

OVER THE VALLEY

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On Annual Round-Up—Stockmen in the Summerville vicinity are riding the range this week bringing in their cattle. Frank Oliver, Burt Oliver, Hugh Park, Frank Woodell, of that locality and Charles and Deo Smuts, of the saddle hill near La Grande are at the Finley creek cow camp, while Dillard Choate, Clyde McKenzie, Dave Sanderson, Blille Bay, George Murchison riding for A. J. Arnoldus, Alex McKenzie and Art Behrens are at the Phillips creek camp. Earl Park and Clyde Myers are riding around the low hills.

Gets Fine Buck—Richard Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Miller, of Lower Cove, and his uncle, N. T. Gray, came in from the mountains during the weekend with a fine 4-point buck which Richard had succeeded in bringing down.

Young Man Killed—Friends and relatives in the valley have received word of the death of Ronald Warden who was killed in an automobile accident Saturday. The young man is the step son of Simon Woodell, now residing at Orange, Cal., but formerly a resident of this valley and a brother of several valley residents now. Ronald was the oldest son of Mrs. Woodell.

Comes For Funeral—Tracy Wade, of Portland, came into the valley during the weekend to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Rankin Edgar, of Lower Cove, whose death had occurred on the preceding Friday.

On Business—Miss Charibel Nye, of Corvallis, state leader of home economics extension and a representative of the state's relief commission, and Miss Lucy Lewis, also of Corvallis, were expected to arrive in Union county today for a short business stay. Miss Lewis, who is superintendent of libraries at the higher institutions of learning under the new arrangement is visiting the library at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, while Miss Nye is conferring with relief officers here.

District Council Meeting—The meeting of the grange district council—masters, lecturers, secretaries and home economics chairmen, will be held at the Blue Mt. grange next Saturday beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The Union County Pomona grange is the host organization and all grangers of Union county are welcome to attend. There will also be representatives present from Wallowa, Baker and Umatilla counties. Mrs. Frank Wright of the Valeria district, chairman of the Pomona H. E. C. committee is in charge of the arrangements for the day and is asking grange members of Union county to bring cake, sandwiches and salads. This is the first meeting of the kind in this state and it is expected that the attendance will be large with many visitors coming in from the outside counties.

Much Better—Roy Bell, of above the Cove, has just about recovered from his recent attack of the flu. He has been ill for about two weeks and was detained at his home and unable to attend the P. I. show on account of his illness.

Theodore Johnson Weds—Theodore Johnson, prominent farmer, living north of Alice and Miss Anne Hallyburton, of The Dalles were married at a beautiful ceremony held Sunday morning at the home of the bride at The Dalles. After a wedding trip they will be at home on the groom's farm in the valley. Miss Butts, teacher in the grade schools in The Dalles was a member of the wedding party. Mr. Johnson is a brother or Mrs. Charles Gekeler of the Grange Hall neighborhood and Mrs. Sylvia Foster of La Grande.

At The Mills' Home—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills and family of near the Cove have had at their recent guests Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Flora and Phyllis and Charles Flora of Nampa, Ida., who had been visiting friends in La Grande. The Flora family are former residents of Rocky Springs, Wyo., and at the same time that Mr. and Mrs. Mills lived there. That was a dozen or more years ago.

Visit Parents—Mrs. Dwight Freshman and young son, Paul, have been in Wallowa for several days, visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson of Lower Valley.

Returns Home—Walter Woodell has returned to his home at Los Angeles following a visit of a few weeks among his many relatives in the valley, particularly in the Summerville and Dry Creek neighborhoods.

Home For Sunday—Louie Phillips, of Island City, employed at the Pioneer flouring mills has been a patient at the Hot Lake sanatorium for the last three weeks and seems to be improving in health. He came home for a visit Sunday returning that evening to the lake.

Has Twin Calves—Well, our young friend, J. Newton Fisher of the Shanghai district is happy again because his much-loved Holstein cow had some fine specimens of twin calves this last week. J. Newton is one of the younger livestock "men" of the valley and he already has some fine stock.

In Portland—Dale Richards, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon experiment station near Union has returned from Portland where he spent several days at the Pacific International. Mr. Richards reports it was indeed a fine show this year.

To Entertain Association—Members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges at Summerville are busy planning for a week from Friday night, when they will entertain the members of the county association of Union county. They report a pro-

gram of entertainment and refreshments following.

