

OVER THE VALLEY

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From Hospital.
Mrs. Oreta Bork, of near Island City, who has been a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital has made splendid improvement and is now recuperating at the home of her sister, in La Grande.

Aid to Meet.
The next meeting of the Alice Landis Aid society is to be held next Thursday, Jan. 14, at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Everett Wallinger in the Valeria district. Assisting hostesses will be Miss Emma McAnish and Mrs. Ralph Wells.

Called By Death.
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Courtwright have returned from Oregon City where they were called several days ago by the death of Mrs. Courtwright's mother, Mrs. H. A. Allen, at Redland. It will be remembered that Mrs. Allen was quite ill at Thanksgiving time and Mr. and Mrs. Courtwright, together with all the other members of Mrs. Allen's family spent several days together at the mother's home.

Returns To Lake.
Mrs. Belle Wright has returned to Hot Lake, where she is spending the winter, after a visit of several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. McKennon in La Grande.

Blue Mt. Grange.
The regular meeting of the Blue Mountain Grange was held at their hall on Wednesday of this week and the meeting was largely attended. During the morning session, W. R. Gekeler, secretary, and T. C. Bates, overseer, who were unable to go to Pleasant Grove Saturday evening, were installed into their respective offices. Mrs. W. O. Sherwood acting as installing officer. J. A. Hamann, L. F. Wright and W. A. Hamann were elected to membership on the executive committee for the year and the two latter were installed. The following committee chairman were announced: Mrs. Grace Grout, home ec. committee; legislation, Mrs. Edith Gekeler; sick and relief, Mrs. E. Austin; agriculture, L. F. Wright; finance, Mrs. Laura Bates; taxation, Clarence Carter; chairman of the serving sections, Mrs. Austin, Minnie Holman and Mrs. W. O. Sherwood. After the lunch which had been served by section three, the following program was given under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. Victor Ragin:

Social Grange.
Boll call: "Men, 'Leaves on the Farm'; women, 'Way to Make Extra Money.'"
Vocal solo, Mrs. Laura Bates.
Archaeological and scientific mysteries that surround us, W. R. Gekeler.
Music, Mrs. Wicklander.
Discussion, The Hoover Moratorium, L. F. Wright.
The next meeting will be held on Saturday, the 16th.

Ill.
The Misses Maiva and Lanita Gray, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gray, of Lower Cove are reported to be ill of the measles.

At Home.
Mrs. Eva Duncan, who spent the major part of her vacation period at Hot Lake has returned to her home up the Mill Creek Canyon road, and has also taken up her teaching duties again in the Cove school.

Guests.
Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Birch of La Grande were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight at Rhinehart.

Dinner Guests.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz, and daughter, Lillian, of the Iowa district had for their guests at dinner last evening, the Misses Amanda Zabel and Ade Lawrence of the Normal school faculty, Miss Alice Kippel, of the high school teaching staff and Mabel E. Morton, Miss Esther Fellman, teacher of the Iowa school was a guest also.

Have Impromptu Party.
An impromptu watch party was arranged last evening by a few families on Cricket Flat and was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bruger, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hallgrath and children. The evening was spent singing, playing cards and visiting. The old year slipped quietly away and it was ten minutes after twelve when some one noticed the time. Lunch was served about 1 o'clock. A very enjoyable evening was reported.

From California.
John Dean, of Lower Cove, is enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Peck, whose home is in Los Angeles, Cal.

Returns From Visit.
Charles Gump returned Thursday morning to his home in May Park from a visit to the Middle West. Mr. Gump went to Nebraska to visit his people and was gone for ten days.

Visits Relative.
Mrs. Kate Middaugh has been a guest of different families of relatives in this valley for the past few weeks, being a guest Thursday in the course of her visit at the home of her cousin, Mrs. L. D. Smith, on the sidehill road. Mrs. Middaugh

plans to return to her home in Topeka, Kan., on Sunday.

We Missed This.
And we are sorry too! Folks in some parts of the valley have a faint idea of how the folks in some other parts of the valley have been getting around recently for the lack of the snow varies in different localities from 9 to drifts higher than a car. Anyway early this week, Mrs. Annie Miller of Lower Cove hitched a horse to their two-wheeled bob and started out to visit some of her neighbors. First she stopped at Mrs. Harry Fisher's and after a visit, she and Mrs. Fisher started to Core and then up the Mill Creek canyon making stops at all way-stations and having a mighty good time of it. After calling at Mrs. Bertech's, she decided to go along, so the three of them went, via bob sled, on over to Mrs. R. S. Comstock's where the remainder of the afternoon was spent. We understand there is some question as to whether this vehicle stopped at all the arterial highways in Cove or not.

