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Reviving The Brownsville Times: A Bold Community Comeback



BROWNSVILLE, ORE — The Brownsville Times, Oregon's oldest continuously operating newspaper, is roaring back to life thanks to a passionate grassroots movement. At a time when many small-town papers are folding, Brownsville is flipping the script — rallying together to save a vital piece of its identity and history.

This is more than a revival — it's a full-force community comeback. Local residents, historians, writers, and volunteers have rolled up their sleeves to relaunch The Times as a dynamic, reader-driven publication. Together, they're building something bold: a weekly paper packed with local news, school stories, events, business highlights, and inspiring features that reflect the true spirit of Brownsville.

Historical photos and

curated retrospectives will connect readers to the town's rich past, while fresh voices bring new life to its pages. An impressive team of local writers—seasoned journalists and emerging talents alike — have already begun crafting original content that informs, entertains, and strengthens community bonds.

This isn't just a newspaper — it's a movement. A symbol of what a town can achieve when it bands together with heart and purpose.

The first issue of the revitalized Brownsville Times hits mailboxes the first week of June 2025, with both print and digital editions available. Don't miss your chance to be part of this historic return — The Brownsville Times is back, and it's better than ever.

HEAD DOCTOR ADDRESSES ODD FELLOWS

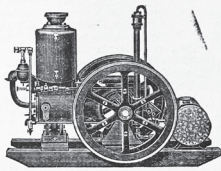
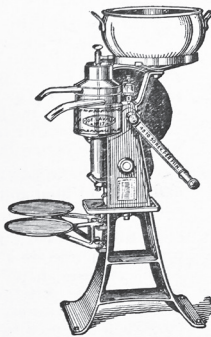
What do dreams mean? That was the question posed by Dr. Sigmund Freud to the assembled members of the newly completed Odd Fellow building on Standard Street last Friday. Dr. Freud cut a dashing figure at the podium while he talked about his research into The Meaning of Dreams. It was sometimes hard to follow his thoughts due to his thick Viennese accent but this reporter learned that when someone asks you about your dreams it is best to not answer. The new Odd Fellows building is a credit to the community with its velvet curtains and shiny brass spittoons. The chairs are so comfortable that many of the attendees had taken this opportunity to relax in a somnambulant state, awakening in time to give the good doctor a round of applause. When asked his thoughts about the fine new building in which he was speaking, the good man was heard to exclaim, "Oy vey!" We certainly agree, Dr. Freud.

MARKET DAY Saturday, May 3

The second Brownsville Market Day Auction Sales will take place at Pugh's Livery Stable in this city today commencing at 11 a.m. sharp. Horses, cattle, vehicles, barrows, household good, etc. will be sold.

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In new Odd Fellows' building May 1, 1909.



Ocean to Ocean Automobile Race Proves Internal Combustion Will Power the Future

The race from New York City to Seattle, Washington resulted in a win for the stripped down Model T sponsored by Mr. Henry Ford. The driver and mechanic shared the first place prize of \$2000. The Shawmut team which came in 2nd have cried "foul" reporting that the

Ford team had changed an axle in the midst of the race which was against the rules. The powerful four cylinder, 35 horsepower Shawmut driven by T. Arthur Pettengill and Earle Chapin had been the odds on favorite. Chapin described the race as "a fight for survival."

World Renowned Dancer Isadora Duncan to Visit Moyer House

The revolutionary dancer Isadora Duncan is taking the world by storm by turning away from rigid dance forms like ballet and towards what she calls "natural movement" while barefoot and clad in Grecian costume. She is bestowing our little town with her presence this weekend where she will be photographed and interviewed at the Moyer House, so if you catch her you may even be blessed with a brief performance — look for the telltale scarf trailing behind her.



"Charley's Aunt" in Lebanon

"Charley's Aunt," the drama so successfully presented to a full house in Brownsville last Friday night, will be staged in Lebanon on Saturday evening, May 1, by Brownsville local talent under the direction of Principal Winfield S. Smith of the High School. The performance drew hearty applause and was praised for its clean humor and spirited acting. Musical features arranged by Mr. Smith added charm throughout. Miss Clara Jenkins received special notice for her lively and comedic role, while the entire cast performed with notable energy and poise. The curtain rises at 8 o'clock at the Empire Theater. Admission: 25 cents; children under 12, 10 cents. Early arrival is recommended for best seating.

Tonic or Stimulant?

