

4 PIONEERS ARE CALLED DURING WEEK

Mrs. Sam Brooks Dies at Imbler at Age of 81 Years

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

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Grand Ronde valley pioneers are fast disappearing, four having passed to the Great Beyond within the last few days.

The oldest of the four and perhaps the best known throughout the valley was Mrs. Mary Jane Brooks, aged 81 years, three months and 21 days, who died at her home near Imbler Saturday evening.

Mrs. Brooks was born October 29, 1845 in the state of West Virginia and had made her home in Union county.

Her funeral will be tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the Summerville chapel, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

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Mrs. Ryder was a pioneer of the Imbler section.

TWO PORTLAND BOYS HELD BY LOCAL POLICE

Two Portland boys, 15 years of age, who decided to run away from home Saturday, got as far as La Grande before they were taken by the police late last night.

Ray Chadwick, one of the two, declared that he left home because he wanted to experience a thrill.

Chief Clint Haynes if he "got a thrill" he replied in the affirmative.

Melvin Hanson, the other, wanted to see what Eastern Oregon was like, he said.

Both lads enjoyed their morning meal in the police station this morning while arrangements were being made to return them to Portland.

A BLANK DISPLAY WINDOW

The merchant who has an empty, blank and uninteresting store window doesn't succeed in getting you to "window shop" in front of his place of business.

The merchant's "window" display in The Observer—his advertising message—is subject to the same reactions. If it is unattractive, uninteresting, "empty" of information or business news, you give it little more than a glance.

La Grande Girls Again Champions of Eastern Oregon

Sextet Trims Union 18 to 14—Tigers Wallop Wallowa Team 28 to 18, with Ease.

Although Betty Cochran was unable to lead the first quartet ending in the game only one half, La Grande girls basketball team won an undisputed championship of Eastern Oregon here Saturday night by defeating Union's sextet 14 to 18 in a rough, hard-fought contest.

The La Grande girls took an early lead, the first quarter ending 7 to 4 in their favor but in the second period, the visitors staged a rally that ran the score 10 to 7 at half time, the Tigresses falling to score.

In the second half, with Campbell in the lineup, La Grande took a new lease on life and at the beginning of the fourth quarter the score was even at 12 all.

In the last quarter Campbell scored six points while the Union forwards were held to a single basket.

The La Grande team as a whole played excellent ball, and it was necessary to whip the Unionites who were almost on a par with the local sextet.

The La Grande girls took an early lead, holding the Tigers to one basket—an overhead field goal by Zundel—while the visitors scored seven points.

In the final frame the Tigers eased up and Wallowa scored 9 points while the home team was gathering 8.

Wallowa Takes Lead In the boys game Wallowa took an early lead, holding the Tigers to one basket.

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Summary Wallowa (18) (25) La Grande Lloyd (7) F (5) Newlin Johnson (5) F (11) Zundel Crawford (3) C (8) Lyman Pusey (2) G (4) Stalup Sarrett (2) G (4) Hankel (2) S (4) Stoddard (2) S (4) Berry (2) S (4) McCockle (2) S (4)

Score By Quarters Wallowa 1 2 3 4 La Grande 7 1 1 5-15

Referee: Jimmy Rosenbaum.

Observe Rotary Anniversary at Noon Luncheon

La Grande Rotarians today observed the anniversary of what was the first Rotary club in America on Feb. 21, 1905.

Six local Rotarians represented the various continents as follows: North America, Charles Binger; South America, Chase Bohnenkamp; Europe, Lee Bouvy; Asia, Walter Guild; Australia and New Zealand, Frank Phyl; Africa, Audmer Playle.

Phyl was unable to attend but the others told of the growth of Rotary in the continent assigned to them.

Washington Club Plans Program

The Washington club of the Episcopal church here, will have a special program in honor of its members' birthday anniversary tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. R. Davis, of Whitman college, will be the speaker and his subject will be on George Washington, for which the club is named.

In addition to Dr. Davis' talk there will be other interesting features.

BOMBING



Earl Mayberry, shown in the upper photo, was arrested after a dynamite bomb planted under a bed in his family's home at Pittsburg, Kansas, killed the two Mayberry children (below) and seriously injured Mrs. Mayberry.

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As an answer to roll call each member was asked which they would have, one of Henry Ford's food biscuits, or ham and eggs, divided opinions being given.

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Joe Pupill Is Fined \$1,000 by Judge Knowles

Charles O'Hara Pleads Not Guilty to Charge of First Degree Murder Today.

Joe Pupill, found guilty last week by a circuit court jury of assault with a dangerous weapon, was fined \$1000 this morning at 10 o'clock by Judge J. W. Knowles.

Pupill paid the fine, which equaled the amount of bonds he had deposited with the court.

The circuit court finished the case of Cooland vs. Sloan just before 2 o'clock this afternoon and the jury retired to its chambers shortly afterwards.

The next case on the docket is Foley vs. Frievoold, a civil suit.

Charles O'Hara, charged with the murder of Frank Sturm, pleaded not guilty in circuit court this morning. Time for his trial has not yet been set.

SHEEP MEN WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

Union County Wool Growers Hear Sproat and Lindgren

A meeting of the sheepmen of Union county will be held here Wednesday for the purpose of discussing the sheep and wool situation and probably the organization of a permanent association of the range sheep owners of Union county.