Return Home—Principal and Mrs. Williams, of the Lexington school, returned to their home from a few days spent in Salem, Mr. Williams attended the principal's meetings at Salem, while Mrs. Williams, who is president of the Wallowa county branch, attended the sessions of the Oregon state conference of the A. A. U. W.

Have Day Together—A group of families in the Cove vicinity, together with some house guests, enjoyed Sunday together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bell above the Cove. Two meals were enjoyed together and at each the chef item of the menu was China peasant. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell, Gertrude and Roberta Bell, Mrs. Kephart and daughter, Ethel, of Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Houston and Evelyn.

Is Better—Lucille Keenan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keenan, of near Imbler, is reported to be improving and makes trips from her home to La Grande for treatment. It will be remembered that Lucille was struck with a tennis ball on her leg and injured the bone resulting in a fracture which has caused her much suffering since.

Moves Home—Mrs. Irene Conrad, who has been staying at the George McDonald home on Pumpkin Ridge during the summer and fall months has returned to her home in Summerville.

Guests From The East—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bidwell, of Island City, had for their guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Luthier, of Washington, D. C. The visitors had been making a visit with relatives in Portland and stopped off here on their way home. Mr. Luthier is an architect in the capital city.

New Skim Milk—Copies of the new leaflet, "Home Use of Dried Skim Milk Powder," are being sent to the county relief committees of the state, by Miss Charibel Nye, state leader of Oregon State college home economics extension. Miss Nye is doing this at the request of the state food committee of Governor Meier's relief council. This leaflet gives directions for reconstituting milk and contains a number of recipes for cream soups, chowders and desserts. Although skim milk contains no vitamin A, it is a valuable source of building material. It is good to use in low cost diets where it is impossible to provide whole milk. Many dairies in Oregon are now making powdered skim milk. This leaflet may be obtained upon request by writing the local home economics extension office.

To Heppner—Miss Vera Case, of the Valeria district, Miss Elsie Tucker, of the Alice school, and Harold Schroeder, of near Island City, motored to Heppner Sunday where they spent the day with Miss Tucker's relatives. They report a very enjoyable trip.

Countrywomen's Club—The regular meeting of the Countrywomen's club will be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mabel Anson, near Island City.

At The Lake—Mrs. Earl Park of the Dry Creek neighborhood is a patient at Hot Lake where she has been for the past week receiving treatment for a bad case of infection which started in the index finger of her right hand.

Will Move To Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Miller, whose ranch is on the "shell" on the side of Mt. Harris will move down into the valley for the severer winter weather and will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Miller of Lower Cove.

Island City Aid—Mrs. Mary Blokland will entertain the members of the Island City Ladies Aid society tomorrow, Thursday afternoon at her home near the Island. A large attendance is desired.

In Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce of near Hot Lake went down to Portland on Thursday and spent a few days there, with friends, looking after business and visiting the Pacific International Livestock show.

Ill Again—Grandpa Schroeder of Island City was quite ill and then improved considerably is reported as being ill again. Mr. Schroeder is quite advanced in years and any illness goes very hard with him.

Returns To California—Glenn Patten, who accompanied the remains of his wife, Mrs. Velma Miller, to their former home in Elgin for burial returned to his home at Gridley, near Sacramento, Cal., the latter part of the week. The two children in the Patten home, which was broken up by the death of the mother, will remain here. The older, a little girl eight years old, will live with her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Shoemaker, in Elgin and go to school, while the little boy, aged five will live with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Miller on Cricket Flat. Mr. and Mrs. Patten had lived in Elgin until two years ago this winter when he was transferred to the Safeway store at Gridley.

Pioneer Mill Visited—The Pioneer flouring mill at Island City was visited again Sunday night, the masquers breaking in and taking about eight barrels of flour as nearly as can be estimated. The desk was also rifed but nothing of importance taken it is reported.

TENNIS GAME FATAL—BRISTOL, England (AP)—Edwin George Davis met death here playing tennis. Davis, 28, fell over backwards trying to reach a hard one and dislocated his neck.

Charcoal Is Easily Made at Home

Charcoal which is recommended in the diet of hogs and poultry can be made at home, according to E. H. Steffen, head of the forestry and range management department at Washington State college. This is especially true of this section of the West.

When charcoal is the only product of the charring process sought the open pit method can be used. There are several points to remember when preparing for this method of manufacture, advises Mr. Steffen. The site for burning operations should not require much clearing and should be cleared down to the mineral soil. The site should be close to the wood which is to be charred.

