

OVER THE VALLEY

Mabel E. Morton, Valley News Editor

Has Annual Party—Members of the Countrywomen's club held their annual Christmas party for members of their families last Friday evening at the Blue Mt. Grande hall, and it was, indeed, a gala event, measuring up well to standards set in previous years. The event always starts off with a chicken dinner. This year it was roast chicken and cranberry sauce together with other varied dishes. The dinner was served at long tables decorated prettily with colors appropriate to the Christmas season, and with places for the 70 or more people who were present. After the dinner there was community singing when the lovely old carols were used, a program of entertainment by the Blue Mt. Wranglers, which all enjoyed most thoroughly. Also, there were readings by Hazel Jean Keefe, Marjorie Fleishman, Bobbie Chelant, Pat Hughes and Mrs. J. L. Lindsey. Miss Emma Geisler sang a group of songs. The Countrywomen's club, which is made up of a large company of the women living in Grande Ronde valley, is one of the active, social organizations of the valley.

Opening Roads—Unless something happens between now and Friday the majority of the roads in the county should be opened up for Christmas travel. Perhaps the worst conditions have been found in the north end of the valley, around Pleasant Grove and Summerville and that general locality. A La Grande physician called to see a sick person in that section had quite an experience and reported the drifts encountered the largest he had ever seen, and his story was substantiated by the mail carrier, who reported one drift as high as the roof of the house. Several days, between the Long corner and Dillard Choate's north of Summerville were being removed early this week. Jim McKinnis was in La Grande Monday taking the cream which had accumulated during several days of isolation and even then he says he had to go clear up around Rhinehart to get out. To remedy as many of these conditions as possible, the county rotary, or else the state rotary used by the county was taken up in that region the first of the week and roads were to be opened up. The Island City-Cove road, which was impassable for a time following the high winds of last week, was opened up early and travel is possible, though not very comfortable because of the drifts of sand which are found in certain places.

Has Accident—Edna Erickson, of near Elgin, who had her leg broken last summer, had just been walking a few days without the use of her crutches when one of the children at school ran into her, causing her to fall. The ligaments were torn loose again. It is reported that she may have to have her leg put back into a cast again. She is a freshman in the Elgin high school.

Visit Relatives—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tucker, and small son have been visiting among their relatives in the valley this week and will spend Christmas with his parents in Imbler.

To California—J. B. Love, who lives above the Cove, has had a habit the last several years of spending his winters in California. He is making preparation for that state within the last few days and will return with the spring.

Improves—Miss Hazel Hermann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann, of the Cove highway, is reported to be improving nicely at the Grande Ronde hospital. She recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Has Many Thrills—We were given quite a thrilling yarn last week which should have included in the snow story given above. The story went that one Eskimo Don Ostland, of La Grande started out in his Chevy coupe one of the nights when the wind was blowing some in the valley and his destination was the Art Behrns place which is some distance north of Summerville. The journey to the ice-bound region went very well until the car reached that strip of country between the cemetery and Summerville, where more than one swain has had to leave his car and use some other power to get to the city of pioneers. We are told that the hero had not familiarized himself with climatic and road conditions and that he went without boots, yes, without gloves and, if we err not, without rubbers. And the snow was deep. And it is several miles from the spot in question to the home of Art and Audrey Behrns. But the young man was fired by the spirit of the pioneers and he got there and back, sometime, somehow, seriously there were a few days last week when some stories of the far north could be duplicated right here.

To Have Program—The annual community Christmas tree and program is to be given at the Island City community church Thursday evening. The teachers and pupils of the Island school are planning the program, with Miss Amelia Michelson in charge, while the Sunday school is arranging the treats and other features if the evening.

To Elgin—Mrs. C. D. Huffman, of Cove avenue, went to Elgin Monday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lynn Hill. Mrs. Huffman has about recovered from her recent severe illness.

In La Grande—Miss Emma McAnish, of the Valeria district, is spending several days in La Grande assisting to care for Mrs. Cleaver, recently returned home from Portland, where she underwent a major operation.

