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**PALMER JUNCTION NEWS**

Palmer Junction, Ore., May 13.—(Special)—Quite a number of people went from this place to Wallowa and Enterprise on the excursion, Sunday.

Miss Clara Fine of Elgin, spent Saturday and Sunday here, as the guest of Mrs. Wm. Gent.

Charles Todd went to La Grande Saturday night to bring his sister, Mrs. J. A. Frasier, back to Elgin. Mrs. Frasier has been in the La Grande hospital where she underwent an operation.

O. W. Van Fleet, of the Golden Rule company, caught several fine fish in Looking Glass, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Boyd leave tonight for Everett, Wash., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Peterson.

**Walla Walla Wins Again.**

Boise, May 15.—Brown's recruit pitcher, Shorty Laird, was too much for the Irrigators Wednesday afternoon. He was hard for Gimlin's men to find, and was especially stingy in the pinches. With Bonner so wild he had to slow up to get 'em over, it was easy pickin' for the Bears, and they won easily, 7 to 3.

**Tri-State Club Standing.**

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Walla Walla	16	4	.800
Boise	13	6	.684
Pendleton	10	9	.526
North Yakima	8	11	.421
La Grande	8	11	.364
Baker	4	16	.200

**Pendleton Wins Again.**

(By Armstrong.)

Baker, Ore., May 15.—(Special)—Jensen threw his own game away yesterday in the 1st inning. It took him too long to warm up. The Buckaroos touched the rubber four times. Dougherty walked, was sacrificed to second by Rader's single, Varian singled, Haworth made a two-bagger and McKune singled, and stole third. Dougherty, Varian, Haworth and McKune loped in. In the third Pendleton annexed another one. Haworth singled, McKune sacrificed him to second, Lodell went out an infield fly, Haworth had went to third in the meantime and came home on Byrnes' single. Again in the seventh Dougherty scored on a block ball. The left fielder rapped one down first base

line, and was picked up by a young American and thrown to Rock. Instead of Rock pegging to Jensen to put the ball in play he made a wild throw home.

Baker's scores were made in the second and fourth frames, after that it was one, two, three order until the ninth when Murphy, first to bat pegged a two bagger, that looked good for a score with assistance, but it wasn't forthcoming.

Baker scores were as follows: In the second inning Dean singled, went to second on single by Murphy, Murphy and Dean both advancing on Dougherty's error. Rothen and Harrod both singled, scoring Dean and Murphy.

In the fourth Murphy binged out a two bagger, Sleson walked, Murphy went to third on Dougherty's error, Sleson stole second, and both loped in on Jensen's two base hit.

A slight mist fell during the entire game, but about 300 fans witnessed the contest.

The score: R. H. E.  
Baker ..... 4 8 3  
Pendleton ..... 6 11 5  
Batteries—Jensen and Cress. Byrnes and Osborne.

**Where the Dogs Work.**

Life is a vastly different thing to the Alaskan dog from what it is to his more fortunate brother with us. He is the hardest working member of the community and the most important social and commercial factor in the frozen country, for without him travel and intercommunication would be impossible during a great part of the year. Almost every man in this country owns from one to five dogs. They are his constant companions, aiding him in nearly all his work. When a pup is three or four months old he is given a course of training in the harness. At the age of seven or eight months he must start in with light work and must understand and obey "whoa," "gee," "haw" and "march," which latter means "go on" and is commonly pronounced "mush" by all men driving dogs.—Country Life in America

**A Very Frank Lawyer.**

Joseph W. Folk said that while governor of Missouri he received the following application from a young attorney for commutation of sentence of death from Pemiscott county?

"This was my first case as a lawyer, and I admit that I didn't know very much about defending a man for murder. I believe that if this negro had had a real lawyer to defend him he would have been acquitted. I don't believe you ought to let him hang for my ignorance."

Folk looked over the record in the case, thoroughly agreed with the lawyer regarding the manner in which the case had been handled and commuted the sentence.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

**King Robert Bruce's Watch.**  
In Dalzell's "Fragments of Scottish History" is the following: "The oldest known English watch was made, it is said, in the sixteenth century. There exists a watch which, antiquarians allow, belonged to King Robert Bruce."

In tracing this subject further was found a letter in the Gentleman's Magazine dated Forfar, Aug. 20, 1785, and signed J. Jamieson, who therein states that the watch was offered for sale to him by a goldsmith hawker of Glasgow, who afterward sold it for 2 guineas, and it was next sold for 5. The letter does not trace the curiosity further, but we find in a little work by Adam Thompson, entitled "Time and Timekeepers," that it subsequently found its way into the collection of King George III.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Can Snakes Fascinate Their Prey?**  
Mr. Fitzsimons answers this question in the negative. The belief in fascination is general, but there seems to be no real foundation for it. "I have had much experience of snakes," writes Mr. Fitzsimons, "and have made it my business to observe carefully their habits and ways, both in their natural condition in the wild state and captivity, and in no instance have I ever known a snake to fascinate an animal in the manner it is alleged to do." He has seen two species, which he mentions, many a time in trees surrounded by a crowd of fluttering, excited birds. But the birds were not he says, fascinated by the snake. They were endeavoring to intimidate it in order to frighten it from their haunts.—Westminster Gazette.

**Visible Sound Waves.**

Curious luminous circles or arcs, delicate and perfect in form, have been seen over the craters of Vesuvius and Etna—one at each explosion. A study of this strange phenomenon has been made by Mr. Frank A. Perret, who has witnessed it hundreds of times, and he concludes that these "fashing arcs," as he calls them, are really, sound waves made visible for an instant, the rate of propagation of the images seeming to be about that of sound. The appearance is analogous to the air waves seen above heated roofs.

**Free Medical Advice.**

Want some free medical advice? Here it is, from Dr. Strickland Goodall of London, and it is for business men who advertise and hence are busy, see? Thus: Devote one hour to each meal, avoiding all business talk. Have no fads in food. Be moderate. Probably the last is the key to the whole—"Be moderate."

Good, easy advice, don't you think?—Detroit Free Press.

**All in a Line.**

"He's my ideal and I'm his idol," said the girl.  
"And your love affair?"  
"Is an idyl."  
"And your fiance?"  
"Papa says he 's idle."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Well Posted.**

Teacher (in lesson on Holland)—Why, Willie, don't you know what country the geography lesson is about? Think hard. Who were the people who made war on skates? Willie—De Ant-skel-ton league.—Judge.

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**BASEBALL GOSSIP**

Rain seems to do the teams good for they went much better than the day before. It drizzled throughout nearly the whole length of the game.

Lee introduced himself to the fans with a single and with consistent fielding throughout the day. The Enterprise lad had a hard morning of it besides.

It is some caution the way the Spuds are batting. King is setting a strong pace for his Kingsters and all are responding nobly. Beck who is not usually rated as a hitter, has been connected with regularly since he came to La Grande this week.

Stanley is an old man but it isn't often that anyone get anything over him.

Chalk lines properly laid are to be a detail attended to in strict accordance with the rules hereafter. The grounds tender neglected it yesterday.

Walters pulled the old high school trick yesterday by hanging and hiding the ball until Reid left the bag,

then touched him out.

The fans present were eminently satisfied yesterday and the present clip means a big audience Sunday, sure enough.

Starkell is master of ceremonies. He doesn't take anything off the players and keeps the ground rules enforced. So far so good, with the ump.

Engel changed the batting order, letting Ford lead off, and also switched Ford to second and Jansen to third.

**Notice to My Friends.**

The report that I am going to quit in the automobile contest is incorrect and without foundation. I am in to stay to the finish and with the assistance of my friends, I hope to be successful.

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