The pit should be accessible to some means of transportation. It should be well protected from the wind so the draft can be better regulated. The soil should be heavy and not sandy so as to eliminate excess air coming up from the soil and causing fast burning.

The wood which is to be charred should be cut into 2 or 4 foot lengths and split into pieces about 3 or 4 inches in diameter. The pieces should be as uniform in size as possible so that all will be charred evenly. It is important that the wood be thoroughly seasoned, advises Mr. Steffen. In piling the pieces should be set up on end to form a compact pile.

The form of the pile may vary from a regular cone to an obtuse or truncated cone; that is, a pile running out to a point with the point cut off. An opening should be left at the base through which a draft of air may be admitted if necessary and a vertical flue should be built in the exact center of the pile to carry off the smoke.

The pile is covered with grass, leaves, moss, branches, or needles, depending upon the available material. This covering should be put on to a depth of from 3 to 5 inches. This will keep the soil or dirt covering which is put on next from sitting down between the sticks of wood. The dirt covering should be from 2 to 5 inches in depth. A heavy soil free from sand and gravel should be used for this purpose. These coverings will exclude the air as much as possible and thus prevent burning during the charring process.

The pile should be ignited by dropping a fire to the base of the central flue and the whole pile gradually chars upward and outward, explains Mr. Steffen. During the burning process the draft lets at the base may be opened or closed to regulate the rate of burning and in some cases it may be necessary to close the central flue. The pit should be closely watched to see that flames do not break out. If the pile caves in and flames appear, they should be smothered with dirt.

The length of time required for burning depends upon the kind of wood used, size and condition, method of piling, temperature and weather. However, as a rule it will require one day for each cord in the pile. Wood or any species of tree available can be made into good charcoal but the wood of the hardwood or broad leaved trees is supposed to make the best charcoal for feeding purposes.

To Give Program—The groups of Camp Fire girls at the Cove are arranging a program which they will give Saturday evening at the Cove gymnasium. Among other features on the program will be three one-act plays. The entertainment is open to the public.

Home From Hospital—Mrs. Clarence Becker, who has been a patient at the Grande Ronde hospital for a number of weeks has been removed to her home in the Frosty district very much improved. Mrs. Albert Becker has been taking care of the young son in the Clarence Becker family during his mother's illness.

Given Surprise—Members of the Odd Fellows lodge at Summerville were given a very fine surprise following their last meeting when the Rebekahs went in uninvited and served them the loveliest chicken pie supper which did not make them mad, in the least. There were probably 25 in the crowd and they had a wonderfully fine time together.

Have New Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gordon, of Elgin, are the parents of a fine new baby daughter, born to them Thursday of last week. The little girl weighed nine pounds and has been christened "Thelma Geraldine."

Visits—Mrs. E. Sanderson of Summerville is visiting this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Woodell, while Mr. Woodell is riding the range.

Given Surprise—A few friends of Mrs. Ralph Comstock gave her a "surprise" Saturday afternoon when they arrived simultaneously at her home in the Mill Creek canyon taking party refreshments and a gift. The afternoon was spent playing bridge and after the game lunch was served. Mrs. Comstock won the prize and was given a pretty bridge lamp. The guests were Mrs. Albert Becker, Mrs. Hefty, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Coad, Mrs. Lay, Mrs. A. O. Conklin, Mrs. T. R. Conklin, Mrs. P. A. Conklin, Mrs. Bertach and Mrs. Price.

Lose Livestock—Farmers in the Rock Creek neighborhood have been losing livestock recently it is reported, from a bad case of having eaten frosted alfalfa. Cal McCullough a farmer in that locality lost 40 head of sheep and D. M. Carlmill of the same neighborhood lost six milk cows.

Given Birthday Dinner—E. B. Long, whose home is north of Summerville, was given a splendid birthday dinner Sunday at his home. The day preceding, Saturday, having been his 85th birthday. Mrs. Long served one of her lovely dinners, the guests being, besides the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch, of Imbler, Mrs. E. Sanderson and Mrs. Frank Woodell, of Summerville, and Mrs. Burt Oliver, of Sanderson Springs.

In La Grande—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Powers, of Medicine Springs, drove into the valley proper Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dennis, former La Grande residents who were here for a short stay. During the day, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. William Miller were guests at the home of Mrs. Mae Moran.

