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## KNIGHTS WIN LAST GAME FROM ALL-STARS

### Paul Stout Injured By Pitched Ball

### SCORE TIED TWICE IN GAME

### Game Starts Like League Game; Ends Like Bash Affair

What promised to be a scoreless game up to the 5th inning resulted in one with the usual amount of errors and scores, Sunday when the Sherman county all-stars played the Knights of Pythias team of Portland at Grass Valley. The Knights won by 11 scores to 6.

Paul Stout, right fielder and second baseman for the all-stars was seriously injured in the 9th inning when he was hit by a fast ball thrown by the Pythian pitcher, Quinn Stout, second at bat, started to pull away from one of Quinn's fast ones, but was not fast enough. The ball hit him in front of and on the left ear knocking him cold for ten minutes or more. He was taken to The Dalles for X-ray and kept for observation, but no bones were found to be broken.

Quinn has a fast ball that shoots in toward a right handed batter to a surprising degree and it was one of these that caught Stout. A sickening crunch made spectators think that his jaw was undoubtedly broken. Let it be said for Quinn that he was the most broken up man on the team over the accident.

Scoring for the first four innings was exactly nothing, neither team being able to get hits in succession. Miller started well and did not walk anyone. In the 5th the all-stars made a couple, followed by two for the Pythians. After that every inning resulted in scoring of some kind until the 7th when Quinn took the box for Caster who had been pitching. Not much could be done with him while the visitors were able to hit Phifer who relieved Miller to increase their score.

The previous Saturday the Knights had defeated the Warm Spring Indians in a ten inning game.

Rice took the mask and pad in the last two innings for the all-stars and for the first time in years, another catcher stood behind the plate with King Fritts on the bench. King has announced his retirement from catching and refuses to agree that he will

## Apples From 106 Year Tree A Display At Fair

Salem, Ore., Aug. 31—Apples from the nation's most historic apple tree will be among the curiosities at the Oregon State Fair, which opens here Labor day.

The tree, planted near Vancouver, Wash., 106 years ago by the Hudson Bay company, still bears fruit each year. It is the earliest apple tree in the northwest and was grown from seed brought from England.

## Girl Wins Sheep Judging Contest

A group of 4H club children and parents made the trip to Pendleton last Saturday for the judging school and remained for the ram sale the next day. Those making the trip from this county were: Roy Powell and children, Ronald and Betty, Gordon Fraser, Bobby King, Glen King, Henry Barnum, Perry Johnston, Dean Reynolds and Len Eakin.

Betty Powell placed higher than any of the Sherman county boys and girls in the judging contest. Many good rams were placed on the block and some were bought to this county.

## Candidates On Program At Pomona Meeting

Pomona Grange matters will take up the time in the forenoon at Wasco Saturday, but the afternoon will be given over to a political fanning bee such as has not been heard in the confines of this county for some moons. On the program as speakers are two gubernatorial candidates, General Martin, representing the Democrats, and Peter Zimmerman, representing the independents. Walter M. Pierce, who hopes to go back to Washington as representative from this district again, will also speak.

It was hoped that W. B. Tucker, county agent for Crook county, would be able to appear and discuss drought relief measures as they have affected his county, but late information casts doubt on this part of the program. However, he may arrive early enough for a late appearance.

A. C. Thompson and wife and Teddy left Wednesday for Camp Sherman to visit with Owen, a brother of A. C.'s, then they will go on to Corvallis, and Albany to pick up Faye Thompson and then to the state fair. On the way home they will attend the wedding of J. R. Thompson's daughter in Portland.

be in there again next spring when the weather brings baseball to mind once more.

## County Agent To Meet For Discussion Of Smut

Next Saturday there will be a meeting of the county agents of the wheat counties at the experiment station for a discussion of smut in wheat. R. J. Haskell, of Washington, D. C. is in charge of the work here and will meet the county agents to determine what are the best means of convincing farmers of the importance of smut prevention.

Over 60 percent of the wheat that goes into Portland carries a smut discount even after the years of fighting it and this condition is one the extension service would like to remedy.

## Laurence Mitchelmore Bid Farewell

A group of people interested in church work gathered in the Presbyterian church basement Monday evening for a potluck dinner and a farewell party to the student minister, Laurence Mitchelmore, who has been in Moro this summer. Talks were made by Mrs. O. A. Ramsey, Doris Thompson, and Dewey Thompson, representing three ages of people who have been working with Mr. Mitchelmore. At the end of the meeting the departing minister was presented with a purse gathered among his well wishers.

