

# OVER THE VALLEY

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**Gets Stronger**—  
Word from Grandpa Jasper, who is confined to his home on the sidehill following the accident in which he suffered a fractured hip is to the effect that he is getting stronger and is, therefore, some better. It will be remembered that on account of the nature of the break and Mr. Jasper's age, it was not possible to set the bones.

**Returns To Walla Walla**—  
Miss Dorothy Mills, a student at Whitman college, has returned to Walla Walla following a two weeks' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mills, near Cove.

**To Eugene**—  
Cleland Wallinger, at home for the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallinger, of Valeria, has returned to his studies at the University of Oregon.

**Have Watch Party**—  
The group of neighbors in the vicinity of Valeria and Grandpa Hall who meet rather frequently for potluck suppers and an evening of splendid sociability, held a watch night party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright. Because of the condition of the roads, the crowd which usually numbers around 40, was cut down to about two dozen, but it was a very happy crowd and a fine party is reported. As stated the supper was served potluck and then there followed an evening of games and other amusements which lasted until after the New Year had been ushered in.

**Remains For Longer Stay**—  
Virgil Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conley of lower Cove, did not return to Seattle in time for the opening of school work at the University of Washington but will be detained at his home for a time. It will be remembered that a vill was in an accident just before the Christmas vacation started, cutting his arm so severely that 30 stitches were required to close the wound. The member is healing satisfactorily but as frequent dressing is still necessary, it was impossible for Virgil to return to Seattle the first of the week.

**Ill**—  
Mrs. James Moss, of La Grande, valley pioneer, is reported to be ill at her home. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Irwin Moss, of Alicel, is staying with her at her home.

**To Seattle**—  
Miss Mildred Standley has returned to her studies on the campus of the University of Washington after a vacation visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Standley, in the Iowa district.

**Entertains**—  
Miss Beulah Smith entertained a few of her friends at a luncheon Saturday at her home near Island City and then the group enjoyed a hike in the afternoon. Miss Smith, who has been spending a 10-day vacation at the home of her parents, returned Sunday by stage to Enterprise. In charge of the plays which are presented by the Enterprise High school during the school year, Miss Smith is soon to present "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

**Returns To Portland**—  
Miss Ellen Maxfield, who has spent a happy two weeks' vacation in this valley and also in Wallowa county, returned Sunday to her teaching duties in Portland. Miss Maxfield formerly taught in this valley, particularly in the Island City vicinity, and still retains many friendships here.

**Is Better**—  
Mrs. Ode Shafer, who has been ill at her home at Moss Chapel, is very much better, according to reports.

**Conclude Visit**—  
Mrs. Margaret McDow and son, Floyd, returned to their home at Caldwell, Idaho, Monday evening after spending the holidays at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Mayotte in High Valley. Herbert and Will, the other sons who accompanied her here, returned earlier, and a daughter, Mrs. Jack Howerman, and husband, of Klamath Falls, will stay the last of this week. George McDow, of The Park, visited at the Mayotte home on Sunday.

**Elected At Athens**—  
Miss Ruby Case, of Weston, who has many friends in this valley, completed her work at the Eastern Oregon Normal school at the end of the fall term. While at her home for Christmas she was offered and urged to accept a position in the Athens school, which she did. Before this offer came to her, Miss Case had planned to return to La Grande for further study at the Normal school.

**Blue Mt. Grange**—  
The regular meeting of the Blue Mt. Grange is being held today at their hall. The meeting started in the morning, lunch was served at

## A SEASONABLE RECIPE

**GRAHAM SUT BREAD**  
1 cup milk  
1 egg beaten  
3 tablespoons melted fat  
1/2 cup of brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup graham flour  
1 cup flour  
3 tablespoons baking powder.  
Combine the liquid ingredients, then add the dry ingredients and mix with 30 to 40 strokes.  
Put in a greased loaf pan.  
The loaf should be baked in a moderate oven or 350-375 degrees. The length of time for baking will vary with the depth of the batter in the pan. About 30 to 40 minutes will be required.