In New Zealand—J. E. Reynolds received an interesting Christmas card this week from youngest son Joe Reynolds, former well-known coach in La Grande, Baker, different California cities, Honolulu and other places. Mr. Reynolds has been and is on a sight seeing expedition and sent the card, though it was written on the high seas, from Auckland, New Zealand.

Has Fine Calves—J. Newton Fisher, of Lower Cove, has something else to be proud of now. Among other possessions, one so valuable that he has, on various occasions, had numerous offers for her. The six-year-old boy has been quite firm in his refusal, however. Last week his cow presented him with twin calves, well-marked individuals they are, and isn't J. Newton proud!

Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry, who are now living in Vincent, were back in the valley Saturday visiting among their friends. They formerly resided at Island City.

Home—George Hoves, a student at the University of Oregon, returned home a few days ago and will spend the holidays at his home at Pleasant Grove.

P. T. A. Meets—The members of the Island City Parent-Teacher association report a splendid attendance at the Christmas meeting held Friday afternoon at the school. Mrs. Alex Robertson favored the group with two very pretty Christmas songs. The remainder of the program was a clever little play presented by a group of the members. The play bore the title, "Our Own Folks." Mrs. I. Shafter took the part of Uncle Jeb and Mrs. Workman that of Jeb's wife. Mrs. J. M. Bowers and Edna Stenobaker were the children. The play was very well done and greatly enjoyed. During the business meeting, which was presided over by the president, Mrs. Carl Perin, it was decided to discontinue the serving of hot lunches for the present. The report was also made that the community library opened some months ago had been self-supporting thus far. The library is open on Wednesday and Saturdays. It is reported. The school program at the church on Christmas eve was also announced.

Blue Mt. Grange—There was a very large crowd present at the regular meeting of the Blue Mt. grange held last Saturday at their hall. This was also the annual Christmas meeting and features appropriate for this season of the year were added to and substituted for the regular routine program. The business meeting was held in the morning, and in the absence of the master, Mr. Eckley, Frank Wright occupied the master's chair. A potluck dinner was served at noon and the Christmas program under the direction of the lecturer followed. Members of the grange spent a short time singing Christmas carols. Mrs. Tom Wallinger gave a reading, as did Miss Hazel Jean Keefe, and Kenneth Ragain sang a pretty solo. The remainder of the program hour was occupied with a short play "The Christmas at the Poor House." Mrs. W. O. Sherwood took the part of the matriarch of the home, and the inmates were Mrs. Victor Ragain, Mrs. L. F. Wright, Mrs. E. Austin and Mrs. R. A. Masterton. The play is reported to have been quite mirth-provoking. The Christmas tree with treats closed the day's celebration.

Little Ill—Mr. O. M. Gardner of the Cove was taken rather suddenly ill of what was diagnosed as pneumonia poisoning at her home Saturday evening and for a time was very ill. She is somewhat improved now.

Have New Son—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baum, who live near Union, are the parents of an eight and a half pound boy, born to them at 1609 Y avenue. He has been given the name, Frank.

Home For Vacation—Miss Jane Ravenscroft, a student at the University of Washington, has arrived in the valley and is making the journey to the Coast with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ravenscroft, at Elgin.

Joint Program—Miss Catherine Buckley, teacher of the lower Cove school, and Miss Vera Case, teacher at Froxy, together with their pupils put on a joint Christmas program this evening at the lower Cove school.

Other programs which have come to our attention, and which will be held this evening are those at the Summerville, Pleasant Grove and Iowa schools. The Dry Creek program is tomorrow evening.

From Corvallis—Russell McKinnon arrived today from Corvallis, where he is a student at the state college and will spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinnon, near Imbler.

Page The Archaeologist—If there are any archaeologists running around loose in this vicinity, longing to go to Egypt with pick and shovel, yet lacking the funds or time, we would advise them to travel to Cove by the market road from Island City and at any one of a score of places along the road, attempt to dig down and find the gravels surface of the market road. We attempted to drive that road last night after dark, and decided to go again today to see what it looked like in the day time, particularly along those places where the drifts of sand and dirt were higher than the car. If you just MUST go over this road to Cove, be sure to hold on to your uppers.

