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BASEBALL HAS PROMISING OUTLOOK

(By Al T. Baum, President of the Pacific Coast League. Written for the International News Service.)

Peace has paved the way for the come-back of baseball, and the future of the game, as I see it, is brighter than ever. But the measure of success the minor leagues will enjoy depends entirely on the minors themselves.

The National Association got what it asked for in the way of independence through the abrogation of the national agreement and the lifting of the draft. It is up to the minor leaguers to make the most of it.

To my way of thinking there are two great evils in minor league ball. There is the man who hunkers the public with "cheapness," and there is the other extreme—the man who, because he wants to win and has plenty of money, spends more than he takes in at the turnstiles. This man forces his associates to spend likewise, and eventually disrupts his organization.

Minor league baseball will never achieve success in its full measure until these men are eliminated from the game. The game must be put in the hands of sensible men with business ideas; men who will give the public what it asks for—its money's worth—no more, no less.

It has often struck me as very strange that men thoroughly honest in every respect cannot resist the temptation to prod each other when they get into baseball. Owners meet and pass rules and limits to safeguard the game and their investments. Then they sit down and burn the midnight oil figuring "out ways and means to beat" those rules and limits.

For another thing I believe that managers have been given too much leeway in the past in the matter of spending money not their own. These men are human. They naturally want to win, for their jobs depend on the success they have. But to a great many of them the cost of winning means nothing. Any man with a fair knowledge of the game can win a pennant in any minor league—if he spends enough money.

I believe the players should get all that the owner can justly afford to pay. And this will be the outcome. I am confident, if salary limit rules are observed, major league clubs used to pay a part of the salaries of minor league players who were farmed out. It was a bad thing for the "minor league club owner, for it created ill feeling among the other players on his team. Now that the minors are not going to run farms I hope to see these conditions obliterated.

In regard to the construction of the controlling body in baseball I have long contended and still think that it should be a body of five men—two majors, two minors and a neutral chairman not in any way connected with any league or club. The two minors and the chairman should be empowered to handle minor league disputes. The majors should collaborate with the chairman in the handling of major league troubles and the commissioner in toto should sit in disputes between majors and minors.

In our own league we are optimistic over the future of the game on the coast. The Coast league voted to expand to an eight-club circuit despite higher railroad rates, and it is the first time that the Coast league has ever had eight clubs. Portland and Seattle were members of the league before, but they were included in a six-club circuit. Our local seasons and mostly favorable climatic conditions make our circuit ideal. I can see nothing but success ahead for our league this year.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

WILL BE HELD IN LA GRANDE ON MARCH EIGHTH.

Purpose in View is That of Filling Contemplated Vacancy in Cove Postoffice.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at La Grande, Oregon, on March 8, 1919, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Cove, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$382 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at eighteen years, women eighteen years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination, can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practical date.

"PULL THE STRING"

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—"Pull the string," shouted W. C. Allen, proprietor of a drug store here, when four men with revolvers entered the establishment, apparently bent on robbery.

"All right," came back the answer from Allen's wife in the rear of the store. The would-be bandits turned and fled. Allen says there was no string to pull, but the bluff worked.

AN EXTRACT FROM A SUNDAY SERMON

PASTOR OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH GIVES INSPIRING ADDRESS SUNDAY MORNING.

The Observer desires to give an extract from the ministry of Rev. R. H. Coker at the First Christian church of La Grande Sunday morning. His remarks were in keeping with the object of the communion service, the subject being "Gathering Together Unto Him." He presented first the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the prophet Micah, several hundred years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, as recorded by the Evangelist Luke. By the way, Luke was a physician of considerable note as well as a character. The early ministry of the Lord appealed to him, and he became an ardent and intelligent follower of Christ. To his authorship are ascribed two of the books of the New Testament, viz.: The Gospel of Luke, which bears his name, and the Acts of the Apostles, which he wrote to his friend, the most noble or excellent Theophilus, who was high in authority in the Roman government in that day.

After dwelling briefly upon Christ's birth and early childhood, Mr. Coker passed on to his public manifestation, where he was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to meet the devil, who questioned His divine sonship, His Messiahship to the Jews, and His perfect manhood. When Christ had endured this searching trial by complete subjection and obedience to God's Holy word, quoting it in answer to every question, He put the devil to silence and went forth to preach the acceptable year of the Lord and to heal all that were oppressed of the devil. Three years, and a half of the most wonderful ministry the world has ever known followed, in which God was perfectly declared and revealed to man and for man, and not against him.

"For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world, through Him, might be saved. And although He was the most perfect man that ever lived, the most humble and the most accessible, man's trust and greatest benefactor, yet the world hated Him without a cause and finally put Him to the shameful death of the Cross.

