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THURSDAY WILL BE FIELD DAY AT STATION

Experiments in Crops and Tillage To Be Shown

FORAGE CROP IS DEVELOPED

Crested Wheat Crop Useful For This Land

Farmers of Sherman county and adjacent counties have an invitation next Thursday, June 23rd. to view the Experiment station at Moro as guests of the staff there and inspect the work that has been done during the twenty years of the station's existence in the way of increasing yields of wheat and producing new varieties of wheat adaptable to this area.

Speakers who will be present to present to address the farmers will include Dean W. A. Shoenfeld, director of extension work, and George Hyslop, who is known to every farmer in this section as an indefatigable worker with field crops of all kinds.

Probably one of the most interesting experiments from the point of view of the wheat farmer who is concerned with producing wheat as cheaply as possible will be the one having to do with summer fallowing methods. There are plots that have not been plowed since the station was started. They have been disced every alternate year instead of being plowed in the accustomed fashion and they are producing good crops by this method of tillage. Another experiment will show the results of the deep tillage tool on the production of grain. This tool, known as the Killifer, loosens the ground to a depth of two or three feet.

There are many new varieties of wheat being tested out at the station all of the time and undoubtedly some of them will some day be grown on many of the fields of the county. Only a few years ago the Federation varieties that are now so popular were found among the varietal tests plots at the local station.

Since the war when acres and acres of what is called marginal land was plowed up to raise wheat for a hungry Europe there has been an effort on the part of wheat men to find some sort of plant that could be used to rest these acres to a permanent.

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Sand Blows Frequent Wednesday Afternoon

The west wind that followed the warm days of the first of the week was so violent that it started blowing on many of the summer-fallowed fields in the county. From almost any of the hills of the county one could see dust storms stringing out from fields that were susceptible to blowing.

The amount of damage has not been estimated at this time but it is certain that as high a wind as blew Wednesday afternoon moved a lot of soil out of its place in a few hours.

Eastern Stars To Picnic At DeMoss

Sherman Chapter, O. E. S. of Grass Valley have invited all Eastern Stars and families, and Masons and their families to join with them in a picnic at DeMoss Park, Sunday June 19th. A pot luck dinner will be served.

FARM HAND INJURED IN FALL WITH HORSE

Jake Rader Near Death in Hospital With Fractured Skull

Jake Rader, 27, who has been an employee on the Charles Harper ranch for the past eight months was seriously injured last Friday while riding a horse.

Rader left the Harper house in the morning after a team of horses to rake hay with. In a short time the team wanted came to the barn, but Rader did not appear. In the evening his saddle horse came in, cut and bruised and with the saddle broken. Neighbors had been searching all afternoon and in the evening residents of Wasco and the entire neighborhood took up the search.

A party from Wasco found the injured man lying in a canyon and he was taken to the house and later was removed to The Dalles hospital by William Walker. It was found there that he has a fractured skull and many other bruises and cuts.

As near as the accident can be explained from the marks on the hill side and the condition of the horse and saddle, the horse, a half broken broncho, either slid off the trail or began to buck while on a steep hill side. Horse and rider fell and slid down the hill about 600 feet landing in the bottom. Rader was from Tennessee.

CELEBRATION PROGRAM NEARING COMPLETION

Grass Valley Citizens Unite In Civic Enterprise

WALTER M. PIERCE IS TO SPEAK

Baseball Games, Footraces, And Other Sports Scheduled

Details of the Fourth of July celebration at Grass Valley are being released as the various committees obtain information from their activities during the past month. The committee on speaking has arranged for the appearance of Walter M. Pierce, ex-governor of Oregon, candidate for the house of representative on the Democratic ticket and for many years a leader in the political activities of the state, as speaker of the day. Mr. Pierce will need no introduction to the people of the county as he has been in Sherman county many times in his many campaigns and as executive of the grange is well known to members of that farmers society.

For the sport program two baseball games have been arranged between teams representing Moro and Grass Valley-Kent who are at present tied for the county championship. These games will be played Sunday afternoon, the third, and Monday afternoon, the fourth.

Other sporting events are being arranged and races and contests for young and old will be a part of the daily program. There will probably be a horse shoe tournament under the trees of the Grass Valley park for followers of that oldest of rural sports.

The celebration is being sponsored by every organization of the Grass Valley community including the Grange the Legion, the Woman's Club the Commercial Club and the city itself. Proceeds are to be used to repair and repaint the city auditorium where the program will be given.

There is ample shade and water in the city park for almost any number of people to picnic and hold their basket dinner and for those who care to sit about in the shade and visit with their neighbors seats will be provided.

Tri-County Council To Be Held June 25th

Saturday night, June 25, is going to be a gala night for Sherman county Legionnaires and Auxiliaries for the Tri-County council is going to meet in Moro on that night and the Chris Schultz post will have the privilege of entertaining comrades from the adjoining counties of Wasco and Hood River.

