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It Crops Out and Grabs Sunday's Game From Athena's Pennant Winners in Ninth Inning Rally.

Standing of Teams.			
Teams	Won	Lost	P. C.
Athena	12	2	.857
Walla Walla	10	5	.666
Pendleton	8	6	.571
Weston	8	7	.538
Milton	4	11	.267
Echo	1	14	.063

Ob, but it was great. When Littlejobn's pennant winners ourneyed to Pendleton Sunday, for the last game of the season with the Buckaroos, it was with the understanding that Umpire Buerstatte would not hold the indicator and that Roberts would umpire the game. Mr. Roberts was in town, all right, but showed up at the grounds late; in fact, after the game started. So Mr. Buerstatte, the home guard of Pendleton's base ball fortunes, officiated. And since his officiation has about 500 friends less in Athena, and several in Pendleton where a sprinking of a dozen or more disinterested traveling men who witnessed the game, swear by the gods of Olympus that he should be stripping dairy cows instead of fingering the notches of an indicat-

Every Athena man who saw the game says it was stolen from the Millers in the ninth, when with Berger on the blink, the pennant winners were beginning to find him and a rally was framed up for a Garrison finish. The finish came all right, too, but it came to the Millers in the neck when Scorer Chessman was delegated and clothed with the office and authority of umpire and was permitted to render a decision which handed the game to Pendleton on a platter, which even the fingers of a Blackman would disdain to touch.

With Berger tiring, and the last chance at hand, Athena's batting list rallied. Lankard was safe at first on Dickson's error, and stole second. Berger exhausted more of his strength in fanning Winn and Picard and lost control, slatting Beck in the rits. This put two on with two down. To like a steam lifting crane. Owens, one of the speediest base runners in the league, was running for Beck and the play for a double steal was the trick, but Berger, knowing some base ball, forsook speed for caution and filtered one to the plate which Harmon met on the nose, Lankard and Owens crossing the home disc while the ball was being relayed in by Bliss in left, to Witten at second, and ty him to Dickson at third, where a close decision retired Harmon. Everybody was satisfied that the game was tied up two-and, when to the surprise of Atbena, and all disinterested spectators, it was announced by somebody that the game was Pendleton's, by the score of two to one.

Buerstatte claimed he did not see Owens cross the plate and left the decision to Scorer Chessman, who ruled that the runner was not at the plate when Harmon was declared out. Players of both teams surged about the umpire, dissension running rampant for a quarter of an hour. Athena's protests were unheeded and Pendleton took the game.

It is said the decision at third base was a close one, many contending that Dickson dropped the ball when Harmon slid to the tag. Owens easily scored from first before the ball touched Dickson's mitt and the least thing in fairness that Buerstatte could have done after acknowledging that he did not see the play, was to have gone according to the rules governing the play and allowed the score to stand.

Before the play came up hundreds of fans had been enjoying a good ball game, but when Chessman rendered the decision for Buerstatte, keen dis-

gust was apparent in grandstand and Berger is credited with 20 strikeouts

and Frink 5. In this respect Buerstatte is said to have been partial to the Pendleton twirler, in that he allowed him the corner of the plate, while he made Frink split the pan for called strikes.

Pembrook, borrowed from Walla Walla, made Pendleton's first run in the second. He was safe on Lankard's error, went to second on a passed ball and scored when Sturgis singled. Peudleton scored again in the seventh, when Shaffer singled, was advanced to second on a sacrifice by Clark, from where he scored on Bliss' hit.

Score by innings: Pendleton 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 x-2

SALAMANDER SUPERSTITION.

How the Reptile May Have Got Its Fireproof Reputation.

There is a very ancient bedief that the reptile known as the sammanaer is proof against fire. It is not known how this superstition had its rise, too it will probably always confinue to be held by some people, although it was been conclusively shown that the breproof qualities of the creatate exist only in imagination.

Dr. Steineger, reptillan expert at the Smithsonian institution, tens a story which may furnish a reason too the continuance of the belief in question.

"Once I was camping out, in says, "with a party of friends, human, and fishing. We had lighted a tag tire. using for fuel several old locs. While we were scated around whiching the progress of some cookery in which we were engaged a young lany at my side gave a little scream and pouned into the flames. I looked and there was a small salamander crawing right out from among the growing embers. It walked away unburt and made its escape.

