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INDIANS BEATEN BY WHITE RACE SUNDAY

Grass Valley-Kent Upholds Honor Of Race

NATIVES WEAK WITH WILLOW

Rooting In Chinook Jargon Provides Laugh For Spectators

In the absence of the Warm Spring Indian ball team the Grass Valley-Kent team played a game last Sunday with a group of Indian lads from Simnasho Indian school and defeated them 12 to 1.

The Indian boys were late in arriving because of car trouble and the Grass Valley team had about decided to call it a day when they arrived. Four or five of the natives were good ball players except for a marked weakness at the bat which might have been natural for them or because Jacob's curves befuddled them completely. Anyhow they didn't do much with the willow and except for a few scratchy hits and one smashing triple were never threatening.

Grass Valley-Kent made most of their scores because the Indians in the outfield couldn't chase down the flies or catch them and because they found both of the Indian pitchers easy pickings. All the hitters on the team increased their averages and weak sisters of the team had a chance to feel what it is like to get a hold of the old apple.

The Indians went scoreless until their half of the ninth when their second baseman slammed one to the outfield for a triple and scored on a sacrifice.

One feature of the game was the rooting of the group of squaws and the few masculine rooters that accompanied the Simnasho lads. Some of it was conducted in what had to pass for the native tongue and consisted of grunts and gestures that occasionally became violent when some particularly bad play was made. Joe and Heath were the battery for the Indians and Young and Fritts for the Grass Valley-Kent.

Valuable Horse Gored To Death By Bull

Douma Bros. lost their buckskin saddle horse last Thursday evening in an accident that is reminiscent of earlier days. While the horse was eating at the feed rack in their lot in town he was gored by a bull and fatally injured.

It is not often in these days of comparatively gentle bulls that such an accident occurs. A veterinarian was called but he said there was no hope for the animal so the boys reluctantly put him out of his misery. The bull went to market.

Uncle Emmett Finds Balanced Budgets Rare Among Taxpayers

"I see yure makin' yure daily contribution to a balanced budget," remarked Uncle Emmett as Bill Winterbottom drove up to the service station and ordered a little gas.

"Yea" growled Bill. "Yure patriotism don't seem to be equal to the occasion," observed the first speaker. "Yu got four or five thousand head of sheep and yu don't know how much land, all under the beneficent government of Uncle Sam an yu don't appreciate a chance to help balance yure Uncle's budget. Du yu think yu qualify for the good citizens league?"

"Say, Old Timer, my budget ain't been balanced since sheep went below six dollars a head and wool got lower than twenty cents. If I sold my sheep an threshed my hay I couldn't balance my budget with my wheat. Why, damn it I'll bet there ain't nobody got a balanced budget but Uncle Sam."

"Sho now Bill, yu ain't goin' to go an get all steamed up are yu. Don't yu know that the great American ain't mediums of exchanges; they're dollar has got to be pertected; yure 'just somethin' to eat and wear,"

Picnic Celebration Has Good Facilities

Its going to be an old-fashioned picnic, family get together and general county good time at Grass Valley the Fourth. The managers are not filled with the desire to make a lot of money, but to put on a program that will be entertaining and pleasant for everyone.

Lots of people now days like to spend their holidays in comfortable places where they can meet with friends, talk over the crops, shake hands with acquaintances and watch some sporting events in which all can take part. This will be the condition in Grass Valley. In the park there is plenty of shade to keep the sun from the population of the entire county.

Music for the celebration will be furnished by a group of girls from Portland who will play for the dances as well as during the patriotic program.

Summers Have Always Been Dry

Many persons are convinced that the weather in Oregon is changing, and that the summers are getting dryer than they used to be. Official weather figures checked by Arthur King, soils specialist at the Oregon State college extension service, do not bear this out, however. In fact he has found that in the 60 years that records have been kept at Portland only two "wet" summers occurred in the first thirty years while there were six in the last 30.

"It seems that our 'unusually dry summers' occurred just as often in the past as they do now, which means about every year, and there is every reason to believe they will continue that way," says Mr. King.

Coaching For Civil Service Unnecessary

Washington, D. C. June 24, 1932.—The following statement is made by the United States Civil Service Commission:

The Commission warns the public against paying money for "coaching" courses in preparation for Federal civil service examinations. Schools which sell such courses under present conditions accept money under false pretenses. A purveyor of civil service courses is now under indictment in Iowa for false representation. It is expected that other such cases of prosecution will follow.

Comparatively few appointments are being made in the Federal civil service. Vacancies which must be filled are filled by the transfer of those in the service or the reinstatement of those who have been in the service; wherever practicable.

It is seldom necessary to announce an examination. In most cases large numbers of eligibles exist as a result of examinations held during the past year. When an examination is announced, the applicants are usually hundreds of times in excess of the need.

