OVER THE VALLEY

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Visits Relatives—
Mr. and Mrs. Arch McNeill ,of the Mill Creek canyon, have as their guest, Mr. McNeill's nephew, Alfred Bates, of Tillamook. He has been in the valley for two weeks.

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To Bend—
Mrs. George Simmerville, who has been spending the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Grange To Meet—
hill road near La Grande, is leaving for Bend. The Simmerville family is moving to Bend to make their home, Mr. Simmerville having been elected to the faculty of the schools there.

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Go To Country—
Mrs. W. W. Reavis and her small daughter, Joanna Mae, were removed from the Grande Ronde hospital to the home of Mrs. Reavis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallsinger in the Valeria district on Wednesday, and little Miss Joanna is receiving all the attentions that a doting grandmother can give, we are sure. The baby will be a week old on Monday.

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At The Lake—
Miss Dorothy Smutz, of the side-hill road near La Grande, is spending this week at Wallowa Lake where she is one of the instructors in the conference of young people of the Christian church of Eastern Oregon, held on the Methodist camp-ground.

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Called To Medford—
W. J. Case, of near Alicel, was called again this week to Medford, by a message which informed him of the death of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Turner, the first of the week. Two weeks ago, Mrs. Turner suffered a stroke and her condition was regarded as precarious. Mr. Case and his son, John Case, left at once for the other valley, but returned home the last of last week after having been there for a week or ten days. Mrs. Turner was known in this valley, having made a number of visits here at the home of her brother.

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Has Operation—
Mrs. Arthur Golden, of near La Grande, is reported as improving satisfactorily following an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital a few days ago.

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Interesting Wedding—
Of interest to friends of the young people concerned in this vicinity is the following item taken from the Beaver Creek news in the Baker Democrat-Herald: Mrs. Jane Bennett, former Baker county pioneer whose picture appeared in the Baker Democrat-Herald several weeks ago with representatives of four other generations of her family, was bridesmaid for her great-granddaughter, Miss Thelma Kennedy, whose marriage to John Glenn was solemnized Sunday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Pearl Leishman, in Portland. The groom's man is a grea uncle of Mr. Glenn.

Mrs. Cora Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Trask, relatives of Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Glenn visited in Baker a few days last week, returning to Portland in time for the wedding. While in this vicinity they visited Mrs. T. Dunn, Mrs. J. E. Prowell and Mrs. Martha Blanchard, relatives of the visitors.

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Returns Home—
Wilford Zurbrick has returned to his home in La Grande following a visit at the home of his relative, Mrs. Lelia Graham, at Summerville.

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Frank Jasper, who live on the side-
The regular meeting of the Mt. Fannie grange is to be held Monday evening at their hall near the Cove. One special feature of the evening's program is to be a presentation of the proposed plan for relief to be submitted by parties from La Grande.

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Visit—
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandon, their son and daughter, have been in the valley visiting at the home of their uncle, W. J. Case, of near Alicel. The visitors, whose home is at Covina, Cal., were also niece and nephew of Mrs. Sarah Turner, of Medford, and they accompanied Mr. Case to that city to attend the funeral to be held this week.

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Guests—
Mrs. Herman Haefer, of near Cove, has as her guests at her home for a time, her sister, Mrs. Andrew Timpy and children, of Wolf creek, out from North Powder.

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Leaves And Returns—
Miss Mary Davis, who has been making an extended visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. O. M. Gardner, at Cove, left a week ago today to resume her work in a city hospital at Youngstown, Ohio. Shortly after she had left, a message was received at Cove telling her that the hospital was closing for an indefinite time. A message to her reached her at Pocatello and she has returned to Cove.

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At Mother's—
Mrs. Percy Kelly and young son, of Seattle, are making a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fred Evanson at Island City.

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Returns Home—
Mrs. Vern Hug, who has been in La Grande receiving medical attention has returned to her home on Pumpkin Ridge, very much improved.

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Attend Celebration—
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowery of Island City were at Halfway last Sunday where they attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Shock of East Pine creek, near Halfway. Mr. and Mrs. Shock lived at Haines for nine years, from 1891 to 1910 and have many friends in that locality.

