

OVER THE VALLEY

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To Have Big Exhibit—Cove is going to exhibit at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show which opens up next Wednesday at Union Cove always does exhibit—Cove has the livestock to show. It is reported now that about 80 head will be taken over to Union. J. E. Mills states that the dairy exhibits from Cove will be the largest of any section as are also the 4-H club exhibits. An approximate number according to reports now in are as follows: C. N. Ogilvie, 17 head; J. E. Mills, 15 head; E. Bell, 10 head; Mrs. E. Collins, 12 head; Mrs. Elsie Collins, 3 head; Ralph Comstock, 7 head. Among the club members exhibiting are George Chadwick, Millard and Dean Van Donge, Van Robinson, Robert Clark, Robert and Billy Duncan, Allan, Lloyd and Gale Mills, Kathleen and Harold Comstock and Lloyd Murchison.

Get Milking Machines—Alex Dahlstrom and John Shaw, progressive farmers residing near North Powder have recently installed milking machines on their dairy farms.

Home from Hospital—Jean Miller has returned to her home at Cove following an operation at Hot Lake. She is the daughter of Mrs. Bernice Miller of that place.

Gets Snake—George Seibird, veteran newspaper man of Union, reports the killing of a rattlesnake on his back yard within the last few days. Chickens in the neighborhood have been molested recently and this reptile is believed to have been the cause.

Gets New Bull Calf—Julius Fisher has recently received a new purebred Shorthorn bull calf which he says is one of the finest animals he has ever seen, in fact he pronounces him as perfect. The animal, which is three months old, was secured from Shorthorn breeders in Batavia, New York.

Improves—Recent word from Herbert Chandler of Baker, president of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, is to the effect that Mr. Chandler is slowly improving from his recent attack of spotted fever, caused by a tick bite. Mr. Chandler has been very critically ill, but he seems to be now on the road to recovery.

Here for Visit—Mrs. J. D. Kautz and daughter, Miss Ethel, arrived in the valley Sunday from Twin Falls, Idaho, and will spend the summer at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Harry Avery, at Island City.

Visits—Mrs. Herbert Speckhart of the Iowa district is having as her guests for a few days this week her sisters, Mrs. Edna Kincaid and Mrs. Mollie Gower, and Jack Kincaid of La Grande.

Home Again—Pioneer George Miller, who has been having some treatments at Hot Lake, has returned to his home on the Cove highway. He is better able to sit up some each day, it is reported.

To Grand Chapter—Mrs. Otis Bushman, of Allice, is leaving today for Portland to visit her brother and also to attend the grand chapter of Oregon of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Bushman is a worthy matron of the chapter at Elgin.

Short Visit—Ralph Austin, of Spokane, arrived in the valley Wednesday for a one day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Austin, of near Summerville, before starting east where he goes as a delegate to the American Bankers institute convention to be held at Pittsburg, Mr. Austin, president of the Spokane chapter of the A. I. B.

Very Ill—James Moss, of La Grande, a pioneer in the valley, and whose three children now live in the valley, is reported to have been very seriously ill of a heart attack last week. He is much better now, we are told, and are glad to pass the news on.

To Summer School—Miss Josephine Fisher of near Cove, Bob Huron, of Brooks Lake, Clayton Fox, of Imbler, Dale Standley, of Yow district, and Paul Nier, of North Powder, are planning to leave Sunday morning for Corvallis where they will spend the next two weeks at the 4-H club summer course at the Oregon State college. These young people, who represent the 4-H clubs of the county, have earned their right to go on several years by the late W. T. Fry in memory of Marvin Daniel, Jane's brother, who was a prominent club worker.

Arrive O. K.—Mrs. Willis Moss, of Moss chapel, has received word that their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Alexander, have reached their destination—their new home near Philomath, Oregon, and were rapidly getting settled.

Have New Grandson—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Childers, who live on lower Cove, received a message yesterday morning which announced the birth of a baby son to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson, of Seattle. The baby's mother is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Childers, Iola Childers.

Mr. Knight Better—Reports are to the effect that A. J. Knight, of near Elgin, who has been ill for a long time, is very much better and has been able to be out and around for more than a week now.

Annual Visit—Mrs. Margaret Oliver arrived in the valley last week for an annual visit among her many relatives and friends in this locality, especially with her sisters, Miss Bertha Wallinger and Mrs. James Moss and her brothers, Tom and Everett Wallinger.

Purchases Fine Farm—C. W. Cleavinger, of La Grande, has purchased the fine farm of Mrs. J. E. Mills.

