

RECRUIT TEST AGAINST UNION

FANS TO SEE NEW FACES IN THE LINEUP.

Workout for All Candidates Given on Sunday Afternoon.

THE "SQUAD"
The La Grande baseball personnel at present:
Pitchers—E. Tex, Slats Taylor, Heck Melvin, Chandeys and a Wisconsin twirler yet to make his appearance.
Infielders—Fitzgerald, Brown, Van Halten, Hogoboom, Bradley, Clark, Chandeys.
Outfielders—Proe, Owens.

Tomorrow afternoon commencing at 2:30 Manager James Bradley will make his little bow and curtsy to a La Grande audience, albeit not in a bona fide league game, for Union is coming over with her Eastern Oregon league team to give the locals a workout. The weather has been so "rotten" that it has been well nigh impossible to get the men into shape, and in fact all have not come yet, but enough will be on hand tomorrow to give every fan a smacking of what is going to be what a little later on.

"Slats" Taylor, a former Grande Ronde boy lately playing near Pendleton, will put 'em over to start with, and Tex and Melvin will probably be called in from the field to do a little heaving stunt. Tex comes from California.

Mayor, a Baker man, will do the backstopping for a time at least, and a little later on will be helped out by Owen's last year's backstop, who goes to the field part of the time. He comes tomorrow though maybe not in time for the first game.

Brown, also of California, will take care of the initial bag, and Van Halten, a Colorado state league prodigy, will take care of short. Hogoboom, formerly with Baker where he played a rattling good game, is to go on second. Fitzgerald, who came here from Spokane and is credited with being able to hold his own most anywhere, is to hover over the dangerous sack, third base. Proe is going into his old stamping ground, the middle garden.

Tomorrow, two Clynd'a, Cal. boys are expected to arrive. A clever Wisconsin twirler, well known to August J. Strange is on the way to La Grande and should report in time to join the squad when it leaves for Boise next Thursday to work out prior to the opening game at Boise May 7.

Otto B. Schott, sporting writer for the Walla Walla Bulletin is a firm believer in the 25 cent charge for admission to the gates. That the Garden City has a real earnest tinge and twang to her demands is guessable from Schott's article. He says in part:

"Down Boise way they are not taking our demands for 25 cent seats very seriously. They don't seem to realize that Walla Walla has had no baseball for years and that it's an uphill educational job here. But it's just that, and J. T. Crawford will fight for the two-bit admission.

"It's not going to be a matter of bluff and I don't believe Walla Walla is going to drop out even if the 50-cent charge is forced. But its going to be handled in a purely business manner, and we've got to show the league where we have to have the reduced admission means money, not only to Walla Walla but to the rest of the league.

"Secretary Clarence Crews of the local club received a letter from Secretary Jack Keefe of the league this morning and he seems willing, if the rest are, to let the bars down to the 25-cent fans.

In the revision of the schedule that bids fair to come in the meeting of the Western Tri-State League, called for today in Boise, it is possible that the opening series between Pendleton and Walla Walla will be transferred to the former city. Manager A. F. Bade of the Walla Walla team favors this, and it will give another week for the completion of the park, which will be much hurried if it is in shape for a game May 7.

For the first time in the history of baseball in this city, the baseball writers and scorers are to have their just consideration in the construction of the grand stand. When the new park grand stand is built provisions that will remedy old conditions will be included so that scorers and scribes need not be trampled on by the grand stand at large while in the pursuance of their duties. A real live press box is assured.

Walla Walla and Pendleton will each have new baseball parks this year. Walla Walla is now building her and Monday night La Grande subscribers to the fair grounds-ball park list will meet to take steps leading to the letting of contracts for the construction of the grand stand first, then the track and fence and eventually the complete fair grounds properties.

The Iron-Copper country league will open the season May 18. Calumet, Marquette, Ishpeming and Negaunee form the circuit of the league.

SPORTING BREVITIES

Glimpses at Matters That Interest Lovers of Sporting Themes and Kindred Subjects.

