

METHODISTS WIN GAME AND TIE WITH LEADERS

(For The Courier by T. J. Hanley.) In a close, desperate game, before 500 spectators on High School campus yesterday evening, on the result of which depended an opportunity to be in the final game for the league championship, the Methodist team of the Sunday School league defeated the Christian club in six innings by a score of 6 to 5. It was a heartbreaking struggle all the way, a few glaring errors being more than evened up by circus catches, timely clouting, and that dare-deviltry on the bases that thrills and maddens. R. Bratton and Miles pitched well, and the catchers, E. Smith and Creager, despite the howling mobs gathered around them, gave their teams good service.

For the Methodists, Coburn, Blanchard and Webb played to their best form, and a timely single by Martin was responsible for the Methodist victory. Launer, Fry and A. Bratton distinguished themselves for the Christians, the latter by the most deliberate and daring stealing of bases ever seen on the campus.

But the bright, particular star of the game, standing head and shoulders over the 17 players, was Clifford Taylor, a Christian substitute outfielder, who, by his offensive playing at the bat and on the bases saved the Christians time and again. Taylor, who is howlegged and bats left-handed, has a wary and determined position at the plate, which gave the spectators the notion that he was nervous and a neophyte or a "boob" and that they would have some fun with him. Taylor fooled them. His first time up, he would not bite on Miles' high ones, and walked. He stole second standing up, and also stole third, but the umpire did not see it that way. On his second trip to the oblong Taylor singled, stole second, and a moment later walked off to third while Miles was holding the ball, drawing a bad throw and scoring. His third trip to the batsman's box resulted in another single, scoring a runner. Taylor also made a throw from deep right field on a line to the plate and right into E. Smith's hands and heading off a runner, that was a feature. Major league scouts should keep their eyes on Taylor.

Every baseball game should have two umpires. When the game is to be played in the twilight the reason for two umpires is doubly manifest.



A Bratton twice purposely gets caught between bases. In this drawing he is shown heaping derision and contempt on his foes. Umpire Baker in the background.

And when that game is a crucial one on which depends a championship, the necessity for two umpires multiplies to the point where it is lamentable to not have that number of judges of play. The Christians suffered on two base decisions—Taylor at third in the second inning, and R. Bratton at second in the fourth—by having the single umpire system. The Christians, who are nearly all little men, suffered also on balls that were over their heads being called strikes.

The umpire on balls and strikes should station himself behind the plate, not behind the pitcher, as positively laid down by section 1, rule 51. There were several good umpires on the ground who would have gladly assisted Baker—among them Captain Weckler, Guy Smith and William St. Cyr.

The injuring of Catcher Smith at the plate by Miles, which caused so much bitterness, and on which play many declare Miles should have been called out for interference, happened this way.

Catcher Smith was crouching flush on the home plate to receive the throw, which he did, while Miles, running at full speed, was five or six feet away. Smith veered over in his squatting position to touch the

runner, who, it is alleged by disinterested persons near the play, jumped on the diminutive catcher as he touched Miles, causing Smith to drop the ball. Some assert if Miles had slid he would have spiked Smith. Not necessarily. Less than two slides in a thousand attempts result in spikings. On the other hand, Miles was entitled to the base, or a portion of it, Smith should have moved up a foot, received the throw and touched Miles with his left hand.

At any rate, the decision on this play, which was the winning run, gave the Christians good grounds for protesting the game in concordance with section 8 of rule 56.

Here in detail is the story of the heartbreaking, sanguinary game, the story of which will live for many a year in the memories of those who saw it.

First Inning.

Methodists—Coburn singled; Blanchard singled and Coburn, by daring base running, scored on successive hurried overthrows by H. Smith and Fry, Blanchard taking third; Webb struck out. Blanchard scored on a wild pitch Miles fanned. Martin singled infield, stole second and third. Cornell grounded out, A. Bratton to Jones. Two runs, 3 hits.

Christians—Launer singled to center; A. Bratton singled to right, and Launer scored on Martin's throw through Coburn, A. Bratton taking second. Miles fanned R. Bratton and Fry. One run, 2 hits.

Second Inning.

Methodists—Bixby walked and stole second; Hansen fanned, E. Smith dropping third strike and throwing wildly to first, on which throw Bixby was coached home to his death on Taylor's quick recovery and good throw to E. Smith. Creager singled to left, scoring Hansen, but out by a nose trying to make second on the throw in from left to Smith to catch Hansen. Smith to A. Bratton. Coburn flew to Launer. One run, 1 hit.

Christians—H. Smith fanned; Taylor walked, stole second, and called out stealing third, on a questionable decision. Jones fanned. No runs, no hits.

Third Inning.

Methodists—Blanchard out trying to bunt third strike. Webb flew to Jones. Miles' torrid grounder stopped by R. Bratton, who threw runner out to Jones. No runs, no hits.

Christians—Hood and Launer struck out; A. Bratton out, Blanchard to Webb. No run, no hit.

Fourth Inning.

