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## GRASS VALLEY FOURTH DRAWS GOOD CROWD

### Captain Everett May Speaks Instead of Ex-Gov. Pierce

## LOCAL MUSICIANS PLEASING

### Sports Program in Afternoon and Picnic Entertain Old and Young

Gone is the bang of firecrackers, stilled is the blaze of dance bands and the Fourth of July celebration for 1932 is gone into the limbo of the past to be remembered only by the clasp of friendly hands as old acquaintances met again after years of traveling different paths.

It wasn't the biggest celebration that the county has ever enjoyed at the Grass Valley park, the times are not like that this year, but it was a pleasant get together of Sherman county folks and others who returned to Sherman county after some years in other parts of the state.

The beginning part of the celebration was the dance held Saturday night, July 2, and it was very well attended. Sunday Moro and Grass Valley-Kent played a ball game that was voted a dandy by the spectators. On the morning of the Fourth when the crowd had gathered in the civic auditorium the patriotic program was given and it varied from the usual program of that sort just enough to be more than usually interesting.

One of the features of the program was the return of the DeMoss orchestra to Sherman county public events. Years ago no event was properly conducted without music by the DeMoss orchestra, but of late years this habit has been forgotten, unfortunately. Music by the orchestra and a flute solo by Homer DeMoss and a violin solo by Elbert DeMoss were enjoyed. Tom Fraser sang a solo, "Davy Jones Locker" in his pleasing manner.

Due to the absence of Walter M. Pierce, who was unavoidably detained at the Democratic convention in Chicago, Captain Everett May spoke in his stead. Mr. May has been in Hawaii for seven years and for five of them has been instructor at the native school there. From this experience he told his listeners of the islands, their history and some interesting things about the natives. He pictured the islands as very beautiful spots of land pushed above the surface of the sea by volcanic action and covered with tropical growth, enjoying a climate that seldom varies over 25 degrees.

Of the people he said they were the most hospitable of any race in the world, generous to the point of sternly giving away their possessions.

## L. D. May Family Holds Reunion

The May family at Grass Valley have been having a real family reunion this week since the return of Captain Everett May and family from Hawaii. The captain is accompanied by his family and his father in law, Mr. Weaver of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter May, Mr. and Mrs. Paul May, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wright and child, Lewis May, Clifford May, Mr. and Mrs. Andy May, Mrs. A. M. Zevsky and three children, Dayville; Mrs. L. M. Webber, Mrs. Esta Powell, Lucile Powell, Portland; Mrs. Esther May, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton May and two children, Hood River; Velma May, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beyer and three children, Eugene; W. C. Weaver, Captain and Mrs. Thomas E. May and two children, Honolulu; Mrs. A. E. Brandt and two children, Ames, Iowa; Wallace May, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. May, Grass Valley.

## Fire Department At Wasco Has Call

The Wasco fire department answered a call Friday evening when the siren sounded on account of an oil stove blaze in a house near the Union Oil station. The boys were out in good time with their hose all coupled, but some neighbor had put out the fire with a hand extinguisher.

sions to their friends. None of them ever succeeded in trade and the business of the islands is conducted by the settlers. Three quarters of the population is Japanese and the remainder are Chinese, Filipino, German, Norwegian, natives or a mixture of them all.

The Declaration of Independence was read by T. M. Rolfe in the absence of J. M. Wilson, of Kent; R. H. Johnson, commander of the Grass Valley Legion post, read the American's creed and led the allegiance to the flag; Rev. S. L. Boyce gave the invocation and J. W. Shepard acted as chairman of the program.

At the conclusion of the Program the Rev. H. C. Miller, of Umatilla, was introduced. He had come to the celebration at the behest of Mr. Pierce to act in the place of the absent speaker but did not give his talk because the position had already been filled by Capt. May.

