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30 INCHES OF SNOW FALLS

WALLOWA COUNTY IS ISOLATED FROM OUTSIDE WORLD BY A SLIDE NEAR ELGIN

TRAINS GET THROUGH DRIFT AT PORTER AT NOON TODAY

Heavy storms along the O. R. & N. line make it dangerous in Wallowa canyon—Points east of here likewise in dire danger of drifts if the wind rises—Rotary struck by slide near Kamela.

FEATURES OF STORM

Wallowa county isolated. 2 trains held on hill several hours. No freight moving. Thirty inches of snow fall locally since February 1st. Ten-inch snow fall at Duncan and 24-inch fall at Kamela in two hours this morning.

Weather records were knocked all awry here today. Trains were held snow bound on Kamela hill and local weather condition are disarrangeable, and all in all, the weather gods have had grouches since Saturday, when the still prevailing snowstorm commenced.

Remarkable Snow Fall

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the following snowfall was reported by Weather Observer Worstell:

From Feb. 1 to 3 o'clock today, 30 inches. Prior to Feb. 17, nine in. Today's fall 6 inches.

While there is nothing official to back up the statement, this is taken by old pioneers to be the heaviest February snowfall since the days prior to the general settlement of the valley, and as much as has fallen during an entire year for the last decade. It is prevalent all over the Eastern half of Oregon, as reports from all parts of Wallowa county, Union county, Baker and Umatilla tell of correspondingly severe fall.

Ten Held at Porter.

Number 10, the fast mail, encountered the most formidable drift just west of Meacham, and unable to penetrate the obstruction, backed up to the new siding called Porter and there awaited the arrival of the rotary to clear the track.

Two Engines Unavailing

For once the mail train was unable to keep up its break-neck speed. Two engines had been assigned to getting the mail over the hill, but even with that amount of power, the small train of five cars was stalled, so heavy are the snowdrifts that fill the cuts along the narrow passages on the hillside.

Number Six Held, too.

Number 10 was stied up early in the morning and held for several hours. Number Six was the next overland to come up against the obstructions and the passenger train was held up west of the Porter siding.

The rotary left La Grande at 7:30 this morning and the local O. R. & N. office gave out the prediction at that time that the service would be resumed by noon at the latest.

WALLOWA COUNTY SNOWBOUND

Outcoming Passenger Yesterday has Exciting time of its trip

Wallowa county is snowbound as far as the railroad is concerned. The

ALDERMAN WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

CHUMS, CHUMPS AND GUMPS TO BE HIS SUBJECT

Public at large invited to hear him Free of all charges

L. R. Alderman, at the head of the department of pedagogy in the University of Oregon will lecture at the Presbyterian church tonight on "Chums, Chumps and Gumps" Through solicitation of friends he was induced to speak at 8:15 tonight free of charge and all are invited to hear him. He is an orator as well as an educator. He is incidentally the author of the Lane county high school plan and will give details of its workings tonight. He is here by force of circumstance, and local educators have seized the chance to have him address a La Grande audience.

last train to see Wallowa was the outcoming train yesterday morning which had an exciting time while coming through the canyon. Avalanches of snow menaced the progress seriously. Slide after slide followed the wake of the outcoming train falling down from the hillsides to cover the tracks in such a way that it is both dangerous and impossible to take the trains over.

The Galloway cut, two miles below Elgin is filled up with snow. It is impossible to get through today so the Joseph train was sent to Elgin and returned on the regular afternoon schedule. As soon as it stops storming the cut will be opened up for there is too great a risk saw local officials, to attempt sending a train down the canyon, even if the cut was cleared away. Dispatcher Corbett and his assistants have been, perhaps, the busiest men in La Grande today. They have found it impossible to move freight trains as all of the energy available is spent in getting marooned trains moving and keeping the Telocaset hill clear.

STORM EAST OF HERE

Track between here and Huntington may be filled any time.

Official reports at noon today stated that the track east of here was clear but was in constant danger of filling up in cuts for it has been storming fiercely between La Grande and Huntington today. The deep

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MANY RIOTS WITH STRIKE

STREET CAR STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA PROVES ONE OF THE MOST VIRILE SORT

MANY CARS BURNED AND RIOTS ARE MANY AND SHARP

Great numbers of extra police enrolled to keep peace and dignity in the city of Philadelphia—Union men walk through bad streets to avoid riding on the few cars that run—Riots today

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—An attempt at hanging occurred on Kensington Avenue where a car containing four policemen and platform crew was blocked by a mob. As soon as the car became immovable a great crowd armed with clubs and stones surged forward and swarmed on the platforms. The police were swept aside and the crews dragged off on the side walk, the crowd striking and kicking them at every step. Then some said here's a rope and a noose was slipped over a motorman's head. The mounted police arrived just as the man was being swung to a lamp post. The police on arriving rode at full speed at the mob injuring 40 so badly they were taken to hospitals. Twenty arrests followed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Every man of the regular police force has been called out for strike duty and enrollment of 3000 special policemen to-day gave the city the appearance of a beleaguered garrison.

Street fighting was resumed at daybreak. Following the attempts of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to operate cars with non-union platform men.

Scores of working men in the outlying districts began attacking the cars as they left the barns. Police and special men broke up scores of incipient riots. The conflicts are not serious and displays of force kept the crowds from violence.

