

PIONEERS IN SESSION

SETTLERS MEET AT WALLOWA LAKE TO VISIT.

Personal Mention and News Items From Joseph District.

Joseph, Ore., June 24.—(Special)—The pioneers of Wallowa county held their second annual picnic Saturday June 21 at the Wallowa Lake park. Col. F. S. Ivanhoe of La Grande, addressed the crowd. The program consisted of singing, music and short speeches. Everyone had a very good time and those who did not attend the picnic missed a rare treat.

At the annual school meeting Monday F. F. McCully was re-elected clerk for one year and Geo. C. Gowling re-elected director for three years. The school board was instructed to expend \$500 for the purpose of improving the school grounds—an improvement badly needed.

The socialists of Wallowa county will give a picnic July 4 and 5 in Hurricane canyon. Speaking, music, races and athletic sports of all kinds will constitute the program.

Mrs. Jess Mullis was thrown from an automobile Saturday and struck an iron fence, cutting a large gash in her forehead. Dr. Mount dressed the wound taking eighteen stitches in it.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walt Doak on June 16, twin girls.

Mrs. J. S. Davis and children, of Elgin are here visiting their relatives the Requa family.

Misses Lucile Dunbar and Getta Jennings, who have been attending the Willamette University at Salem returned Friday to spend their summer vacation.

Harry Miller of Upper Prairie creek, and Miss Bessie Ashby, a school teacher of Bend, were married at Enterprise Saturday.

Miss Alpha Christy, a student of the Monmouth state normal school arrived home Tuesday for the summer vacation.

J. F. Egensperger has returned from a brief business visit to Portland.

Attorney and Mrs. A. M. Rannels and Mrs. Anna Leslie have returned from Portland. Mr. Rannels went as a delegate to the Masonic grand lodge and Mrs. Leslie as a delegate to the O. E. S. grand lodge.

RAIN, COLD ARE GENERAL

THE HEAVY RAINFALL CAUSES SOME DAMAGE HERE.

Swamps Water Soaked, Lowlands Are Flooded—Rain Is General.

Rain seems to be general over Eastern Oregon. The prolonged sessions sandwiched in with cold and gloomy weather, is not a local proposition. Pendleton has had more than its share, and Baker has been under a cloud much of the time the past 10 days. Locally, there is considerable hay down especially of the alfalfa variety and that which is not down will be hard to get at in many instances on account of the high water. Tullies are water filled, and lowlands still soggy with moisture.

Heavy Rains General.

Pendleton, June 24.—(Special)—Though extraordinarily hard rains were received over the country yesterday, Saturday afternoon and night here was but little additional damage done to the crops, according to the best information obtainable and such damage as was done where the grain is heaviest, will be more than offset by the benefits of the moisture received to the light land sections.

During yesterday more than a half inch of water was precipitated according to the official weather observer, and though the downpours were heavy, there was not hail mixed with the rain and but little of the growing grain was beaten down. According to H. W. Collins, grainbuyer, he drove out over the reservation yes-

BIG RUSH ON FOR PITCHERS

PENDLETON MAY HAVE BEATEN BADE OUT.

Condition of the Finance of Tri-State Crop Out Sunday.

Bade After Spuds.

Pendleton, June 24.—(Special)—Manager August Bade of the Walla Walla team took the first train for Pendleton after he had heard the news which meant that the players of two clubs had been made free agents. His object was to secure the signatures of Jamieson and Fitchner, La Grande's two star twirlers, to contracts but there is some probability that the local officials beat him to it in the matter of securing the former. Both of the men were rated as two of the league and would strengthen any one of the remaining four teams.

Baker, June 24.—(Special)—Something about the finances of the Tri-State league clubs came out at the meeting of directors in Baker Sunday night. Further particulars about that session are contained in the Baker Herald:

It took two meetings of the officials to determine what action should be taken. Nothing was accomplished at the afternoon meeting, the committee adjourned to watch the game. They re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock, when the motion to strike Baker from the list was made and carried. C. A. Hosier, the local member of the board, asked that action be deferred until this evening, in order to see all the stockholders in the association, sounding their opinion on the continuation of playing, but in order to rush the matter to a certainty a vote was taken for disfranchisement.

