

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mara Smith Lage

Mrs. Mara Smith Lage, wife of Ben H. Lage, died suddenly yesterday morning at her home in Pine Grove from an abscess on the brain. Her death was entirely unexpected and it came as a great shock to her many friends throughout the valley. A little daughter was born to Mrs. Lage Sunday, but both mother and daughter were doing nicely when the sudden attack came.

Mrs. Lage's maiden name was Mara E. Smith. She was born and brought up in Iowa and left many relatives there. She came to Hood River about 11 years ago with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hill, the latter being Mrs. Lage's sister. During her life here she taught first at the Middle Valley school on Booth Hill. Later she took charge of the primary classes at Pine Grove. Her services there continued for three years. During this time she became engaged to Mr. Lage and their marriage followed soon after the completion of her last year as teacher. Since then she has lived on their farm at Pine Grove, where she has made many sincere friends who will deeply grieve over the ending of a useful and truly admirable Christian life, for Mrs. Lage had but just reached her sphere of greatest service as a wife and mother. Early in her married life she adopted two little children—a boy and girl. Later her own little son was born and she is survived by her sister, Mrs. Hill, the daughter who was born Sunday. Besides her children and her husband, she is survived by her sister, Mr. Hill, a brother George Smith of Pine Grove also a father and several brothers in Iowa, a half brother and sister. Her father is now on his way here and the remains will be held until Saturday, when the funeral will be held at Pine Grove. The hour has not yet been decided.

Besides the deep loss which will be felt by Mrs. Lage's immediate family and friends, her death comes as an affliction to the community in which she lived. As a school teacher her faithfulness and kindheartedness won the lasting love of her scholars. She also took an active part in church work and put the principles of Christianity into practice in her everyday life. To the bereaved family will be extended the sincere sympathy of many sorrowing friends.

Knights of Pythias Meet

Knights of Pythias convened here last evening for their district convention. Exercises were held at their hall early in the evening and afterwards an elaborate banquet was served at the Hotel Oregon. Several of the grand lodge officers were present.

Immanuel Church (The Heights)

J. R. Hargreaves, minister, Sunday, December 22, Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. McKee will preach.

In the Christmas song service the congregation will observe the custom followed at Easter time and hold a vesper service at 4:30 p. m., at which time there will be a special program appropriate to the occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

"Burglars broke into our house last night."

"That so. Did they get anything?"
"Nothing, except my husband's nerve."—Detroit Free Press.

Where—WOOD'S CASH GROCERY.

When—Dec. 24th, 1912, 1 P. M.

What—Good Things to Eat for Xmas.

By Who—Ladies of Christian Church

Where the Audience Was.

A London actor appearing at a cheap theater in Salford found so small an audience that he sought out the manager for an explanation. "You see," the manager told him, "my people are at the Halle concert." "Oh," the actor said, surprised, "I should hardly have thought your patrons would care much for high class music." "No," the other explained, "to tell the truth, they go to pick pockets."—London Mail.

A Rank Offense.

"May we have the pleasure of your company this evening, colonel?" she asked.

The colonel drew himself up, haughtily and replied, with every evidence of offended dignity:

"Madam, I command a regiment."

Neighborly.

Dobbs—So you're living in the country, eh? What kind of neighbors have you? Are they desirable? Hobbs—Desirable! Great Scott! We haven't a thing they don't desire, especially in the way of gardening implements.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Wind Month.

November was called by the ancient Saxons the wind month, or wind month, on account of the gales then prevalent. It was also named the blot month, or blood month, from the ancient practice of then slaughtering cattle for the winter provisions.

Society takes us away from ourselves.—De Lambert.



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Incubators resembling quite closely those in use at the present time are said to have been in use in Egypt 4,000 years ago.

Potatoes at 25 cents a bushel furnish an excellent as well as economical ration for hogs and dairy cows, and tens of thousands of bushels of them will be used that way the coming few months.

The United States leads the world in the production of corn. Of other corn producing countries, Spain grew 25,984,000 bushels the past season, Russia 61,908,000 bushels and Egypt 76,448,000 bushels.

Cockerels that are kept after Oct. 15 unless intended for breeding purposes next season become higher priced meat with every day that passes, for they eat greedily and do not make as rapid a gain in weight as they did in the first five or six months.

Some one has figured out that if a man was as good a jumper in proportion to the length of his legs as a flea he could clear the top of the flagstaff on the Singer building in New York city. It is probably just as well that he doesn't have the flea's capacity for hopping around.

