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RAIN AND HAIL SWEEP OVER SHERMAN AREA

Damage Done To Wheat South of
Grass Valley

WHEAT YIELD WILL INCREASE

Rain Assures Better Crop To Nearly
All of County

Rain, long prayed for by the farmers, came Sunday accompanied by its rough and brutal brother, hail. Together they rushed across the county from Shearer's to Cottonwood beating and destroying crops and small livestock, washing ditches in summer-fallow, carrying away whatever lay in the path of the floods and leaving the county still a little doubtful as to the worth of their visit.

About five o'clock in the afternoon the rain and hail began on the hills along Shearer's grade and soon filled the canyons with water and debris that washed out the grade in some places and carried away the watering trough and the bridge immediately below it on the grade.

From there the storm traveled north and east to the head of Grass Valley canyon near Grass Valley and followed down that branch until east of Moro where it struck across country to Cottonwood. Other storms varying in intensity hit other parts of the county and did damage outside of the main path.

Near the head of Shearer's grade several hundred acres of spring wheat belonging to Karl Eaton was almost totally destroyed. Allie Leonard lost the larger part of his crop that was in the path of the storm. The house on the Roy Baker land occupied by Glen Fairchild and family was badly damaged by hail stones as large as hen eggs.

Will Todd's wheat was hurt to some extent although not completely destroyed. From there the storm seemed to split and one part turned east to strike for the W. B. Wilcox ranch with a small cyclone accompanying it. A hog house and sheds were blown down and the windmill was twisted out of shape. Hail ruined the wheat on this place at the same time.

The main part of the storm continued its northeasterly direction and literally beat the spring wheat on the I. E. Wilson home place into the ground. Mrs. W. J. Davis' winter wheat on her place and the Chas. Schwartz ranch as well as Tom Coyle and H. Hutcheroff's crops was totally destroyed it being estimated by observers that it would be impossible to harvest enough to get seed for another crop.

Fred Stradley and Fred Cox were next in line and their crops were reduced in probable yield by more than half. Seventy two windows in the Cox house were broken out. The storm struck Grass Valley and

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 17

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 11	70	39	.00
" 12	81	46	.00
" 13	78	54	.11
" 14	76	57	.56
" 15	75	56	.82
" 16	65	54	.03
" 17	65	47	.03
Total for week			1.25

flooded the streets partially destroying the wheat crop of Arch Russell north east of town and lifted as it traveled on down the canyon.

Dick Beckman, W. F. Schilling, John Engstrom, C. R. Baker, Roy Tiller and J. B. Burton had wheat crops near the center of the storm and suffered considerable damage by hail.

In the town of Moro less than half an inch of rain fell but a mile west of town it is estimated that nearly three inches fell within a half an hour. Wheat on the L. L. Peetz ranch, farmed by Peters and Ginn, was damaged an estimated two bushels per acre, nearby fields probably suffered a like amount. Another part of the storm struck on the hill west of the E. E. Barzee ranch and hail knocked a third of the wheat out of the crop on that place. Flood waters came down the canyon where Elmer Barzee lives and destroyed the blacksmith shop in which was a bunch of sheep. Seven of the animals were killed and a like number of hogs.

The McDonald ranch buildings west of town were flooded by the rush of water down the draw there.

Hail fell heavily on the ridge between Grass Valley and Hay Canyon near the Dan McLachlan place but it is not thought that the wheat was badly damaged. At the head of Cottonwood, A. G. Futter, A. E. Eslinger and Wm. McDonald, suffered the loss of part of their crops.

Another spot hit by this most peculiar storm was on the Hans Thompson place east of Hay Canyon. Several windows were broken and some wheat was damaged.

Northwest of Wasco another storm washed fields and brought mud and rocks on the highway in several places. Grain was damaged to some extent but no hail fell in that territory. Damage was from water.

Summerfallow in the path of the storm is beaten hard and will need cultivation before harvest. On the edges of the most severe rain much good will come especially to spring wheat. However in the south end of the county where the larger part of the spring wheat is the rain was very light.

