

OVER THE VALLEY

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Get Together Club—Mrs. Elliott Austin, of Ladd Canyon, was the gracious hostess Thursday afternoon to the members of the Get-Together club and the afternoon was a most enjoyable one for those who were able to attend. Mrs. L. W. Drummond and Mrs. Roy Munsell were in charge of the contest for the afternoon. Mrs. Austin served her guests a two course luncheon. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. William Banton.

Home From California—Mrs. Hall K. Wallis, who has been making an extended visit with her relatives and friends in Southern California, returned to Eastern Oregon Thursday night. Arriving in La Grande on the evening train, she was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Herzog until Rev. Wallis drove down from Enterprise to meet her. Mrs. Wallis reports a most enjoyable winter in the southland.

In La Grande—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Becker, of the Lower Cove, were among those who attended the benefit party given by the Altar society Thursday evening at the Sacajawea Inn.

Entertainers—Mrs. Paul Knautz and Mrs. Hugh Hulse, of the Iowa district entertained the members of the Altair Ladies Aid society and some friends Thursday afternoon at the Knautz home. The decorations were suggestive of the St. Patrick's season and also of the approaching Easter. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Ed Jasper, Mrs. Tom Waldinger presided over the business meeting and conducted the devotionals. A committee to arrange for the serving committees for next year was appointed as follows: Mrs. Jasper, Mrs. Frank Wright and Mrs. Lester Peach; Mrs. Howard Smith, of La Grande gave a splendid address during the program hour, her talk being based on the Easter story. Musical numbers were a piano solo (with encore) by Helen Jean Speckhart, a piano solo (with encore) by Lillian Knautz and vocal numbers by Paul Knautz, Helen Jean and Lillian finished the program with an instrumental duet. The hostesses served a delicious tray lunch late in the afternoon, the decorations being appropriate to the season and the favors being little Easter bunnies.

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Visits In Valley—Mrs. Ida Hendricks, of Ft. Madison, Iowa, who has spent the winter months at the home of Mrs. Jasper, Mrs. Frank Wright and Mrs. Lester Peach, returned to this valley and will spend the next few months, or until late in May, at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Standley, in the Iowa district.

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Entertaining Club—Mrs. E. A. Masterton, who lives out on Cove avenue, will entertain the members of the Countrywomen's club next Friday at her home.

Elected at Pendleton—Her many friends here will be very glad to know that Miss Hazel Williamson, who was graduated last spring at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, has been elected to teach in the Washington grade school at Pendleton. Miss Williamson has been doing her first teaching this year at Athena where she has had charge of the upper grades and has supervised music. Miss Lillian Duncan, who is teaching this year at Enterprise has also been elected to a grade position in the Washington school. It is announced that she will complete her course in teacher training this summer at the local Normal school. Miss Durcan's home is at Joseph.

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the schools at Oakland, Ore., at the C. C. Welch home at Imbler, and the Carl Fuller home near Alice, have returned to their home.

To Aid—The Misses Kathryn Moran, Emma McAnah, Mary and Margaret Taylor and Master Francis Bohan drove out from La Grande Thursday and attended the meeting of the Alice Ladies Aid society at the home of Mrs. Paul Knautz in the Iowa district.

Improves—Babe Ketter, of Alice, is improving very nicely from her recent operation for appendicitis performed at a La Grande hospital.

To Spend Vacation—Cleveland Wallinger, sophomore at the University of Oregon will not come to his home in the valley to spend his spring vacation, but rather will spend it at the home of Mrs. H. H. Gregory near Taft, Ore.

Guests—Mr. and Mrs. John Combes, of Summerville, had for their guests yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner, of Eugene, who stopped off here on their way to points in Idaho.

Has Quilting Party—Mrs. Hattie Wise, of near Imbler, invited in a few friends to a quilting party Tuesday. The women were invited in the morning, and you know how quilting bees go—work in the morning and a wonderful lunch, then more quilting and visiting and laughing and having a good time in general.

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Remains The Same—Grandpa Jasper, who lives on the sidehill road near La Grande remains about the same, being able to sit up some. It will be remembered that Mr. Jasper who is well along in years fell some months ago and suffered the fracture of a hip. After a term in the hospital he was removed to his country home.

Released—We are told that Mr. and Mrs. James Walker, of Pleasant Grove, made a trip in their car last week the first time they have been able to have it out since last November, on account of the snow. Our opinion is that that is a long time to be snowbound in this country.

Moved—Mr. and Mrs. Arch Keown, who have been living in a ranch up in the Pine Grove neighborhood beyond Elgin, have moved into Elgin. The Keown family formerly lived in the vicinity of Alice.

In Sanitarium—Friends of R. D. Monahan of Milton-Freewater, well known to all fruit men in this valley, will be interested in knowing that Mr. Monahan is a surgical patient at present in the Walla Walla sanitarium.

Water, Snow at Rock Creek—According to W. C. Bertsch, chief operator of the Rock Creek power plant there is now 278 inches of water in the stream flow taken at the headgate of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company on Rock Creek. At this time last year Mr. Bertsch says there was only 190 inches. There is now about one third more.

