

BARE RUTH IS INELIGIBLE TO PLAY BALL

Attitude Towards Umpire Results in His Ousting Temporarily.

THOROUGH PROBE IS TO BE MADE

Head of American League Declares Ruth's Failure to Keep Home Run Lead Put Him in Ugly Mood.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Babe Ruth was fined \$200 and removed from the captaincy of the New York Yankees by Ban Johnson, president of the American League, this afternoon.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, May 26.—Babe Ruth was declared today ineligible to play with the Yankees until a complete investigation has been made of his argument with Umpire Hildebrand, which resulted in the "home run king" being put out of a game yesterday.

President Ban Johnson of the American League, who announced the decision, said that the final decision will be made tomorrow and that Ruth will not be permitted to play today. One day of suspension and a stiff fine will probably be his punishment, it was said.

Johnson said Ruth became extremely nervous over his previous suspension and the long lead obtained in home runs by Ken Williams of the St. Louis Browns and over Ruth's failure to hit when he got back into the game. Johnson said this attitude that might cause him to do things in the heat of a game which he would regret a few minutes later.

DEATH TAKES TWO FORMER CITIZENS

Ira Baird and A. W. Gillis, Well Known By Older La Grande People, Called By Death.

Ira Baird, who was once head clerk for Jay Brooks when the Brooks store was one of the largest mercantile establishments in Eastern Oregon, died several days ago at his home in Portland. Of late years he had been connected with Oles, Wortman & King of Portland. Mr. Baird was very popular when he lived in La Grande and will be remembered by many people here.

Another former Union county man to pass on recently was A. W. Gillis, who was for many years prominently associated with the M. & M. company of Island City. After leaving the mercantile business in this county Mr. Gillis owned and operated the Copper Butte ranch in Baker county for a number of years. Then he removed to Woodburn, Oregon, where he became very prosperous, and at the time of his death was one of the largest property owners of that city.

ELEPHANTS ARE DISPLACED.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Automobile tractors are displacing elephants in logging operations in the teak wood forests of India according to information received here from the Indian forestry service.

Snow Blocks Traffic Over Blue Mountains

Snow in the Blue Mountains has again stopped traffic along the Old Oregon Trail, it was announced today at the office of the division engineer of the state highway commission. A car belonging to the highway commission left Pendleton at an early hour this morning and became stranded in the snow west of Kamela. A heavy fall of snow during the night was responsible for the sudden change.

Before the snowfall a large number of cars crossed the mountains. Kenneth Keeney making a record in driving a Franklin car over on Wednesday that is believed to be one of the best ever made at this time of the year.

Keeney left the Pendleton office this morning at 11:15 and drove through

He Threw Sand At Umpire Hildebrand



RUTH
Another king has fallen! Babe Ruth, the home run king of baseball, can't keep up his string of homers this season. This and other things that irritate King Ruth put him in an ugly mood and he threw sand at an umpire who declared him out, so now King Ruth is ineligible to play until a thorough investigation.

STAMPEDE AT HAINES DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Bad Weather Failed to Stop Cowboys from Beginning Their Annual Event.

The Haines Stampede, which started Thursday afternoon, was a decided success, over twelve hundred people braving the bad weather and dust to be at the big show. Many riders of national reputation were present and took part in the program. Among the best known were Al Biscaro and his wife, Iris, of Elko, Nevada; Frank Smith, of Red Bluff, Cal.; Bert and Mabel Baze, of Caldwell, Idaho, and Coyote Oliver, from California. Among the local men are Herb Jordan and R. W. Peebler.

The first event of the afternoon was called off, as the persons who took part in the pony race did not get a fair start and some horses ran the full quarter mile, while others only ran a few feet.

Thursday was named Baker Day by the neighboring town and Baker responded with sixty-five car loads of enthusiasts and boosters for the performance of the old time wild west-erners.

In the steer roping contest of the afternoon Coyote Oliver roped and tied his steer in 70 seconds, while Frank Smith caught his steer in eighty seconds. Bill Mackay, Jesse Lawrence and John Powell lost their steers. Due to high winds, the roping contest was quite poor.

The young westerners of the day, sons of prominent men in the arena, displayed no uncertain talent in riding calves. Little George Williamson, son of Wynn Williamson, a prominent stockman and rancher of Baker valley, was thrown from an unruly calf and had his collar bone broken.

There were only two contestants in the ladies' bucking contest. Iris Biscaro made a spectacular ride on Grandma, while Opal Crowder rode Baker girl.

