

Superior Maneuvering That Enabled Roseburg to Triumph in Tug-o-War With Grants Pass Team is Recalled

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Again recalling incidents of the old field day sports contest between Grants Pass and Roseburg, the Roseburg band, under direction of Prof. E. H. Applehoff, with such outstanding musicians as Bert Benjamin, slide trombone soloist; Will Benjamin and George Langenberg, cornet soloists, and a number of other top-notch band musicians continually carried off the honors in band contests, so the Grants Pass group was always looking for a new sport in which they might excel and finally hit upon a tug-o-war contest.

They promptly sent Roseburg a challenge for a tug-o-war and while the challenge came but a short time before the annual field day was to be held in Roseburg, our officials got busy to see what could be done about the organization of a contesting team. No one here could be found who knew much about this sport but finally Silas "Jumbo" Reizenstein, who was operating a restaurant in the Roseburg saloon, admitted that he knew something of the game or at least had seen a contest or two, so the matter of the team organization was put in his hands.

I just can't remember all the members of the team assembled by "Jumbo" but Frank Plotner, a Western Union line superintendent, was selected as "anchor man," Frank was not very tall, neither was he very heavy; he probably weighed around 180 or 190 pounds, but he was hard as a rock and in good physical condition. The Grants Pass "anchor man" was Lew Eberley, a man weighing more than 300 pounds, but he was a saloon operator and was not used to much heavy exercise. Any way he had the weight and that was chiefly necessary for the man on the end of the rope in order to hold the slack taken up by his team members.

Device Aids Victory

Others on our team were Charles Parrott, Ed Hamlin, Sam Boksinger, J. E. B. Cartwright, A. Archambeau and others whom I cannot recall, but they went into training under the direction of Reizenstein and quickly learned the rudiments of the game. Reizenstein had a contest board or frame constructed of clear 3x8 inch lumber with a lever in the center for holding the rope in place and releasing it when the contest was begun and the rope pulled taut by the contesting teams. Stations were built within the two upright 3x8's for each contestant, at regular intervals, with a strong 3x6 placed ladderwise for his foot rest and a wide smooth plank extending the whole length of the contraption and underneath, for the men to sit or lie on as the occasion required. The smoothness of the board allowed each man to slide up or down as he either gained or lost on the pull of the rope. Silas drilled his men constantly and had them working well as a team unit.

Finally the contest day arrived and the tug-o-war was one of the first morning events. The pulling frame or contraption was placed on the board sidewalk in front of the Slocum property, then Slocum's hall, which was located where the Kohlman building now stands on Jackson street. Silas attending to supervising the laying of the board, which was tightly spiked to the walk. Silas had worked out a clever little trick that he felt would give his team a slight advantage providing, of course, that the Grants Pass bunch were not already wise. The tug rope being brandnew, the team that got the first pull or the strongest pull after the lever was raised would take all the stretch out of the rope and pull the red or center string marking the starting point of the rope toward the side that got the first of the stretch.

In the rope.

This strategy depended greatly on the anchor man who, sitting on the board prepared for him, would allow him to slide back and gather up the stretch through his belt and with his legs straightened out, to sit tight and hold the advantage. The Grants Pass boosters were strong for their team and as betting was a part of the sport in those times, the Roseburgers were reluctant at first to back their team with cash, but the southerners became so confident and offered such odds toward the time of the contest that the home people opened up and quite large sums were wagered.

The Grants Pass manager and "Jumbo" looked over the pulling set up, placed the new rope in position and pressed down the clamp to secure it and the starting leverman sat on the end of the clamp lever to hold it in readiness for starting. Then the Grants Pass manager, with two of his men, walked to their anchor man's position with a long piece of 2x4, a saw and a ham-



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mer and commenced to tear up the boards on that position, and in place of the sliding board seat, commenced to nail six 2x4 cleats to the sidewalk making a ladder-like bunch of steps for his anchor man to place his feet against and climb as he might gain slack on the rope. This rather startled the Roseburg bunch and they held a hasty conference and decided to do likewise.

Quick Maneuver Wins

Each team took its place, the locals on the north and the visitors on the south, the gun was fired and the lever raised. Each member of the team, when the signal was given, was hanging onto the rope and their rumps were about three inches from their seat board. The stretch came to outside immediately with

the red cord more than an inch and a half toward us. The Grants Pass team had again been outmaneuvered as every man of them sat solid on their seats depending on a straight pull, but Plotner, our anchor man, was in trouble, for as the slack came his way he took it up on his slip belt and still remained poised in the air with his seat a few inches off the seat board and his ankle cramped over the 2x4 ladder step, and it was realized that the removal of the sliding seat board had been a mistake. Plotner was so cramped that his nerves were affected. The corner of the ladder step was cutting into his flesh and he could not take a step to gain the top of the ladder step. "Jumbo" quickly saw the trouble he was in and signaled his men to give an extra strong jerking

pull and at the same time signaled Plotner to try and gain his step on the pull. The maneuver worked and on the jerk pull the Grants Pass anchorman was pulled out of his position and was never able to regain it. Our men lay on their gain, dripping sweat in the hot morning sun for the balance of the 30-minute pull and Grants Pass could never regain its lost few inches. Thus again the Roseburgers had outmaneuvered or out-tricked the visitors and the gamblers dashed in on fairly large odds.

WRIGHT.

Influenza, also known as Russian fever, Spanish Influenza, Catarrhal fever and La Grippe, has been known and described since about 400 years before Christ.

Suspension Order to

Safeway Stores Stayed

PORTLAND, April 18—(AP)—Suspension of eight Safeway stores charged with accepting ration stamps cancelled last Christmas is postponed by the National Hearings administration pending review.

The suspension order would have prevented the stores from selling processed foods or sugar.

Referendum Launched

Against New Milk Laws

SALEM, Ore., April 18—(AP)—Preliminary referendum petitions against three new milk laws passed by the recent legislature were filed with the state department today by the Oregon Dairy

alliance.

One of the bills requires pasteurization of milk from infected herds, and the other two provide for grades and standards for milk.

If the sponsors of the referendum get 14,422 signatures on their petitions, the bills will be on the November, 1946, general election ballot. Otherwise, they will become law June 18.

The alliance did not move against the bill to require more rigid inspection of herds.

Army Turns Municipal

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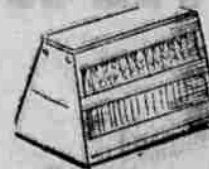
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Nabisco Shreddies Teeny Wheat Biscuits pkg. 12c

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