H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock specialist, from the Oregon Agricultural college will attend the meeting here and will be one of the three speakers brought here especially for the meeting.

The other are Hugh Sproat, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, and probably the best posted man on sheep growing conditions in Oregon at the present time, and E. L. Ludwick, of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers association.

Sproat will speak at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon his subject being "The Sheep and Wool Situation."

At two o'clock Lindgren will talk on "Flock Management and Flock Improvement," and at three o'clock Ludwick will give a wool grading demonstration.

S. E. Miller, of Union, one of the leading sheep owners in the county, will act as general chairman of the afternoon meeting, and he and others will lead in the general discussion of sheep problems in this county.

At 6:30 o'clock in the evening a meeting of range flock owners is scheduled; the meeting to begin with a banquet at the Sommer hotel. Plans are for the organization of a range sheep owners association during the meeting.

Green to Preside In addition to the other speakers the range sheepmen have invited one or two wool buyers, a forest service representative, and representatives from the local banks to attend the banquet and meeting.

R. J. Green will be toastmaster and general chairman of the evening session.

Daugherty-Miller Trial Is Halted FEDERAL COURT, New York, Feb. 21 (AP)—Death of a juror has halted the Daugherty-Miller trial.

Italy Turns Down Coolidge's Plan ROME, Feb. 21 (AP)—Italy has rejected President Coolidge's proposal for a conference to limit smaller types of naval vessels, it was officially announced tonight.

Snow, Sleet and Wind Storm in Atlantic States Causes 17 Deaths and Millions of Property Loss

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—Snow, sleet and millions of dollars in property damage were caused by a snow, sleet and wind storm that had abated today after raking in the north and middle Atlantic coast states for 48 hours.

From Maine to Delaware bay, mountainous seas tossed ships about like match boxes, shattered dwellings and swept away piers and board walks. High tides carried waters hundreds of feet ashore.

Snow fell to a depth of two feet in some places while the temperature dropped to 19 degrees below zero.

The storm took its heaviest toll off Provincetown, Mass., where eight coast guardmen lost their lives when patrol boat 238 was tossed ashore.

The boat's entire crew was lost as two destroyers vainly rushed to rescue them.

Other deaths attributed to the storm included five in Pittsburg, two in Boston, one at South Amboy, N. J., and the second officer of a large oil Ambrose Lightship, outside New York harbor.

Shipping Damaged Many small craft and some larger ones were thrown on reefs, bars and beaches along the entire coast line. Waves at times reached a height of 50 feet.

The five masted schooner Nancy was driven high on the beach at Nantasket, Mass., while her crew was rescued by volunteers in boats.

Coastwise shipping was practically suspended, ocean vessels were delayed 12 to 24 hours by the storm which extended far out to sea.

LEGISLATURE NOW NEARING CLOSING TIME

Speaker Carkin Expects Adjournment Within Next Few Days

TITHING BILL IS BEFORE SENATORS

Opponents Predict that Governor Patterson's Measure Will Meet with Defeat.

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WEST OREGON IN GRIP OF FLOOD TODAY

Cottage Grove and Grants Pass Almost Isolated by Rising Waters

ALL WIRES DOWN ROSEBURG SOUTH

Train Service Disrupted—Bridge Washed Out at Tolo and Tracks Covered for Miles.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Rail and highway traffic was virtually at a standstill and wire communication seriously crippled in some parts of Western Oregon today, the result of torrential rains during the last 36 hours.

The Southern Pacific office here reported this morning that all their wires were out south of Roseburg and that no trains were operating south of that point because of flood conditions.

Rivers Rising The Rogue, Applegate and Willamette rivers were at their highest stage in 25 years and still rising when the latest available information came in late last night.

A Southern Pacific bridge at Tolo was washed out and the tracks were covered with water for several miles.

Cottage Grove was practically surrounded by flood waters last night and the Row river, east of Cottage Grove, had overflowed its banks. The coast fork of the Willamette river which flows through Cottage Grove was threatening to overflow. A large section of the west side was flooded when Elk creek left its banks.

Grants Pass Isolated Grants Pass was virtually isolated, with highway and rail traffic at a standstill and nearly all wires down. The Western Union had one wire into the town from Roseburg. The Pacific high way was under four feet of water for more than seven miles south of Grants Pass. Bridges north of town were threatened and several small slides were reported.

Travel over the Redwood highway beyond Kerby, 30 miles from Grants Pass was stopped when several bridges were endangered. Unconfirmed reports said the Illinois river bridge and the Rough and Ready bridge on the Redwood highway had been destroyed. A county bridge over the Applegate river went out yesterday afternoon.

A log jam above the new California and Oregon coast railroad was being dynamited to save the bridge after part of the trestle work had been washed out. Another unconfirmed report said that trestle work on the new Pacific highway bridge at Gold Hill had been destroyed.

Train Held at Medford Southern Pacific train No. 13 which left Portland Saturday for San Francisco, was being held at Medford this morning unable to move in either direction. No. 53 which left here at 1 a. m. today was stopped at Eugene, The Shasta Limited in two sections, which was due here from the south at 10:30 last night, was delayed indefinitely at Ashland. Two other trains which were to have left Portland for the south this morning also were held up.

A big log raft broke its moorings in the upper harbor in Portland early today and swept down stream to the Hawthorne bridge where it broke up. The big logs menaced small craft in the harbor for a time.

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