

CITY BRIEFS

Returns to Chicago—Miss Emily Schuback, who has been house guest of Dr. and Mrs. George I. Wright, left Thursday morning for Chicago, she planned to return by Lake Louise and Banff. Miss Schuback and Miss Henrietta Wright graduated from Northwestern university, Evanston, in the same class, and are staying together in Chicago, where both have responsible business positions. Miss Wright will visit in Klamath Falls in August, when she has her vacation.

Employment Conference—H. A. Ketterman and Guy V. Lintner of the Portland office of the national re-employment service, Jim Weber of the state highway department at Salem, and John Sargent of the bureau of public roads, were in Klamath Falls Wednesday to confer with Jack Almeter, head of the local re-employment service office. The group discussed general matters pertaining to re-employment and road building projects, Almeter said.

Board Talks Buses—The county school board resumed its study of school buses Wednesday, interviewing truck and body salesmen and pondering prices and required specifications. The board expects to buy one large and two small buses before the opening of the school year in September. No final decision on the purchase was reached at the Wednesday meeting.

No Operator's License—Donald James Leuch was fined \$5 in justice court Wednesday for driving his car without an operator's license. Leuch pleaded guilty to the charge following his arrest by state police and agreed to apply for a permit at the time of the license examiner's next visit here.

Road Report Read—The county court Wednesday passed through first reading the surveyor's report on the "Keller road" in the lower Henley district. The court indicated it would approve the survey on second reading.

Here From North Dakota—Mrs. Lila Porter, Misses Amy and Alice, and their brother, John Porter, were visitors this week. They are relatives of Superintendent I. H. Porter of the Klamath CCC camp.

Takes Time—Walter Frank Hall, arraigned in justice court Wednesday on charges of attempted rape, took time to plead and was remanded to the county jail.

Group to Meet—Group No. 3 of the Eastern Star social club will meet on Friday at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. O. D. Matthews.

New Recruits—Twenty-three new recruits were added to the enlistment at CCC Camp Klamath near Merrill Wednesday.

Hamon Transferred—Lieut. Frank J. Hamon was transferred temporarily Thursday to the biological survey camp at Clear Lake. He has been at Camp Klamath.

Here From Los Angeles—Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Humphrey of Los Angeles are in Klamath Falls visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey of 73 Pine street, and Mrs. Barrera. The former are Mr. Humphrey's parents, and the latter Mrs. Humphrey's mother. The couple, accompanied by Mrs. George Humphrey and Mrs. Barrera, will leave Friday for Portland, where they will visit Mr. Humphrey's sister and brother-in-law.

Petition Filed—Letters of administration of the estate of D. E. Fletcher were granted Thursday by Circuit Judge E. B. Ashland to Winifred Fletcher, widow of the late Klamath Falls attorney. W. C. Van Emon, Clarence Humble and D. E. Van Vector were named appraisers of the estate.

Hear Groesbeck—The 20-30 club members heard R. C. Groesbeck, local attorney, speak on the progress of the railroads. A. T. Penzell, Western Pacific, and George Cannon, Great Northern, were guests. Anthony Mann was appointed delegate of the club to the state convention at Marshfield.

Make Inspection—Major C. R. Owens, commander, and Captain G. Pierce, fire warden, of the Medford district, CCC, inspected the Klamath camp yesterday. Everything was found in good condition and the officers gave the camp a 92 per cent rating.

Police Officials Coming—Charles Pray, superintendent of the state police, and Captain V. Gurdane, were scheduled to visit Klamath Falls, Thursday. Sergeant M. J. Barnes went to Diamond Lake junction to meet them.

From Yreka—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green of Yreka, Calif., visited here Thursday with friends. Green, druggist at Yreka, was on a business trip to Seattle.

Medford Shriner Dies in Parade

SEATTLE, July 16. (AP)—George B. Alden, 60, of Hillah Temple, Medford, Ore., died last night while marching in the Shrine's illuminated parade. Although many spectators saw a uniformed marcher stumble and fall, few knew until official announcement today that the noble was dying.

Alden collapsed of a heart attack and died after being removed in an ambulance.

Vital Statistics

BIRTH
GRAY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gray, a son, at Dorris on July 7.

One of the rules Rockefeller says he followed through life was never to lose interest in things. Of course, he never mislaid a principal, either.