"Now, that salamander had occupied a bole in one of the sogs used for fuel. Several species of its kind live in old tree trunks. Doubtless this one found that it was getting on omfortably hot and crawled out. House moist and slimy, its body was protected from injury by fire tong enough to enable it to escape through the embers. But the sight of the uzard deliberately making its appearance from the midst of the fire was certainty very surprising. Any ignorant person night ensily have been led to imagine that the creature was fireproof. seemed to me quite probable that the superstition took its origin from just such occurrences."-New York World.

MEN WHO MAKE SAFES.

Closely Watched After They Resign or Are Discharged.

A number of years ago two prospec tive safe breakers succeeded in obtaining employment in two different safe factories, worked over a period of years in the various departments, gained all the information that they desired and, subsequently working together, managed to baille the safemakers by their skill in opening complicated safes

in different parts of the country. The police were at loss to understand how the safes had been opened, and only upon the apprehension of the two men several years later was it learned that the jobs had not been "inside" ones, as was originally suspected, but had really been the work of two men who had been initiated into the mysteries of safecraft and had put their knowledge to criminal use.

This put the safemakers on their guard, and an exceedingly complicated system was immediately put into force, whereby not only was the pedigree of every workman looked into closely, but the work among the employees was so separated that no one man or two men could gather enough information about a safe to put it to dangerous use afterward. Furthermore, when an employee is discharged or when he voluntarily leaves his position his actions are watched, and, although safe companies refuse to discuss this particular point. it is a matter of record that any former employee of a safe company who is possessed of intimate information regarding the secrets of that company's safes is kept under constant surveillance.—Harper's Weekly

Our Modern Factory Spoon.

For our modern factory made spoon the stock is first rolled and cross rolled to get the graded thickness that is needed. The spoon outline is then obtained by means of cutting out dies. The blanks thus formed are struck up by another set of dies, which ornament the front and back and even bend the spoon into its proper shape. at the same time stamping the required "sterling" and the maker's mark. If a spoon is made by this latest of processes the sterling mark can be found raised on the surface instead of incised, as was the case when the marking was done separately.-Handicraft.

Well Qualified. "Why do you apply for a position as boss of this gang? Have you ever had

any experience?" "Bossed my son after he grew up."-

Fiend Cuts Off Ears of Animals While Standing at Rack in Pendleton. Property of Lou Eaton.

The mysterious mutilator of horses who has been operating through Umatilla and Walla Walla counties during the past two years and upon whose head there has been placed a price by infuriated horsemen, is apparently again in Pendleton, says the Live Wire.

Lou Eaton, residing about two and a half miles east of Pendleton, is the latest victim of the crazed fiend and two valuable mules owned by him bave been mutilated for life.

The team, valued at over \$400, was driven to town Tuesday evening by J. B. Caldwell. They were tied in the rear of the Neagle blacksmith shop and when Caldwell went to get them to return to the ranch at about 11 o'clock be discovered that some miscreant had cut one ear from each mule, close up to the head.

A motive for such a dastardly piece of work can not be imagined by the owner or the officers. The only theory advanced is that it is the work of the same insane individual who mutilated the Rhonimus and Haw stallions in Pendleton and several others in this county and in the vicinity of Walla

HEAD BROKEN, ANKLE CRACKED IT IS AN UNUSUAL AFFLICTION

Chas. Leadbettor, a Stranger, Introduced to Blow From Novel Weapon.

Charles Leadbettor, a stranger who came to Athena to work in the harvest fields, is nursing a broken head and a fractured ankle as the result of being introduced to a blow from a novel weapon in the hands of Charles Grant, the restaurant man.

The weapon used was a potato masher and the blow was a stunner, opening the scalp so that five stitches were required to close the wound, and it floored Leadbettor to the sidewalk before a crowd in the street.

Grant, who was serving as special officer, escorted Leadbettor to the city jail from which he was released a short time afterward that his injuries might receive attention. Dr. Newsom dressed the wound and later disovered that a bone in the right ankle was fractured.

The trouble started at Grant's restaurant, where Leadbettor had ordered and paid for a meal. He says he didn't get the meal and demanded his money back. Grant refused the request and Leadbettor says, made for him with a billy, struck him with it and went into the restaurant, returning with the weapon that laid him out.