R. W. Peebler won first in the cowboy saddle race, while Bill McPherson won second and Mabel Baze rode the horse entered by Archie Payton, winning third place. The free-for-all race was the scene of the afternoon's second accident. On the second turn the horse ridden by R. W. Peebler ran into the fence and fell, unseating and slightly injuring Peebler, the horse ridden by Mabel Baze stumbled over Peebler, fell and Mrs. Baze was in a

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MANY PASS IN EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Fifty-two Per Cent of Those Taking Tests in County This Year Make Their Grades.

Of a total of 279 eighth grade students who took the annual state eighth grade examinations only 157 passed. Eighty-two will take the examinations that will be given later in the year in an attempt to make their grades. In other words, a fraction over 52 per cent of the students who took the examinations failed.

The above figures apply only to those who took the final eighth grade examinations. A much larger number took the geography and physiology examinations for the sixth and seventh grades and indications are that a larger percentage of these were successful.

The list of eighth grade students who passed the examinations and have received their grammar school diplomas are as follows:

La Grande District No. 1.
Waver Anderson, Fern Emily Beck, Edith Blackington, Willard Spencer Blackington, Alvin Boswell, Wesley Brownson, Gwendolyn Buchanan, Cecile Cable, Leland Carbine, Eva Cary, Eleanor Lanza Cleaver, Jack Coolidge, Leland Croasen, Frank Cullen, Grace Ann Cullen, Marguerite Elam, Marguerite Ellis, Eva Flanery, Gilbert French, Herman Clifford Gaertner, Eldora Hansen, Harry Hewitt, Iva Hug, Helen Jensen, Norman Jesse, Carmen Kelly, Francis Kelly, Thelma Lamm, John Spencer Larson, Lillian Laub, David McGahey, Clara McKenna, Florence Miller, Genevieve Nelson, Earl Oliver, Claribelle Rhine, Anna Ridgeway, Roy Rostock, Daisy Ruth Robbs, Clara Shepherd, Lyle Sherill, Edna Spencer, Lyle Duxes Stillwell, Myrtle Wilcock, Dean Etta Wright.

Sacred Heart Academy.
Paul Meyers, Amelia Mink, Allen Ryan, Verda Rae Smith, Beulah Stephens, Marjorie Warnick, Mary Wilwers.

District No. 3, La Grande.
Mary W. Masters, Lester J. Posey, Verne H. Spiers.

District No. 5, Union.
Clifford Irwin, Clifford Baxter, Dorothy Brown, Eldon Casper, Ralph Cook, Bruce Davis, William Davis, Kenneth Greenwood, Burrell Hibbert, Beulah Kofford, Kenneth Kofford, Donald Lamb, Leah Lay, Jerdie Low, Nellie McClellan, Bethena Miller, Verne Nielsen, Clara Van Houten, Alice Wilde, Ella Wright.

District No. 6, Summerville.
Wellington Hamilton.

District No. 8, North Powder.
Mildred Anderson, Georgia Bauer, Mary Dalton, Evangeline Gorman, Annie Haines, Elina Hess, Elizabeth Johnson, Leona Lebetter, Andrew Lun, Orville Miller, Tommy Shaw.

District No. 10, Island City.
Everett Clark, Helen Gibson, Howard Williams.

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Stockraisers See Better Times Ahead-Union Chosen As The Next Meeting Place

TREASURY CASE BOBS UP AGAIN THIS MORNING

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Blair Dover situation in the treasury described as "closed" by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon yesterday, was again laid before the president today with the presentation of a petition signed by over a dozen members of the Ohio delegation to congress, asking the reinstatement of O. C. Childs, of Ohio, former supervisors of collectors of the internal revenue bureau.

BUSINESS TO BE AT STANDSTILL

Merchants Favor Closing all Day, is Report of Committee.

Business will be at a standstill in La Grande next Tuesday, Memorial Day. After considering the proposition yesterday, several merchants interviewed agreed that it was useless to attempt to keep open until 10 o'clock, at which time the program starts. While only a portion of the merchants were seen by the committee, the sentiment in favor of closing all day was so manifest that President Short of the Ad Club was prompted to issue an invitation to business men to close all day. Housewives are reminded that as a consequence of closing on Memorial Day they should order their provisions on Monday to last them until Wednesday.

OLCOTT HAS SAFE LEAD

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 26.—With official reports lacking only from Curry, Harney and Wheeler counties, the latest figures today gave Governor Olcott 43,020 and Chas. Hall 42,551 votes in the republican primary for the nomination for governor.