Vernon Platt, local adjutant, is arranging for speakers for the occasion and, more important, is making connections for some sort of food to stock the post's commissary department for the event.

Hearing Postponed

The hearing that was to be held at Salem June 14 on the question of rail rates on wheat was postponed until later an application of the carriers. It is probable that the hearing will not be held until after the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing in Seattle early in July when evidence will be presented by shippers and the railroads about the rates on wheat and other farm products.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 16

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 9	83	48	00
" 10	82	49	00
" 11	86	49	00
" 12	92	53	00
" 13	92	56	00
" 14	89	54	15
" 15	85	50	00
Total for week			15

Legion Heads Tell Of Convention Plans

What the Legion National Convention will mean to Oregon was the subject of the talks before the service men and interested business men of the district Monday night when members of the executive committee of the convention in Portland came to The Dalles to tell what they are doing to make the convention one to be remembered by all visitors.

After a dinner in the Hotel Dalles the meeting was adjourned to the Legion headquarters where the members of the party addresses the assembled Legionnaires and Auxiliaries. Alex Barry, commander of the state department, presided at the meeting and called upon Aaron Frank to tell of the interest that is being generated in the convention throughout the United States and the hosts of people who are expected to come to Oregon for the affair. Mr. Frank said that they hope to have 10,000 strangers within our state between September 12 to 16 and that they will spend four or five million dollars with merchants and tradespeople.

Others introduced and who gave talks about some phase of convention activities were: Ernie Hamm, Arch Van Cleve, Martin Pratt, E. L. Moser, Vic McKenzie, Sid George, Phil Jackson, Chas. Berg, Mrs. L. Docis Cobb, Mrs. Wayne Hill, Carl Moser, and Dr. O. F. Willing.

Crop Report Shows Decrease This Month

The June 1st crop report of the United States Department of Agriculture indicated a production of 16,400,000 bushels in Oregon on 800,000 acres for 1932. This compares with 15,262,000 bushels in 1931 and a five year average of 16,198,000.

For the United States it is estimated that there will be a crop of winter wheat of 410,669,000 bushels. The five year average is 548,632,000 bushels and the crop last year was 787,669,000 bushels.

While spring wheat production is not estimated the condition of spring wheat is given as 84.5 which is much better than the condition last year on June 1. It was then 67.9. The five average is 86.8.

This is a reduction of 10,112,000 in estimate since May 1st.

New Train Service To Begin Sunday

Beginning Sunday, June 19, there will be daily train service on the Sherman county branch of the Union Pacific according to announcement made by A. Rose. Last fall the Sunday train was discontinued and the mail and express was handled by Gus Smith, of Grass Valley, who made the trip from Grass Valley to Biggs by truck.

This movement comes as a surprise to nearly everyone who has been watching the railroad's actions in this county for a few weeks ago they were attempting to reduce train service to thrice a week.

Grass Valley-Kent Wins Over Antelope 10-4

Grass Valley-Kent defeated the Antelope baseball team on the Grass Valley diamond last Sunday by a score of 10 to 4. Although beaten the Antelope boys have a lively team of young boys who may make it plenty tough in case another engagement is played.

Young and Fritts were the battery for the winners and Troth and McGreer for Antelope. Next Sunday the Grass Valley team meets the Warm Spring Indians at Grass Valley.

Notice of Annual School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 17 Sherman county, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at the school house to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on the third Monday in June, being June 20th, 1932. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for a term of three years and one clerk for a term of one year and the transaction of such other business usual to such meetings.

M. E. McKee, clerk. Attest: James B. Adams, Chairman.

HAIL STORM DAMAGES CROPS NEAR KENT

Barnett and von Borstel Fields Hurt In Monday's Storm

YOUNG HEADS ARE STRIPPED

Accompanying Rain Does Good In The Neighboring Fields

A hail and rain storm that brought both joy and sorrow fell in parts of Sherman county last Monday evening between six and seven o'clock. In places it was very destructive to growing crops and in others it soaked the soil to insure a good yield.

The hail streak came across Buck Hollow from Wasco county where it left the ground white as an Alaskan Christmas and hit this county near the Peter Peters ranch. It advanced across Chas. Chamberlin's land doing some damage and it beat down a field on the old von Borstel ranch now farmed by Theodore von Borstel. This grain was late spring grain, however, and was not seriously injured.

It crossed the road into the Frank von Borstel place and destroyed the garden and ruined a field of volunteer wheat and some barley. The Roy Barnett field of early spring wheat on the home place, comprising 300 acres, was injured by having the newly emerged heads stripped of meshes.

