

OVER THE VALLEY

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Entertaining Choir—
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz and daughter, Lillian, of the Iowa district, are entertaining the members of the choir of the La Grande Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow evening at their country home.

Miss Naomi Tidwell, who completed her work this spring at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, has been elected as teacher of the Lower Cove school for next year.

To Present Play—
Friday evening, April 1, Pleasant Grove grange presents the comedy "His Uncle's Niece" at the Pleasant Grove grange hall, northwest of Summerville. The young people of this grange have a wonderful record for excellent play production, and we are told, this play will be no exception to that rule. It is humorous, according to reports, and all members of the cast take their parts to perfection. They are Gordon Sion, who acts as both man and woman in the plot, Virgil Sanderson, Charlie Lewis, Bill Pries, H. G. Johnson, Howard Pottratz, Evelyn Robbs, Verna Knight and Katie Woodell. Henry Pries is the director. Immediately after the play, the floor is to be cleared and all caring to may take part in dancing, which is a part of the entertainment arranged for those attending the play. A whole evening of "rip-roarin'" fun is promised by the grange folks.

Spends Weekend—
Miss Bethah Smith, instructor in the Enterprise High school, spent the weekend at the home of her parents near Island City.

Returns Home—
Mrs. Haskell Bloom and little daughter, who have been spending a few weeks at the home of her parents at Rock Creek, have returned to their home at Cove. Mrs. Bloom is recovering from a recent severe illness.

Entertain At Dinner—
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz, and Lillian entertained a group of relatives and friends at an Easter dinner Sunday at their home in the Iowa district. Guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speckhart and daughter, Helen Jean, Mrs. C. H. Snider, Miss Effie Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Gower, Miss Blanche Spears, Miss Fleming and Janet Luhrs.

To Walla Walla—
J. E. Mills, of near Cove expects to drive to Walla Walla Friday for his daughter, Miss Dorothy who is coming home for a short visit and who will be accompanied by a group of college friends from Whitman. The

Mills family is also expecting their son, Gordon home in the near future.

Plan For Meet—
The Misses Huldah Anderson, Kathryn Moran and Frances Kelly drove to Wallowa Sunday where they met with representatives of other Christian Endeavor societies and planned a program for the C. E. rally which is to be held at Wallowa the last of next week. Miss Kelly is president of the Grande Ronde Union.

Dinner Guests—
Nylie Lewis, a student of the University of Oregon, at home for his spring vacation, and his mother, Mrs. Lewis, of La Grande, were dinner guests on Thursday at the Tom Wallinger home in the Valeria district. Inasmuch as Cleland Wallinger did not get home for the vacation period, Mrs. Wallinger was glad to have word about him.

Elect Officers—
At the meeting of the Willowsdale Parent-Teacher association held Friday afternoon at the school, officers were elected for next year. Mrs. Guy Spencer will serve the organization as president, Mrs. Ledridge as vice president and Mrs. Tom Bates as secretary-treasurer.

Girls Serve—
In the account given on this page of the recent meeting of the Union County Pomona grange, we neglected one very important item, which was that the serving during the two meals Saturday was done by a group of young girls who did such splendid serving. They were Velma Richards, Josephine Fisher, Frances and Kathleen Comstock, Lovine Hallmark, Maxine Toole, Ruth White, Phyllis Hancock, Pearl Lindsey, Jean Miller and Aida Blank.

To California—
Mrs. Minnie Hardy and her daughter, Verna, are planning to leave very soon for Orange, California where they will stay for several months. The Hardy family made a similar trip to the southland this same time last year. Mrs. Hardy has brothers in that vicinity. Grover will remain here until the close of school.

Hay For Oats—
Mr. Sewell, of Pendleton brought a truck load of hay over the mountains to William Houlet of east of Elgin and on his return home he took three tons of seed oats for the Farmers' Elevator. He bought the oats from Luther Hindman of the Cricket Flat district. Mr. Sewell reports quite a scarcity of seed oats in Umatilla county. He and his father spent Saturday night with his brother, Emery Sewell, of the Pine Grove district east of Elgin.

