

"GUNNER" ON HILL SUNDAY

ONE OF TWO GAMES TO BE PITCHED BY HIM.

Since Jumping Cohen Has Won 21 out of 22 Games Played.

"Gunner" Mauser, the trouble maker in Cohen's barracks at Spokane, is now the property of August Bade, say Walla Walla reports. The erratic pitcher is slated to twirl one of the games tomorrow and the fans will want to see him in action "Gunner" has won 21 out of 22 games pitched since he jumped Cohen's job and hid himself to pastures independent, and now that he has got into organized baseball again, the Bears look to him to win some games for them. Just who King will send against Gunner tomorrow depends on conditions and is uncertain. At any event, followers of Mauser's meteoric career will be anxious to see how he get along with class D batters.

Against St. Mary's a few days ago Mauser retired the side for three consecutive innings on nine pitched balls and in each case got an assist.

At a late hour today the postponed game with Walla Walla scheduled to go on with overtime today was cancelled and there was but one game this afternoon. The double header tomorrow starts at 2:30 o'clock, however.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

At a recent baseball game in Manila 10,000 Filipinos crowded into the big stadium.

Bob Becher of Cincinnati is rapidly becoming the monarch of National league outfielders. His fielding is consistently brilliant and his batting hard and timely.

Small men behind the bat are infrequent in major leagues, but the St. Louis Americans' entire stock of backstops—Kitchell and Stevens—consists of catchers below medium size.

Catcher Street of the New York Americans, who ought to know, says that an absolutely straight pitched ball is a rarity. Most of the straight fast ones have some sort of shoot on them; otherwise batters would be apt to kill them.

Roger Bresnahan of the St. Louis Cardinals is reported as having decided to do most of his managing from the bench. He may play the outfield once in awhile and bob up occasionally as a pinch hitter, but he has practically quit as a catcher.

Oscar Vitt of the Detroit Tigers is really a third baseman. He played that position in 129 games for the San Francisco club last season, but when he went to Detroit Jennings had no use for him at third and put him in the outfield. Vitt did well there, and then Jennings pulled him in to the infield and again the most out made good.

Clyde Milan, of the Washington team, has a chance to beat Ty Cobb's record of 83 stolen bases, made in 1911. Up to August 4, Clyde had pilfered 58 sacks.

The Clarksville team took the lead in the Kitty league early in the season, and has stuck at the top of the percentage column like a porous plaster on an angry Swede.

The Giants will have to step lively if they expect to equal the Cubs' record of games won in a season. In 1906 the Cubs set the mark at 116 victories and 36 defeats.

The feat of pitching 98 innings without letting in a run, has won for "Buster" Brown, the Sheboygan pitcher, a chance to display his goods with the Milwaukee.

It is not often that a star ball player is seized with such a case of rattles as was Ivan Olson, the Cleveland shortstop, recently, when he made seven errors in a double-header.

WITH THE BOXERS.

Frank Klaus will take another trip to France as he has signed to meet George Carpentier in Paris, Oct. 5.

Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight, has arrived in this country and is willing to take on any of our boys at the rate.

"One Round" Hogan, who defeated Tom McFarland recently, has been matched to box Willie Ritchie in San Francisco next month.

WHEN HANS WAGNER WAS MADE TO LOOK FOOLISH.

"Jake Beckley made me look foolish in Louisville many years ago," says Hans Wagner. "I was on first, and I caught him hiding a ball under his arm. Tim Hurst wasn't looking, and when I saw my chance I grabbed the ball from under Jake's arm and tossed it into right field. I scooted for second, and the pitcher—I forget who it was—wheeled around and threw another ball to second. I was out a mile. Jake had been overworking his hide the ball trick, so he improved it by using a dummy ball while the pitcher held the real one."

DISCORD IN ATHLETICS' RANKS

Barry and Collins Said to Have Had Serious Clash.

It is claimed there is trouble in the ranks of the Philadelphia Athletics. Here is one version of it:

Rumors that there is friction on Connie Mack's team will not down. The Detroit Tigers were full of stories of how some of the members of the world's champions were quarrel-



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EDDIE COLLINS AT BAT.

ing among themselves, and if this condition exists then goodby to pennant hopes.