The vote came in the evening meeting. President W. L. Parker of the Baker association made an address and asked the visiting delegates how they stood financially. Pendleton is about \$2,000 behind while North Yakima and Walla Walla had similar tales. Boise reported that the stockholders had to "dig up" \$900 at the last salary pay day.

Caldwell came to the meeting with \$500 subscribed and a possibility, Dr. Johnson said, of raising \$250 more. When the story of the cities along the line came out Caldwell lost heart. As the city did not have the \$600 necessary to deposit to secure the franchise it left a five club league. Then Baker took the stand of where to play the coming week and there was no place to send the Gold Diggers. The only move left was for the league to ask Baker to quit.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were, F. W. Bossner, W. N. Sweet, Boise; L. M. Brown, George E. Kellogg, Walla Walla; Dr. Johnson, Caldwell; R. L. Ritner, Pendleton; B. J. Kohls, North Yakima; C. A. Hosier, Baker.

Many of the former Gold Digger ball players have received offers from other clubs, while other are wiring for positions.

Catcher J. B. Troeh will leave for Portland and is not yet decided what club he will associate himself with. "Shorty" Roben and Jimmie Ward will probably go to Dallas, South Dakota, Harry Harrod has secured a North Yakima berth. W. J. Palmer the first sacker, will resume his duties as assistant cashier in a bank at Hoquiam, Wash. "Smokey Joe"

terday and observed but little grain down other than was put down by the hail and rain of Thursday. Other reports from farmers and grainmen are confirmatory.

The rains of the past two days seem to be quite general over the ed. Reports from the west end state lamette valley have it that that country received heavy showers. All sections of Umatilla county were visited. Reports from the west end state that a heavy downpour fell Saturday night and that yesterday a number of hard showers were received. The south and north ends also received hard rains.

Woods has wired several clubs and is awaiting the best offer; Clayton Coleman will probably remain in Baker, while Dean, West, Rock, Sells Krause and Miller are undecided what they will do.

Davis Sold to Portland.

Bobby Davis, Walla Walla's shortstop, has been sold to the Portland club in the Northwestern league, says Boise paper. The deal was made Monday through Jimmy Richardson, manager of the sporting goods department of the Sweet-Teller company, who acts as a scout for the Portland club, and who umpired a series in La Grande recently.

This will be the second chance Davis has had in the Northwestern. He was tried last year by Spokane, but was released to Walla Walla because he was not hitting at a Northwestern clip. The Spokane club hesitated some time about releasing him, for he was playing great ball in the field.

Davis has been minding his knitting however, and this season he has blossomed out into a sure enough .300 hitter. He is the leading run getter and base stealer of the Walla Walla club, and is showing something that is, if anything, above Northwestern class. The exact price paid for the youngster is not given out, but it is known to have been above the Tri-State draft price. Davis will report at the close of the Tri-State season.

How Baker Sizes It Up.

The Baker Democrat in writing the obituary of the Diggers, chants the appended eulogy to the memory or nightmare, of organized base ball in Baker, punctuating the dirge with the mournful stanza that La Grande slipped over the salary limit, when even the regular salary limit could not be met. Outside of that particular, the Democrat hits the nail on the nose nine trips out of 10. Here is the requiem medley:

There was a chance for the league to go through the season under the agreement under which it was organized, but the larger cities, Walla Walla and Boise, have never pretended to live up to the Class D salary limit. Of course there will be a loud roar at this statement and it will be denied, and we will be challenged to prove it. We cannot prove it, for the contracts will be offered in evidence and are within the \$1200 limit. But anyone who knows anything about base ball players knows that the Walla Walla and Boise teams cost around \$2000 a month, and have cost that much since the opening of the season. As a matter of fact Baker has been the only team inside the limit, North Yakima, Pendleton and La Grande edging over considerably, although not to the limit gone to by the two larger cities.

There is the reason for the smash-up of the league—unfairness of the larger towns, and the inability of the smaller ones to compete. We are out of it, and any proposition for league ball in the future coming from Boise, the originator of the Tri-State will fall on deaf ears as far as Baker is concerned. They are poor sports and unfair ones, and we have had enough of them.