In cases where only a part of the field was damaged it is quite likely that the owner will receive a bigger crop from what is left than he would have from the entire field without rain. The county's average will be heavier than was anticipated last week.

Large Brazilian States
Brazil is larger than the United States, and is divided into only 20 states, whereas we have 48. Three of the Brazilian states are larger than Texas.

GLEN C. AKERS DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Deceased Had Been County Clerk
For Five Years

FUNERAL HELD WEDNESDAY

Week-end Pleasure Trip Turned Into
Sadness By Death

Another of those Sunday morning tragedies that have shocked and saddened this community befell us last Sunday morning with the announcement of the sudden death of Glenn C. Akers, while on a week end trip to Camp Sherman.

Mr. Akers with his wife and daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hennagin, of Wasco left Saturday evening for the camp, after the close of the days work at the court house. About eleven o'clock a heart attack, to which Mr. Akers was subject, caused him to breathe his last while his family was trying to aid him.

Glenn C. Akers, a son of Elijah and May Akers, was born in Dixon, Missouri on December 16th, 1872. He was one of three children one of which died in infancy and another died when in young womanhood leaving Glenn the only one to reach maturity age.

On July 1st, 1897, he was married to Miss Maud McHenry at Monett, Missouri. Four children all living have been born to this union. They are Wayne, of Eugene, Carroll, of Albany, Mrs. Ruth Holloway, of Los Angeles and Mrs. Henrietta Hennagin, of Wasco.

Beside these he is survived by his widow, and five grand children. In March 1910 the family moved to Wasco where they lived for 16 years during which time the deceased was employed in the office of the Independent Milling Company. Five years ago he was appointed county clerk of the county upon the death of Mrs. Hoskinson and was elected to that office at the last election.

The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church Wednesday June 17, with the Rev. C. D. Parrott, of Ilwaco Wash., preaching the sermon assisted by Rev. F. A. Ginn, of the Moro Methodist church.

Active pall bearers were A. H. Barnum, L. L. Peetz, E. D. McKee, J. P. Yates, W. D. Wallan and J. F. Foss and honorary pall bearers were J. C. McKean, George Hennagin, R. H. McKean, John McDermid, A. C. Barnecroft, Steve McMillin, and Perry Sisell. Interment was in the Wasco cemetery.

Plan's Middle Pedal
The third pedal of a piano is the tone-sustaining or sostenuto pedal. This, when pressed down, allows the player to prolong any note or group of notes the keys of which were already lifted when the pedal was pressed down and keeping them so until the pedal is released. This one is able to sustain a chord, leaving the hand free for other notes.

Two Youths Sentenced For Robbing Poolroom

Luke Bibby's pool hall at Grass Valley was broken into last Saturday night by two young men from Shanks and a money punch board on which still remained between \$18.00 and \$20.00 was taken. A glass cutter was used to take out a piece of the glass to permit a hand to be put inside to turn the lock.

A description of the car and the general appearance of the men was obtained by Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Poley who live across the street and Deputy Sheriff Tom Garrett, arrested Ralph Reeder and Lee Johnson at Kent the next morning.

A plain charge of larceny was placed against them Monday morning and they pleaded guilty before Justice of Peace R. J. Ginn who sentenced them to spend thirty days in the county jail and pay a fine of \$50.00. Reeder is the son of Gus Reeder, who has been marshal of Shanks for many years and Johnson is a step son of Alex Ross who operated a filling station until it was destroyed by fire last winter. Only \$7.40 of the money was recovered.

George Vinton Appointed Clerk of County

George C. Vinton, of Grass Valley was appointed county clerk by the county court Thursday June 18th to finish the unexpired term of Glen C. Akers who died suddenly at Camp Sherman last Sunday.

There were several applications for the position.

