

MODOC NOW IS MODEL TOWN AS ANY IN INDIANA

Once "Toughest Hole" In State Is Center of Thriving Community.

MODOC, Ind., Sept. 6.—Modoc, once called the "toughest hole in Indiana," is now a model town and the center of a thriving agricultural community.

Although a "dry" town it bore a reputation for lawlessness, and murders and assaults were frequent. At one time it could have been compared to any of the "hell-holes" the early west was known for, for women were afraid to walk the streets, fights were the rule and not the exception, and respectable citizens kept near their respective fireides at night.

Finally a vigilance committee was formed but crimes did not immediately stop. Two druggists sold whiskey and others bootlegged and continued to. But after many convictions for murder and assaults Modoc lifted itself out of the mire of lawlessness and fights to-day in the town are infrequent.

Daniel Vardman, acting chief of police, is one of the oldest residents here, and remembers when the town was nothing but a big woods. He has gone through all changes of the town and each day sees some progress made, he says.

First Settlers.

Modoc's first store was established and built by Lem Hunt, who died some time ago. The Hunt family was one of the first to settle here as was the Shoemakers and the Gattis family.

The first grist mill was built by E. M. Thomas, thirty-five years ago. Peter Stepanec bought the mill from Thomas and William Stock, owner of the present new mills, succeeded him.

Fifteen years ago when the town had grown, a lumber mill was built by William Howell. The first hearse ever seen in town was built by A. A. Conroe and his uncle, James Hanscomb, built in their carpenter shop thirty-five years ago.

Fifteen years ago they built another but Modoc followed the general trend and when automobile ambulances were introduced one came here.

STREET PARADE OF WILD WEST TO DRAW CROWD

A Spectacular Wild West and Circus parade will inaugurate the Jess Willard-Buffalo Bill engagement in this city tomorrow. The line will leave the show grounds at 10:30, and the route will be the usual one over the principal downtown streets. Hundreds of the Borderland people will be in line. There will be cowboys and cowgirls and Indians and Mexicans galore. There will be Arabs and Japanese and Cossacks in their national costumes. There will be Hawaiians and other interesting people from the isles of the seas. And with all this there will be a half dozen different kinds of music to make melody along the line of march. Evidently this Jess Willard-Buffalo Bill parade is going to be worth while and trouble to see.

The show arrives early Friday morning, and by 10 o'clock the cars will be unloaded, the tents erected and arrangements completed for the parade and the two performances that are to follow. The cars will be unloaded in the Pennsylvania railroad yards. The "runs" as well as the grounds will undoubtedly be the center of curious interest.

A performance of exceptional merit is promised for the show this year. The Wild West congress is said to be larger than ever this year, and fully representative of all that is best and most picturesque in Far Western life. "Tex" McLoud, Tommy Kerman, Chester Byers, Hank Durnell and other noted riders and ropers will present stirring bits of ranch life, in which they will be aided by a bunch of daringly-reckless cowgirls; there will be Indian battles, the hold-up of the old Laramie stagecoach by Mexican bandits, and other lively historic incidents made famous by Buffalo Bill, and Jess Willard will lead a posse of cowboys against a band of Wyoming outlaws in a typical border fight. All this, moreover, is declared to be only one phase of the program. A series of notably clever circus offerings is announced. There will be whirlwind acrobatics by the Mahmoud Berber Arabs, juggling by the Imperial Japanese troupe, bareback equestrian by Emily Stickney and other lady riders, trained animal displays, introducing Rhoda Royal's remarkably trained dogs, ponies and chimpanzee, and other displays. A elephants, a phenomenally-trained company of U. S. artillerymen puts a military punch into the exhibition. Jess Willard, the cowboy, heavyweight world's champion is positively announced to appear in a scientific sparing exhibition with his training partner, Walter Monahan, at both performances.

Reserved seats will be on sale all day at Quigley's drug store, 806 Main street, and also at the Athletic Park, where the tents will be erected.

