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A HARD ONE TO LOSE

And it Took Walla Walla, Portland and Three Pitchers, 12 Long Innings to Win From Athena, 7 to 6.

Standing of Teams.			
Teams	Won	Lost	P. C.
Walla Walla	7	1	.875
Athena	7	2	.777
Weston	5	3	.625
Pendleton	3	6	.333
Milton	3	6	.333
Echo	1	8	.111

It took all Walla Walla had, including three pitchers and a pinch hitter, together with four professional players from Portland, to hang the skidoo sign on Littlejohn's Millers Sunday, in the Garden City, by a margin of one run after 12 innings of the best ball ever put up in the town. Anyway, that's what they think of the game over there, the Walla Walla Union saying:

"If any one desires to say that 'Happy' Boewer is not the king of pinch hitters, that the peerless infield, Parrot, Houston, Edwards Siegriat and Waldron are not there with the goods, that Manager Bado doesn't know when to resort to the shift, that the old burg is not baseball mad, that Athena is not some team, or that yesterday's game was not the best without any question that has ever been played on local sod let him whisper it gently among the weeping willows of Clark Wood's back yard, and forever after hold his peace."

And through it all, Athena led the pace. Knocked Hanson and Shradler out of the box, showed up the Portland infield like thirty cents in wooden ducats, won the game twice and then, through hard luck, lost it.

But there are no sore places. The 160 fans who accompanied the team on the trip were wuffed back in memory to the old "Yellow Kid" days by the terrific pace of the game, and every one of them knows that had luck broken anywhere near even, the game would have been on in the ninth, 4 to 3. And so they are satisfied, gleefully awaiting Weston's slaughter which is scheduled to take place on the local diamond promptly at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, May 28.

Twenty-five hundred people witnessed the game, and twenty five hundred people rose from their seats in the last half of the ninth inning, to leave the grounds, with the score standing 4 to 3 in favor of Athena, two down and two strikes on "Happy" Boewer. Then twenty-five hundred people were suddenly stricken with palpitation of the heart, for Happon—but that comes in the story later on.

The game started at three o'clock. Picard, first man up, beat out an infield hit. Lieualten fanned and Frink hit to Houston at second, for a double play, Houston to Parrot. The Millers were finding Hanson right along but the ball was dropping into the fielders' mitts. In the third, Bundy, Owens, and Clark were retired on flies. Up to the fourth, Walla Walla had done nothing. Frink was grooving them over, allowing but one hit, and striking out five.

Athena broke the monotony in the fifth, one run coming over. Pelland drew a pass and Brown neatly sacrificed him to second. Smith struck out. Bundy singled, scoring Pelland. Owens dropped onto the fast tiring Hanson for a smash that soared out to Seachrist in center.

Clark opened the sixth with a single, took second on Picard's infield hit and negotiated a double steal with Picard, both runners scoring on Lieualten's single.

Seachrist came up for Walla Walla, grounding out to Clark. Harmon came through with the second hit Frink had allowed, and stole second, coming home when Nadue's fly got

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MARVELOUS RUNAWAY ESCAPE

Louie LaBrache Survives a Thrilling Accident Without Serious Injury.

The most hair-raising runaway that has occurred in Athena for many a day happened to Louie LaBrache Monday afternoon, and those who witnessed it are still marveling that the man escaped with his life, much less, only a few scratches and bruises. He was driving a single horse to a tuggy, and collided with one of the wagons used in hauling rock in the construction work of the Athena-Weston road. The collision took place near the Dudley home east of town. The right fore wheel of the buggy was smashed, and the horse headed for town on a run.

Mr. LaBrache fell over the side of the buggy, his right foot becoming caught in the foot rest in the buggy bed, and his left knee on the broken spokes and hub of the smashed wheel. Clinging to the lines with one hand and with the other grasping a brace in the shaft, was Louie, while horse and rig came tearing through Main street.

The frightened animal swung into Third street and was brought to a stop opposite Dr. Sharp's office. Fred Fell and Jesse Picard were the first to reach LaBrache, and when he was lifted up, the crowd that had congregated were astonished to find him practically uninjured.

DECORATION DAY EXERCISES

Memorial Services Sunday at M. E. Church—Decoration Day Tuesday.

Decoration Day will be observed in Athena by members of Gettysburg Post G. A. R., and citizens generally. Memorial services will be held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Thomas Lawson preaching the sermon.

