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OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



COVE PERSONALS

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore. (Special)—The Cove Dairy Club won the judging contest at the 4-H club picnic at Union Wednesday. The team consisted of Allen Lloyd and Gale Mills and Billy Duncan, and Gale, Billy and Allen will be given a trip either to the state fair at Salem or a trip to the International at Portland, and they have chosen the trip to the International. Lloyd Mills is an alternate.

Mrs. H. G. Avery and Mrs. Frank McKennon were visitors at the home of Mrs. J. E. Mills Friday afternoon.

Among the Cove visitors at the 4-H club picnic Wednesday were the Comstock family, the Mills, the Beckers, the Bells, both Roy and Ernest, La Verne Houx, Darrel De Bordo and O. B. Robinson.

Mrs. E. H. Bell went to Hot Lake early in the week for medical attention.

Leonard Allen, assistant state club leader and his family, of Corvallis, were guests of his mother for several days last week.

Mrs. Minnie McDaniel returned Thursday from a visit to Halfway where she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, and also visited friends in Eagle valley.

Mrs. Clifford Loree, who underwent an operation at Hot Lake about ten days ago, is making satisfactory improvement.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman Trippe and daughter, Denise, who live in Idaho on Snake river, were here for a few days but had to return for further treatment.

Inez Marks, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marks, has returned from a visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Broadhead, at Dayton, Wash. Inez went to Dayton with her grandparents but returned alone on the stage.

Mrs. Haskell Bloom, who is camping with her husband in the mountains, came home for a few days.

Royal Boekgren and Rev. Fred Green, of Freewater, have gone on a trip to the Canadian Rockies and expect to be gone about ten days.

Mrs. R. I. Barker and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Wells, went to Muddy Creek Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniels.

Mrs. Thomas C. Hefty and Mrs. J. E. Mills were hosts to the Ladies' Guild Thursday afternoon at the home of the former. Fall flowers were used in decoration. After the business meeting bridge was played at four tables. Mrs. T. R. Conklin winning the high score and Miss Margery Allen receiving low. A dainty lunch was served after the games.

Members present were Mrs. G. E. Barker, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. LaViolette, Miss Lola Marten, Mrs. T. R. Conklin, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. L. J. Chadwick, and guests were Mrs. Charles Mangreen, Miss Dorothy Mills, Mrs. Ella Allen and daughter, Miss Margery of Baker; Miss Lyle Ingram, of Pendleton; Mrs. W. J. Hallmark, and Mrs. Dean Pickett.

Miss Mae Stearns of La Grande, came over Saturday bringing some guests of hers, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cookins and son, Richard, and Mrs. Mildred Huddleston, formerly Miss son who was assisted by Miss Veda Trindall, all of Salem. Miss Trin-

at FALK'S

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Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—Isaiah 26: 3.

ANOTHER FIRE

Hundreds of people witnessed the destruction of the high school building last night. Though the fire was confined to the roof and upper floors of the structure, principally, hardly a room escaped the water damage that inevitably accompanies the ravages of the flames. And it will be a good many weeks before the building can be restored.

In fiction it is rather common to picture school boys and girls witnessing the burning of their school building in great glee as they contemplate the prospects of being dismissed from the obligation of attending classes. But the crowds of high school students who came to the fire last night showed no such attitude. They were sensible enough to realize that school will be held in spite of the fire, and that the inconveniences involved in holding classes in other buildings will greatly interfere with their studies as well as the many other school activities.

The idea that seemed uppermost in the minds of most witnesses of the fire was that the person who started it should be apprehended and punished; for there is no doubt of the fact that the fire was set by some pyromaniac — one of those pernicious enemies of society which possess a morbid craving for seeing flames eating into the property of others. Nearly four years ago the high school was badly damaged by fire which was believed to be of incendiary origin. During the past spring and summer there have been several fires which were set, and firemen last night found unmistakable evidence of incendiary. Every effort should be made to bring the guilty party to justice.

But another thought that was impressed upon the minds of those who witnessed the battle with the flames was that our firemen were greatly handicapped by the lack of proper equipment, especially ladders. The men had no ladders that would reach to the top of the building, and only one set that would reach the windows of the second floor. So, in spite of the fact that the flames were confined to a relatively small area when the firemen reached the building, they were unable to carry enough hose lines to the roof to prevent the spread of the flames to other sections of the structure.

