

BASEBALL RACING

SPORTS

BASKET BALL

O'BRIEN HAS MANY OFFERS

A Seattle paper publishes a story to the effect that Jack O'Brien is going to organize professional baseball in Elgin, Wallowa, Wheeler and Joseph. Relative to the statement O'Brien said this morning:

"At present I am in receipt of many letters from Coast, Northwestern, Western and Central league club owners and managers, asking me to locate players and secure them at the very best terms, to have them report immediately on receipt of transportation, and also giving me full authority to sign any player whom I think fast enough, leaving the sole judgment to me as to their ability. So I am busy at present trying to locate several players who I know to be plenty fast enough for any class A or B league club. Still they have never played professional baseball in their life. The fact of the matter is, these young fellows are unknown and have never had the opportunity to show their ability, and one does not stop to realize how hard it is for an independent player, whose baseball fame is limited to his vicinity, to get a professional berth, but whenever I detect baseball talent and find a young player who I am certain has the ability, I will have him placed in professional baseball before he is aware of the fact, and in a league I am certain he will make good. And when he does prove his ability and makes good, I am all the more satisfied. Last season I sent in all 12 or more players to class A and B league clubs, and had demands for 50.

"At present I have several good offers to play and manage clubs in the middle west and away down south, and must say two of the offers are exceedingly good, the contracts calling for double the amount usually offered by any class C or D league club. Aside from giving me a large per cent of the purchase money received for players, I may develop and sell. So I am seriously considering two of the offers and will close with one of them inside of two weeks and will begin immediately to sign all my players for the season of 1909, and you can say for me when the season of 1909 is over I will forward you a picture of another pennant winning club, as I promised La Grande last season. I think the public will agree with me that I fulfilled my promises in every respect regarding a pennant-winning club, and had we had one or two more good pitchers the La Grande baseball club would have come just as far from losing a game as W. J. Bryan did from being president. As for baseball in La Grande and eastern Oregon, I have withdrawn completely, still not with any ill feeling or grievance toward the public or city of La Grande.

"There is no reason why this city will not support a good baseball club, and I trust and hope that the club to represent La Grande in the newly proposed league for 1909 will be able to bring another pennant to this city. I extend my best wishes to the public, the club management and its baseball club, for a most successful and prosperous season of 1909."

It is safe to predict success for Mr. O'Brien wherever he may go, for his record here last year brands him as a versatile manager, capable of whipping a squad of mediocre players into a pennant-winning aggregation.

PENDLETON GIRLS WIN

Baker City, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—By the score of 19 to 6 the Pendleton girls' basketball team defeated the high school girls of this city last evening in a fireworks game of the interesting sort. The first half ended 3 to 3, but in the second half Pendleton gained a lead that could not be overtaken by the Baker girls. During the entire game there were

only two field goals thrown—one by each team. The other points were scored on free throw from fouls, which in the second half were quite frequent. The line-up follows:

Pendleton—Center, Gertrude Jordan; forwards, Eunice Vogel, Nona Johnson; guards, Ruth Gibson, Lucile Rader.

Baker—Center, Hazel Panting; forwards, Mamie Cuning, Velma McMurren; guards, June Dodson, Gertrude Thompson.

RACE MEET FOR UNION

Conditions seem to be shaping themselves for a race meet at Union this year—say, early in July. There will by that time be about 30 good horses in the country, we are informed by F. E. White, the Union horseman, and probably most of them could be brought here. A race meet in conjunction with a Fourth of July celebration could be made quite an event in our city. It is yet early, perhaps, to discuss such matters, but they are mentioned simply that the public may have time to think the proposition over. Should Union decide this year to celebrate, an early announcement to that effect should be made.—Republican.

TO REFORM RICHLAND

The forces of law and order may yet prevail in Richland, the mining town not far from Baker City, where the scum of the earth has been gathering for the past several months, according to the following from the Baker City Herald:

News from Richland state that a united effort is being made by all believers in local option to prosecute offenders and put a stop to any other kind of lawlessness that may exist in the capital of Eagle valley.

To further promote this law enforcement spirit an organization is claimed to have been formed known as the Vigilance committee. In a way it resembles the Ku Klux Klan of the south during the civil war, although some who do not favor the organization assert that the picture of Carrie Nation is the order's emblem. Who belongs to the Vigilance committee is never to be known. They are supposed to work in silence, not letting the left hand know what the right hand doeth. But, like a church trial or any other affair of great importance, little things have leaked out and as a result all of Eagle valley is said to have secrets.

One arrest has been made as a result of the Vigilance committee's work. Charles Keller is charged with selling intoxicating liquor contrary to the local option. He was arrested Wednesday and released on \$250 bond. Mr. Keller is in town today and to a reporter for the Herald stated that he had nothing to say of importance relative to the matter, other than that his trial would probably come off Monday in Richland before Judge Clarke, and it would then be incumbent upon those making the charges to prove them.