The name of Milton A. Miller was written in for the democratic nomination for state treasurer and he may be a candidate against Hoff.

SPOOKS!



Commencement This Evening

Large Class to Be Graduated At High School Here.

The commencement exercises for the graduating class of the La Grande high school will be held in the L. D. S. Tabernacle this evening at eight o'clock. A record breaking number of seniors are graduating this year, the number being well over 30.

Prince L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address. The program is as follows: Invocation, by Rev. William Crosby Rose, pastor of the Presbyterian church; solo, "The Wind's in the South" (John Trindell Scott), by Miss Florence Lynch; commencement address, by President P. L. Campbell; presentation of diplomas, by J. A. Russell, chairman of the school board, and Benediction, by C. J. Black, counselor to the president of Union State of the L. D. S. church.

FIVE THOUSAND LOSS BY FIRE

Fire on Wednesday caused a loss of approximately \$5,000 on the farm home of Herbert Meyers in May Park. Mr. Meyers was repairing his automobile and the blow torch he was using ignited gasoline fumes. The garage, the car, a barn and his apple house were all completely destroyed by the fire.

ISLAND LADS ARE DEFEATED

The La Grande Juniors journeyed to Island City yesterday afternoon and took the Island baseball aspirants down the line with a final score of 18 to 5 in a seven-inning contest. La Grande took an early lead and never was in danger.

The big game of the season for the local youngsters will take place at the fair grounds Saturday when they play the final game of the series with the Imbler juveniles, who claim the Eastern Oregon juvenile championship. Each team has won one game and this game will decide who will be this year's champions. La Grande has been the only team to win from them this season.

SENTENCE OF CRANE MAY BE INVESTIGATED

Demand Made that Secretary of State Investigate French Action.

INCIDENT LED TO RUPTURE IN SYRIA

Crane Declares that U. S. Consulate was Forced to Demand An Apology for An "Incident."

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 26.—A resolution directing Secretary of State Hughes to make immediate inquiry of the French government concerning the correctness of reports concerning the imposition of a two-year sentence upon Charles E. Crane by a French military court at Damascus, was introduced by Representative abath, democrat, of Illinois.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, May 26.—Charles E. Crane said today that before his arrival at Damascus, Syria, the United States consul there hoisted down the American flag, took down his shingle and refused to have further relations with the French authorities until they apologized for an incident that had occurred. The French finally apologized and relations were resumed.

Gary Gives His Remedy For Ills

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 26.—Elbert H. Gary in an address as president of the American Iron and Steel institute today advocated that congress take the tariff out of politics, that it play no favorites in its tendency to regulate things, that it substitute a sales tax for the income tax, and that it forget the soldier bonus until the nation is less severely burdened financially.

As for the business future of America, Gary declared himself still an optimist. In the steel and iron industry, he said, the profits are not satisfactory, but few if any ought to be doing business at a loss.

EX-PASTOR CONVICTED.
(By Associated Press)
COUER D'ALENE, Ida., May 26.—J. O. Haggler, said to have been a former Methodist minister at Groves, Oklahoma, was found guilty by a federal court jury here Wednesday of transporting Georgia Prather from Couer d'Alene to Portland, Ore., for immoral purposes.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
SINNAMAHONING, Pa., May 26.—Eight men were killed and three slightly injured when three packing houses at the powder plant here of the Grasselli Chemical company blew up today.

(By Associated Press)
BIRMINGHAM, May 26.—Eleven miners were killed last night in an explosion in Acmar mine No. 3 of the Alabama Fuel and Iron company in St. Clair county, according to a report received today.

Oregon Trail Boosters Accorded Warm Welcome

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoddard have returned from their trip to Southern Idaho where Mr. Stoddard went as a representative of the Union County Ad Club in the campaign carried on by the Oregon Trail Association to have the road through Idaho and Utah designated as the Old Oregon Trail. Mr. Stoddard reports that they met nothing but enthusiasm on the way. Buhl and Twin Falls, Idaho, were especially interested. The business men at Buhl devoted two hours in the middle of the day to the meeting on Saturday. The party was late in getting into Buhl for the scheduled luncheon but the Buhl people waited on them and had a meeting anyway. The delegation from Oregon visited one mine between Buhl and Boise and were entertained by the Boise Chamber of Commerce. As that place is very well known by J. Ross Brown, secretary of the Idaho Museum, he

Weather

Tonight fair with light to heavy frosts in the east portion of the state. Saturday fair and warmer.