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THE BASEBALL SEASON.

Yesterday was the opener for the baseball season in Eastern Oregon. The home team went to Baker, was treated like princes, won the game by a score of 6 to 0, and came home feeling very fine.

And La Grande rejoices over this victory. Not in a way that would belittle the opposing team, for we realize that base ball success is something like politics—up and down. Probably the next time La Grande plays Baker the latter may score a victory. True, we hope that La Grande will continue to win, but if she should lose there will be strong applause for the winning team—whichever it may be composed of.

Let us have a season of good, clean baseball for clean baseball is a tonic to the soul, the stomach and the

brain. No true American can fail to appreciate a ball game that is being played by gentlemen and this is the kind of ball the home league purports to have.

Such games as the one played yesterday means that crowds will increase; that better feeling will prevail between towns and cities, and when the season will have been closed in the fall there will be nothing but the most pleasant recollections of what has transpired.

HERE TO STAY.

La Grande people who witnessed the aviation meet at Boise have no hesitancy in saying the flying machine is no longer a dream, but that it is here to stay. And they believe it will not be long before the airship will be a commercial proposition. So easily was the machine controlled, so completely was every claim carried out that our people returned from Boise considerably wiser on the question of air navigation.

It may be some time before flying machines invade the Grande Ronde valley, but they are coming. Most of us will live to see the day when a trip to Elgin or to Joseph in an airship will not only be practical but it will be a daily occurrence.

THE DALLES-CELLO CANAL.

All shippers of the inland empire are much interested in the work now under way on The Dalles-Cello canal. Farmers and shippers of wheat are displaying considerable interest in what congress will do for the project is now dependent on further congressional action. A news dispatch covers this question fully:

Should congress grant the appropriations asked for at this and the next session, The Dalles-Cello boat canal will be very nearly completed within the next three years, according to Major Jay J. Morrow, corps of engineers, U. S. A., who has returned from an inspection of the big waterway. If sufficient funds are made available he says he is certain that steamers will be passing through the canal before the expiration of four years.

He found everything progressing smoothly on the eight mile ditch which is being built at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000. Caughren, Winters & Smith, who took a contract to construct two miles of the canal, will finish their work the latter part of this month. From now on it is the present intention of the government to build the remaining stretch of the canal without the aid of contracting firms. Camps have been established along the site at Summit Big Eddy and Five Mile Rapids.

Seven hundred men are on the payroll, which represents a disbursement of \$30,000 a month. Three steam shovels are kept running to capacity and two more of these mammoth machines are being assembled and will be ready to begin operations within the next fortnight. One of the main troubles experienced of late has been the labor question. Men are drifting in, and after staying for a few days, they quit to go in search of a new job. But these are said to belong to the migratory class, who never remain long at any one place. It is explained there are many laborers who have been at work on the canal since the project was started.

Major Morrow states that the coming high water season will not inter-

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, April 18th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that James M. Hoffer, whose postoffice address is Kane, Penna., did, on the 30th day of June, 1910, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 08267, to purchase the S. 1-2 SW 1-4, Sec. 30,

and N 1-2 NW 1-4, section 31, township 4 south, range 38 east, Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been estimated and valued by applicant at \$380.00, the timber estimated 400,000 board feet with the land at \$380.00 and the land with the timber \$380.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 15th day of July, 1911, before the register and receiver, United States land office at La Grande, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, February 27th, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Samuel S. Braden, of La Grande, Oregon, who on July 29th, 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 0658, for SE 1-4 NW 1-4, W 1-2 NE 1-4, and NE 1-4 NE 1-4, Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 38 East, Willamette meridian has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, be-

fore Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 20th day of April, 1911.

Claimant names as witnesses:

E. T. Peebler, Fred W. Braden, Harvey Leavengood, and Rex Conway, all of La Grande, Oregon.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

WK March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Apr 7, 14

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 - You should see Portland during the great annual Rose Festival.
 - You should visit San Francisco during the meeting of the National Educational association.
 - You should become acquainted with the beauties of the Columbia river.
 - You should experience recreation in the social life of ocean and Columbia river tourist hotels.
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 - You should study at home, if you cannot attend college.
 - You should try the thrills of competitive work, such as this contest affords.
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