Methodists—Martin flew to A. Bratton; Cornell heaved to R. Bratton; Bixby fanned. No run, no hit.

Christians—E. Smith flew to Cornell; R. Bratton singled infield; Fry forced R. Bratton at second; Coburn to Blanchard, another questionable decision. H. Smith out to Miles unassisted. No run, 1 hit.

Fifth Inning.

Methodists—Hansen out, R. Bratton to Jones; Creager out, Fry to Jones; Coburn singled to center. Blanchard singled through second, the ball bounding badly over A. Bratton's head, Coburn scoring. Blanchard out stealing second, E. Smith to Fry. One run, 2 hits.

Christians—Taylor singled to left and stole second; Jones fanned, Taylor daringly darted for third while Miles held the ball, his nerve putting every one in the air, and scored as Miles' vicious throw eluded Coburn. Hood walked and stole second; Launer sacrificed, Webb unassisted, Hood advancing to third. A. Bratton drove a high fly to right, which Martin misjudged and then muffed, Hood scoring, and A. Bratton taking second. A. Bratton, desperate to tie the score, deliberately ran half way between second and third, inviting a throw. Half the Methodist team trapped the little runner and chased him up and down the line for over a minute. In the mixup the ball rolled to Martin, who was backing up one division of the trappers, who heaved inaccurately to third. A. Bratton rushing home with the run that for the moment tied. Three runs, 1 hit.

Sixth Inning.

Methodists—Webb singled to left and stole second. Miles drove hard through A. Bratton, who knocked down the ball, but could not recover in time to get Miles, but held Webb at third. Martin, chagrined over his disastrous muff, hurtled a vicious single to right, scoring Webb and Miles. Miles' run caused much bitterness and criticism of Umpire Baker for not calling Miles out for interference. This was the play in which E. Smith was injured. Cornell out Fry to Jones. Martin out stealing

THEATERS AND THESPIANS



Dramatically, artistically and scenically perfect was the verdict rendered by Amy Leslie, the famous critic of the Chicago News, in reviewing George Barr McCutcheon's "Beverly of Graustark," as produced at the Studebaker theater. The original Chicago Studebaker theater

cast and production came from New York for an extended engagement in San Francisco, will appear at the Grants Pass opera house Thursday evening, August 1, and should, and probably will, be greeted by a crowded house. The cast is comprised of some of the most prominent artists who have ever appeared

in this city, and the massive scenic production, requiring two sixty-foot baggage cars for its transportation, will be used in its entirety. This splendid play will be of special interest to Grants Pass theatergoers, it being, as every one knows, a sequel to "Graustark," which was given here last February.

third. Bixby safe on dropped third strike. Hansen fanned. Two runs, 3 hits.

Christians—R. Bratton walked and stole second; Fry fanned. H. Smith fanned, but Creager muffed third strike and threw runner out at first. R. Bratton going to third. Taylor singled to left scoring Bratton. Jones popped to Miles. One run, 1 hit.

Score— R H E Methodists 6 8 3 Christians 5 4 3 Miles and Creager; R. Bratton and E. Smith.

All trimmed hats going to Mr. Riley's millinery store at 32

WILLIAMS FAMILY BACK FROM AUTO TRIP.

The Williams families, who went to Portland two weeks ago by automobile, returned Friday night, having had a most enjoyable time, with nothing to mar the pleasure of the trip. There were the Jack Williams and Sam Williams families, Mrs. T. W. Williams and family, Miss Reba Smith and John Denison. The trip can be made in two days each way without trouble but a number of stops were made at points along the line, and as they were out for the pleasure of the trip they did not attempt to break any records.

After traveling over more than 300 miles of roads they decided the Josephine county road from Grave creek hill to this city was superior to any other.

Tents at the Rogue River Hardware Co's 6-14-12

LABOR COUNCIL WANTS INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

SEATTLE, July 25.—Resolutions endorsing the proposal of Congressman Victor Berger, to ask for a grand jury investigation of the alleged relations between Judge C. H. Hanford and prominent attorneys and business interests here, were passed by the Central Labor Council here and forwarded to the members of Washington's delegation in congress. The labor council calls particular attention to the need of investigation of the Hanford dealings with the Northern Pacific railroad.

ENGLAND WILL DOUBLE GERMAN NAVAL PROGRAM.

LONDON, July 25.—That England proposes virtually to double the naval program contemplated by Germany, is the answer today of First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Spencer Churchill to criticisms that he had made inadequate provision to meet the German menace.

"We are going to spend \$225,000,000 this year and a larger amount next year," said Churchill. "Germany this year is laying down two new battleships. We will build four. Next year Germany is laying down one extra. We will build two extra war vessels. There is no range for alarm or panic."

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PROVIDED FOR ALASKA.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A legislative assembly of 16 members—four from each of the four judicial districts—was provided for Alaska by the senate today. The members of the assembly are to receive \$15 a day per session for sixty days.