### ARE WE 57 YEARS

For 57 years, New Year's day has had unusual significance for Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of lower Cove, and as the years have come and gone that significance has increased even though the physical vigor is on the wane and old-time celebrations are out of the question.  
New Year's day is the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who are among the oldest and best known of all the pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley. Ever since 1875 that day has been celebrated. This year, however, it passed quietly as the pioneer has been ill and confined to his bed for many months now.  
Mr. Miller, who is in his 81st year, came to this valley by wagon train in 1873, starting out from the old home in Hancock county, Illinois. In the same train was Matilda Conley, daughter of a well known pioneer, the family making the trip west from the same middle west state. The two families settled in the same general part of the valley, and after a residence of two years here, the two young people from the families were married. Their home has always been here, though for a few years the winters were spent in the warmer climate of California.  
If we err not, the first break in their family came with the death of their son, Frank two years ago. All of the remaining children live in this valley with the exception of one son, Ben, a resident of Los Angeles. These children are William and Ernest of lower Cove, John, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Miller make their home, Mrs. George Gray, of lower Cove, (Mary), Mrs. Jack Smith of Iowa district, (Effie), Mrs. Ed Clarke of Alicel (Joel) and Mrs. Lynn Chadwick, of Cove (Georganna).  
Mr. and Mrs. Miller have the congratulations and well wishes of their hundreds of friends in this valley.

noon by division three, and the lecturer's program was given in the afternoon.

**Return Home**—  
Lawrence and Dick Bosquet have returned to their home at Island City after having visited during the holidays with their mother in Corvallis.

**Club Meets**—  
Members of the High Valley 4-H club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Burford for an all-day sewing meeting one day last week. Besides the 10 members were Ellen Alexander and Ada and Mrs. Frank Burford, as guests. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon and the members worked on club sewing, including a quilt.

**Returns Home**—  
Miss Wilma Beddes, who has been making a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert Hamann, on the Cove highway, returned Sunday to her home at Sandpoint, Idaho.

**Sunday Guests**—  
Prof. and Mrs. Jimmie King and their busy little son, Larry, were guests Sunday at the W. R. Ledbetter home near Alicel.

**Returns To Eugene**—  
Cle Wallinger left Sunday for Eugene, where he will continue his second year's work at the university. He has been spending his holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallinger, in the Valeria district.

**Granges Give Play**—  
In another column an account is given of the joint installation exercises held last Saturday evening at the Pleasant Grove grange hall. Immediately following the installation proper, 28 members of the Pleasant Grove grange presented a one and one-half hour play entitled "The Old School At Hickory Holler." Gaston Sien, of Pumpkin Ridge, was the old-time teacher. The "students" were Ed Bull, John Lewis, Henry Fries, Harry G. Johnson, Bill Fries, Virgil Sanderson, Bill Robbs, Charlie Lewis, Wayne Frizzell, Evelyn Robbs, Lena Fries, Bernice J. Fries, Vera Fries, Martha Johnson and Josie Robbs. Old-time visitors were Mrs. Helen, Elvridge Tamplin, and Elton Frizzell. The band was composed of Ray Johnson, Victor Johnson, Howard Pottratz and Benj. Haskopf. Many a hearty laugh issued from the audience as bare-footed first graders, John Lewis, Wayne Frizzell and the others appeared. All were "dressed up" to suit their parts. Tom Johnson, of Cove, said he believed that it was the best play he had ever seen. The production was given under the supervision of Leona Fries, who was lecturer for the past year. Another feature of entertainment at the meeting was a jig danced by Earnie Miller, of lower Cove, with Mrs. Miller furnishing the accompaniment.

Pleasant Grove grange is noted all over the country for the number and character of splendid programs which they present. They are responsible for a very wholesome social life for the people of that particular community. Of course, the good times held in connection with the regular meetings can be entered into only by the members of the order, but on the Saturday evenings between meetings, their holidays, the scene of dancing parties which are very largely attended and which are always most enjoyable affairs. This Saturday being one of the "at-

ternate" Saturdays, an old-time dancing party is to be held. These are always open to the public. On the next meeting night of the grange a class of candidates will be given the third and fourth degrees.

**New Eggs**—  
North Powder and Union have been having lots of fun of late poking friendly jibes at each other over weather conditions of the two localities and it has really made interesting reading for the innocent by-stander. Now they are talking about eggs, for after the Republican had given out a story of a very large egg produced at North Powder, comes R. V. Underwood, of Union, with an egg weighing a fourth of a pound and measuring six and five-eighths inches one way and eight and one-eighth inches the other. It was laid by a Rhode Island Red chicken, and is apparently some egg.