Has Accident.
Miss Bewie Nantz, of Wolf creek has again been detained at her home and unable to attend her classes at the Union High school. Miss Nantz returned to school after the Christmas holidays, having had a long vacation on account of an operation for appendicitis. But, unfortunately, after the opening of school, she fell and sustained such injuries which kept her at home for a longer time.

Tears Ligaments.
H. MacCaffrey, of Fruitdale, connected with credit department of the Carr Furniture Co. has been getting about the last week or so only with the assistance of a friendly cane. The tearing of the ligaments occurred as Mr. MacCaffrey was walking along, with no fall or any other accident as immediate cause—just how it could be done, he does not know.

To California.
Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Hall E. Wallis of Enterprise will be interested to know that they have gone to Long Beach, Cal., where they will have a four weeks vacation visit.

Much Better.
Harve Frizzell, of Pleasant Grove, who was taken to the hospital last week with a very severe cold, threatening pneumonia is very much better, it is reported.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson, of Lower Cove had for their guests during the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson, of Keating, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Titus of Homedale, Idaho and Will Henderson, of Colfax, Wash. We are very sorry to know that Mrs. Johnson has not been very well, or late, and has been confined to her home. Miss Anna Hocker who lives at the Johnson home has returned from Portland where she visited for about two weeks over the holidays.

Has Operation.
Friends in this vicinity will be interested in knowing that Mrs. Rose Leslie, of Innahna, is in a Portland hospital where she is making a quite satisfactory recovery from an operation for the removal of a tumor.

Putting Up Ice.
Tom Wallinger and son, Harold, of the Valeria district, have been busy this week putting up their ice, which they have been cutting over in the vicinity of the I. E. Chenault place. The ice is of a very good thickness it is reported, though the recent dust storms have not improved the color of the product so very much.

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Instant of Uniform Time.
The only instant in each day when it is the same time everywhere on earth is the moment when it is noon at Greenwich, England. At that stroke of 12 it is midnight along the one hundred and eighth meridian, down through the Pacific ocean, and it is the same date everywhere on earth.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Mount of Olives.
There are no positive data that the Mount of Olives was the scene of the Sermon on the Mount. There are also no actual data other than one reference, in the Annals of Tacitus, Roman historian, to the presence of Christ upon the earth. The Mount of Olives faces the Temple Mount, and was the favorite gathering place of the citizens of Jerusalem. It was also the favorite walk and retreat of Christ, according to tradition.

Appoint Wool Committee.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP).—The farm board announced today a new advisory committee selected by cooperative handling wool and mohair. The members are: F. J. Hagenbarth, Spencer, Idaho; James A. Hooper, Salt Lake City, Utah; Fred T. Earlwood, Sonora, Tex.; W. Marshall Ross, Gibbon, Neb.; S. W. McClure, Bliss, Idaho; Charles F. H. Johnson, Passaic, N. J.; and Merle Bell, Worcester, Mass.

As a Farmer Boy.
Warren G. Harding cleared land and split rails as did Lincoln.

Grange Favoring "Series B" Plan For River Work.
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9 (AP).—Passage of the Umatilla rapid bill by this congress to finance immediate construction of the Umatilla rapid development, was urged Friday in a report adopted by the state grange, through its executive committee, meeting here.

The Grange Indorsed the Alternate Army Engineers' "Series B" Plan or a similar plan for the river development rather than the "series D" plan recommended in the army engineers' report.

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Oregon agriculture has a brighter outlook, climatically at least, than for many years past, judging from moisture reports received over the state received by the Oregon State college soil department, coupled with the annual summary of the rainfall records kept at the Oregon experiment station by E. F. Torgerson, assistant soil scientist. The end of the long dry cycle has finally been reached, the soils men believe.

Information received recently from irrigation districts in the Deschutes country and elsewhere shows that a far better water supply is in prospect for the coming season than for more than 10 years, says Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soil department. "Nearly all of the rains of Western Oregon and other warmer sections have been accumulated as snow in the mountains and other high regions."

December rainfall totaled 9.51 inches at Corvallis, which was more than for the four months period of 1930 starting with Sept. 1, when only 9.10 inches fell. For this same period in 1921, considered the start of the rainfall or crop year, the total has been 21.43 inches, or within two inches of the total for the entire calendar year of 1930.

Total precipitation for 1931 at this mid-Willamette valley station was 39.52 inches as compared with a normal average since the station was started of 40.92. Though this is still a slight deficiency for the calendar year, the excess for the rainfall year starting last September is 2.88 inches.

"Fall crops in Western Oregon have gone into the winter in good condition in the main and now the chief problem is to prevent ponding of surface water in the fields and drowning crops," added Dr. Powers. "Unusual attention to surface and tile drains to keep them clear is being given by the best farmers."