Mr. Vinton has been a resident of Sherman county since 1882 and is one of the few old pioneers left. For the past twenty five years he has been manager of the Wasco Warehouse Milling Co., office at Grass Valley and is well equipped in knowledge of book work to perform the duties of the clerk's office. A large delegation of his supporters were at the meeting of the court to urge his appointment.

Boy Scouts Learn Swimming in Summer

Scout News
Swimming is one of the major activities at Camp Ringwalk the Boy Scout Camp at Scout Lake, being conducted for the boys of this area, starting July 12. Two swimming periods each day are graded so that the non-swimmer, the beginner, the swimmers and the life savers each receive a half hour instruction and recreation both morning and afternoon.

The swimming activities are in charge of Harold Shearer an Eagle Scout and assistant Scout Master of Forest Grove. His efficient work and kindly service in the 1930 camps have endeared him to all who know him. Life guard Shearer will be assisted by Wayne Smith assistant Scout Master and Senior Life saver of The Dalles who will bring to the camp's new ideas and suggestion gained through a term spent in the C. M. T. C. camp and Vancouver this year.

COUNTY SCHOOLS ELECT OFFICERS

Budgets For School Year Passed By
Voters

MANY OFFICERS REELECTED

City Boards Have Budgets Pared In
Some Cases

School elections held in the districts of the county last Monday were in general conducted very quietly and with small attendance of school patrons. There were few changes in the boards of directors and almost no new clerks were elected.

In Moro W. H. Ragsdale was re-elected director for three years with no opposition and M. E. McKee was elected clerk. He has recently filled out the term of F. E. Fortner and is acquainted with the work. The budget was passed with a reduction of a little over \$500.00 made by postponing the payment of bonds for another year.

In Grass Valley T. M. Rolfe was elected to succeed himself and Ray Blake will be clerk for another year. Some opposition was expressed as to the budget as prepared by the board of directors and it was recommended that about \$3000.00 be cut from it by reducing the salaries of teachers next year and by putting off the payment of bonds for a year at least.

In Wasco the same force was kept in office; H. S. Wall being re-elected as director and Mrs. Lydia Darby as clerk.

County districts reporting their election to L. W. Rakes, county school superintendent gave the following list of officers elected:

Emigrant Dist. No. 4 Sam Brock, director, J. M. Yocum, clerk.
Michigan Dist. No. 26 I. E. Wilson, director, T. J. Coyle, clerk.
Rosebush, Dist. No. 32 Tommie Barnett, director, H. Koepke, clerk.
Monkland, Dist. No. 19 M. G. Melzer, director, Mrs. Minnie Kenny, clerk.
Rutledge, Dist. No. 24 D. L. Reynolds, director, C. P. Adams, clerk.
Liberty Dist. No. 25 Peter Peters, director, Mrs. Mildred von Borstel, clerk.
Klondike Dist. No. 30 S. P. Boice, director, George Potter, clerk.
Dobie Point, Dist. No. 35 C. B. Gregg, director, L. W. Amick, clerk.
Kent Dist. No. 9 Mrs. Ida Davis, director, A. A. Dunlap, clerk.
Biglow Dist. No. 1 Ralph M. Smith, director, George Fox, clerk.

Sparlings Have Close Call Near Dufur

While returning from a fishing trip at Shearer's last Sunday Clarence Sparling and wife had rather a narrow escape from serious injury. On the slick and muddy macadam near Dufur their car skidded into the ditch breaking a fender and running board off one side of it. No one was injured.

Legionnaires To Meet at Wasco Saturday

Legionnaires and Auxiliaries of the three counties, Wasco, Sherman and Hood River, members of the Tri-County Council will meet in Wasco on Saturday evening June 20th as guests of Frank Brown Post No. 91 of that city.

Something lively in the way of entertainment is promised as Wasco has been trying to get a meeting of the council there in good weather for several years in order to show the ex-service men and their families a good time. Dancing in the open air pavilion and something in the way of refreshments may safely be expected.