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Entertains Society—
Mrs. Sam Knight, of Rhinehart, entertained the Loyal Women of the Elgin Christian church at her home recently with a splendid attendance of the members and a few guests present. Items of importance were discussed during the business meeting and the matter of giving assistance to relief programs was discussed. This group will line up with other organizations in helping meet the need. After a social hour, the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Raymond Waelty in serving some very nice refreshments.

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Visiting Parents—
Dr. Willard Stone, who has been connected with the Multnomah hospital in Portland is making a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone at Island City and also with his many friends. His sister, Mrs. Irene Lee, of Milton-Freewater, is also visiting at the Stone home.

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Return Home—
Mrs. L. A. Chandler and daughter, Lucille, have returned to their home in La Grande following a few days visit at the Kennedy home at Medical Springs.

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Opens Up—
The Concrete Pipe Co., at Island City opened up this week after having been closed down since last fall. They have taken a large contract for some fine crushed rock to be used by the state.

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Visit At Lake—
Mrs. Sam Williamson, of Cove avenue, and her great-grandson, Jackie Bairie, have been visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Williamson's son, Tom Williamson, and family at Wallowa Lake.

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First Grain—
Matt Kries, who lives out in the Riveraide school district, brought in the first load of loose grain to the Pioneer flouring mill at Island City this week. Previously Lee Smith had brought in the first sacked wheat. Harvesting operations are becoming more and more active in the valley with the results being varied, some reporting good wheat, others not so good, some heavy yields and some exceedingly light. We have noticed a number of fields where the wheat is so thin that the grain is being cut for hay.

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Purchases Dairy—
Dell Irvin, who last spring leased the Fred Ratz place near Union, has purchased the Turnbull dairy equipment and has taken over the milk route in Union. The equipment was moved the first of the week.

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Church Is Dedicated—
One of the important events of last week was the formal dedication of the new Christian church at Lostine, the fine new building which replaced the old structure completely destroyed by fire last spring. The church was decorated with a profusion of garden flowers for the auspicous event which attracted people from all sections of that county as well as groups from this. The address was delivered by Rev. C. F. Wander, of Portland and other features included splendid musical numbers. The members of this little congregation deserve great commendation for this building project. Much of the material was donated, as was most of the labor, and these were supplemented by funds raised by different church organizations, particularly the women, who have worked untiringly ever since the old church was destroyed, looking toward this day.

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That Was Many Years Ago—
The following item is from the files of the Enterprise Record-Chieftain of July 24, 1902:

A La Grande man fishing in Wallowa county caught 700 fish the first day and took home with him about 900 pounds of trout from 11 to 17 inches long.

Returns Home—
Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Bloom and daughter Beulah Mae have returned to their home near Cove following a visit at the home of her parents near Haines. Mrs. Bloom has been quite seriously ill there. Her father, Mr. Tibbs, accompanied them to this valley.

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To Portland—
Mrs. Glen Miller and two children, who have been visiting for some time with her father, J. K. Lay, of Catherine creek, and other relatives, returned to their home in Portland Tuesday evening.

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Makes High Record—
In the year just closed, the pure-bred Ayershire dairy herd of Burl Kooch and Sons made the best record in the valley cow testing association. E. C. Storm is tester for the organization, officially known as the Wallowa County Dairy Herd Improvement association.

With nine cows in the Kooch herd, the record was an average of 9018 pounds of milk and 362.4 pounds of fat. George R. Tilton was second with 21 Holstein cows averaging 10,053 pounds of milk and 360.1 pounds of fat. Charles F. Litch was third, with 23 grade Jersey cows making 6398 pounds of milk and 352.6 of fat. Fred Himelwright came next with 8 grade Jersey cows, 6904 pounds of milk and 339.7 of fat. J. G. Crow had 26 grade Jersey cows with 6354 pounds of milk and 330.8 of fat. E. H. Miller had 17 cows with 6294 pounds of milk and 329.3 of fat. J. W. Miller had 25 cows with 6341 pounds of milk and 320.2 of fat. C. C. Burnside had 29 cows with 5772 pounds of milk and 308.9 of fat. R. L. Fleshman had 30 cows and 6187 pounds of milk and 308.4 of fat. V. A. Searles had 17 cows with 6554 pounds of milk and 301.5 of fat.

For the year, G. R. Tilton had the high cow, a grade Holstein with 15,218 pounds of milk and 527.5 of fat. Charles F. Litch had a grade Jersey which was second with 9245 pounds ow milk and 499.7 of fat. C. C. Burnside had seven cows which made more than 400 pounds of fat in the year.

