

BAKER PLUNKS DOWN DOLLARS

WILL BECOME PART OF WESTERN TRI-STATE LEAGUE.

Short Season, Small Salary, Chief Assets of New League.

Baker, Feb. 11.—(Special).—Baker will have organized ball and will have a team in the Western Tri-State league this year.

Formal application was made yesterday, the money entrance fee to the league was paid on the spot at a meeting of loyal baseball fans and the money for protection fee, giving the club the right to sign players, was turned over to Secretary L. M. Brown of the league, for him to telegraph to Secretary Farrell of the National Association, at Auburn, N. Y. It must be in Mr. Farrell's hands by Saturday night and it was on this account that such hurried action was taken.

Secretary Brown found some opposition to Baker coming into the league when he arrived here from Walla Walla, but when he explained the exact status under which the league pro-

poses to work this year, the opposition vanished and by noon there were scores of fans boosting for baseball and declaring that his year Baker would have a team which would be "right up there in front."

The entrance fee is \$100 and of this half is for protection, which is sent to the National Association. Under the arrangement perfected today the Western Tri-State will consist of Baker, Walla Walla, Pendleton and North Yakima. The three other towns have already paid their entrance fee and have franchises.

Harold Clifford, one of the fans at the meeting was given a letter of introduction to Jimmy Richardson at Portland, and he will leave tonight with blank contracts to begin getting lines laid for able men who are available in Portland for material for a team. Scores of applications have already been received from players who realize that this year baseball in the league is to be run on a business basis with a strict salary limit of \$1200 per month per club. Lines have already been laid to secure a first class manager, a man who knows baseball both as a manager and as a player.

A hard and fast agreement has been made by the other three clubs to hold the salary down to the \$1200 limit with a fine imposed on any club which violates the agreement and a contract signed by the directors of the various clubs putting every director on his honor to see that the salary limit is not violated by his club.

It is proposed to shorten the season, beginning early in April, playing the 96 game schedule as required by the National Association, and closing shortly after July 4, as the schedule can be worked out. It is pointed out that all the money was lost last year after July 4.

Secretary Brown figures the expense for each club as follows for the four months:

Salary \$4800; traveling expenses, \$1000 (an outside estimate); hotel bills, \$1000, for players when they are away from home; league expense, \$200. Total \$6000. When it is remembered that Baker last year with a tail end team, four weeks of continuous ball and rain half of this time, had a gate receipt of \$3009.75 for the first four weeks, the supporters of organized ball see a chance not only for the club to break even this year but to pile up a nice nucleus to put into grounds, etc., for the following years.

MRS. DRAY ILL

Mother Called From Idaho—Will Leave When Able.

Mrs. James Christofferson of Montpelier, Idaho, is here visiting her daughter Mrs. Henry Dray, widow of the late O. W. engineer. She is suffering from a nervous breakdown following the death of her husband, and Mrs. Christofferson has been called to her daughter's bedside. Mrs. Sarah Dole, of Kammerer, Wyo., is also here. As soon as Mrs. Dray is able, she will leave with her mother for a period of rest in Idaho.

FOREIGN HORSES ARRIVE

Imported Shipment of Stallions Sent to Pendleton Buyers.

Eighteen Draft Stallions passed through La Grande this morning on their way to Pendleton. They are shipped by Metz & Son, of Hemwood, Illinois, and are consigned to the same persons. They are imported animals from Belgium, England and Holland, representing some of the best draft animals on the market. They will be sold to horse raisers in Pendleton, Pilot Rock and various places contiguous to the Round-Up city. Metz Brothers have been in the business for many years and have sold horses through the entire northwest for several years.

NOTICE!

Treasurers Call For County and Seal Bounty Warrants.

The undersigned county treasurer has funds on hand to pay all warrants issued on the county and seal bounty funds and endorsed not paid for want of funds prior to January 9, 1914.

Interest ceases on the above warrants on February 12th, 1914.

JOHN FRAWLEY,
County Treasurer.

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WALLOWA CLUB QUINT COMING

M. I. A. WILL "MIX" WITH FAST CLUB PLAYERS.

Barnstorming Tour Outlined—Teachers and Club Girls Play.

Wallowa Athletic club, featuring three former O. A. C. stars of basketball fame, have closed negotiations with the M. I. A. of La Grande for a game here Friday evening. The details were first entered into last Friday when Prof. Beatty, coach of the high school five at Wallowa was here with his scholastic players. The club team comes from Wallowa with the club championship of that district well cinched, and the game will afford the first inter-county club contest of the year. The outcome will largely determine the championship of club teams in Eastern Oregon.

The M. I. A. will use much the same team as it did on its last appearance. The game will be called at 8 o'clock on the night of the 13th.

BARNSTORMING TOUR READY

M. I. A. Squad Will Play Games in Idaho During Coming Week.

A half dozen games, principally with Idaho teams have been arranged for the M. I. A. The team leaves either on the 16th or the 20th—definite dates are undecided and the teams to be played on the barnstorming trip include Weiser, Caldwell, Ontario, Payette, Nampa and Boise, with probably Baker as the closing date.

The club team usually participates in some such trip as this each year, and this will probably be the longest of any yet undertaken, and will afford a fine list of games, for the team is going into good basketball territory. Teachers Meet Defeat.

Monday evening the M. I. A. A. girls' team defeated the lady teachers' team of the city at basketball by a very decisive score. The game was the source of much excitement and amusement, aside from the recreation. The club girls have a very formidable team this year and the teachers have been obtaining a great deal of recreation through systematic basketball training.