L. A. Grant, a big wrestler who is known throughout La Grande and Eastern Oregon, writes from the Dalles to the Observer sporting editor that he has a man in tow who wants a crack at Bobby Lyman, either here or there or anywhere at all for that matter. Grant who is known as a clean sport vouches for his man being a ripper who can take on Lyman at the latter's weight, 123 pounds. His name is Billie Farrel and said to be a fighter from the start to the finish. Grant engaged in a mat game at Hot Lake two years ago.

Athena will be a new squad in the Eastern Oregon track and field meet to be held at Baker next Saturday. The school has promised to send a four man team to Baker, at which time there will be many schools represented.

The strongest competitors of the meet will be Baker, Pendleton, La Grande, Union and Ontario, as in years before, but many of the teams from the smaller high schools will have delegations strong in particular events.

Archie Hahn, a Wisconsin youth, who under University of Michigan colors cleaned up everything in the dashes and low hurdles when he was in his school togs, will referee the Baker meet next Saturday. Hahn officiated as starter in the P. N. meet, the biggest thing of its kind held in Portland in recent years, and has been connected with all the big meets in the Northwest of late. He is now head physical director of Whitman college.

In the constitution and by-laws of the Branch Line league are found the two following provisions which eliminate the possibility of the winning team weakening a weaker team by drafting and coaxing players, sometimes termed stealing:

The object of this league shall be to play amateur baseball, and no player shall be used by any team who has not played in said team thirty days previous to the close of the scheduled season, except with the consent of the board of directors.

A list of not to exceed fifteen players shall be submitted to the board of directors by May 1st by each team in the league, and no player shall enter any scheduled game thereafter without the consent and approval of the board of directors.

Representatives of the Elgin Gun club will meet members of the Walla Walla club next Sunday at Minam for a day's shooting. It is not known just which one of the crack shots from here will be at the traps, but Elgin will be sure to be well represented. The traps, etc., will be sent from here on the train, and the delegation from here will drive over.—Elgin Recorder.

Confident of duplicating their record of the past two years, Pendleton high school's track athletes left this morning for Athena, where they will participate in the annual Umatilla county meet. Many of the other students as well as faculty members and townspeople will also go up for the occasion for this will be the principal athletic meet of its kind in Umatilla county this year.

SEASON OPENS MAY 5

Union, Haines, North Powder and Baker Commence Play Next Week

All that goes to make a league professional or otherwise, has been gone through by the clubs in the Eastern Oregon league, an offshoot of last year's very successful arrangement. Claude McColloch is the Ban Johnson of the league and W. R. Hudelson, of North Powder, secretary. Following is the schedule for the season:

May 5, Haines at Baker; North Powder at Union; May 12 Baker at Haines, Union at North Powder; May 19, Union at Baker, North Powder at Haines; May 26, Baker at Union, Haines at North Powder; June 2, North Powder at Baker, Haines at Union; June 9, Baker at North Powder, Union at Haines; June 16, Baker at Haines, North Powder at Union; June 23, Haines at Baker, Union at North Powder; June 30, Baker at Union, North Powder at Haines; July 7, Union at Baker, Haines at North Powder; July 14, North Powder at Baker, Union at Haines; July 21, Baker at Haines, Union at North Powder; August 4, Union at Baker, Haines at North Powder; August 11, Baker at Union, North Powder at Haines; August 18, North Powder at Baker, Haines at Union.

WITH THE BOXERS.

Abe Attell and Tommy Murphy will probably hook up in another bout sometime in June.

Jimmy Gardner and Howard Baker have signed for a muss to take place in Denver on May 1.

Sandy Ferguson looked like a real "come back" in his recent bout with Morris Harris in Boston.

The Jersey City club has a five year lease of the cricket grounds in Hamilton, Bermuda, where the Skeeters trained during the spring.

CLUB BOOSTS FOUR EXITS

AUTO CLUB WILL FOSTER FOUR EXITS PLAN

Scheme is Proving Popular Everywhere—Auto News and Gossip

Among the many friends behind the movement to have the city provide exits to the city from three new directions so that if farmers cannot come to La Grande in the winter time it will be the fault of the county roads and not city streets, is the membership of the Union County Motor club. The members are earnestly supporting the movement to have the Island City, Riverside park and grange road and the Oro Dell entries to the city improved with gravel after being properly graded. The club members as well as all others who have given the thought consideration point to the fact that this will give the city four principal passageways into the city which has been greatly needed and the expense would not be heavy it is pointed out. The club will use all legitimate arguments to further the interest and demand for such roads.

