

OVER THE VALLEY

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Elected President—Walter M. Pierce, of the valley, was elected president of the Umatilla county pioneers at the annual meeting which was held last week at Weston. The reunion was a two day affair and attracted a large crowd of former Umatilla county folk. W. H. Steen, of Milton, was elected vice president, S. A. Barnes, Weston, secretary and Charles Pinkerton, Weston, treasurer.

From Portland—Dallas Phillips arrived home Sunday morning from Portland and will spend the summer at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Phillips at Island City.

To Housekeeping—Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy, of Medical Springs, have gone to housekeeping the past week. Their new home is on the T. E. Kennedy ranch in that vicinity.

In Valley—Lloyd Carter, former resident of the valley for a number of years proprietor of Radium Springs, later in business in Huntington, has returned to the Grande Ronde valley and will work here this summer. It is reported.

From Washington—Mrs. L. K. Robinson has returned home with her two sons, at Seattle and one at Yakima, Wash.

Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nice have returned to their home in the Wolf Creek district from Silverton where they attended the meeting of the state grange. They went as representatives of the Wolf Creek grange and also the Pomona grange, of which Mr. Nice is the master.

Many Years Ago—In their "Twenty Years Ago" column in the Union Republican, the following item appeared last week: The fourth annual stock show was a great success. More than \$100,000 worth of animals were exhibited. Special trains came from Wallowa, La Grande, Baker and Cove. The receipts paid off all the association's indebtedness.

Visit Relatives—Mrs. McKennon Webb, of Portland, together with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Freeman, of Los Angeles, were recent visitors in this valley, on their way by car from the south to Hood River. They visited at the home of her son, Clyde Webb and family, her father, L. L. McKennon and at the homes of various other relatives in town and in the valley. They also made down to Muddy Creek where they were guests at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loennig.

Breaks Arm—Ruth Shreffler, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaugher, who live on the Becker place in South Union, broke her arm Sunday when she fell while playing. She was taken to Hot Lake where the member is being dressed until it can be set.

Gets Degree—Ben Robinson, elder son of Carl Robinson, of Phy's Point, has recently completed a year's work at the South Dakota State college and received his master's degree. Ben was in school on a fellowship having received his bachelor's degree at the Montana State college. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and baby have been living during the year at Brookings.

Entertains Club—Mrs. Otis Monroe, of the Iowa district, is entertaining the Happy Circle this afternoon at her home. The club consists of about a score of women in that section of the valley.

Visits Daughters—H. H. Bryant, of Big Lake, Texas, is in the valley visiting his daughters, Mrs. Ray Biokland who lives at Island City and Mrs. Virginia Hulac, of Sheridan, who is visiting at the Biokland and Bidwell homes.

Spends Weekend—C. W. Bond, who formerly lived in the valley and who now lives in the Muddy Creek neighborhood of Baker county, spent the weekend with his friends in the Willowsdale district.

To Teach—Miss Jean Rayborn has been elected to teach the Fairview school, district No. 96, in Umatilla county next year. Miss Rayborn, whose home is near Weston is a graduate of E. O. N.

Blankenships Move—Of interest to friends of Professor and Mrs. Russell Blankenship is the following: Professor and Mrs. Russell Blankenship have gone to Seattle for a year. Mr. Blankenship has been awarded a leave of absence from Whitman college and will study and teach in the University of Washington next year.—Walla Walla Union.

Young-Wonack—Charles H. Young and Benona Wonack, both of Haines, were married by Judge Charles E. Baird, at Baker, Saturday afternoon. They were accompanied to the neighboring county seat by Harry Young and Frank Littlefield.

To Attend School—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch, formerly of Allice, have come to Los Angeles, Cal., where Mr. Welch is attending summer school at the University of Southern California. Last year they lived at Oakland, in Western Oregon, where he was on the high school faculty.

Come From Enterprise—A group of about 25 young people, Miss Beulah Smith's Sunday school class in the Methodist church at Enterprise, drove into this valley Sunday, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Hall K. Wallis and enjoyed a most delightful afternoon. They left Enterprise following church Sunday morning and after a short rest at the Smith home near Island City went over to Cove for a big picnic dinner

and a swim in the Cove pool. There was time also for some visiting before they returned home in time for their regular Epworth League service. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Biokland and daughter, Betty Anne, accompanied them to Cove.