Money paid for civil service coaching courses at this time might almost as well be thrown to the four winds.

FIELD DAY VISITORS LEARN FROM STATION

Cheaper Production Methods Wish Of Farmers Now

SCHOENFELD, HYSLOP TALK

Experiment With "Canoe" Plants Is Instructive

Farmers who visited the experiment station in the halcyon days of two dollar wheat were interested in how to grow more of the staple crop regardless of expense. This attitude was noticeably absent among the group that gathered Thursday to look over the work of the station and hear of the experiments that are being conducted with wheat. This group was interested in how to raise wheat the cheapest way and still get a chop.

This changed attitude and the fact that there are experiments in progress to show how to raise more wheat and to raise wheat cheaper gives assurance of the value of experiment stations. When farmers were looking for better production methods they could be found; now when they are in search of cheaper production methods they are available at the station and have been conducted all of the time.

Visitors yesterday were shown a field containing twelve varieties of peas that will produce 12 to 15 bushels of grain per acre. While peas are not a common crop in Sherman county they have a place in the crop rotations of a farmer who feeds stock and who desires to enrich his land with nitrogen, explained Mr. Stephens to the farmers.

Wheat varieties growing in test plots were observed by the group on their rounds. One need not be so old a citizen of this county to remember when crook-neck club and blue stem were the only wheats grown. A roll call of the wheats that have been popular since that day would fill a long paragraph and each one, especially in late years, has been a better wheat than the preceding favorite. The increase in wheat yields due to better varieties is due largely to the work of the station here and to other government stations that cooperate with this one.

A few rows of alfalfa were shown to the visitors with the suggestion that dry land alfalfa in this county would not be successful as a hay crop but might be of some value as a pasture crop.

Mr. Stephens stopped the cavalcade at his tree nursery and talked for a few minutes on the value of trees on the farmstead of the district. He especially praised the Black Locust, which is well known here, the Chinese Elm, a tree that makes a good growth and gives excellent shade and is also hardy, the Russian Olive, a very fine tree for hedges and wind breaks and the familiar Western Yellow Pine.

Interest in the forage grasses was apparent among the farmers gathered for the field day for Mr. Stephens has grown it at the station for several years. It is grown more successfully in rows but may be allowed to seed the first year when it will cover the ground.

The plant nursery is always an interesting exhibit to farmers who are interested in the methods used to propagate new varieties of wheat. This year there 180 varieties of winter wheat, 90 of spring wheat, 75 of oats, and 65 of barley in the nursery and one can pick out any kind of wheat that suits his fancy.

The method of cross breeding wheats was explained by Mr. Stephens. He said that it required about six years for the wheat crosses to become stabilized after a cross was made as there are so many characteristics in each wheat.

One of the most promising crosses being propagated in the plots is one between Hard Federation and White Odessa. It will be distributed when enough wheat has been grown to make this practical.

Even with wheat at the present low prices there is a loss in value from smut that is appalling. Methods of smut control are constantly being perfected and wheats are being test-

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Homecoming Held By Taylor Lodge

The Taylor Lodge No. 99 A. F. and A. M. held its first annual homecoming and roll-call Tuesday evening, June 20th, in its lodge rooms at Wasco, Oregon. The members of Annie Fulton Chapter O. E. S. were the guests of the Masons. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Members of Taylor lodge drove from Walla Walla, Yakima, and the Willamette valley in order to answer the roll-call. Others who were unable to be present responded with letters. A number of visiting Stars and Masons were also present.

Swimming To Be Taught At Camp

Harold Shearer will again be the life guard at the Boy Scout camp to be held at Scout Lake, starting July 17th. This will be Shearer's third year at Camp Ringwank and he will be an examiner this season, enabling scouts to take both their junior and senior life saving examinations at camp. Himself an Eagle Scout, Shearer brings to the scout camp the benefit of wide experience in scouting and athletics and instills in the boys a desire to improve in many ways. Parents who know this young man are very glad to have him with us again and any questions or information desired will gladly be supplied by Boy Scout Headquarters, The Dalles, Oregon.

Low Rates In Force For The Fourth

A. Rose, local agent of the Union Pacific, announces that bargain round trip excursion fares over the Fourth of July will be available June 30th to July 4th inclusive with return limit of July 12th.

Wilson Family Holds Reunion

Last Sunday a Wilson reunion was held in the park at Grass Valley. Among those attending were W. R. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Sias and daughter Edith from Antelope; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurner and son Frank of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckmann Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Schade-witz and son John Henry, Mrs. Ida Davis and daughter Pauline, Mrs. Essie Wilson and son Charlie Bill of Kent; Miss Lurline Smith of Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts and family of Grass Valley; Mrs. E. G. Wilson and daughter Alice Mae of Spokane, Washington.

