



## TRYING TO KILL OUT WILD MORNING GLORY

Steward Fred C Handy, of the Mendocino state hospital has been investigating the wild morning glory pest which has for a long time been bothering the farmers of this valley. This weed has got started on the hospital grounds and is becoming troublesome and if not conquered will in time take complete possession of the land. A number of hop fields have been practically ruined by it and Ham Van Nader has been compelled to abandon his field on account of it. It is said that one vineyard near Healdsburg has been checked out and that a number of others are on the way to extermination.

Some of the farmers have kept the morning glory down by turning sheep in and letting them pasture it down but this of course gives only temporary relief. Mr Handy wrote to the state agricultural experiment station receiving the following letter from Dean E J Wickson:

Mr F C Handy, Ukiah, Cal. August 25.—In response to your favor of August 24th would say that the only practical way to reduce Morning-Glory consists in continually cutting it beneath the surface with a horizontal weed knife, or with a flat toothed cultivator, with the teeth kept sharp and set so as to under-run the whole surface. Continually pulling the shoots up the surface with an ordinary cultivator does not accomplish this result, because the success of the method described consists in never allowing a shoot to come to light; consequently never to become green, nor to add to the strength of its root by the action of the air upon its foliage. If, then, the shoots are continually cut below the surface and never have a chance to reach the light the plant is smothered. This under-cutting must be done at regular intervals, say once a week, without any show of color on the surface or else it will fail. This is, of course, an expensive process, because it has to be pursued, say once a week, all through one season, and perhaps longer, but the reduction of the plant under this treatment soon becomes evident and the success of it is witnessed by the fact that it is almost universally adopted by those who have nerve enough to undertake the reduction of this plant.

There has recently been issued a Farmers' Bulletin on the subject of the eradication of the morning-glory, and this can be obtained from the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D C. Very sincerely, E J Wickson.

The method offered of cutting the morning glory below the ground and keeping it cut down is naturally a very expensive one and is said not to be complete cure for the pest after all. Mr Handy also visited the station and talked with the professors in charge and they confessed that no real good way of getting rid of the troublesome weed had been discovered. They stated however that salt would come about as near killing it as anything but that the salt also ruined the land for several years.

Steward Handy returned home and concluded to do a little experimenting on his own hook. He observed that the railroad companies were using crude oil to kill the weeds along the rights of way with success and reasoned that oil would probably kill the morning glory. As the oil does not penetrate deeply into the soil it could then be plowed under and the land would only be laid up for one season. He has accordingly selected a patch of the most luxuriant growth of the morning glory and has saturated it with crude oil. It has killed the weed alright and now he is waiting until next year to plow the oil under and sow the land to see whether the land has been injured by the oil. The result of the experiment will be published later in the Press for the benefit of the ranchers whose farms are similarly afflicted.

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## JESS BRAYTON IS FINED TWENTY FIVE

The famous Point Arena case in which the Braytons had been arrested for illegally having deer meat in their possession and the defendants later had the game wardens arrested for shooting doves on a public highway and in which the complaining witness failed to appear and was taxed costs of suit, has taken a new turn. Jess Brayton of Willits whom the game wardens suspect of having furnished the evidence on which they were arrested, was in some manner connected with a deer killing out of season and was arrested the warrant having been sworn out in Judge Crockett's court of this city. Mr Brayton finally induced the wardens to allow him to plead guilty before Judge Snow of Willits and paid a fine of \$25. This is supposed to be the last act of the play.

### GAME COMMISSION FINALLY PAYS

County Clerk Hale McCowen reports that the game commission finally came through with the \$5 postage which he was out a couple of years ago in sending out game licenses. They notified him however in a very pointed letter that this year there would be no allowance for postage. If Hale sends out a hunting license by mail now he will either be compelled to steal a two cent stamp off the county or to put it up himself. Hale reports that he has duly considered the matter and that he will pay the postage himself rather than risk a trip to the hotter regions for two cents. The game commission is a law of itself and defies any attempt to get a report of the money it has expended. It is doing a noble work however in arresting poor hunters and fining or sending them to jail in default of digging up the cash and the people should be satisfied.

### YOU BET THEY KILLED SOME

When the Press was issued last week there was some doubt in the mind of the editor as to whether or not the wellknown combination of deerlayers consisting of J R Mathews, Bud Smith and Dan and Andy Gibson killed anything on their recent trip. All doubt has been dispelled however as J R Mathews has a large box of jerky at his drug store which he is dealing out to his friends and customers. It is of a very fine quality and was dried by the secret process invented by J R and Dan.

