

Over The Valley Personals

Song, "I Love a Little Cottage"—Girls Quartet
 Address: Dr. F. W. Parr
 Vocal Solo: Miss Cecilia Berglund
 Madeline Oliver
 Song, "There Is Only One School"—Girls Quartet
 Presentation of Class: Miss J. W. King
 Presentation of Diploma: Miss J. W. King
 Benediction: Bishop L. B. Phillips
 Receptional: Gladys Billings

CLASS OF 1931
 Theron Anderson, Vivian McFall,
 Donald Brown, Madeline Oliver,
 Harold Cole, Howard Portt, Everett
 Holmes, Dorothy Redman, Chas.
 Lewis, Clara Rollins, Thos. L. Brown

Ernest Smith, Arnold Masters, Lester Westenskow, Benny McCoy, Woodrow Westenskow.
 It was announced that the annual prize given to an outstanding student by the Parent-Teacher association was awarded to Harold Cole. The prize was a wrist watch.
 The annual school picnic is being held today.

Gives Small Party
 Mrs. Everett Wallinger gave a little afternoon party yesterday at her home in the Valeria district in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. P. DeLong. The guests were old time friends, Mrs. S. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Smith and Mrs. J. D. McKennon, all of La Grande. The women spent the afternoon visiting and sewing and Mrs. Wallinger served some nice refreshments.

Those girls at a western university who reported for the men's track team should know, of course, that not all the dashing young men, at Lewis, Clara Rollins, Thos. L. Brown

Shearing Is The Big Chore In Wallowa Now

O. C. Meek, of Wallowa, reviews farm activities, the weather and crops at present in Wallowa county as follows:
 Sheep shearing is starting in this section at this time. L. W. Minor recently completed shearing of a small two unit shearing outfit at his farm in the hills and has secured the services of two expert machine shears who are shearing out his flock of some seven or eight hundred ewes and yearlings. About 120 head belonging to Gastin & Cousins were driven to the pens and sheared out the latter part of the week. A number of other farmers who have small bunches are contemplating having their flocks sheared in this way.

An extra good clip is reported from the sheep which have been shorn at this time. From a band of mixed ewes shorn for Gastin & Cousins an average of about 10 pounds per head was secured. Several days of warm weather previous to shearing is said to have brought the grease out into the wool fairly well.

Flocks Do Well
 Many of the lamb flocks of this section are becoming very fine at this time and making an excellent point. The shearing association of the county expects to do much good shipping of lambs from this county during the summer months. With a large part of the lambs from the small flocks being quite early a large part of them will be ready for market quite early and it is expected that some of the shipments will be made during the early part of June.

Plowing Is On
 Plowing of summerfallow is in full blast on many of the farms in this community at this time. Some who had no great lot of spring seeding to do are nearly finished at this time. However, some of those who are getting large tracts are just getting started now. Oscar Maxwell was busy the last of the week getting his outfit started at the U. G. Couch ranch in the Leap section. He has about three hundred acres to summerfallow and in addition to his own outfit he has arranged with Ed Bell and son, Leslie, to plow about thirty acres on the west end of the ranch. They expect to get started on this during the coming week.

Plowing planting has been in progress at some of the farms here recently. During the latter part of the week a large patch was being planted at the G. A. Hunter farm east of town. Most farmers report they are planting about a normal acreage, feeling that the price will likely prove as good as anything else they will raise as anything else.

Extremes In Weather
 Extremes in both ways in weather conditions have been experienced in this county during the past week. During the early part of the week two or three days were exceptionally warm, with the temperature reaching the high point of 81 degrees. This

is said to be a record for this community for May. Toward the last of the week a few light showers of rain fell and they were followed by very sunny conditions. A cold wind accompanied by occasional snow squalls made Saturday and Sunday rather disagreeable for outside work.

Ground Is Dry
 With considerable wind during the past two weeks the ground has become quite dry and a good soaking rain is badly needed in order to promote a better growth of crops and grass. The high showers which have fallen recently have not been enough to do much good in supplying the needed moisture. While the larger part of the spring seeding in this community was finished last week, a few of the farmers report that they have a small amount of seeding to do yet. Soil conditions are said to be a little too dry to allow an extra good germination of seed at this time and some fields are coming up rather spotted.

Full Crops Do Well
 Full grown crops have continued to make a very satisfactory growth and farmers say the wheat is plenty far advanced for this season of the year. Reports from many farms of the county all say that the fall community all say that the fall wheat prospects are excellent and that but very little winter killing was in evidence in any of the fields. No insects are heard of where farmers found it necessary to do any weeding.

Some Seeding Done
 Some seeding of timothy and other grasses have been done by some of the farmers in the dry farming sections of this county this spring. George Coleman of Powatka ridge reports that he has seeded something like 35 acres to timothy at his farm. Glen Stearns of Leap recently seeded two or three acres to alfalfa and timothy. Others have seeded a number of acres of rape and various other crops for pasture crops during the summer months. Fields are quite good in most parts of the community at this time, the most of the dirt roads having been cleaned by the county road working outfit during the past few weeks.