## THOMAS B. SEARCY BURIED IN MORO

### Deceased Was Pioneer Farmer Who Loved His Land

Another of the real old pioneers of the county passed from this earth last Friday morning when Thomas B. Searcy, unwilling to go to a hospital with what he felt was an incurable illness, ended his life. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Searcy was born near Springfield, Ill., January 1, 1860, of pioneer parents. His early life was spent in the country made famous by Abraham Lincoln. In the early 80s he came to Oregon and located in Sherman county in 1888 on a homestead that is still a part of his home place. On November 20, 1895, he married Miss Lena Shelton, who taught one of the first schools in the Boardman district. To this union were born eight children, all of them surviving their father.

They are: Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, of Moro; Phillip and Seral of Moro; John of Hillsboro; Chester of Moro; Owen of Corvallis; Morris of Yakima and Mrs. Charles Ruggles of Moro. Five others still living in the east also survive.

Mr. Searcy has always been one of the county's respected farmers. He loved his land and wished to remain on it, caring for his stock, improving his acres. His farm was his life. He carefully planned each task, giving his entire attention to his farm and his family. Each of the eight children has received an education in local and higher schools.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon with Lawrence Mitchelmore delivering the sermon and interment was in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

During the absence of ye and better half the family offspring took over the editorial duties and published an opposition sheet that apparently aroused no little interest about town. High light of the sheet was the expressed hope that Mr. Goddard is good if it is true that he weighs all of the 200 pounds he has been credited with.

## WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 29

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
AUG. 23	91	60	.00
" 24	92	55	.00
" 25	94	58	.00
" 26	98	58	.00
" 27	92	66	.00
" 28	90	66	.00
" 29	85	62	.00
Total for week			.00

## NEW NURSERY PROJECT COVERS NORTHWEST

### County To Have Branch Of New Development

### CRESTED WHEAT YIELDS HIGH

### Native Grasses Produce Good Seed Crop In First Year

Probably the first native grass seed to be threshed by regular threshing machines was put thru at the experiment station this harvest when the grass nursery product was fed into the cylinder. Such events will be more common next year and for several years thereafter for the government is already started on a program that will develop native grasses for erosion control purposes.

But the grasses threshed here this summer were those that have been grown for several seasons in a local experiment. The coming project is national in its scope. Northwest leader is Harry Scoth, of Corvallis, who has charge of Oregon, Washington and parts of Idaho, Nevada and California. Four crews of men have been through this county so far gathering native grasses for use in the experiments.

Every one knows there are many acres of land in the north west and in the middle west also that would be more productive in grass than in cultivated crops because of lack of moisture, blowing, or other condition. For this reason the grass experiment is being developed. If, through the stations, a grass can be developed or found, that will reseed itself on marginal land, that sort of land will be productive again and usable for grazing.

The grass experiment at the local station was started to learn more about native grasses and compare them to Crested Wheat, an imported grass that has become very popular in the middle west. This is the first year the crop has been threshed and comparisons made. Crested Wheat leads the group of four threshed but it was two years old whereas the native bunch grass is only a year old.

The common bunch grass of this area is the rather tall spikardum with loose heads with spikes. It yielded at the rate of 981 pounds to the acre and threshed 159 pounds of seed.

The Idaho fescue is the fine short bunch grass, common in parts of the county. It made 677 pounds of hay to the acre and threshed 177 pounds of seed.

The alkali bluegrass is a taller, coarser type of grass, also common to Sherman county. It yielded at the rate of 1606 pounds of hay and made 292 pounds of seed.

Crested Wheat gave 2120 pounds of hay and 320 pounds of seed this year.

Next year a great number of grasses will be sown here, some from other states, some from other countries and many native bunch grasses.

Grasses not so well known as those mentioned above are sown in the fall or in the spring, but on land that may become weedy spring sowing is probably the better judgment. A solid seed bed must be prepared and the seeds planted shallow. All of the grasses so far grown here can be sown with a drill except the common bunch grass, spikardum, which has spikes that prevent its running freely through a drill.

A field of Crested Wheat has been growing on the local station since 1913 without being reseeded. It has not frozen out in that period although the wheat has, neither has the drought killed it. It is not on good ground. Results from it have been between 100 and 300 pounds of seed per year.

I. E. Wilson was in town Wednesday greeting friends and telling them about the country around Waverly, Wash., where he is now living. Wheat was not a very sure crop there this year, but peas turned out well.

## Last Tax Notice Appears This Week

This is the last time the tax notice will be run and therefore constitutes the last notice tax payers will have regarding the payment of 1934 taxes. The last half must be paid before December 15 and the last date on which discount can be allowed on the last payment is September 15th.

## Federal Men To Set Quotas; Hog Contracts

The corn hog contracts have been sent in to Portland for review by members of the federal survey board. No state men are on the board and the state is not taking a part in setting the quotas for the counties, this work being handled directly by the federal men. All work on the contracts here will be in abeyance until the quota is set.