A most serious clash is said to have taken place between Barry and Collins some time ago, and, according to reports, McInnes and Baker have taken a hand in the trouble, with the result that there are no words exchanged between the two sides of the infield.

Connie Mack is perhaps more capable than any one else to straighten out matters of this kind, but to date he is said to have failed in his efforts to smooth things over, and until he does the team is not apt to make rapid forward strides in the race.

TRANSFORMED TO A FAN QUICKLY.

Mrs. Frederick Webster, wife of the Chicago portrait artist, came to La Grande on a visit about ten days ago and was a very poor fan, so far as being a "wise" fan goes. But she fell in to company with the Van Burens and proved an apt pupil and before she had been here a week, and of course she saw every game she not only got wise to the intricacies of the game as dished out at the park but familiarized herself with 1912 baseball terms, knew the La Grande players by sight and was a true-blue dyed-in-the-wool bug—not fan—before her stay was a week old. For quick learning of deep subject she showed remarkable talent and now can even ring up the scores at the end of the score innings with the right accent and proper cadence to suit the fastidious Pippins' backers.

"FOUR-BITS" POLICY DOOM

LACK OF ATTENDANCE CHIEFLY DUE TO IT.

Dying Interest During Repair of the Grounds Fundamental Cause Also.

While La Grande has ranked as one of the poorest paying clubs in the Tri-state league—of late only, mind you—the reasons are more or less readily traced down. Foremost, and above them all, was the unfortunate conditions that no one could help which spelled "no bleacher or grand stand."

While the old grand stand was used, the crowds were good. As soon as carpenters commenced work on the new edifice which now is the best of its kind in the Northwest, the crowds commenced to dwindle, for they didn't like to sit in the sun, and interest was never revived. Such a condition will never, so far as mortal eye can foretell, be a barrier to crowds in another season. But that was only a part of adverse conditions. The next cause of no crowds was the 50 cent admission. This statement may create a howl from those who befriended the movement. But it stands out as cold fact—ask the fans. They know what they want and what they don't want. The biggest mistake of all was selecting a "four bit" admission at the gate. The statement needs no argument or defense. It has been emphasized at every game and at every street corner where baseball has been rehearsed and buzzed about. The third cause of the poor crowds was the dissatisfaction with the team as it looked from the start. La Grande fans can look back on the season soon coming to a close and recite some awful rotten baseball and on the other hand can recall streaks of fast baseball. So the third excuse is a poor one and would in itself not have created conditions as they exist. No man with a spark of manhood would brand La Grande business men a "bum" baseball supporters this year. She has supported her team with more hard earned pocket digging patriotism than any team in the league. The rank and file of the population threw the backers down. Bolse didn't contribute a cent by subscription route—true, she built a ball park, but nothing more. Because La Grande was in the hole all summer was not alone to blame, because she got a bad start and the knockers knocked—deservedly or otherwise—because she never had the pitching staff needed—all these because are secondary to the two principal reasons, and La Grande will never support "four bit" baseball. That has been proven to the satisfaction of any analytic fan this summer.

The business men can carry the brunt of the expense, but Tom, Dick and Harry must help at the gate; but Tom, Dick and Harry won't pay 50 cents very long.

HUNTING, WHAT IS UNLAWFUL

ACTS THAT ARE ALWAYS UNLAWFUL FOR THE HUNTER

Things That Should Be Known and Observed by All Real Sports.

Concerning Union county the season for native pheasants and grouse opened on August 15th, Thursday of this week. The duck law is out on September first, and the open season for buck deer commences September 15th. Following is a partial review of what acts are violation of the game laws of Oregon and it might pay some sport-loving person to read them and take a warning from the penalties that are attached.

What Is Always Unlawful.

To hunt for game birds or animals, or to fish, without a license on your person.

To hunt or kill any antelope, elk, mountain sheep, female deer, spotted fawn or young deer of the first year.

To use dogs in hunting or pursuing deer or to hunt deer at night or to mutilate the carcass so as to disguise the sex of any deer.

To use any sink boat, sink box, sneak boat or power boat for purpose

of shooting any waterfowl therefrom.

To shoot any water fowl between one hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise or to use blinds over 100 feet from shore.