\$15.00 in prizes for the best essay. Given by McLeod. See ad. on page 8.

PATIENT RESTS EASILY.

B. G. Fritts Gives Promising Indications After Eye Operation.

After undergoing an operation for cataract of the eye, B. G. Fritts, the local furniture dealer is resting easily. The operation was performed late last week and his family and friends hope for recovery of sight. He has been all but blind for several months, both eyes being affected but the present operation was upon one eye only.

MORE HUGE BERRIES.

Five and a Half Inches Is Measurement of One of Big Selection.

G. H. Chapman of May Park lays claim to big strawberry records. He presented a strawberry box at the Observer office today filled with monsters, one of which was even-sized and measured five and a half inches in circumference. They were grown at May Park and Mr. Chapman claims he has several boxes of berries that have this enormous size nearly equaled.

ANOTHER 1914 ATTRACTION

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT WILL MEET HERE.

Baker Gathering Well Attended, La Grande Being Chosen.

Women of Woodcraft of Eastern Oregon will hold their next annual district convention in La Grande adding to the list of attractions for 1914 in this city. This action was taken in Baker last evening where the 1913 convention is under way. Details of the Baker meeting are set out in the following dispatch:

The district convention of the Women of Woodcraft opened at the Moose hall yesterday forenoon at 9 o'clock about 50 delegates from various cities and towns of Eastern Oregon being present when the roll was called. The morning session was devoted largely to reports and routine matters.

In the afternoon the delegates honored a Baker lady, Mrs. Mary Dryborough, by electing her as delegate to the state convention of the organization and as the other representative at the state meeting chose Mrs. Mary A. Johnson of Pendleton. The election of the delegates was the principal item of business of the convention, which was but a one-day session.

Last evening the visitors were the guests of the ladies of Queen of the Forest and Mystic Circle at a banquet, which was a largely attended and successful function. Preceding the social events, the degree work of the lodge was exemplified for the visitors. The following district officers were elected at the afternoon session:

- Past Guardian Neighbor, Mrs. Dicey Richen, Sumpter.
- Past District Guardian, Mrs. Sarah J. McBryan, Pendleton.
- Advocate, Mrs. Lee, Union.
- Magician, Mrs. Ellen Scheer, Pendleton.
- Attendant, Mrs. Cronin, Pendleton.
- Banker, Mrs. Hallie King, Baker.
- Inside Sentinel, Mrs. McNaught Baker.
- Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Robb, La Grande.
- District Managers—Mrs. Scott, Baker; Mrs. White, Sumpter, and Mrs. O'Brien of Haines.
- Alternate Delegates to the State Convention—Mrs. Addie Waltz of Baker and Mrs. Carmichael, of Weston.

La Grande was chosen as the next meeting place for the district convention.

EAGLES TO GATHER.

Will Enjoy Picnic Dinner at Park on July Fourth, and Recreate.

Members of the La Grande Aerie of Eagles have hit upon a novel natal day celebration. They will go in a body to the chautauqua on that day and enjoy a picnic dinner in the park. They anticipate several visitors from Pendleton and Baker and when the chautauqua program is not under way will hold a fraternal gathering on the park ground. A headquarters tent will be provided for the Eagles and during the day the fraternal men aim to hob nob and rest, enjoying the natal day with quiet recreation. The water sports between 4 and 6 o'clock will likely entice some of the Eagles into competition and the lodge contemplates making a delightful picnic celebration out of the day.

ARCTIC EXPEDITION READY.

Crockerland to Take Journey of Five Years Into Northland.

New York, June 24.—Prepared for an extended stay on an arctic expedition the Crockerland, under Donald McMillan, it is announced, starts from here July 3, with a crew of 28, timber for winter quarters, wireless operators, food for five years. The expedition was abandoned a month ago on account of the drowning of George Borup in Long Island Sound.

The party includes Elmer Eckblow, zoologist and botanist; Prof. Tanquary of the Kansas agricultural college, Ensign Fitzhugh Green, Jerome Allen, electrician and Dr. H. J. Hunt.

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