Feb. 28 and 29 of this year a rain fell at the plant which started a stream flow of 300 inches, continuing for the first week of March. The weather period has been much colder and the creek has dropped to the above number of inches at this date.

For the six months period ending Feb. 29, 1931-32, including the months of September, October, November, December, January and February records show that there has been 13 1/2 inches of precipitation, an excess of 7 1/2 inches over the same period of 1930 and 1931. This is taken from the regular weather report which is sent from the plant to the Portland weather bureau. There is now 36 inches of snow at the plant on Rock Creek, which compares with 12 inches at this time a year ago. Mr. Bertsch says that with no frost in the ground the run-off is being taken up.

Farmers were able to begin their spring work last year by the 18th of March. This year they will be delayed well if they get started by April 1. Both wheels and bobbles are used for means of travel at this time in the Rock Creek-Muddy Creek community.

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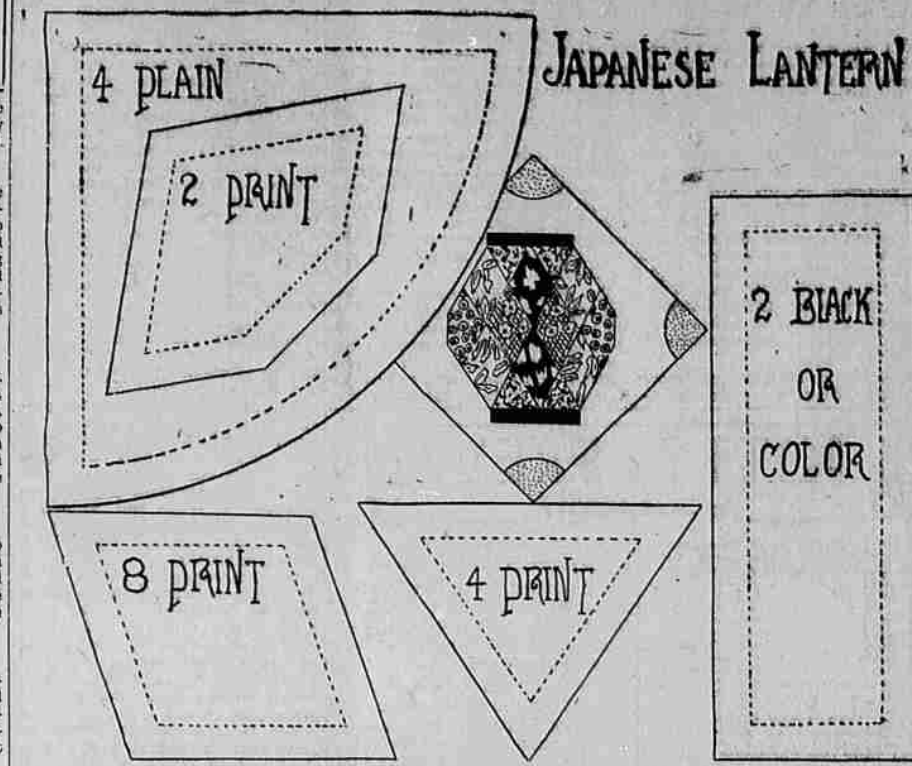
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OUR QUILT FOR TODAY



Seam all the pieces as in the block sketched—every piece different is pretty. After the top and bottom are joined, applique to a block 12" square. The corner piece may be used or not. Alternate diagonally with plain blocks, and finish with a 3-inch border. For a quilt about 74x91, 20 pieced blocks and 12 plain are required, using 14 half blocks or triangles and 4 corners to finish the edges. You will need about 5 1/2 yards of white, 1 1/2 yards plain color for corners and border, 1/2 yard black for ends of lantern, if you have no scraps for the lantern, about 3/4 yard of eight different prints.

UNION PERSONALS

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill

UNION (Special)—The Union hotel was transformed into a veritable Emerald Isle for the St. Patrick dance that was given there Thursday evening. In the midst of shamrocks and gay green decorations Maggie and Jiggs appeared in a good humor that was unusual to them.

The same color scheme was carried out in the dance and the orchestra added to the pleasure of the meal with soft sweet music. It was just another one of those delightful dinner dances that have been given at the hotel during the past few months. The music was furnished by a seven-piece orchestra, from La Grande, the reorganized Star Novelty.

The Union fish hatchery was recently treated to a new truck and R. H. Bonney says it is a treat for him to see the old one being sold. It was never sure that the old one would get him home safely. Although the deer have been able to rustle food for themselves for the last couple of weeks, the Bonneys counted 80 on the lower levels during the last week.

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Mr. Morse declared that dairying is not likely to be overdone for any length of time, because of the fact that so many people in the business do not like the confinement of the cow, and as soon as other farm enterprises become as profitable as dairying, many men will turn to them. Many men now milking cows will quit the business and enter something else more to their liking. There is also a rather heavy production because of herds owned by persons who are in the business strictly as a side-line to secure cash.

