

BASEBALL

(Los Angeles Times.)
 Baseball is a contest between several thousand fans on one side and a couple of ball teams on the other. The game is to see which side can stand the longest what the other is doing.
 The game is played on a large plot of carefully barbed Bermuda, surrounded by high-board tobacco- and automobile-signs.
 At one corner of the plot is a thick slice of Roman amphitheater, known as the grand stand, and equipped with tunnel trenches, wiven-wire entanglements, and war-correspondents.

Amunition is distributed by a hot-dog carrier-system, which gives even better results than the automatic powder-monkey system of the navy.
 T hot dog is a tubular section of caloric canine decorating the interior of the petals of a split bun.
 For those who wish Turkish baths there are long rows of perspiration planks on either side of the grand stand, commonly known as bleachers, from a Latin word meaning "to bleed."

The difference between the grand stand and the bleachers is twenty-five cents. The principal use of the bleachers is to make people wish they had spent the other two-bits for a seat instead of for clean laundry next day.

The people who sit in the grand stand and bleachers are called fans, because they are open and going most of the time on a warm day.
 The persons who perform on the Bermuda are called ball-players, but in many cases the reason for this is not known.

Their part of the game is to try to smear each other with goose-eggs, the team smearing the strongest of goose-eggs at the end of a certain number of rounds being declared the loser.

The official sniffer is known as the umpire. He is a man paid to be

without friends, and to make the decisions that will keep the fans from noticing how hard the seats are.

In most games nowadays two umpires are used, so that in case one is killed the game will not be delayed.

If the game is not pleasing to the fans, they emit grievous lamentations and issue dogmatic evocations to the umpire, accompanied by empty pop-receptacles.

In case he does so, a goodly delegation from the ball players present immediately waits upon him with arguments so forcibly presented that he is often greatly moved by them, sometimes as far as the hospital.

Baseball has much to answer for. Besides being to blame for several million instances of delayed chores all over the country, each evening because it gets dark on the pasture diamond so late this time of year, it is the cause of the funerals of more grandmothers of office boys than any other one disease.

But on the other hand, it is good for the circulation, not only of those who go to see the game but of the newspapers that give it two pages of pink or green advertising free each day.

Why is baseball, you ask? Because it is like charity—it never faileth. It is always there, except on Mondays or wet grounds. And to the man who is too old to keep up with the attempt to civilize football, and too young to need so soothing a sedative as golf, who works hard when he works and wants to rest hard when he rests; who wants a drama that is as full of surprises for the actors as it is for the audience; he wants a race that cannot be fixt like a horse-race; who is so genuine an American that he wants something to kick about without meaning it, and something to yell about that everybody around him will think more of him for yelling about—to that man baseball is the one great life-saver in the good old summer time.

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LINE TO RUN BEYOND HOOVER

Southern Pacific to Rehabilitate Corvallis & Eastern—Official Denies That Company Has Any Designs On Central Oregon Country.

(Oregon Journal.)
 SALEM, June 1.—The Marion and Linn County Railroad company filed articles here Thursday morning with capital stock \$250,000 and William D. Fenton, Ralph E. Moody and Ben C. Dey incorporators. The road will begin at a point near Hoover, Marion county, and run in a southeasterly direction along the north fork of the Santiam river, ending in Linn county. A general railroad business will be transacted.

D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, today said that the filing of articles of incorporation for the Marion and Linn County Railroad Company is merely a legal prelude to the rehabilitation of the old Corvallis & Eastern.

"The road has been graded for 40 years," said Mr. Campbell, "but inasmuch as we had no operating need for the road beyond Hoover, we let the track deteriorate and the ties rot. Now we have use for the line because it leads up to a rich timber belt at the foot of the mountains."

Mr. Campbell said that work on reconstructing this part of the line beyond Hoover probably will begin at once. The distance is 11 miles. He denied specifically that the extension is the beginning of a line across the mountains, though he said a suitable avenue into eastern Oregon is found in Minto Pass.

Mr. Campbell declared that this should dispose of rumors of a "race for the pass" which have been current in the Marion county press for some weeks.

"Don't let any one run away with the idea that we have designs on Central Oregon," he said. "This is a logging proposition exclusively. We want to bring the timber from the mountains down to the Willamette valley mills."

There are now no towns along this extension beyond Hoover and it is said that the embankment ends in the woods.

The incorporation of an independent company to construct the line, Mr. Campbell said, was necessary from a legal standpoint because last July the Southern Pacific company had taken over the stock of the old

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 The men named as incorporators are all attorneys for the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Portland.

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HAVE you joined the "Clean Up and Paint Up" movement? If not, get in line and march to the front ranks and be ready for duty. The royal battle of "Clean Up and Paint Up" will be fought all over the country. This movement has enlisted the aid of every one, young and old, the schools, the clubs, commercial organizations, municipalities and country communities.

One state wide campaign was started by the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, which led to the issuing of the proclamation to "clean up and paint up" by Governor Withycombe and was followed by the appointing of a committee from the Portland chamber of commerce.

This committee inaugurated a public campaign of stupendous work and met with successful co-operation or the part of ministers and physicians throughout the state. That it has received true co-operation from the physicians is evidenced by the responses.

One physician endorsed the movement as follows: "It is much more exhilarating and encouraging to see clean, well kept yards and lawns, clean streets and neglected buildings. The first example is exhilarating; the second is depressing. In which state of mind do you do your best work?" Another physician said:

"Want to get the doctors out of business? With good water and a salubrious climate and an abundance of fresh food most of the doctors would be idle loafers. But I am with you just the same. I am having my house painted and lawn mowed, and when the painters get their stuff out I will flush out the garage."

Are you going to do the same? Take heed to the advice of the above physicians. It is vital that everything be made spry and span not only for showing off to the visitors that are coming to your town this summer, but for the sake of yourself, your family and surroundings.

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