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"Payrollers" Among the Popular Names Suggested.

Partly because the contributor donates a carload of potatoes, and partly because the name is short, snappy, suggestive of local enterprises, the term "Spuds" has been advanced and accepted as the handle of the La Grande baseball club, instead of "Pippins." Last year it was an apple that the club packed around with it, and now it is to be a spud. President Foley fell for the name like a dying man to a straw.

A dozen or more contributors preferred "Payrollers." The name is a trifle long for convenience. Others wanted "The Nuggets", the "Hikers" and various other names all suitable. Mr. Foley however likes the name "Spuds."

George L. Cleaver, of Imbler is the presenter of this unusual name for a baseball club. "In view of the fact that the team is managed by an Irishman and that there are about seven train loads sent out from this valley annually, the name "Spuds" is to my opinion appropriate." Mr. Cleaver donates a carload of the famous Imbler spuds to the "sinking fund" of the team.

Player Manager Carl King is in Boise today looking over the field at the south end of the Western Tri-state league territory. The actual purpose of his business there is to look over the Cohen Indians and if possible to get a line on the material so that when Cohen commences to let go, La Grande will be in readiness to grab some of the choice morsels which Boise now believes she has gobbled up exclusively. While there he will notice how Karl Walters the nifty first baseman is coming along and pave the way for hooking him if Spokane is to let him drop.

Boise, March 22.—(Special)—Babe Reams will report for play with the Boise team this season. Gmlin announced yesterday that he had come to terms with the crack Boise shortstop, and he will be on hand on April 1 when the rest of the Irrigators report.

Gmlin is studying the talent brought here by Joe Cohn and devoting particular attention to his youngsters. There are so many of them that he has not closely watched them all, but before Sunday the old fox will have a good idea what every individual Indian recruit can do and will be ready to talk deals with Cohn.

The Boise manager is somewhat stuck on some of the youngsters, but he is keeping quiet and waiting to see them develop. So far he has not been able to get a line on the pitching department. The weather has not been such as to permit the heavers to let themselves out and Cohn himself does not know for sure how they will shape up. Dad many get a couple of the Spokane box men, but it is impossible to forecast at this time which ones may be turned over to Boise.

In the infield and in the far garden Cohn has as nice a looking bunch of youngsters as a manager could wish to look at, and if Gmlin and Cohn can come to terms some of them may be wearing Boise uniforms this year. Gmlin will see what he is going to need, however, before securing any of them.

No club in the circuit is better fixed for the beginning of the season than is Pendleton. The Bucks have eight men signed who are known to be there with the quality, and McKune has enough others in sight to make it apparent that the Buck aggregation is apt to get away in the lead in the race for the flag.

Following is what a Pendleton scribe has to say about the present status of the cowboy outfit:

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FIRST SHOOT AT 2 SUNDAY

NOT BELIEVED THAT WEATHER WILL PREVENT IT,

Baker Gun Club up in Arms at Early Date Shoot Starts.

It is not likely that the weather will become so severe that the opening shoot in the state bluecock league cannot take place tomorrow. La Grande is pitted against Portland as a starter, and for this reason the local club will be handicapped by bad weather there while Portland is not bothered with it. However, barring blizzards and blinding snowstorms, the local shots aim to commence the shooting promptly at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and every person that can, or thinks he can, kill blue rocks is most urgently urged to be present. The five highest scores are the ones that will go in to Portland and compete with the five highest there.

Baker's Trap Men Not Ready.
Baker, March 22.—(Special)—According to the schedule received yesterday by Secretary O'Gorman of the Baker Rod and Gun club, the State League Gun clubs match is scheduled to begin Easter Sunday with Baker as the opponent of the Bend club in the opening number of the telegraphic match. The schedule was made without consulting Baker and evidently those who framed it up did not take the present weather conditions into consideration.

According to members of the club, it will be impossible for Baker to start the shoot on next Sunday, but all are anxious to take part in the telegraphic tournament, which will show who's who and why in shooting circles in the whole state.

the Western Tri-State league, and each one of the eight is a tried man and true. Strings are tied to a half dozen other men.

"Comprising the team already signed are four pitchers, two catchers, a first baseman and a second baseman. The last named, of course, is Terry McKune, who will also manage the team and who is now busy in Portland scouting about for further material.

"The twirlers are Wheeler Osborne, J. H. Ashenfelder, formerly of Elgin, and reputed to be a comer; Ralph Burgess of Medford, an amateur heretofore but recommended by Curly Wilson as a man destined to be among the league leaders, and Albert Wells.

"The catchers are J. A. Bladen, who played with the soldier team in the Philippines last year, and who was grabbed by Nick Williams only to be released and picked up by the Irish manager of Pendleton, and Homer Hawthorth, another backstop from Portland. McKune thinks so much of these two boys that, in a letter to local club officers he declares George Pembroke would have a hard time displacing either.

"Al Lodell, who played first for the team last year, has again taken a contract.

"Don Rader, third baseman last year, is a holdout, but it is possible that he may come to terms yet. There is also a possibility that Ray Augustus will again cavort in the shorts on position. An infield composed of Lodell, McKune, Augustus and Rader would be as fast a combination as the heart of fan could wish.

"McKune will probably arrive in Pendleton on April 2 and will bring with him his recruits."

Local banks now hold the notes signed by baseball supporters and as the club needs funds right now, those who have not paid a portion or all of their obligation are urged to do so now.

Members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club are being put into active membership by paying their dues which are collectable now. Treasurer Harding has been instructed to have the charter members pay their initiation dues before the last of this month that the affairs of the club can proceed with dispatch and smoothness.

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