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SNOWFALL SETS RECORD; PARTS OF VALLEY SUFFER FROM HEAVY WINDSTORM

While there are no authentic records to back up the statement the prevailing snow storm probably clinches all records for a long period of time. It is 15 years, old residents believe, since anything like the total snow fall for January, 1915, has been equalled in this county.

Wind Storm Drifts Snow. While Cove and La Grande have escaped any wind since the storm began yesterday, Union and Elgin are practically drifted in. Huge domes are piled in the streets in both towns and country travel is practically impossible. The snowfall in this county average 18 to 16 inches in 24 hours. If wind holds off a few hours more, it is thought much of last night's snow will have settled—otherwise the result to La Grande will be hard to imagine. By noon four snowplows had practically opened up the city walks so that the 14 inch-snowfall last night could be mastered by people afoot. School suffered, country roads are well nigh impassable, and downtown streets are blocked up so that women get about with difficulty. Coming on top of a supply of snow already copious, the storm last night has reached what many think is a record for years.

Trains are moving fairly near to schedule, this because there has been but little wind.

The crest of the storm seems to have been in Portland and the farther east, the less snow. At or near Portland two feet fell in 12 hours. At Pendleton about the same quantity fell between dusk and daylight, here about 14 inches and at Baker less than a foot.

Branch Train Returns. The branch line train could not make it through this morning and was brought back to La Grande. The trouble was in the canyon below Rinehart, the same place where the train was stalled last week. At this place the snow was so deep that there was no possibility of proceeding further. The passengers were brought back with the train.

Shoulder Dislocated in Fall. A. J. Pipes, a resident of Wallowa county, was the victim of an accident at the depot this morning. He slipped and fell and the result was a dislocated shoulder. He was taken to the hospital.

CANADIAN MARKET GOOD. Ford Dealer in Vancouver, B. C., Reports Brisk Sales of Autos.

L. A. Dixon, assistant manager of the Ford agencies in Vancouver, B. C., is in La Grande today enroute home from Detroit where he attended a convention of Ford assistant managers. While here he is visiting his brother Attorney H. E. Dixon. "Canadians are buying Fords—lots of them" declared the Vancouver man today in discussing the Ford situation in his place of business. Unless snow blocks trains, he expects to continue his journey home tomorrow.

WILSON POSES. Movies Get Him But Mrs. Wilson Hides in Limosine.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Before departing for Des Moines, President Wilson posed for the movies in front of his hotel. Mrs. Wilson tucked herself in a corner of the limosine and declined to stand in front of the machine. The President's train left at ten this morning. "Enthusiasts" broke through the guard of detectives and cheered the executive.

Funeral of James McKay. The funeral of James McKay, whose death occurred in a Portland hospital where he had been for treatment, was held Sunday and was largely attended by friends of the family. The funeral was in charge of the Modern Woodmen. The deceased was born March 18, 1868 and was married to Ella McLeod May 10, 1888. He has been a resident of La Grande the past five years, and is survived by the widow and five children.

Court Enters Decree. Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—The federal court has entered a decree finding the National Cash Register company violated the anti-trust act in combining an attempt to monopolize state trade commerce. The decree was entered with the company's consent. Criminal proceedings are dropped.

POLICEMAN FATALLY SHOT. Burglars, Interrupted Robbing 'Frisco Saloon, Give Battle. San Francisco, Feb. 1.—One policeman was fatally shot, and an unidentified bandit was wounded, but escaped, with two others, when the police interrupted burglars in a saloon this morning. Three robbers were captured after a desperate battle.

Snow Storm Fails to Dampen Ardor of Farm Week Program

Agronomy day held sway at the first actual day of college training at Farmers and Homemakers' week. In spite of the snow storm farmers are coming in from out of town points, from Baker, Halfway, Wallowa county and Pendleton districts as well. While the various speakers are drilling along today, other departments are shaping up for grand finish at the end. Among these may be noted the Oregon Congress of Mothers and the Parent-Teachers' associations which begin their work tomorrow morning with the arrival of Mrs. A. Bayly, head of the Eugenics department of the Oregon Congress of Mothers. She will occupy rooms in the Library building where she may be consulted, beginning tomorrow morning, by any mother who desires to acquaint herself with things she is now doubtful about.

Mrs. Bayly's big day is Friday however, when the baby show is to be held under her direction. In order to make things as convenient as possible, this feature is not open to public—only those who have babies entered are to have access to the baby show, and attendants will be present to help mothers dress and undress their babies so that there may be no delay or inconvenience. There is still time to enter babies, by calling Mrs. A. L. Richardson at once.

Animals to Have Inning. Tomorrow is animal husbandry and horticultural day. These two topics will be gone over in minute detail, touching matters of vital importance. The program in full is published on this page.

Get-Together Tonight. This evening's attraction is a meritorious one, centering about speeches and speakers from various localities who have several minutes allotted to them to boost their respective districts. It is to be a get-acquainted night and the citizens of La Grande are especially invited to come out to meet the teaching staff and those in town from outlying districts.