At Oliver's—
On Easter Sunday, members of the Sanderson family usually have one of their splendid family reunions with Mr. and Mrs. Burt Oliver and family, of Dry Creek. On account of the weather and the roads the gathering has been postponed and will be held later in the season. However, a few of the family took their well-filled baskets and went to Oliver's for the day anyway. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell, Mrs. E. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park, Wm. Park, all of Summerville, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sanderson, and son, Garth, and Bryan Hibbets and his mother, of La Grande. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanderson, and Lorraine Hug, of Sanderson Springs joined the crowd. It was a very happy day for all concerned.

Return To Their Home—
State Senator and Mrs. Fred E. Kid-

die, who have been having an apartment in La Grande while Mr. Kidnie was recuperating from his recent illness, have returned to their home at Island City.

In La Grande—
Mrs. S. P. DeLong, of the Valeria district, visited with friends and attended Easter services in La Grande on Sunday.

Spend Day—
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Long, of Dry Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bouy, of Brooks Lane, spent the day yesterday at the Frank Woodell home near Summerville. Butchering operations were the program of the day.

Weekend At Home—
Miss Frances McKennon, a student at the O. N., spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon, of near Imbler.

Easter Dinner—
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Spencer and sons, of the Grande Hall neighborhood, were among the dinner guests who were entertained Easter Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hibbert at their home near Rhinehart. As one of the guests, seated at a long table which was very attractive with its decorations suggestive of the day. Visiting was the diversion following dinner. Those present being the Spencer family were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Huff, and daughter, Kathleen, Lyman Huff, Amaryllis Knight, Bert Eberhard, Dick Hibbard and the host and hostess.

To Give Tea—
Members of the Island City Ladies Aid society are sponsoring a program and tea to be given tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, at the home of Mrs. C. H. Bidwell on Island avenue in Island City.

Attend Cantata—
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wagener, of Summerville, drove to La Grande Sunday evening and heard the cantata given by the choir of the First Methodist church.

Re-elected—
Miss Vera Case, of near Alice, has been elected for another year's teaching at the Froisy school in Lower Cove. Miss Case is on the last lap of her second year at Froisy and, we are told, has given the district a very good school.

In Baker—
Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Becker and sons, Troy and Robert, visited among their relatives in Baker Sunday.

Butter Movement Slow—
Uncertainty in regard to a safe price to pay for butter to go into storage is having a depressing effect on the butter market as the storage season approaches, reports the weekly market survey from the Oregon State college. Storage operators are keeping their stocks at a minimum, and the report says and heavy seasonal production is resulting in accumulations. Movement of butter into consumption channels has been satisfactory. Coast storage holdings of butter are considerably under a year ago, while total holdings in the United States are about one half of a year ago and three-fourths of the five-year average.

Are Pleading—
In a number of localities we saw pleading going on during the last few days, an indication, perhaps, that spring like some other things, may really be just around the corner.

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Organize Club—
The young people of the vicinity of the Willowsdale school have organized a social club among themselves. We are told and have taken the name "The Willowsdale Wiscrackers." Chasop Bond heads the organization as president, it is reported. Among the first of their social affairs was a St. Patrick's party given at the school, which was a real success.

Vacation Over—
After a thoroughly enjoyable week's vacation spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson at Cove, Miss Thelma Anderson left the last of the week for Eugene to resume her art studies at the University of Oregon.

Giving Party—
The Pythian Sisters of Imbler are giving one of their dancing parties on this coming Friday evening, April 1, at Wade Hall, and we understand, all are cordially invited to attend. Men, women, or other purposes. He invited his letter to call at the station and get the trees without any expense. In the lot he said were Russian olive, black locust and tree of heaven, some more (extra) than others but ready for shade, or ornament, for shelter belt or wind break.

Gets Young Trees—
At the meeting of the Pomona grange at Cove Saturday, Dale Richards, new superintendent of the Eastern Oregon experiment station, announced that there are a great number of young trees, just right now for transplanting which are available for individuals who desire them for shade trees, or other purposes. He invited his letter to call at the station and get the trees without any expense. In the lot he said were Russian olive, black locust and tree of heaven, some more (extra) than others but ready for shade, or ornament, for shelter belt or wind break.

Has Visit At Home—
Almon Geiss, who is a student this year at Gooding college, Gooding, Idaho, had a few days vacation last week, which he spent visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Roy Baker at Cove.