## MRS PAUL RAY IS ONLY LADY VAQUERO

Mrs Paul Ray has acquired the distinction by being the only lady vaquero in Mendocino county and perhaps the only one in the state. Last week when there was a bunch of cattle to take to Willits and her brother Tom Hill and her husband were too busy with their crops to make the trip she announced that she would deliver the cattle. Accordingly she took her saddle horse and two shepherd dogs and got up the drove of twenty-five head of beef cattle and several sheep and started for Willits. She made the trip in good time and succeeded in getting all of the cattle and sheep to their destination. It is said that she beat the usual time made by the drivers and got her cattle there in better condition.

### JOHN FOWLER PASSES TO REST

John H Fowler died in Santa Rosa Saturday at the age of 70 years. The deceased was the father of Mrs C W Bradford of this city and was wellknown in this county having owned a large area of timber land near Sherwood. He was also actively interested in securing rights of way when the railroad was making preparations to come through the valley. The deceased was a highly respected resident of Sonoma county.

### NEW EXPRESS AGENT FOR UKIAH

C B Christiansen who has had charge of the Wells Fargo express office for the past few months has been transferred to the Napa office and left Tuesday with his family to assume his new duties. Messenger Custer will be the new express agent for this city. Harold Austin who has been holding down a position in the telephone office will join them and expects later to take a position in the express office with Mr Christiansen.

## WILL MILK GOATS AND MAKE CHEESE

A D Verra and John Kostoponole of San Francisco have bought the Mack Howard ranch consisting of about 1500 acres in Coyote valley and will take possession of the property in about six weeks. These gentlemen will erect a cheese factory and will make fancy grades of cheese to take the place of the imported brands.

They expect to milk 1000 sheep and 500 goats and a number of head of cattle. It is said that sheep and goats milk are necessary for the fancy cheese on account of their richness. The ranch is a fine one and these gentlemen state that they will have 100 acres of alfalfa and a complete irrigation system by next spring.

Mr Verra is a wholesale coffee dealer and Mr Kostoponole is the proprietor of a large restaurant in San Francisco. They are enthusiastic over Ukiah valley and their interest here will undoubtedly bring many new residents. Dolly Edwards of the firm of McFaul & Edwards made the sale.

### ED LAMB MARRIED IN BAKERSFIELD

Ed Lamb was in town this week on a business visit. Ed reports that he became a benedict last Monday when he and Miss Leona Green were married in Bakersfield. Ed and his wife were on their way to this city to spend their honeymoon when Mrs Lamb received word in San Francisco that her mother was seriously ill in Los Angeles and not expected to live. Mr and Mrs Lamb will make their home in Bakersfield.

### EL PRIMERO COLONY IN TROUBLE

John Adolph Miller, president and promoter of the El Primero colony has been arrested in San Francisco for misrepresenting his colony. The Call says that it looks as if this colony would go the way of most of the others. The old Reid ranch near Laytonville is the site of the colony.

## UKIAHITES WILL VISIT IN THE EAST

Attorney J C Ruddock, Dr J L Bond and Judge T B Bond left this week for Chicago. John is on his way to Detroit where he will attend the Great Council of Improved Redmen as one of the four representatives from the State of California and will be absent about three weeks. John has been elected as one of the state representatives for the past three years by the Redmen and stands high in the councils of that order in the state and is also gaining a national reputation by his able representation of the California lodges. During his absence District Attorney Duncan will attend to his practice for him.

Dr and Judge Bond will spend a few days in Chicago and will then proceed to their old home in Falls church, Virginia where they have several brothers, all prominent professional and business men. This is their first visit to their old home in many years and Judge Bond will probably remain, but the doctor will return in a few weeks to resume his practice.

## MRS E B GIBSON TO GIVE MUSIC LESSONS

Mrs E B Gibson has decided to accept the appointment of Inter State Teacher of the Western Branch of the Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Mrs Gibson needs no introduction to the public, as her work has been thoroughly demonstrated she having been a teacher of music before and the parents of her old pupils have urged her to take up the work. She will open her studio about Sept 14. Those wishing lessons will call on her after that date at her residence.

### BRANSCOMB WEATHER REPORT

The following monthly summary of the weather for the month of August 1909 was handed in by A J Haun, voluntary observer from Branscomb: Mean max temp, 82.4; mean min, 45.5; mean, 63.9; max, 95; date, 25; min, 38; date, 11; greatest daily range, 43; number of clear, 31.

## BEER BLOSSOMS REACH 20 CENTS

The hop market is on the boom and the hopgrowers are all smiles. Hops have reached 20 cents and this means that thousands of dollars more than was expected will come into this valley. In other words times will be better than they have for years in Ukiah. The hop men have learned their lessons too and are selling their crop and not holding to speculate on the market.