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Turkeys Donated to Taft Dinner in Seattle

Community members of the Grand Old Party are determined to honor President Taft with a fine turkey dinner with all of the trimmings when he arrives in Seattle in June. A collection was taken up to purchase 50 plump Tom Turkeys for the dinner. Local wags not impressed by the President's politics have offered to round up the scrawny wild turkeys around town to see how Taft likes them apples.



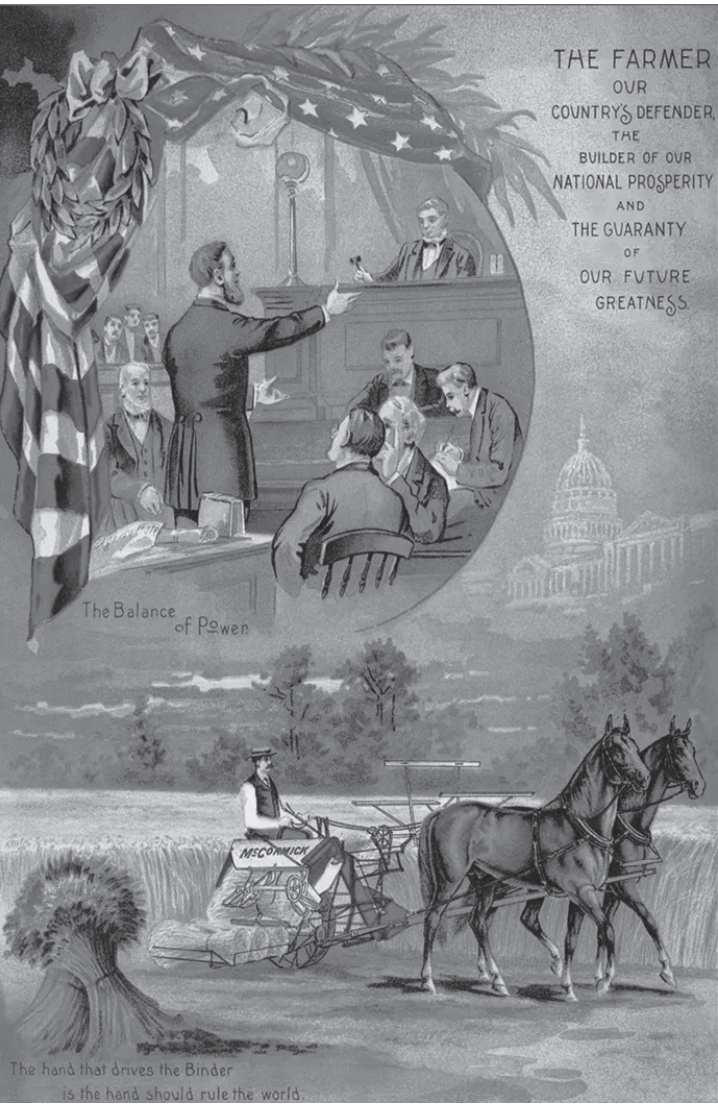
Tariffs to Continue Says President Taft

Local businessmen are in a quandary over tariffs charged on imports from foreign countries. Some have argued that tariffs provide necessary funds for the federal government to do its work and that they allow domestic manufacturers to produce and sell goods without the need to compete with more established foreign firms. Others who hope to export abroad fear retaliatory tariffs applied against their products. Merchants remain divided, with some calling for tariff reform, while others insist protectionism is essential to national prosperity. Beautiful chaos predicted as Washington debates continue.



INDUSTRIAL SPIES AT WORK IN TOWN

It has been reported to this newspaper that industrial spies retained by our competitors in Pendleton are afoot and mean to do grievous financial harm to Brownsville's Woolen Mill, the city's largest employer. What mischief they may be up to has not been opined, but citizens are asked to keep a watchful eye out for anyone showing an undue interest in the workings of the mill, especially those loitering near machinery, storage areas, or shipment ledgers. Suspicious individuals asking probing questions or sketching diagrams should be reported at once to the town constable or mill foreman.



HURRAH FOR THE LADIES!

The ladies of the Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church have announced their intention of appearing at church service next Sunday with hats removed. This action is to be commended, and the hearty thanks of a long-suffering public will be theirs. The Times is not alone in the wish to see the time when it will be considered the height of impropriety for ladies as well as men to wear hats in church. How nice it would be if the example set by the Ladies' Aid Society should be followed by every woman who attends church in this city next Sunday. Let us hope this small act of consideration blossoms into a lasting tradition, one that reflects both modesty and mutual respect within the house of worship.

