

RAIN HELPED ELGIN FARMERS

ELGIN, June 7.—Elgin lost another of its old pioneers in the death of Aris Rydman at Hot Lake hospital last Saturday morning. Mr. Rydman was 81 but little more than a week. He leaves a widow and eight children.

Mr. Rydman came across the plains with his parents at an early date. They were attacked by a party of Indians, but escaped with only the loss of their teams. Fortunately they were able, after a short time, to obtain a team of oxen and one of cows. With these they completed their journey. After arriving at the Grande Ronde valley, the children were educated in the schools near Island City. As a young man, Mr. Rydman drove a freighting team from Unadilla Landing to points inland of eastern Oregon, going as far as Malheur county. About forty-five years ago, he came to the Elgin country and took up a claim in the Cricket Flat district. He was married to Miss Cruikshank and to them were born ten children, two of whom have died. In 1905, Mr. Rydman moved to Elgin leaving the farm to his sons. He was a member of the Elgin lodge of Masons, and the funeral was held under their auspices. Mr. Rydman was related to a number of prominent families of the county, and he leaves a wide circle of friends.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were the families of Garret and Andrew Blokland of Island City, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Case and William Webster of Alled, Ben Cotner of La Grande, Grandma Vandermolen of Island City, and many other relatives and friends.

Rev. H. L. Willis of the Elgin Baptist church preached the sermon at the city hall.

L. A. Mendell, who operated the "Don't Worry" store for a few months in Elgin, will leave this week for Hutchinson, Kansas, with his family. During their brief stay in Elgin they have formed many friendships, and the good wishes of their friends go with them on their long journey.

Mrs. Katie Parker of Dayton, Washington, arrived in Elgin last week and will spend some time visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Coble.

A large number of Elgin people went to La Grande Tuesday to attend the circus. They seemed well pleased with the performance.

The Elgin Cemetery Society served dinner and supper at the Masonic hall Memorial day and more than a hundred dollars was taken in for the cemetery fund.

J. C. Rice left Saturday evening for Helix, for a visit with his

daughter, Mrs. Letcher Norval. Mr. Rice expects to be gone for several days.

Glenn and Forrest Ryder have completed their logging contract for the Deer Creek Lumber company and returned to Elgin Saturday.

Several young people drove to Union Wednesday night to attend the dance held in the open air pavilion there.

Sunday's rain was of great benefit to the spring wheat and other grain crops about Elgin. The ground was becoming quite hard and dry, and some of the growing crops were beginning to show the effects of the dry, hot weather.

A number of Elgin people drove over to Summerville Decoration day to attend the services at the cemetery, and to enjoy the famed meals served by the Cemetery association at Summerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug and children left Thursday for Boise, for a ten-days' visit with Mrs. Hug's mother and family. They drove over, and are expecting to be accompanied on their return by Miss Clara Hallbrook, who will spend the summer here with the Hugs.

Merle Allen is now managing the moving picture house here. Roy Williamson is operating the projecting machine. Mr. Harman has been operating the show for the past four years, until last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hoffman drove down from La Grande Saturday morning to spend the week-end at the L. E. Hill home. While here they attended the Rydman funeral.

George Fox came in Saturday evening from Enterprise, where he is employed by the Eastern Oregon Lumber company. He spent Sunday with his family here, returning to Enterprise Monday morning.

The members of the Christian church are making great preparations to entertain the Sunday School convention at their church the latter part of the week.

Mrs. U. F. Weiss is making a two-weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs.

Quilata Witty of the Flat.

Among those who plan to attend the District Association of the Baptist church to be held with the First church of La Grande, are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Witherspoon of the Flat, and Mrs. Lynn Hill.

Fred Hill and Ernest Weiss have been in La Grande for the past three weeks, where they have a painting contract.

Mrs. Merritt left Saturday for a few months' visit with her daughters. She plans to be in Milton at the fruit season.

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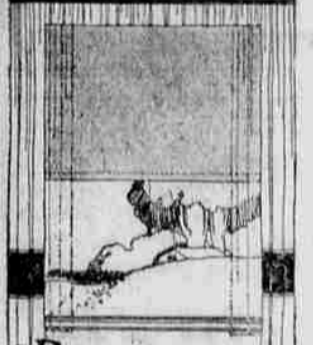
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