That of 19 head of unshorn lambs included in the lot, only five have been shipped to date. Lambs have had access to sheds at all times but have been confined to the shed entirely since Nov. 17th due to snow storms.

Ava Woodell Weds.
Friends in the valley have received word this week of the marriage of Miss Ava Woodell, popular valley young woman and successful teacher, and Byron Paul, of Portland. The marriage was celebrated in Vancouver, B. C., on Dec. 31, the bride making a long journey to the wedding and groom having been attended by her brother, Lloyd Woodell, of Portland and Mrs. Woodell, Mrs. Paul, who is teaching this year in the schools at Ontario, Ore., will finish her term's work there and will then go to Portland where she and Mr. Paul will make their home.

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SNOW STILL COMING IN WALLOWA CO.
Present indications are that the farming interests of Wallowa county are to have their desire, so far as an abundance of snow is concerned, writes G. C. Meek, of Wallowa. Snow continues to fall every few days, Mr. Meek says, adding to the already generous blanket which has covered the ground during the last several weeks.

Weather Cold.
The weather, for the greater part of the time, has remained cold enough to hold the snow and melt melting has occurred so far. Reports coming from several parts of that section are to the effect that cultivated fields contain only a small amount of frost, with the soil under the heavy blanket of snow. This condition, in the opinion of many of the farmers, presents a promising outlook for more than the average amount of moisture to go into the soil at the time of the spring break-up.

Fall Wheat Excellent.
The condition of fall-sown wheat is said to be excellent at this time, and much snow was done in this locality last fall.

Roads Are Fair.
Road conditions are reported as being fairly good in most parts of the community. Since the snow has become quite deep in the hill sections, car travel has been given up. However, where the roads have been well broken out, sleighing is the best it has been in a number of years.

Much Hauling.
Lots of hauling has been going on in the community during the past few weeks, with much of it being wood, which is being taken from the Whiskey creek district and other nearby woods. A large amount of wood was cut there this fall and winter. Good dry wood is selling at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2 per rick.

Feed Supplies.
Feed supplies at many of the farms have been lowered considerably during the past six weeks of heavy feeding. Much feeding of straw and other roughage is being done at this time in order to save as much of the better feed as possible for late winter and spring use. Considerable buying of hay has been done from the hay farms in the valley during recent weeks, and reports heard the last of the week indicated that several who have sold much hay have disposed of all their surplus. Prices paid for some of the recent purchases of hay are said to have been \$8 in the stack and \$11 delivered.

Stockmen here figure that the necessary feeding up until the first of January covers about one-third of the average feeding season for the winter. The greater part of the stock in this section is reported to be holding flesh quite well, considering the poor condition of much of it at the beginning of the winter's feeding.

On balanced diets in which lamb is the most used will aid in giving lamb its rightful place on the American table, more than will a blanket campaign to "eat more lamb." Earl Racey, in charge of the national advertising campaign for the National Wool Growers association, will be present at the meeting.

Cost of production studies made by the experiment station with sheep under varying conditions will be reported on by O. M. Nelson, acting head of the animal husbandry department. Considerable information has been gathered on this subject in recent years.

H. A. Lindgren, livestock fieldman for the extension service, will also be on the program with an address telling of the activities of the college in emphasizing use of high quality meat. The "truth-in-meats" and other exhibits sponsored by the extension service will be discussed.

Sheep raising is now carried on in every county of the state, with Malheur, Morrow and Umatilla counties leading, east of the mountains and Douglas and Linn counties leading in Western Oregon. Timnook, Hood River and Multnomah counties have the fewest sheep, according to the 1930 census.

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SPECIALISTS WILL APPEAR ON PROGRAM
Three members of the agricultural and home economics staffs of the Oregon State college will take part in the program of the annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers association which will be held at Portland, Jan. 18 and 19. The convention, this year is giving prominent place to consideration of the national advertising campaign designed to stimulate consumption of lamb, a campaign in which Oregon producers are co-operating.

Contributing to this angle of the program will be Miss Charibel Nye, head of the home economics extension in Oregon, who is to discuss the greatest introduction in this valley. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Woodell, of Dry Creek. After completing her high school work here, she attended the Ashland Normal school, taught successfully at Lone Star for two years and then completed her work and received her diploma from the Eastern Oregon Normal school. Upon her graduation from that institution she was elected to the Ontario schools. Mr. Paul has visited in the valley a number of times and made friends during those visits. He is transmitter operator on the night shift at radio station KOIN, in Portland. As stated before they plan to make their permanent home in Portland.