Wood River Valley Pioneer Woman Recalls Excitement Of Early Days in Klamath



By MYRTLE B. WIMER

Wood River valley numbers among its population many interesting people, but none has a more colorful life than Mrs. Louisa Taylor, who is better known to her host of friends throughout Klamath county and Rogue River valley by the nickname of "Bob."

"It has been my privilege to know Bob intimately for a good many years, and it is always a pleasure to visit her in her cozy home near Wood River bridge just before entering Port Klamath, where she lives with her daughter, Mrs. Eva Ellis. On one of these recent visits, Bob told me an interesting highlight of her life, which includes vivid memories of pioneer days in both Rogue River valley and Klamath county."

A true Oregonian, Bob was born in Talent, Ore., on November 25, 1859, and was the oldest of three children. Her parents being Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Brittain. With the exception of a few years spent in California, she has lived all of her life in Oregon. Her father crossed the plains from Pennsylvania in 1845, coming west with the Garrison and Yale wagon train, a caravan of more than 50 wagons, Garrison being Bob's maternal grandfather.

After coming out to Oregon, Bob's father settled in Rogue River valley, the white inhabitants of which were at that time in a state of constant warfare with the hostile Rogue River valley Indians, who bitterly resented the intrusion of the white settlers into their territory. Brittain served as volunteer soldier in the forces organized to combat the attacks of the Indians.

In this connection, Bob related an interesting event of these troublesome days, which she said she had often heard her father tell. He drove a pack train from Rogue River valley to the Red Bluff, Cal., country at the time, and on one of the return trips, the pack train was waylaid and attacked by warring Indians, who after stealing everything of value on the train, killed all the oxen, scattered the pack horses by scaring them off, and murdered all the teamsters with the exception of Brittain, who owed his life to the fact that shortly after the attack started, he had climbed on the old bell mare of the pack train horses, and dashed off down the mountain in a precarious flight to safety, the Indians being too busy with their looting, burning and massacre to pursue him.

The bell mare took him home safely, and it was his duty to report the fate of all of his companions and the loss of the pack train and animals.

Marries Old Friend
After the Indians had subsided and white people could live in Rogue River valley in peace, Brittain worked for Curtis and Myers, who had taken donation land claims on Bear creek, across from Ashland. While working here, he went to Umpqua valley, and married Mary Kennedy, who, with her parents, had crossed the plains in 1845 in the same wagon train that he had come west in.

At that time, there was no such beautiful city as we see in the present-day Ashland. It was then a mere settlement, consisting of a grist mill built by the pioneers, two or three dwelling houses, a general store, and a church which also served as a schoolhouse during week days.

Here Bob spent her childhood in the primitive surroundings of a pioneer outpost, and when a young girl, she left Ashland and came to Klamath county, where she worked at the Captain D. F. Free road station at Nalox, located on the old county road near the present site of Hagelstein's dairy at Algoma.

Inn, Stable Combined
This road station combined a wayside inn where travelers could find accommodation overnight, and a feed and livery stable for their horses. In liberal to conditions of today, at that time the country in this vicinity was very sparsely settled, there being no mill there then, and only one

house between Captain Free's station and Williamson river.

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Bob Ducks Out

It seems that Fred Loosley, pioneer rancher of Wood River valley, then quartermaster at the Port, came by horseback one evening to Captain Free's road station, accompanied by Crit Tolleman, a mutual friend of his and Bob's from Ashland, with the intention of spending the evening visiting Bob, who was at that time a very attractive young lady. Bob, however, had different ideas as to how she was going to spend that evening. As she had worked hard all day, she and a girl friend living nearby had planned that they would go skating that night.

Accordingly, Bob slipped out the back way and joined her friend for an evening of healthy recreation on the adjacent skating pond, leaving her discomfited visitors to be entertained by the others at the station.

Chased by Steers

Bad luck, however, stalked Bob's footsteps that evening, for in going through a pasture to the skating pond, the two girls were chased by a band of steers, and were forced to climb a fence to reach safety. They abandoned the skating idea, and Bob spent two hours visiting at her friend's house, returning when Loosley and Tolleman had started their long trip on horseback to the Port.

Fred Loosley vowed that he would "never forgive nor forget," but at a birthday party given in Bob's honor here a few years ago in the clubhouse, he jokingly recalled this incident of their youth to Bob's memory, and the pair had a good laugh over it.

Five Children
Time passed on, and on July 3, 1878, Bob (then Louisa Brittain) became the bride of Robert Taylor, who was employed at that time by Lucian and Ivan Applegate, both now deceased, who were pioneer cattle ranchers of Dairy and Swan lake.