Dozens of dairy farmers are feeding and milking twenty cows twice per day each day of the year, when the chances are that twelve or fifteen of the number would pay a larger profit. The whole idea is to find out which are the good cows and then give them the attention they need.

The Virginia Horticultural society, through its secretary, Walter Whately of Crozet, Va., offers \$50 for the best five boxes of apples (one of each variety) of a given list of apples. The competition is open to the United States and Canada, and the Virginians challenge any one to beat them.

A northern Mississippi beekeeper is reported to have produced a hybrid queen with a male bumblebee. The resulting brood produced a fair crop of honey from red clover, though the season was poor. The hybrid is of an attractive color, showing alternate red and yellow stripes.

Odebolt, which is located in Sac county, in west central Iowa, is the center of the largest popcorn producing section in the world, more than 10,000,000 pounds of popcorn being shipped from that point each year. The yield of the cereal is from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds per acre, which at 3 cents a pound means a gross revenue of from \$60 to \$90.

If there is any occupation under the sun that would seem calculated to make a fellow tired of life it is milking of herds of untested cows, half or more of which are not giving enough return in milk and cream to pay for their keep and leave anything at all for care and the exacting labor connected with milking, which isn't poetry by a long way even under most favorable circumstances.

At the third annual apple show held at Sebastopol, Sonoma county, Cal., a few weeks ago, 1,000,000 apples were displayed in attractive fashion. An interesting fact in connection with the show was that all the apples were Gravensteins. Special features were a booth in which Luther Burbank exhibited a great variety of new fruit creations, a box of apples from a tree one hundred years old and an exhibit of forty boxes, the product of a single tree.

Every reader seriously interested in any phase of horticulture or agriculture should have a copy of the year book of the United States department of agriculture. The book may be got without cost by dropping a line asking for it to your representative or senator at Washington. The book contains a world of information along interesting and practical lines and not only gives a summary of crop statistics but accounts of the progress made in experimental and research work along a great variety of lines.

The Sulzer bill which was passed by congress a few weeks ago and became a law on receiving President Taft's signature gives the following specifications of what is to be the standard apple barrel of the future: Length of stave, twenty-eight and one-half inches; diameter of head, seventeen and one-eighth inches; distance between heads, twenty-six inches; circumference of bulge, sixty-four inches, outside measurement. The new barrel will contain 7,656 cubic inches. The law prescribing it will go into effect on July 1, 1913, which will affect the pack of next season's crop.

While the fall set strawberry bed may be all right for sections where the winters are mild and there is abundant moisture, the better time for all of that section east of the Rockies is next April, about the time you will be planting your early potatoes.

They tell of "rare days in June," and it is so, but those are likewise rare days in October and November when it is warm enough so that a fellow isn't running a heavy fire, yet cool enough so that he is not under the necessity of paying toll to the ice man.

A clean, well drained barnyard is essential from the standpoint of producing clean milk, not taking into consideration the comfort and satisfaction of milking in such yard. The barn should be located with the idea of obtaining a slope away from the farm buildings.

It is worth while putting a barrel of apples in the cellar for the youngsters simply for the happy recollections they will have in after years of the pleasure taken in eating them. Incidentally these same apples are helpful to the digestion and disposition of older folk if eaten just before going to bed.

In protecting the rosebushes for the winter a very satisfactory plan is to cover them with an old door or boards which will shield the canes from the thawing influence of the winter sunshine. If no litter is put around them there is far less likelihood that the mice will find a harbor near them and bark the stalks.

Feeders of beef cattle have come to be pretty well agreed that better results are secured if the grain ration is mixed with the roughage, this arrangement resulting in a more thorough mastication as well as assimilation of the ration. It seems to be in quite a measure due to this fact thatilage is proving so satisfactory a ration for fattening steers.

The interest on the amount invested in the materials necessary to build a machine shed is in most cases a good deal less than the amount already tied up in machinery to be protected. The silphoid manner in which high priced farm machinery is exposed to the elements constitutes one of the big yet avoidable leaks in American farm management.

A vaccine to check the ravages of the horse plague is being manufactured by the branch station of the Kansas Agricultural college at Hoxie at the rate of 4,000 doses every day. The station will ship the remedy to any district which makes application for it. The state veterinarian, Dr. Schoenleber, reports that but nineteen horses died out of 2,030 treated, two-fifths of which were from herds in which many animals had died.

