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CELEBRATION PROGRAM WILL INTEREST ALL

Walter Pierce To Talk On Life Of Washington

BALL GAMES FOR COUNTY FLAG

Sports Committee Arranges Entertainment For All

The detail of the program for the celebration of the Fourth in Grass Valley is being worked out by the several committees working on the various entertainment features and everything will be in readiness for the big day when it arrives.

Music for the dance Saturday night will be furnished by the Radio Medodians, seven girls from Portland, Sunday the beginning of the contest to decide which ball team of the county shall be allowed to boast of their prowess for another year will begin with teams from Moro and Grass Valley competing. Each of these teams has won one game from the other and the title will be decided in the final games of the third and fourth.

The patriotic program for the 4th includes singing by Tom Fraser, whose songs are always enjoyed, instrumental music by DeMoss orchestra, the reading of the Declaration of Independence, without which no patriotic celebration would be complete, by J. M. Wilson, and the oration of the day which will be given by the Honorable Walter M. Pierce, present Democratic nominee for congress and a former governor of the state.

Mr. Pierce is expected to choose as his topic for the occasion the life of Washington, an appropriate subject considering that this is the bi-centennial year of the birth of the father of his country.

The afternoon sport program includes a baseball game between the same teams that play the third and races of the sort that produce amusement for everyone. A dance will end the celebration on the evening of the fourth.

For those who desire to celebrate the holiday by visiting with friends and lolling in the shade amid cheerful surroundings there will be plenty of opportunity. The park in which the picnic is to be held has in it the same huge trees that have sheltered picnic groups since the founding of the city of Grass Valley; there will be plenty of tables for the picnic lunch and there will be friends and acquaintances to greet and swap yarns with about the early days, days when the rye grass waved in profusion all over the valley now used for the town.

The world belongs to the enthusiast who keeps cool.

Uncle Emmett Anticipates Change In Fourth of July Oratory This Year

"Well, Uncle Emmett," asked the young man, "are you going to the Fourth of July?"

"Strictly speakin' I ain't," replied the sage. "I figure the Fourth is comin' in to me, but I'm sure goin' to attend the celebration. Why, man and boy for sixty year I've always managed to hear the Declaration of Independence read at least once a year. It's a patriotic duty."

"This time, son, it's goin' to be particular amusin' to hear the speaker read the causes of our breakin' away from jolly old England. If you pay strict attention an ain't forgot yure schoolin' ontirely, you'll be some enlightened."

"For instance you'll hear that the King has endeavored to prevent the population of these states by obstructin the naturalization of foreigners an refusin' to encourage others to come to our shores; that 'he has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance'; he has taxed us without our consent, and a few other things, includin' the refusal to assent to laws necessary to the public good."

"Now wasn't that a turrible mess

Chrisman Arrests Man For Larceny

Sheriff Chrisman arrested Frank Frukson Monday at the White ranch east of Klondike on a charge of larceny that had been filed with a court in Hood River county.

Frukson was charged for larceny and his bail had been set at \$100. He was taken to Hood River by the sheriff of that county who came up after him.

Legionnaires Held Council In Moro

Veterans of Uncle Sams latest conflict who live in Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties, accompanied by their wives were guests of the Moro Legion post last Saturday night for a meeting of the Tri-County Council, an organization of Legion posts of the district.

Under the leadership of President Wm. Rooper they discussed plans for the national convention whither all good veterans, and some bad, will repair in the ides of September. County groups will be organized to advertise their county's products in the parade which is one of the features of the convention.

Officers elected by the Legionnaires were: President, Dayton McLucas, Hood River; Vice-President, Joe Minion, The Dalles; Secretary, Mathias Simon, Grass Valley.

Auxiliaries elected Lois Hilderbrand, Wasco, president; Rose Hill, Antelope, vice-president; Mrs. Gus Mattes, The Dalles, secretary.

After the meeting a social dance and good time was enjoyed by the party who have met together for so long they are all acquainted.

Sign-Board Erection Plans Are Discussed

A movement is on foot to have towns along the northern end of Highway 97 cooperate in having a sign erected at the junction of that road with The Dalles-Criterion road to inform tourists of the advantages of travelling through Sherman county.

It is estimated that the cost will be moderate and as it is planned to distribute it among several towns it will impose no burden on anyone person or firm. Signs have been erected at the junction several times previously but they have not remained long. Present plans will make the permanency of the sign assured.

Library Hours Changed

A change has been made in the hours when the city library will be open. Instead of being available for book readers between 2 and 4 in the afternoon it will be open from 3 to 5. For the present the library will be conducted by a group of five high school girls each taking turns.

HEARING ON RAILROAD SCHEDULE HELD

Rail Heads Introduce Evidence To Show Loss

LOCAL MEN ARE UNPREPARED

Daily Switching Service Ask By Local Elevator Operators

The hearing held by the Public Utilities Commission at the courthouse Tuesday morning in answer to a complaint by merchants and others residing in the towns of Moro, Grass Valley and Kent about the proposed reduction of train service on the Shaniko branch of the O. W. R. E. & N. Co., brought to light considerable information about railroad expenses and revenues on this line.

