cup sugar.
½ cup milk.
1 teaspoon lemon juice.
1 cup nut meats.
2 egg yolks.
2 egg whites.

Cook dates, sugar and milk for ten minutes. Stir all the time. Take off the fire, add lemon juice, nut meats (cut fine) and egg yolks. Mix well and put in pie shell.

Bake twenty minutes in moderate oven. When done take out of oven and cool. Then beat whites of two eggs with a tablespoon of sugar and spread on pie.

Has Accident—
While hunting squirrels Friday afternoon, Katie Reuter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reuter, of Union, met with an accident which might have proved quite serious. She started to reload the 22 revolver which she was carrying and in some unaccountable manner it discharged, sending the bullet through the fleshy under part of her left arm. She was near the foothill road beyond the Jacob Kohler ranch and caught a ride into La Grande with Miss Mae Stearns. She went to the hospital and had the wound dressed, later calling her mother to tell her of the accident. She frequently takes long hikes alone and has long been accustomed to carrying a gun. She could not tell just what she did to cause it to discharge but felt she had been fortunate to escape more serious injury. She was able to return home Sunday and in the afternoon made another hike to the hills.

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Leaves Saturday—
Mrs. Minnie Hardy and daughter, Verna left by stage Saturday night for California where they will make an indefinite stay. Mrs. Hardy's son, Grover, a high school student, will live with his uncles, Miles Woodell and Dillard Choate during the remainder of the school year, in order that he may retain his credits for the year's work. At the close of the school year, he plans to join his mother in California.

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Out Again—
Virgil Wallsinger of the Valeria district, who has been another of the victims of the flu, is well again and has taken up his work at the Island City store.

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Liking Portland—
Their relatives and friends in the valley have received word from Mr. and Mrs. Milo Blokland and daughter, Betty Jean, to the effect that they are liking it very much in their new home, having found a very comfortable apartment. They are planning to make a short visit in the valley about the first of May. The letters received from Betty Jean also indicated that she was happy, had found a nice unselfish playmate in the same apartment who owned two tricycles and everything was going lovely with her. We only hope she doesn't try to find her grandmother's house in Portland.

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Instructor Ill—
Miss Amanda Zabel, head of the English departments at the Eastern Oregon Normal school is ill at her apartment in the Roesch building with intestinal flu. Miss Zabel was taken ill a week ago yesterday.

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Return Home—
Mrs. Arnold Koehler, who has been under the care of a physician at Hot Lake for several days, has returned to her home at Union Junction.

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Sunday Guests—
Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge, for Sunday dinner were Mrs. Claire Hamilton of Summerville, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hicks, of La Grande, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers, and daughter, Lawana, John Myers, Irene Conrad and daughter, Elova, Art Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pod and children.

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Fighting Cherry Pests—
Oregon cherry growers this year are organizing for the most aggressive spring attack against cherry diseases and insect pests ever waged in the state says H. P. Barss, plant pathologist of the Oregon State college experiment station.

Probably the most important and destructive of the cherry diseases are brown rot and leaf spot, according to Professor Barss. Together these cost the growers of Western Oregon many thousands of dollars loss annually, and constitute a serious obstacle to the development of a greater and more profitable cherry industry in this section of the country.

Elimination of the sources of infection is the first step in the control of both of these diseases, and the sooner it is done the better, says he.

For growers wishing information on how to prepare their sprays at home, and when to apply them, two publications, Station Circular 95, "The Chemical Composition of Insecticides and Fungicides"; and Extension Bulletin 431, "Orchard Protection Program for Oregon, (1931 Revision,)" are available from county agents or direct from the college at Corvallis.

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At New Home—
Elmer Wise and family have moved to the J. T. Larson place at Imbler which has just recently been vacated by the Irvin Westenskow family. Mr. and Mrs. Westenskow have moved to their new home which they have just finished.

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Meeting Friday—
The Countrywoman's club will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Frank Wright.

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Ship Cattle—
Elwin and Richard Dawson shipped two carloads of fat Hereford beef cattle to the Portland market last Saturday. The cars were loaded at Union Junction but the cattle were from Benson brothers' ranch at Elgin.

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Team Active—
The Imbler high school baseball team has been having a number of games recently, the latest of their successes being the game yesterday afternoon when they defeated Wallowa 6 to 5. Friday a game is scheduled with Enterprise team and on May 1 they will play the E. O. N. team in a practice game.