Mr. Storm's figures show the 10 high cows in the association produced an average of $135.76 worth of butter fat and showed an average profit of $93.18 above feed costs. The ten low cows produced $49.22 worth of butter fat and showed an average profit of $10.88.

For the month of May, a big pure-bred Ayreshire cow of the Kooch herd was second in the state. She gave 2070 pounds of milk making 85.6 of fat. In June C. C. Burnside had a Jersey which made the phenomenal score of 1667 pounds of milk and 119.6 of fat, probably the highest in Oregon.—Record-Chieftain.

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Granddaughter Visits—
Judge and Mrs. U. G. Couch, of Island City, have as their guest this summer, their granddaughter, Miss Marjorie Smith, of Oakland, Cal., the daughter of Mrs. Elsie Couch Smith.

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In La Grande—
Mrs. Grace Wright Powers, of Medical Springs, drove into this valley Thursday and visited among her friends in La Grande.

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Cherry Harvest Ending—
The cherry harvest at Union is almost completed, as in other parts of the valley and the packing sheds are not the busy centers of industry that they were last week. The Co-operative Fruit Growers association is loading the last cars to be expressed and with these shipments, they expect the total number of cherries to be shipped from Union and Cove through the two local warehouses, to be 28. All the Bings and Lamberts have been shipped to eastern markets and considerable optimism has been expressed over the increase in the market price since the shipping began. Though the prices are not good as compared with other years, the present outlook is better than was anticipated. Forty-six tons of Royal Annes were trucked to La Grande to be shipped to a Salem cannery. P. M. Littler, who handles the fruit for the Pacific Fruit and Produce Co. worked late Saturday night to finish the grading and packing of the fruit crop there. Two carloads of fruit were shipped from his warehouse.

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From Ione—
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker, of Ione, Ore., were guests one day this week of Mr. and Mrs. Zink at the Cove swimming pool. Mrs. Heliker is Mrs. Zink's daughter.

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To Summerville—
Several carloads of La Grande people are planning to drive to Summerville tonight to attend the annual summer festival given by the Summerville Rebekah lodge at the Odd Fellows hall.

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Island Tea—
Those who can go are urged to remember the tea which is to be given by the Ladies' Aid of the Island City Community church next Thursday afternoon on the lawn of the C. H. Bidwell hame. The chief features on the program are to be two plays which have been coached by Miss Beulah Smith and in which a number of Island City young people will have parts.

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At Duncan's—
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stream, of Baker, were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan, of the Mill Creek canyon. Mrs. Stream is a niece of Mrs. Duncan.

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Mr. Seymour Recuperates—
His many friends in this valley will be glad to know that Prof. H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader is recuperating very well from his recent operation for appendicitis, is back at his duties on the campus at Oregon State college again and is gradually regaining his strength.

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Huckleberrying—
These days the number of parties from all sections of the valley who have gone on huckleberrying expeditions have been legion. Some have been successful, while others report that the berries in most sections require several days more of sunshine before they are ripe enough to pick. Mr. Nixon, Mrs. J. M. Bowery, Mrs. Cooper of Island City, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Zurbrick, daughter, Margaret and Miss Clara Blackman made up a party which went up to Eaton Meadows. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perrin are going, as in other days, in their horse-drawn wagon and will probably be in the mountains for a few days yet before they return.

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From Yakima—
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson, of Yakima, are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bell of near Cove. Their daughter, Violet, has been here in the valley for the past two weeks and has been packing cherries. Two of their small children have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell.

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Entertain—
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cross, who live up on Pumpkin Ridge, recently entertained at their home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cross, of Tracy, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McDonald, of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McCullough, of Elgin, Mrs. Martha Cross, Mrs. Charles Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hathron, of Indian Creek.

St. Valentine

Some writers are inclined to think that no such person as St. Valentine ever existed, though there appears to be ample proof that he was a Christian bishop in the Third century after the death of Christ and that he suffered martyrdom under Emperor Claudius on February 14, 271 A. D.

Oldest Secret Society?

Probably the Hung or Trial society of China is the oldest secret society in the world. It has the largest membership of any secret society in the world and has existed since A. D. 880, in close association with the White Lotus.