How serious the damage will be to this wheat is not known as hail has never struck wheat so young in this county previously. It is the consensus of opinion, however, that the crops in the hail area are damaged by a half.

As the storm continued in the manner of hail storms it struck in several places along its course but was not of even strength. Several farms had a good rain and some a short distance away had very little moisture.

In the northern end of the county the rain was of little value as it did not rain enough to do much good north of Gordon ridge. It did result in lowering the temperature and a westerly wind has broken the spell of hot weather that was drying the wheat crop to rapidly and has undoubtedly done some damage to wheat in the heavier producing sections of the county.

Hearing To Be Held Here On Train Service

A communication from the office of the Public Utilities Commissioner at Salem announces that the "commission has assigned for hearing at the Sherman county court house, Tuesday, June 28, 1932 at 10 a. m. the matter involving petitions received from individuals and firms of Grass Valley, Moro and Kent protesting reduction of train service on the Shaliko branch of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company." This is the result of the petition that was circulated here last month asking that service on this branch line be not reduced to three times per week. Any interested citizens may attend this hearing and present evidence.

Wages Set For Coming Harvest

A scale of wages for the coming harvest made by a committee of farmers from Wasco and Sherman counties was agreed upon last week. It provides for lower wages than have been the custom for many years and yet is higher than wages were when wheat was its present price years and years ago.

Hay hands will receive \$1.00 per day, combine drivers, \$2.50, "cat" men \$3.00; separator men, \$3.00; sack jig, \$1.50; sack sewers, \$2.50; header tenders, \$1.50; straw haulers, \$1.00. For heading work and stationary machine work header punchers will get \$2.00; loaders, \$2.50; box drivers, \$1.25; hoe downs, \$1.50; sack sewer, \$2.50; sack jig, \$1.50 and separator men \$3.00.

Postage Rates Increase To Three Cents July 6

According to an announcement by Postmaster George Bourhill three cents will be the charge for sending a letter after July 6th. Drop letters those that are not moved out of the receiving postoffice will continue at the old rate of one cent each. An ample supply of stamps will be on hand before the new rate goes into effect.

Boat Service Stopped On Columbia River

The river boat service between The Dalles and Portland has been discontinued and the low rate of freight has been changed also until further arrangements have been made.

The high water in the river at this time of year made it difficult for the type of steamer used to make regular trips and, pending reorganization of the company, there will be no boat plying the Columbia.

MRS. WENDELL BALSIGER HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Dust Makes Driving Hazardous Along Part of Highway

Mrs. Wendell Balsiger was severely cut and bruised Wednesday evening when she drove her light car into a Standard Oil truck driven by Jack Chapman. There was a dust blow on the summerfallow field about a mile south of Wasco between the first culvert and the first house and as Mrs. Balsiger was returning from her work with the Farmer's National in Wasco she slowed down in order to be safe while passing through the dust.

The dust was so thick that it was impossible to see any distance and before she had slowed down enough she had hit the rear end of the truck that was feeling its way through the storm.

She was thrown into the windshield and cut about the face and was bruised by the impact with the steering column and the dash.

The right fender, the radiator and the lamps of her car were badly bent and the engine was shoved back against the dash. The bumper ran under the truck.

Mrs. Balsiger was taken back to Wasco by Mr. Chapman and was brought home by Mr. Balsiger later in the evening. Her wounds were dressed by Dr. Poley and it will be several days before she is able to resume her work with the grain company.

R. C. Byers had a minor wreck while in one of the dust clouds that crossed the highway Wednesday, which resulted in some damage to car, one of the fenders being smashed in a collision.

WASCO TAKES MORO IN SLAPSTICK GAME

Errors Most Prominent Feature of 17-16 Game

SCORE CLOSE DESPITE ERRORS

Wasco Topples Both of League Leaders In Last Games

	W	L
Grass Valley-Kent	4	2
Moro	4	2
Wasco	4	3
Rufus	1	6

Well, mates, it was a great ball game. If the cash customers are pleased with quantity they went home satisfied for there was plenty of scores, errors, hits and the time of the game was 2 hours and 50 minutes or nearly a whole afternoon. Wasco won 17 to 16 by batting in four runs in their half of the ninth and as there was only one man out at the time there is no telling when it would have ended if the players hadn't quit tossing the ball away.

Bishop pitched the entire time for Wasco although Moro made 15 blows off him. Nothing worried him, however, for after one bad inning he would come out and pitch a good one. Barzee started for Moro and instead of lasting his usual five or six innings he called for relief when he walked a man after 3 and a third innings. Osborn finished the fourth and the fifth and gave up in favor of Rutledge who finished.

In the seventh the old veteran was scored on five times due to errors on the part of his team mates. He allowed only one hit, walked three men and pitched to ten batters all in one inning. In the seventh and eighth he held the Wasco boys in good shape but in the ninth after Moro had increased their score until it stood 16 to 12 he wavered, the team erred and four runs crossed the plate to end the afternoon's mess.