Visit School—Sunday, June 12, the Sunday school of the Willowsdale district packed their lunch baskets and drove over to the Lower Cove school where they attended the demonstration held as a close to the Lower Cove Daily Vacation Bible school. There was a large crowd present and the day was most profitable from every point of view. The Cove school had an enrollment of 37 and is reported to have been a very fine school.

Spends Day—Mrs. K. A. Lloyd, of La Grande, was out in the valley Monday spending the day at the home of her nephew, Otis Monroe and Mrs. Monroe, in the Iowa district.

Dinner Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speckhart and Helen Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knautz and Lillian of the Iowa district were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Speckhart in La Grande.

Have Picnic—The pupils of the Island City Daily Vacation Bible school, with their teachers, Misses Lloyd, Prouty and Chadwick, and also a number of the mothers enjoyed a picnic Thursday afternoon at the Riverside park. There were picnic games and sports and a picnic lunch, to fill the afternoon.

Return Home—Mrs. J. M. Bowery and her daughter, Mrs. Garnet Ruckman, of Island City, went to Haines last Saturday where they attended a large shower given for their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Bowery.

Have New Son—Mrs. H. A. March, whose ranch is up on the hillside approaching the Monroe orchards, has recently received word of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Pratt, of Pendleton. The young man, who weighed 6 1/2 pounds has been given the name Wesley Wayne. He is a grandson of Mrs. March.

Has Second Operation—J. S. Wagner, of Enterprise, is at La Grande for another operation for the removal of a cataract from one eye. A few months ago one eye was operated on and the result was good, and now the other has been treated. J. R. Wagner went to La Grande yesterday to see his father.

Returns From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall, of Union, returned to their home at the end of the week from Portland where he had been attending the Masonic grand lodge. Mr. Rosewall is master of the Union lodge.

Much Hayling—All over the valley this is haying season, and the first cutting of the alfalfa is reported as being of good quality and of good quantity. They are especially busy in the Willowsdale district where the neighbors are solving one of the present day problems by exchanging work.

Young People Wed—A wedding which holds unusual interest for valley folks was an event of Saturday afternoon, at the Presbyterian manse in La Grande, when Rev. J. George Wall united in marriage Miss Leona S. Fries of Pleasant Grove and William Lloyd Swearingen, of Independence, Ore. The beautiful and impressive ring service was read by the clergyman in the presence of a group of relatives.—Mrs. Frieda Fries, Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Johnson and daughter, Bernice, Miss Gladys, William T. Fries, Mrs. Ray German, and Mrs. Henry W. Fries. Mrs. Fries is the mother, Miss Fries, Mrs. German and Mrs. Johnston are sisters of the bride, and William, is her brother. Mrs. Henry W. Fries is a sister-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen immediately proceeded to the Fries home at Pleasant Grove where they will be at home during the summer.

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Give Fine Program—A large crowd of Epworth Leaguers of the Union Methodist church went to Hot Lake last Sunday evening for their regular meeting and entertained the hospital staff and patients with music and song. Rev. R. C. Lee gave the talk of the evening, speaking of negro education, and of Book-let No. 10, Washington, in particular. The Epworth League choir furnished music and Glace Vaden, Ethel Conklin and Virginia Ward sang several negro spirituals.

Graduates—Her relatives in this valley tell us of the recent graduation of Miss Ida Mae Speckhart from the Walla Walla High school. Miss Speckhart plans to come to this valley later in the summer to visit her relatives.

Floyd Edwards Married—The home and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Goode on College Hill were the setting Wednesday afternoon for the wedding of Miss Lily Nordgren and Floyd Marven Edwards.

Hold Reunion—There were about forty people who attended the annual reunion of the Smith-Cook families, held Sunday at Riverside park in La Grande. The day was spent in visiting and enjoying the basket lunch served at noon. The business meeting was dispersed with and the old officers will hold over for another year.

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Ill—Mrs. Homer Gowey, of Dry Creek, is ill at her home in the Dry Creek neighborhood and trips to the doctor every other day are necessary.

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Ill—John Hamann, a prominent landowner of the valley is reported as being ill at his home on N avenue, in La Grande.

Returns Home—Cieland Walsinger returned Sunday to his home in the Valeria district having completed his year's work at the University of Oregon. Cieland will be manager of his house next year.

Get License—A recent news story from Kelso, Wash., is to the effect that LaVelle Hamilton, giving her address as La Grande, and Herb Baker, living his address as Portland, recently received a license to wed. Both were students at the E. O. N. and both taught in the Wallowa county schools, that vicinity also being Mr. Baker's home. Further particulars regarding the wedding have not been received.

