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LATEST SPORTING NEWS

OPENING DAY PROMISES TO DRAW RECORD CROWD TO GROUNDS PASSING LAWS TRI-STATE BID IS MADE CLEAR TURNED DOWN

The day of days is near—baseball for which the fans have been longing will be dashed out tomorrow. Baker, strengthened materially during the week and the weak spots disclosed last Sunday when La Grande shut them out, removed by the doctors in charge, will arrive on the Sunday morning train and the game commences promptly at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The broken down fence has been repaired, right-field bleachers which collapsed last year have been made new and strong, the grounds are being dragged today and unless it rains tomorrow there will be nothing to mar the opening game at home.

Because the band is not intact during the afternoon, the proposed band concert prior to the game could not be arranged. The band renders a concert at evening and principally for that reason could not be gotten together. Hence the visiting dele-

tion of players cannot be given the musical reception tendered the La Grande team at Baker when the entire Baker band marched to the ball grounds.

But just as many of the band men who can have responded to the call and while there will be no elaborate parade, effort has been made to get out as many automobiles as possible and there will be a little pomp, anyway. It is probable that some civic or baseball official will leave over the first ball.

La Grande fans are striving to out do the record of the Baker "bugs" when 765 paid admissions were registered last Sunday. The weather was exceptionally fine and that helped things along nicely. But interest is keen, nevertheless, here and it will have to be a bad day to keep the fans away. The place will be sprinkled down so that there will be no dust to discommode the guests at the park.

FARMERS, CITY PEOPLE AND ALL SHOULD KNOW THEM.

Essential Portions of "Passing" Laws Published Herewith.

Details of the motor car laws of the state which are now becoming effective, should be thoroughly familiarized by everyone. That portion of them which pertain to road ethics, follow:

(1) Vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass to the right, giving one-half the road to each.

(2) Vehicles proceeding in the same direction overtake each other by passing to the left.

(3) The overtaking vehicle shall maintain its speed until clear of the overtaken vehicle, and for such distance thereafter as shall prevent dust and mud throwing upon the overtaken vehicle.

(4) The signal to pass shall be given by one blast or stroke of horn, bell, whistle, gong or other signaling device.

(5) Should the overtaken vehicle then not give way, three such blasts or signals shall be given, and on failure to comply therewith the overtaking vehicle may at the next suitable place safe to both vehicles go by without further signal.

(6) It shall be the duty of every overtaken vehicle to turn to the right and give one-half of the road to the overtaking vehicle.

(7) Vehicles approaching an intersecting road, street or highway shall be under control so as to permit the vehicle on the right of the vehicle approaching to first cross the intersecting street, road or highway.

(8) At all intersections the vehicle approaching the intersection from the right of any other vehicle approaching the intersection shall have the right of way.

(9) All vehicles approaching an intersection of a street, road or highway with the intention of turning thereat shall, in turning to the right, keep closely to the right, and in turning to the left shall run to and beyond the center of the intersection.

(10) In passing and overtaking such assistance shall be given by the occupants of each vehicle respectively to the other as the circumstances shall demand and either request and each of them exercise due care and caution to get clearance and avoid accidents. Every person having control or charge of any automobile, motor vehicle or motor cycle, whenever upon any public street or way, and approaching any vehicle drawn by a horse or horses or any horse upon which any person is riding, shall operate and manage and control such automobile, motor vehicle or motor cycle in such manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of any such horse or horses, and to insure the safety and protection of any person riding or driving the same. And if such horse or horses appear frightened the person in charge of such motor vehicle shall reduce its speed, and, if requested by signal or otherwise by the driver of such horse or horses, shall not proceed further toward such animal unless such move-

LA GRANDE TEAM ACCEPTS ON-TARIO CALL.

For First Time in Many Years, Locals Miss Tri-State Meet.

For the first time in six or seven years La Grande is not to be represented, at the big tri-state meet at Walla Walla next Friday and Saturday. At least that is the edict now, for the La Grande team is to go to Ontario where the Eastern Oregon annual meet comes off on Saturday and when the question came up to decide which, it was the Ontario meet that got them.

La Grande in the many years past has been a prominent figure at Walla Walla and no doubt, a few of the athletes there will not rue the fact that La Grande is missing. The big meet, the largest thing of its kind in many respects that occurs in this section of the northwest, is said to be promising even greater excitement and more broken records this year.

The lineup of the men going to Ontario from here is not definitely determined yet, but Captain Millering and Manager Bolton will take as many as finances will allow. So far, Pendleton is the only Eastern Oregon team to meet, preferring to reap a few points but to get them in stiffer competition that the Ontario meet affords.

Big Bush Notes.

It looks as though Hunter had clinched the first base job with the Pirates.

After several sara of pinch hitting Dode Criss is back in the box pitching for the Browns.

The Giants look like a lot of gingswabos when they run up against Charlie Dooin's Quakers.

Bill Bradley, the old Cleveland player, is looking after the third station for Toronto, and doing good work.

Boston fans believe they have the the greatest outfield in the business in Speaker, Lewis and Hooper of the Red Sox.

During his school days in West Virginia Dick Hoblitzel, the Cincinnati first baseman, was a star football player.

