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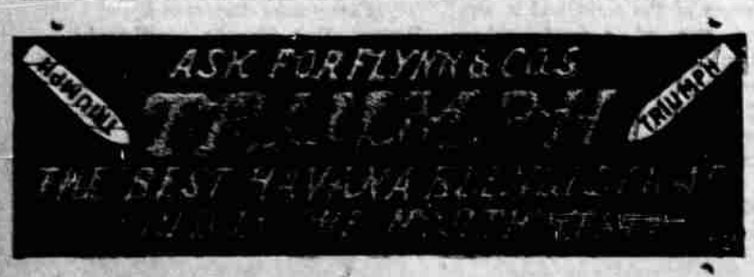

FITCHNER SETS MARK

STRIKES OUT SEVENTEEN MEN AT BOISE.

League Record Set—Spude Continue Winning Streak.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Walla Walla	23	10	.679
Boise	19	13	.594
Pendleton	16	16	.500
North Yakima	14	17	.453
La Grande	13	18	.419
Baker	11	22	.333

(Boise Statesman.)

"You can't hit 'em when you can't see 'em." It's an old saying, but it was just as much true Thursday afternoon as it was when the phrase was coined to describe the flinging of one Walter Johnson when that individual was hiding his light in the Idaho sagebrush.

Fitchner, sometimes known as "Myterious Morse," is the boy the saying fitted. Shades of Amos Rusie—the stuff he had! Smoke was the principal ingredient in that mysterious poison, but it wasn't the only thing. There were benders of every description. They twisted and turned and corkscrewed and curled, and all the time there was that terrific zip, 'till the ball looked like a pea as it shot over the plate.

Breaks Strikeout Record.

Oh, the score—7 to 1, La Grande, and when Fitchner's pitching record is analyzed it seems a mystery that Boise snatched the one lone count from the wreckage of the local hopes.

The way Fitchner pitched the league strikeout record was theatened from the beginning, and before the mysterious one was through he had punched a neat hole in it. Irrigator after Irrigator walked up for his three Moriartys and walked back to the water bucket. When the game was closed 17 had bit the dust by the three-swing route.

Boise Uses Two.

Two of Boise's left-handers worked, and they both acquitted themselvs well, but what chance was there against gattling gun like that?

It was in the first frame, before Fitchner had become tuned up to his full muzzle velocity, that the Irrigators collected their souvenir run.

Start in Second.

La Grande took the lead in the second. Phil Nadeau leaned on one of Finley's shoots and a single was the result. King's bunt eluded Finley and Nadeau went clear to third on the play. He scored on Peterson's long fly to center. King went to second on Walter's drive and scored when Miller hit a safe one.

The Spuds found Johnson again in the eighth. Peterson opened the inning with a triple and scored on Walter's infield out.

By the ninth inning the visitors were hitting the college southpaw hard, and sharp fielding did not keep them from scoring. Beck singled, Druhot hit a hard line drive that Reams gathered in and pegged to first, doubling Beck out. The sacks were left empty with two gone, but the end was not yet.

Three Extra Base Swats.

Nadeau banged out his second double for the day, and King followed with another double, scoring Phil. Peterson hit a fly into deep center field. Case did not get after it in time and it lit safe, scoring King. Miller hit a liner to left, but Friene got under it and only the two runs came in during the inning.

Clark opened the Boise end of the inning with a hit, but there were no more like it, and not an Irrigator saw second.

The score:

BOISE.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Blausser, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0
Friene, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Reams, 2b	4	0	0	2	4	0
Altermatt, ss	3	0	1	3	2	0
Clark, 1b	3	0	2	11	0	0
Gard, c	4	0	0	6	1	0
Case, cf	3	0	0	4	0	0
Winkler, rf	2	0	0	0	1	0
Finley, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Johnson, p	2	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	30	1	4	27	12	1

LA GRANDE.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Corbin, 3b	5	0	0	0	2	0
Beck, rf	5	0	2	0	0	0
Druhot, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Nadeau, 2b	3	2	3	2	3	0
King, c	4	2	1	17	0	0
Peterson, lf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Miller, ss	4	0	1	0	0	0
Walters, 1 b	3	1	2	6	2	0
Fitchner, p	3	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	7	11	27	7	0

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Boise	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		—1
La Grande	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	—7

SUMMARY.

Sacrifice hits—Winkler, King. Sacrifice fly—Peterson. Stolen bases—Friene, Druhot. Two base hits—Friene, Nadeau 2, King, Walters. Three base hits—Peterson 2. Double play—Reams to Clark. Innigs pitched—by Finley 4, Johnson 5. Base hits—off Finley 2, Johnson 9. Struck out—by Fitchner 17, Finley 2, Johnson 4. Hit by pitched ball—Nadeau by Finley, Miller by Johnson. Passed balls—King 2. Wild pitch—Fitchner. Time of game—2:15. Umpire—Hall.

BASEBALL GOSSIP

Well, Jamison had the strikeout record for the year with 15, and now Fitchner has it for the year and the league. Just as long as it stays in the Spuds' territory we won't complain.

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Perfect fielding, or as nearly perfect as the most particular could wish, is doing much to help the pitchers. The La Grande outfield is simply showing better class than anything else in the league and the infield is holding its own with any.

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Pat Foley telephones from Boise that the Nampa pitcher he picked up is a hummer and expects to win with him. The president leaves Boise Saturday and will make the return trip overland.

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Starkell tried hard to umpire a square game yesterday and he didn't miss any more on Pendleton than he did on Walla Walla. A little less attention to the umps and a little more to the game would help some. President Matlock was right on hand when trouble began to brew yesterday. He gave the umpire to understand that he was back of him in his efforts to be master of the game and that he would protect him from rowdyism. Incidentally, Chief Kearney was not far away.—Pendelton E. O.

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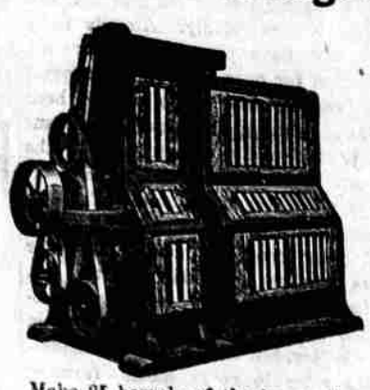

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