Matters touching upon crop production, irrigation and dry farming, in fact things that pertain to the soil, were gone over in a careful way by speakers this morning and afternoon. W. L. Powers associate professor of irrigation at O. A. C. was the first speaker this morning. Excerpts from his address:

Crop is shorter from improper moisture conditions oftener than any other cause. Too much water is as bad as too little. Irrigation is moisture controlled. Irrigation reaches its height under intensified farming. Greater diversity possible under irrigation. One third more humus where land was irrigated 15 years because legumes were grown. Usable water depends on the amount of humus in the soil. Amount of irrigation needed; potatoes five to six inches double the yield; twice this amount for grain;

SIDELIGHTS ON FARM WEEK

The elements have a deep-seated grudge on the Farm Week program. Last night's snow has done much to cut down attendance from outlying points for a day or two at least. The overabundance of snow even kept city folks in this morning until the tracks were broken through in better shape than they were at 9 o'clock.

This is a show for all people. There is just as much for the city men and women in it as there is for the farmer. The domestic science department, the eugenics department which begins tomorrow morning, all have some special interest to the city and rural mother alike. "Come out and get the benefits" is the slogan of the promoters. This is addressed to the people of La Grande—the farmers will come in if there is half a chance.

La Granders, out of town people, county folks and everybody else you can think of are to be out for the get-together meeting tonight beginning in the Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock.

La Grande musicians are contributing to the musical end of the program. Although it is boastful for La Grande to praise her own small part of a program aimed more at better farms and better homes than anything else, the Observer is probably excusable if it says that the first day's local music contributed was of a high calibre. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bernie sang a duet and last evening after the lecture Miss Harriet Young, piano wizard, favored the audience with a piano solo.

"The Cry of Rachel" (W. T. Salter) will be sung by Miss Leila D. Smith, at the auditorium this evening at 7:30. Miss Hilda Anthony contributed a pi-

- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2nd.
- Animal Husbandry and Horticultural Day.
 - 9:00-10:00—Beef Cattle Conditions in Oregon.—M. E. Church, R. E. Reynolds.
 - How to Overcome some of the Difficulties in growing clean Potatoes.—Y. M. C. A. Building.—H. P. Baras, Professor of Plant Pathology, Oregon Agricultural College.
 - 10:00-11:00—My Experience with Fall Calves.—Auditorium M. E. church. Walter Pierce, La Grande, Oregon.
 - 11:00-12:00—Experiments with Fattening Steers E. O. Experiment Station—Auditorium M. E. Church.—Robt. Withycombe, Superintendent. Cover Crops for the Fruit Grower.—Y. M. C. A. Building.—W. S. Brown Extension Specialist in Horticulture, O. A. C. Prune and Cherry Diseases and Their Control.—Y. M. C. A. Building.—H. P. Baras.
 - 1:00-2:00—General Assembly Auditorium. Music—Piano. Mrs. R. J. Green. Address—"The Farmer of Today and Tomorrow." Walter M. Pierce, La Grande.
 - 2:00-3:00—"Methods of Advertising Livestock." Mr. I. D. Graham, Editor Rural Spirit, Portland Economics of Apple Orchard.—Y. M. C. A. Building. W. S. Brown. Latest Recommendations Against Orchard Diseases.—Y. M. C. A. Building.—H. P. Baras.
 - 3:00-4:00—To be announced later.
 - 4:00-5:00—How Much can We Pay for a Range Bull?—Auditorium M. E. Church.—E. L. Potter, Professor of Animal Husbandry, O. A. C.
 - 7:30—Music—Tener Solo—Auditorium. Mr. C. P. Ferrin "How to Prevent Fire Blight". H. H. Weatherspoon. Address—Home Grounds, their Planting and Care—(Illustrated). W. S. Brown, Woman's Section.
 - 9:00-10:00—Helps for the Home Dressmaker and Milliner. Mrs. Brooks.
 - 10:00-12:00—Invalid Cookery and Demonstration—Mrs. Alice M. Dolman, Assistant Professor, Domestic Science Department, Oregon Agricultural College.
 - 1:00-2:00—General Assembly Auditorium.
 - 2:00-4:00—Care of Sick at Home. Mrs. Dolman.
 - 4:00-5:00—General Question Box. Mrs. Fred Schilke, Leader.
 - 7:30—General Assembly.

twice amount of grain needed for alfalfa fields. One ton of manure may save 100 tons of water—builds up fertility of soil. Irrigate often and in small amounts. Course sandy soil or gravel need small irrigation often. Manure cuts irrigation costs. So does crop rotation. Over irrigation greatest menace—saps fertility and spoils structure of the soil.

SCUDDER'S NUMBER GOOD.

Chief of Agronomy Day Lectures to Audience on Soil. The soil fertility problem in the Grande Ronde valley formed the topic of one of the best lectures of the day, by H. D. Scudder, head of agronomy department at O. A. C. He said in part: "The problem of maintaining fertility is a vital one. No matter how skillful the farmer may be in the tillage of his soil and selection of seed and variety and growing the crop

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WOMEN HAVE FINE TREATS

Although snowbound, especially during the morning, handicapped by bad roads, and otherwise running against odds, the Domestic Science end of Farmers' Week is plowing right along doing a tremendous amount of good. Miss Anna Turley and Mrs. Helen Brooks, head of the Domestic Art department at O. A. C., were the chief speakers before the women's sections during the day. The morning program was a little late in getting started, but when it did, every minute was fraught with good points.