Cereals Are Studied On O.S.C. Campus—Eight thousand rows of plants, representing over 600 kinds of oats, wheat and barley, make up the cereal nursery at Corvallis, headed by Dr. E. N. Bressman, associate agronomist at Oregon State college.

The purpose of this nursery is two-fold, to test strains and varieties gathered from many different places to see if they are adapted to Oregon conditions, and to furnish plants for breeding experiments designed to develop hardier and better varieties. A record is kept of each kind of cereal grown. Each year observations are made on its habit of growth, hardness, yield, etc. Only the most promising types are saved.

If a plant exhibits a desirable character, such as high yield, along with undesirable ones, such as tendency to lodge and lack of hardness, it is crossed with another which does not have the same undesirable traits. In this way it is possible to obtain an occasional plant that has all the good characteristics and none of the bad ones.

Work has been carried on by Dr. Bressman in this manner in an attempt to develop varieties resistant to diseases such as smut and rust.

All parts of the world are represented in the nursery. Wheat has come from South America, Canada, Australia and Ireland. Oats have been brought from South Africa, Australia and Ireland.

Of wheat alone, 200 strains and varieties, including eight different species, are grown. One type being tried is durum, a wheat valuable for macaroni making.

Barleys are white and black, bearded and beardless, bunched and hull-less, two rowed and six-rowed.

Total 55,000 Farms Now In This State—According to a bulletin recently issued by the bureau of census, there are 55,163 farms in the state of Oregon having a total acreage of 16,548,678, and a total value, including land, buildings, and implements and machinery, of \$675,413,678. These figures are given in detail for each county and minor civil division within the state. This is the first federal census report to show these figures by minor civil divisions.

Of the total farm acreage 17.9 per cent, or 2,906,324 acres, was crop land on which crops were harvested in 1929; 7 per cent, or 1,154,744 acres, was crop land which lay idle or fallow; and 7 per cent, or 1,151,451 acres, was land on which the crops failed to mature or were not harvested for any cause. Pasture land with a total of 11,378,824 acres, representing 68.8 per cent of the total farm acreage of the state, included 816,803 acres of plowable land, 2,817,774 acres of woodland, and 7,942,543 acres of other land. In addition to the land cropped and pastured, the total land in farms included 569,737 acres of woodland not used for pasture, and 494,598 acres not in forest, pasture, or crops, including the land occupied by house yards, barnyards, feed lots, lanes, roads, etc.

The total value of farm land and buildings was \$630,827,927, of which \$128,981,593 represented the value of all farm buildings, including the farmers' dwellings, which were valued at \$72,527,908. The value of farm implements and machinery, including farmers' automobiles, was \$42,585,751.

NEWS of the CHURCHES

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Less Wheat Grown

The state of Oregon will produce 3 per cent less wheat than last year. Oregon will produce 17,908,000 bushels of winter wheat in 1931, compared to 18,538,000 last year, according to estimates from the release of the May crop report issued by the U. S. department of agriculture.

This total, however, is 454,000 bushels higher than the five-year average of 22,000 bushels over the 1930 crop.

Fourteen per cent of last year's hay crop, nearly one-seventh, is in the barns on many farms, the report indicates. The hay crop of 182,000 tons of hay left over—more than last year. April dry weather, however, shows pasture conditions 3 per cent less than last year, and 8 per cent less than was estimated in April.

Winter wheat in the United States will be harvested from 40,432,000 acres which will produce 1,029,000 bushels, it is estimated in the report issued through the office of Paul C. Newman, statistician. This is greater by 105 million bushels than the five-year average crop.

Rye acreage to be harvested is estimated at 3,793,000 acres with an indicated crop of 50,876,000 bushels compared to 3,700,000 acres with a far outdistances the five-year average figures of 46,129,000 bushels for the U. S.

Left-over hay for the whole United States, however, is nearly three million tons less than last year.

Oregon ranks second in the Oregon-Washington Dairy Herd Improvement association in winter wheat production. Idaho is lowest with 11,960,000 bushels of winter wheat for 1931. Washington tops the list with 40,275,000 bushels.

An Additional Contest

Announcement is being made today of a new and very novel contest which the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association is to hold at the livestock show next week. The official tester, Ralph Robinson is to select eight cows from those in the association and these are to be divided into two groups. The public is to judge these cows, selecting which ones are the best dairy animals. The winner will receive a prize to act and the persons who come nearest in their selection of animals are to be awarded.