The Warm Cow

Every cow can be thought of as a radiator, says the Farm Journal, emitting relatively constant amounts of heat which, if converted into mechanical energy, would be sufficient to run an automobile at 60 miles per hour continuously—an amount equivalent to burning 120 pounds of anthracite coal a day.

SPECIAL TUNA SALAD
1 cup tuna fish
2 hard cooked eggs
Shredded pulp of 1 lemon
½ cup diced celery
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt
4 small sweet pickles, diced
Mayonnaise and lettuce

Combine shredded lemon pulp with tuna, lemon juice, celery, diced eggs and sweet pickle. Add enough mayonnaise and salt to taste. Arrange in mounds in lettuce cups, and top with a spoonful of mayonnaise and dash of paprika.

Six Truckloads Of Fish Freed In East Oregon

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special) — Six truckloads of fish have been taken from the Union fish hatchery to be liberated in streams of Eastern Oregon this week. Two loads of Eastern Brook were taken to Beaver creek beyond La Grande and one load was taken to the Beaver Creek reservoir. Two loads were taken to Powder Lakes and one load of Rainbow trout was released in the creek at Pine valley.

The spacious lawn of Mrs. S. E. Miller was the scene of an enjoyable picnic Thursday when the members of the Carnation club and several guests met for a covered-dish luncheon under the trees. The meal was perfect, with such a variety of good things that it was out of the question to sample all of them. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and a tour of the beautiful grounds surrounding the home. The arrangement of the flower beds and the selection of the flowers afford a wealth of bloom throughout the growing season and the Miller yard is one of the beauty spots of Union. About 24 enjoyed the afternoon together. Miss Alice Marquardt and Miss Edith Ackley, of La Grande, were callers during the afternoon and enjoyed a trip around the flower beds.

The Misses Elida and Bethene Miller will arrive home from Seattle today to spend a few weeks at home.

A big party was held at the Theodore Eirvalson home in High Valley Monday night in honor of the birthday anniversaries of the host and Mrs. Cecil Bates. Most of the High Valley folks as well as several from Cove were present and an enjoyable evening of dancing was spent. At midnight ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Ruth Hayes and nephew, Hector Hayes, Mrs. J. C. Baird, Mrs. Chas. Fisher and son, Billy, drove over from Wallowa Thursday to spend the day with Mrs. Roy Conklin and family.

D. E. Stevens, superintendent of the Moro experiment station, and Donald Hill, assistant in the farm crops department of O. S. C., were at the experiment station yesterday looking over the wheat yields of the farm plots. They started harvesting the winter wheat test plots yesterday and it was the yields from these that were under inspection. They pronounced the yields very promising for this season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson were over from La Grande yesterday to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Kennedy.

Mrs. George Lyman and Grant Bean, of La Grande, and Mrs. L. Shurtleff and Miss Hilma Folsom, of Baker, came to Union Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Ruth Nielson.

After spending more than seven weeks at Hot Lake ill of typhoid fever, Orr Cline was able to be moved to his home Thursday afternoon. He had hoped to celebrate his birthday anniversary at home but as his return was delayed a day Mrs. Cline and Lois went over there to help him celebrate. His sister, Mrs. Lola Langford, made a lovely birthday cake and the hospital furnished the ice cream to go with it.

After a three weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Decker, Miss Edna Turnblad expects to return to her home in Hermiston tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall have returned from Willamette university and are taking a five weeks course of work at the Normal school in La Grande. She was formerly Susan Chadwick.

Mrs. Lola Langford entertained the members of the J. J. club at her home Wednesday afternoon. For the usual guessing contest, prices were awarded to Mrs. Etta Hess, Mrs. Virginia Rosewall and Mrs. Dorothy Christy. Following the games the hostess served refreshments.

Chats With Parents

NIGHT SCARES
By Alice Judson Peale

A little girl who had recently gone through three severe operations began waking with wild screams in the middle of the night.

Clutching her mother, she would cry out that somebody was holding a knife at her throat. It required much reassurance and being held in mother's arms for a long while finally to convince her that this was not true.

Even then it was necessary on one or two occasions for mother to take her in her bed to finish the night.

After this had occurred a few times the child began waking up regularly each night, crying hysterically and demanding to be taken into mother's bed.

Increasingly it was evident that while the actual fear was diminishing, the crying was being used as a means of getting mother's attention and the privilege of sleeping with her.

