

IT WAS LIKE A HOG-WALLOW.

Sacramento and Woodland's High School Football Game.

In a Drenching Rain and on a Field of Mud Sacramento Won by 4 to 0.

Four to nothing! Who got the nothing? Woodland did, of course! But Sacramento had an awful close shave.

Purple and white, and orange and white don't make a good combination anyway, but now those Woodland football players tried to combine the colors.

Sacramento High School doesn't mind a little thing like an average of ten pounds advantage for each opponent, but when the other fellows buck the line on a slippery field it's pretty hard work.

And how about the Woodland fellows? Well, it's hard to tell. Only they said, "These Sacramento fellows are 'butes' to tackle."

It reminded one of old times to see Van Voorhies, Ed Flint and Chic Harrison on the field, but they were dressed in the conventional "invisible" so-called plaid, and the latest thing in Derby hats, instead of the usual moleskin, carapids, and nose and chest protectors affected by the present chaser of the pigskin.

The attendance was not large, but what could have been expected? It's always bound to rain on football day.

But that don't cut any ice! Rain or shine, we're going to play football!" said both teams. And Woodland is now "sorry that she spoke."

Everything was in Woodland's favor. They were heavier, the ground was "sloppy" (favorable at all times to the heavier men) and Sacramento was playing her first game. But it didn't matter, for Sacramento got four and Woodland got nothing.

The most conspicuous point of the game was Woodland's fumbling and Sacramento's readiness to "get down on" the ball. But few faults can be found with the Sacramento boys' play, only it took them a long time to find out that they have to get down on their knees and brace themselves in order to withstand the center bucks of the big boys from Woodland.

If they had only "caught onto" this before, they might have left the ball nearer the center of the field than they did.

At the call of "Time!" it was Woodland's ball, and only one yard to gain for a touch down. The touch down would have meant a tie and might have counted two more points, but Woodland couldn't make it.

Professor Henderson of Woodland put up a plucky game for his boys, and made many gains by his clever quarterback plays. Hoppin and Marston, at right and left half for Woodland, played a good, dashing game.

But it was a wonder to see how Sacramento held herself. Time and time again Thiele and Harney were sent through the line. No less than half a dozen times did Sacramento get the ball on a fumble from her opponents.

The only time she lost was on a dead sure center buck, and many a time she held her ground on that.

Ed Dixon, Captain of the Sacramento High School team, showed very good judgment in the management of his team. The disposition of the boys was at all times carefully considered, and to their credit be it said—they were always ready to obey his signals.

Ira May put up his usual game. He was ready at all times to help the line along and proved his efficiency as a full back by a number of pretty runs and kicks. Twice he kicked the ball into the opponent's territory, and was always a sure gainer when the ball was passed to him.

Cowder, on left end, was business through and through. His strict attention to the game, and to his opponent was admirable. He exercised great judgment in all his movements, and seemed to be always ready to lie down and help the other boys along.

rather than to make himself conspicuous by grand stand plays. Quinton played a very steady game and was heartily applauded by the spectators for a number of his plays, notably for his two clever captures of the ball from Woodland.

Woodland — Bandy, center; Jones, right guard; Hennigen, left guard; Gernshausen, right tackle; Harkin, left tackle; Craig, right end; Guinn, left end; Henderson, quarter back; Bray (Captain), full back; Hoppin, right half; Marston, left half.

Sacramento—Smith, center; Quinton, right guard; Angus, left guard; Cannon, right tackle; Dixon (Captain), left tackle; Dixon (Ed), right end; Cowder, left end; Thiele, left half; Harney, right half; May, full back; Scott, quarter back.

Woodland, average weight, 100 pounds; Sacramento, average weight, 150 pounds; referee and umpire (alternating), Ed C. Flint and "Chic" Harrison; linesman, R. H. Van Voorhies; two 25-minute halves, with ten minutes intermission.

FIRST HALF. 2:30 p. m., Woodland wins toss and chooses south territory, with wind. Cannon kicks off for Sacramento.

the practice on some similar occasions in the past.

A fine collection had been provided, to which the boys did full justice, and after they had partaken of it toasts were in order, as those called on by name, previous notice accepted by themselves well in most instances and some of them were witty in their remarks.

The allusions seemed to be all understood and elicited much merit. F. W. Carey, who acted as toast-master, announced that he was a Czar, a political boss and a tyrant, all in one, and that no one called on must refuse to respond, under dire penalties. Nobody did.