The firemen themselves are of the opinion that with the proper equipment they could have checked the fire in little more than an hour. As it was, they had to shoot the water up over the walls and let it fall in upon the flames, which is bound to be a rather hit-or-miss method. If long ladders had been available to permit taking the hose lines to the roof, the firemen could have shot their streams of water at the base of the flames and soon controlled the situation.

At intervals during the past three to five years there has been agitation for adding a hook-and-ladder truck to the city's fire fighting equipment, but nothing has ever been done about it. Last night's fire only serves to emphasize the fact that saving money on the fire department is false economy. Anyone can see that the fire department should at least have ladders that will reach to the top of the tallest building in town if we are to have ample protection.

And the fact that another fire broke out (in a house two blocks away) during the high school conflagration last night should make it clear that we need two pumper trucks. Two pumpers could have been used to good advantage on the high school fire alone, but when two fires occur at the same time, two trucks are absolutely essential, especially if both fires are serious.

Additional equipment costs money, of course. But it pays for itself in protection. And if things go on as they are, we may find that insurance rates in La Grande are going up.

Other Papers Say:

ALARM OF THE RADICALS

The alarm which liberal organs are beginning to show over the speeches of Mr. Roosevelt is highly enlightening. They cheer him, of course, in the first parts of his several addresses, since he invariably opens his talks with attacks upon the administration; but they are beginning to awaken to the fact that the latter parts of these several speeches do not give any assurance of the radical measures the liberal organs advocate. In fact, the New Republic describes the public appeals of the Democratic nominee in these words:

"The Roosevelt speech is like a skyrocket which, after a showering rush into the heavens, pops off into a few weak and quickly extinguished colored lights. . . . It looks as if he were trying to please the radicals by showing how mistaken Hoover is and how badly he has done, and at the same time to please the conservatives by promising to refrain from doing what Hoover has done, without doing very much else."

The nation, like the New Republic,

black and white before the nation; these words are written into the laws. Mr. Roosevelt can promise anything, so long as he does it vaguely, and he may or may not fulfill these vague promises. At least, the mouse to which he has given birth in New York state does not give assurance of the mountain he promises of the nation.—Portland Oregonian.

TARIFF TALK

Residents of Washington state should consider carefully the effects of a tariff for revenue only if they have an idea they would like to cast their ballot for Franklin D. Roosevelt for president. The agricultural industry of this state, which includes such important items as eggs, butter, hides, wool, etc., has grown to large proportions under the protecting wing of tariff schedules drafted by Republican congresses. Lowering of the tariffs, as the Democrats propose, would place the Washington farmer at the mercy of those in foreign countries who are able, on a lower standard of living and with a debased currency, to undersell us cheaply.

Poultry raisers of this state, for example, should realize that they sell one dozen eggs at the price an importer can buy five dozen in China, ship them across the Pacific and sell at 50 per cent under the Washington producer's market. This is due to the low value of the silver dollar in the orient.

An American dollar in the Orient today will buy \$3 worth of goods. An exporter, with a low tariff, could buy goods in the orient, ship them to this country and still undersell our product while making from 50 to 200 per cent profit.

Even on trade with Canada the rate of exchange is such that an American dollar will buy \$1.14 worth of Canadian goods. These can be shipped into the United States at a profit on the currency alone of 14 per cent, if it were not for tariff protection.

Not only our agricultural products but our lumber and some other manufactures of Washington state would be in a sorry predicament if the tariff for revenue principle prevailed. Farmers and laborers would be obliged to meet a ruinous type of competition, resulting, eventually, in conditions more serious than the unemployed are experiencing during the depression.—Walla Walla Bulletin.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$150,000; FIRE SET BY INCENDIARY

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writing room, indicating where the incendiary entered and made his escape, probably leaving the window open to insure sufficient draft for the fire.

Insurance adjusters were expected to arrive tonight or tomorrow to begin their investigations.