There ensued a long trial of patience. Night after night the child would wake up, partly genuinely fearful and partly wanting simply to feel that her mother was near.

Night after night her mother would come to sit at her bedside, talk to her reassuringly and sing to her until finally she went to sleep. Each night the episode became shorter.

At last it needed only the momentary entrance of her mother into the room with a soothing word to cause her immediately to go back to sleep. After several weeks she slept soundly through until morning.

This sort of problem often develops as the result of illness or of some other shocking and frightening experience.

It is important on the one hand adequately to meet the child's need for security and on the other increasingly to demand that it become once more independent.

Editor Visits Rock Wall's Ice Caves

If you want to visit something of unusual interest in the lower altitudes of Eastern Oregon, and within easy driving distance of Wallowa, take a trip to the ice caves near Elgin. The editorial family, says the Wallowa Sun, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poole and Kathryn Gregory had this interesting experience Sunday. They have visited many unusual and interesting places before, but never any like this.

Driving out just a few miles from Elgin along the tollgate road one sees a rocky cliff. Leaving the highway the road travels a short distance through ranch land and then for a little longer through the woods where wild flowers and bushes are in bloom. The day was quite warm and uncomfortably hot in the direct rays of the sun, yet the instant we were near the rocks we could feel the cold draught from the caves. Peering around and climbing over the rocks we soon found whence came the "frigid air." There in one cave was a pond of water probably two feet deep and at one side of it was a big cake of ice. Many of the smaller crevices held long cakes of ice or frozen snow. The sun shines in these crevices for only a few minutes during the noon hour and we were fortunate enough to be there at that time and see to the bottom of the crystal clear water.

Lovely moss and ferns grow on the shady side of the canyon and opposite on the rock wall estimated to be at least 200 feet high, small bunches of grass and a few bushes had found enough soil to grow in and there they are thriving away in their precarious location.

This rock wall is certainly a thing of beauty. Towering up to the heavens in a perpendicular line, the blending greens, tans, browns and grays form a picture to please she soul of an artist. In some instances the strata of rocks are horizontal, in others they are curved, while yet farther along the wall the rocks are packed in in perpendicular pieces. In some cases the green is shaling off from the gray and tan rocks like a veneer would do.

The top of the rocky wall seems fairly level and bounds a mesa which stretches away into the distance. Huge boulders have fallen from this formation and tumbled down into the little canyon where they lie in strange position. One huge triangular boulder lies on one point wedged in between smaller rocks and back of it lies one of the smaller caves. Other huge boulders lie as they have fallen but are breaking into pieces where they have been expanded by freezing.

It is said that even on the hottest day in the year ice may always be found in these caves. Some young people, who arrived at the caves after we did, had brought an ax and there on the spot chopped out the ice and froze some ice cream.

The woods near there are of pine and tangled undergrowth and rare wild flowers were found there. One plant of lady's slipper was found, the first we had ever viewed and we had to refer to our flower book guide to name it. It is suggested that if one takes little folks there, there should be plenty of adults to watch them.

The return trip was made via Summerville.

FLYING TO CHICAGO

OTTAWA, July 30 (AP) — Captain Wolfgang von Gronau, continuing his flight from Germany to the Pacific coast, took off at 8:02 a. m., E. S. T., today for Detroit on the way to Chicago.

Kingfisher Superstition

The kingfisher, modern prototype of the fabulous halcyon, is believed to possess many of the latter's virtues. According to those who live near the sea, the plumage of a kingfisher hung in the doorway will protect the dwelling from lightning bolts during stormy seasons.

Redeeming Point

Uncle Henry says he never likes to receive fresh, crisp paper money, because he is afraid the bills will stick together. On the other hand, some of us are quite untroubled, realizing that we must have two of them before they will stick together.—Detroit News.

Rule of Life

So live that you can take the inside of prison for granted.—Toledo Blade.

Beware of Luxury

Decline in civilization has always been due to civilized people becoming so idle and weak from luxury and frivolity that a simpler stronger people overcome them.—Country Life.

Important Experiments Made on Fruit

Work of the horticultural products division of the experiment station here in improving methods of fruit and vegetable processing is widely recognized not only on the coast but through the eastern trade centers, reports E. H. Wiegand, head of this work at Corvallis, who has just returned from a sabbatical year spent in commercial and educational work.