The protesting merchants and elevator operators introduced no evidence that was detrimental to the case of the railroad company's request with the exception of the fact that switching facilities would be made inconvenient under the proposed plan during the season when elevators are receiving wheat. This point was stressed by nearly all of the witnesses called by the protesters.

Gus Smith, a commercial hauler of Grass Valley, testified that in good crop years there was congestion at the Grass Valley Elevator if cars were not switched promptly. W. S. Powell, president of the Moro Grain Growers, who has been connected with elevators in Moro and Erskine for several years testified that daily switching of cars was necessary to the movement of grain during the wheat hauling season.

Herman Schilling, president of the Grass Valley Grain Growers, gave evidence that showed that wheat handling would be slowed up at that point unless switching was conducted daily or unless additional track space was provided.

J. W. Shepard, manager of the Grass Valley Grain Growers who acted as questioner for the protesters, moved from the chair to the witness bench to give testimony to the effect that in case switching of cars for loading was delayed in the wheat receiving season it would likely congest the elevator under his control and probably stop bulk grain farmers from cutting during the tie-up. Mr. Shepard was questioned by George Wilcox who temporarily held the chair.

It was developed at the hearing that the Moro elevator holds 80,000 bushels.

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Swimming Lessons Begin Next Tuesday

The Dalles Chapter of the American Red Cross will start swimming lessons at Deschutes on Tuesday July 5th, at the same place they were held last year. The classes will be held weekly at 9 a. m. for two months.

Ted Walker, who was in charge as instructor last year will be again in charge this year. Both the old and the young are invited to attend these classes. There is no charge.

Churches May Combine Forces For Mutual Help

A preliminary meeting was held Monday night to discuss plans whereby the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Moro could work together in the future. Groups representing both churches were at the meeting which was held in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Some men who were members of neither church were in attendance also as representatives of the community at large.

While such a combination as was suggested was generally held to be desirable by all present the details of the combination, if one is finally effected, were not agreed upon. It is thought, however, that there will be no Methodist minister assigned to this church for the coming year and that worship will be conducted in but one church.

Antelope Beats G V In Ragged Game

Antelope brought their team of baseball minded young folks down to Grass Valley last Sunday and went home feeling happy over their defeat of the team that had won from them two weeks ago. They scored 8 times while Grass Valley-Kent was able to amass only 4 runs.

According to the spectators it was not much of a game because of errors on the part of the home boys who took a vacation from baseball for the day and reverted to all the childhood habits of dropping the ball and otherwise playing carelessly.

WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 29

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 23	79	49	.00
" 24	85	51	.00
" 25	85	50	.00
" 26	92	52	.00
" 27	90	51	.00
" 28	95	55	.00
" 29	98	64	.00
Total for week			.00

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PROPOSED RAIL RATES REFUSED BY FARMERS

Grain Growers Committee Believes Compromise Rates High

CUT HALF FARMERS DEMAND

Seattle Hearing May Aid Reduction of Rates

A committee of representatives of the grain growers units of the wheat counties of the Columbia valley met in Arlington Wednesday morning and voted a resolution against accepting the rates on wheat proposed by the railroad.

These rates would have lowered the present rates considerably and are compared to the rates now in force in the following chart:

	Present	Proposed by R. R.	Asked by farmers
Wasco	17	15	12 1/2
Klondike	18	16	13 1/2
Hay Canyon	19 1/2	18	13 1/2
Nish	19 1/2	16	13 1/2
De Moss	19 1/2	16	13 1/2
Moro	20 1/2	16 1/2	13 1/2
Erskine	21	16 1/2	13 1/2
Grass Valley	21 1/2	17	13 1/2
Bourbon	22	18	14 1/2
Kent	22	18	14 1/2
Wilcox	22	18	14 1/2

The rates in the third column are those charged for the shipment of wheat last year and are those of the intrastate rate that effects wheat shipped within the state of Oregon. The first column gives the rates that are charged on wheat under the interstate rate which effects wheat that is shipped or used out of the state. The second column contains rates proposed by the railroad as a compromise.

The committee went on record as favoring the attitude of the railroad in proposing rates that offered some relief but did not see fit to accept rates that were higher than those on which wheat was shipped last year when wheat will apparently be sold at much the same price or even lower.

The committee was comprised of the following men from Sherman county: J. W. Shepard of Grass Valley; J. B. Adams and W. S. Powell of Moro; and from adjacent counties, A. B. Robertson, Condon; Roy Ritner, Pendleton; C. W. Smith, Heppner; Bert Johnson, Ione; C. Story, Arlington; Continued to page two.

Wheat Conditions Show Little Change in Week

Wheat conditions will continue to interest farmers and those who derive their living from the wheat crop until the last sack is harvested and the final yield is totaled and reported for each field.

The weather for the last week has not been excessively hot and it is likely that in general wheat has not ripened faster than it commonly does at this time of year as an average throughout the county.

In that section of the county north and east of Wasco where wheat has suffered most from lack of soil moisture there has been no improvement at last reports. Some fields there are seriously damaged. West of Wasco the crop will be fair according to present indications. Some of the slopes that usually produce wonderful crops of wheat will not do so this year because the winter moisture ran off during the winter, but there are fields that will make a fair crop nevertheless.

