

Local Happenings

Alfalfa growers of the lower Willow creek valley are beginning to wonder where their water supply is coming from this year, according to M. L. Case, Heppner business man, who was in the city yesterday. The snowfall has been so short this year—the climax of a series of dry years—that the flow of water in the creeks is extremely low and Willow creek was practically dry near Cecil, Mr. Case said. At this season the creek is usually flowing full from melting snow. Apparently, even the springs which feed the stream near its source are falling. Growers of alfalfa hay depend on water from the creek to bring their various crops along. Lack of water may slow up growth and reduce the number of cuttings this year.—Oregonian.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay M. Anderson left for Portland Monday morning in answer to word that Mr. Anderson's sister had died at her home in Long Beach, Wash. The sister, Mrs. Matt Lettner, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis. Funeral services were expected to be held in Portland Monday afternoon. Mr. Anderson's mother has also been critically ill at her home in Vancouver, Wash., for some time, having suffered a stroke of paralysis that affected all of one side of her body.

T. J. Humphreys, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Evelyn Humphreys, departed on Monday for Kelso, Wash., where he went to attend the funeral of a nephew that died there on Saturday. On Tuesday, word came to Mr. Humphreys here that his brother, Sam Humphreys of Portland, had died at his home there. He had been an invalid for many years. Mr. Humphreys and daughter will be absent for several days because of the passing of these relatives.

Dan Barlow, who has been engaged in farming in this county for a period of nearly 40 years, states that he never saw the grain so far along in the Eight Mile section at this time of year, and he expects harvest to be on quite generally in that part of the county by the 4th of July. The prospect for an abundant yield was never better. Mr. Barlow was attending to business in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young arrived home on Wednesday from a visit of two weeks at Salem and other valley points. Mr. Young reports that he found considerable damage had been done by the excessive rains of the past week along the Columbia river highway, but he met with no difficulty in coming up the line Monday, as practically all damage had been repaired.

J. C. Ball, who has been spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Grace Flesher and family in Portland, returned home the first of the week and expects to be here for the summer months. Mr. Ball says that after living in Heppner for a period of forty years, it seems mighty good to be back among the high hills again.

J. D. Cash and family motored over to Walla Walla for the week end. This was their former home and J. D. states that the press dispatches of the damage done that city by the recent flood were not in the least exaggerated, if indeed they told all that was to be said of the damage as the effect of the big storm.

Monte Hedwall, buttermaker at Morrow County Creamery company, motored to Hermiston on Sunday for a visit at the home of his parents. He found traveling not so good part of the way, as he ran into some high water and missing bridges as he neared the Umatilla river.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin of Ione were visitors in the city on Wednesday. The recent rains have increased the water in Willow creek to the point where it is now flowing past Ione, and the ranchmen beyond that point may yet get some spring irrigation water.

Miss Mildred Clowry, head nurse at Heppner hospital, who was called to Chicago recently by the serious illness of her father, reached the city a few days before Mr. Clowry passed away. Funeral services and burial were at the old home of the family in Indiana.

W. R. Poulson, superintendent, and Harold Buhman, Paul Menegat and Neil Shulman of the Heppner school faculty, motored to La Grande Friday evening and attended a district conference of school superintendents and principals Saturday morning.

E. R. Huston spent the week end in Portland, being called to the city on business and remaining over Easter to enjoy a visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Taylor. He returned home by train Sunday night.

E. C. Brown, pharmacist of Hillsboro, is here for a short time, being employed in the store of Humphreys Drug Co., during the absence of Mr. Humphreys at Portland and Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilcox of Lexington are the proud parents of a daughter, born to them at the home of Mrs. Castel near Heppner on Friday, April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nichols and Mrs. Sarah White of Lexington were visitors in this city Wednesday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eubanks, who reside just below Ione, were visitors in this city Wednesday afternoon.