Put Up Ice—Ray Fuller and Tex Wells, of the

Valeria district, finished putting up their ice last week. They have seven or eight tons of very good ice, about 10 inches thick, they report. The ice was taken from the river near the Wells place.

Mojo To La Grande—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds, who have been living at Island City for some time, have purchased the property known as the "Hug Apartment" on Fourth street across from the postoffice and have already taken possession.

Merry Christmas—To all of the friends of this page in the valley, to those who have given of their news to help make the success it has been, to those who read it regularly—that means to all those who live in our beautiful valley, we wish most earnestly and sincerely

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!—Not do we mean especially that there shall be an abundance of "things"—but an abundance of that real joy and gladness which the Christ-child came to bring.

Have Pre-Christmas Party—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Comstock entertained a company of their friends at a pre-Christmas party last evening at their home up the Mill Creek canyon, and perhaps the event was in honor of their two children, John and Frances, who returned home Saturday from Corvallis. In the party were friends enough to fill seven tables for bridge, and that was the diversion arranged for the evening. Mrs. Comstock and her daughters served a lunch which was in keeping with the season, and her decorations here, as well as about the home, were marvellous also. Christmas. Guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Avery, of Island City, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Leffel, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lawson, of Union.

From Portland—Mrs. A. J. Leigh arrived last evening from Portland and will spend the Christmas holidays at the home

HE GETS THE SPUDS—Potato growers of the Grande Ronde valley will be interested in reading of the record in spud-producing made by one Frank Sheffield, who lives near Newport, Ore., and who has been acclaimed by residents of that vicinity as champion potato grower. It appears that Mr. Sheffield dug his potatoes week before last, at least those growing in his garden. One hill seemed to have no limit and when its capacity had been completely exhausted, it was found to have contained 50 potatoes, in all, and the aggregate weight was 44 pounds. Ten of the spuds from this one hill weighed 20 pounds; 20 weighed 30 pounds and the 50 totaled 44 pounds.

of her mother, Mrs. S. B. Williamson on Cove avenue and with her other relatives and friends here.

Taken Home—William Jasper, aged resident of the Island, has been removed from the hospital since the accident in which he suffered the fracture of a hip, to his home, where he is being cared for. It is reported that Mr. Jasper does not suffer intensely and that thus far he has been able to rest. It is quite generally understood, we believe, that owing to a number of complications it was not possible to set the limb.

Have Celebrations Today—Both the North High Valley and the South High Valley schools are having their Christmas celebrations this afternoon. A special program is being held at the south school this afternoon and at the north school a Christmas dinner will be held this evening, after which a program will be given. The 4-H club members have been quite active in making preparations for the dinner and program. Miss Jennette Hanford and Miss Ruth Squalley, teachers of the two schools, will spend their vacations at their homes in La Grande.

Addresses Assembly—Miss Amanda Zabel, head of the

THE CARPENTER

Well, nay, friend Simon; it is not for sale. No better yoke was ever shaped from ash. Hard-grained, well seasoned, staunch and tough. Which, oft, methinks, in shaping, must have cost Long hours of careful, thoughtful, patient toil. And brought unto its fashioner's unseamed brow. Past summertime, the heavy beads of sweat. Come, feel how smooth these deep-hewn arcs. That rest upon the beasts' now unscarred necks. No roughness left to make the instrument A cruel thing of torture to be borne. And feel again, the bended bows are smooth. He was a very careful carpenter. Indeed, it so appeared to me, at least. His thoughts were set more deeply on the yoke. Than on the gleaming silver shekels three. I paid for its true master-workmanship. And, lo, I was not let to have the yoke. Until its fitting had been well assured. I had to lead the oxen to the shop and there await the trial of the beam Upon their strong, but lowly bended necks. He was a most kind-hearted carpenter. But, after all, it was no loss of time For me. You see, I've learned the yoke has much To do with easy bearing of the draft. Our plows impose upon our oxen's necks.