## Potato-Tomato Vine In Freak Show At Fair

Salem, Ore., Aug. 30—Entries in the freak show at the Oregon State Fair, September 3 to 9, will include a tomato vine grafted on a potato vine, with potatoes below and ripe tomatoes above ground. This vegetable oddity has been grown in a large flower pot by Ernest Iuffer, Sal. em landscape artist. The two "fruits" have a common stem on which is found both spud and tomato leaves. The largest tomato is about two inches in diameter.

## Boy Scouts Return From Camp Sunday

The fourteen boy scouts and five men who accompanied them returned Sunday evening from their outing at Scout lake all sun burned and able to swim from constant trying to learn that art.

Officials are anxious that the public be thanked for its cooperation in aiding the boys to go on the trip. Fortunately, the equipment of the boy scout organization of this area was available at the camp making the camp much easier to arrange and care for than would have been the case if everything needed had had to be taken from here.

## County Physician Sends Out Warning

Dr. C. L. Poley, county physician, sends out a warning relative to burns. Oil of one kind or another is a common treatment for burns and while it may be alright for small burns that will not have to be treated by a doctor it is not advisable to apply anything if the burn is serious enough to demand medical treatment.

The medical profession has found that the tannic acid treatment is better than anything so far known. This cannot be applied unless the burn is clean and the job of removing oil or four or powder from the burn is both painful and takes time that delays relief and recovery. Therefore doctors warn that serious burns should be left untreated until a doctor can be called to apply the tannic acid.

## County Men Putting On Rodeo For Frolics

George Wilkerson and Carl Everett have about made up the list of bucking horses and riders who are to do battle at the rodeo held at the time of the Old Fort Dalles Frolics. Only riders from the nearby counties will be permitted to ride. Arrangements have been made to have something going all of the time. Two chutes have been built and calf roping will fill in the time between riding.

The Frolics this year will be partly a celebration by the post of The Dalles over their success in winning the Legion convention for 1935. A parade featuring old time days in the mid-Columbia region will be held Thursday and other entertainments will provide amusement for every minute until the wee sma' hours of each day.

## Fred Pickett And Family Moving To Seattle

After being a resident of Moro for over seven years Fred Pickett is leaving for Seattle to live. With Mrs. Pickett and daughter Patty, and a truck load of furniture he left Thursday morning for that city, where Mrs. Pickett will remain with her father, who is a professor in the University of Washington. Mrs. Pickett's mother died this summer and she will make her home with him. Fred will return this week end and stay until he winds up his business affairs here, which will be about two months. He will move his garage equipment to Seattle with him and open a shop there.

During his residence here Mr. Pickett has been active in community and Legion affairs being secretary of the fair association councilman and director of the commercial club. He has been commander of the local Legion post and district vice-commander as well as other positions of prominence.

## Delinquent Taxes To Bring Foreclosures

It has been reported in the papers that foreclosure of delinquent taxes will be started immediately after November 5. This would effect all of those who owe taxes collectable in 1930 or before and who have been charged with tax and interest under the tent payment plan. Those owing on personal property were allowed but one delinquency and those having real property were allowed three delinquencies. Payments were to be made each six months and while many property owners have made these payments, others are still in arrears. An attempt to follow the dictates of the law is to be made this fall. Approximately two months remain for those delinquent to catch up the payments.

## Eight Schools Expected To Open In County

So far as is known at the present time only eight schools will open this fall in Sherman county. In addition to the five schools in high school districts, Harmony, Fairview, and Rutledge will open for regular courses. Gorman is still undecided whether to transport or to hire a teacher and Klondike has decided to transport its children to Wasco for the year. Liberty and Erskine, which held school in 1933-34, will transport to Kent and Moro respectively. Miss Edythe Johnson, who taught at Rufus last year, has resigned and her place is being filled this week by the board.

## News Of Forty Years Ago

### Recalls County Pioneer

From the Observer, Sept. 3, 1915  
Miss Lola Messinger left Thursday morning for Mouth where she will attend the state normal.

Mrs. Muhr, in charge of the primary grades Moro school, has rented the C. F. Coe residence and has moved from Dufur and is now nicely settled in, her new abode.

At the court house Wednesday afternoon in the presence of the county court, county officials and Win. Barnett of Wasco, L. W. Ross, justice of peace, married Lester S. Ettinger of Marion county to Marjorie Bailey of Wasco county.

Mrs. R. J. Ginn and family have arrived from Portland and Robert and family are now at home in the residence lately vacated by G. E. Lewellen.

