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Among the various etymologies for the Shoshoni name "Pahsimeroi," the Indian consensus favors an unidentified tall grass which is found in some of the meadows of the Pahsimeroi country. Although the Indians themselves are uncertain, the word clearly is associated with some kind of vegetation. An explanation that "pahsimeroi" is to be interpreted in English as "a grove by a stream" is unfounded, however.

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