But after men and the devil had done their worst it remained for God to smite the holy sufferer, which He did by forsaking Him in the greatest hour of His need, as witnessed by His heartbroken cry: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" during supernatural darkness that overshadowed the land for three hours in the middle of the day.

But when the work of atonement was finished Christ was heard and answered in resurrection, God raising Him from the dead and placing Him in His own right hand in the heavens.

LOCAL BOYS HEADED FOR CAMP LEWIS

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serge them and it was not long until hot coffee, sandwiches, doughnuts and apples which had been provided in abundance, were on the way to the place where they would do the most good. They were a grateful bunch as they climbed back on the coaches some fifteen minutes later, and as their train pulled out the yards rang with their cheers for the La Grande Red Cross.

Local Boys on Board.
George Buesing, of the 116th Engineers, was a local soldier who went through on the train. His relatives did not know he was coming home, but his sister, Mrs. J. H. Clark, and his brother had time to get to the station and see him before the train pulled out. It was Mr. Buesing's misfortune to get against some of the gas the Germans turned loose. That is the reason, he says, he comes home with a head of hair prematurely grey.

Henry Bellmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holmer Bellmer, Cove avenue, was also on the train. Bellmer was wounded in action during the fighting in the Verdun sector last fall and bears the scars made by machine gun bullets. His parents were not aware of his return to this country. They had not heard from him for several months and are overjoyed to learn that he is back home again.

Others on the train who are known here are Wilnot Farrow, a former Portland newspaper man who is a nephew of J. H. Keeney, station agent for the O. W. here; and A. Hayward Fowler, of Salem, Ore., formerly a member of the Third Oregon regiment. Mr. Fowler resided in La Grande at one time before his enlistment.

The soldiers are enroute to Camp Lewis, where they will be demobilized.

Uphold The Y. M. C. A.

The writer asked a Seattle man who was on the train what the sentiment of his comrades and himself was in regard to the Y. M. C. A. Inquiring if the men were "sore" on the institution, the reply was given, "No. You could go among this crowd and find very few men who will cry down the 'Y.' I was never a Y. M. C. A. man myself, at college," he said, "but I appreciate what it has done for me since I have been in the army." This soldier went on to say that none of the statements made against the "Y" are prejudiced efforts to hurt that institution, or else are ignorant declarations made by men who wish to gain publicity or to vent a personal spite.

The Red Cross and the Salvation Army," he said, "are going to receive a great deal of help in the future from the soldiers. Before we went away we used to laugh at them, but we can never repay them for the work they have done in France."

"SHOULDER ARMS" PROVES DIFFICULT TASK TO PRODUCE

The comedy situations and humorous incidents in "Shoulder Arms," the second million-dollar Chaplin production to be shown at the Arcade theatre today, were the most difficult to develop and produce of any that the famous screen comedian has ever attempted in any of his pictures.

According to his own explanation, he felt like he was literally "treading on thin ice all the time." In a statement to the First National Exhibitors' Circuit, distributors of his productions, he said:

"Military life abounds with possibilities for humor. But to picture any of them without actually ridiculing traditions, method and purpose proved more than a task. I did not want to get effects which would reflect in the slightest degree upon the Service, and still it was necessary to create action that would involve the ordinary daily events of a doughboy's life, and make them appear really laughable.

"To do this I decided that one central character—a typical 'boob'—could provide the situations by his own stupidity and difficulty in mastering the principles of soldiering, and properly draw into the mix-up representatives of every rank and branch of the service. This idea, carried out in 'Shoulder Arms,' brought the proper result, providing a score of novel situations without detracting in the least from the dignity of soldiering."

STAR Saturday

GERARD'S

"My Four Years In Germany"

TEN PARTS

RECRUITS FOR NAVY WANTED

OFFICER WILL BE IN LA GRANDE FEBRUARY 19 AND 20.

Applicants Between 17 and 18 Years of Age Requested to Apply for Blank Forms.

M. Mullison, chief carpenter's mate in the United States navy, in charge of the recruiting station at Pendleton, writes to The Observer:

"To give the young men of your section an opportunity to enlist in the navy and to give as much information as is requested pertaining to matters naval, I will be in La Grande the 19th and 20th of February. I will be prepared to give the preliminary physical examination and to classify the applicant as to his best suited rating in the navy.

"The life of a 'man o' war's man,' with its adventures, ever-changing scenes, new countries, new people; following the sea from one port to another, from ocean to ocean, has always appealed strongly to the imagination of men of spirit.