Spencer Akers came up from the Portland home on Saturday and will remain in the city for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clouston of Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hayden of Stanfield were Sunday visitors in Heppner, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Devin.

Mrs. Neil Knighten, who teaches in the school at Tigard, spent Easter with her husband here, and was also at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everson were Ione people in the city Monday. They have moved back to the farm, where the grain is growing rapidly these warmer spring days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz returned home Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Wapato, Wn., over the week end.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE NEWS.

Rhea Creek grange met at their hall Easter Sunday with a large crowd of grangers attending. There were also visitors from Lexington grange, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Devine and Mrs. Lucy Rodgers. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swindig were given their final degrees in the order. A resolution was drawn up and adopted by Rhea Creek grange protesting against the new banking rule made by the Mid-Columbia Banking association.

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers was initiated into the juvenile grange so that she might meet with them and help them in their work.

The young grangers were sorry to hear that Betty Clark, one of their members, had the misfortune to fall and break her arm.

The regular social night of the grange was postponed from the 18th of April to the 25th. This night is for grangers only and the evening will be spent in playing cards. Cake and coffee will be served.

On April 18th Lexington grange is giving the first degrees to a large number of candidates. They have invited Rhea Creek grange to bring down their candidates that they might be given the degrees at the same time. All grangers are welcome and urged to attend.

OREGON BUTTER GOOD, SAYS OSC

Samples Received by College Scoring Service Show Great Improvement.

The quality of butter made by Oregon creameries has shown a remarkable improvement during the past five years, not only in flavor, aroma, body and texture, but in composition and content of microorganisms, according to G. Wilster, professor of dairy manufacturing at Oregon State college. Professor Wilster is in charge of the butter scoring service now under way there for the third year.

Five years ago, Professor Wilster says, market samples of Oregon butter scored 87 to 89 per cent, while during the past two years the majority of the samples received at the college have scored from 90 to 93. Only 20 per cent of those received the past 12 months have scored below 90.

With the repeal of the moisture regulation and the establishment of the single standard for butter calling for a minimum fat content of 80 per cent, the buttermakers are expected to reduce the percentage of salt in the butter, which, it is believed, will result in a higher quality product. Investigations of the effect of salt on butter flavor and keeping qualities will be started as soon as facilities permit, however, Professor Wilster reports.

"We have every reason to believe that Oregon butter now ranks high with that made in other parts of the United States, and we feel that Oregon buttermakers are as capable and progressive as those of other states," said Professor Wilster.

Patient—Is the doctor in?
Attendant—No; he stepped out for lunch.

Patient—Will he be in after lunch?
Attendant—Why, no, that's what he went out after.

Culprit (pleasantly)—It's a fine day, your Honor.

Judge—You're right and the amount of yours will be \$10.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETS.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Oregon Woolgrowers, Heppner unit, met last Thursday afternoon at Legion hall with a fine attendance of members. Hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames W. H. Cleveland and Ernest E. Clark, and lamb a la king was served with proper concomitants. Mrs. Crockett Sprouts and Miss Doris Hatt entertained with a duet, accompanied by Miss Virginia Dix at the piano. Four new members were added to the roster, namely Mrs. E. E. Rugg of Rhea creek, Mrs. Walter Becket of Eight Mile, Mrs. Floyd Adams of Hardman and Mrs. Wilson Bayless of Heppner. Mrs. Isabel Corrigan was the recipient of the door prize. The ladies are now busy crocheting an afghan out of wool, and are becoming quite adept at the work.

P. T. A. MEETS TUESDAY.

The meeting of Parent-Teacher association will be held at the high school auditorium on next Tuesday afternoon, at which time the fourth grade will put on the program. Other features will be the appearance of the school band which will offer two selections under direction of their leader, Professor Buhman, and other musical numbers. Mrs. Rodgers, superintendent of schools, who made a visit in California last winter, will talk on the schools she was privileged to see at work while there. The meeting gives promise of being very interesting, and patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited.

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