Fateful—
Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Johnston and family, of the Pleasant Grove neighborhood, entertained, Mrs. Frieda Fries, Leona, Clara and Bill Fries, Howard Pottratz and Gaston Sion at a wonderful Easter dinner on Sunday.

In Valley—
Miss Harriett Becker, of La Grande, spent a few days over the weekend visiting at the home of her uncles who live in the Froisy district.

Receives Burns—
Mrs. J. M. Bowery, of Island City, has been burning some severe burns which she recently received on her hands and arms but is devoutly thankful that her injuries are not any worse—as they might easily have been. She was in the midst of spring cleaning and was washing the wood work in her home, using a cleaning solution which was inflammable. In some manner the fluid became ignited and was thrown over Mrs. Bowery's arms and hands, causing burns on both, and particularly on one wrist, singeing her brows, lashes and front hair. The flames also got some hold on the back porch of the Bowery home, but fortunately Mr. Bowery and Mr. Workman were there and the fire was put out before it had gained any headway or before very much damage had been done. It was another of those "fortunate" accidents.

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Curly Tops Spreading Is Latest Report

Varieties of beans, squash and pumpkins found immune to curly-top disease have just been announced in a new circular of information issued by the Oregon experiment station, written by B. F. Dana, federal plant pathologist studying the problem in this state.

Curly-top is a blight disease carried by a small leaf hopper which is serious throughout the Inland Empire east of the Cascades, is more or less prevalent in Southern Oregon, and one which was even found in a number of points in Western Oregon. It was first identified on sugar beet in the Rocky mountain region and only recently was discovered to be the cause of so-called western yellow tomato blight and similar "blights" of many other vegetables.

In extensive field trials at Hermiston and elsewhere no tomato variety has been found showing any practical resistance to the disease. Tests will continue this year, using more than 600 strains and varieties of tomatoes gathered from all parts of the world.

"More encouraging results have been secured with beans, squash and pumpkin," reports Mr. Dana. "Among field bean varieties the California Pink, California Red, Jonkins and Red Mexican, all colored sorts, were resistant. The Burman, Bightless bean is the only white variety found resistant. It is a combination field bean usable also as a snap bean for home consumption. It was developed by a grower at Dufur, Ore., after whom it is named. Common snap varieties were all susceptible though lima beans as a class are resistant."

The Umatilla is the only true squash so far found resistant, the popular Hubbard and Banana groups being highly susceptible. Among the pumpkins the Cushman group and the large Cheese group of varieties were most promising. Common Crook Neck and Patty Pan groups are very susceptible.

No "control" for the disease, other than use of resistant varieties, has yet been found. It also affects spinach, beets, Swiss chard, peppers and sometimes cucumbers and melons.

Lamb Feeding Discussed

Lambas that are sold when they are first fat have brought as much as \$3 a head more than those that were held until all of the lambs in the flock were ready to go to market. This information was brought out by Harry Lindgren, specialist in animal husbandry in the extension service.

Figures on the increased returns were secured from two flocks that were run on alfalfa in Eastern Oregon year before last. In one case the lambs were ready to market in the other case all of the lambs were held until early fall and sold in one bunch.

Market conditions are such that Willamette valley lambs are being sold at about the same time as lambs from Tennessee. From July 1 until later lambs from other sections of the country come onto the market in reduced. The Willamette valley farmer, therefore, finds his best market prior to July 1.

Creep feeding has been found to be helpful in getting lambs fat so they can be sold before July 1 in prime condition. A creep is an opening in the fence large enough to let a lamb go through, but small enough to exclude the older sheep.

On the other side of the creep a gain mixture is placed so the lambs can get to it and eat as much as they wish. Ground corn and oats, with about ten per cent of meal added, is a good mixture.

Young lambs are more easily taught to eat grain than the older lambs. Oats of as much as a pound a day have been secured by creep feeding lambs that were run with ewes that had a bountiful supply of milk.

was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gilbert at Hot Lake, Easter Sunday.

Death Deplored—
Many friends over the valley deplore the death early this week, of "Uncle Billy" Witty at his home in Elgin. However death came as a release from suffering caused by trouble of a cancerous nature. Mr. Witty, who was a pioneer in this section, visited a wide influence over the period of years and he will be missed.