Boardman school will begin Monday with Miss Minnie Winder as teacher.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

### Goldendale Delegation To Be Present For Road Meeting

### ROAD IMPROVEMENT ASKED

### Fires Meeting Since Harvest To Catch Up On Business

A meeting of the Moro Commercial Club will be held at the Moro Hotel Friday night, September 8, at which time representatives from the Goldendale club will visit for a discussion of ways and means of aiding the development of the Sherman highway.

It is understood that the government rebuilding the road between the ferry and Goldendale in much the same manner as the road between DeMoss and the Lou Olds place was improved a few years ago indicating that the federal government is still carrying on the original plan of making of this a through highway from Canada to Mexico capable of standing heavy traffic at all times.

With the idea of aiding and perhaps hastening this plan the commercial clubs of the two communities are getting together in a spirit of cooperation to see what may be done along this line.

This will be the first meeting since harvest for the local club and during that time work on road matters has lagged to some extent. Goldendale has a group of lively boosters for roads and other community projects and according to word received from there this week several of them are planning on making the trip over here as a friendly spirit has always existed between the two towns.

The meeting will be called at seven in the evening with a dinner served for the visitors and members.

## Dividends Received

A majority of the citizens of this end of the county received a dividend check from the Moro State Bank liquidator Thursday morning for their first payment on deposits that were in that institution when it closed. A total of \$17,684.37 was put back into circulation by this method, which will do something to lift the silver lining into vision a bit farther to judge by the expressions of those who have opened their mail.

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house at Kent which was get in an unfinished condition.

Supt. G. M. Frost is a Portland visitor this week. As soon as he left that other Jack Frost cool sat upon the city, leaving distinct traces of his presence on the sidewalks, roofs, etc., which old Sol proceeded to obliterate.

Harvest in Sherman county was brief and brief this year.

From the Observer, Sept. 5, 1895  
Page and Parry shipped another carload of hogs to Portland on the 30th which left about \$600 in Sherman county farmers' pockets. In this lot was 33 head from Farrault Bros. which netted them \$265.

L. C. Kelsay of Kent and Casper Grassli were in the city this week attending to land business before county clerk Hayes.

Sheriff Holder is now the proud possessor of a bike, the Columbia. The court house officials all enjoy it. Mr. Holder will soon be an expert rider. He has already performed some tricks with his which would paralyze champion James Ordway, the great trick bike rider.

Mrs. Carlson has purchased a strip of Main street property of E. Peoples adjoining the furniture store and is prepared to build.

Wanda K. Hestley,  
104 W. 8th St., The Dalles

## Some Of The Impressions Of A Vagrant Touring In Oregon

Over the Wapinitia highway at night the mountain shows up in the moonlight like a gargantuan ghost, although it has lost much of its whiteness in this summer of heat and wind. Portland is quiet, seemingly still not recovered from the shipping strike of last month.

On down the river the oil depots are busy after their rest. Every little group of buildings has at least one sign announcing the sale of crawfish and plain fish. The smoke hangs low and the scenery is uninspiring. St. Helens is the scene of the Columbia county fair. In a clearing in the brush, looks odd to one not used to brush.

The upper Columbia river highway has no monopoly on curve signs. The lower part has as many per mile—and they mean just as much.

Astoria did a good job putting on the convention for Legionnaires. A fine field, turf, green and lighted was a perfect setting for the drum corp contest. They looked more comfortable in the chill night air with their woolen uniforms than did the two-thirds naked bathing beauties.

Used to fish in cans, the pile of fresh caught salmon in the cannery looked monstrous. From sea to can takes but a few minutes. Lines of women in salmon colored garments load the cans.

Each one wears gloves. Why? Nobody explained.

Down the coast toward Tillamook, more crooks and turms stump ranches with one cow in twenty stumps. New house in a clearing in the big timber—covered with bright Chicago roofing. Shack near shingle mill covered with patent roofing. Wonder if the dairy farmer uses canned milk.

Beaches rather empty; weather foggy overhead. Girls wear shorts exposing nether portions; boys wear pants exposing upper portions. Tillamook looks busy. Full of old wooden buildings. No-one anywhere sells souvenirs of sea coast. If you want a starfish, you'll have to catch him, but if you want crabs, clams or fish stop at the first shack. Out in the country the people are still burning around the same stumps they were twenty years ago.

Back toward the valley. Hot. Little towns all busy on Saturday afternoon. Strings of cars carrying people to the beaches for Sunday. Don't blame them. Valley looks dry, but productive. Old, old houses of Oregon's first pioneers. Still in use, some of them, one of the remaining links between the pioneers who, despite adversity made a home in what was wilderness. Too bad their spirit cannot outlast their houses.