Legionnaires Planning For Saturday Night

The Moro American Legion Auxiliary met at the home of Hazel Woods on Wednesday afternoon for their last meeting of the season, with an attendance of 15. The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Adlard. All business was discussed. Yearly reports filled out and one full Layette finished and ready to send in. Half of another one partly finished which will be laid aside till meetings start again in October. Received a letter from our state president wishing to thank all those who helped in sale and bought our poppys this year. Tri County Council meets at the Moro Legion hall June 25th in the evening. We hope to see all auxiliary members there.

The meeting was adjourned after business was finished and a social hour of visiting and sewing for an auxiliary member was had and delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Woods and Signa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller Leave For Dufur

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller who have been the pastors of the Full Gospel Assembly church here for the past three or four years have resigned their pastorate here and are moving to Dufur where they will continue in the same work with the church there.

WHEAT PROSPECTS REVISED DOWNWARD

Condition of Some Fields Removes Chance For Record Crop

NEAR AVERAGE CROP EXPECTED

Wheat in South End of County Looks Promising

June is the month in Sherman county when those interest in wheat—and that includes everybody—is greatly concerned over the looks of the crop in every district surrounding his or her particular trading area. Until a few days ago the report coming in to the towns were generally favorable and presaged a crop of more than average proportions.

During the past week, however, the sentiment has changed and now it is the consensus of opinion in the north end of the county that there will not be an average production of wheat from Gordon ridge to the river although conservative judges still believe that there will be a larger bushelage than was harvested last year.

An average crop for Sherman county is approximately 2,700,000 bushels with the Wasco district, from Klondike north, producing about 1,200,000 the Moro district, from Hay Canyon to Erakine, producing about 800,000 and the southern district warehouseing about 700,000 bushels. Last year the Wasco district had nearly 800,000 bushels or two thirds of the entire crop the Moro district had about 180,000 bushels and the southern district produced a little over 240,000 bushels.

Competent observers believe that much of the wheat in the north end of the county is badly injured by the lack of reserve moisture in the soil. It is explained that the frequent summer and spring rains have produced a luxuriant growth of foliage and large heads and when the warm weather came on it dried up the sap in the straw and caused the kernels to shrink away before they were entirely formed. This is undoubtedly the case in some of the fields east and north of Wasco and in some cases west of town where the winter snows run off the hillsides before they had time to soak into the soil.

While this condition is true of a part of the northern territory there are some fields of wheat that are standing the weather in fine shape and are confidently expected to mature between thirty and forty bushels of wheat.

In the Moro section between Gordon and Nigger ridges the wheat is better condition although there is a possibility that the same condition will effect it later. East of Moro there are some fields that look as though they would mature an average crop of wheat as they are still green and healthy in appearance. In the extremely eastern part of the district there are fields with the white look that is unhealthy.

The Erskine section has the best chances for a heavy crop of any part of the county due to the heavy summer and fall rains and early seeding. Wheat there is expected to make up-wards of forty bushels.

The southern section has a large proportion of spring wheat and up to this date is looking fine. However, as the farmers say, it has a long way to go. It is mostly Federation wheat and will mature hastily with warm weather. Already some early sown fields of this wheat are developing kernels in the head and it will be ready to harvest shortly after the winter wheat in the district.

It is probable that there is a greater supply of reserve moisture in the soil in the south end of the county than there was in the north end due to the more frequent rains within the last month.

At the present date, if one might venture a prophesy, it appears that the county will produce a crop of almost average proportions if the weather remains favorable for the spring wheat in the south end of the county.

Read the ads in the Journal

Summer School Attracts Five Youngsters

Five young people from this county are in Corvallis enjoying the annual summer school. They left Sunday the 12th in the company of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rakes and will remain until the course is finished.

Monday night they were heard over the radio from station K. O. A. C. telling their reactions to the sight of a college campus and informing that part of the world in hearing distance of their own county of Sherman. The group is composed of Margaret Dunlap and Helen Wilson of Kent, Dorris Morrison and Lavon Sayers and Tommy Fraser of Moro.

Two Fined For Bear Possession

Percy J. Pugh and Harold Long were arrested by state policeman Carl Unger last Sunday on the Columbia highway with several quarts of beer in their possession. When hailed before Justice Ginn Monday morning they pled guilty and were assessed \$100 fine for the good of the prohibition fund.

Mr. Pugh, owner of the car and presumably the liquor, paid a part of the fine and Mr. Long remained in the custody of the sheriff until the other was paid.

Train Service Hearing To Be Held June 28.

Those interested in the hearing about the discontinuance of a part of the trains on this branch of the O. W. R. & N. Co. will wish to be on hand next Tuesday June 28th at 10 a. m. at the court house.