Monday at 2 p. m., has been designated as the time when all will go to the cemetery for the purpose of putting the graves in readiness for the Decoration Day exercises, which will be held on Tuesday.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, the old soldiers, their friends and all having died buried in the Athena cemetery, will meet at the St. Nicholas hotel, from which place the line of march will be taken to the cemetery. N. A. Miller will furnish transportation for the little ones and the infirm.

Flowers for decorating the graves will be wanted, and those having them will be expected to give freely.

Horse Show Tomorrow

Milton's strawberry festival has been in progress since yesterday morning, and will continue until tomorrow evening. In connection with the festival attractions, tomorrow a horse show will be held. Matt Mogrover was over from the berry town Tuesday, and said that many classy horses will be entered for the show.

His Bad Break

"Why on earth do you come to me to borrow money, Billups?" said Hark away peevishly. "Why don't you go to Jorrock's? He's the prosperous looking member of our set."

"That's just it, Harkaway," said Billups. "Jorrock's looks so very prosperous that I am quite sure he spends every penny he makes, but you, old man—why, you dress like a man who saves his money."

P. S.—He didn't get it.—Harper's Weekly.

It Was His Own

Shirley Brooks, the famous Punch editor, once met Charles Salamar, the composer. On being introduced to Shirley the composer said:

"I had often and often seen your face, Mr. Brooks, but I never knew to whom it belonged."

"Oh," replied Brooks quickly, "it always belonged to me."

Stronger Than Sympathy.

"I am glad to see, anyhow, that you sympathize with the under dog in this barbarous fight."

"Sympathize with 'im? Gosh, mister, all the money I've got is up on that dawg!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Superlative.

Smith (to member of vested choir)—I hear you've got a new tenor in the choir. What kind of a voice has he—good? Jones—Good? I should say so! It's so good none of the other tenors will speak to him.—Life.

What It May Come To.

Customs Officer—Baby born at home or abroad?

Mother—Abroad.
 "Well, ye'll have to pay duty on it."—Life.

"Does he inherit his father's genius?"
 "No; only his father's eccentricities of genius. That is why we are giving a benefit for him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

What a happy world this would be if every man spoke as well of his live neighbors as he does of his dead ones!

MANY PEOPLE HERE

Caledonian Picnic Was Attended by Big Crowds and Everybody Had Money for Amusements.

The Twelfth annual reunion of the Umatilla County Caledonian Society passed into history Saturday night.

Large crowds of people were in Athena during the two days of the picnic, and everybody seemed to have money to spend for amusement. As an instance of this fact, it may be stated that the gross receipts for the dances given at the lodge hall, where Johnson's orchestra held forth, amounted to \$187.00. Taking this as a basis, it will be seen that a considerable sum of money was spent during the two days.

Friday the circus claimed the crowd during the afternoon, and at night drew considerably from the concert given by the Caledonians.

The picnic was a success, and the program was up to the standard of other years. It was supplemented with carnival and other attractions, and there was "something doing" all the time. The performers from Portland greatly assisted in entertaining the crowds with their songs and dances.

It took a considerable sum of money to conduct the picnic this year, but in addition to entertainment, the Caledonian Society has given a permanent improvement to the City Park by the construction of a substantial speakers' stand, and next year it hopes to have constructed ample seats in front of the stand.

THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Superintendent Makes Appointments in Accordance With New Law.

In speaking of the new supervisory law, County Superintendent Welles says:

"The new law makes it the duty of the county superintendent to appoint on or before the first day of June, a County Educational Board of four members who will serve without pay."

"These men will meet from time to time for consultation with the county superintendent, and will be allowed their necessary traveling expenses, not to exceed twenty-five dollars a year. They will assist me in forming the supervisory district, in selecting the supervisor, and in many other ways."

"All of the men whom I have appointed in this board are strong supporters of the public schools. They are well known, influential citizens, and persons in whom I am sure the people will have entire confidence. I have selected two republicans and two democrats, and have made the appointments in such a manner that each section of the county will have a representative."

The appointees are: Col. H. G. Newport, of Hermiston; J. B. Saylor, of Ferndale; Thomas Jacques, of Pilot Rock, and Manuel Friedly of North Cold Spring.

Prosperous at Cambridge.

The Press has advices from Cambridge, Idaho, that the former residents of this county who settled near that place, are all in a prosperous condition, with prospects for a bumper crop before them. Crops are said to have never looked better in that section, and they have been blessed with copious rains. The McElroys, Tittsworth and Rogers have in big acreages and Frank Stanton, formerly of Helix, is rated as being the wheat king of the district.

Weston Here Sunday.

