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FIELD MEET BETWEEN BOISE AND ONTARIO

Local Boys Show up Well When Pitted Against City School.

SEVERAL FIRST PLACES WON

The field meet here Friday between the Boise and Ontario schools brought out a good crowd to boost for the local boys and the boys returned the compliment by making an excellent showing against the big city school.

The Ontario team was handicapped by Blackaby being about out with a strained tendon, only entering one event, while ordinarily he could have taken the pole vault if not others. Leaving out the weights and it is seen that the local team had the best of the meet. The hammer and others of these are barred from the Oregon schools and the boys had not trained for them.

Eight of the boys will go to Wallowa to compete.

The results of the meet follow:

50 yard dash—Thompson (B), Husted (O), Chalfant (B), time, 6 seconds.

100 yard dash—Thompson (B), Husted (O), Chalfant (B); time, 10:4

Pole vault—Duff (B), Husted (O), Grimes (O); 9 feet 4-1/2 inches.

Hammer—Houston (B), Maddux (O) Barber (B); 113.

Discus—Houston (B), Maddux (O), Barber (B); 102 feet 10 inches.

440 yard dash—Strane (O), Spoford (B), Maddux (O); 55 seconds.

880 yard run—Koenig, (O), Disney (B), Maddux (O); 2:20.

1 mile run—Disney (B), Boyer (O), Snook (B); 5:24.

Broad jump—Husted (O), Tucker (B) Myers (O), 18 feet 9 inches.

220 hurdles—Nugent (B), Pyper (B), Brown (O); 28:03.

120 hurdles—Myers (O), Blackaby (O), Duff, (B); 29 seconds.

High jump—Myers (O), Blackaby (O), Duff (B); 5 feet 1 inch.

Javelin—Myers (O), Platt (O), Man gun (B); 137 feet 3 1-2 inches.

220 Yard Dash—Thompson (B), Strane (O), Nugent (B); 24:2.

Shot put—Houston (B), Mangun, (B), Platt (O); 38 feet.

Relay—Boise, Tucker, Nugent, Chalfant, Thompson.

Prof. Conklin is much interested in the corn planting for the corn contest and is urging all who are going to compete for the prizes to get on the list so that they can be looked after. He has blanks which every grower should have to keep account of everything entering into this crop from the preparation of the seed bed, to the harvesting of the crop. If you are interested call him up and he will see that you get a blank.

There is the usual fruit scare this spring by the cool nights but the fruit inspector, James Lackey, says there will be a full crop of apples, about sixty per cent of a peach crop and forty per cent of prunes according to the best information he can get. In some sections there has been no damage while in others some fruit has been cut, as usual. Reports from other sections indicate a light crop for the entire country and that means good prices.

Many of our citizens have been in Vale this week attending Circuit Court. Among the cases disposed of are the ones against the box car thieves arrested by Marshall Odell, they were found guilty; Sam Yarber was found guilty of rape; C B Baker, the check artist was found guilty.

E E Goudy got a bad fall on Wednesday, slipping between a car and the loading platform. He was injured in a similar manner a few weeks ago.

VERA CRUZ PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Rear-Admiral Badger Orders American Non-Combatants to Leave on Steamer.

Vera Cruz.—Definite instructions from Rear-Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, to all American non-combatants to leave Vera Cruz by the steamer Mexico, have been posted at the consulate and other places, and Vera Cruz is under martial law, Rear-Admiral Fletcher, commanding the American naval forces on shore having issued a proclamation to this effect.

Admiral Fletcher determined there should be no more quibbling with the Mexican officials regarding forms of government. Until further notice, the residents will be judged by military law. A large number of local Mexican officials have reported their willingness to resume their duties as officers under the supervision of the Americans.

With all ceremony, the firing of a salute and dress parade, the American flag was raised Monday over the division headquarters of Rear-Admiral Frank F. Fletcher. Over the customhouse the flag has been flying since the landing of the American forces, but there had been no ceremony indicating the formal occupation of Vera Cruz.

The more friendly attitude displayed in the capital towards foreigners in the last day or two was in a measure explained when it was learned from refugees that rebel supporters in Mexico City had taken steps to change public opinion.

They circulated handbills calling upon the people to protect Americans and denouncing Huerta as the cause of the landing of the American naval forces at Vera Cruz and also as the author of false and inflammatory statements published in Mexico City.

CAPTAIN RUSH



Captain Rush, of the battleship Florida, who commanded the sailors and marines at the capture of Vera Cruz.

The wool buyers are around pretty thick, trying to pick up some clips. They are shearing at Juntura and Brogan and much of the wool is being shipped, having been sold under contract. Juntura will have sales days, they expect to shear about sixty thousand there.

Editor Gallagher, of the Juntura Times was a pleasant caller at the Argus office Tuesday. He reports that Juntura is growing very fast. Work is being pushed on the new depot and many other buildings are being erected. The wool shipments this year are going to be large.