Frank C Albertson reports having bought the following lots during the week for C C Donovan: W N Dutton, 15,000 pounds; L M Ruddock, 10,000 pounds; Clarence Cox, 14,000; Joe Cunningham, 20,000 pounds; and J E Holliday, 12,000 pounds all for 18-1-2 cents. The following lots were sold later for 20 cents: B Switzer, 3 ton; J E Holliday, 9 ton; R McGarvey, 13 ton; J W Parsons, 17 ton.

### LOSES GRAIN CROP

While the threshing machine was working in George Raymond's field at Potter valley last week the hay stack caught on fire and about one hundred and fifty sacks of grain were destroyed. The derrick wagon was lost but the threshing machine was saved. It is thought that the fire caught from the engine. It is reported that the company owning the machine has acted very fair in the matter and has agreed to settle for the grain.

### NEARLY LOSES EYESIGHT

Harry Palmer suddenly went blind while working on the orphanage recently. The reflection of the sun on the shingles is supposed to have been the cause. He is greatly improved however and his many friends hope that his eyesight will be completely restored.

### JACK HART, A HERO

Jack Hart is now a hero and his friends expect that he will be awarded a Carnegie medal at the next meeting of the board of fire promoters. It all came about by Jack running out and stopping the laundry horse yesterday.

## SANTA ROSAN CLAIMS BRIDE IN THIS CITY

George P Noonan of Santa Rosa and Miss Leta Smart of Willits were married in this city Monday morning by Father Edwards at the Catholic church. On their return from their wedding they were greeted at the Cecille by a number of friends and rice and old shoes in large quantities were presented to them. They left immediately on a tour of Lake county where they will spend their honeymoon. Their buggy had been thoughtfully decorated by their friends with cow bells and old shoes and bows of baby ribbon.

The groom is the popular representative of Sperry's flour and was formerly in the employ of the Willits Mercantile company. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr and Mrs George A Smart of Willits. The happy couple will make their home in Santa Rosa.

Prof J D Maddrill has returned from Lake Tahoe where he spent his vacation. He reports a very pleasant time and is again busily engaged at the observatory.

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES ELECT OFFICERS

The board of library trustees met Monday and reorganized for the new year by electing the following officers: J C Ruddock, president; Mrs J M Mannon, secretary. President Ruddock then appointed the following committees: Committee on Books, Dr Liftchild and Mrs W P Thomas; Committee on rooms and fixtures, B S Hirsch and Dr Liftchild; Auditing committee, B S Hirsch and Mrs J M Mannon. The library trustees have made a very economical administration and deserve credit for their devotion to the interests of the people.

The trustees report a balance of \$806.42 on hand from the last years fund which was secured from a five cent levy. A number of improvements are planned for the coming year and a great many new books are needed. B S Hirsch and Dr Liftchild were appointed a committee to appear before the board of town trustees and ask for a ten cent levy this year.

## FIGHTERS ARE BROKE SO TURNED LOOSE

The plot of blue grass between the office of Recorder Holbrook and Auditor Mathews was the scene of a fine little scrap Sunday afternoon. It seems that two of the excursionists got into an argument one accusing the other of treating his wife to beer. The result was a fast go and a couple of black eyes for the alleged affinity. Clyde Brewer appeared on the scene and gave the boys an object lesson in the protective art and gathered them both in. Marshal Oliver Cleveland heard of the fight just before the train pulled out and had his deputy release them. It developed that the fighters had spent all their money and there was no prospect of getting a fine so the chief of police reasoned that they had been cleaned anyway which was all that could be desired. They left for the train loud in their praise of Marshal Cleveland whom they thought an exceptionally good fellow.

### SURVEYOR REDWINE WORK SATISFACTORY

County surveyor Guy Redwine left Wednesday morning for Monterey where he will do several weeks work for Wm G Henshaw. Mr Henshaw owns about 40,000 acres in this county including the old Eden Valley ranch the Garsey and Ames ranch and other ranches. Several years ago Mr Redwine did considerable work for Mr Henshaw in Eden Valley, which was so satisfactory that he has now employed him to do some important work on his Monterey property.

### MONEY IN WATERMELONS

Ed Walker was down Monday from Potter with another load of those delicious watermelons. Ed says that he now has four teams on the road and that he cannot keep up with his orders. His shipment Monday morning was forty-five dozen. For a crop in Mendocino watermelons cannot be beaten. Ed's patch will net him several hundred dollars this year.