To shoot or hunt on enclosed lands without permission.

To sell, offer to sell, barter, or exchange any game birds and animals, except Chinese pheasants raised in captivity and then by permit of the state game warden.

To catch any trout or salmon trout except with hook and line or to catch and kill any trout or salmon trout less than six inches long.

To use powder, gas, lime or other substance poisonous to fish in any lake, pond or stream; or to cast sawdust, shavings, wood pulp, or lumber waste in any stream or on the banks where same may be washed into any stream.

Open Seasons.

Native pheasants and grouse August 15 to October 1st.

Buck deer, five in one season, open September 15th, closed November 1st, Chinese pheasants, closed until October 15th, 1913.

Quail, five in one day or ten in seven consecutive days, open October 15th, closed November 15th.

Prairie chickens, five in one day or ten in seven consecutive days, open September 1st, closed October 15th.

Sage hens and sage cocks, five in one day or ten in seven consecutive days, open August 1st, closed November 1st.

Doves or wild pigeons, open September 15th, closed January 1st.

Ducks, 35 in any seven consecutive days, open September 1st, closed April 1st.

Geese and Swan, no limit, open September 1st, closed February 1st.

Trout, 75 in one day, open April 1st, closed November 1st.

Salmon Trout and Bass, no limit, open all year.

MUCH VIOLATED TENNIS RULES

SECTIONS FROM OFFICIAL LAWS OF LAWN TENNIS.

Local Players Do Not Adhere to Many Rules of Play.

Spalding's official lawn tennis annual for 1912, containing the official laws of lawn tennis, has just come into the hands of the sporting editor of the Observer. Many of the rules of the game in regard to detail of play are often violated by local players. Following are a few of the rules most commonly broken.

3. The choice of sides and the right to serve in the first game, shall be decided by toss; provided that, if the winner of the toss choose the right to serve, the other player shall have choice of sides, and vice versa, or the winner of the toss may insist upon a choice by his opponent. If one player choose the court the other player may elect not to serve.

6. The server shall serve with both feet behind the base line and within the limits of the imaginary continuation of the center service and the side lines.

12. The server shall not serve until the striker-out is ready. If the latter attempts to return the service, he shall be deemed ready.

19. A ball falling on a line is regarded as falling in the court bounded by that line.

20. Either player loses a stroke if the ball touch him, or anything that he wears or carries, except his racket in act of striking; or if he touch the ball with his racket more than once;

or if he touch the net or any of its supports while the ball is in play; or if he volleys the ball before it has passed the net.

24. The players shall change sides at the end of the first, third, and every subsequent alternate game of each set and at the end of each set, unless the number of games in such set is even. It shall, however, be open to the players by mutual consent and notification to the umpire to change sides instead at the end of every set until the odd and concluding set, in which they shall change at the end of the first, third and every subsequent alternate game of such set.

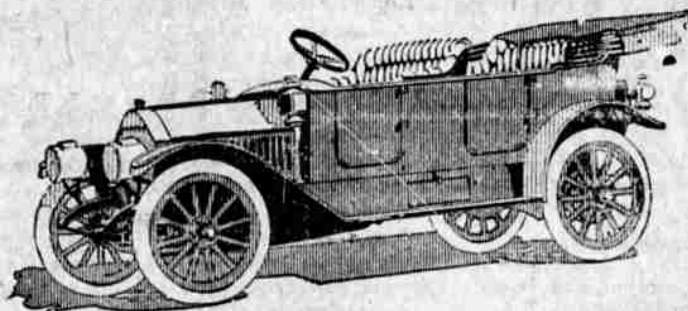
26. If a player serve out of his turn, the umpire, as soon as the mistake is discovered, shall direct the player to serve who ought to have served. But all strokes scored before such discovery shall be counted. If a game shall have been completed before such discovery, then the service in the next alternate game shall be delivered by the player who did not serve out of his turn, and so on in regular rotation.

Four Handed Games.

31. (In substance) At the beginning of any set either partner may serve in the first service for his side.

The players shall take the service alternately throughout the game; a player cannot receive a service delivered to his partner; and the order of service and striking out once established shall not be altered, nor shall the striker-out change courts to receive the service, until the end of the set.

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