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Received Chicks—
Mrs. Walter Vogel, of Union, has just recently received a shipment of 400 baby chicks. They are of the White Leghorn variety.

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Sunday Guests—
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reyes entertained a number of guests Sunday at their home near Summerville. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Robinson, of La Grande, County Agent and Mrs. Harry Avery and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron, of Imbler.

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Returns to School—
Catherine McKinnis has returned to her work at the Eastern Oregon Normal school after having been at her home at Imbler for the last two weeks following a tonsil operation.

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Tennis Popular—
The few sunny days last week and particularly Sunday, revived interest in tennis and the courts at Union were quite popular over the weekend. Out of town visitors at the Union courts were Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fox, Lyle Wilson and family and Clyde Wilson, of Imbler and Mrs. William Day of La Grande. Bob Wakefield was also down from North Powder. A local tournament is being arranged there, previous to the Eastern Oregon tournament early in the summer.

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Visit Relatives—
W. J. Pierson, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Pierson, both of Portland, visited recently at the J. A. Gaskill home for several days. They were accompanied home by Mrs. W. J. Pierson and daughter, La Nita, who have been visiting Mrs. Pierson's parents for several weeks.

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Reunion—
A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Jensen at Union, the occasion being the arrival from Portland, of Mrs. Jensen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larson. They were accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Larson who assisted them in moving their household effects to Union where they will make their home on the old Sutherland place, which has been remodeled. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Larson returned Sunday evening to Portland. Other relatives who were present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Weldell Larson, of Los Angeles, a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Goodbrod, a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Jenson, of Pendleton.

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Oregon Butter Score Gaining Says Dairyman

The general quality of Oregon butter has shown a remarkable improvement during the last five years with a consistently better score, flavor, aroma, texture and uniform composition, according to Dr. G. Wilster, head of dairy manufacturing at Oregon State college, who has kept a close check on the progress of better butter in Oregon.

"Five years ago it was reported that market samples of butter scored from 87 to 89." Dr. Wilster says. "During the last two years the majority of the butter examined has scored 90 to 93. During the last 12 months 80 per cent of the samples sent to the college for scoring scored 90 to 93 and only 20 per cent scored below 90. It is significant that more butter during the last 12 months scored 92 and above and less scored below 90 than during the preceding 12 months."

This increase in butter of the higher grades, Dr. Wilster points out, considering that a total of 20,000,000 pounds of butter are represented in the scoring, amounted to nearly 500,000 pounds.

Since the scoring and analysis service was started two years ago the butter from about 1000 different churnings has been judged here by creamerymen and dairy officials. The butter was made in 60 of the 103 creameries of the state and represented about 75 per cent of the butter made in Oregon, or nearly 20,000,000 pounds a year.

"Not only has the flavor and aroma and body and texture of Oregon butter improved," Dr. Wilster reports, but the butter is more uniform in composition and contains smaller numbers of micro-organisms than it did before the scorings were begun."

Belief that a continuance of scoring work will have a material effect in gradually eliminating low scoring butter entirely in Oregon was expressed by Dr. Wilster at the beginning of the third year of the scoring and analysis in March. Dairy officials here have also said that they believe the scoring will aid in bringing about a more standard composition for butter as well as aiding buttermakers in making butter possessing the greatest keeping qualities.

Lamb Situation April 1st.

The development of the early lamb crop in Oregon during March was generally very satisfactory, according to the April 1 report of the Federal-State Crop Rreporting Service. All early lambing sections report a large lamb crop and plenty of early feed. Prospects very favorable for spring range and marketing of lambs is expected to start earlier than usual in nearly all areas.

In the principal early lambing states, reports at the beginning of April pointed to large crops of early lambs which were in better than average condition at that date in nearly all areas except California. Weather conditions during March this year were not as exceptionally favorable as in February and the growth of pastures was delayed in some areas by lack of moisture and cool weather. In California the needed rainfall in March did not come, with the result that pastures were short and grass began to dry up. This has brought about a very serious feed situation which has lowered the quality of the spring lambs. Marketings of grass fat yearlings and wethers, including considerable numbers of early lambs, from Texas in March were very large and this heavy movement is expected to continue during April and May.

In Washington conditions during March were very favorable for early lambs, with lambing percentages high and losses small. Spring ranges are best in several years and moisture supplies are ample.

In Idaho the general outlook for early lambs improved during March with the growth of feed on early ranges, following good rains. Present indications are for marketings about the same as last year both as to volume and time of movement.