Island Children Come. One of the refreshing things about the morning program was as the presence of a large class of girls from the Island City schools who came in through the terrific storm to participate and listen. Miss Turley spoke for a time on "The Relation of Food to Health" touching many vital points of interest. Then came her address on the principles of cookery and modern home canning.

Reasons Are Summarized. Her reasons for home canning, as she gave them involved among others the following: Provides food for a diet of fruits not in season; the heating process kills bacteria; canned foods carry necessary minerals and acids for midwinter diets; lend variety to winter diet; provide body with needed woody material; carry necessary starch and sugar to supply well-varied diet, prevents waste of fruits. The best methods of canning have been proven to consist of two: open kettle and cold pack. The latter is probably advantageous in that it carries fruit with better color and shape. The kinds of cold pack material, she says, should be limited to steamers, wash boilers and some such articles wherein the fruit is steamed or boiled after the fruit is placed in the jar and sealed.

Glass jars have proven the best for home canning she pointed out. This afternoon Mrs. Brooks is speaking to the classes, which meet in the M. E. church basement. Tomorrow's Program Fine. There are special reasons why the women of the county and towns should attend the domestic science classes tomorrow. Mrs. Alice M. Dolman will speak in the morning on "Invalid Cookery and Demonstrations" and in the afternoon on "Care of the Sick at Home." These two questions will be discussed learnedly and are of vital importance. Everything about the institute is free.

La Grande women cannot afford to miss the chance to hear this series. In addition there will be a general question box tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Fred G. Schilke as leader. Mrs. F. G. Schilke returned this morning from Portland and says Mrs. George McMath, Oregon Congress president, and Mrs. Bayly will arrive on tomorrow morning's train. They will remain for the week-end.

HAND TO HAND FIGHT ON BIG OCEAN LINER

AFRICAN LINER GOES THROUGH HARROWING EXPERIENCES WITH GERMANS.

PRIZE CREW MISTAKEN FOR CANARY PIRATES

Liner Puts in at Norfolk With Prize Crew in Charge—Passengers Ill From Experiences and all are Excited—Shots Fired in Defense but Liner Mastered—Fighting Aboard.

Norfolk, Feb. 1.—In charge of a German prize crew, the African liner Appam, previously reported lost in a heavy storm, cast anchor in Hampton Roads this morning. Immigration and customs officials boarded the liner. Some passengers are falling sick and all are excited at the strange adventures. Passengers declared a German armed merchantman attacked the Appam January 15th near Canary Island. The prize crew commander, Lieutenant Oscar Berg, put aboard, then the raider disappeared. Shots across her bows stopped the Appam. The liner resisted, believing pirates were attacking them, but two guns aboard proved unequal to the task. Behind the steamers' lower boats, the German prize crew was boarding the Appam. Bloody fighting occurred on decks. Several were injured and two dying later. Commander Harrison then surrendered to the prize crew and headed the Appam for America.

The vessel which captured the Appam sank the Meatladen an Australian freighter, within sight of the Appam, crew and passengers said. Besides 300 passengers and crew, 300 British prisoners were transferred from the raider brought here. Berg said he came to Norfolk because he heard he could get decent treatment here. It is reported the Appam sunk two vessels enroute.

Raiding Career Big. A message thrown from the port hole to the United Press correspondent revealed the name of the raider which captured the Appam was the Moewe. It is said the Moewe started her career from the Kiel canal and passed through the British blockade. Besides capturing the Appam, she bagged seven ships. Clan McTavish, the biggest vessel sunk, showed fight. Immigration officer who went aboard the Appam this afternoon learned all the McTavish crew was killed except four who were injured.

THRIFT DAY NEAR.

La Grande Banks Anticipate Adherence to Big Move. That La Grande people are going to listen to the appeal of National Thrift day promoters, is believed true. February 3rd has been set aside as Thrift Day everywhere in the country—a day on which everyone is supposed to lay aside something, start a savings account, or in some way show a desire for thrift. Banks all over the country are ready to handle that sort of business especially next Thursday.

CHURCH DEFENDANTS WIN.

Taylor-Street Litigation at Portland Decided at Salem. Salem, Feb. 1.—The Supreme court has awarded a decision to the defendants in the Portland Taylor-Street Methodist church fight. Insurgent faction sued the church authorities seeking to compel an opening of the old church.

CONSCRIPTION IS NEAR.

March 2nd Set as Date When Law Becomes Operative, Say Reports. London, Feb. 1.—It is announced the government conscription law will become operative March 2nd.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY. Gormany claimed Russia lost 4000 prisoners yesterday and today. Germans launched five rafts loaded with bombs to destroy French bridges on the river Ancre north of Albert. Turks reached the Suez canal and were repulsed and many of them drowned by the British.