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THE BALL GAMES

DANNY SHEA WILL CATCH FOR THE YELLOW KIDS

Sunday an Excursion Will be Run to Accommodate Visitors From Walla Walla.

The interest of all lovers of the national sport centers in the two games between Walla Walla's crack team, the "Boosters," and the Yellow Kids, on the Athena diamond tomorrow afternoon and Sunday.

The people of Walla Walla like good, clean ball, and the Yellow Kids were always favorites in the garden city. An excursion train will be run by Walla Walla people for the Sunday game. The Saturday game promises to be well attended also.

Danny Shea, the old Yellow Kid catcher, came in this morning from Portland and will wear the big mitt again this year. Since leaving Athena Dan has been playing in the Pacific Coast League, having caught for San Francisco last season.

The lineup for tomorrow's game will be Marquis or Butler, pitcher; Shea, catcher; Al Nordenn, 1st base; Lien-alien, 2nd base; Millard, 3rd base; Davidson, short; Krietz, Nordenn and Donovan in the outfield.

REFORM SLEUTH GUILTY.

After Preparing Evidence of Breaches of Law He Was Arrested.

The case of the state versus William C. Day, charged with an offense against decency, was heard before the superior court at Walla Walla. Day was found guilty as charged. The case attracted much interest, as before Day's arrest he took a prominent part in the reform movement launched about three months ago, and which resulted in several saloons losing licenses.

Day acted as a sort of a stool pigeon for the reformers and for several days frequented the saloons gathering evidence of gambling and other violations of the law. With this evidence, and some additional, the reformers went before the city council and after a few "star chamber" sessions the city fathers revoked several licenses. Shortly after the council rescinded its action and the saloons were reopened.

Day was soon arrested on a warrant charging him with serious offense, and although at the time it was thought the action was taken in a spirit of revenge, evidence was presented and the man was bound over to appear before the superior court. He has been out on bonds.

Traveling Booster.

The Umatilla County Development League has placed H. C. Willis on the road between Pendleton and Cheyenne to induce homeseekers who are now flocking to the coast to stop and look at this country. Mr. Willis is well supplied with descriptive literature and is prepared to direct the emigrant to any section that he thinks may please him. Other agents will be waiting to show the prospective settlers around the country. Transportation is furnished Mr. Willis by the O. R. & N., while his other expenses are borne by the league.

Young Child Drowns.

Iola, the 4 year old daughter of George Lane, while attempting to cross Mill creek near her home on East Alder street, Walla Walla, fell from a plank Tuesday afternoon in the stream and was drowned. The water flows very rapidly at this point, and no one but a little girl about the same age witnessed the accident. The body was carried down stream about four blocks, where it was found sometime afterward.

PORTLAND HORSE MARKET.

Effort Will Be Made to Establish Market for Sale of Blooded Stock.

Anent the locating of a packing plant, with its accessory livestock yards, another effort is to be made to establish a horse market in Portland, says the Journal. The venture this time will be under the name of the Portland Horse Sale company, of which M. D. Wisdom is president, and G. A. Westgate manager. It will open with an auction sale of fluey bred horses, which will take place at Irvington Park May 2, 3 and 4. The entry list closes April 10. The number of consignments already received presages a long string of horses for the auctioneer's block.

Commenting upon the matter Mr. Wisdom said:

"Several attempts have been made to establish a horse market in Portland, and with little satisfactory results. This time we take the initiative, and were led to do so because of the location of a stock yard on the east side. We feel that the yards will bring many horsemen to Portland, and that their interest in a market, coupled with a kindred feeling on the part of local men and women, will make the venture this time a success.

"We do not intend to make these auction sales a regular business. We will make the start, which we hope will be a sufficient inducement for someone else to take the matter where we left off. We have secured an auctioneer from Chicago.

"For some time there has been a feeling that a horse market would pay in Portland, if properly handled. At the present time there is no place to buy or sell."

A feature of the initial sale will be the disposal of C. X. Larrabee's celebrated Brook-Nook ranch horse, which took many prizes at the Lewis and Clark fair. Dr. A. E. Pierce consigned five horses—Salem Maid, the Del Norte filly with a half mile record of 1:08 and a mile clip of 2:21 with three months training; Maid Marion; the Zombro filly, and three other prospects.