Among the purposes before the rapidly growing Union County Motor club is the proposition of introducing and securing votes for a bill that will radically change the present system of wasting auto license moneys. At present the fees, and they are big generally, go to Salem and are pretty much consumed and evaporated by the office force expense there. The club is promulgating a bill that will require the county clerk of each county to collect these fees and see that they are expended on the roads of the county which paid them. The bill seems a plausible one and effort to have it drafted and passed will be made from this end of the state.

The proposed run to Hot Lake at which time the annual meeting is to be held, is being held status quo until the roads are better. The club membership is looking forward to the event with a great deal of interest, new members are being added to the club weekly and the association is now a strong body.

J. D. McKennon had a Maxwell ordered several days ago but it has been delayed in transportation. It is a 36 horsepower.

The Michelin Tire company of Milltown, New Jersey, publishes several instruction books on correct inflation of tires and other important subjects. These are mailed free to motorists on request. One of the most useful features of these books is an inflation table showing the correct inflation for tires of different sizes and load capacities.

BRANCH LINE ORGANIZED

Four Towns on Joseph Branch Form League at Elgin Session.

Enterprise Chieftain. The Branch Line league was organized by baseball men of Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa and Elgin, meeting on Monday in Elgin. Directors and officers were elected and a schedule adopted for part of the summer. Two games will be played each Sunday.

The interest shown in each town indicates that there is to be a good race for the championship. Each team will put up a \$100 forfeit to stay in the fight to the close. Enterprise has a splendid prospect of coming out on top, but Elgin is expected to play good ball, and the other cities are planning on doing their best.

Edgar Marvin of Enterprise, and his brother Edwin Marvin of Wallowa were chosen umpires.

The directors of the league elected at the Elgin meeting are J. P. Morelock, Wallowa; H. D. Atkins, Joseph; S. L. Burnaugh Jr., Enterprise; and Scott Harris of Elgin. Mr. Morelock was chosen president and Mr. Harris secretary.

The schedule as far as made up follows:

At Enterprise—May 5, Joseph; May 19, Wallowa; June 9, Elgin; June 23, Wallowa; June 30, Joseph; July 14, Elgin.

At Wallowa—May 12, Elgin; May 26, Enterprise; June 2, Joseph; June 16, Enterprise; June 30, Elgin; July 14, Joseph.

At Joseph—May 12, Enterprise; May 26, Elgin; June 9, Wallowa; June 23, Elgin; July 7, Enterprise; July 21, Wallowa.

At Elgin—May 5, Wallowa; May 19, Joseph; June 2, Enterprise; June 16, Joseph; July 7, Wallowa; July 21, Enterprise.

CALL FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for a contract for 150 cords of yellow pine 2 foot 8 inch wood. Wood to be delivered and corded in the basement of the court house building. All bids must be filed with the county clerk on or before 5 o'clock of Wednesday, May 1st, 1912.

ED. WRIGHT, County Clerk.

TENNIS NOTES

Several Courts Soon to be Scene of Unusual Activities About the City—Girl Fans Participate.

At least four separate tennis courts will be humming with activity as soon as ever the weather abates from its wintry inclinations. A group of young men have planned construction of a court on the August J. Stang property on Fourth street.

One court that is now in playing shape is that of the B. M. A. on the hill. Members aim to get out tomorrow and warm up preparatory to the summer's fun there.

The Hillside Tennis club is the cognomen of a club of 16 which has commenced preparation of a court at one time used by the Algonquin club "on the hill." The court should be ready for the players about a week hence.

Many young ladies, adepts with the racquets, are planning on playing tennis this season with renewed vigor. The Hillside club has several ladies in its personnel who hope to get warmed up for the season immediately.

A group of men employed in the offices of the George Palmer Lumber company are planning on a court out near the mill where they can spend their leisure moments with the racquets and balls.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES

Coast League.

Portland	R. H. E.
Oakland	4 11 1
Koestner and Howley; Ables and Mitze	3 4 2
San Francisco	0 3 1
Vernon	1 9 1
Hitt and Brown; Melkie and Schmidt	1 9 1
Los Angeles	9 13 3
Sacramento	8 12 3
Flater, Halla and Brooks; Byram, Mahoney, Knight and Cheek	8 12 3

Northwestern League.