Aereoplane Mishap Proves Man Not Meant to Fly

A recent mishap proves the Biblical admonition that Man was not meant to fly. Local Men Wm. Crawford and John Burkhart created a flying machine inspired by the drawings of Leonardo DaVinci. The flight from Washburn Butte last Thursday was short and disastrous for both man and machine.

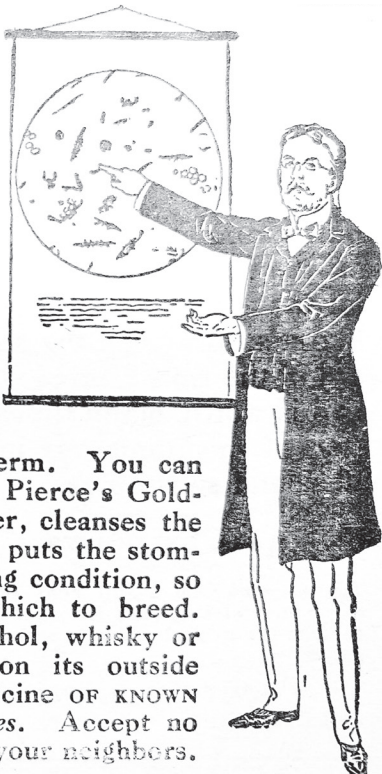
SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED

Reward Offered North Side School Building Destroyed in Mysterious Manner

The six room, two story building burned last Tuesday under mysterious circumstances. A \$100 reward is being offered by the Board of Directors for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. It is estimated that replacing the building will cost \$20,000. The Gymnasium has survived, thankfully.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink. The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow cheek, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 40 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.



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»IN MEMORIAM«
Joni Nelson

Her undeterred spirit & hard work helped bring the Moyer House back to life, whimsical living history onto the carriage, and joyous laughter to all by singing Lydia Pinkham’s song as loudly as possible. We miss you Joni.



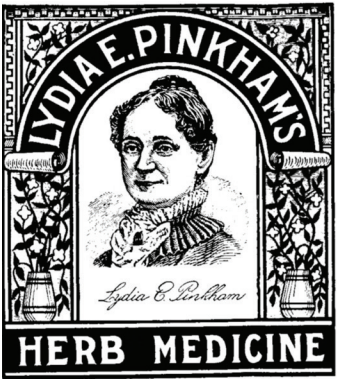
My dear friend’s husband
Had quite a problem
He spent all day in the
saloon
But when she gave him
some Lydia Pinkham’s
He was home each day by
noon.

—All sing chorus—
Oh, We sing we sing we sing
for Lydia Pinkham,
Pinkham, Pinkham,
And her love for the human
race.
Her wonderful compound, a
dollar a bottle
And the label bears her face.

Dear cousin Sallie
Was quite fainthearted
And dared not climb
aboard for flight
But had she taken her
Lydia Pinkhams’
She could have done it
every night.

—All sing chorus—
That Lydia Pink she
Turned to drink , she
Filled up with paraffin
inside
And despite her medicinal
compound
Lydia Pinkham sadly died

—All sing —
Up to heaven
Her soul ascended
All the church bells they
did ring
She took with her medi-
cinal compound
Now the blessed angels
sing.
—Chorus, but with:
Oh, we drink we drink we
drink...



Dear Gertrude

Ah Spring! The buds are opening up at last, the new lambs have all been born, and the wild geese are journeying north once more. All seems right with the world. . . Except, of course, for the bustling demands of small-town gossip. Who better to cook up a feast of scandal after a cold hard winter than your Mistress of Advice? (That would be moi, in case it was in any question.) It is my pleasure to serve you all, my dear readers. Ask away, for Mrs. Gertrude Dumas is seated at her (rather fashionable) secretary and ready to advise.



Having reached middle age here at the beginning of the 20th century I have plenty of wisdom to bestow upon the less blessed. Write to me about your frustrations and woes, we will see what Madame Dumas can do for you.
(Ahem, it’s pronounced “dew moss” not “dum-ass”, I’ll have you know. Really, I declare! I’m tired of the chattering laughter of the schoolboys as though they’ve never heard a French surname before here in the Willamette Valley...)

Dear Gertrude,
There is a scandal of the highest order in this here town I tell you. My neighbor has stolen my award-winning parsnip & pickle recipe and passed it off as her own in the Pickles & Preserves competition at the church fundraiser. To add insult to injury, she won! How do I set the record straight and deal with this thieving rival?