Frank Davey of the Harney County News, was around this week getting acquainted with the voters and the country. There is no question about Mr. Davey being elected as our next representative to the legislature, neither is there any question but that he will see that needs of eastern Oregon are brought to the attention of the legislature.

HUERTA AGREES TO MEDIATE TROUBLE

Washington.—Formal acceptance by the Huerta government of the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish Ambassador Riano here by Portillo y Rojas, foreign minister in the Huerta cabinet.

No conditions are imposed in the offer of good offices, consequently the reply from Mexico City was not expected to deal with conditions which will be reached when the peacemakers formulate their plans and make known how they propose to use the good offices which have been accepted.

Pressure from Germany, Great Britain and France advising Huerta to accept the first steps toward mediation and the approving attitude of Latin-American countries to the settlement of the controversy by Pan-American diplomacy emphasized the world-wide influences which are working to bring about peace.

Neither Ambassador Riano nor the peace envoys would make public the text of the Huerta acceptance. It was said, however, that Senor Rojas replied briefly, accepting the offer and thanking the South American plenipotentiaries and the Spanish ambassador for their good offices, with a reference to "the real spirit of solidarity between peoples of a same race."

BRYAN DECLARES NO AMERICANS ARE SLAIN

Washington.—Following the announcement that Huerta has granted permission to all Americans to leave Mexico City, Secretary Bryan said that, so far as authentic information was concerned, he knew of no American citizen having been killed in the capital or elsewhere in the Mexican republic within the last few days. Through the efforts of the British embassy here and the British legation in Mexico City, the impression that Mexicans were detained at Vera Cruz had been removed.

Advices received through the British embassy told of the completion of arrangements for the safe departure of Americans from Mexico City, while the French ambassador gave the state department a message he had received from the French legation stating that while there had been some anti-American manifestations in the Mexican capital, order now prevailed.

Refugees were reported safe at Tampico, Puerto Mexico and other east coast points, with arrangements under way to get them to Galveston.

Mexico City Fed on Weird "News."

Vera Cruz.—The newspapers of the capital are reported to be publishing stories to the effect that the American forces at Vera Cruz are slaughtering women and children, and the papers call on Mexicans in Mexico City to retaliate in a similar manner.

Other stories printed by the newspapers say that France, Germany, Great Britain and Spain had declared war against the United States.

Anti-Home Rulers Get 70,000 Rifles.

Belfast.—Outwitting the authorities, who had prohibited arms importation into Ireland, it was learned that anti-home rulers succeeded in landing 70,000 rifles and distributed them among the Ulster Orangemen.

American Consul Thrown into Jail.

Washington.—United States Consul General Phillip C. Hanna, at Monterey, reported to Secretary Bryan that he had been humiliated and placed in jail by Mexicans on April 22. He was kept behind the bars until released two days later by the constitutionalists when they captured the city.

E. A. Blair is building a house at Fruitland

Married in Weiser, by the Presbyterian minister, on the 18th, Miss Gentry and James Durner, of Salt Lake. They will make their home in Salt Lake. Mrs. Durner has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Reynolds, for some time and has many friends here who extend best wishes.

STRIKERS BATTLE WITH MINE GUARDS

Walsenburg, Col.—A battle began between strikers and mine guards when strikers attacked the McNally coal mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, three-quarters of a mile west of Walsenburg.

Sheriff Jeff Farr reported that seven men had been killed. All of the reported dead, he said, were mine guards.

Within 10 minutes after the first shots were fired every place in the city from which the battle could be seen was crowded with people with field glasses. The marching and counter-marching of the strikers and guards looked like moving pictures.

Within a few minutes after the opening of the shooting, men could be seen coming down the hogback behind the McNally mine and entering the camp houses. The men had hardly reached the main part of the camp when two automobiles, bearing the superintendent and his family, dashed from the mine grounds, with bullets kicking dust around the wheels. The automobiles pulled up at a doctor's office and Miss Margaret Gregory was taken in. She was the first to be wounded.

A striker had shot through the door of the superintendent's house just as they were ready to leave. A watch pinned to Miss Gregory's dress deflected the bullet and it tore through her arm.

STUDENTS TO GIVE ANNUAL CLASS PLAY

The students of the High School will give their annual class play at Dreamland on May 6th, next Wednesday evening. The play selected is one by Charles Townsend, a three act comedy, Captain Racket, with the following cast:

Herschel Brown—Cap. Robert, of the National guard. A lawyer when he has nothing else to do, and a liar all the time—Comedy Lead.

Ray Boyer—Obadiah Dawson, His uncle from Japan "where they make tea"—Comedy Old Man.

Theo Moore, Timothy Tolman—His friend, who married for money, and is sorry for it—Juvenile Man

Don Platt, Mr. Dalroy,—His father-in-law, a jolly cove—Eccentric.

Bill Strane, Hobson—A waiter from the "Cafe Gloriana," who adds to the confusion—Utility.

Rachel Chapman, Clarice—The Captain's pretty wife, out for a lark and up to anything awful—Comedy Lead

Jessie Hicks—A lady with a temper who finds her Timothy a vexation of spirit—Old Woman.

