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Samuel Finley Breese Morse, inventor of the electric magnetic telegraph, was born on this day, in 1791, at Charlestown, Mass. He was educated at the common schools of his native village and later went to Yale College, where he graduated, 1816. During his leisure hours in college he painted, and after graduating, he took up art as profession. In 1811 he went to London with two well-known American artists of that period, and studied under them and also under West and Copley. His progress was rapid and in 1831 he received a gold medal from the Adelphi Society of Arts. His progress in London, however, was more of a professional nature than it was financial, and in 1851 because of lack of funds he returned to the United States where he soon became a popular portrait painter and prospered. In 1818 he married Lucretia Walker, in Concord, N. H. About this time he and his brother invented an improved pump. He became prominent in art circles in New York, and founded the New York Drawing Association which in 1820 became the National Academy of Design. In 1826 he attended a series of lectures in New York City, on electricity. But it was not until a few years later when on a voyage returning from France, a passenger engaged in conversation with him concerning some experiments certain French scientists were conducting electric magnetic signaling. It occurred to him that news could be sent by that means. He spent the rest of his time during the voyage in making drawing of his proposed invention and in beginning his alphabetic code. It was not until 1835, that he was able to exhibit an instrument that was found to work well and he had great trouble in securing the funds to conduct his experiments, often offering great privation. In 1837 he perfected the instrument and secured a patent. But he was unable to secure from private parties the capital necessary. Ultimately in 1843, Congress granted him \$30,000 to construct an experimental line from Washington to Baltimore. He had almost given up in despair when at midnight at the last moment of the session this appropriation was made. His successful operation demonstrated that his invention was no longer in the experimental stage and it soon came into use throughout the world. For his important invention, Dr. Morse was awarded by testimonials, honorary degrees of nobility and wealth. The magnitude of his discoveries was acknowledged universally, and several European states joined in presenting him a purse of 400,000 francs; and splendid banquets were given to him in London and Paris. Morse died in New York, April 2, 1871.

We bespeak for the amateur league formed at Baker City last Sunday the hearty support of all fans. Last year the towing included in the present league had a taste of professional ball, and the managers had a taste of large payrolls and small gate receipts. Not one of them made any money, and not one of them came out even. This year we believe the lovers of the national game will attend the games just as eagerly, pay just as much to see them and the men who are back of the enterprise will have a very much smaller salary list to contend with. Also we believe the class of ball offered will compare very favorably with that of last season.

No fan no matter how crazy he, or she is, enjoys a game to the full unless the players are known. By the same token it will be much easier for us to be interested in this season's struggle for the pennant than if the players were all strangers.

April 30 is raisin day for every Californian. For some reason the raisin growers have found a poor market for their product this year and as a result they have several hundred thousand pounds on hand that must be disposed of before the next crop comes in. If every loyal Californian will eat a pound of raisins on April 30th, the surplus will be greatly reduced.

If we had only thought of it, it would have been beneficial to have had our development league meeting two weeks earlier, we needed the rain. However, there was general rejoicing this morning when it was ascertained that the valley had been blessed with a copious shower.

TRAINED WILD ANIMALS ONE OF THE FEATURES

The C. W. Parker shows, which aggregation furnish the attractions for the La Grande carnival to be held here under the auspices of the Business Men's Association the week of May 3rd, will this year feature what is said to be the largest animal show en route the coming season. The collection includes Nubians lions, Persian leopards, Patagonian bears, trained elephants and a magnificent group of fine Arabian horses. The feature of the wild animal exhibition is that of a young lady trainer, Nellie Barnes who presents a full grown lion and compels him to mount and ride a galloping pony around the arena. According to press reports of other cities this act is a very spectacular and is not duplicated anywhere else in a similar attraction. The work of Martha Florine with a group of leopards is a very thrilling sight, for she is a mere slip of a Breton maid, whose strength might be taxed by ordinary house cats, but she handles the dangerous inhabitants of the jungle with as much nonchalance and apparent fearlessness as if they were domestic animals. Edwin Kelly, who presents the five African lions, is a trainer of international reputation. His work is said to be pleasing professional and free from demonstrations of violence sometimes marking a performance of this kind.

The animals with the Parker shows are superior animals to their kind, and represent an investment of many thousands of dollars. They are remarkably well trained and perform in the arena with amazing intelligence. At the end of each performance a very interesting exhibition is given of a trainer in the cage of an untamable lion. The show people speak of this act as the "untamable" and it is an unusually interesting spectacle. The head trainer goes into the cage of this beast which is, according to the circus people a bad one. Very few managers of circuses have ever ventured this long at a time as it is regarded as a really hazardous performance for a trainer to go through.

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