At Brother's—Miss Ardis Berry, of the Iowa district, making a visit at the home of her brother, Floyd Berry and family in Fruitdale.

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One of Our Big Industries

A recent news story in the valley reported that the federal fruit inspector, after a survey of the orchards of the county, stated



The 1932 apple crop would be among the largest ever known here. In the Imbler section this is especially true and the statement will be borne out in the several apple sections. In the vicinity of



Imbler, alone, where a good season sees around 225 cars of apples shipped, the present prospects are for at least 300 car load shipments. The above two cuts are snags taken at the Big Weatherproof orchards in the Rock Wall neighborhood, north of Elgin. These are among the most noted orchards in the state, and are among the many which dot this valley and this county.

Provide Succulence In Dairy Rations

"What is the value of succulence in the dairy ration? Succulence is more than just common water. The water in what we term succulent feeds contains the various plant foods in solution, and the feeds have properties which have a beneficial effect on the producing dairy cow," says E. Y. Ellington, head of the state college dairy husbandry department.

Such feeds as pastures, silage, root crops, potatoes, and beet pulp have a value outside the actual nutrients that they contain, and when eaten they do more than supply nutrients in a desirable form. They supply a large amount of water required by milking cows, and they also increase the palatability of the ration. When the palatability is increased, the cow is able to eat more, and thus get more food nutrients from the dry forage and concentrates.

Succulent feeds also exert a laxative and cooling effect upon the cow's digestive system. Because of this, such feeds are valuable when used with dry feeds during the winter.

No class of feeds will secure greater or more economical milk production than good pasture grasses. One of the principal reasons for this is that grass is a succulent feed. Green grass seems to be a natural feed for cattle. Nature has provided the cow with large digestive organs that enable her to get more from a pound of dry matter when fed in the form of green feed than when supplied in the form of hay or feed.

Feeds, likewise, tend to stimulate the appetite and keep the body and digestive system in the proper time.

H. Wilhelm sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Wayne Whealdon, who also played the wedding march.

Mrs. U. G. Dubach presided over the bride's cake in the dining room, where Mrs. Lester Stutz, Mrs. B. W. Rodenwald and Miss Esther McKinney assisted in serving ices. In the garden, to which the profusion of summer bloom attracted many of the guests, Mrs. Francis Stalley was in charge of the punch bowl. Others who assisted were Mrs. A. W. Oliver and Messrs. Ponso Bolin and W. A. Keel.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are graduates of Oregon State college, where Mrs. Edwards is a member of the faculty. Mr. Edwards is a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta. Mrs. Edwards is a member of Sigma Kappa.

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Poultry Housing Improved

Despite low egg prices, many Oregon poultrymen are taking advantage of equally low lumber prices to improve their poultry plants and get them in shape for more efficient production for the better times believed certain to follow.

To meet the demand for approved plans for poultry construction in this state, the Oregon State college extension service has just issued a series of three free bulletins prepared by the poultry and agricultural engineering departments of the college which contain descriptions, bills of materials and detailed plans for constructing range houses, brooder houses and insulated egg rooms.

"Building Plans and Bill of Materials for O. S. C. Portable Brooder House" is the title of extension bulletin No. 446 by A. G. Linn, head of the poultry department of the experiment station, "O. S. C. Range House" is the name of the second of the series, extension bulletin No. 442. This range house has been in general use for several years and has proved satisfactory as a means of rearing pullets to maturity under sanitary and fresh-air conditions. "How to Construct an Insulated Egg Storage Room" is the title of the third bulletin, No. 445, by E. E. Prier and A. G. Linn. Plans for this type of building were developed by co-operative and private egg dealers to the effect that producers were losing large sums every summer from off grade eggs because of improper farm storage.

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Frank Marlin, Imbler.
I was born in Lyon county, Kansas, Oct. 8, 1868. Except for two years in the mercantile business at Avery, Oklahoma, I have spent my life farming. I married Rosella Kennedy when I was 27 years old and we began life together on a farm in Greenwood county, Kansas. If some of our young farmers in this valley could get old Father Time to let them take a try at wrestling a living from the Kansas prairies in '89 I believe they would be pretty well satisfied with their lot here. We didn't have to worry about the price of gas, repairs for the tractor or whether Uncle Sam would vote the bonus bill but we did have to kind of study about whether old Dobbin and the shoats would get the benefit of the corn crop or would it be just another year of hopes blasted by hot winds, grass hoppers and chinch bugs.