The afternoon sports program resulted in the following being declared winners in the events mentioned: 100 yard dash, free for all, Clayton Vinton, first; Wayne Hill, second; 50 yard dash, for boys under twelve: Glen Van Gilder, first; Wayne Barton, second; 50 yard dash for girls under twelve: Betty Powell, first; Louise Roth, second; three legged race: John Rolfe and Glen Perry, first; Dustin Russel and Harold McCalum, second.

Winners of the horseshoe tournament were Herman Peters and Ted Peterson in the doubles and Herman Peters in the singles.

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## CITY COUNCIL PASSES FIRE DEPARTMENT BY

### Lack of Money Reason Organization Plans Abandoned

## REQUISITIONS WILL BE USED

### Douma Barn Comes Up For Discussion Again

After several weeks of inactivity because of insufficient members present to constitute a quorum the city council finally met Tuesday night and thrashed around their problems un- sleepiness brought the meeting to a close.

The first duty to confront the city legislators was that of passing upon an accumulation of bills. When this was completed it was voted to have a requisition signed by the mayor and one member of the council before any further purchases can be made by any one. That was item one.

The matter of repairing the hydrants that have been dug out because of leakage was next brought before the council. These hydrants were dug out some time ago and found to be in not the best of repair and they were not replaced because there was some discussion about replacing them with hydrants of a more modern design. The decision agreed upon at the Tuesday meeting was to box up the holes around the hydrants so that the valves could be changed at any further time if necessary and to replace the old valves and hydrants. Lack of money made the purchase of new equipment impossible.

Joe Truitt has resigned as chief of the embryo fire department on account of not being able to get any action on equipment. The council passed the discussion of fire fighting machinery at their session on account of the lack of money available for such improvement and because they felt that larger water mains should be installed before any fire fighting equipment would work satisfactorily.

The annual question of moving or having moved the Douma barn was brought up and discussed again and it was left to the committee formerly appointed for that purpose.

There was the usual debate about the condition of the water bills and individual cases were passed upon according to the merits of the case in the opinions of the council members.

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

## Camp Ringwaak To Open Soon

An interesting program of activity will occupy the time of the scouts attending Camp Ringwaak, the Boy Scout Camp to be held in the Cascade mountains, starting July 17th. Each day, from the time Beville blows at 8:45 in the morning until the sound of Taps at 9:30 p. m. the day will be full for every boy. Two swimming periods are conducted daily, with a morning dip also for those who wish. Hikes, fishing trips and working on merit badges occupy much of the time of the boys. A baseball tournament will be conducted each week; a water meet each week end will test the ability of the swimmers and other athletic events are scheduled. A handicraft contest will be judged at the Court of Honor held each Sunday afternoon in camp. Points will be given for all camp activities, scout advancement and camp craft projects, with emblems awarded.

Scout Executive W. W. Belcher will be the camp director at Camp Ringwaak, the Boy Scout Camp to be held at Scout Lake for four weeks, starting July 17th. This will be the tenth year of directing scout camps and parents who have questions to ask about the camp, as it would affect their boy, are asked to write Scout Headquarters, in the Courthouse. The Dalles and consideration will be given each individual problem. The cost of this camp has been lowered until it is perhaps the lowest of any in the United States and with the experienced leadership of the present camp staff, including life guard Shearer, athletic director Harry Cloninger, and Scout Executive Belcher a happy and successful camp experience is assured each boy.

Those whose applications for the Scout camp have been received from Moro include Ross and Jack Coppock. This will be the first camp for Jack while Ross has attended Camp Ringwaak previously.

The grangers questioned the ambition of some of the county employees, the amount of Mr. Wall's salary, costs of building bridges and other items that are pertinent to the road program of the county. Since their appointment they have interrogated their neighbors and friends about their views on the situation and were well acquainted with public opinion regarding the question they were asking about.

The court has reduced the roadmaster's salary from the \$225 he received during the construction of the Shearer's road to \$175 per month or on a basis of that amount. When he does not work he does not get paid. For June he drew \$154, mostly for work on bridges where he acts as bridge carpenter and foreman. The committee did not believe this excessive for a man who is acceptable to the state highway engineers.