**Losses Horse**—  
Routh McKennon, of near Alicel, had the misfortune to lose one of his best work horses one night last week and the cause of the animal's death is not known. It was all right, apparently, at night but was found dead the next morning, and the appearances were that the animal had just dropped, as there was no sign of struggle of any kind.

**Given Charivari**—  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowery, returning to the valley last week after a short honeymoon, were given a rousing charivari by their friends at Island City. Mr. Bowery is staying for the time being at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bowery, while Mrs. Bowery has returned to Hereford, where she will finish out the year's school where she has been teaching.

**Have Operations**—  
Eriene and Ronald, children of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McCellan, of near Alicel, had their tonsil operations at Hot Lake on Wednesday and are about well again. Another son, Albert, who has been suffering with something like rheumatism, is taking treatments at Hot Lake.

**In La Grande**—  
Valley folks who spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Robinson in La Grande, were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron and family, of Brook's Lane, and the Harry Avery family, of Island City. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Royce and family, of Pleasant Grove, had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Turn and joined their assembled relatives at the Robinson home in the evening.

**Takes Up Studies**—  
After having spent her Christmas vacation period at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Smith, in the Gordon Creek district beyond Alicel, Miss Florence Smith went to La Grande Sunday to continue her studies at the E. O. N. Miss Smith is in her second year at the school.

**To Eugene**—  
George Royce has returned to his school work at Eugene following a holiday visit with his family in Pleasant Grove district and on Brooks Lane.

**Choose Outstanding Farmers**—  
Among their many and varied projects, the Future Farmers of the

## ON THE AIR

Radio Station KOAC—536 Kilocycles

Thursday, Jan. 7  
7:00 a. m. Good Morning Meditations, led by Dr. James E. Milligan.  
7:15 Setting-up exercises, directed by Roy Lamb.  
7:30 Scanning the headlines.  
7:50 Potpourri.  
8:00 Rhyth-melodies.  
9:30 Organ 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 housekeeping; 10:47, The Magazine Rack.  
11:00 Address by Dr. J. S. Davis, of Stanford University—"Major Causes and Factors Which Brought About the Present World-wide Economic Depression."  
12:00 (Noon) Farm Hour—12:10, In the day's news; 12:20, "How the Grange Agricultural Committees Function in Jackson County," R. G. Fowler; 12:30, "Columbia County Improves Its Dairy Marketing," G. A. Nelson; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.  
1:00 Vaudeville.  
1:30 Organ program from Whiteside theatre.  
2:00 Around the Campus.  
3:00-4:00 Homemaker Hour—3:05, How to Use Oregon Products—Meat.  
3:35-4:00 The Home Garden—"Keeping Our Highways Beautiful," Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman.  
3:55 p. m. Market Reports—second broadcast of wheat and livestock reports.  
6:00 Fox-Whiteside theatre organ.  
6:30 Farm Hour—6:33, 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; 7:09, The Oregon Pioneers—Old Time Orchestra; 7:15, "Progress in Turkey Marketing," Jay C. Leedy.  
7:30 The Home Garden—"Hardiness in Plant Materials," Prof. A. L. Peck.  
7:45 Physics in Everyday Life—"Improving the Snapshot," J. C. Gardner.  
8:00 Music of the Masters.  
8:15-9:00 College Night.  
Friday, Jan. 8  
7:00 a. m. Good Morning Meditations, led by Rev. Fred R. Morrow.  
7:15 Setting-up exercises, directed by Roy Lamb.  
7:30 Scanning the headlines.  
8:00 Potpourri.  
8:05 Chat with the weatherman.  
9:15, Rhyth-melodies.

Imbler High school have made a study of farmers and farming operations in their general section of the valley. Their purpose was to determine which ones, in their judgment, had made the largest contribution in achievement, etc. After such a study, they selected N. K. West, of the Pleasant Grove district, and James Woodell, of the Lone Star district, as the ones who had been most outstanding in progress and achievement, and we are told these two men are to have their names engraved on the P. F. A. silver cup.

**Leaves Hospital**—  
The many friends in this valley of Miss Lucia Haley, former city librarian in La Grande, will be interested to know that she is convalescing at her home in Corvallis following a major operation to which she submitted before the holidays. Miss Haley is now connected with the college library staff on the campus at Corvallis.

**Island City Aid**—  
An all-day meeting of the Island City Ladies' Aid society will be held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ed Kiddle in the Grande Ronde apartments in La Grande. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon.

