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PLAY BALL.

Play ball! That sounds American like, doesn't it. It has the old familiar ring to it and makes everyone hustle to get inside the high board fence before the first man is struck out.

Today is the day that La Grande's team plays its first game on the home dirt pile where it is always claimed that every team can do its best. Thus far in the season the home team has been up against the real thing. It has encountered some very, very fast company and besides it was in no shape to grab the bat when it did.

It is good to have a ball team. It makes La Grande a better place to live in. It causes stagnant blood to rush through the veins of the oldest settler when he gets to talking about "our boys." Yes, and it encourages the American spirit in the younger generation, a thing which must not be underestimated.

But, play ball. Strike, of course.

he should have struck at it, then comes the roast from the bleachers, and oh, see, the umpire is getting mad which is really a bad thing for an umpire to do. Look at that skinny fellow just taking his base on balls and hear the razzoo the pitcher is getting. Cheer! Why don't you cheer? Don't you see that La Grande man stealing second? And so on, through-out the game.

Don't miss a single game, for you will always regret it if you do.

"THE TOWN WITH THE RESOURCES."

The above remark was made yesterday by Matt Rees of Cove who has been in Eastern Oregon for many years and knows some things of towns and people and general affairs of the county. He came over from Cove with his old friend, Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker county, who had been visiting him and they were talking of all the Eastern Oregon towns.

"But La Grande is the town with the resources," remarked Mr. Rees. Enumerating many of the sources of money from the outside world he called to mind that La Grande should be twice its present size, and in that he uttered a certain truth. This city should be twice its size, and it will be shortly. There is no town in Oregon growing like La Grande unless it is Eugene where three railroads are now building.

Union people are going to invade Wallowa county by special train on the 22nd, thereby exhibiting once more that splendid spirit of push and energy which has ever prevailed in Union since the live stock show was first launched. There are few things Union cannot do when her citizens decide to try.

It is amusing to see how many politicians over Oregon are offering laws to supplant the present primary system. It might be well enough for Mr. U'Ren and a few others to wait and see how the ones we have work before they prescribe for the state of Oregon.

Betting on getting to first base is not always safe and sure, but betting on stealing second is sometimes a cinch.

PENDLETON AUTO TIPS

SEVERAL SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN CAB TOPPLES.

Mrs. William Roesch of Pendleton narrowly escapes injury.

Narrow escape from injury in an automobile accident at Pendleton by Mrs. William Roesch, a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Roesch of this city, is told in an East Oregonian story of yesterday afternoon.

The little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rothrock was seriously injured, and Mrs. Dupuis and Miss Sturdivant were badly scratched this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock when the Rothrock automobile struck a washout near the Owens place on Wild Horse creek, two miles and a

half from this city and went over a bank into a barb wire fence. Several of the other occupants were slightly hurt but only the three above mentioned were taken to the hospital.

According to Mr. Rothrock he was driving his car at a moderate rate of speed along the county road on Wild Horse when he struck the washout and, though he applied the emergency brake, could not prevent it from going over the bank. The little girl was the only one thrown out and one of her legs was badly cut by the barb wire. Mrs. Dupuis who works at the Rothrock ranch, and Miss Sturdivant, a school girl living with Mr. and Mrs. William Roesch, were cut about the face with the wire. The other occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Rothrock, Mrs. Roesch and little baby, escaped with only slight scratches, though Mr. Rothrock's coat was torn off him.

Immediately he saw that some of the occupants had been injured, Mr. Rothrock hastened to the Owens telephone and before he had returned, Jesse Hales arrived, picked up the injured persons, and hastened them to the hospital.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: Club Name, W, L, PC. Includes Western Tri-State and National League.

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Table with columns: Club Name, W, L, PC. Includes Pacific Coast League.

Table with columns: Club Name, W, L, PC. Includes Union Association.

Table with columns: Club Name, W, L, PC. Includes VICTORY FOR BITULITHIC PAVEMENT.

Action of Newburg in Selecting This Material for Hard Surfacing Her Streets is Likewise Regarded as a Victory for Property Owners.

Newburg, Oregon, May, 1912.—The contract for paving the streets of Newburg was awarded by the city council last night, bitulithic being the material selected. The decision of the council was practically unanimous as to the material to be used, as the mayor and council, as well as the committee representing the property owners, have had the matter under consideration for some time and have thoroughly investigated the claims made by the various paving companies as to the merits of the different materials proposed.

Though paving propositions, slightly cheaper as to initial expense, were submitted, it was considered practical to select the more durable bitulithic owing to the great saving made possible in maintenance, as this material lasts for years without the necessity of repairs.

General satisfaction is felt regarding the action of the council in the selection of paving material, a natural result of the unanimous action of the property owners signing the petitions that have been circulated in favor of bitulithic, and the work of paving, which will begin at once, is said to be but the fore-runner of much improvement which will take place here this spring. Adv.

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