After this meeting the Tri-County council will not meet again until sometime in the fall and after the state convention. Therefore the program of this district at the convention will be prepared at this meeting. And it may lead to some lively debate.

Officers will be elected to conduct the council over the hurdles of 1931-32. The ones nominated at the last meeting were: President, Art Loftis, Hood River; Lloyd Dunahoo, The Dalles; Vice-President, Earl Jones, Wasco; Frank Haynes, Kent; Secretary, Guy Duvall, Mosier; Dayton McLucas, Hood River;

County Fair For 1931

Cancelled By Court

Acting on a resolution passed by the Pomona Grange in their meeting at Kent the county court decided that there would be no fair held in Sherman county in 1931. While it would have been possible for the fair board to go ahead with their plans and have a fair the fear that there would not be sufficient tax money paid in to finance it caused them to acquiesce to the demand.

The fair books have been partially prepared for the press and over \$500 has been received from the state to help finance the fair. Arrangements have been made to stop all preparations and the money will be returned to the state.

Thompson Family Hold Round-up

On June 14th, the Thompson Family awoke to the sound of rain on their roof. So all decided that DeMoss Springs Memorial Park would not be the place to meet that day. Through the courtesy of Harlandview Grange their hall was used.

After the bountiful dinner was enjoyed and while all were still seated around the table an unusually good program was given.

There has been one marriage since last year. That of Hollis Bull. He and wife now live at Wallowa, Oregon, where he is employed.

Births include William Max Elliott son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Elliott who recently moved to Ridgefield, Wash. The latest addition to the family is Keith, seven weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson.

Friends entertained were Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nish and R. S. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thompson of Portland who made the drive together from that city Saturday returning late Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Nish are well known in Moro. R. S. Hall is the father of S. A. Hall. Fifty one members of the family were present. All joined in thanking Harlandview Grange for their generosity in allowing the grange hall to be used.

All left for their homes when they saw the large black cloud in the west. It is presumed that all arrived home before the heavy rain and cloudburst fell.

Moro Grain Growers Move To Elevator

The Moro Grain Growers' offices will be moved in the next few days to the elevator building where a new office has been built for them. They have been in the basement of the hotel since the beginning of the organization.

This move is made so that the manager will be closer to the work of shipping and testing wheat.

Glenn Rhyn will be in general charge of the elevators at Klondike, Hay Canyon, Moro and Erskine although they will be operated by others during the season of taking in wheat. Max Bull will have charge of warehouses in Moro during harvest.

MISS GINN WRITES OF INDIAN REVOLT

Natives Refuse To Ride If Whites
Get Best Seats

BIRTHDAY PICNICS ENJOYED

English Speaking Missionaries. Celebrate
Natal Days

Coonor, Nilgiri Hills
May 20th, 1931.

Dearest Mother and Daddy:
It is Wednesday morning and I have just returned from such a good meeting. A Mr. Garrison of the Christian Missionary Alliance is giving a series of talks on the first epistle of John. The meeting began yesterday but this morning is the first meeting I have attended; there will be another meeting this afternoon and two tomorrow. He speaks so simply and quietly and yet in such power of Spirit that the Word grips and convicts. The Spirit of the Lord is sweetly present in the little chapel room and while there was not a crowd present there were hungry, seeking hearts and He met us. He spoke on the third chapter this morning, emphasizing righteousness and love as the proofs of having been born again. He lifted the standard of living high but only as high as God's Word has declared it to be; I believe we all realized short comings in our lives but Mr. Garrison did not fail to point us to the divine power which enables.