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Pomona Meeting Is Big Success

Members of Mt. Pannle grange did themselves proud when they entertained the Union County Pomona grange at the spring meeting held at the Old Fellows hall in Cove last Saturday. The day was quite satisfactory "weatherly" speaking and there was a splendid attendance of members of the seven subordinates of the county. As is the custom, the morning was devoted to the usual routine of business, with Pomona master, J. A. Nice, of Wolf Creek, in the chair.

When followed the dinner, the women of Mt. Pannle grange had arranged two tables which stretched the entire length of the hall. These they had prettily decorated with bunches of pussy willows, which had been colored in various spring colors, some the women insisting that pussy willows grew just like that up the Mill Creek canyon. Then occasionally there were bowls of colored Easter eggs, anticipating Easter which was the following day. The Cove women had made a delicious vegetable stew, with home-prepared meat and quantities of vegetables which they served with salads, rolls, potatoes, and supplemented by the food which visiting women had brought.

After the dinner, an open program was given, with Miss Minnie Holman, Pomona lecturer in charge. There were some very interesting numbers and space forbids our going into detail on any of the proceeds. Dr. F. L. Balfour, of La Grande, was the first speaker. He gave an account of some of his recent experiences in Europe which thoroughly delighted his hearers. A. R. Shumway, of Milton-Freewater, an official in the Northwest Grain Growers corporation, explained the workings of that group, told of its success during the last season and defended the organization in the matter of the large salaries paid head officials which has drawn forth much caustic comment from various quarters recently. Dale Richards, the new superintendent of the experiment station at Union made his initial appearance before a grange meeting. He spoke briefly of the work of the stations of Oregon, touching the program of the six major stations. He stated that each would have its particular field of activity in the future, with livestock being emphasized at our station. Mr. Richards made a good impression on the strangers present. Harry G. Avery and Tom Johnson were the last two speakers. The county agent talked along the line of the activities of the several co-operative organizations in Union county, as did also Mr. Johnson.

The program in addition to the address, included several splendid entertaining numbers. The opening music was given by a group of four, Mrs. Earnie Miller at the piano, Earnie Miller bones, Clarence Carter, banjo and M. L. Carter, violin. They were very well received. Billy Duncan gave a reading and we judge it was his contest number. Billy was fine, and we were quite proud of him. Entertainment Station Superintendent, Richards later said it was worth coming to the meeting to hear. Earnie Miller and Mrs. Miller appeared with some music and dancing, and those who have seen and heard these two, know without our saying so that they were real. We understand they are a regular feature on the Mt. Pannle lecturer's program. What was said about Billy Duncan could also be said of LeRoy Wilson who gave his contest selection during the afternoon. These two boys have certainly had some splendid training in this present declamatory contest.

Q. M. Gardner, master of the entertaining subordinate, provided one of the features on the program, also for he gave some vocal selections which were greatly enjoyed. Miss Clara Roberts furnished his accompaniment. There was still another interesting feature. That was when the Pomona master presented to Mrs. Edith Gekeler, Mrs. Anne Huffman and Mrs. Anna Holman the silver star certificates, furnished by the national grange and signified the fact that they have been members of the grange for more than a quarter of a century. Blue Mt. grange had several more of these certificates to be awarded, but these three were the only ones who were present Saturday.

At five-thirty the Covetes served another of their tempting meals, this time with roast, veal and stuffed basket of real as the piece de resistance. The meeting following supper was a closed session, when 12 grange members were given the fifth, or Pomona degree. The work was splendidly exemplified by the Pomona officers under Master J. A. Nice.

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IN PERFORMING SERVICE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT HAS ENTIRE PUBLIC IN MIND

The following is the first of three installments of a recent description of the duties of the forestry service, given by E. N. Kavanaugh, of Portland, assistant regional forester.