Years passed, bringing their share of sunshine and sorrow to the couple, who became the parents of five children, two girls and three boys. The oldest boy, Jay, grew up and fought in the Spanish-American war, then raging in the Philippines, where he was killed in active service in April, 1899, his body not being sent to the United States until the following February.

Rents Ranch

At the time of her son's death Bob and her husband were employed at Jesse D. Carr's ranch at Clear Lake, California, where her husband was foreman for three and one-half years and she was employed as cook. Coming close on the severe shock of her son's death and burial was the additional sorrow of losing her husband, whose death occurred in December, 1900.

Left a widow with four children to provide and care for, Bob carried on bravely, making a living for five years by keeping a boarding house in Klamath Falls, then renting the Gwin Butler ranch, one and one-half miles from Ashland, where she milked cows, pastured cattle and kept chickens and turkeys.

Later she moved to the Steinman ranch, and after a time decided to return to Klamath county, coming to Merrill, where she cooked for 18 months on the N. S. Merrill ranch, and also worked as cook on the Dave

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Shook ranch at Dairy (now the Hill Shook place). Called back to Ashland by illness of her son, Ray Taylor, she remained there for a while, and ultimately returned to Klamath Falls, accompanied by her son and his wife. Bob worked thereafter for a time in the old American hotel, which later burned down, following which she was employed as cook at various places, including the Tom Lynch ranch on Tule lake, at Shaw-Bertram camp for two years, and for three years at the present Alexander ranch at Rocky Point, then the Doak place.

By this time, her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, had left Klamath Falls and moved to the Cox ranch at Barclay Springs, near Algoma.

Cooking Famous

Attacked by the dread disease, arthritis, Ray (better known as "Babe"), became bedfast for a while, his wife taking care of all the ranch work. He gradually improved in health, and became able to walk again, and 14 years ago, he and Mrs. Taylor bought the Port Klamath hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoyt, moving to Port Klamath and making their home here ever since. Bob cooked at the hotel for six years, and her cooking was famous all over the county, the hotel being especially noted for its wonderful chicken dinners served every Sunday.

As time went on, however, the long hours and arduous work of cooking became too much for Bob to stand, and she planned to retire, to this end buying some land in a beautiful spot on Wood river, where she had a lovely modern home built. On its completion, in July, 1929, she left the hotel and settled in her little home on the river, where she has lived quietly and contentedly ever since.

Flowers Her Hobby

Her great hobby is raising of flowers, and in the summer time her garden is a veritable mass of lovely blooms. Next comes quilting, and she told me that she has sufficient pieces cut out to make eight quilts. She also raises vegetables and keeps chickens.

Possessing a wonderful vitality, hale, hearty and very active, with no afflictions of any kind whatsoever, in spite of her 75 years, this amazing pioneer woman told me that she has never been in a hospital in her life, in fact, she is confident to me that should she get sick and be taken to a hospital, she is sure she would die immediately, as she has a great fear of hospitals.

She does all of her own sewing, having excellent eyesight, and does a daily round of tasks also. "I do go so fast," she sighed, "I do have nearly time enough in one day to do all I want to."

Daughter Courageous

This story would not be complete without further mention being made of Bob's daughter, Mrs. Eva Ellis, who makes her home with her mother in Port Klamath. A helpless cripple from arthritis, she has been an invalid for the past 15 years, spending her days in her wheel chair, reading, chatting with visitors, or listening to the radio.

Many afflicted as she is would be morbid and disagreeable, but the contrary is true in her case. No doubt she has her moods of depression and fits of blues, but no one is every aware of it from her outward appearance, for she is invariably cheerful and welcomes company, hers being a very sweet, lovable nature which has not become warped and soured by her misfortune.

Her only child, a daughter, Mrs. Milton Thomas, resides in Sacramento with her husband and small son, and Mrs. Ellis is devoted to them. In spite of her crippled condition, she writes a fine hand, and keeps up quite a correspondence with her daughter and friends.