From N. K. West's Commonwealth farm at La Grande will come a consignment of drivers and speed prospects. Aug. Erickson of the Fruitdale stock farm, Clackamas county, consigns several fillies with enviable track record. R. C. Kiger of Corvallis will send some high class drivers, and E. B. Tongue a choice list, including Lovelace 2:20.

PORTAGE ROAD BEHIND.

Gasoline Engine Would Save Money and Make More Trips.

The La Grande Observer gives the following account of an experiment in Washington gulch:

Following the system of dry farming introduced in Oregon by the late R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N., and known as the Campbell system, George F. Wright, of Washington gulch rancher, a year ago this spring sowed a field of alfalfa with the dry seed which Mr. Judson imported from Germany and cultivated it under the dry system.

Mr. Wright reports now that this alfalfa is growing and is higher and healthier than the other alfalfa which he is raising by irrigation. He is a firm believer in the dry farming system as applied to bench lands and looks for splendid results not only in his immediate neighborhood, on his own ranch, but all through the country where others have tried the experiment.

The fact that this seed sprouted and grew luxuriantly through all the dry, wet, cold and snow of the past eight months, fully demonstrates what can be accomplished by scientific methods. M. S. Bond and other farmers east of Baker City are also working in these lines and are obtaining good results. The Wright alfalfa experiment is believed to be the first successful effort made in this county.

Has No Opposition.

At 5 o'clock Wednesday evening the time for filing nominating petitions expired and the list of democrat and republican office seekers is now complete. No one filed notice of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for the office of county clerk and it looks like Frank Saling, the present incumbent, was to be the unanimous choice of the county. This is the only office for which there is no democratic aspirant and together with that of commissioner and surveyor is the only one for which there are not more than one republican aspirant.

Whitman Beats Walla Walla.

Whitman college Wednesday afternoon defeated the Walla Walla town team by the score of 11 to 2 in the opening game of the season. Gregory, for the town team, was batted out of the box in the sixth with seven runs against him. Rigby for the collegians proved hard to hit and held the locals safe at all times. A large attendance saw the game. Batteries—Gregory, Blackburn and Lankard; Rigby and Cox.

DIPHTHERIA NOT CATCHING.

Chicken's Disease Is Not Transmissible to Human Beings.

Dr. Ralph C. Matson, bacteriologist of the state board of health, has decided that chickens may contract diphtheria and die of the disease, but it is not the sort of diphtheria that people have. He arrived at this decision after making a thorough examination of a dozen or more chicken heads from fowls which recently died in Scio, Oregon, under peculiar circumstances. He decided that chicken diphtheria was not transmissible to human beings.

Mrs. McClain and her daughter died at Scio of some throat affection and simultaneously more than 20 large fat fowls belonging to the family contracted sore throat and died within a few hours. The coincidence created quite a stir and it was feared that the disease, if common to man and chickens, would become widespread.

The state board of health, together with the local health authorities, is taking active measures in regard to the smallpox cases in Lebanon, Linn county. Already two localities have been infected from cases arising in Lebanon, and it is the belief of the board that proper quarantine measures have not been enforced by the local authorities. Two cases are reported from Foster, 20 miles east of Lebanon, besides several cases occurring near Portland. The disease was originally taken to Lebanon by a young man who exposed a great many people while singing in one of the leading church choirs there. A member of the preacher's family is said to be one of the first to contract the disease from the singer.

On account of the presence of smallpox in logging camps at Gray's river and Deep river, Washington, local health officers along the Columbia river have been notified to keep a sharp lookout for the disease and promptly vaccinate and quarantine all exposed. One of the cases at Gray's river exposed a family of five at North Yamhill, but these have been quarantined and vaccinated by the county health officer of Yamhill county. The state board has been working actively in connection with the various county and city health officers and it is believed that all foci of infection will be rapidly stamped out.

NOT SO BAD AS PAINTED.

Crops in Pendleton Section are Turning Out Well.

Investigation of the condition of growing grain in various parts of Umatilla county shows the damage sustained in the March cold spell was slight. Instead of many thousand acres to be reseeded, as at first reported, not more than 200 acres in the entire county have been reseeded. Many farmers secured seed wheat and vitriol, in many instances paying fancy prices for bluestem, which was scarce, only to find that their grain was not injured or only slightly. The only section where there was any loss was the northwestern part, where the soil is light and there was comparatively no snowfall. The scare was due to the fact that the tops of the grain in some places was frozen, but this is considered a benefit instead of an injury by many, as they say it has caused the grain to stool out more than otherwise. The fruit is also coming out nicely and the damage will not be nearly so great as was feared. The peaches suffered most, but there will be a partial crop of all other varieties of fruit.