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Gets 17 Bushels of Potatoes From Half Bushel He Planted

ECONOMY, Ind., Sept. 6.—Perry township is not going to be second in the yield of potatoes. John Franklin planted $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of early rose and dug 17 bushels of fine potatoes from the patch Tuesday. They will average near one-half pound each. A number weighed 1 pound and 12 ounces each....The third day of school shows an enrollment of 210. There are 50 in high school with more to follow later on. The teachers and pupils are a congenial body and the school machinery is running nicely....

Edward D. Martin, the showman, is to wed Mrs. Emma Smith of Cincinnati early this fall....The Hiatts who have been visiting Bunker Hill relatives said smallpox had reached epidemic stage there and school and churches were closed.....Harrison Johnson, Modoc, was here Tuesday afternoon....Joe Smith, Morgan Creek, was here Tuesday....Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Pierce, Hagerstown are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Replique....Bert Carver and Harry Parker were at Indianapolis doing the state fair Wednesday....Ed Lamb, Muncie, was here recently....Mr. and Mrs. Billy McCoun and Joe Haxton were at Richmond today....Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenstreet and children are here from the state of Washington, where they have resided some five years. Both are graduates of Economy high school. Mrs. Greenstreet taught school at Elkhart and Kendallville. After Mr. Greenstreet graduated here he attended DePauw college and graduated in 1909. He took a theological course at Boston, graduating in 1912. Since on the Pacific coast he has taught in the University of Washington and will teach this year in a Michigan college. They are visiting guests of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hannah Kimball and other relatives....Mrs. Ida Clark returned to Economy from Washington Sunday. She is the widow of Dr. Milton Clark and has traveled extensively the past few years. She has three children: Dr. Worth Clark, New Jersey; Dr. Herbert Clark, Panama and Mrs. Fred Greenstreet, recently of Washington. She has toured Panama and the Pacific states recently....Rev. Arlie Collins, Farmland, preaches at Sugar Grove Sunday morning at 10:30 and 7:30 in the evening in the R. U. B. church....Mrs. Emma Clark can raise potatoes as well as chickens. She planted a small patch in the garden and harvested 40 bushels of the finest spuds ever....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce were at Richmond today.

DEPOSITS SHOW GROWTH

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OATS GIVES 54 BUSHELS

CARLOS CITY, Ind., Sept. 6.—Wm. T. Miller held the record for oats in this section. His 16 acres went 54 bushels to the acre.

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On The Screen

MURRETTE

Margaret Illington, the noted dramatic star who will make her next screen appearance at the Murrette on Friday and Saturday in the Lasky-Parmount adaptation of Basil King's great novel "The Inner Shrine," had an exciting record at the Lasky studio during the filming of her second picture. She was continually getting lost in the maze of buildings and had a great deal of fun getting accustomed to the camera.

In "The Inner Shrine" Miss Illing-

ton is surrounded by a cast of unusual excellence including Hobart Bosworth, Elliott Dexter, Jack Holt and Ernest Joy.

The Orientals typified sorrows, cruelties and calamities by plants of a poisonous or bitter nature.

Ft. Wayne "Ghost" is Man Who Played Prank on His Wife

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 6.—The "ghost" at the old Hope Hospital, which had 5,000 persons watching for it this afternoon, was captured by the police tonight some time after appearing before the "audience." The ghost proved to be Fred Langenbaugh, a foundry worker, who lives opposite the hospital.

Mr. Langenbaugh said he began the prank a week ago merely as a joke on his wife, who remarked about the "spookiness" of the building, which is being torn down to make way for a Y. M. C. A. building. Others in the neighborhood saw the "apparition" the same night. Mr. Langenbaugh carried the joke on, appearing each night clad in a sheet. He flitted from room to room. Six different watchmen had to be employed in as many nights.

When a story of the ghost was published today, hundreds flocked to the hospital and tonight the streets near the old building were blocked. The crowd became so dense a large squad of police had to be thrown around the "ghost zone."

Several stones were hurled at the "ghost," but Langenbaugh got away and secreted himself in the building. For a time he dodged the police in the building, but finally was caught and confessed. He was spirited away to the police station, and hundreds, not knowing it, remained around the hospital until midnight. Langenbaugh is held on a charge of disorderly conduct.

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