The toasts and responses were as follows: "The Woodlanders," Sam Dixon, Captain of the Sacramento team. "The Sacramentans," Hiram Finnegan, the comedian of the Woodland team.

"How Did You Handle that Weak Infant of Woodland?" Eugene Smith of Sacramento. "That Goose Egg," by the future Judge of Yolo County, Edward Gray.

Recitation, by Miss Emma Long. "The Y. M. C. A.," by William Angus, in which he paid a high compliment to Secretary Ekins for his kindness. "Sacramento Real Estate; What I Think of It After To-day's Experience," Frederick Huntington of Woodland.

"Sacramento's Fair Daughters," Roy L. Brooke. "Those Cute Boys in Football Attire," Miss Naomi Canon. "The Relations Between Football and Latin," by H. Hartan of Woodland.

"How I Got to Be Left Tackle," by Marsden of Woodland. "How I Made the Touch Down," by Al Harney. "What I Know of Aches and Pains," by Ira C. May.

"How I Made That Tackle," by Gray of Woodland. "Was This Game Refereed Squarely?" by Ed. Flint. "How Did You Get Out to the Game?" by H. Appel.

"General Principles of Football," by Thiele of Sacramento. "High School Athletics," by Principal of the Woodland High School and quarter back Henderson.

"Sacramento Straight," by Grove F. Ekins. A rousing vote of thanks was tendered to the young ladies for the reception. Those giving it were: Naomi Canon, Chairman; Nannie Wahlander, Ruby Brown, Lizzie Morshead, Alice Baker, Emma Long, Letta Ross, Mattie White, George Carrol, Alice Washburn, Linnie Wise.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS

How the Fund for the Dinner is Progressing.

There Will be Something Good to Eat for All, and Presents for the Children.

If anyone goes without a Christmas dinner in Sacramento this year it will be his own fault. The encouragement the Salvation Army has already received in this direction makes the members feel confident that the balance of the funds necessary will be forthcoming, and that the effort this Christmas on behalf of the poor will be a complete success, as in the past.

Smith's Hall, which is located very conveniently, right over the tables were women and children, many of whom were not to be classed with the pauper element.

There are many hard-working men in this city with large families who find it difficult to keep them supplied with the plainest of food and clothing, and those who say nothing of luxuries or presents, even at Christmas time. For these, as much as for any other class, the free Christmas dinner is intended.

It should not be considered a charity dinner, in the ordinary sense of the word, but a sort of Christmas present from those in good or moderate circumstances to those who are less fortunate.

The Christmas tree for children is a great boon to the poor with large families, as it provides a substantial present to every child whose parents are too poor to buy them one. With the toys and little bags of candy and nuts the children are enabled to spend a happy Christmas in spite of their unfortunate surroundings.

Speaking of toys, there were several instances last year where parents who felt too independent to ask for food or clothing, could not resist asking for some toys for their children. They could perhaps get together enough money to have something extra for dinner, but toys were out of the question. And if it had not been for this free Christmas tree many children would have gone without the toys so necessary to enable them to spend a truly happy Christmas.

So let the toys be sent in, as they were last year, by those who have any to spare. Let the well clothed, well fed, happy little children remember their distressed little brothers and sisters.

The arrangements for the Christmas tree are as follows: When a case is reported at the office, 1117 Seventh street, it is as soon as possible investigated, and if the child is found in need of food or clothing the articles necessary to complete its little wardrobe are taken note of, together with its age and sex, the size of shoes worn, etc. The articles are checked, a check attached bearing marks that are also on a duplicate check, which is handed to the child.

On Christmas, in the evening, after the big dinner, Santa Claus and his Brownies begin business, and soon the little ones receive their bundle of shoes and clothing, with some toys and bags of candy and nuts. The band will play, and all will have a good time. Under these circumstances it will be possible for the most poverty stricken youngster in the city to spend a merry Christmas.

Following is the cash so far received: Previously acknowledged, \$72. Subscribed Saturday: Kirk, Geary & Co., \$10; A. A. Van Voorhies, \$5; W. P. Fuller & Co., \$25; Locke & Lavenson, \$5; The A. S. Hopkins Co., \$3; cash, \$3; M. A. Burke, \$20. Total, \$120.50.

SEND THE WEEKLY UNION TO YOUR friends in the East.

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

COUNTRY EDITOR'S WORK.