Hiram Pesch, janitor, left the school at 7:30 p. m. and was well at that time. At 8:35 o'clock the fire alarm was turned in and a few minutes later the flames flared from the top of the building beneath billowing clouds of heavy, black smoke. As the fire progressed the sky was illuminated sufficiently that the blaze could be seen over most of the Grande Ronde valley.

Two or three citizens passing the building shortly before the fire alarm smelled smoke but could see no trace of any fire. One of them, looking at the school from his home a short while later, saw a light in the upper floor, and a few moments later the alarm was turned in.

The fire department responded with all of its equipment and fought until 2:20 a. m. when the fire was completely extinguished. For awhile the blaze was combated from the inside, but smoke grew so thick that it overcame several men, who had to be helped from the building. No one was injured, however. From the outside, it was a difficult task, with no long ladders to enable them to reach the upper floor and direct their streams of water where it would have done the most good. Eventually, however, with several streams of water playing on the building, the fire was controlled.

Aid Fire Department

Students and townspeople joined together in carrying equipment from the burning building, a number of them forming a line from the front basement entrance and passing the articles along. Some of the equipment was damaged by water and will require considerable repair.

For more than four hours the

flames raged fiercely, smothered in one section only to break out again in another section.

Water was played on the Central school at intervals and it escaped any fire damage, although located within a comparatively short distance of the high school.

Fences Erected Today

This morning fences were erected around the burned building, and workmen were to begin clearing up the debris very soon. Nearly every resident of La Grande and many from nearby communities visited the school either during the fire or today, although firemen reported the crowd as orderly and helpful, in no way interfering with their work.

During the fire, shortly before 11 o'clock, a house on Seventh and L, owned by Grant Tucker, of Union, was caught fire and was destroyed. The fire necessitated the sending of some equipment from the high school fire. The house was unoccupied and there was no furniture. Reports were heard that two persons were seen running from the building and firemen, reporting that the blaze started inside the building, were of the belief this too was the work of a fire bug.

One other fire occurred during the night, at the Sacajawea Inn, a story of which appears elsewhere in today's Observer.

Jack E. Wright, manager, turned over the State theatre to the High school, and most of last night was spent storing books, equipment, etc., there. No charge will be made by Mr. Wright.

It was announced today that all grade schools will begin at the regular time and place Monday morning.

Fish Fished Fisherman

A sixteen-year-old lad, of Tanigale, Ceylon, while fishing at the mouth of a river was carried more than 50 yards out to sea by a big fish. Then he relinquished his rod and swam back to safety. Two fishermen went out in a boat and picked up the rod. A big fish then sprang to the surface, broke the line and escaped.

Edison's Last Work

For several years previous to Thomas A. Edison's death he devoted his time to investigation and experiments looking toward the production of rubber from plants, bushes, shrubs, etc., grown in the United States to meet possible national emergencies.

In the longest game ever played in the Texas league, a 23-inning contest between San Antonio and Waco, the opposing pitchers went the whole route.

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Glow, E. McManus, B. F. Wyde, Martin Mackey, Cecil Young, J. P. Caldwell, L. J. Lindsay, William Caldwell, Frank Robinson, Max McMillan, Ned Jones, Guy McMillan, Donn Poirch, E. R. Parker, Ray Bennett, Grover Crews, Frank Young, Paul De F. Mortimore, Everett Reynolds, Lee Johnson, Lawrence Fillmore, Jack Denny, Ralph Geibel, Grace Sully, Bob Long and Howard Peterson.

ALICEL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Carl Fuller (Observer Correspondent)
ALICEL (Special)—Mrs. Lillie Roason and children, Robert and Dorothy of Kennewick, Wash., were visiting at Harry Ruhl's Monday. They are former Alicel residents.

Miss Margaret Taylor, of La Grande, spent Sunday at the Bruce Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Routh McKennon spent Sunday at the Ed Bull home at Pleasant Grove.

Miss Eva Ledbetter left Sunday for Lewiston, Ida., where she will begin her third year as teacher in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fritsvold, of Low Angeles, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wertman who live on the highway between Alicel and Imbler.

Last Thursday while D. B. Ruckman and son, Tom, were driving into La Grande from their home near Ali-

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