We have been having a series of birthdays. Two in the home this week and mine of last week. My first birthday anniversary in India was ever so nice though I was afraid before hand it might be a little lonely. I had told no one about it recently though some time ago Winne found out; however I have seen so little of her since coming over to Miss Eady's that I didn't expect her to remember. Friday morning—the eventful day—about seven o'clock there was a tap on my door; I thought it was the boy with chota, first meal of the day, simple and served in our rooms, but what was my surprise when at my call of "come in" a boy appeared with a number of wrapped parcels in his hands. They were gifts from Winne, little Mary and Miss S. Mackay. In the afternoon something else came as a lovely, lovely surprise. Being Friday I expected no mail but if an air-mail from Daddy and an air-mail from Mother, another letter from Mother which had been two months in reaching me and a letter from a friend in India didn't arrive—I was really thrilled because I had rather hopelessly longed to hear from home on that day. Miss Eady brought the mail to me and discovered that it was my birthday. She was sorry not to have known sooner but said we would have to celebrate even yet. So the next day we had a birthday breakfast and my place at the table was decorated with flowers and simple but useful gifts from members of the household—even the dogs and parrots participating in this, prompted by their mistress. Winne came down for breakfast but was unable to enter into the rest of the plans of the day.

After breakfast (11:30) Winne took us to the bus station in her car and without any delay we were on our way to Ooty—four of us in the party: Miss Eady, Brother Stoddart, Miss Jupp and myself. The beginning of our bus trip was far more pleasant than that of the one I had taken three days previously when I received my first personal introduction to Gandhi antagonism. The first seat of the bus is more comfortable and is usually reserved for Europeans but they had reserved the second seat for me and my two friends. This seat was so high that it brought me into dangerous proximity to the top of the bus so we asked if I might sit in front as it was not fully occupied. The driver hesitatingly gave consent and I changed my seat. An Indian who had been occupying the front seat got out and refused to get in again but started haranguing with the Indians in the bus and they all piled out. The man in charge of the buses (an Indian) said it was Gandhiism and that they were going to boycott the bus because I had been allowed to sit in the front seat. It was unreasonable but I quickly returned to my former position where the Indians resumed their places and we were finally on our way. This was the experience on Wednesday but on this day—Saturday—we met with no discourtesy. The presence of a sahib (man) lends prestige which may have helped further the spirit of friendliness.

Reaching Ooty, or Ootycumund as it is properly named, we went to the

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Ten County Schools Out of Fourteen Are Standardised

Of the fourteen county schools of Sherman county ten have achieved a rating high enough to become standard schools and five of that number are listed as superior schools. In order for this record to be made it was necessary to have cooperation between the teacher, the pupils and the parents of the school district for the chart upon which the rating is made allows for little or no deviation from plain facts. Among other things it requires a certain percent of the parents to visit school, clean school room, well kept grounds and a certain amount of community activities.

The following chart shows the superior schools (those above 90) and the standard schools of the county:

School	Grounds and out buildings	School house	Equipment	Library	Teacher and organization	Community and School activity	Total
Michigan	12	18	17	9	29	11	96
Harmony	11	19	10*	7	29	9*	92*
Monkland	12	19	19	6	25	10*	91*
DeMoss	10	19	17*	9	26	8	90*
Erskine	11	19	15	9	24	12	90
Dobie Point	10	17	16	4	27	12	86
Fairview	8	19	15	6	28	8	84
Gorman	6	18	17	5	26	11	83
Gordon Ridge	12	14	18	0	27	9	82
Klondike	10	18	16	4	26	6	80

Note: * indicates plus.
For the school year of 1931-32 there will be only nine rural schools in this county for four of these listed below have decided to transport the pupils in their district to town schools. Dobie Point children will receive the remainder of their education in Kent, Michigan district will send pupils to Grass Valley, DeMoss and Monkland children will be taught in Moro and Gordon Ridge will send their pupils to Wasco.

Reports in the state wide papers show that in some schools of the state eighth grades have been graduated with one half of the pupils thereof gaining an average of ninety or above. Very fine, but under the perpetual sunshine and invigorating winds of Sherman county children just seem to do better than that. Of the fifty three who finally concluded their eighth grade work thirty had an average of 90 or over. In the Grass Valley school seven were in the eighth grade and six passed with honors. In Rufus three out of five will be put on the honor roll. In some country schools the entire class of one or two, were on the honor roll.