Three years after our marriage we decided to try our fortunes in the more fertile soil of Illinois. We arrived there along with the hard times of the nineties and again the outlook was discouraging. During that year news came of the great land lottery to be held in the Oklahoma country. The attorney general ruled a lottery would be illegal and President Cleveland ordered that people must run for the claims instead of draw for them. So the 24-year-old boy and his young wife began another trek across the prairies in search of adventure and opportunity and we were among those present on the morning of the 16th of September, 1893. There are many days of my life of which I recall no single incident but I can still vividly visualize that warm sunny morning and the motley crowd provided with every form of equipment known at the time on which they hopped to beat the others and win a valuable claim. Every one had their day over again, not as a seeker after land, but as a reader of human faces and herds. If one had been there with a keen sense of humor and nothing to do but give free rein to it, he would have had enough funny incidents to have chuckled over for a lifetime. But that was serious business and everyone's nerves were keyed up to high tension, their faces were grim and determined.

Of the two incidents that stand out in my memory as the funniest ones were a fellow standing up in an old hack, whip in one hand and lines in the other. The team was running at breakneck speed and the hack bouncing in the air. Although he seemed as he would surely be thrown at each bound of the hack she managed to stay with it. She and her father had the same claim in mind and she beat him to it.

The other incident was of an old Kentuckian who had a little sawnaway team of mules and a very heavy covered wagon. He refused to worry or get excited. The thoroughbred horses, noted for their racing ability in his native state, bothered him not at all. The tough little cow ponies, the fast driving horses, the bicycles and the marathon runners and champion walkers might as well not exist so far as he cared. Every one had their ideas as to the best way to get there and he most decidedly had his. The start was to be at noon and the forenoon seemed endless. Finally the mad rush was on. We were running north and the line was visible on both sides for several miles. For a long time it was very crowded and it seemed all the claims we came to were taken but gradually the crowd gave over and I took my claim about 6 hours after starting.

Afterward I learned that the old Kentuckian had taken his own good time about getting started — had calmly driven out behind the crowd just a mile and a half and staked a very valuable claim which the rest of us in our mad scramble had taken for granted was already claimed.

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WEST'S GRADE GUERNSEY MAKES HIGH RECORD IN CO. TESTING ASSOCIATION

A grade Guernsey "Toots" in the dairy herd of N. K. West, was the high producing cow in the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement Association according to the last report forwarded here by the state association. This report was for the month of April when the testing was done by S. H. Stockard, on account of the illness of the official tester, Ralph Robinson. This Guernsey produced 1512 pounds of milk containing 81.9 pounds of butterfat.

A Guernsey cow in the herd of A. J. Stange was the second high cow in the association, this animal having a record of 1015 pounds of milk with 63.5 pounds of butterfat.

There were 201 cows on test during this month and the total average for all cows in the association was 5124 pounds of milk each and 23.3 pounds of fat. Twenty-six cows produced over 40 pounds of fat. Eleven herds were tested.

The high herds during the month (including dry cows) were:
Herds of over 20 cows, N. K. West, 79, mixed breeds, average pounds milk, 619.0; average pounds fat, 29.2.
Herds of from 12 to 20 cows, Jack Gorham, 12 head of Jerseys, average pounds milk, 553.0; average pounds fat, 28.5.

Herds of under 12 cows, E. H. Bell, six head of registered Jerseys, average pounds milk, 490.0; average pounds butterfat, 37.2.
High Herds to Date
The following list of two high herds in each of the three classes, according to size of herd, is the record for the ten months since the beginning of the testing year and included dry cows.
Herds of Over 20 Cows:
N. K. West, mixed breeds, 79 head, average pounds milk, 6336.0; average pounds butterfat, 280.9.
A. J. Stange, mixed breeds, 23 head, average pounds milk, 6042.0; average pounds butterfat, 257.6.
Herds of From 12 to 20 Cows:
Jack Gorham, Jerseys, 12 head, average pounds milk, 4855.0; average pounds butterfat, 248.8.

Charles DeHaas, Jerseys, 14 head, average pounds milk, 4899.0; average pounds butterfat, 240.7.
Herds Under 12 Cows:
E. H. Bell, Jerseys, six head, average pounds milk, 5181.0; average pounds butterfat, 276.5.
A. P. Bowman, mixed breeds, 10 head, average pounds milk, 4864.0; average pounds butterfat, 290.0.
Roll of Honor Cows
Following are the records of the high producing cows for the month of