Lord's Affront To Commons Serves To Strengthen The MacDonald Rule

By Edward Stanley
 LONDON (AP)—The Labor party isn't begging for a general election—but it certainly is stirring pretty for one now.

That wasn't true a month ago when the conservatives sought to turn the government out.

For months on end Ramsay MacDonald's government had been surviving in this tenuous and in prime minister has been forced to play his cards with all the adroitness he could command.

Lacking a working majority in the house at some of the farms here recently. During the latter part of the week a large patch was being planted at the G. A. Hunter farm east of town. Most farmers report they are planting about a normal acreage, feeling that the price will likely prove as good as anything else they will raise as anything else.

Generally considered a vestigial appendage, the lords for the first time in years have challenged the power of the commons.

They dismantled the government's education bill, raised the school age limit, a beloved social reform of the labor party. That was rewarded as meddling, but nothing was done.

But more recently the upper house turned the land bill into a meaningless piece and demanded guarantees that the commons would not attempt to get it through again.

This bill was aimed at improving agriculture and lessening unemployment, and regardless of whether it would have done so, labor at least has been placed in a position to say that the peers blocked its efforts to set sorry matters right.

Indeed, the peers moved with such a rude hand that even the Tory papers felt constrained to point out the dynamite they had manufactured free.

MacDonald himself declared it meant a bare-faced finish bout.

Again, Philip Snowden's new budget, which calls for land taxes—land in England is untaxed—is aimed at the peer class.

Still again, the Socialist party seems to have the greatest confidence of the commons, especially since the demands for harsh action in Mahatma Gandhi's land have come only from conservatives.

The labor government's record in foreign affairs has been almost brilliant, but in home affairs it has found heavier going.

Unemployment, England's most

staggering problem, steadily mounted. Now it seems to have taken a slight turn for the better, and, at any rate, the lords have provided a medium that permits a re-statement of the very situation that a few weeks ago was labor's chief spook.

Nothing promises a general election soon, however, unless it be a feeling in the air—and that could be spring.

Chats With Parents

UNDIRECTED ENERGY
 By Alice Judson Peale

The obstreperous seven-year-old who, by his disobedience and furious aggressiveness, succeeded in ruining all of our good and good mother for his mother and her house guests, became suddenly tractable and pleasant when he found a pickaxe lying by the barn door.

Although scarcely an ideal toy, it did wonders for him. For an hour he worked steadily, swinging the heavy tool with all the strength of his small body, only long enough to explain that he was helping the man who was going to drill a well there.

When he finally put down his axe, he contemplated his hole with satisfaction and was ready to be pleasant to everybody.

A good deal of misbehavior is due simply to the fact that frequently children are given no congenial outlet for their energies.

An active, healthy child needs always to be doing something. It is unfair to place him in a situation where he can do nothing but keep still and be polite.

Children are so easily amused, and work so intently at their pleasures, that it is too bad they are ever permitted to get into trouble. Any sort of congenial play material prevents the arising of those occasions which try the adult's temper and bring at last the punishment which is almost sure to be ineffective.

That the busy child is a good child is something that every mother knows but unfortunately forgets, because so many other things claim her attention.

Habits of independent play, sufficient play materials of the right sort, and adequate physical freedom would serve to prevent many of the disciplinary problems which beset the path of parents and children.

RETREAT
 By Alice Judson Peale

There is one kind of behavior in children which every mother should be quick to recognize as a symptom of trouble and a call for help. This

is the tendency to run away from ordinary difficulties and to retreat into solitude and the world of make believe.

The child who fights back when things go wrong may sometimes be difficult to handle. But his tendency is a healthy one, whereas the child who finds happiness in retreat, while he may be ever so docile and obedient, is in an unhealthy frame of mind.

Such a child may become what is known to psychiatrists as a "shut in personality," an individual whom it becomes more and more difficult to help as time goes on. Instead of progressively making adjustments to a more and more exacting world, he escapes more and more into a world of his own phantasies.

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this type of child adjustment to the real world is more difficult than for the active, outgoing sort of individual.

The child with a tendency to run away from reality needs special help and understanding. Above all things he needs love and security which will enable him to face the face of an uncomprehending world. It is especially important that the channels of confidence between him and his parents should be kept open.

So long as he speaks freely of the things which occupy his moods and fancies, it is not likely that they will become too real or so completely satisfying as to lead him further and further away from the real world. He needs to be helped to find activities which will bring him actual satisfactions in place of imaginary ones.

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He needs the wholesome companionship of other children.

INVENTOR'S DIRIGIBLE IS ITALY'S HERITAGE

BAGGIO, Italy (AP)—The Italian inventor Forlanini, who died recently and was one of the first developers of the dirigible, devoted his last days to the construction of a small dirigible, embodying new principles.

The airship has now been completed and soon will begin test flights.

News of the existence of Forlanini's airship caused considerable surprise, since Italy officially decided to give up the lighter-than-air craft after Nobis's ill-fated Italia crashed in the Arctic three years ago.

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