Now this, this yoke has shape, fits snug, is smooth. And seems to wear a lightsome, easy charm; For, though my plow cuts deep this rugged soil, Mine oxen weary not, as if the beam Were but a trifling penny's weight to bear. And, look, their eyes reflect an inward peace. He was a wondrous carpenter, indeed! Nay, Simon friend; the yoke is not for sale. 'Tis worth a full score times the price I paid. You say its very like you would possess? You ask who it is that shaped its form? The maker of the yoke? No, no; not Seth; It is a carpenter of Nazareth—A most unusual one! But he, 'tis said, was born a winter's night. In Bethlehem, beneath a stable's roof—Unusual shelter for a new-born child. Whose cradle was a manger's lowly fold. Near which, no doubt, some weary oxen drowsed. And, too, I know the truth, That He will never amass life's stint of gold. By giving strength and pains and sweat and—life. That yokes may easy be, and burdens light. The Carpenter of Nazareth! —Henri Portesquire.

English department of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, addressed the students of the Cove High school during their assembly hour on Monday. Miss Zabel talked on vacation reading and while she did not attempt to give the students any definite list for results, she did talk to them about good books, how a book may be judged, the necessity for having a good reading background and other very interesting phases of the subject. That the talk was fascinating as well as instructive was illustrated by the fact that the

group listened most eagerly for nearly an hour. Miss Zabel concluded her hour by reading from Myra Kelly's "Little Citizens," the chapter "A Christmas Gift For A Lady." In addition to the student body there was a group of people

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Coffee Date Cake
1 cup stoned and chopped dates.
1/2 teaspoon soda.
1 cup coffee (liquid).
3 tablespoons butter.
1 cup fine granulated sugar.
1 egg stiffly beaten.
1 cup nuts, broken.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
1 1/2 cups pastry flour.
3 teaspoons baking powder.
Sprinkle soda over the chopped dates, add the boiling coffee, cool. Cream butter with 1/2 cup sugar, add eggs, remaining sugar, coffee, dates, nuts, salt and flour sifted twice with the baking powder. Bake in a greased oblong pan in a moderate oven, about 35 minutes. When cool, spread with coffee butter frosting. Eight servings.

Coffee Butter Frosting
1/4 cup butter.
2 cups confectioners' sugar.
1 tablespoon powdered cocoa.
3 tablespoons strong coffee.
Mix and beat well.

from in and near Cove present Miss Mae Hileman, English teacher in the Cove High school, arranged the program.

Returns Home—Mrs. Rachel Bidwell, who has been spending some time in Union with friends, has returned to her home near North Powder.

Home For Christmas—Miss Thelma Anderson, who has been taking some special courses in art at the university at Eugene, is home for a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson at the Cove.

Hold Annual Meeting—The annual meeting of the Walla-Walla County Stock Marketing association, a group in which stock men

of this valley are interested, because of its successful operations, was held in Enterprise last Friday. According to County Agent N. C. Donaldson, the association has made quite an enviable record during the past year in spite of conditions. It is stated that 215 cars of stock were shipped from the county, which included 22,411 hogs, 14,573 lambs and sheep and 1135 head of beef cattle. The total returns from these shipments aggregated \$363,680.80.

Program—Miss Lucella Witty, who teaches the Hindman school, together with the pupils of the school are giving a program and having a Christmas tree this evening. In this district the patrons of the school are always

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AFTER THOROUGH INVESTIGATION EXPERT REPORTS ON IMPORTANCE OF BARLEY RAISED FOR FEEDING

Recently we gave a very brief excerpt from a report recently submitted by state agronomists working on studies of various cereals produced in this state. A more complete account of the report being furnished us, we give it herewith, knowing of the interest which has been shown in this valley the last few years in the matter of the advisability of raising barley here. A number of farmers in this locality have been experimenting with this particular cereal and to all this report should have much of interest.

Census reports on Oregon agriculture for the year 1929 show a production of over 1,000,000 bushels of barley for Western Oregon. The figures on acreage and production covering the last 20 years show a much more rapid increase in barley production during the last ten years than during the first ten years of this period.

In 1929 Western Oregon produced approximately 38,000 acres of barley with an average yield of around 29 bushels per acre. These figures emphasize the point that Western Oregon farmers are beginning to realize that barley is a good crop for this section, says D. D. Hill, associate agronomist at O. S. C. It is productive and furnishes a type of grain which is in demand.