J. B. Thorson, the Elgin banker, arrived this morning from Portland.

Six-Day Bicycle Race.
Kansas City, Jan. 23.—Some of the best and speediest bicycle racers of the country will take part in the six-day race to be held in this city during the coming week.

Notice to Patrons.
On and after January 25, all barber shops in La Grande will close at 6 p. m. week days, and 10 p. m. Saturday.

H. U. MYERS,
President B. C.

BASKETBALL GAME IS OFF

Disappointment is the lot today of the high school basketball team. After a week of the most strenuous kind of practice, the team was picked and all details were ready for the boys to enter the Cove camp tonight. Sickness among Cove players is given as the cause of postponing the game, for the Cove manager assures the local management of a game in the near future.

The La Grande Line-up.

Last Thursday night Messrs. Landrum, Scott and Nelson acted as judges in picking a team to play Cove. The line-up for this game may not be altered much this year, though some changes will undoubtedly occur. The judges found the greatest difficulty in picking two guards. Five men were in the field and only one of them superior to the others in any marked degree. All facts considered, the best performance Thursday evening was put up by Schofield and Geddes. In addition to these two, there were three others, namely: King, Ingle and Earls who run neck and neck races. King's tenacity in sticking to his man placed him in first class, but Ingle is much stronger physically and in many ways is considered an excellent guard. Then too, Earls is a very aggressive player, but lacks King's "stay with his man" spirit. Geddes, who was given the place at guard, has much to learn at that position, but on account of his ability to find the baskets, is a man needed for floor work. The regular team, chosen on merits, is: Forwards Childers and Carpy; center, Hamilton; guards, Schofield and Geddes. Substitutes, King, Ingle and Earls.

Thus far during the season class captains and managers have controlled basketball in the school, but this week a representative captain and manager have been chosen. Childers heads the players as captain, and Earls is the school team manager.

From now on for a period of two months, perhaps, all athletic interest will center in basketball. A hard schedule is being prepared and I make a creditable showing, the squad will continue to practice with the same vim that characterized this week's work. There will in all probability be no permanent line-up—the captain planning to pick a five just before each game. This will give all contestants for places a fair opportunity.

Pendleton Bank Consolidation.

Through a deal that was consummated Wednesday, W. L. Thompson and associates have purchased control of the American National bank and with that institution is to be consolidated the Commercial National bank of this city, relates the East Oregonian. According to the announcement made by the new owners, W. L. Thompson, T. J. Morris and others, have purchased the bank stock formerly owned by Montie B. Gwinn and by Messrs. Page & Devlin. The latter are Idaho people and friends of Mr. Gwinn.

Directors for the bank as now organized are as follows: T. J. Morris, Dr. F. W. Vincent, W. L. Thompson, Dr. W. G. Cole, A. C. Ruby, A. D. Sloan and R. N. Stanfield. Last evening the board of directors held a meeting and the following gentlemen were chosen as officers of the bank: T. J. Morris, president; A. D. Sloan, vice-president; and W. L. Thompson, cashier.

The consolidated banks will have a credit surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$200,000 and resources amounting to \$1,500,000.

Bishop Paddock left this morning for Elgin, where he will hold services tomorrow.

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Dated this 20th day of December, 1908.
H. M. BENNETT,
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R. H. LLOYD,
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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Baptist Church.

Corner Sixth and Spring. At 9:45 Sunday school, Dr. Stevenson, superintendent; 11, morning worship, message, "The Dynamic in Revival"; 6:30, Young People's meeting, led by Miss Beatrice Greene, theme, "Life's Lessons from the Book of Genesis"; 7:30, evening worship, message, "The Liberating Power of the Truth." The One Accord prayer meeting will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30. On Friday, at 8 p. m., the world famous Russell H. Conwell delivers his noted lecture, "Acres of Diamonds." Dr. Conwell will be introduced by Dr. Alexander Blackburn, who remains with us for revival meetings beginning Sunday, January 31. Great things are in store for our city. We cordially invite all to share with us liberally. W. H. Gibson, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sunday school at 9:45, G. H. Currey, superintendent; Epworth league, 6:30; H. Clark, president; preaching at 11 and at 7:30 by J. D. Gillilan, D. D., district superintendent.

First Presbyterian Church.

Washington avenue and Sixth street. Morning subject, "Our Father." Evening subject, "The City of Evil." Special music by the choir. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; W. L. Brenholts, superintendent. C. E. service, 6:30 p. m.; leader, W. F. Landrum. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D., minister.

St. Peter's Church.

Third Sunday after Epiphany. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Bible class, 4:15 p. m.; evening service, 5 p. m. Litany and choir practice Friday, 7:30 p. m. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector.

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