During the year Professor Wiegand made his headquarters in San Francisco and made an extensive study of food manufacturing plants along the coast as well as in the middle west. He visited canneries, preserving plants, syrup manufacturing establishments, bakeries, candy factories, beverage plants and miscellaneous food processing concerns.

"The Pacific northwest is further advanced and in better condition as to food processing than is the rule elsewhere," said Professor Wiegand in the light of his observations and comparisons. "It seems to me the opportunities are greater here for further development than elsewhere in the western states."

The work done here in perfecting a process for making maraschino cherries has had particular wide notice, he reports. He found it is being widely used in California and even back in Michigan, while food packers in the east spoke highly of this work. In Oregon this year between 40,000 and 50,000 barrels of cherries will be processed by the method worked out here, compared with 10,000 in the entire northwest two years ago.

Professor Wiegand has resumed work on two major projects here. One is the testing of strawberry varieties for their preserving quality in an endeavor to find a better berry than the Marshall for the preserving trade which will be a high yielder and have other desirable producing qualities.

The other major project is the study of the effect of spray residues on canning quality of certain fruits, particularly gooseberries, prunes and cherries. Much loss has been occasioned in the past that has been ascribed to sulfur spray residue.

Wallowa's Grain Crops Mature Early

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The extreme dry weather during the past two weeks has caused the grain crops of this section to mature very rapidly. During the past week many of the farmers in the hill farming areas has been busy cutting back-swathes around their winter wheat fields and cutting other parts of the fields for hay. In a few of the early parts of the community a small amount of wheat has already been bound to thresh. Among some of those in the Whiskey creek district who have been binding wheat the last of the week are: Meek brothers and Ed Bell. Others report that their wheat has ripened very fast during the past three days and that he will be ready to start cutting the first of the coming week.

But few of the farmers have had time to do much toward getting their grain hay put up before they must start cutting wheat. It is likely that much of the hay will remain in the shock for another week or ten days until binding is out of the way.

A good many of the larger farmers expect to combine their wheat and this will not be ready for cutting for sometime yet, because of the uneven way in which the grain is ripening.

Reports from a large number of the farms in this end of the valley give rather discouraging reports of prospects for yields of grain. In many parts of the hills where fall sown wheat is usually extremely heavy, the stand is thin and together with heavy damage from frosts and squirrels, farmers are not looking for much of a yield. In many instances the crops are less than half that of a normal season.

The past two weeks have been very severe on spring grain in the dry farming districts. Up to right after the 4th, the grain appeared to be doing quite well. However, with continued dry weather and hot winds much of the time, most of the fields have burned badly. The shortage of moisture has resulted in a very light straw growth and much of the short grain will be cut for hay.

At a few places in the hills where farmers had a small amount of alfalfa of the dry land type some extremely heavy cuttings of hay have been secured. A considerable number of the dry farmers here state that they are going to seed a part of their ranches to alfalfa as soon as they have the money with which to purchase seed. Extremely heavy crops were secured at the Glenn Tulley farm on Dry creek and also at the G. F. Reel farm on the foothills south of Middle valley.

WALLOWA CO. PIONEERS HOLD ANNUAL MEET AT HEAD OF WALLOWA LAKE

Judge and Mrs. U. G. Couch and their granddaughter Miss Marjorie Smith, of Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Julius Roesch, Miss Tillie Hug, Mrs. Sam Williamson and Jackie Barrie, were among those from this county who drove to Wallowa lake Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the Wallowa County Pioneers association. The day is reported tto have been a most enjoyable one and the story brought back by Union county's representatives agrees with the following account given in the Enterprise Record-Chieftain:

At the meeting of Wallowa county pioneers yesterday at the head of Wallowa lake, Mrs. Frank Pearce of Lostine was elected president of the association for the coming year. The election came after J. A. Burleigh, the president for 1931-32 had refused to serve for another term.

Dr. H. W. Oliver was elected to the vice presidency, and J. Harley Horner was elected secretary-treasurer, an office he held this year.

The pioneers gathered in the morning and visited together, enjoying a picnic dinner at noon.

The program was held in the dance pavilion where seats had been provided and got under way about 2 o'clock. President J. A. Burleigh called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Rev. Weston F. Shields of Enterprise.

Walter G. Beith of Joseph gave the address of welcome, a brief talk filled with characteristic Beith humor. Mr. Burleigh responded briefly and then Mr. Horner read the minutes of the meeting held last year at Lostine.