Eastern Oregon Reduces
A similar set of figures for Eastern Oregon showed an entirely different picture. In 1929 Eastern Oregon produced approximately 100,000 acres of barley and in 1929 only about 43,000 acres of barley. In other words the production there is less than half

what it was 20 years ago. On the other hand, the cereal acreage of Eastern Oregon has increased about 225,000 acres. All this increase has been in wheat acreage, as both barley and oat acreage in Eastern Oregon has been reduced.

The decline in barley acreage and the consequent increase in wheat acreage in that section is no doubt largely due to the fact that prices of wheat have been good during the period and that prices on barley, although relatively good, have tended to fluctuate more widely than those of wheat.

This state formerly produced considerable barley for brewing and distilling purposes. Not only was a large quantity of barley exported to Great Britain, but other quantities were diverted into local channels for the manufacture of certain types of liquor. This market no longer exists.

During the last year or so, when prices of wheat have declined and we have accumulated quite a surplus of wheat in the Pacific northwest, as well as in the rest of the United States and the world, many wheat growers have become interested in the possibilities of feeding wheat to livestock.

With the low prices of wheat offering this year what has offered a cheap food for many classes of livestock. The low price of wheat has caused many growers to diversify to the extent of establishing some sort of livestock enterprise in connection with their wheat growing. These people are largely interested in feeding wheat, not only to cattle and hogs

but to lambs as well. Attention of those interested in producing feed for livestock might be called to the results of three experiments stations in Eastern Oregon on comparative yields of wheat and barley. Without going into details as to figures it can be said that at Moro, Union and Pendleton the highest yielding barley variety will produce more grain per acre than the highest yielding wheat variety. For example, at Moro, Marquis barley will outyield Hybrid 28 wheat, not by a lot, but by a few pounds per acre. At the Union station, Trebil barley is the highest yielding variety, and it out yields Turkey wheat which is the highest yielding wheat variety there. At the Pendleton field station an average of three years' results shows Trebil to have an average yield of around 300 pounds per acre more than the highest yielding wheat variety, namely, spring planted Federation wheat.

Along with these wheat yields, it should be remembered that barley normally is a spring planted crop and for that reason will sometimes fit into the labor distribution better than a fall planted crop. In some of the Eastern Oregon sections, particularly in Umatilla county, there is some fall barley produced, and this variety, White Club, is relatively productive there. For most parts of Eastern Oregon, however, the highest yielding barley varieties will be the spring varieties.

Feeding trials with barley and corn, as well as with other types of grains, show that barley is a very good substitute for corn. According to most trials, 100 pounds of barley is equal to 90 to 95 pounds of corn. At the prices generally existing for corn and barley in the Pacific northwest, barley is usually a much cheaper feed than corn. Oregon generally ships from one to two million bushels of corn into the state from eastern markets. This corn is usually high in moisture content, ranging from 15 to 18 per cent, while the locally grown barley often has a moisture content of 8 or 9 per cent. With this difference in moisture content, a pound of barley is usually equal to a pound of corn.

Barley can be fed to practically all classes of horses. With horses, cattle and sheep, it probably can be much more easily fed and with less danger of digestive disturbances than wheat. Feeding trials show it to be equal to wheat in feeding value for most animals. When it is fed to cattle or hogs it may be ground rather finely. For horse feeding it is best fed rolled, but for feeding lambs it is recommended that barley be left whole.

All of this discussion emphasizes two main points: First, that barley can be produced in Eastern Oregon sections profitably, the yields being as good if not better than those of wheat, and second, that barley is a good feed for livestock, being equal if not superior to wheat. Therefore, says Professor Hill, it seems that Eastern Oregon wheat growers who are interested in producing a feed for livestock would do well to consider the production of barley for that purpose, rather than attempt to produce wheat for feeding. This feed could just as well be supplied by this state rather than being largely supplied by producers outside the state as is the case with wheat.