Mrs. H. H. Robinson Britton, a niece of the late Stanley Robinson, has been elected vice president of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The New York Americans will dedicate the new ball park at Cincinnati next spring, a few days before the opening of the regular season.

No brides can travel with the Athletics. Connie himself is a bridegroom. Can you beat that?

Third Baseman Zimmerman of the Cubs has to stand for a lot of rough stuff in Chicago. Every time he makes a bobble the fans become peeved and holler for Steinfield.

If Jimmy McAleer's Washington outfit can hold fast to their present speed, American league teams will not be able to jam the Nationals down in the second division and keep them there. No, sir!

Manager Fred Tenne of the Boston Rustlers is another old boy with a return ticket. Fred is showing the same winning stuff that he displayed the year Bunker Hill was discovered.

The Blue Mountains.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Athens	4	1	.800
Walla Walla	4	1	.800
Weston	3	2	.600
Milton	2	3	.400
Pendleton	1	4	.200
Echo	1	4	.200

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WITH THE BOXERS.

Al Kaufman and Jim Flynn will meet in Kansas City, May 5.

Two decisions over Monte Attell have boosted the stock of Al Delmont, the Boston scrapper.

Harry Forbes, the ex-bantam champion, has signed to box Jimmy Walsh of Boston in Kenosha, Wis., May 9.

Blink McCloskey is making good in Paris. Blink's work never caused any riots at home, but he has surely set the Parisians going.

"Cyclone" Thompson, who is now a middleweight says that he will make 140 pounds ringside for Packey McFarland, if the Chicago boxer is looking for something to do.

BOYS GO TO COVE.

Juvenile Team Meets Juvenils From Cove at Cove Today.

The Daisy Cadets, a juvenile team of this city, went to Cove this morning where this afternoon the future leaguers will meet a squad of similar age. Those to comprise the cadets are: Thornton, c; Johnson and Thompson, p; Newton, lb; Jones, 2b; Palmer, 3b; Massee, rf; Pierce, cf; McDonald, lf; Westering and Barteness, subs.

LOCAL SPORTLETS, COMMENT AND THE LIKE

George Ferguson of Union was recipient of considerable criticism after the game at Baker last Sunday over a decision in the infield, but he was right and the Observer, which fell for the question at issue, was wrong along with the other wise ones. The question of an infield hit came up; one man on first, nobody down and the batter hit an infield pop up. Ferguson called both men safe. He was right. Had there been a man on first and second, or first, second and third, the batter would be out. The wisest ones on the field even pinched themselves when the decision was given but the rule book put things right. If Ferguson keeps up the same clip he set at Baker he will be all right during the entire summer.

Joe Keeney handled the indicator at Elgin. Just before the game he made a little speech to the players, then on their benches. Mr. Keeney informed them that he came to Elgin to be king pin at that particular game and for the raggy ones to dry up; captains alone could talk. However, the little spell did some good for there was never a whimper, even from the captains.

Will Neill is the tip-top collegiate javelin thrower of the Pacific coast. He won handily at the Berkeley meet last Saturday, and thus another La Grande boy has jumped to the very forefront in northwest and Pacific coast athletics.

When commissioning the umpires for the Eastern Oregon league, President Crawford impresses upon them the absolute necessity of enforcing the decorum rule. The different umpires are not only urged but instructed to fine the first inclinations at "rough stuff" or ungentlemanly behavior and unless the umpires obey their instructions they will be superceded by others of the many after it affirms the president. With \$5 and expenses Sunday the job is worth having.

Elgin sends their umpire to La Grande tomorrow; the Baker umpire goes to Union where Elgin meets Union.

The La Grande High school baseball team is in Union this afternoon crossing bats with the players of that school.

The players for La Grande will be: Couch, c; Ralston lb; Corbet, rf; Rush, cf; Wines, lf; Irwin ss; Rogers, 3b; Murchison, 2b; Bohnenkamp, p.

The "Sluggers" who are to play the business men, are making arrangements for the game which happens Friday. This is the game which goes to benefit the bath houses at the park.

J. B. Shafer, a railroader of Brooks, Minn., will make La Grande his home here after. He is a twirler and an all around baseball player.

Men employed by the county on the bridge construction up the Grande

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FRED HUNTER, PIRATES' NEW FIRST BASEMAN.

Automobile News and Gossip

Bert Sullivan, from the Firestone factory, has arrived and is doing the rubber work for the L. C. Smith arrangement.

Fred Hoffeditz, of the Summerville Lumber company, is one of the first to make the trip over the hill to Walla Walla this year. He left Monday and made the trip without mishap and that, too, with about 100 miles previous experience. He attends the amateur meet.

Time makes a big difference. About four years ago Fred House, who was one of the introducers of automobiles in this town, made the trip to Enterprise one day, leaving here at 5 o'clock in the morning and returning about 7 o'clock that evening. The trick was considered almost impossible but the other day T. F. Robinson, a member of the Summerville Lumber company, left here at 11:45, stopped at Imbler for lunch, went to Wallowa, transacted business, went out about 20 miles to a sawmill, picked up some passengers and got back to La Grande at 10 that night.