Sincerely,
Sensitive About Liars Telling Yarns

Dear SALTY,
Well! In times like these, I shudder to think what example we are giving our children today. Stealing recipes, undermining our neighbors, fooling our friends and family just to get a little undeserved recognition? Why, I cross myself to think of this all going on at all, and in a church fundraiser no less! I believe it’s time to take matters into your own hands my dear. I know it may be a bother, but you need to invite yourself to tea with this deceitful neighbor and attempt to mend fences. You need to tell her that you forgive her, make sweet, and embrace your enemy — as our pastor says — then find a way to steal away for a moment to the kitchen. This is where you exchange those labels on her jars. I suggest that swapping the salt & sugar would spoil that next batch of pickles & preserves and make it clear that stealing recipes has consequences in this life and perhaps in the next. We must forgive, yes, but we must also make sure they never forget. We try to go high when possible—however when they go low... we get revenge. Bonne chance my dear!

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— DRAMATIS PERSONAE —
Carriage Me Back To 1909
(2025)

ON THE STREET (in order of Appearance)

- Larry Chafin — Carriage Driver
- Donald Lyon — Narrator
- David Scranage — Businessman
- Dan Murphy — Dr. Sigmund Freud
- Rhiunnin Hurtford — Egg Lady
- Lauren Sinz — Sarah Averill
- Paul Sinz — Alfred Averill
- Jeff Brown — Bernard B. Bumble
- Rod Bates — Rufus Q. Bee
- Jack Alsman — Sheriff
- Jeff Smith — Professor Jeffery
- Anne Clark — Suffragette
- Clive Clark — Heckler
- Craig McKern — Mild Bill McKern
- Jaime Gleason – Goatherd

MOYER HOUSE

- MUSIC ROOM
Lisa Keith — Isadora Duncan
Ben Scranage — Reporter Democrat Herald

- LIVING ROOM
Amy Henson — Mrs. Moyer
Marie Arnold — Marie Elizabeth, companion
Mike Moshofsky — Bernard Scott, race car driver

- PARLOR
Amica Henson-Whisler — Lola Baldwin (Oregon’s first police woman)
Sigrid Swarzendruber — Martha, recruit
Deena Bechtel — Viola May Macon, fallen woman
Mathew Bechtel — James Weston, local ranch hand

- DINING ROOM
Melody Nowak — Madam Novasky, séance mystic
Sandy Salzer — Cordelia
Mary Brown — Ruby Brown
Jim Bittle — Mr. Moyer, deceased

- KITCHEN
Michael Humphreys — Chef Culpepper
Mikayle Stole — Daisy, kitchen help
Primadonna — Chickee, local chicken

- MOYER HOUSE GUIDE
Kathleen Swayze — Miss Constance Baker, teacher at North Brownsville High School
Caroline Pearce — Banker (in Museum)

- BEHIND THE SCENES
TRAFFIC — Chenoweth Robertson, Connie Bull, Anne Clark, Clive Clark, David Hansen, Terri Snedden, Don Ware

- RESEARCH — Linda McCormack, Donald Lyon

- DRAMA COACH — Melody House

- MUSEUM — Mandy Cole, Barbara Andersen, Chris Evans

- NEWSPAPER — Jaime Gleason, Mikayle Stole

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THE STANDARD OF THE WOMAN
SUFFRAGISTS

Suffragists March Forward

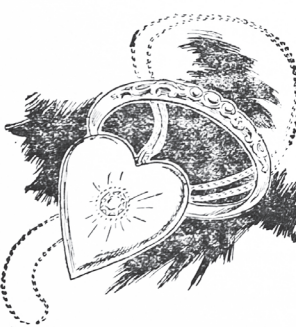
A spirited meeting of local suffragists was held Tuesday afternoon in the parlor of the Methodist Church, where a number of earnest women—and a few forward-thinking gentlemen—gathered to discuss the cause of votes for women. Mrs. Abigail Cross, chairwoman of the Brownsville Equal Franchise League, addressed the gathering with conviction, stating, "We do not ask for privilege, but for fairness—our voice in the laws which govern us." Applause followed, and many in attendance signed a petition to be presented to the State Legislature in Salem.

Supporters cited the growing number of states, including Colorado and Washington, where women have gained full voting rights without disruption to order or society. "Let Oregon not lag behind," said Miss Flora Kent, League secretary. Lemonade and cookies were served following the meeting, and the room was filled with lively conversation. The next gathering will be held the second Tuesday of the month.

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