"In the records of the deeds of the men of the United States navy from John Paul Jones to men of the present time, the young American can find the highest inspiration; for our navy, both in time of war and peace, has played a great, honorable and often glorious part in the history of the country. The navy has been throughout its entire existence a service of high ideals; and its unbroken record of great and worthy achievement, of duty well done has been due to the high standard set for officers and men. This standard has never been higher than it is today; and any young man who thinks of going into the navy may feel sure on enlisting that he will enter a service in which he may, and should, always feel a justifiable pride and of which the uniform is a badge of honor.

"In addition to serving your country in an honorable position, a place in the navy offers, as a livelihood, many advantages, such as steady employment, good practical training, speedy promotion, provision for old age, a healthful life, an opportunity for training and travel and education. The pay is graded according to a man's skill and length of service. It is doubtful if in ordinary times there is any class of workmen better paid than the enlisted men in the navy. At present the pay ranges from \$32.00 per month for apprentice seaman to \$77.50 per month for boiler-makers. All tradesmen are wanted in unlimited numbers. Cooks and bakers are also in great demand.

"The ages in the navy are from 17 years to 35 years, boys between 17 and 18, however, being compelled to secure the written consent of their parents or guardian. Blanks for this purpose will be furnished by the recruiting officers. It is suggested that any prospective applicants of this age request these blanks by mail to help speed up the work of recruiting in the limited time I will have in La Grande."

TALLEST MAN IN ARMY

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 12.—If "the bigger they are the harder they fall," Private "Cupid" Miller, of Cleveland, was the hardest hit man in France during the "late unpleasantness." He is seven feet two inches high, and said to be the tallest man in the army. He was gassed in Argonne Forest, according to word just received here from him. An enclosed photograph shows two "buddies" of his standing under his outstretched arms with several inches to spare.

Dreadful Cough Cured.
A severe cold is often followed by Marysville, Mo., writes: "About two a rough cough for which Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven especially valuable. Mrs. F. W. Olsen, years ago my little boy Jean caught a severe cold and coughed dreadfully for days. I tried a number of cough medicines but nothing did him any good until I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieved his cough right away and before he had finished taking one bottle he was cured. I think it is just fine for children." adv.

WILL BE TAUGHT TO SWIM.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—American merchant sailors of the future must be as much at home in the water as on it. In other words, they must know how to swim. The United States shipping board has ordered its recruiting service, which is training thousands of young men for the merchant service, to include swimming lessons in its training program. It is expected that this instruction will reduce loss of life at sea, as many merchant sailors today are unable to swim a stroke. Life saving also will be taught apprentices on the shipping board's training vessels.

PLANTED BENEATH PLANTS
TOPEKA, Kans., Feb. 12.—Geraniums were not the only thing Minnie Spooner had in a flower box at her residence, police officers found, when they raided the place looking for booze. They found eleven quarts of liquor, bearing the name of a prominent Missouri distiller in a false bottom to the flower box. This is her second arrest.

TEACH "AMERICANIZATION."
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 12.—A course in "Americanization" has been added to the department of sociology at the University of Syracuse. A two-hour a week course has been decided on, one hour on Mondays and one on Wednesdays. The schedule will consist of fifteen lectures, which will treat of all angles of Americanism.

Arnott Suffered For Thirty Years

"Nothing on Earth Like Tanlac," He Says—Troubles Overcome

"Well, sir, a neighbor of mine put me onto this Tanlac a few weeks ago, and into the finest thing I have ever run across in the sixty-seven years of my life," declared Thomas J. Arnott, of 124 South May St., Spokane, while in Montgomery's Drug store recently.

"I have suffered for thirty years," he continued, "with a bad stomach and other troubles and spent a large part of what I made for treatments and medicines, but never did get any better until I began taking Tanlac. Everything I would eat hurt me and the gas on my stomach would rise up into my chest and cut my breath short. Sometimes my heart would beat so hard and fast that I

would just have to gasp for breath. I was uneasy all the time for fear I had heart trouble. I would have blind dizzy spells when I could hardly stand on my feet. I also suffered with headaches and simply felt played out nearly all the time.

"I can now eat what I want without it hurting me for the first time in thirty years, and since my food digests and the gas has stopped forming on my stomach I don't have any more trouble with palpitation and shortness of breath. Why, before I took Tanlac the least exercise would completely tire me out, but now I can walk or work all day long and feel none the worse from it. I guess I have taken a barrel of medicines of different kinds and lived on a diet, almost starving myself, trying to get rid of my trouble, but I suffered just the same until I got Tanlac. So I know what Tanlac has done for me and I appreciate it enough to tell everybody about it. In my opinion there's nothing like it."

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