While memory is not perfect it seems that there was one fly ball caught in the afternoon. The boys were plenty bad on both sides, no one had a corner on the errors.

This revival of playing after the season had apparently ended changes the percentages of the teams some what. Grass Valley-Kent are tied for the county championship, with 667 apiece and Wasco having defeated Rufus and Moro lately have 500 and Rufus has 167.

Nesbit and McPherson were umpires.

Read the ads in the Journal

News For Old Timers, About Old Timers of Olden Days

Observer June 20th, 1913. Sheriff McKean has Willis Lawrence in custody charged with stealing a colt from John Thompson last year.

Ernest McClure has returned from O. A. C. for his summer vacation on the farm.

Grass Valley business men have organized a commercial club as a means toward the promotion of general municipal welfare.

School election resulted in L. Barnum being re-elected director and J. M. Parry being elected clerk.

While in Portland last week we met Will Mowry; he has a good speaking part with the Baker Stock Company.

Observer June 19, 1903. The Observer told of the Heppner flood that had occurred the previous Sunday killing hundreds of people.

The storm last week Thursday lifted the Bourbon warehouse 50x80 clear off its floor and set it down so gently across the C. S. Ry tracks that not a board was split. It had to be removed, however, and was torn to pieces to clear the tracks.

A horse was discovered in a bog hole in Grass Valley canyon last Sunday by J. O. Thompson and was pulled out by Mr. Thompson and the Moro baseball team on its way to Monkland. Judge Fulton and Commissioners Kruow and Wright and Assessor Campbell were at the court house on Monday on official business. Observer June 15, 1893. J. H. Fraser, the Hay Canyon sheep man, is reported to have sold 1000 head of sheep at The Dalles this week. At \$3.00 per head they would realize a tidy sum. Grain in the Erskineville section is looking splendid. So far the weather has been propitious and Sherman county's wheat crop promises to be far ahead of any that has ever been raised here. If this county does not raise a million bushels of grain this year we will be surprised. R. P. Orr and O. C. Eakin finished work on the county vault last week. Superintendent Tye completed a term of school in the Harmony district last Friday and started out this week to visit the other schools of the county now in session.

Uncle Emmett Has A Few Remarks on the Political Scene

As the street corner politicians sat on the curb or leaned comfortably against the trees discussing the presidential nominations Uncle Emmett lounged in the only chair silently smoking his pipe. If one could silently smoke a pipe that whittled and boiled preparatory to every puff of smoke from his mouth.

"Whatever's the matter with you, Uncle Emmett," asked one of the discussers. "You most always got something to say about everything and now you're settin' back like you didn't care who was president."

"Wal, son, I'm wai'in' for the fectin' to get out in the open," replied the sage. "I never was much of an Injun myself an' I ain't interested in brush fightin' and snipin' from behind."

"You think the big boys are tryin' to get one another some do you?"

"Shore do," answered Uncle Emmett. "There's been a flock of movements for this and that, that wouldn't never got mentioned the second time if they hadn't been started for the ultimate purpose of gettin' some one's goat an' makin' 'em look bad. Mr. Garner's bill is bad because Johnnie belongs to the Democrats an' besides he has ambitions himself. Mr. Hoover's plans are all askew cause he wants to set in the White House till 1936. An' that ain't the worst of it. Boys in the same parties are knifin' their own brothers just as reckless."

"Every man of senatorial grade thinks he could be president if only

his name could be put before his party convention in proper style. Charley Dawes quit one good job, handlin' a lot of money, for the chances of beatin' Charley Curtis or Herb himself out of their meal ticket."

"An' the Democrats. Say, no lead mule in that outfit is goin' to open his mouth to brag for fear some one will out noise him. A bunch of 'em started out to stop Roosevelt and another bunch started out to stop the stop Roosevelt and some others are tryin' to stop the man that stops Roosevelt till his mornin' likely it'll take 'em all summer to find who is for who and why."

"You can't tell what a man is drivin' at when he says somethin' for the papers. Wait till all the boys get settled an' the parties have got their runnin' horses picked out. Then you can tell what a man is talkin' about. If he's a Democrat he'll be dilatin' on the depression an' exaggeratin' the times an' fearin' for the country; if he's a Republican he'll be pointin' to the fact that some guy in Oskosh made \$5.00 per month more than he did back in Wilson's administration and that France is finally goin' to pay us some of the interest on the debt, that times ain't so bad as they was in Cleveland's time an' that if you'll be good you'll be happy. If you meet a man with a long solemn face an' a tired and worn out expression he'll be a Democrat, but if he's got a Pollyanna look on him even though his ribs are stickin' out he'll be a Republican."