Enterprise, Industry and Progressiveness Characterize It.

An Influential Person in the Community—One of the Failures and the Cause of It.

"We have a store, a church, a hotel and a schoolhouse. The store has a big stock of goods, from garden seed to silk dresses; the hotel is a good one, with everything to attract the drummer of the tourist and the journalistic best for miles around, and our church is the pride of the place. What we want now is a paper."

So wrote a man from a manufacturing village which had grown up around a large and prosperous plant, and the call finally reached a young man who had learned the printer's trade and who impressed his friends with so much confidence that they aided him in fitting up a printing shop in the little place, from which "The Weekly News" was to be issued. The factory printing had been promised to the young man, and the doctor, the clergyman, the school teacher and the factory Superintendent had each spoken encouragingly to him.

There was no newspaper near the village than "The Eagle," which was issued every Wednesday ten miles away, and by bringing "The News" out on Tuesday he figured that he could head off his nearest competitor; and so it was decided that the new paper should be a Tuesday paper. With visions of steam presses, type-setting machines, a large circulation and a journalistic reputation, the village paper was launched. Everybody was pleased with it, and even the village "swell" who went "to town" every day and who said: "It won't be a weekly—it will be a try-weekly. They'll publish it one week and try to publish it the next, and maybe they'll stop it and maybe not," even he bought it and read it regularly.

That was years ago. The little paper has grown with the village and has become a feature of the place. The experience of the enterprising young printer was that of hundreds of country newspaper men in all parts of the United States. In many instances there was no home industry to give the young newspaper man encouragement, and in hundreds of cases there were competitors near by and in the same village. But these facts did not deter the ambitious journalist, and they do not frighten him to-day, and the consequence is that the United States is rich in small newspapers, and that through them thousands of people keep posted in affairs of the day.

The country newspaper man occupies the same place as to success as the average country business man; there are no more failures in the rural newspaper business than there are in the rural store business. Still, the country editor, if asked by a young man how to start a paper, would say, "Don't." He would tell the aspirant for journalistic honors that the work is thankless and burdensome, that there is no money in it, that the country newspaper must compete with the metropolitan papers, and that every subscriber wants favors which cost many times more than the annual subscription. But the complaining editor, who in business, his paper grows, he adds new presses to his outfit and shows other signs of prosperity, and he would not abandon his plant except for a handsome consideration.

"How can I sell out?" one country editor said when approached on the subject. "I am firmly rooted here. Have my family in the place and belong to it. My coming here was an experiment, but I had to take pay for my paper in all sorts of things that would be no good to a bachelor, so I married and that settled it."

The resident of a large city who is accustomed to receive his paper daily, and who reads the news from all parts of the world, and who reaches his place of business, has an imperfect idea of the average country newspaper, and when an occasional copy reaches him he is apt to sneer at the queer little sheets with their personal gossip and strange business notices. To those who have seen the offices from which some of these papers are issued there is nothing ridiculous in the little papers, and the perseverance of their editors respects them with admiration and respect.

One room frequently constitutes the whole plant. This contains all the type-setting and printing paraphernalia, a desk which the editor, who is also business manager, advertising solicitor, reporter and foreman, and the printing department, divides with his assistant, a library consisting of a Bible, a copy of Shakespeare, a red book, the "Tribune" almanac and some public documents contributed by the Congressman and member of the Legislature from the district, and ornaments in the form of posters from late campaigns, catfish show and fair advertisements, and cheap portraits of prominent politicians, usually constitute the outfit of the one-room office.

But the country newspaper, no matter if it comes from a primitive one-room office or from the pompous heat and comfortable establishments in the small places near New York, is progressive, as a rule, and its proprietor is proud of his position in the community and jealous of the influence of his paper. An exception to the rule was met recently by a New England newspaper man who went to a village on a special mission and who looked up the local newspaper office with a view of spending his spare hour before train time with the village editor and possibly "writing up" the place.

"Oh, there's nothing to say about this place," he said. "I'd as soon as a corpse and nothing could be written about it which would be of interest to anyone."

"No history, no business, no politics?" was asked. "Is there nothing in the past, present or future of the place that would look well in print?"

"Well, if there is you'll have to find it," he said. "I've been here four years, and have seen nothing more exciting than a church fair."

"That's probably the reason," the Postmaster said when he heard of the newspaper man's unpatriotic remarks, "that his paper has been a flat failure."

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