It was apparent from the remarks of the committeemen that many of the farmers of the county were anxious to return to the system in vogue several years ago when district supervisors were employed to care for

## Helyers Have "Dude Rauch" in Mountains

Sherman county people who visited Government Camp at the foot of Mt. Hood over the Fourth saw a neighbor there. W. C. Helyer and son are engaged in lending horses to those who wish to ride about the mountains.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 6

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
June 30	94	51	.00
July 1	92	52	.00
" 2	81	57	.00
" 3	76	56	.00
" 4	69	57	.00
" 5	74	59	.00
" 6	84	40	.00
Total for week			.00

## GRANGERS QUESTION COURT ABOUT ROADS

### Committee Learns About Methods Used In County Work

## COURT ADJUDGED ECONOMICAL

### Construction of Market Roads Shown To Be Below Average

County court for July was enlivened by the appearance of a committee from the granges of the county who came to ask questions about the method of handling the road work in the county.

Dame Rumor, the busy jade, is always circulating about the county and sometimes leaves impressions that are not exactly in accord with the facts. This has apparently been the case and the grange committee wished to be informed. T. M. Rolfe C. B. Andrews and Wilford Belshe were the committeemen.

They explained that in their belief the removal of weeds from the roads in the spring before grading was causing more expense than it should and were of the opinion that it could be done by the farmers themselves. The court and Mr. Wall admitted that weed removal was an expensive process and said that they were looking for any cheaper method.

The practicability of having it done by farmers was disputed later by some members of the committee.

The state highway figures show that in Wasco county they used 37 per cent less rock than was used in Sherman county which would have cost them over \$900 per mile more making Sherman county's cost considerably less than that of any other county.

The expense account of the roadmaster was discussed and it was learned that he is paid 6 cents per mile for the use of his car and that his car is used by the court when making trips to any other part of the state where it is necessary for them to go.

## Post-office Will Remain In Present Site

A little excitement was caused early this week by an announcement received by George Bourhill from the powers that be in Washington. He was informed that the government would not pay as much rent as they have been and instructed him to either have the rent lowered or move to another building.

Several new sites for the post-office were inspected and each one had proponents and opponents among the business men. Wednesday morning the owner of the present postoffice quarters, Adolph Ferrault, was in town and agreed to the government's terms and the postoffice will remain where it is now.

## ONE GOOD, ONE BAD GAME PLAYED 3-4TH

### Moro Takes Two Games At Grass Valley

## ERRORS LGSE FIRST GAME

### Yacob's Inability To Pitch Two Games Spoils Second Encounter

The game on the third was a good one. Moro, strengthened by the addition of four players from elsewhere, managed to win although the score was 7 to 5. Each team had one bad inning when they allowed their opponents to count four tallies.

It was the fourth when Moro made their four due to two hits, a walk and two errors that were costly. In the sixth Grass Valley counted four times with four hits and an error. This evened things up and made a game of it until the last man was out in the ninth.

Jacob Young was in form fanning six men and allowing only six hits, but the errors were costly and his team lost. Brandenburg, pitching for Moro, was hit nine times although he fanned seven men.

Moro	AB	R	H	E
Grund m	3	0	1	0
Osborn 2	5	0	0	0
Moore s	4	0	1	0
Zimmerman 1	4	1	1	0
Byles 3	3	2	1	0
Balsiger 1b	4	0	1	2
Walker r	3	1	0	0
Rice c	4	2	0	1
Brandenburg p	4	1	1	1
Barnum m	1	0	0	0
Fridley c	1	0	0	0

Grass Valley	AB	R	H	E
Dunlap 2	5	0	1	1
Stout m	4	0	0	0
Hill s	4	1	2	3
Fritts c	4	1	2	0
Young p	3	0	0	1
Rolfe 1b	4	1	1	0
Vinton r	4	2	1	0
Coon 3	3	0	2	0
Blagg 1	3	0	0	0

The game on the Fourth was a flop from a point of view of baseball. It was just one of those things that happen. Jacob, who has been called the indefatigable, started for Grass Valley, and while he stayed in the box until the fifth inning he was helpless before the big bats of the college lads who were playing for Moro. Jacob was not equal to the iron man.