**Organize New Club**—  
A girls' 4-H sewing club has been organized at North Powder for the coming year. This club is composed

### "THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM"

One of the days in each year which is looked forward to by members of the grange in this county is the day when the annual picnic is held at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station near Union. This has been an event of the past 15 years, at least, and was made possible through the efforts of the late Robert Withycombe, co-operating with grange leaders. And during those years the address of welcome was always given by Mr. Withycombe. In 1917, M. L. Carter, the Sandridge poet, had been asked to respond to Mr. Withycombe's words of welcome, and he remembers that his response went something like this:

Every year when summer comes  
And crops are growing round,  
When sun, with warmth is calling  
forth  
The riches of the ground,  
The farmer gets to thinking  
That his life is rather slow  
And there's something in his system

**EARLY LAMBING**  
Carl Fuller, of near Alicel reports the first lambing on the Sandridge—at least the first which has come to our attention. Mr. Fuller has a small farm band of about 64 or 65 head of ewes, and the first lambs arrived week before last. Fifteen ewes have had 20 lambs, Mr. Fuller reports, 22 of which lived and are doing nicely.

Over lower Cove way, George and Virgil Chadwick, active 4-H club members, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Chadwick report a number of lambs, with several pairs of twins, and some came before Christmas. The boys believe this will be fine for the early market, and other things being equal should bring top price.

Unusual interest and enjoyment centered about the joint installation exercises held Saturday evening at the Pleasant Grove grange hall, when three grange subordinates, Pleasant Grove, Blue Mt. and Mr. Fannie united in the dignified order. This particular hall is one of the most commodious, best arranged and also best suited for such a program, and it was given a real test Saturday evening. Officers and members of the three granges participating, and also other grangers from the county, completely filled the hall. The customary opening exercises were held and such matters as the host organization had before it on a regular meeting night were attended to.

When the time for the best feature of the evening came, Mrs. Vesta Frizzell, of the Pleasant Grove group, took charge of the ritualistic installation exercises and she was assisted by the Misses Leona Fries, Evelyn Robbs and Allen Bull. The work was done very well and proved to be quite impressive.

The complete list of officers for the three groups co-operating in the meeting were as follows:  
Blue Mt. grange: Master, Robert A. Masterton; overseer, T. W. Bates; lecturer, Mrs. Victor Ragun; steward, Clarence Carter; assistant steward, Bobby Austin; chaplain, Mrs. A. E. Austin; treasurer, Minnie Holman; secretary, W. G. Gekler; gatekeeper, Charles Hamann; Ceres, Mrs. W. O. Sherwood; Pomona, Mrs. R. O. Masterton; Flora, Mrs. L. F. Wright; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Prudence Carter.  
Pleasant Grove grange: Master, Frank McKennon; overseer, W. A. Bull; lecturer, Mrs. Katie Woodell; steward, Howard Pottratz; assistant steward, Bill Frizzell; chaplain, Mabel Bull; treasurer, Miles Woodell; secretary, J. J. Murchison; gatekeeper, Wayne Frizzell; Ceres, Martha Johnson; Pomona, Inez Fries; Flora, Vesta Frizzell; lady assistant steward, Bernice Johnston.  
Executive committee: John Lewis, Dillard Choate, Victor Johnston.  
Mt. Fannie grange: Master, O. M. Gardner; overseer, Ralph Comstock; lecturer, Mrs. Earnie Miller; steward, John Miller; assistant steward, A. V. Fisher; chaplain, Mrs. Kathryn Spaeth; treasurer, Mrs. Lydia Lantz; secretary, Mrs. Jessie Fries; gatekeeper, T. B. Johnson; Ceres, Mrs. O. M. Gardner; Pomona, Mrs. John Richards; Flora, Mrs. Ralph Comstock; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Amelia Bertach. Executive committee: John Richards, Ray Duncan, Morris Speth.  
At the conclusion of the installation, a program of entertainment as reviewed elsewhere on this page, was given and later the home economics committee of Pleasant Grove served the supper which consisted of sandwiches, fruit salad, cake and coffee. And from the Pleasant Grove group comes this message: "All hope that Mt. Fannie and Blue Mt. granges will soon return for another visit."

of 31 members, which no doubt makes one of the largest clubs in the county. Twelve of these are taking division II sewing and 19 are in division I. The local leader is Mrs. Jennie O'Bryant, and last year she was leader of the club, which had 25 members. Each member of that club did the required work, making the club 100 per cent. The officers of the new club are: President, Dorothy Law; vice president, Betty Lillard; secretary, Shirley Moore.

