

THE FORUM

To the Editor:—No reader of newspapers but that seeks his solid reasoning upon important events in the editorial columns of his daily paper. Today any reader of The Chronicle can carry but one thought gleaned from the so-called "cream" of news items, namely, the baseball editorial written for last night's paper by Mr. Bucklin.

Contained in this article was an unjust accusation and deliberate attack upon the ability and characters of every player upon The Dalles team. Reviewed from various angles there is not one ounce of fact that would justify such an attack. There is no doubt in the minds of spectators and players but that the hasty temper of one man caused defeat of the local team and lost the deserved respect of local fans. However, baseball and life are very much alike. One must profit by one's mistakes.

But for the editor of such a widely-read paper as The Chronicle to make such a howling wreck of an editorial that by all rules should have been in "The Forum," and to make such an artistic mountain out of a molehill, to bring wide criticism upon innocent members of a team, and to make his own paper a source of evil in this locality, is entirely inexcusable.

I'll admit having played a poor game, and every other player will do likewise. Any team has a bad day in the field. Any team is subject to sudden flights of nerves and confidence. Any team may have a weak day at bat. But Mr. Editor, does this justify such an article as you have written? Do you think a disastrous ball game fit subject for your editorial columns? Do you think you have helped the entire community in any respect by playing up such an evil occurrence as a fight to such an extent?

We admit defeat and make no excuses. We had an off day. We admit the attack of one player upon another is unsportsmanlike and an unhealthy example for fans to witness. But we will not admit you were justified in such an offer of caustic elocution. Your paper goes out to hundreds of readers who believe your articles. They will absorb wholly what you have said. You have killed baseball as far as The Dalles is concerned. No team could win supporters after such abuse.

Not a man on the team but who sacrifices daily and weekly to represent this locality. Not a member but is a representative citizen of this city. We have purchased our own equipment, scraped our own field, built our own grand stand and backstop, worked tooth and nail to get out a good team. Now at the first sign of bad form on the part of one player you, (the only agent for good in the community) howl louder than any rabid fan dared to howl and scatter your foul seed to the state, leaving all your readers the impression that The Dalles is a tough place and her athletes the toughest of her people.

I further wish to say that the offended player of the visiting team is a warm personal friend of mine, and he has said he was not certain he had not given the offending player ample justification for resentment. The teams harbor no ill feeling. The whole thing simmers down to the attack of one player upon another. This is not right, 'tis true, yet it happens daily in baseball circles. Cobb, Evers, Chance, McLean and scores of others have been fined and suspended for these acts. It is not clean sport, you're right, but it will happen where heat replaces coolness in contests of the head and hand.

So, in summing up, I believe you are wronging ten innocent men in order to squelch one. You have ruined Sunday baseball here. You have given the entire locality a "black eye." You have used your paper as a garbage dump, and last, but not least you have done no lasting good to anyone.

I desire and demand, for the sake of the other players, that this letter be printed intact the earliest publication of The Chronicle following its receipt.

Yours for clean sport,
LYNN ROYCREFT.

Note:—The editor gets it again for

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having expressed an idea which he humbly believes is sound, namely: that petty squabbling and fights kill baseball and defeat the end of clean sport.

The editor sought to point out that a player should be ruled by the umpire, not by his temper. We explained from our viewpoint (it is the viewpoint of the average fan, we believe) why fights at ball games injure the sport.

We did not intend to cast any slur upon any player. The man who punched the Maupin first baseman is a friend of ours. But that is neither here nor there. We cannot play friends in the columns of The Chronicle. What is right is right and what is wrong is wrong. But, be it said, there was no intent to condemn any player of the team. We attacked the principle which makes a baseball game degenerate into a free-for-all fight.

Mr Roycroft, unduly aroused, accuses us of killing baseball in The Dalles. If baseball has been killed here, the disgraceful exhibition at the park Sunday accomplished its demise. No word of ours could add to or detract from that unfortunate incident.

Baseball, however, is not dead in The Dalles. The Chronicle shall further the national sport in every way possible. The editorial was a step taken to keep the game alive here—not to kill it.

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MEETING NOTICES

Artisans' Social Postponed.
The social which was to have been held Wednesday evening, May 11, has been postponed until the June social meeting on account of the carnival. 11

Eastern Star.
Regular meeting Columbia chapter, O. E. S., 8 o'clock, this evening. 10

St. Paul's Guild
will meet at the rectory Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Terrall, hostess. 10

Royal Arch Masons
Special convocation, Wednesday evening, 7:30, p. m. Work in M. M. and P. M. Visiting companions welcome. By order of the H. P. THOMAS R. HUDSON, Secy. 11

The Good Intent society will meet in the west room of the church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. 10

The Catholic Ladies' Social circle meeting has been postponed until Wednesday, May 18, when the organization will meet with Mrs. J. D. Kelly. 10

W. O. W.
Regular meeting this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of members and the team is requested. Refreshments will be served. O. D. DOANE, clerk. 10

Regular meeting of the Lutheran ladies aid society will be held Wednesday afternoon, May 11, in the church parlors. 10

ENGLAND WELCOMES JAP. PRINCE WITH DISPLAY

By United Press
LONDON, May 10.—Amidst a regal display unequalled since the begin-

ning of the war, Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan arrived in England yesterday.

The prince was welcomed at Portsmouth by the Prince of Wales and a group of British officers and was brought to London at once, where he was established as a guest at Buckingham palace.

The royal visitor arrived on the Japanese battleship Katori, which steamed into the harbor to booming salutes from British vessels and land forts. Long lines of troops in dress uni-

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