The company made no attempt to

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DEATH CALLS MRS. B. BROWN

DECEASED HELPED BUILD AND LIVED IN FIRST INDIVIDUAL HOME CONSTRUCTED IN VALLEY

SHE HAS BEEN ILL FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD

Death ends wonderful career of hardy pioneer of this valley—With her husband she crossed the plains in an ox wagon—Came here early in sixties—Family of five daughters at bedside today.

Almighty powers at 6:15 this morning snuffed out a human light that since white men crossed the blue crests of the Blue Mountains and looked down on the Grande Ronde valley with the definite purpose of settling here, has stood for many remarkable honors. Mrs. Benjamin Brown is dead. With her five daughters, all residents of Union county, anxiously keeping vigil at the bedside, the pioneer light died out at an early hour today and the first white woman to settle in Union county, the woman who moved into and took possession of the first crude structure that paved the way for future building activities as settlers continued to arrive here—all these and many other things can be said of her—had passed to the great beyond. Mrs. Brown followed her husband by a few months only, for the late Uncle Ben Brown's death was a shock to her that even her wonderful vitality could not withstand. She has never been well since his death and during the past week her life has hung by a slender thread. It snapped today. To the present generation it is almost impossible to believe that the first settlers here can be still found in La Grande. There are several, however, and Mr. Brown was one of them.

Miss Frances Kirk was born in Yorkshire, England July 28, 1826, and was married to the late Ben Brown on June 30, 1852. To this union five daughters were born all of whom are living. In 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Brown came to the United States and located at St. Joe, Michigan, where he remained for nearly one year before coming West.

Came With Ox Team

Her husband, the late Uncle Ben Brown, came to Oregon first but in 1860 he returned to Michigan where Mrs. Brown was living at that time, and in a wagon drawn by oxen, they crossed the plains to Umatilla county. There for one year Mrs. Brown conducted a boarding house on the Umatilla reservation while Mr. Brown conducted a freighting business.

Came Here in 1861.

After a year of the strenuous life Mr. and Mrs. Brown came to Union county settling in what was then known as the "Old Fort" at a point about six miles north of La Grande. There they took up a claim but at the time of the gold excitement in Auburn, he moved to the site of what is now La Grande and erected the first individual house ever built in the county and there Mrs. Brown who assisted him materially in the work, cooked the first meal in the first house ever built in this valley.

Gave of the Intrepid Sort.

It needs no argument to prove the statement that Mrs. Brown was one of the intrepid sort. Had she not been, she would not have survived the many years of hardships she did prior to the coming of the things modern, convenient and comfortable in this valley. Since the time of the death of her likewise intrepid hus-

BEEF SUEI FOR STARVED ROBINS

MANY FAMILIES ARE COMING TO THEIR AID

Premature arrival of robins has created wide destruction

Beef suet tied to rose bushes bread crumbs judiciously placed at points where they will not be snowed under and can be reached at any time are some of the methods adopted by various homes in La Grande to keep the robins from starving.

Teased to this vicinity by the premature symptoms of spring, the robins are starving to death in great numbers and many have already noticed the predicament of the bird and lent aid. Beef suet is especially desirable as it gives opportunity for the birds even if the storm continues.

band, a few months ago, Mrs. Brown has been ailing and though at various times critically ill, has never really alarmed her relatives with any complication of diseases or any one particular disease.

Family at Bedside

Mrs. Brown is survived by her five daughters, who were all with her during her illness and at the time of her death. There are also 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her daughters are Mrs. Hester Ellsworth of La Grande; Mrs. Ada Waltr of Island City, Mrs. Alice Conley of Cove; Miss Fanny Brown at home and Mrs. Carrie Garrity of Island City.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock from the family home at Island City, Rev. Upton H. Gibbs officiating.

England Storm Swept

London, Feb. 21.—Reports today from along the South and East British coasts indicate that 100 lives were lost in the storms during the last 24 hours. A steamer was drifting helplessly last night off Cat Craig, Scotland and is believed to have gone down. The property damage along the coast is heavy.

BRILLIANCY AT OPENING

ROYAL ROBES OF STATE FLASH THROUGH LINES OF DRAWN BAYONETS TO THE HOUSE

THIRD PARLIAMENT UNDER EDWARD OPENED WITH POMP

Enormous throng sees King the Queen approach house of parliament—King reads his message with scenes of brilliancy surrounding him—Guns salute approach of King to throne room

London, Feb. 21.—The third parliament under King Edward's reign opened in state this afternoon. The King read an opening speech brilliantly.

Added to the unusual brilliancy of the occasion was the feeling of suppressed excitement due to the momentous problems, a most delicate handling of which will be required to prevent a speedy dissolution of parliament and calling another general election.

Hundreds of thousands of sightseers thronged the streets around Westminster when King Edward arrived in state in the state coach. Life guards in picturesque uniforms guarded the line with drawn bayonets. Arriving at the house of parliament the King was saluted with 41 guns. The King and Queen donned scarlet robes. Near them stood representatives of the foreign powers, all in full uniform. Such a brilliant sight has never been seen before.

Edward failed to cut the Gordian knot in his speech and by indecision precipitated the crisis between the Liberal on one side and the Laborite and the Nationalists on the other. (Continued on Page Eight.)

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THE LATE MRS. BROWN



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