WILL RAISE CORN

Four Hundred Acre Ranch to Be Put to Corn Test in 1914.

S. M. Slough of this city, went to Pendleton this morning where he will lease his 400 acre farm. He is trying an experiment which is likely to upset some of the theories regarding summer fallowing. Instead of permitting the land to lie idle during the summer he intends to plant the entire farm to corn. It has been demonstrated that corn can be grown successfully in this valley and if this can be done it is less of an experiment in Umatilla county where there is less danger from early frost.

The agricultural college has likewise endeavored to show that cow peas or some such crop should be grown in rotation giving the soil the necessary nutriment and at the same time raising some kind of cattle or hog feed.

It is interesting from an advertising point of view that in response to an ad inserted in the Observer more than 35 inquiries came to the owner of this tract of land. Mr. Slough advertised for a renter with a knowledge of corn raising. From the letters that came to him he has finally simmered the choice to two men, one from Missouri and the other from Kansas. Corn is the principal crop in both of these states and it is likely that he will get a man thoroughly familiar with the growing of corn.

MASTER OF XYLOPHONE HERE

Arcade Is Entertaining Theatre Goers With Rare Musician.

La Grande theatre goers have never heard a better xylophone player than the young man who is performing at the Arcade theatre. We will say more, they will likely never hear a better one because this young foreigner seems to have grown up with

RUMMAGE SALE

Specials For Remainder of This Week

RUBBER GOODS:

Men's High Top Rub's., for son, Reg. \$3.50, Sale \$2.48
Men's 4 Buckle Overshoes, Reg. \$3.00, Sale - \$2.38
Ladie's Rubber Boots, Reg. \$2.50, Sale - \$1.68
Misses Rubber Boots, Reg. \$2.25, Sale - \$1.78
Children's Rubber Boots, Reg. \$1.75, Sale - \$1.48
Youth's Rubber Boots to size 2, Reg. \$2.50, Sale \$1.98
Boys' Rubber Boots, size 2½ to 6, Reg. \$3.00 Sale \$2.48

New Features Are Added Every Day to Our Rummage Sale as Broken Lines and Odd Lots Are Discovered in the Progress of the Work of Inventory. YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

GEIBEL'S

WE WISH TO CALL
YOUR ATTENTION TO
OUR

Optical Department

We have lately installed new optical instruments and are now in position to take care of the most difficult cases.

Our optician has graduated with honors from an optical college, which he attended personally and as he has successfully passed two state boards we feel his reputation theoretically is A. 1 and as we can refer you to numbers of satisfied patrons we feel his practical ability has been demonstrated in this locality.

We do not have to sit with folded hands and wait for the next customer (our spare time being otherwise employed) therefore we are in a position to give you higher class goods at a more reasonable price.

If a proper fit at a right price counts for anything with you it will pay you to call and you TAKE NO CHANCE as you either get satisfaction or your money back.

Watchmaker Engraver

G. S. Birnie

Jeweler Optician

Phone Black 971

La Grande, Oregon.

the little wooden hammers in his fists and is a perfect master of an otherwise difficult instrument. He can beat it, that's all, and if you have any doubts about the matter we want to see you at the theatre. If you can name a better man, your entrance admission is waiting for you at the door. His rendition of classical music last night and some of the better rag time was great, and the audience called him back four times. That's the proof of the pudding. He is here tonight.—Adv.

Chandlers Celebrate Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Chandler of Fruitdale last Sunday celebrated their golden wedding jubilee. Mr. Chandler was born in the neighborhood of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Chadler, who was Lovisa Cooper, was born in Livingston, N. Y. They were the first family to enter what is now Ham-

ings, Nebraska. Twelve years ago they came to this valley and have lived here ever since. This day was also the 12th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Stilwell. Mrs. Stilwell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler.

Private Lessons in Telegraphy

Beginning March 1st, Mrs. H. C. Bailey will take a limited number of students in telegraphy. Ten dollars per month; three lessons of one hour, weekly or one half hour each day. Telephone for particulars. R. 196t.

FOR SALE—14 full blood young, laying Brown Leghorn hens and one rooster, by Emil Niederer, 701 B. Street 2-11, 3t.

REX HALL

DANCING ASSEMBLIES

Each Saturday and Tuesday. Class and Private Lessons Taught Afternoon and Evening; Private Lessons by Appointment. Bert M. Sherwood, Proprietor and Instructor.

Hall for rent Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights of each week, except holiday nights and also nights preceding holidays. Rates, \$50.00 to midnight; \$10.00 per hour after midnight. No decorations can be permitted.

GOOD NEWS FOR ANYONE WHO MAY WISH TO GET A HOME

Here Are Three Offers:

No. 1—On 1st street between Adams and Jefferson Avenues. Lot 3 and the north 5 ft. of lot 2 in block 3, Grandy's 2nd. Add.

On which there is a good house with 4 large rooms, 1 small room, large pantry, extra large bath finally equipped connected to sewer, good cellar and wood house. Price \$2200.00. Terms.

No. 2—On Madison Ave. between Greenwood and Hemlock streets. Lots 26-27 and E. 20 ft. of 25, block 123 Chaplin's Add. Fair house. Let us go with you and look at this. Price \$1000.00; \$100.00 down, \$20.00 per month.

No. 3—On C street corner 3rd street. Lots 11-12, block 4, D street, old town. 8 room house good condition good wood house. Price \$2000.00. Terms.

LET'S GO AND SEE IT.

La Grande Investment Company

Old U. S. Land Office

1113 Adams Ave.

Foley Building,

La Grande.