Get Bucks—Tom Blackman and George Ambrose, of Island City, were among the successful deer hunters who spent Sunday in the mountains.

Charles Hefty's Birthday—Friday evening, Mrs. T. C. Hefty, of above the Cove, gave a dinner honoring her son, Charles' birthday. Charles' birthday is quite near and the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Towle, Verma and Clifford and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Love. A birthday cake with eight candles was the centerpiece. After the dinner the children spent a happy hour playing games assisted by their elders.

Dogs Get Sheep—Mrs. N. R. Gray, writing from Cove says that last Monday night a pack of 14 town dogs from Cove raided a sheep camp in a Conley field and killed two of French and sons' rams, Dean Puckett, who was herding the band, fought them off with a pitch fork and then phoned for Mr. French who got there in time to shoot several of the dogs and identify most of the others.

New and Economic Dishes—Cracked wheat or whole wheat, one of the least expensive foods a person can buy now, can be prepared in a variety of ways by the housewife who likes to cut her food cost. "Home Use of Wheat," the new service leaflet prepared by Miss Lucy A. Case, extension specialist in nutrition, contains a number of recipes for using and cooking wheat. It has one recipe on how to make hominy from wheat, sent in by an Oregon homemaker. This is a dish high in calories. This leaflet may be obtained by writing the local home economics extension office.

Estimate Oregon Crops Is Published

October crop estimates issued by the United States department of agriculture have been reviewed by the extension economist at Oregon State college showing their significance to Oregon growers. The estimates show that Oregon has a larger apple crop being harvested in the face of a greatly reduced commercial crop in the United States as a whole. They also show that the potato crop of the northwest is about 10 per cent under last year. Significant features of the estimates follow:

Apples—The commercial production last year was below last year, and 4 1/2 million barrels below average, while Oregon has a commercial crop 550,000 barrels above last year, though below the average. Hood River valley crop is unusually clean compared with heavy worm losses in neighboring areas.

Potatoes—Total late potato production is about 6 per cent under last year. Oregon's production is estimated slightly below last year but nearby competing areas are also low, so that total production is estimated at about 10 per cent under last year for the three Pacific northwest states.

Wheat—Total production in the United States is about 184,000,000 bushels under last year, while Oregon shows nearly 3,000,000 bushels in 1932, or about 1 1/2 per cent above average.

Feed grain—Marked increases are shown in all feed grains and hay throughout the United States. Corn shows more than 250,000,000 bushels above average. Oregon, which annually imports more corn than is raised here, shows a jump in production from 1,900,000 bushels last year to 2,410,000 bushels this year.

Pears—Total production slightly under last year's figures but slightly above average. Oregon shows increase from 1,995,000 bushels last year to 2,880,000 this year.

Nuts—Oregon walnut production is estimated at 2,700 tons compared with 2,500 last year. Filbert production for Oregon is off slightly, being estimated at 400 tons compared with 500 tons a year ago.

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Through the office of the county agricultural agent, Harry G. Avery, a quantity of crested wheat grass seed has been received in this county and will be distributed over in the Union section for testing out. Results obtained by farmers in other sections have shown that this grass is well adapted to the drier lands as a pasture and hay plant. Stockmen who have been looking for a palatable hay and pasture grass with which to improve ranges and re-seed abandoned fields believe that in this they will find a solution to their problem.

The United States department of agriculture has issued a new bulletin dealing with crested wheat grass in the United States. A brief review of this bulletin indicates that crested wheat grass, a native of the cold, dry plains of Russia and Siberia, was introduced into the United States by the department of agriculture in 1898. It is a perennial grass characterized by a long productive life and ability to be cut at low temperatures. As a result of its ability to grow at low temperatures, the grass starts earlier than any other grass in the spring and will grow later in the fall.

Crested wheat grass is well adapted to the northern great plains area where temperatures are severe and moisture is limited. It does well however, on soils of almost any temperature and responds to irrigation. The usual rule of a first fine seed bed, well supplied with moisture is essential to a satisfactory stand of this grass. It is usually seeded at about the time of sowing spring wheat or may be fall seeded and may be planted in close-drills or in rows far enough apart to permit cultivation. The seed is usually sown with an ordinary grain drill and best results have been obtained without the use of a nurse crop.