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Huckleberry May Come To Proper Place
Here in this particular part of Eastern Oregon, where such luscious wild huckleberries are found—not to be excelled anywhere for size and flavor—as read with interest of accounts coming from the Willamette valley to the effect that representatives of the federal agricultural bureau, assisted by specialists from our state college, are working on "huckleberries." Not the kind we find here, to be sure, but a variety which grows in such abundance along the coastal regions but which heretofore have not proven especially sought after. The growing story reveals the project which is now being given time and thought.

The Pacific coast huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*) has suddenly burst from its long obscurity and is attracting the attention of plant and food scientists. On the state college campus just now the home economics extension specialists have joined forces with the plant breeders to find out more in the possibilities of this familiar shrub which, they believe, has a future of importance to this state.

The huckleberry which grows in such great profusion throughout the length of the coast range mountains from Puget Sound through Oregon to northern California, is in many ways distinctive among the five leading species of huckleberries or blueberries in the United States, says Dr. George F. Darrow, head of national fruit investigation work for the United States department of agriculture, who is now stationed here.

Gathers Information.
Dr. Darrow is interested in getting all the information possible as to its habits, possible uses, best methods of propagation and possibilities under cultivation while he is in the west, with the idea that it may become an important commercial plant either for its fruit or its ornamental value, or both.

The coast huckleberry, Dr. Darrow explains, is the only evergreen among the five important native huckleberries or blueberries in the east and south. It also differs considerably from the species common in the Cascade mountains, having smaller berries, borne in clusters, while on the Cascade huckleberry the fruit is attached individually. Both kinds, however, are highly resistant to drought and as such offer possibilities where ordinary cultivated berries would never succeed, he believes.

Canneries Checking.
Scouts for canneries have also been looking over the Oregon situation with the idea of gathering these wild huckleberries in quantities, though no movement of any size has developed yet. The berries are found on Western Oregon retail markets over a long season, however, one peculiarity of the berry being that it sometimes bears ripe fruit from July to past Christmas unless heavy freezing cuts short the season in the fall.

As there is practically no recorded information on the uses in cooking of these coast huckleberries, Dr. Darrow believes that one of the first steps in gaining wider recognition of their merits is to collect all such information possible from people who may have used them for years in various ways.

Pies Are Famous.
"So far as I have ever heard, about the only use ever made of the berries is for huckleberry pies, and these, I find, vary greatly in their quality and appeal—at least to my taste," said Dr. Darrow. "There must exist many other successful ways of using these berries with their very distinctive flavor."

With this in mind, Dr. Darrow has obtained the co-operation of Miss Charibel Nye, head of home economics extension, in a project to uncover some of these possible uses of the coast huckleberries.

While no contest for the best recipe is to be held, the offer is made by Miss Nye that every different recipe submitted will be tested either for the O. S. C. home economics kitchen, and that the best ones will be assembled. Every woman—or man for that matter—who submits a recipe will later receive a mimeograph list of those recipes selected as the best from among all submitted. In this way it is hoped to accumulate a list of recipes for huckleberry in increasing the use of these berries if their quality warrants it.

Dr. Darrow is running experiments now in the college greenhouses to determine how best new plants may be propagated, whether by cuttings or seed, and also whether these slow growing shrubs are not adapted for potting to be used for decorative purposes in hotel lobbies or other semi-public places.

At least one private nursery in Lincoln county is already specializing in propagating these coast huckleberries as ornamentals, where they are described as "thoroughbreds among ornamental evergreen shrubs." From season to season they change their appearance as they progress from the blooming stage to the varicolored leaves of the new growth, colored leaves of the heavily laden branches of purple fruit, and finally as the leaves take on a richer color with the approach of winter.

NOTRE DAME-TYPE TEAMS SEE WINNING GRID YEAR
SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP).—The football season of 1931 in the "Notre Dame conference"—major schools coached by Notre Dame alumni—was a season of victories dimmed by losses.

The 20 leading schools coached by Notre Dame men won 107 games, the same number as last year. But there is a difference in the number of games lost. Defeats in 1931 total 70, a dozen more than last year. There were 11 ties this year, eight less than last year.

Marvin "Duke" Nelson of Fort Dodge, Ia., winner of the 1930 \$10,000 "Toronto swim marathon," expects to have a try at swimming the English channel next spring.

Ted Renfro of Dell, Mont., is the world's champion live bird trap-shooter.

Mellon Pays Bill For 276 Unemployed
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP).—At the expense of Secretary Mellon, 276 stranded jobless marchers left Washington by train for their homes in Western Pennsylvania.

Arrangements were made to have the Salvation Army feed them en route.

A reduction of fares to \$4.50 per person was granted.

GETS YEAR IN PEN
PENDLETON, Ore. (AP).—Charles Stout, implicated with Fred Larsen in a service station robbery here two weeks ago, pleaded guilty in circuit court here to a charge of receiving stolen property. He was sentenced to one year in prison. Larsen pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Monday.

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