Miss Effie Scott and Arthene Cray of Wallowa sang as a duet, "School Days" and "The Old Gray Bonnet," and responded to an encore.

Dorothy Hamilton and Betty Jane Ortman danced the minuet in costume with Mrs. Nina Gibson accompanying them.

Under committee reports Walter Beith stated that he was still working on the history of the county and might get it completed some day, maybe never. Mrs. E. W. Steel of the new membership committee reported 18 new members joining since last year.

Melvin Crow of Lostine sang a baritone solo, "Until," and responded to an encore.

Mrs. Tom Williamson of Joseph gave a very humorous reading and this was followed by a soprano solo by Mrs. Helen Kay of Enterprise who sang "The Old, Old Story."

A brief memorial exercise was held for the departed pioneers who had passed away during the past year, Mrs. J. C. Conley, substituting for Mrs. Victoria Moody, gave a short sketch of the life of each one. Members of the organization who had passed during the year were Rodney McCrea, Mrs. G. C. Gowing, John Boner, E. A. Hart, Lee R. DeVore, Mrs. Nell Branson, George L. Cole, H. M. Williams, Mrs. Emma Childers, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller of La Grande.

Winning poems in the contest sponsored by J. Neilson Berry of Portland, were read by Mrs. Steel and Mrs. Nettie Ashley, and are reproduced in this issue of the Chieftain.

Another poem written by W. G. Beith about Wallowa lake was also read.

Musical selections were given by a double quartet from Lostine, all young people and all good singers. As Mr. Burleigh stated it would be a hard job to find as many musicians for the size of the town, in any town in Oregon as in Lostine. The quartett sang four selections before the audience was satisfied.

State Senator Colon R. Eberhard gave a brief, well chosen address to the gathering stressing the growth of Wallowa county from early days until the present. He said he considered there were three phases in Wallowa county life that marked its progress. The first was the first wagon road into the county in 1880, the second the recognition as a county in 1886, and the third the coming of the railroad.

Another poem especially dedicated to the pioneers present was read by Mrs. Mary Allen of Joseph. It was written by Mrs. Fred W. Fitzpatrick and its reading was made a part of the memorial exercises. At its conclusion the audience stood with bowed heads for one minute in tribute to the departed.

Dr. Oliver was called upon for a few remarks and told of early education in the county.

On invitation of Lostine the pioneers will meet in that city next year, the last Wednesday in July as usual.

On motion of the meeting it was decided to have the secretary write to J. A. Masterson and tell him how sorry the pioneers were that he could not attend the meeting this year. Mr. Masterson is the oldest living Wallowa county pioneer, coming here in 1872. He was unable to come to the meeting on account of illness.

The meeting closed with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

TODAY WE HAVE

Borrowing the following story from Fred Lockley's column, we believe we give readers of this page a story which has interest because of the years of residence of Mrs. Clark in various sections of this valley.

"I live with my daughter, Mrs. Ed Wright, at Salem," said Mrs. Anna Clark when I interviewed her recently at Butteville. Mrs. Clark was born on the farm of her father, W. H. Rees, near Butteville, on February 18, 1852.

"My mother, whose maiden name was Amanda Hall, crossed the plains in 1845," said Mrs. Clark. "Her brother, B. F. Hall, was one of the pioneer settlers near Woodburn. My grandfather's name was J. E. Hall and Grandmother's maiden name was Cynthia Groom. They were both born in Kentucky but they went to Missouri, coming from that state across the plains to Oregon in 1845. They were in the wagon train that took Meek's cutoff and that had such a disastrous experience through lack of water and grass for their cattle. They finally made their way to The Dalles and came down the Columbia river on rafts.

"My uncle, B. F. Hall, went to the California gold mines in 1848. In the spring of 1854 he married Mary A. Johnson, a daughter of the Rev. Neill Johnson, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1851.

"My father, Willard Hall Rees, was born at Smyrna, Del., September 17, 1818. Curiously enough, he was born in the same house in which his great-grandfather, his grandfather and his mother were born. My father's people were Quakers and came from Wales. They settled in Delaware in 1682. At that time Delaware was a part of the William Penn grant. My father became an orphan when he was 14. His uncle, David Rees, became his guardian. When father was 8 years old his parents moved to Cincinnati. His father's name was Thomas Rees and his mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Griffin. Father was one of 12 children.