Like Cleopatra

Before coming to Port Klamath, she resided in Ashland for



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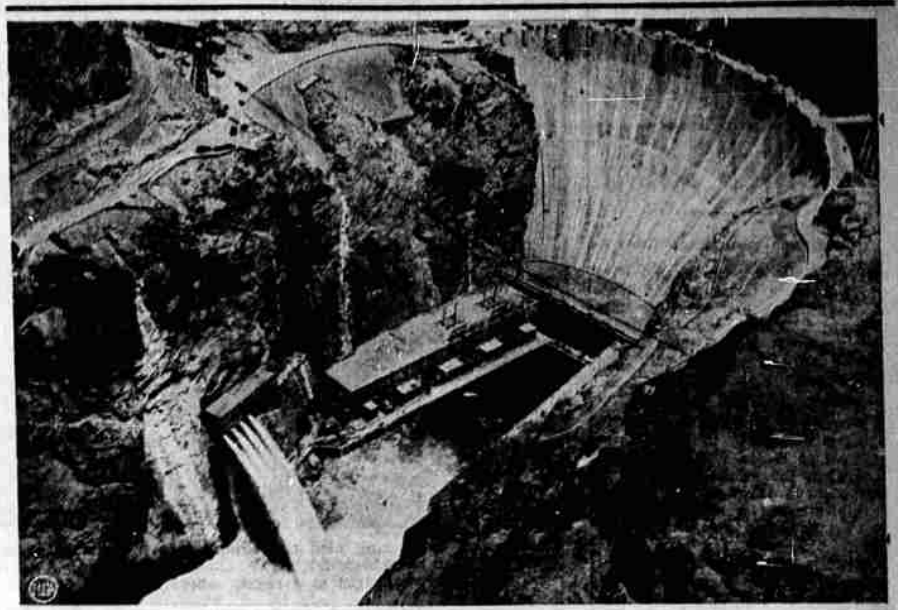
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many years, and is well known all over Rogue River valley.

The afternoon drew to a close, and I reluctantly took my leave, with cheery invitations from Bob and Eva to come again. As I walked the short distance home, I thought of the words of the poet, "Age cannot wither, nor custom stale, her infinite variety," and mused how true they were in Bob's case.

Instead of sitting with folded hands, enjoying a well-earned rest in her declining years after a lifetime of service and unselfish devotion to others, she still continues her works of kindness and service each day—truly a beautiful, inspiring example of a well-spent life.

CALIFORNIA FIGHTS HOPPER PLAGUES

LOS ANGELES, July 16. (AP)—On two widely-separated fronts in southern California a grasshopper plague was fought today with pheasants and poisoned grain.

When the second batch of grasshoppers in Imperial valley proved exceedingly heavy, state game officials released 250 half grown pheasants near Westmoreland to help save crops and gardens from destruction.

Making their first appearance of the season in Los Angeles county, grasshoppers destroyed nearly 50 acres of beans near Rangus. Bran covered with poison was sprinkled in the area, bringing the pest under control, Agricultural Commissioner Harold J. Ryan reported.

More than 35 per cent of the shoes manufactured in the United States are produced in New England.

CITY COLLECTIONS REPORTED BETTER

Collections of Bancroft assessments in Klamath Falls are better now than at any time since 1929-30, it was stated Thursday at the police judge's office.

July collections have been running unusually heavy, according to William Vale, who has charge of the bond department. Due to one large payment, Thursday's collections alone were expected to exceed \$4000.

Vale and Otto Langslet, assistant police judge, made a check of recent years, and gave the following figures on collections for the first six months:

1934.....\$59,810.75

1935.....64,145.02

1936.....73,948.95

The real spurt in payments has occurred in the past six weeks, and heavy collections of July, this year, are not included in the above figure.

Foreclosures, he said, have recently been made on eight-year delinquencies. Those who are four or five years delinquent can prevent foreclosures by arranging for monthly payments.

HOT IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, July 16. (AP)—Southern California was promised little respite by the weather man from a heat wave today. Temperatures ranged yesterday from 90 in Los Angeles, equalling the peak for the season, to 113 at San Bernardino, the highest in two years. At Brawley in the Imperial valley it was 117.

Governor Ely Will Support Landon

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 16. (AP)—Former Gov. Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts, breakfasting today with John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the republican national committee, practically announced that he would campaign for the republican presidential nominee, Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas.

At the close of their conference, Ely, a democrat and one of five prominent party members who signed a protest against the renomination of President Roosevelt, was asked whether he would stump for Landon.

Trains Derailed Near Martinez

MARTINEZ, Calif., July 16. (AP)—Derailment of two cars on a fast freight train today at Martinez, west of here, delayed passenger trains while a toppled car was removed.

No one was injured when the cars of a Southern Pacific train jumped the tracks from an undetermined cause.

The Overland Limited from Chicago, and the Klamath special from Portland, as well as nine local trains were delayed.

The Chinese celebrate New Year's Day on both January 1 and January 24.

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