In California, following the shortage of winter moisture, rainfall in March was generally deficient and there were many days of dry north winds. Pasture growth stopped and grass began to dry up. Conditions at the beginning of April were considered very bad generally and in sections of the Sacramento valley prospects were about the worst ever known. Stock water was also short in many places. Generous rains in April, which are unusual, can help the situation but would not offset the damage already done to the early lambs. The feed situation has hastened the market movement of early lambs, and while the eastern live shipments in March were small, slaughter in the state was very large. The proportion of well finished lambs for eastern shipment will be relatively small, and the total volume of the eastern movement will depend upon how many grade slaughter lambs and feeder lambs are shipped. Unless feed prospects improve, a very heavy movement of feeder lambs east is probable if any outlet for these can be found. The peak of the eastern shipments of slaughter lambs will probably be early in May.

In Texas shipments of grass fat yearlings and wethers from Texas in March were much the largest for the month on record. Considerable numbers of early spring lambs were also shipped. Shipments in April and May will continue large with the peak of the movement about the first of May.

In Arizona shipments to eastern markets started in March and will continue through April and May with the total movement smaller than last year.

TURKEY BOOSTS FARMING

ANGORA, Turkey (AP)—To speed up the cultivation of Turkey's vast virgin tracts, the Turkish government will award prizes to manufacturers who turn out 250 or more plows a year.

COVE HILL BILLY WRITES US AGAIN ON GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

"A government of the people, by the people and for the people" comes nearer than anything else in not only defining, but conveying the meaning of the principle followed by all things still adhering to the Higher Law of Nature—the Law of God on to His whole Creation. To disregard that principle when forming governments, augmented afterwards with innumerable laws trying to uphold the discrepancy, brings about a discord which eventually ends in disaster for all concerned. It is for that reason that all governments in the world's history have failed to withstand. "There is only one God and He has only one Law. Governments among men will never be stabilized until that "one Law shall combine all nations, tongues and kindreds of this earth—and that Law shall be the Law of a Universal Brotherhood!"

I find that in the wilds of the woods and mountains there exists absolute brotherhood—all bound and following in common the one Law of their Creator—their Father. All are brothers under a common fatherhood. There are a very few exceptions to this, which proves the rule, for they invariably come to a disastrous end-ing. Under the rule each of the many species prospers in its full cycle of life. They all have a government of the species, by the species, and for the species.

Man is the highest creature on this earth, but he is still within the realm of God's one Natural Law. The man who recognizes this fact and lives accordingly becomes one of God's greatest achievements on earth. He is a Natural Man. He is "a real Man."

A Natural Man is of consequence endowed with the greater human feelings. And when under normal conditions all his words, deeds and actions automatically express human sentiments. When the question of government arises what can be more fitting than "A government of the people, for the people and by the people" for a Natural Human Man to say? Abraham Lincoln said it, for he was just such a man.

A Natural Man is the acme of unselfishness. Contrast the egoist and selfish French monarch who said: "La France, c'est moi!" (France is myself!) and "Apres moi vien le deluge!" (After me comes the universal flood!) with Abraham Lincoln's government of, by and for the people!

Abraham Lincoln, naturally could not express himself in any way contrary to the welfare of the people of his country. He fully understood and realised that he was a unit—a part of the whole. He knew what was good for him. Lincoln was also good for the nation.

It is not to say that Lincoln was the only man in the country that was natural and a real man. It so happened that he was placed to the front and made visible or felt by practically the whole world. To my mind though, in his position in the world and as president of the United States, he stands unique in the category of men holding similar position.

Much has been said and more has been written about Lincoln. Very few these days understand him. Those who seem to know him, are men and women of the Hills, the mountains, the plains and the farms—common, simple country folks who very seldom get into print, or even are listened to. They are for the most part what we call "obscure" people. They are the simple folks that he loved so well. In his time, these folks represented about 80 per cent of the population. Today, we have less than 10 per cent and they are fast disappearing. No Lincoln could be elected president of the United States now—nor not until the 90 per cent reinculcate into their classic educations the discarded fundamental principle—that higher Law of God, which the old pioneers in their simplicity followed near to the mark—the spirit which prompted Lincoln's definition of a good government. Then and only then, a Lincoln will be understood.

