

TOMATO PLANTS IN FERN VALLEY HIT BY WEATHER

(By Mary O. Carey.)
EDEN PRECINCT, Ore., April 11.—(Special.)—The present cold spell caused a considerable loss to tomato growers in most parts of the valley. Charley Ferns of Fern valley lost about 8,000 which he had set in cold frames.
 E. McHuey and Everett Bailey were out in the Phoenix district last Friday looking over some land with a view to buying a home. Mr. and Mrs. McHuey are in our valley from Dakota.
 The many friends of Mrs. E. Davis of Talent were shocked to learn of her sudden death on April 4th at her home in Chico, Cal. Mrs. Davis was formerly Miss Lillie Lynch, and was born in Talent. She was aged 61 years. A large number of friends gathered at the Methodist church last Sunday to pay their last respects. Interment was in the Stearns cemetery at Talent.
 We also regret to chronicle the death at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford of our old townsman, Robert McHardie, who has resided at the Wm. Carless home for a number of years. Uncle Bob, as he was familiarly called, was well liked by everyone and will be missed in the community. Interment was in the Phoenix cemetery on Tuesday.
 Mrs. Carolita Furry spent last Friday at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamlin.
 Mrs. Walter Allen and Mrs. C. Carey were Medford business visitors. Mr. Bowman of Fern valley was a business caller in Phoenix on Tuesday.
 Mr. Berene of the Covered Wagon station was disturbed by chicken thieves who took a number of his fat hens a few nights ago.
 The opera given by the Phoenix high school last Friday evening was one of the best entertainments given here for some time. The costumes were gorgeous and the entire performance was deserving of much credit.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Colver Furry at Purucker Home in Medford, April 10 at 1 p. m., a baby girl.
 Oak circle No. 242 of Phoenix held an enjoyable meeting on Wednesday to vote on delegates for the convention and initiated two members. The circle enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at the close of the meeting.
 Daffodil circle of East Eden met at the home of Mrs. Campbell last Tuesday and enjoyed a day socially. A bounteous covered dish dinner was the main feature of the day. About 15 members were present.
 Rev. Angell of Gold Beach was in attendance at the funeral services of the late Dr. Malngren and took part in the services. The congregation at the Phoenix church was glad to have the pleasure of Rev. Angell's visit here.
 Mrs. J. W. Fish has received from the Ashland hatcheries 500 Rhode Island Red baby chicks. These cold nights make it difficult to care for the little flock.
 Eugene Hosenfarther is having lumber hauled for the building of his barn on his newly acquired property in this neighborhood.
 The women's bible class of Phoenix motored over to Eagle Point Wednesday to the home of Mrs. Otto Caster to hold their regular monthly meeting and to enjoy a visit in Mrs. Caster's home.
 Mrs. Ida Penton of Tenino, Wash., who has been with her sister, Mrs. Will High, for the past two months, will leave for her home next Saturday.
 A. E. Evans of Salem, joined his wife on the death of her mother, Mrs. High, and will leave with his wife and Mrs. Penton Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Carey were guests of Mrs. S. F. Thornton and her sister, Mrs. Etta Patton, at the home of Mrs. Thornton on Van Ness avenue in Ashland last Thursday.
 Eben Carver, old-time resident of Fern valley, is at Phoenix from his home at Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Carver is well known in the valley.

EAGLE PT. GRANGE

(Official)