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## Feeling About Wheat Conditions Improves With Cooler Days

The sad days of June are over now, and as usual, the feeling about the wheat crop in general is much better than it was two or three weeks ago when the first reports about lack of moisture scared wheat growers and land owners.

The feeling of pessimism is not entirely eradicated, however, for in some sections of the county there is ample reason for such an attitude toward the crop. Growers in the part of the county where wheat dried up before ripening are not among those who are becoming more cheerful, but as harvest time draws nearer those who were merely scared without sufficient reason begin to feel that they might have something after all.

In the heaviest yield sections of the county the wheat will undoubtedly be spotted with some fields and some slopes in nearly every field giving good returns and other spots shelling out very little wheat.

Owners of spring wheat in the south end of the county still seem to feel that they will raise a crop unless unlooked for heat interferes with their prospects. The Federation is holding up well and maturing rapidly although some patches have suffered

from the weather. Winter wheat in the neighborhood of Grass Valley looks fine and has the color that generally means a very good crop.

There will undoubtedly be considerable quantities of wheat this year that is of low grade as the wheat that suffered early will produce shrunken kernels. Farmers argue that this kind of wheat may make up in protein content enough to offset what it will lose in weight and dockage. This has not ordinarily been the case but high premiums for protein content are comparatively new, having been paid to farmers in general only since the organization of the grain growers and it is possible the premium will offset the dockage; it would have last year.

Two weeks ago farmers stood disconsolately about asking observers if they thought their wheat would make twenty bushels; last week with an entirely different air they stated their opinion that their fields would produce thirty bushels. If the cool weather that began on the third of July continues there is still a very good chance that Sherman county will produce an average crop. At least we should have twice as much wheat as last year.

## Blub-b-b-b



## Old Timers Column With News Of Pioneer Days in Sherman County

Observer July 6, 1893.

A. L. Hembree nearly lost his life the other day while crossing the Buck hollow bridge. Some of the boards being decayed the wheels went thru and only that his team pulled rapidly with all their might it is thought that wagon and team and driver would have gone down.

John and Presly King made proof on their homesteads Saturday before clerk Hayes.

J. M. Hansen of Rutledge had the misfortune to lose a valuable team of horses by drowning in the Columbia river. They became scared of the sail and ran off the ferry.

R. J. Ginn has sold 11 headers this season.

Observer July 10, 1905.

Lineup for the Moro baseball team for the 1905 season was: Walter Parry, 3rd, Dr. Barrett, ss, Sanders pitcher and catcher, E. M. Meach, 2nd and pitcher, Cartana, 1st, Ragan, left, Collina, catcher, Heydt, center, Hunter, right.

G. M. Frost and C. N. McCaleb have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of making up to date abstracts for Sherman county real estate.

The Observer exhibit has been added to this week by contributions of 4 varieties of cherries from the Elwood

Thompson bunch grass orchard.

Max Bull and Dru Barnum each now ride in a buggy furnished by the Moro Implement Co. E. H. Moore went one better and purchased a covered hack for his team.

Elrod and Moore last week sold the Walt Frazer farm of 400 acres to Frank Payne. Consideration \$3500.

Observer July 11, 1913.

R. D. Jackson has recovered from his wounds to an extent that enables him to be at his place of business.

O. A. Ramsey and family are camping on the old camp ground at the E. E. Barnum farm southeast of Moro where Mr. Ramsey is engaged in building an up to date house for that farm.

Harvey Martin, manager of the Moro branch of the Tum a Lum Co., this week sold a barn to W. B. Johnston, a smoke house to T. S. Reese and a garage and woodshed to J. F. Foss.

More rain has fallen in this county this June than in any previous year since the records were kept. According to the record at the Experiment station the precipitation was 1.42 inches.

Elbert DeMoss has been invited by Lewis Persinger, a noted violinist, to go to Germany with him to study at Leipsig University.