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### FAREWELL PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL

The expected has happened. The professional base ball has blown up and henceforth and hereafter the man who journeys here from Baker, Boise or any other town and talks formation of a league will be led to the city limits and admonished to, "not let the sun go down on you within ten miles of the federal building."

La Grande was really not to blame for taking the flyer it did this year for the general opinion had crystal-

ized over the city that professional base ball was too expensive for our size. A few of our business men bit the apple last year and found it was wormy. Yet in the spirit of excitement and through the stimulant offered by other towns in the league La Grande this year forsook her better judgment and took a hand in the game. Yesterday was the turning point. It took more money or no game. The quality of ball this year has been poor, the attendance at the games has been very light, hence the enthusiasm of the fanniest fans has dwindled and no one felt like digging any more coin. The natural result followed and the La Grande team of the Tri-State league flew up.

It is well that it happened. To have bridged things over for a few weeks would have meant a lingering death and so long as death was unavoidable why not have it over?

No more paid ball players for this city. No more President Sweets, with high ambitions. We are through, decided through. When La Grande wants to play ball in the future she will play with neighboring cities and enjoy the games.

### OUR THIN SKINNED BROTHER

Editor Maxwell, who runs a paper in Union, is worried. He sees on the horizon of his imagination an attempt by the Evening Observer to resurrect the old feud between the two towns. And it all is caused by this paper criticising the "bickaroo" spirit which has inoculated the Eastern Oregon of late. In our opinion there is nothing to the forcing of horses to

back; there is no real elevating amusement in plunging the steel in a horse's side in order that he may be forced to cut unnatural antics. We have a right to this opinion just as Brother Maxwell has a right to his opinion whatever it may be. The Observer was not abusing the Union horse show. On the other hand this paper and the people of La Grande have been ever loyal to the show. La Grande was a nurse when the horse show was born; through its nursing period this city turned out large crowds, closed up business, hired bands of music and ran special trains in order that the exhibition might be a success.

There is no disposition on the part of The Observer or any one in La Grande to "knock" anything. This city has outgrown that village custom. It would be pleasure to see everything in this valley prosper; to know that every show and every community was enjoying the same progress as has the horse show at Union.

There is but one trouble with Union, if it can be called a trouble, and that is the unfortunate residence of a few thin skinned brothers like Editor Maxwell, who happen to have the progressive little city of Union as their voting precinct.

### A FIGHTER WHO NEVER QUITS.

From these mountains we look down over the remainder of Oregon and observe one central figure in Salem who is always at it; who never quits because he loses a heat, but constantly keeps up the campaign for right. That figure is L. H. McMahan, an attorney who is probably the most hated and most loved man in the state. A short time ago he made Governor West play the role of an inconsistent monkey when McMahan caught one of West's pet prison officials choking and mistusing a prisoner. A case was filed against the guard and the court assessed a fine on him of \$50, only to have Governor West turn from his pretended righteous pathway and pardon the guard, also remitting most of the fine.

L. H. McMahan is used to duplicity of officials. He has lived in Salem a long time where duplicity is the chief stock in trade around the state house and the action of the Governor did not amaze him any, but he did force into the newspapers—even the papers who stand guard for the governor—a statement of facts which when read by the people of this great state cannot help but cause wonderment over the act of the chief executive.

Now we find this same McMahan fighting an appropriation of the last legislature on the grounds that it is class legislation. He ran against a judge in the first heat of this case which trampled all over McMahan but he came up smiling and appealed the case.

If there were more McMahans in Oregon there would be less hypocrisy

and the people would begin to realize on the popular laws which they have passed.

### NOT MUCH OF A SOLDIER.

"How Mexicans Fight" is the title of an interesting article which appears in the May number of the Outlook. It is written by Edwin Emerson, the magazine's special correspondent in Mexico.

The feature which is emphasized is the lack of efficiency which prevails in the Mexican army. American newspaper readers during the days when the city of Mexico was made the battleground between rival forces armed with heavy artillery were puzzled over the slight damage done the city and the comparatively small number of actual combatants killed. Mr. Emerson explains it by saying that neither the Mexican officers nor soldiers know how to shoot straight. Target practice seems to them a waste of ammunition. Reliance is placed in "the natural military qualities" of the people.

"Natural military qualities" do not go very far in actual warfare. No amount of it will enable a soldier to hit what he aims at. The Boers held off an overwhelmingly superior British force by their superb marksmanship. The hope of the small American army today would be in its marksmanship. There is no doubt of what our navy can do along this line. At the periodical target practices over long ranges scores that would have attracted world-wide attention a few years ago pass almost unnoticed because the public has got used to the American navy making high scores.

According to the Outlook writer many of the soldiers in the forces that keep Mexico in turmoil know little or nothing about what they are fighting for. They change from one side to another at the bidding of their chiefs and do not seem to care much which faction they represent. The "battles" which have been featured in the dispatches were little more than skirmishes, he says.

The Latin-American, though turbulent and fiery, never have been great soldiers, according to the standards of civilized nations. War to them is a game rather than a science. Perhaps if they were fundamentally more military in their character the harm they would do each other in their contests would cure them of the fighting habit.

A Yankee pastor in London has upset the English by trying to raise the debt on his church through renting it to a moving picture company on week days. If the thing is not a success financially it will probably get a lot of Englishmen used to a church anyway.

At a clinic in the Detroit (Mich.) College of Medicine it was demon-

strated that muscles can be "transplanted." Blessed news, if true. Some of them should be transplanted from the jaw to the arm.

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