When close-drilled seedings are made from 8 to 12 pounds of seed per acre is required. When sown in rows the amount of seed will depend on the width of the rows and whether single or double. Three pounds of seed per acre is ample for single rows 30 inches apart while 5 pounds is ample for double rows 42 inches apart. Ordinarily a close drilled field of crested wheat grass will not require attention following the seeding. Where seeded in rows, however, cultivation will be required the first season to keep down the weeds. Once established the grass usually dominates the weeds. Experiments have shown that crested wheat grass grown in rows contains more protein than that grown close drilled.

In the matter of palatability and quality, crested wheat grass compares very favorably with other grasses which are utilized for forage purposes in this area. Over a period of 15 years the crested wheat grass has generally yielded more than bromus grass. The yield of hay produced from this grass will naturally depend upon the moisture conditions but it has been known to produce as much as a ton and a half of hay to the acre. This plant is also an excellent seed producer and will yield from 250 to 700 pounds of seed per acre. In order to obtain the most wide-spread use of crested wheat grass it is suggested that farmers with large areas to be seeded grow their own seed. For instance almost anyone can arrange to plant an acre of crested wheat grass whereas the purchase of seed for a large area would be rather difficult. With the yield of seed from one acre of crested wheat grass, which should

HOT LAKE PERSONALS—By Harriet Macdonald (Observer Correspondent)

HOT LAKE (Special)—The sanatorium people are eagerly awaiting the program which will be given by Miss Nellie Nelson, home recently from her studies in Europe, now visiting her mother, Mrs. Dora Nelson, of Twin Falls, who is a patient here. Miss Nelson entertained a small group of musicians in La Grande last week, and the favor will be extended to Hot Lake at a date to be announced later.

Master Harold Schwabe, son of Harry Schwabe of the Townley place near Hot Lake, is the youngest sportsman to bring in the trophies of the hunt, some pheasants, to this place.

Mrs. Norma Wheeler, who has been head attendant in the women's bath house for nearly two years, has resigned her position and returned to her home in Pendleton. Mrs. Wheeler had the misfortune to fall that, though not serious, compelled her to give up her work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hitt, of McMinville, Ore., visited W. B. Clark, of Prairie City, who has been quite ill in the hospital. Mrs. Hitt, who is a sister of Mr. Clark's will remain for a few days.

J. W. Cochran, of Sunnyside, Wash., entered the sanatorium last week for baths and treatment.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee were dinner guests at the home of Dr. Lee's uncle, Jack Hilt, in La Grande on Sunday.

L. H. Irwin, former night clerk at Hot Lake, reports that he is enjoying his new position at the Hotel Moore in Ontario.

Mrs. Dan Hall, of Union, is a new arrival in the hospital. Mrs. Hall is a sister of Harry Schwabe, well known throughout the valley.

Homey Marlow, after a visit at his home in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, returned on Saturday for further treatment.

Elbert Butler has now improved to the extent of being able to stay at his home at Nyssa, making occasional trips to the hospital for treatment. He was here over the weekend.

Allan Cox, of Portland, stopped overnight at the sanatorium visiting friends.

Miss Clara Fries, of the nursing staff, has added one more to the list of the sanatorium force who have met with accidents, within a very short period of time. Miss Fries slipped and fell while waiting on a patient and broke her wrist.

HERE'S EDUCATION BARGAIN: \$300 FOR YEARS' SCHOOLING—LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—There are bargains in education this fall.

Professor H. K. Douthett estimates that \$300 would put a student through the school year at the University of Nebraska agricultural college.

Boarding clubs have reduced their rates, he said, to \$125 for the two semesters and rooms can be shared for \$4 or \$5 a month. A hundred dollars will cover fees and books.

The board and room items are about half what they were a few years ago.

DOUBLE TAGS NECESSARY ON OKLAHOMA-KANSAS LINE—COFFEYVILLE, Kas. (AP)—Delivery cars, trucks and other commercial vehicles in Coffeyville and South Coffeyville, Okla., two miles south of here, still are compelled to carry both Kansas and Oklahoma license plates as a result of the "tag war" between the two states.

Efforts to reach a reciprocity agreement have failed, and numerous arrests and fines have followed "trespassing" by drivers who lacked tags.

FIGHT ATHLETES' FOOT—AMES, Iowa (AP)—A campaign against the spread of "athlete's foot" is being waged at Iowa State college. Rubber slippers that can be easily sterilized are a part of the gymnasium equipment, and chemical foot baths have been installed.