

SPORT NEWS

MAY COME IN BALL LEAGUE

(Special to The Observer)
 UNION, April 17.—A committee from the Union Commercial club met with representatives of the Baker, Cove and La Grande baseball clubs at the Union Hotel last Friday night to discuss the possibility of Union entering the league. Union has not a factory and for the past few years has been so poorly supported as a baseball town that no one seemed willing to finance the proposition, but with an arrangement in regard to the rate receipts there is a possibility of the four-town league being organized. If Union can secure a suitable manager to work in conjunction with the Commercial club committee, she will come into the league. The matter will be settled definitely the first part of this week.

Portland Has Holiday For Baseball Opening

(By Associated Press)
 PORTLAND, Apr. 17.—With 10,000 seats sold in the grandstand and about 15,000 people on bleachers, circus seats and in the field, the baseball park was believed to have had the record crowd today for any opening game. The weather is cloudy.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 17.—The homecoming of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast baseball league, with the opening game scheduled with San Francisco here today, was marked by preparations for a demonstration by fans backed by state and city officials and heads of business and industrial concerns.

Gov. Walter M. Pierce proclaimed today a holiday and Mayor George L. Baker decreed a half-holiday in Portland. The school board voted to close the schools this afternoon and business houses generally agreed to cut off work to the district and to join in the turnout.

For several weeks committees have been at work arranging for the occasion. Many communities throughout the state obtained blocks of seats and arranged to send delegations.

Only the weatherman remained to be propitiated to make the occasion a greater success than last year when thousands were turned away and every available bit of seating and standing room at the grounds were occupied.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OPENS
 CHICAGO, Apr. 17.—The National league opened today, Chicago playing Pittsburgh here. Boston opened at New York, St. Louis at Cincinnati, Philadelphia at Brooklyn, with fair weather in most cities and big crowds. The American league opens tomorrow.

OGDEN IMPROVEMENTS
 OGDEN, Utah, Apr. 17.—Four million dollars worth of improvements in buildings, roads and other civic work is the program for Ogden in the next nine months, according to announcement by city authorities.



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SPORT BRIEFS

THREE MEETS SCHEDULED
 O. A. C., Corvallis, Apr. 17.—Three track meets have been definitely scheduled for the varsity squad and two more meets are expected to be arranged in the near future. O. A. C. will fight Washington for supremacy in the relay at Seattle April 27 and 28. U. S. C. asked for a dual meet but the date was too early for the squad and a later date is under discussion. The Aggies will contend with Oregon at Eugene May 19. The east conference meet at Pullman, Wash., will be June 2 to 5.

JUNIOR WEEK-END PLANS
 O. A. C., Corvallis, Apr. 17.—Plans for Junior week-end May 19, 21 and 22 include baseball games, athletic contests, a formal dance, a canoe fest, vaudeville stunts, and special church services. Two baseball games with the University of Oregon have been arranged. One will be played in the afternoon May 11 and the other Saturday morning, May 12. The formal dance will be Saturday evening, May 12. The Richardson three year cup will be awarded the canoe taking first prize in the canoe fest.

PENDLETON, April 17.—Pendleton continues to head the league with a perfect win column. The results of Sunday's games and the league standings are:

Pendleton, 1,000; Walla Walla, 664; Pasco, 603; Milton-Freewater, 322; Echo, 323 and Kennewick, 309.
Sunday's Results
 Pendleton 17, Kennewick 7.
 Milton-Freewater 8, Pasco 4.
 Echo 5, Walla Walla 4.

HUNTER WINS TITLE
 LOS ANGELES, April 17.—Willis L. Hunter, former British amateur golf champion, Monday won the southern California amateur championship by defeating E. S. (Scotty) Armstrong of Los Angeles, 2 and 1, in the finals at Midwick Country club.

BAN BREAK PITCHING
 CHICAGO, April 17.—All break pitching deliveries—the slide ball, emery ball and spit ball, will be banned in the American association this season, President Hickey said Monday night. The league season opens next Thursday.

Many Knockouts in Round-Up City Card

According to several who witnessed the boxing card in Pendleton last evening, it shouldn't have been called a boxing card—but a knockout card.



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Carlo Aldini, shown here with Victoria Napolera, his leading woman is called the "Doug of Germany." In matches, at least, he seems to be Falchuk's equal. They are in New York to make stunt pictures atop the skyscrapers.

Four knockouts in four preliminaries was the measure that was taken.

Benny Needham was given the referee's decision over Leo Stokes in the main event, but, according to La Grande's who were present, the decision was raw. The boxing commission took up the matter and decided that Needham's decision was not warranted.

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EXPANSION OF LUMBER GREAT

Retail lumber trade, which has been unusually good throughout the winter season, is showing further expansion under the influence of warmer weather and the eagerness of builders to get their jobs started, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. Many retailers continue to hold back in making commitments, either because of uncertainty as to how far the building movement will run or because of the price question, and wholesale trade is dull in spot. Lumber distributors, however, look for a general entry into the market by the retailers during this month, and the mills are clearing their dock.

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as best they can in preparation for a big increase in business shortly. The market meanwhile holds firm. Transit cars have been in heavy demand during the last few weeks and have been well cleaned up with the result that prices on them have moved higher. The mills are still heavily overstocked. Though they have lately made some progress in reducing their old order files, they still have enough business on their books to keep them running at normal from thirty to sixty days. Mill stock have been only slightly, if at all, improved, and it is still difficult to place orders, especially if they are of a badly mixed character. Industrial trade holds up very satisfactorily, and is expanding in some channels. Railroads are on the market for vast quantities of repair and construction materials, and have placed further orders for rolling stock. The oil fields are scenes of activity, and their consumption of timbers and general construction items is large. Automobile, furniture, flooring and interior trim manufacturers remain heavily on the hardwood market, while miscellaneous consumers' requirements aggregate a sizable volume. Exports of both softwoods and hardwoods are increasing.

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