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COMMISSIONER SELLS IN THE SOUTHWEST

Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, returned to Washington today from a two-months' tour of the deserts in Arizona and Southern California. During his trip Commissioner Sells traveled hundreds of miles in automobiles and many miles on horseback, and inspected the water sheds of the Gila River in Arizona and New Mexico for the purpose of locating possible reservoir and dam sites.

He tracked closely the Colorado River from Needles, Arizona, to Yuma, California, inspected the Parker and Yuma Reservation irrigation possibilities and studied conditions in the Imperial Valley, his definite purpose being to thoroughly familiarize himself with the water conditions and productive possibilities of the desert countries of the southwest.

Among other things accomplished during his trip, the Commissioner effected preliminary arrangements for power to be used in pumping and for clearing, leveling and putting into cultivation 30,000 acres in one tract of desert lands on the Pima Reservation, southwest of Phoenix.

Commissioner Sells says that with water these desert lands are capable of almost unbelievable production, that Egyptian long staple cotton is fast becoming a chief crop, making approximately one bale to the acre, now selling for seventy cents a pound; that alfalfa grows in great quantities, being cut seven or eight times each season, and that milo maize produces abundantly; that there are more cattle and hogs fed in the Salt River, Yuma, and Imperial Valleys than in any other equal territory in the world. The Commissioner visited one ranch in the Yuma Valley where 7,000 hogs were being fed.

It is his purpose, within the next eighteen months, to develop not only the 50,000 acres on the Pima Reservation, but in like manner thousands of acre on the Parker and Yuma Reservations. With the first hand information Commissioner Sells obtained on this trip he is able to transform rapidly and effectively much of the great deserts of the Southwest into the production of food for the world's immediate necessities.

CHEMAWA VS. O. A. C. FRESHMEN

Last Saturday the Chemawa football team played the O. A. C. Freshmen at Corvallis and were defeated by a score of 9 to 6.

In the first part of the game the Freshmen, being unable to gain, punted to Chemawa and secured the ball on Chemawa's 20-yard line. After three unsuccessful attempts to advance the ball a drop kick was placed squarely between the goals by Kashberger, the same man who last season while playing with Mt. Angel College, defeated Chemawa by a place kick.

The Freshmen touchdown was a result of a 75-yard run by the O. A. C. quarter who, securing the ball on a punt, ran through the entire Chemawa team to the goal. Several of the Chemawa men had good chances to tackle him. The Chemawa men made many more first downs than the Freshmen and outside of the one long run of O. A. C. played the better ball. However, the Freshmen out-classed Chemawa in open field running, tackling and general alertness.

In the last quarter Chemawa, by repeated successful passes for gains from 10 to 30 yards, finally carried the ball across the goal, Captain Lane making the touchdown near the side lines. After a pretty punt out Downie missed goal. Captain Lane was replaced by Nuckolls in the second quarter, but resumed play at the beginning of the third quarter. Crane injured his shoulder and was replaced by Gartiez in the second quarter.

There were no particular stars on the Chemawa team. The team as a whole showed possibilities, but were slow, both in starting and getting down the field on kick-offs and punts and were decidedly weak on open field tackling and interfering.

Line-up: L. E., Hauser; L. T., Nix; L. G., Fields; C., Hobucket; R. G., Sanders; R. T., Peratrovich; R. E., Lane (Capt.) (Nuckolls); Q., Downie; R. H., Watts; L. H., Chamberlin; F., Crane (Gartiez).

CLASS ORGANIZATION

The 6th grade completed class organization last week and the following officers were elected to serve during the first semester:

Joseph Bettles, president; Doris Hoxie, vice-president; Jessie Cleveland, secretary-treasurer; Amy Bern, reporter; Charles Brazillee, Oscar Wilson, Catherine Matte and Sarah Marlow, monitors; Joseph Greer and Alex Petellin, orderlies; Joseph Johnson, Feoktist Rapin, Anna Peratrovich and Ora Duncan, sergeants.

The class motto, "Obedience," and the class colors, "Black and Gold," were adopted by the 1916-17 class. The present class has adopted a well-harmonized class song, "The Black and Gold." We are trying to live up to the sentiment of its inspiring words.—Amy Bern, Class Reporter.