Four Johnsons of Lower Cove, vice president of the association, has offered two prizes of \$5 each and Walter Vogel of Union, a director of the organization, will give an additional \$5 prize.

Cove Hill Billy Talks Once Again On Government

Today the Cove Hill Billy writes the third of the series of articles on government—his ideas of government. He may not agree with your thoughts or your ideas, but what he writes gives us things to think about. These are the thoughts of a man who lives close to nature, who loves the great outdoors, whose life is to him his inspiration, his life.

GOVERNMENT In conclusion of this article on "Government" this week, I have first in mind an episode which happened in the fall of 1842, right here in the Grande Ronde valley. This little bit of our history tells me how a people generally looked upon a "wild" and "unruly" can decide for themselves what is best in government. For obviously enough in history, how quickly they can come to a sane and safe conclusion.

I am extracting this incident from notes I have taken from stories of the past. The Hudson tells me how a man named Le Grand, whom they are not sure whether he came west first with the Hudson, or perhaps he came with missionaries then active among the Rocky Mountain Indians. Anyway, they found him making his way almost a giant in size and stature. He was over seven feet tall and weighed around 350. He was of a fair complexion, red hair and beard and sharp blue eyes. He claimed to be a half-bred French and Iroquois Indian.

However, this Le Grand at that time bought and sold furs on his own hook. And he seemed to have been in reality at the head of a group of very peaceful and good Indians, probably 50 in number. They had a number of places where they would move and set camps in close proximity to localities where the most trapping was done. Previous to this time, there were quite a number of trappers on Catherine creek, on one side of the "basin" and up the Grande Ronde river on the other side—and in the blue valley. The Hudson says that Le Grand and perhaps farther than where Sumner is now located. To this day we find and see signs and old blades on trees marking the Hudson valley quite a number of remains of old cabins. There is one cabin on the Middle Fork of Catherine creek—that is yet well preserved.

In the fall of 1842 there was a big gathering of these trappers at Le Grand's camp. They were "camped near a small lake of warm water." So it must have been near Hot Lake, somewhere. Their talk, of course, led on to the most interesting question of the time. They were highly interested in the Hudson's rule they should be. They then knew that a decision was to be made as soon as they could get enough to "camp" somewhere to decide. It had come to that point. The Hudson it would be where the most settled part of the country would be—across the Blue mountains. So right there and then eight white men

were selected, outfitted and sent across with the message of the whole bunch—their wishes to be understood at the meeting of the Indians along with them. Of the white men the story tells of only two names—John Beaman and Pierre Deschamps. These two men were married to squaws and had children. They never returned. Their trip and adventure is another story for a later article. This part is for the purpose of bringing the Champeau episode as an example of quick decision among "unruly" men.

On that point of government—so we decided at the meeting of the morning of May 2nd, 1843, down there on the Willamette river—it seems that Americans and French Canadian trappers were directly and indirectly working against setting the country. We also know that most of the backing of these companies were of British origin. We also know that the British sentiment at that time and previously was not of a home-making nature. It was rather the spirit of adventure and of a country and back to England for their home. American early history proves that fact.

"We know, too," that Americans from both the east and south carried the home-making spirit—the spirit of building homes away from an overruled and despotic government. They were and are today a liberty-seeking people. The French Canadians and the Irish, although quite different in their mores as a people were imbued with the same spirit. For obviously enough in history is the dire struggle these people endured at the hands of old Britain's rule.

So when Joseph Meek called for a conference and two men of the one hundred and two met over to that "hyar log." Both sides had quickly figured out what seemed to be best for them to pursue. And afterwards the decision being made—all more or less helped in forming the provisional government that eventually worked out so well for all their concerns and so extraordinary well for what followed to this day.

Now then, this brings to my mind that this Grande Ronde country took a great part in winning the Great Empire. Remember, that there was only two men of majority on our side. What would have been the result if the eight men from this community had not been present? And so I find all along in my observations, that all things, including man, invariably do well, when left free to do those things which should be done. And so I find all along in my observations, that all things, including man, invariably do well, when left free to do those things which should be done. And so I find all along in my observations, that all things, including man, invariably do well, when left free to do those things which should be done.

I find that the best government for man should be the law that governs the natural world.

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Super Suds Medium 10c pkg. Each 5c	Pineapple Matched slices in heavy syrup—No. 2 1/2 cans 2 for 33c
SOAP Crystal White 10 Bars . . . 29c	Carnation Wheat Flakes Non-Premium Large pkg. 23c
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