DR. WASHINGTON DODGE CHANGES HIS EMPLOYMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Dr. Washington Dodge, a survivor of the Titanic disaster, and for 14 years city and county assessor, has resigned his office today to become vice president of the Anglo and London-Paris National bank.

CHICAGO SIZZLING AGAIN.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Two deaths and 25 prostrations resulting from the terrific heat today. The day opened hot, the mercury continuing to climb until noon when lake breezes tempered the heat. Cooler weather is forecasted for tomorrow.

WOOL DEBATE BEGINS.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Senator Simmons of North Carolina opened debate on the house bill reducing the tariff on wool. He denounced the existing Payne tariff law. Pocket knives, 2 blades, easy opener, for only 50 cents at Cramer Bros.

DAIRY WAGON DRIVER AND TEAM KILLED.

TACOMA, July 24.—Joseph Loggins, aged 26, a dairy wagon driver, was hurled 50 feet to instant death when the milk wagon he was driving at Lakewood was struck by an Oregon & Washington train. Both horses were instantly killed and the wagon totally demolished.

Call Dr. Bestul, the veterinary surgeon. Phone 211-3. 6-14-12

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS ATTENTION.

This is the opportunity you have been looking for. All the lumber of the Three Pines Lumber Co., consisting of assorted yard stock of fir and cedar lumber, together with several carloads of 4 foot fir wood on dock ready for delivery, now on sale in quantities to suit. JEFFERSON D. COOK, Receiver, 6-25-12 Three Pines, Oregon.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

There are funds in city treasury to redeem all warrants protested to August 1st, 1912. Interest will cease after June 30th. Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, this 25th day of June, 1912. G. P. JESTER, City Treasurer.

If you want to increase your crops one half use our land plaster. Cement Products Co., opposite S. P. depot. 3-22-12

ECLUS POLLOCK

of Grants Pass, Ore. Regular Republican Nominee for ASSESSOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY Present Incumbent.

W. M. CHESHIRE

of Grants Pass, Ore. Regular Democratic Nominee for SHERIFF Eight years in sheriff's office as deputy.

POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OPENS SEPTEMBER 2

Three departments: Normal, Business, and Engineering. The Normal furnishes a strong course for teachers as well as teachers' review classes every month in the year; the Business course contains bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, and all commercial work; the Engineering courses are, civil, electrical, mechanical, and mining.

The college is open the entire year of twelve months.

Special teachers for each department.

Thoroughness in all lines of work. Graduates will be aided in securing positions.

Let young men and young women get ready for the wonderful development of this section of the Pacific coast.

For information address POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, Ashland, Oregon.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

This great institution opens its doors for the fall semester on September 20th. Courses of instruction include: General Agriculture, Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Husbandry, Bacteriology, Botany and Plant Pathology, Poultry Husbandry, Horticulture, Entomology, Veterinary Science, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Highway Engineering, Domestic Science, Domestic Art, Commerce, Forestry, Pharmacy, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, English Language and Literature, Public Speaking, Modern Languages, History, Art, Architecture, Industrial Pedagogy, Physical Education, Military Science and Tactics, and Music. Catalogue and illustrated literature mailed free on application. Address: Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. School year opens September 20th.

BIDS FOR WOOD.

Bids will be received for the supplying of School District No. 54 with 6 tiers oak wood and 6 tiers fir wood, delivered at school house. All bids must be in the hands of the clerk by August 15. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Maggie Ranzau, clerk, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 25. 7-26-12

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 25, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Ida Turner of Kerby, Oregon, who, on May 21, 1912, made homestead entry serial No. 97671, for W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 18, and W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 7, township 39 S, range 7 west Willamette meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Herbert Smith, United States commissioner, at Grants Pass, Oregon, on the 15th day of August, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses: L. M. Nadel, Miles Purdin, Mary Robidean and Mahlon Beckey, all of Kerby, Oregon. BENJAMIN F. JONES, register.

CLASSIFIED ADS

- FOR SALE
ALL DENTISTS' OFFICES in Grants Pass will be closed on Thursday afternoons throughout the summer. 5-10-12
FOR SALE—S. C. R. I. hens. Inquire North 10th street. C. R. Brechtbill. Phone 224-Y. 7-5-12
FOR SALE—Nine-months old, full-blood bull calf. Price \$25. Write J. L. Scott, Glendale, Ore. 7-5-12
DO YOU WANT trees that are trees to name, clean, thrifty and well matured when dug. You may be sure of just that kind of stock if you deal with the Milton Nursery Co., Milton, Ore. J. C. Dutcher, Agent, Grants Pass. 7-26-12
MISCELLANEOUS
RANNIE, the plumber, is ready at any minute to repair your plumbing. 609 H street. Telephone 140-R. 4-2-12
EARL V. INGLES, B. Sc.—General assay and analytical work. Cement and asphalt testing. Best equipped assay office and testing laboratory in Oregon. All work guaranteed. Calvert-Paddock block.
MONEY WANTED—\$5000 wanted on long time, improved income business property as security. Will give 7 per cent net—better than mining stock. Address Rogue River Courier. 4-12-12