Death of Rev. Boyd.

The Pacific Presbyterian of San Francisco of a recent date, gives an account of the death of Rev. Thomas M. Boyd, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in Pendleton. Rev. Boyd was founder of the Pendleton academy, having made arrangements for the purchase of the old court house building, which stood on the present site of the Peoples Warehouse on Main street, and moved it to its present location on Web street, where the academy was opened in 1888. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city for three years, from 1885 to 1888, and left there at that time for San Francisco, where he became pastor of Olivet Presbyterian church.

Pioneer's Sudden Death.

Mrs. Sarah Figg Thompson, a pioneer of Umatilla county, and well known in Walla Walla, was found dead in bed in the latter city Tuesday morning at the residence of her stepson, J. C. Thompson. She retired in usual health. When Mr. Thompson went to her room in the morning he found her cold in death. She was seventy three years old, and death was caused by heart disease. The late Mrs. Thompson lived for about 25 years on a farm north of Pendleton. The remains were interred in the Pendleton cemetery.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

MUST PAY THE TAX

WALLA WALLA ASSESSORS FIND VULNERABLE POINT.

Traveling Salesmen for Non-Resident Firms Do Not Escape Liability to Be Taxed.

A Walla Walla special says Deputy County Assessor William Cass has nabbed one of the men who has been peddling buggies in Walla Walla county, and Assessor Berryman forced the foreign salesman to dig up \$25.50 in payment of taxes on the vehicles he had in his possession.

This is one of the men who have been making their headquarters in Freewater and going over to Walla Walla county selling buggies to farmers in competition with local dealers.

Since the supreme court decided that the peddling law was unconstitutional, representatives of eastern buggy factories have been doing a big business in Walla Walla county, much to the detriment of Walla Walla implement and vehicle dealers, and the latter are naturally very much elated over the fact that one of the bunch has been compelled to pay taxes.

A close watch will be kept by the deputy assessors in other portions of the county and an effort made to tax every vehicle that can be found in the possession of the traveling agents.

HIGH PRICES STOP BUILDING.

Common Rough Lumber Increases Four Dollars Per Thousand.

Lumber prices have gone skyward in the past week throughout the Palouse country and building operations are being curtailed in consequence. The price of common rough lumber has advanced \$4 per 1000 feet, while the better grades of lumber have advanced from 25 to 35 per cent. Common lumber, which retailed at from \$11 to \$15 per 1000 feet is now selling at from \$15 to \$17. The highest grades of finishing lumber has jumped from \$35 to \$53 per 1000 feet and there is a proportionate advance in all grades.

As a result, many who planned to erect buildings this year are abandoning the plans and contractors predict that building operations will be reduced from 35 to 50 per cent this season. Several Colfax citizens who had plans drawn for building have abandoned the idea and will wait until next year, or later, in hopes that the price will be lower. The lumber trade of that section is completely controlled by the Potlatch Lumber company, which has mills at Colfax, Palouse and Potlatch, Idaho, and is a branch of the Weyerhaeuser syndicate, which is also said to control the mills at Bridal Veil, Oregon, from which a portion of the supply for this country has been secured for several years. The rise in the price of lumber is regarded as a serious handicap to building.

Merge Phone Company.

A union meeting of the Milton rural phone patrons and the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, represented by R. J. Bingham, division manager was held in Milton Wednesday. The object was the amalgamation of the two systems established in that city and the outlying county. The rural company will be under the supervision of the Pacific States company and the two systems will be united. The Pacific States company will install a multiple switchboard and employ day and night operators. A small fee will be charged for night conversations to prevent useless talking. The rural directors will retain office as before and will keep the phones outside the city limits in good repair, while the Pacific company will continue to construct and repair city telephones.

Congar Ate Woman.

Mrs. Johnson, wife of City Detective Johnson of Minneapolis, who with her husband has been spending some weeks visiting relatives in Port Townsend, started from the residence a neighbor near Brinson to return to the home of her sister, Sunday afternoon, and has not since been seen. The missing woman wore valuable diamonds, and had about \$500 on her person at the time of her disappearance. The settlement where her relatives live is located at the edge of a virgin forest, and it is feared Mrs. Johnson has been attacked and carried off by a cougar, many of which infest the vicinity.

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