Imagine what a wonderful brotherhood could be established with the Lincoln spirit of a right government! We our intelligence developed and advanced in the last 70 years—all the real improvements primarily designed for the benefit and the blessing and the happiness of the people. Take it, or supplant the false, yet alluring spirit of greed, selfishness and individualistic love of power and gold. Then take all this tremendous wave of advanced thoughts and activities, the results we see today, which was not conceivable to the minds in Lincoln's time—yes, with this higher knowledge with which we are blessed today, I say, renounce and abandon for all time those hitherto selfish and greedy individualistic impulses for gain, and in its stead plant and cultivate the unselfish spirit of the old pioneers—follow the admonition of Abraham Lincoln's motto of good government. Then the great brotherhood will reign supreme. The happiness of all the people will be shared by all the people and for all the people!

There are those who adore Lincoln much as idolators of ancient mythological times and later did their dead kings and warriors. Pictures, images, busts and statues supplemented with a few tales of his life. These take us nowhere. They are only admirations in memory of the man. That is not his spirit. Lincoln is dead. His spirit is alive. What I mean here by spirit, I mean the spirit that said 2,000 years ago: "Do ye unto others what ye would others should do unto ye." Ignoring the spirit, refusing to follow his examples left by his words, deeds and actions, and adore a man that is dead is one of the greatest absurdities afflicting mankind today. People like that do not understand Lincoln literally or otherwise. All they have is a memory of him after he died. The only compensation we may receive for such commensurate with the activities taken on his birthday or memorial day—we go home with the satisfaction of having done our duty to the man—this goes to sleep with us and in the morning we forget all about that, and we punge into our accustomed habits which are diametrically opposed to the Lincoln spirit understanding of Life. Lincoln was not an idolator and would hate to be adored as an idol himself. Idolators at the very best have only a picture in mind of the things they may wish to reach. It is not unlike the travellers of the desert focusing their attention on the mirage ahead — we follow the image of the oasis and soon our bones are found, buried in the sands of that eternal Law which governs all things aright, when it is followed and not defied. Lincoln followed that Law. He was a very simple man, very easy to understand to those who carry his spirit. Through his natural intellect he followed not an ideal but the eternal irresistible and immutable Law where all things must eventually be resolved. For that he died as a man. It was and is today that opposite and false spirit of those very idolators that killed Lincoln the man. But they have not killed nor even injured his spirit—the "real man" in him. Instead of adoring him as an idol or taking him as an ideal—let us live his spirit by words, deeds and actions — then "a government of the people, by the people and for the people" will be a reality.

There are those also who would make Lincoln an artist in politics. To soothe the craving minds of the idolators, on or about the date of his birth much is said and written about what is supposed to be Lincoln. One that he was using politics as an art was broadcasted over the air not long ago. It told that he had "sidestepped" the question of slavery a number of times. It defined how cunning he was in fighting his political adversaries. The whole conveyed to millions the idea that he was the super master politician. The very opposite of such should be broadcast, not only on his birthdate, but on every day of the year. Just imagine "Honest Abe," the man who obviously was to true to his convictions, to be accused of sidestepping one single issue of what he thought was right! To be sure he used politics. Politics was the only channel where the Lincoln spirit could then find expression. His was the full spirit of good government among mankind. And government is paramount to and embodies everything there is under the one Greater Law. Back of it all stands God the Power and the Creator of all. Then our politicians with their self regulated powers in government affairs, enthused by their selfish motives, would by that, make us understand that they are "the salt of the earth," for we find that the greatest of all in their argument is Lincoln, the master politician—and following back to the Greater Cause of good government—God would be to them the greater politician, consequently politicians would have the power to govern the people as they chose, by divine rights! Was that Lincoln's spirit? No, a thousand times no! Lincoln was not a politician. Lincoln was a simple and honest man—a most natural and real man, he was the exact opposite of a politician, in the sense that politics are understood today.

Then, we have those whose commercial promoting ideas would have Lincoln foremost as an empire builder. Of this he could have been everything else but! His address at Gettysburg, all his speeches and writings with all the sketches and stories of those who personally knew him, shows that the spirit which prompted his words, deeds and actions, were forever for a good, clean and honest government throughout the land. He was a lover of the constitution as formulated by our forefathers which, if adhered to, forms a nucleus upon which the best government on earth can be secured. The nation today is not blind to the fact that trusts, corporations and monopolies have and are defeating the purpose, aim and intention and, the very spirit of the letter contained in our beloved document of Freedom and Liberty — the Constitution of the United States! And, to bring Lincoln in any way in defense of this infamous transgression of our rights—is not only blasphemy, but also is adding insult to injury. In one of his speeches he greatly feared for the future of his country—his natural wisdom told him so. If he were here today, like Job he could exclaim: "The things I feared the most have come on to me."