**Visits Relatives**—  
Jesse Wight and family, of Hazelton, Idaho, have been spending the holidays with relatives at Union. Mr. Wight and son, Lewen, returned home but will be back the last of the week for Mary, who is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Baxter, at Union, and for Bill, who is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hansen near Hot Lake.

**At Hospital**—  
Harve Frizzell, of Pleasant Grove, is at the Grande Ronde hospital. His condition is reported as being somewhat improved. He has a serious cold, it is reported.

**Have Serious Loss**—  
Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bond and their family, well known in this valley, will be sorry to hear of the loss which they sustained recently

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## Citizens, Neighbors, Friends Pay Tribute to Late Co-Worker In Large Memorial Gathering

At the memorial services held for Robert Withycombe at the Methodist Episcopal church in Union Sunday morning, the following tributes were paid him. C. L. Cadwell as mayor of the city, spoke briefly as follows:

"We are grouped together this morning in one of God's tabernacles to pay our tribute and respect to one who had lived among us many years. It is very hard to express the heartfelt feeling which we cherish for 'Bob.' In looking over his years of administration, we find many things worthy of commemoration. In all he did he cherished one ambition—to be of some benefit to human kind. Not one act during all his connection with civic affairs did he do to besmirch his record. He carried one ideal—he was always looking ahead so that his actions might be of some benefit to his fellow-man."

"He who died at Aman sends—  
This to comfort all his friends:

"Faithful friends! It lies, I know,  
Pale and white and cold as snow,  
And ye say, 'Abdullah's dead!'  
Weeping at the feet and head,  
I can see your falling tears,  
I can hear your sighs and prayers;  
Yet I smile and whisper this:  
I am not the thing you kiss;  
Cease your tears, and let it lie:  
It was mine—it is not I."

"Sweet friends! what the women love

young and the old, he should suddenly be taken to a larger work beyond. We do not understand, but in love and reverence and deep conviction may we not let Bob himself speak to us in the words of the poet.

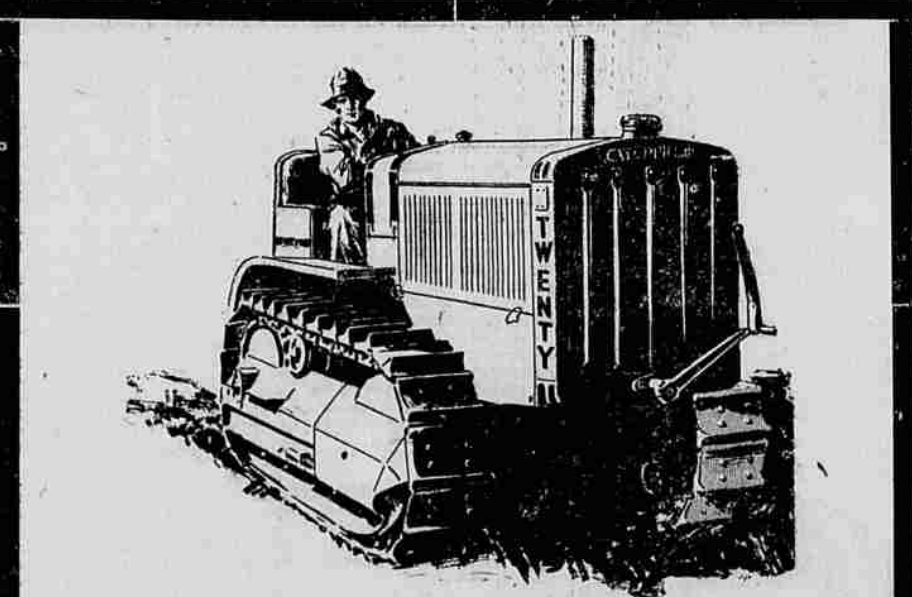
"Loving friends! be wise, and dry  
Straightaway every weeping eye.  
What ye lift upon the bier  
Is not worth a wistful tear.  
'Tis an empty sea-shell—one  
Out of which the pearl is gone.  
The shell is broken, it lies there,  
'Tis an earthen jar, whose lid  
Allah sealed, the while it hid  
The treasure of his treasury.  
A mind that loved him: let it lie!  
Let the shard be earth's once more,  
Since the gold shines in his store!

"Allah glorious! Allah good!

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