Roup in the poultry family is what bad colds are in the human species. In the early stages of the disease a mixture made of ten drops of carbolic acid and a tablespoonful of kerosene is excellent. Five drops of this being given twice a day. If the roup does not yield another medicine may be given made by adding five drops of acetic to a pint of water. Besides this treatment, the affected fowls should be put by themselves and kept dry and warm.

The frying pan may be a handy implement, but too many families depend upon it altogether too largely in the preparation of their bill of fare. Vegetables boiled are always more digestible than those fried, while broiled meats are not only more wholesome than those fried but more toothsome as well. The frying pan is a fertile source of indigestion, bad temper and domestic infelicity, and yet a whole lot of folks don't seem to realize the fact.

Unless the supply of seed corn is husked and pretty well dried out before the first hard freeze there will be the same stew and sweat next spring about seed corn that there was last spring. Owing to the constant effort of farmers living in the north part of the corn belt to grow a larger type of corn than can well mature in their latitude a good deal of corn does not ripen naturally and dry cures on the stalk, as it used to years ago, and the result is that it is no longer safe to select seed ears at husking time.

James J. Hill, the great railroad magnate and empire builder, of St. Paul has in view a plan which if put into execution is sure to mean much to the farmers of Minnesota, the Dakotas and Montana. He proposes to organize a company for the loaning of money to the farmers of the territory referred to at a rate of from 4 to 6 per cent, whereas they are at present paying 8 per cent or more. Mr. Hill usually brings to pass the plans he sets his mind on, and the outcome of this needed enterprise will be watched with a good deal of interest.

Success in agriculture or horticulture is too often attributed in too large measure to the farm being in this or that favored section, when the truth about the matter probably is that success in cases noted is more dependent on the man—his intelligence and perseverance—than upon the favorable environment to be found in soil and climate. The main thing is to have faith and hang on and do the best possible under conditions that may be afforded. Doubtless many a man in the hope of improving his condition has moved to what seemed to be a more favorable section and left a proposition which would have given him a good measure of success and prosperity if he had but stuck by it.

Christmas Greeting

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We are going to help you all to have a Merry Christmas by giving special price reductions in all lines. This will mean a saving of many dollars to you. We do not consider it a loss to us, if we help to spread the Christmas cheer, farther than it might otherwise have gone.



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Fine 7-room cottage on Cascade Ave., west of 7th street, for sale cheap. 3 chambers and a sleeping porch, bath, pantry, attic and basement. Inquire at office of A. W. Onthank. 36-1c

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For Sale or Trade—For town property or acreage, eighty acres located at Bend, Oregon, fifty acres under cultivation, well improved. Address F. H. Taylor. 50-51p

EMPLOYMENT COLUMN

Pruning—The pruning season is here and we want to get as much done as possible before bad weather comes. Those wishing pruning or grafting done this season by an experienced and reliable party will do well to call up 39-X or address E. R. Lafferty, 223 Avalon Way, Hood River. A-I references and years of experience in Hood River and Bitter Root valleys. 49-1c

Wanted—To take contracts this fall, to work apple orchards next year. West Side orchards preferred. My prices cheaper than what it will cost you to do the work yourself. W. T. Forry, Phone 323-K. 51-63p

LOST AND FOUND ADS

Lost—Heavy gold ring with one diamond. Finder please return to F. Morrison, 1106 State street and receive reward. 37-38c

BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Oakdale Greenhouses—Geraniums, salvia, verbena and other bedding plants. See the roses in bloom this summer and have stock reserved for Fall or next spring. Plants and cut flowers at Franz's, Fletcher & Fletcher, Hood River. 19-1c

REAL ESTATE SECTION

For Sale at Sacrifice—25 acres in Belmont district. 18 acres in orchard; 7 acres in bearing; balance one to four year trees. Fine spring; good buildings; implements. Must be sold at once. Address B, care of News

Santa Claus at Oak Grove—Santa Claus, Christmas tree and interesting program at the new Oak Grove school, December 23. An opportunity will be given to see the new school building before the program, which begins at 7:30 p. m.

NOTICE—The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Farmers' Irrigating Company... will be held January 11, 1913, at 10 a. m., at the Commercial Club Hall, to elect seven directors to serve one year, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting. All stockholders are urged to be present.

By order of the Directors
M. H. NICKELSHEN
Secretary.
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