Seattle	R. H. E.
Victoria	10 12 2
Barrencamp and Walley; Berger, McCreery and Meek	1 3 5
Spokane	5 6 0
Vancouver	0 7 1
Bridger and Ostleik; Belford, Stanfield and Lewis	0 7 1
Tacoma	2 7 2
Portland	6 7 0
Gordon, Butler and Ludwig; Crittenden, Klein and Harris	6 7 0

National League.

New York 7, Boston 3.
Philadelphia 2, Brooklyn 6.
Pittsburg and Cincinnati game postponed; rain.
Chicago 6, St. Louis 1.
American League.
Boston 7, Philadelphia 8.
Washington 2, New York 0.
Other games postponed; rain.

STOCK SHOW TRAIN READY.

Union Boosters to Leave May 22 and Return Late the Next Day.

Arrangements are now complete for a special train from Union to Joseph May 22 for the purpose of advertising the Union Stock show to be held June 6, 7 and 8. The train will return May 23, stopping over night in Joseph.

The requisite numbers of passengers for the train has been secured, although there will be room for more. The train will leave Union at 6:30 a. m. Wednesday, May 22, stopping en route at Island City, Imbler, Elgin, Enterprise and Joseph. On the return trip the train will stop at La Grande until about 8 p. m., when it will return to Union.

The excursion will be for stock show boosters and their ladies, and passengers will be supplied with advertising matter for the trip. Everybody is invited—fare for the round trip \$5.00. The trip will include a visit to Wallowa Lake. Those wishing to go on to Will H. Vogel, who is in charge of this trip will please make it known the excursion.

It goes without saying that this will be one of the most delightful trips ever started out of Union, and all who can do so should avail themselves of the opportunity to see the beautiful Wallowa Lake and do some good work for the stock show.—Union Republican.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Pitcher Walter Johnson of the Washington team, looks to be the same old demon with the fast shooters. Pitcher George Mullin, of the Tigers is out to beat Cy Young's record for years of major league pitching. The St. Louis Browns took away a barrel of money from Chicago as their share of the gate of the opening series.

The major league clubs are not giving out the attendance this season, so it's now up to the scribes to make estimates.

Manager Jack O'Connor of the Cleveland team in the United States league, has signed Joe Delehanty, the former Toronto player.

Manager Cantillon of the Minneapolis club has appointed Dan Sweeney, the old Louisville player, custodian of the Millers' clubhouse.

GUN CLUB IS GIVEN IMPETUS

ED MORRIS ATTENDS TO ORGANIZATION

Press Lewis Temporary Chairman of The New Organization Here.

Ed Morris of the Winchester Arms company was in town Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a gun club.

A meeting was held and the following officers were elected temporarily:

Press Lewis, president, Al Andrews, vice president, M. W. Kiddie, secretary and treasurer.

A meeting will be held in the next few days for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization. E. Morris will be here Sunday when the club meets. Some of the members are:

Press Lewis, Sam Hallgarth, J. Hillery, Fred North, R. Forester, Cam Caylor, M. W. Kiddie, Jno. Dordan, F. Jolly, Claud Scranton, A. R. Hunter, Claud Mackey, L. Rayburn, Pat Foley, A. Andrews, Bruce Dennis, F. Lilly, Chase Bohnenkamp, J. Adams, F. Henning, B. Hughes, Tom Scroggin, N. Zweifel, A. Stang, Commons, Joe Gray, S. D. Crews, N. Gray, Earl Zedell, Harry Becker, J. Lumeland, Jim Irwin, Chas. Childers.

Hugh Bradley, of the Boston Red Sox, sprang the following "daffy" on Eddie Riley the other day: "If a brass band went on a strike, would the drum stick?" Answer: "No, it would beat it."

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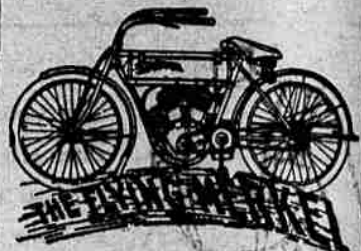
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