Jean Conklin—A mischievous maid—Soubrette—Tootsie—The "kid", Tim's, olive branch—Props

Synopsis.

Act I. Place—Tim's country home on the Hudson near New York. Time: A breezy morning in September. The Captain's fancy takes flight and the trouble begins.

Act II. Place—The same. Time: The next morning. How one yarn requires another. "The greatest liar unbung." Now the trouble increases, and the Captain prepares for war.

Act III. Place—The same. Time: evening of the same day. More "misery", A general muddle "Dance or you'll die." Cornered at last. The captain owns up. All serene. Time of playing, two hours.

The admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

Sneak thieves took some baggage from the Multnomah on Wednesday evening. Marshall Odell soon had the plunder located and will likely get the thieves soon.

George H. Oram and wife, were visiting Ontario friends over Sunday.

3 SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS FOR PEACE

President Wilson Formally Accepts Good Offices of Brazil, Argentina and Chile.

Washington.—President Wilson announced he had accepted an offer from Brazil, Argentina and Chile to use their good offices in an attempt to bring about a peaceful and friendly settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.

The offer was formally submitted by the three South American envoys to Secretary Bryan. Coincidentally with the acceptance of the offer of mediation, administration officials announced there would be no cessation of preparations by the army and navy for future emergencies and no orders would be issued to the naval forces now at Vera Cruz or the ships at sea changing original plans. No further steps, however, to obtain reparation for the indignities which gave rise to the present situation will be attempted while the effort is being made to bring about a settlement through diplomacy.

The success of the first steps toward mediation, the prompt acceptance by the United States, and the announcement of the Spanish ambassador that Huerta had accepted the tender of good offices, produced a feeling of distinct hope, which was reflected, not only in administration quarters, but in congress as well, where "war talk" gave way to a spirit of conciliation.

White house officials let it be known that they were earnestly desirous of aiding the South American diplomats in every way possible and that no announcements as to points that would be insisted upon by the United States would be made, or anything else done, at this time, which might embarrass their efforts.

GENERAL FUNSTON



Brigadier General Frederick Funston, who will command the first detachment of troops landed at Vera Cruz.

L. Ward King, the split log road man, has been lecturing in some of the Snake river valley towns this week and those who have been fortunate enough to hear him are loud in their praises of the practical ideas he has. The split drag is a simple affair but very effective. The constant dragging of the roads after showers tend to round it up in the center, the adding of thin layers to this crown has the same effect as puddling and makes the surface too hard and firm for the rains to effect, so that the road is good in winter as summer. In many of the eastern states the farmers have drags and tend to the roads in front of their farms, taking a pride in having the best piece of road.

Rev. Davidann preached his last sermon in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday and a new man will take charge of the work.

BASEBALL FANS SEE SOME GOOD GAMES

With Helena, Payette and Fruitland Ball Teams

PLAY PAYETTE HERE SUNDAY

The game at Weiser on Sunday was won by Weiser 7 to 6. From the report in the Weiser paper it was not a very good game. The Weiser team wished to play Elwell, who is not a member of the team and Vale protested, this started it and it was so bad that many left the grounds before the finish.

The game at Payette Sunday resulted in the Ontario team winning by a score of 8 to 6. The heavy wind made it rather disagreeable but the way the teams played kept the interest up. There was a very noticeable improvement in the stick work. Depauley and others having their eyes back. From now on it is expected that the Ontario team will forge to the front.

The return ball game between the Fruitland and Ontario teams was played here Tuesday afternoon and resulted in the Fruitland team making the most runs. When it came to errors there was a tie but a small crowd enjoyed it very much.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE IN CITY

There are many improvements under way in Ontario at the present time.

The contractors are working a large force on the sewer laterals and it will keep them busy about all summer.

The stone work on the new Ontario National bank building is being laid and has advanced sufficiently to give some idea of the elegant appearance it will make when completed.

At the Methodist church they are placing a concrete foundation under the main building.

N. O. Oard is making good headway on his new home in the southern part of the city.

Dr. Prinzing is having a sleeping porch and other improvements added to his home.

H. O. Drane is making some extensive improvements to his home.

The Canfield building is being remodeled, the two rooms being thrown into one.

A. McWilliams about put John Woods out of business when he bought his old stuff for the Montana market. This was an especially good lot of heavy range horses and the price was said to be fair. With the Mexican trouble blowing over there will not be much more demand for horses this spring.

There will be a meeting of the people interested in the Black Canyon District at Caldwell at 2 p. m. on the 7th of May at which time it is hoped that all interested will be present. The Black Canyon district officers are trying to get the members of Congress from Oregon and also a delegation from this county to go to Washington and urge the passage of the law to give government help to the irrigation of the lands of the west. This district adjoins this county and will be of great benefit to us, besides it will be possible to irrigate our own lands if this appropriation is made.

A. Vannator returned this week from a trip to Mexico where he has got interested in the cattle business. He will attend to some business here and then return. He says where he was there was no fighting.