### PALACE ON THE WATER WAGON

Frank Sandelin reports that he is serving the Wurttemberg artisan water iced at his table and that it is rapidly superseding buttermilk and iced tea as a beverage at the Palace. Frank makes special trips in his auto after the water. So far he has escaped the fate of the historical Jack and Jill.

## CAPTAIN WELLER ELECTED MAJOR

At the meeting of the officers of the fifth regiment U R K P held in Willits Saturday night Captain J E Weller of Fort Bragg company was unanimously chosen for the position of major of the 2nd battalion. Major Weller has always been popular with the boys of the fifth regiment and will make an efficient officer. Needless to say that Fort Bragg company is proud of its captain.

The boys report that a full attendance of the officers was present and that the Willits boys treated them in a very hospitable manner. One of the features of the entertainment was a banquet served at Hotel Willits.

### THE LATEST DENTAL IDEA

Dr Robert Thomas returned last week from San Francisco where he had been to attend a dental clinic and brought home with him the latest machine for casting gold inlays. The main feature is a good sized vacuum chamber which is connected with the mold and draws the gold into the mold filling it perfectly. This is the latest process and the gold inlays are so much superior to the gold fillings for large cavities that they have become the fad in the larger cities.

### AFTER HIS FALL GOODS

Col Abe Marks left Tuesday morning for San Francisco to pick out his stock of fall goods. He will have a lot of new stock shortly and it will pay you to watch for his opening announcement. He says that he will have some of the swellest styles that have ever been shown in town.

### COUNTY SURVEYOR HAS IMPORTANT JOB

County Surveyor Guy Redwine left Wednesday for Monterey where Guy has been secured to run some important lines, Mendocino county is rapidly coming to the front and when the rest of the state wants a good man for a job they come to Ukiah.

## PLENTY OF WELLS BUT WATER SCARCE

Supervisor C P Smith is having a hard time getting wells that will furnish sufficient water for the new pumps, but thinks that he will be able to get the sprinklers on in a few days. The wells at Riverside and at the Bailey bridge have an abundance of water but the well at Moores has been sunk 38 feet and blue clay struck and so far not enough water has been secured. The well at Ackerman creek proved a failure.

It was sunk in the edge of the gravel bar and water came in so fast that the workmen had to quit. To make sure that the well was down far enough Ham Van Nader was sent for and his gasoline engine and pump were put on and it was impossible to pump the well down. The sprinkler was filled and made one trip out. The next morning when the wagon came along there was not water enough in the hole to fill it. The well has been sunk deeper but no water has been struck.

Supervisor Smith is now making arrangements to bore for water at the Moore place and at Ackerman creek and by prospecting to locate the vein before any more wells are sunk. It must be understood that while water enough for ordinary purposes has been found in all of the wells that a sprinkling wagon takes infinitely more water. Supervisor Smith is doing everything possible to get the wells in shape but cannot be expected to accomplish the impossible.

### SANDELIN WINS A HAT

Frank Sandelin of the Palace hotel won a fine Stetson hat this week. Some months ago a cigar drummer was in town and offered to bet Frank that the Ukiah cigar factory would not last six months. Frank took the bet and George Fisher is still turning out cigars. When the drummer was here last week Frank reminded him of the bet and he came through with the hat. Frank says that a man never loses when he backs home industry.

### NO RAIN LAST MONTH

Dr George McCowen hands in the following summary of the weather for the month of August: Mean maximum temperature 95.7; mean minimum 47.2; mean 71.4; maximum 105 on 17th and 19th, minimum 40 on the 11th; greatest daily range 57 on 17th. During the month there were four partly cloudy days. Dr McCowen reports that there was no rain to speak of however.

### LAUNDRY HORSE GETS GIBBY

Friday evening the driver of the Ukiah steam laundry wagon while gathering washing chanced to leave his wingless steed in front of a business house. Believing his horse to be in his usual trance and having no fear of being left afoot, the driver was suddenly startled to hear the rumbling of the wagon down the street at the rate of 60 miles per hour. Closely pursued by a multitude of men, women and children and unheeding the voice of his master the old steed ran faster and faster. By chance someone happened to be coming down the road and checked the horse. As to the cause of such action various theories are advanced but the most logical one is that the horse had been dreaming of his younger days. Now henceforth the driver of the Ukiah steam laundry wagon will be seen upon the street driving a different horse.

### POTTER HOP CROP GOOD

H C Brooks and son were down from Potter this week. They report hoppers in full blast and say that there will be a good crop. Mr Brooks reports that he and Mr Spottswood will have a number of bales over their contracts.

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