In our short report a few days ago, the attention of the farmers of this community was called to the squirrel poisoning campaign sponsored by the Grange community projects committee. With the assistance of R. G. Fowler, county agent, the committee will have 250 pounds of this poisoned barley put up in three, five and 10-pound packages for the convenience of the farmer.
 Farmers may get poison by calling at the home of R. A. Weidman, where it will be for sale all this week for eight cents a pound.
 This week is the Grange squirrel poisoning week. With the co-operation of all the farmers of the community, each carefully covering his own property, the destructive activity of this pest may be greatly reduced.
 The complete eradication of this pest, however, can never be accomplished without the co-operation of the federal government. Thousands of acres of government land lying adjacent to the farming districts furnish ideal breeding places for these squirrels.
 Mr. Fowler informs us that there is a state law that, if enforced, would compel every land owner in a district to poison squirrels on his property.
 To make this law operative in a district requires that a petition be sent to the secretary of state requesting that the law be made operative in the district. The petition should describe the district and contain the signatures of a certain percentage of property owners of the district.
 By making the district large enough to include adjacent government land, it seems to us that though the government might also be compelled to poison the squirrels on its property.
 This might be another worth while community project for the committee to take up.
 A unique plan, proposed by Mrs. Yulet Spencer some time ago, was that each Granger should earn a dollar for the Grange and tell how they earned it. The lecturer, cooperating with Mrs. Spencer, made this plan the feature of the last lecture hour.
 Most of the responses were humorous, some were very bright and witty. Two used pantomime to tell how the dollar was earned, and there was, of course, the usual doggerel. Most of the men, however, as was to be expected, handed out the same old gags.
 Two prizes were offered, one to the woman and one to the man making the most clever response. The judges, however (two were old bachelors), ruled that the man deserved no prize, so all prizes were given to the women. Mrs. Pruet Howlett and Mrs. M. I. Pruet each received a box of home-made candy as first prize.
 Mrs. Pruet received her high score on originality. She sold a dressed chicken to a neighbor. The chicken was brought to the Grange and an exhibition of dressing it was made before the Grange. She asked for hot water and a butcher knife, and on being told there was nothing but hot coffee, Mrs. Pruet, being resourceful, said she could get along without it. She proceeded to dress the chicken, and when finishing it was passed around the hall for inspection. The chicken was very nicely dressed in striped trousers, yellow jacket and a little red hat. It was a proud cooer, for it won the prize for its mistress.
 The consolation prizes went to Mrs. Ruby Young and Mrs. Thelma Lutz. The judges felt they needed consolation because of the humiliating way in which they had earned their dollars.
 Sixty-seven dollars were added to the building fund from the program.
 Mr. Hill of Derby and Mr. and Mrs. Cowden entertained with several instrumental numbers. Mr. Hill, guitar; Mr. Cowden, violin; Mrs. Cowden, piano.
 The charter was draped in memory of William Holbrook, the brother who recently passed to the great beyond. Mr. Holbrook was a charter member of the Grange and our first treasurer. While always a faithful Granger, he has been unable to attend for some time on account of illness. The news of his death came as a shock to his many friends.
 "In the great closer's stillness and seclusion,
 By guardian angels led:
 Safe from temptation, safe from pollution,
 He lives, whom we call dead."
 The next regular meeting of the Grange will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 8 p. m., when the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on a waiting class.
 During the lecture hour there will be a debate on the "Equalization Fee" or the McNary-Haugen bill. There on each side.
 Eagle Point Juvenile Grange.
 The Juvenile Grange, held its regular meeting on Saturday afternoon, April 6. Many members were absent on account of measles.
 Most of the time was spent in practicing a drill to be used in the entertainment which the juveniles plan to give as soon as they are prepared.
 Three new members were given the pledge. The juvenile Grange is growing with every meeting and we hope soon to have all the children whose parents are Grangers in the juvenile.
 No officers were elected as the representation of members' was too small.
 It is not yet decided whether a meeting to practice will be held on Saturday, April 13 or not. The juveniles will be notified if it is found that enough members can be present to make the effort worth while. If the members are not notified by telephone, or other wise, there will be no meeting.
 Klamath Falls—Construction of Congregational church edifice will start soon.

ODD FELLOWS TO STAGE DANCE AT LAKE CREEK HALL

LAKE CREEK, Ore., April 11.—(Special.)—There will be a dance Saturday night, sponsored by the Odd Fellows Lodge of Medford.
 The dance is to be a public affair. They are trying to raise funds to help with grand lodge preparations for May.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Peck came out to the ranch Tuesday.
 Lowell Zundel writes from La Grande that it is cold there and they have quite a bit of snow, too.
 Mr. Daniels had the misfortune to lose his cow the first of the week.
 The dance given by the Grange Saturday night was well attended. Polks are beginning to get ready for the fishing season which opens Monday.
 They report 53 inches of snow at the lake.
 Mr. Hansard, who has been helping with the fence on the new road left Saturday for California.
 Mike Hanley purchased a new car recently.
 The Sidleys have remodeled their house. The kitchen is convenient with sink and built-in. There are new screen porches also. There are a few finishing touches to complete, which will not take long. M. Conley of Medford did most of the work.
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BEATTY BLAZE DESTROYS STORE

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 The fire started in the kitchen of the restaurant. The kitchen is convenient with sink and built-in. There are new screen porches also. There are a few finishing touches to complete, which will not take long. M. Conley of Medford did most of the work.
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BRAND TURKEYS WITH TATTOO ON WING WEB

SALEM, Ore., April 11.—(Special.)—Branding turkeys as a protection against theft will be done under the direction of the county agents of the Willamette district. Turkeys are not branded by a hot iron on hip or shoulder, nor are their ears slit with a knife. The method so popular among men of the sea is used. The big birds are tattooed. A specially devised instrument puts the tattooed brand on the web of the wing.
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KNIFE ATTACK IS STAGED IN HOTEL

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