I do not adore Lincoln—but I love his spirit. I speak of him at length in this article on government, for he is to me the embodiment of that Natural Law governing all things regarding human affairs. I speak of him, because his position in history puts him to the fore as representing the spirit of our liberty loving ancestors—the spirit of the men, women and children of the hills, mountains and the plains—the spirit of the pioneers of the west including our immediate beautiful Grande Ronde valley.

There has been many a Lincoln under the sheils of our old pioneers of this valley. When we come to consider the hardships and handicaps that had to be surmounted to conquer this wild unbroken abode of Indians and beasts—it is extraordinary wonderful how well those rough and "uneducated" people governed themselves. Being like Lincoln in spirit, they were also in the shell somewhat like him. They were common, simple and honest. What if they relished a pipe and a "chaw terbaccer"—what if they cussed a little—enjoyed a little "swig at the jug"—and would sometime say: "It reminds me of a story, once a fellow down in Alabama——" —what if they had a few encounters with fists and guns western style on election day—what if they did steal the courthouse from one town, bringing it to another then steal it back again? They were human. Lincoln would have perhaps done all those things, for he was human. But, I say, what of all this? So long as they governed themselves in such a human manner that all together the valley prospered and we now can see what they left for us to hold and keep. Look at the splendid specimen of manhood and womanhood you meet everywhere in mountain homes, some far into the Blue mountains and the great Wallowas—some in fine fruit orchard homes in the foothills—some in the larger homes, which are many, farms that are real farms all over the Grande Ronde—many in shops, factories and mills—more in stores and mercantile houses in La Grande and sister towns. They are the sons and daughters of those old pioneers. Go to the several high and low schools of the valley—there you will see thousands of the best boys any community can boast. And the girls, well the girls are par excellence—no country ever existed that can boast of better looking girls than we have here in the Grande Ronde valley—Hollywood not excepted. And our smaller children and babies—some great-great-grandchildren, coming generations—healthy, robust, rosy cheeked and full of life. The mortality percentage is the lowest that I have observed. And this is all because we know how to govern ourselves—thanks to the initiative spirit left us by the old pioneers of yesteryears.

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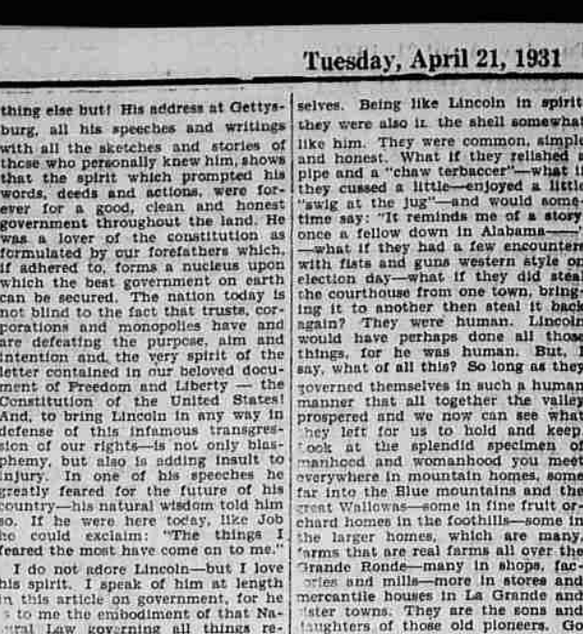

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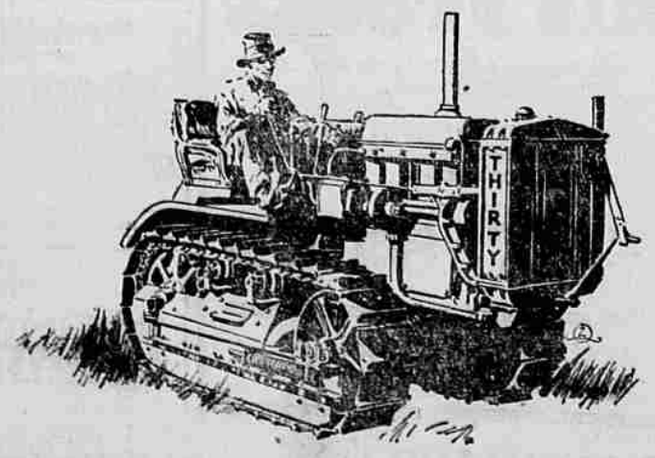
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