"One of my father's brothers, M. S. Rees, settled at Cove, in Union county. Another brother, Major R. R. Rees, was editor of a paper in Walla Walla. His brother S. G. Rees was accidentally killed at Alturas, Cal. His brother Thomas Playton Rees was drowned in Kansas. Still another brother, Lieutenant G. A. Rees, was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain while serving under General Sherman. His brother Corwin P. Rees became an officer in the United States navy. My father, William H. Rees, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1844 in company with John Minto, Daniel Clark and many other well known pioneers.

"I married John S. Clark on October 9, 1873. My husband was a son of Daniel Clark. Daniel Clark was born in Kings county, Ireland, February 14, 1824. He went with his parents to Quebec in 1826 and in 1836 they moved to Missouri. When my husband's father, Daniel Clark, was 13 years old he struck out for himself. He was paid $8 a month to cut cordwood. When he was 18 he was foreman on a plantation. When he arrived in Oregon the first work he did was to make fence rails. In 1846 he married Bertha B. Herren. He went to the California gold fields in the fall of 1848. A few months later he came back to Oregon to get his wife and baby. In 1850 he returned to the Willamette valley and to his farm, five miles south of Salem. His wife died in 1861, and in 1865 he married Harriet Schoeffer. He was elected master of the State Grange in 1873.

"James Welch was another member of the 1844 emigration. In 1846 he went to Astoria and took a land claim next to that of John McClure. My sister married his son, James W. Welch, and lives on East Salmon street in Portland.

"James B. Stevens also crossed the plains in 1844. East Portland is built on his land claim.

"My father, Willard H. Rees, was one of the organizers of the Oregon Pioneer association.

"Not long after my marriage, in 1870, my husband and I moved up to The Cove, near La Grande, in Eastern Oregon. Herman Geer, father of Governor T. T. Geer, was our neighbor at The Cove. In the summer of 1880 we moved to Island City. Later we moved to La Grande. For 33 years my husband was with the M. & M. company, selling farm implements. He died 12 years ago at Hot Lake.

"My sister Mrs. Hendershot lives at 24th and Knott streets, in Portland. If you will see her she can tell you about our girlhood on French prairie."

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When Willard H. Rees arrived in Oregon he went to see Dr. John McLoughlin, who gave him a contract to build a mill near Astoria. This mill was completed by the spring of 1845. Mr. Rees then took the contract to build the Catholic church at Oregon City. Later he built the Catholic church at St. Louis. While building this church on French prairie he bought the land claim of Stephen Pelchie, paying $875 for it. In 1847 he married Miss Amanda Hall, who was born in Missouri on August 20, 1828, and who was the daughter of James E. Hall, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845.

In the fall of 1848 W. H. Rees started for the California gold fields with a pack train. He mined on the Mokelumne river. They were attacked by Indians, one member of his party being killed and one wounded. In February, 1849, Mr. Rees returned to the Willamette valley, bringing with him $3000 in gold dust. With O. S. Thomas and William Whiting he built a sawmill and gristmill on Deer creek at what is now Aurora. In 1847 he was elected a member of the territorial legislature and, as chairman of the committee on counties, he named Linn county.

Mrs. Clark is one of 12 children. Her oldest sister, Lydia, now Mrs. J. W. Welch, lives in Portland. Her sister Elizabeth, who married William Hendershot, also lives in Portland. Mrs. Clark was the next child. Then came Laura C., who married Dr. C. H. Day. David was the next child. Then came Thomas H., Harry L., and Park A., the last named being a dentist. Willard H., named for his father, was the next child. The other children were Clara A., Priscilla and Lilly, the latter dying in her 16th year. Mr. Rees was one of the organizers of the famous pioneer Lyceum and Literary club at Oregon City, out of which movement developed the Oregon Spectator, Oregon's first newspaper.

GRETA GARBO TO SAIL

NEW YORK, July 30 (AP) — More than 500 Voyageurs arranged to sail today on liners leaving this port, and one of them was presumed to be the elusive Greta Garbo.

Miss Garbo was not booked for passage, but the general belief was she would be aboard the Swedish-American liner Gripsholm when it sailed shortly after noon.

BREAKS HER ARM

LONDON, July 30 (AP) — Megan Lloyd George, daughter of David Lloyd George, broke her arm today by a fall in her garden.