"The future of the business in any district will depend on the low cost of production, which in turn is based on high yields per cow, cheap feed, including pasture, healthy cows, especially so far as contagious abortion is concerned, and general low overhead costs," Mr. Morse said. "Those conditions will be established by heavy culling, which means continued testing, production of cheap pasture, better pastures and better management, herds of a size up to the limit of feed and labor resources on the farms and improved breeding practices so that sires instead of being sold on age are sold on their ability to transmit production to their daughters."

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UNION CO. COMMITTEE RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL SEED LOANS

F. L. Meyers, cashier of the First National bank, chairman, Ernest DeLong of the Grange Hall neighborhood, and Frank McKennon, of Imbler, constitute the Union county committee through whose hands will pass applications for seed loans, a project of the recently created Federal Reconstruction corporation. We understand that the necessary blanks have been received. The plan for the dispensation of the fund is as follows:

Administration of federal seed loans to Oregon farmers under the provisions of the 1930 seed loan act, recently established by the new federal Reconstruction Finance corporation will be in charge of a committee of the extension service, announced in naming 20 of the 38 counties.

Director Maria has been authorized by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur Hyde to appoint county committees in charge of receiving applications for and handling the loans. Although he named only 20 committees today, the other 16 will be chosen as soon as recommendations have been received from local sources, he said.

Need of financial assistance in carrying on his normal crop production, not available to him from other sources, is the main requirement for a loan, it is pointed out. Since the loans this year are not restricted to farmers who suffered crop failure due to drought, it is necessary to provide operation committees in every one of the 38 Oregon counties, Maria explained.

Loans to any one farmer will be limited to \$400, being made on a basis of \$3 an acre for the lowest cost operations with crops requiring no fertilizer purchases, up to a maximum of \$35 an acre requiring special attention, such as clover seed. Each loan will be secured by a first lien on the crops and will be repaid next fall.

Although at present loans for summer following are not provided, efforts are being made by Oregon wheat growers working through the congressional delegation to have this regulation changed since summer following is a recognized and necessary farming practice in the Columbia River basin.

Today The Hill Billy Says

BACK TRAILING—Long before Indians came here, always "from the north" in their old legends, buffaloes, elk, moose, caribou, deer, antelope, mountain sheep and goats had their trails going in and out of their best feeding grounds and water places. They led also to the best fords on the largest rivers. Indians naturally followed the already made and best trails, not only because it led them to good hunting, but they also found the best places for encampments. The first white men followed the trails of the Indians for similar reasons. Then the greatest of all the covered wagons followed the trapper guides, who knew but those trails, making only the necessary detours where wagons could not navigate. Railroads did the very same thing, for outside of switch-backs and tunneling, there was no better way to get across than with the old trails made by animals thousands of years ago. In that sense, animals were the original trail blazers. And today when we wonder why a town should be in such and such location, we will find that it was determined naturally by animal instinct. Of course, there are exceptions like Butte, Mont., because mines were discovered there, and towns grew around them. But we find that the greater number of our towns and villages are located according to the primary cause. And, it is interesting to know, that in nearly all cases where adventurers tried to leave the old trails for one of their own, the results were disastrous. In several of the old French legends or fairy tales were admonished by this saying: "Laissez jarnais le vieux pour le neuf." (Never leave the old for the new). And always with a disastrous end to those who did so in the story.

Thus, to a great extent those old-timers were absolutely wise. Especially so when it comes to the trail of morality. We may make detours, zig-zags and turns through, but we should never deviate from the moral trail of life.

Then comes the naming of places. The animals could not name them, but no doubt they were known to them according to their usefulness. Indians invariably named them just what they represented in utility. Either as a guide post of whatever the place offered, good, bad or indifferent. We rename places with unuseful titles, sometimes to honor the dead, and again just to satisfy the fanciful play of the mind, and they are more confusing than useful.

Trying to change that beautiful old name of Medical Springs, for an instance, to the Latin and almost meaningless name of Ponderosa; to me, is not only absurd, but foolish to the extreme. No Indian now living knows just how long ago the springs were known and named. For they were named in an ancient and now obsolete language spoken before the No-be-pu-tint (New Pecos) of today. They were called Etep-ty-eh Wahley (Spiritual Waters). The first trappers and white missionaries called them Medical Springs. Why not leave it as it is? They are medicinal springs. And who knows what Ponderosa is? And where are those hills? Are they the few hills pines in the mountains adjacent? Or does it mean our old Norway pines so plentiful on the Big Blackfoot in Montana? Would we like to have our old Grande Ronde valley's pretty name changed to the expert's name, "Larix Americana," because a few tamaracs grow in the surrounding hills?

Let us keep with what? All right. But let us not be foolish!

Understanding Thought—Fully to understand a grand and beautiful thought requires, perhaps, as much time as to conceive it.—Joubert.

Quilt Pattern Book



Every lover of patchwork and applique quilts will be thrilled with this new book. It gives 125 actual cutting patterns. Shows in three colors 125 quilt designs and many other interesting designs. 24-page book, only 95c. Colonial Co., 980 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.