



DINNER TIME

same article. In providing more readers their interest is stimulated and maintained at a high pitch by the opportunity to enjoy new scenes, new stories, new achievements. In this way they soon learn to read independently successfully and interestingly.

In our midst we have a first class high school which has built up a wonderful prestige throughout the state and with its six courses is able to maintain its standing as a school of merit. Every year from 25 to 35 young men and women are graduated from this institution and sent out into the various walks of life as useful citizens.

A lady stepped into a furniture store the other day and enquired for a "vamp" table. Being to much of a puzzle for Jim to solve, the customer explained that a "vamp" table was one with perfectly straight legs and nothing on top.

"Love is blind." Perhaps that accounts for some of the bad shots Cupid has made.

# THE OCHOCO DAM

By Elaine G. Howard

Oh little Ochoco river  
You flowed so peacefully down  
Through the broad Ochoco valley  
Quietly through the town.

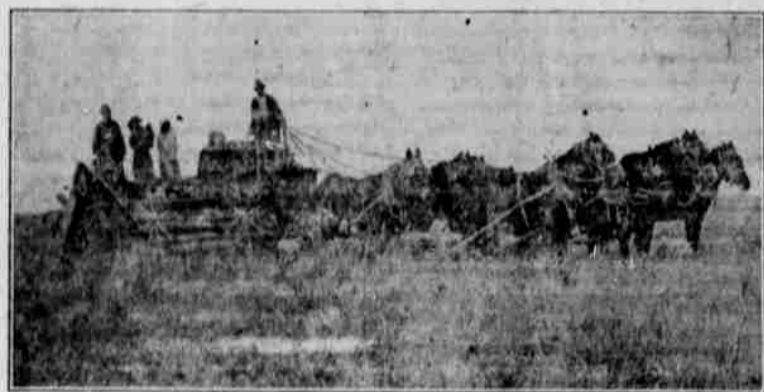
Silvery thread in the summer,  
Mad, rushing torrent in spring,  
Little we dreamed of the power  
Your gliding waters would bring.

Wise men from far-away cities  
Came and gazed long at your flow,  
Measured your risings and fallings,  
Your twists and turns to and fro.

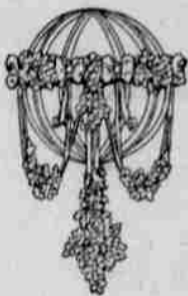
Then came men by the hundreds  
Stopping you—gay little stream,  
Steam-shovels—hydraulic giants,  
Making truth out of a dream.

Building with infinite labor,  
Lasting and firm without sham,  
Ready it stands in completeness,  
Finished—the Ochoco Dam.

Oh, mighty Ochoco river  
Blessings we cry upon you,  
Green fields for dry lands and sage brush;  
Years of our vision come true.



CUTTING IRRIGATED GRAIN



A TYPICAL OCHOCO PROJECT ALFALFA FIELD

## OUR SCHOOLS

County Sup't, J. E. Myers.

At the present time we have 47 school districts in the county. Some of these, along the border lines are joint districts, working in collaboration with Grant, Harney, Jefferson and Deschutes counties.

We have approximately 1,000 school children of census school age. Our people as a community believe strongly in the necessity of an education for their children and are eager to take advantage of the opportunity offered by sending, sometimes to a considerable distance in this sparsely settled county, their boys and girls regularly to school.

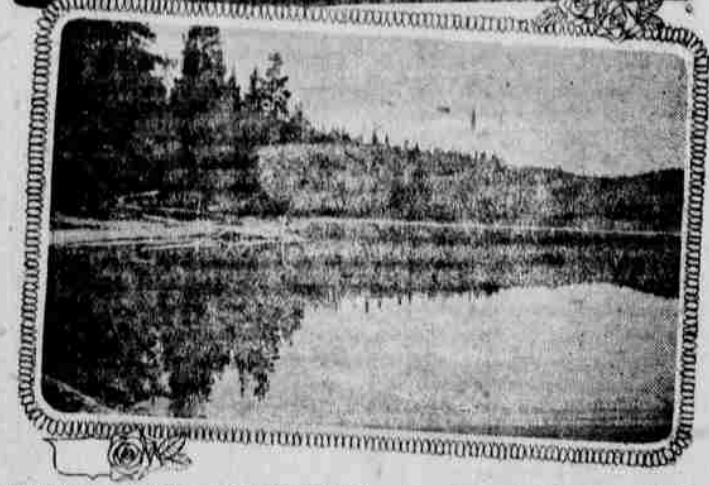
In addition to the regular school work this year our teachers are featuring humane education, safety education and the boys and girls club work. Nearly every school in the county has a club member or members. In some instances we have sufficient club members in one school to take the same project to form standard clubs. It requires five members to form a standard club. These club members get their lessons and instructions from the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College. The predominant projects this year are, gardening, sewing, cooking, poultry, pig, sheep and a few each in a number of other projects.

No one can measure the amount of good accomplished by their efforts. There is tangible evidence of work well done and the satisfaction of valuable experience gained. This movement mothers the thought of more practical things in the school. It cannot be measured by the yardstick of dollars and cents. It is an achievement in doing well some one or more of the common duties of life. It is fundamentally strong in the attempt to make useful citizens of our boys and girls. It encourages industry and perseverance which has a deep import in forming habits for life. Some difficulties will be encountered by our young people, as in other activities of life. Much active encouragement must be given by parents, teachers and club leaders in order to give them strength of character to meet and surmount these difficulties.

Another very important feature that the teachers of the county are stressing is good reading and more extensive reading in the lower grades. In many of the schools they are taking them through from three to five readers. This entails some additional expense on the parents and school boards but it is money well spent. Little folks are like older folks. They soon get weary of reading over and over again the



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