"One never misses the water until the mill runs dry," is an old saying that has been proven true many times. The thought of this old saying has been brought home to many people here in the Northwest during the extended period of drought which has been experienced. In certain irrigated sections of this region the decrease in stream flow for close to being disastrous to farmers, orchardists and others directly interested in irrigation. It was only natural for these people under the circumstances to feel that nothing should be left undone that would prevent or stave off further loss or damage. In their anxiety to protect their interests and investments remedies and actions were proposed that in some cases at least would have aggravated the situation instead of improving it. Furthermore damage and loss to others would have resulted at a time when there was extreme need for conserving all the capital values in the region.

The watersheds of practically all the streams used for irrigation purposes are in whole or in large part within the national forests. It naturally follows therefore that the forest service, as the manager of these national forests and protector of the watersheds, had to meet many criticisms and complaints. In some quarters there seemed to be a disposition to expect the service to furnish irrigation water from the watersheds regardless of whether there had been any precipitation of snow and rain during the year. This was not to be expected, however, in connection with all these demands from various sections all authorized uses of the forests and the general management and protection of them came in for some close inspection by the irrigation interests and others.

A great deal of good resulted from these various controversies, regardless of the fact that no increase in stream flow occurred. A large number of our people learned a good deal about the way their neighbor's business is carried on and about conditions in general, in addition to getting acquainted in many cases with their neighbors. Besides they also learned a lot about the forests and their management all of which caused the men in the forest service to ponder on the why and whereof of such lack of knowledge among our Western people.

The forest service has been in existence now approximately 26 years and during that time its members have come in contact directly or indirectly with practically everyone who lives in the West as well as with a large number of people who came West on recreation trips or for other purposes. It would seem that after a quarter of a century of such contacts at least a large majority of these people would be somewhat familiar with forest service administration, practices and policies. Apparently however, there is a lack of such knowledge. Possibly this is our own fault although a conscientious effort is made to clearly answer the

It is unfortunate that this situation prevails since it is developing a feeling of self interest by groups and the members thereof and an alarming disregard of the rights and welfare of others. All of this may be a natural outgrowth of modern civilization and not be a true picture of conditions as they exist but in any event these conditions which I have mentioned are largely responsible for our recent controversies over national forest administration and are in part the cause for complicating and hampering forest administration.

The national forests represent a tremendous reservoir of natural resources essential to the continued progress and welfare of our country. There is little or no argument as to the value of the timber resources in the construction program for the nation. A great many of the national forests constitute watersheds of streams and lakes which furnish water for domestic consumption and for irrigation purposes. Water is the most vital and important natural element furnished from the national forests. It is particularly important here in the West. Protection of the watersheds therefore is an extremely important problem in forest administration.

(To be continued.)

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Corn Meal and Wheat Waffles
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup white corn meal
1 1/2 cups milk
3 T. sugar
1 1/2 T. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 egg yolks
2 egg whites

Cook the meal in boiling water for 20 minutes.
Add the milk, dry ingredients, mixed and sifted, yolks of eggs well-beaten, butter, and whites of eggs beaten stiff.

These waffles are often considered by many people as superior to those made of the wheat flour alone.

ON THE AIR

Station KOAC, Extension Service of the Oregon State College, 536k

Thursday, Mar. 31

7:00 a. m., Good Morning Meditations led by Dr. James E. Milligan.

7:15, Setting up exercises, directed by Miss Elsie Jacobsen.

7:30, Scanning the headlines.

8:00, Potpourri.

9:00, Rhythmic 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, Morning matinee.

12:00 (noon), Farm Hour; 12:10, In the day's news; 12:23, "Creep Feeding Lambs," H. A. Lindgren; 12:35, Market reports, crops and weather forecast.

1:00 p. m., Vaudeville.

1:30, Organ program from Fox-Whitsea theatre.

2:00, Around the campus.

3:00, Homemaker hour; 3:05, "Tormentors of Science," Katharine Hughes.

3:30-3:45, Better health: "Mental Hygiene: An Important Public Health Problem," U. S. Public Health Service.

5:35 p. m., Market reports—second broadcast of what and livestock.

6:00, Fox-Whitsea theatre organ.

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7:30, Business institute of the art: "The Collection Letter," Graham M. Dressler; "Art in Publicity," Prof. J. L. Fairbanks.

8:00, Music of the masters.

8:15, The Oregon Our Fathers Kneez; Dr. Horger.

8:30-9:30, The Lebanon singers.

"The Creation," Hayden.

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