In the central part of the county wheat is looking fine. The Erskine country has one of the best crops that is has had for several years and the Boardman and Rutledge districts have winter wheat that is turning to the golden color that presages a bountiful harvest unless some catastrophe of nature spoils the prospects.

There is little winter wheat south of Grass Valley and reports from that country say that while the spring wheat is developing rapidly under the influence of the warm sunshine there are spots in nearly every field where the shallow spots are beginning to show the effects of deficient moisture supply. It is undoubtedly too early to make any sort of a prophesy about the spring wheat but with average or better conditions it will bring a much better crop than has been harvested in the south end of the county since 1928. What the conditions are to be remains to be seen. Farmers in estimating the possibilities of a crop, in case an inch of rain should fall, draw a long breath and say it would make twelve or fifteen sacks per acre.

Antelope Hotel Destroyed By Fire

The Antelope hotel was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning when a defective flue allowed the roof to catch fire. Help was called from the town of Antelope, from the surrounding country and from Shaniko and the fire was put out after the top story and the roof had been burned.

For those who wish to keep informed about county matters the Sherman County Journal is indispensable.

Read the ads in the Journal

WASCO GETS EVEN WITH MORO IN GAMES

Errorful Contest Goes To Wasco In Spite of Their Generosity

GUINAN GETS LONG HOMER

Multitude of Pitchers Fails To Dampen Wasco Hitters

The Moro and Wasco baseball teams were apparently out to beat previous record of 33 runs for a nine inning game, but the day was too hot and the baserunners faltered and ended the game with only 27 runs chalked up for the days work. Of these Wasco claimed 16 without dispute and were acclaimed winners.

Barzee did very well until the seventh inning then he called upon his teammates for assistance. Moore, Osborn and Guinan relieved Barzee from his pitching duties alright, but they did not particularly assist allowing nine runs to cross the plate during the two- and two thirds innings they were in the box. Not all of these scores can be laid at the door of the hurlers, however, for the boys in the field were just as determined to make the Wasco lads go home with the game as could be.

Wasco was almost as generous, committing errors with the reckless abandon of a checker player indulging in giveaway, but Moro was not to be outdone and Wasco had to take the game in spite of their protests.

In the early innings when the game stlooked like the national pastime Guinan came to the bat with three men on and true to his reputation of being dangerous in the pinches socked one into distant left field to score four men. That feat was a high light of the game. Other players made the entire circuit without stopping, but it was generally due to the fact that some one or two of the defensive team had thrown the ball away in a more than usually playful mood.

Batteries for Moro: Barzee, Moore, Osborn, Guinan and Rice; Wasco: Bishop and Fridley.

Old Timers Column With News Of Pioneer Days in Sherman County

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R. D. Jackson, Moro druggist was shot last Thursday by A. P. Estabrook of Portland over some imagined grievance. The bullet entered Mr. Jackson's neck and came out below his jaw cutting his jugular vein. The injured man will survive.

A fire completely destroyed the machine shop, two combines, two drills, an automobile, a wagon and some sacked grain on the W. E. Howell place north east of town Sunday morning.

The usual influx of harvest hands has begun and the coming weeks will probably see the migratory laborers here in large numbers.

R. C. Bennet, of Grass Valley was in Moro Thursday of last week and purchased a new Hupmobile from the Moro Auto Agency.

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James Tomlin struck coal in the second drill hole also on the John Reckmann place near Kent. The vein is not quite so thick.

C. H. Johnson and Miss Hester Clark were married in Moro Tuesday. Sunday morning at 8 o'clock Miss Anna Peetz and Robert Montgomery were married at the home of the bride's parents in this city.

Wasco and Moro ball teams chartered a special train and with their routers went to Shaniko Sunday to play off the tie, Moro winning after a close game by a score of 4 to 3. Out of 13 games played Moro won by one

game.

Sherman county has too many large farms to acquire rural postal delivery under present regulations. Observer June 29, 1893.

While returning from Grass Valley Wednesday Dru Barnum met with an accident whereby his head was severely bruised. In passing a team his cart struck a ditch throwing him out, one of the cart wheels passing over his head.

Moore and Rollin's have received some celebrated men's suits. Prices are ten, twelve, fourteen and seventeen dollars.

J. O. Powell was in town Tuesday with a sack full of choice gooseberries, vegetables and other farm produce all of which he disposed of in short order.

A report of the meeting of the Sherman county Musical Association requires three columns and relates the effect of each number on the program. C. E. Brown and C. W. Moore arranged the program. A quartette contest between Margaret Morrison, Jennie Belshe, Boone Wheat and O. W. Axtell, representing Harmony, Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Hoxford, G. A. Brook and J. J. Schaeffer of Moro, and Miss Katie Coon, Mrs. C. A. Buckley, C. E. Brown and T. Brownhill of Grass Valley resulted in a victory for the Moro singers. Miss Sadie Orr, a young musician played. J. C. Burkes spoke; Misses Pearl and Maude Rust sang a duet and, in fact, many well known citizens of 1893 were on the program.