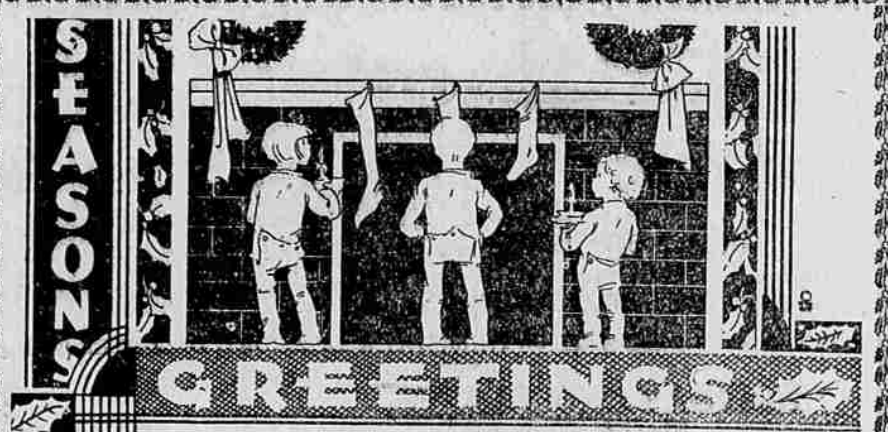
Feeding value of barley in connection with the Eastern Oregon farmer also applies to Western Oregon, Hill points out. The Western Oregon section requires large quantities of feed for the dairy animals, lambs and hogs grown in this area. Barley is as good a feed here as in other parts of the

ON THE AIR

Thursday, December 24
7:00 a. m., Good morning meditations, led by Dr. James E. Milligan.
7:15, Setting-up exercises, directed by Grant Swan.
7:30, Scanning the headlines.
8:00, Potpourri.
8:30, Rhythmic-melodies.
9:00, Concert by Byron Arnold.
10:00, Home economics observer.
10:05, Tomorrow's meals.
10:18, Food facts and fancies.
10:33, How's and why's of house-keeping.
10:47, The magazine rack.
11:00, The home garden.
11:03, "Decorating for Christmas," Mrs. F. A. Cuthbert.
11:30, Morning matinee.
12:00 (Noon), Farm hour.
12:10, In the day's news.
12:23, "Rural Fire Protection," L. B. Davis.
12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.
1:00 p. m., Vaudeville.
1:30, Organ program from Whiteside theatre.
2:00, Around the campus.
3:00-4:00, Homemaker hour.
3:05, "Last Minute Suggestions For Christmas," Claribel Nye.
3:30, Christmas Stories For the Children.
5:35 p. m., Market reports—second broadcast of wheat and livestock reports.
6:00, Fox-Whiteside theatre organ.
6:30, Farm hour.
6:35, In the day's news.
6:45, Spot market reports and weather forecast.
6:50, Market reviews—hops, livestock, range and pasture notes, and dried prunes.
7:10, With the poultry flock, Professor A. G. Linn.
7:30 p. m., Christmas stories for the children.
8:30-9:00, Christmas carols by the Junior Choir of the Associated

Friday, December 25
7:00 a. m., Good morning meditations, led by Rev. Fred R. Morrow.
7:30, Scanning the headlines.
8:00, Potpourri.
8:30, Rhythmic-melodies.
9:00, Home economics observer.
10:00, Morning matinee.
12:00 (Noon), Farm hour.
1:00 p. m., Organ program from Whiteside theatre.
2:00, Around the campus.
3:00-4:00, Homemaker hour.
6:00 p. m., Dinner music.
6:30, Farm hour.
6:35, In the day's news.
7:30, Business institute of the air.
8:00, Music of The Masters.
8:30-9:00, Great composers and their works—Handel's "Messiah" by Bryon Arnold.
Saturday, December 26
7:00 a. m., Good morning meditations, led by Chas. L. Crumley.
7:15, Scanning the headlines.
8:00, Potpourri.
8:30, Rhythmic-melodies.
9:00, Morning matinee.
12:00 (Noon), Farm hour.
12:10, In the day's news.
12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.
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6:45, Spot market reports, crops and weather forecast.
6:50, Market reviews—wheat, wool, Portland livestock.
7:15, Your farm reporter at Washington.
7:30-9:00, Music of The Masters.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



With Every Good Wish for a Very Merry Christmas to Our Friends in La Grande and The Grande Ronde Valley

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