Littlejohn's Millers will meet Weston's ex-Champions here Sunday afternoon in the second game between the two teams, and a rattling good article of ball is expected. The Millers are in prime condition to slay the Mountaineers to a frazzle. The team from Clark Wood's back yard has been playing a consistent game throughout the season, and the Sunday session promises to be a warm one. Don't fail to see it.

Chicken Thieves Settle.

During the Caledonian picnic, chicken thieves visited Mrs. A. H. Luna's flock and made away with a number of birds. Officers set to work on the case soon found evidence that parties connected with the carnival company were responsible. A general digup resulted in payment for the chickens stolen and no prosecutions followed.

The Pioneer Picnic.

Today and tomorrow the pioneers are holding their sixteenth annual reunion at Weston. The program is replete with amusement and entertainment, and many Athena people are in attendance. Tomorrow the Athena and Weston teams in the Blue Mountain league will play an exhibition game of base ball.

Many Athena people are at Weston attending the Pioneers' picnic.

DOCTORING A DIAMOND.

Trick That Makes a Yellow Stone Appear Clear Blue White.

Let me show you a little trick that I would advise you not to put into practice, said a jewel fancier, to a number of friends the other day.

The conversation had turned to diamonds during the midday luncheon, and the expert had been holding forth on his favorite subject. The little group of St. Louisans were interested still more when the speaker drew a big solitaire from his finger and beckoned a waiter across the cafe.

"Bring me a glass of water and an indelible pencil," said he when the servitor came over to the table.

"This is a trick that is essentially crooked," said the jewel fancier, "and will get by nine times out of ten even when the examiner is an expert at judging precious stones and detecting trickery. It will make a yellow 'off color' diamond look like a stone of the very first water. Pawnbrokers innumerable have been fooled by this same trick, as it is extremely difficult to detect even with a powerful glass."

The expert took the pencil and allowed the indelible lead to dissolve in the glass of water. In a couple of minutes the water was as blue as indigo water.

"Now watch," said the man who knew the lore of jewels.

He took the ring and dropped it into the glass. Its brilliancy was dimmed by the hazy, bluish water until it looked like a dead stone.

"Now, you noted," said the demonstrator, "that the diamond I placed in there was a bit yellow. It will be a clear bluish white when it comes out of its bath."

At the end of a minute the stone was taken out. The top of the gem was dried with a soft handkerchief and then the ring was waved to and fro for a few moments. It was held up for inspection. Not a gleam of yellow was to be seen. The stone was apparently a magnificent blue white gem that any one would be proud to own and loathe to pledge.

"It is the blue pigment deposited on the back of the stone that has made the difference," said the jewel expert. "The deposit is so filmy that a strong glass cannot detect it. You cannot see it from the rear of the mounting and only a bath of alcohol will remove it. It will stay on the gem for weeks if it is not removed in that way. It used to be a favorite trick of many folks who now and again had to put a diamond into the hands of a pawnbroker. 'The trick is called 'doctoring a stone,' but, as I said in the beginning, I would not advise you to try it. I don't know what the law on such matters is in Missouri, but there are states where a person convicted of such an offense would serve a long penitentiary term for his cleverness."—St. Louis Republic.

How Artificial Furs Are Made.

The raw pieces of pelt are frozen and the skin carefully shaved off, thawed and sent to the tanneries to be made into leather. The frozen fur which remains is allowed to thaw slightly at the bottom, so that a small part of the hair is freed from ice. This thawed portion is then covered with a solution of rubber, which is allowed to set.

The result is that large seamless pieces of fur are obtained much cheaper than those which come with the natural skin. These same artificial furs are said to be more lasting than the real, because they are immune from the attacks of moths.—Paris Nature.

Values.

We have just got the market price of wives doped out, not to a penny, but close enough. The research work came to an end when we put the subject of marriage up to a prominent bachelor.

"I wouldn't give 50 cents for a wife," he asserted.

"But," we asked, "you'd give a counterfeit half dollar for a better half, wouldn't you?"

He acknowledged that he would. So, you see, were getting right down to cases.—New York Journal.

The Point of View.

"I suppose your clerks are all Republicans?"

"No," said the merchant. "I hire the best men, irrespective of their politics."

"What a queer way to run a business!" commented the politician.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Only a Decoy.

"I think she will make a very domestic wife. I have been calling on her for several months now and always find her darning one of her father's socks."

"But have you noticed that it is always the same old sock?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

High Finance.

"Why do you keep asking people for change for a dollar and then asking other people to give you a dollar for your change?"

"Well, somebody may make a mistake in change some time. And, believe me, it won't be me!"—New York Journal.

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