The railroad company is petitioning the public service commissioner for permission to run three trains per week and to run combined passenger and freight buses the other days. This proposal met with opposition among business men of Moro, Grass Valley and Kent and the hearing has been set for the above time and place.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 22

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 16	55	44	.00
" 17	78	40	.00
" 18	76	45	.00
" 19	79	48	.00
" 20	89	55	.00
" 21	89	63	.00
" 22	84	64	.00
Total for week			.00

Old Timers Column With News Of Pioneer Days in Sherman County

Observer June 22, 1893. The county clerk's office is now equipped with a new typewriter of an improved pattern.

Sherman county is well to the front this year in the vegetable line. The latest contribution received at this office of radishes, onions, and greens comes from the garden of W. E. Allison of DeMoss Springs.

Perry Watkins is now the proprietor of the Red Barn and Livery and Feed Stable, F. M. Hampton having resigned.

Messrs. Moore and Rollins of Grass Valley are under contract to have the telephone line between Moro and Grass Valley completed by the 30th inst.

The report of Darwin Root, teacher of Dist. No. 21 gives the department and scholastic averages of the children of his school. Sam. Wes, Ella, Dora, Edith and Flora Brock; Dica and Casha Murray; Estella, Edith, Howard and Charles Belshee; Jennie, Maude and Willie Miller; Frances McDonald, Sophie Rasmussen and Carl Penrose composed the school.

Observer June 24, 1903.

Dr. Rollins bought his gasoline engine in Portland. We have no faith in such a machine, but hope that our esteemed fellow citizen may realize his fondest anticipations since the winds fail to keep his cistern full.

Tillson Bros. have purchased the saloon, building stock and fixtures of Henry Pattison in Grass Valley.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS BRING OUT VOTERS

New Directors and Clerks Elected At Annual Meetings

SCHOOL AFFAIRS INTERESTING

Larger Than Usual Crowds Attend the Meetings This Year

Monday was school meeting day throughout all of the county and more than the usual amount of interest was evident in a majority of the districts as larger crowds were out than formerly.

A new director was elected to serve three years in each district of the county and a clerk was elected to serve one year. In the districts reporting the following received the majority of votes:

Buckley: O. N. Ruggles, director; Mrs. Pauline Wilcox, clerk.

Liberty: Peter Peters, director; Mrs. Frank von Borstel, clerk.

Kent: J. H. Wilson, director; A. A. Dunlap, clerk.

Rosebush: C. S. Forrester, director; Hans Keopke, clerk.

Grass Valley: Tom Garrett, director; W. Ray Blake, clerk.

Moro: James B. Adams, director; M. E. McKee, clerk.

Monkland: D. J. McLachlin, director; Mrs. Chas. Kenny, clerk.

Wasco: Mrs. Asa Richelderler, director; Mrs. Lydia Darby, clerk.

Erskine: Joe Peters, director; Omer Sayers, clerk.

Boardman: James Kenny, director; Tom Fraser, clerk.

Harmony: George McDonald, director; Clyde Crites, clerk.

Fairview: Allen Murray, director; Mrs. Flora Wright, clerk.

Emigrant: Mrs. Clyde Fridley, director; Mrs. George Drinkard, clerk.

Dobie Ridge: Mrs. L. W. Amick, director; L. W. Amick, clerk.

Locust Grove: Victor Anderson, director; G. H. Root, clerk.

Klondike: A. B. Potter, director; George A. Potter, clerk.

Garden Ridge: Mrs. Minnie McKinney, director; Mrs. S. A. Sargent, clerk.

At Grass Valley the election will be held again due to an irregularity and a protest by some interested members of the district.

Rutledge: V. B. Eakin, director; C. P. Adams, clerk.

Gratitude to Dr. Taylor for his close attention during the sickness of Mr. Pattison prompted him to present the Doctor with an excellent gold watch and chain.

George and Albert Hennagin and John Christiansen have together purchased a new combined harvester thresher.

From Kent—We are going to have lots of sports here the Fourth, horse races, ladies foot races, egg races, slow horse races, fat mens races, greasy pole climbing and a grand ball in the evening. Granville Phillips orator of the day.

Grass Valley's main street is to be twenty feet wider the whole length. Now is the time to do it as there are less than twenty buildings to be moved.

Observer June 27th, 1913.

E. W. Dooley, well known in this county through his annual horse buying trips in this section shot himself in Seattle June 19.

E. W. Lewis has disposed of his interest in the Moro Tonsorial Parlors to J. N. Landry.

C. A. Nish was busy last week putting the finishing touches to the new phone line between Moro and Monkland.

A steady heavy rain fell Saturday and Sunday in Moro aggregating over an inch in 18 hours.

J. F. Foss has purchased a new electric lighted and electric started Studebaker car.