Grant says Leadbettor came into his place of business, ordered and paid for a meal and went out while it was in process of cooking. Later be returned without cost or bat and started to abuse him. He was using profane language and Grant says be told him to quit as there were ladies passing on the street. With that, be says, Leadbettor tore in to clean him up. He pulled the billy which he says Leadbettor grabbed, wrenched away and swatted him in the jaw. Realizing that he had a scrapper to deal with and arrest, he went to the kitchen and procured the potato masher. Grant says he feels justified in taking the course be did, otherwise he says he would have been in for a lacing, for being some scrapper himself, he intimated that a man who could book him on the jaw with the cleverness that Leadbettor exhibited, stood a good show of putting him out. The trouble will probably be aired in police court.

Casualties of the Cradle.

The burden of Prussia's military state, not spared even to the babes in their cradles, has proved too much for some of the younger members of the royal families in "The House of Hohenzollern" Mr Brayley Hodgetts mentions that the two sons whom the first crown princess of Prussia bore her husband (at the beginning of the eighteenth century) both died in their cradles, one from a nervous shock caused by the salute from heavy guns with which his arrival was heralded and the other from the burden of a golden crown which was placed on his head after baptism.

Coin Profiles.

Where a face is used on a piece of money it is always in profile, because the cameo is more readily struck with the die in that manner and if a full or three-quarter face were represented the nose of the gentleman or lady would get damaged in circulation and produce a ridiculous effect.

Umatilla Teachers Lead.

It has been reported in a Portland newspaper that many of the teachers who took the examinations a short time ago, are failing to pass. This is not true, bowever, as regards Uma county are, with few exceptions, mak- louvged in the shade.

ing excellent grades and to Principal H. M. Gunn of Hermiston, belongs the distinction of baving made the second highest average in the entire state up to this time, he having received a grade of 100 per cent in three subjects. The state board of examiners is making rapid progress with grading the papers, and according to County Superintendent Welles, who is a member of the state board, the results of the examinations will probably be known the latter part of this

John Hagen Dead.

Another old and honored pioneer of Umatilla county has answered the last call. John Hagen, who for more than thirty years lived on his farm five miles northwest of Pendleton, passed away at his home in Hemet. California, Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon death being due to a complication of diseases. He had moved to the southern state two years ago in the hopes of benefitting his health but was disappointed in his quest and has been slowly sinking for some time. - East Oregonian.

Weston's Strawberry Day.

Weston's Strawberry day, held in that city Saturday, was a success in every particular. Plenty of strawberries were on hand for everybody, the day was ideal and the attendance all that could be expected. The display of products from the mountain ranches was the feature of the occasion, and visitors marveled at the showing made in their exhibit.

Swollen Tongue Threatens Life of Pendleton Babe,

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Fletcher of Willow Springs is resting easily at St. Authony's hospital following a delicate operation performed Saturday by Drs. Ringo, Parker and Lieuallen. says the Live Wire.

The child, together with her parents, was brought to Pendleton Saturday by Dr. Lieaullen in his auto. At that tire a growth in the sumavilliary glands had caused the tongue to swell until it filled the mouth, stopped the throat and was protruding from the slowly choking to death.

A burried consultation was held and an immediate operation decided upon. An incision was made under the chin, the growth removed and the tongue opened up. The immediate beneficial results were remarkable and the child in now rapidly recovering.

Dissatisfied With Mule Race.

W. R. Taylor attended the celebration at Pendleton Tuesday and says the much advertised wild mule race was a frost, inasmuch as broken mules were entered in the race instead of wild ones. Mr. Taylor further asserts that the method of placing the riders was not fair. There were more riders than muies, and instead of drawing for the chance to ride, those having the race in charge told certain ones to take a mule, leaving others who desired to ride without an opportunity. A \$50 saddle was the prize offered in the race. Braden Gerking was on the ground to ride, but the mule awarded him was taken and ridden by another rider, leaving the boy out of the race entirely. Mr. Taylor is of the opinion that it would not take more than another tall game and mule race to set this community knocking instead of boosting the Roundup. Jinks savs that it was possible for Montgomery, who had the race in charge, to have given a winning mule to a favorite rider, under the method employed.

Earning Their Education. A circular has been issued by the

Y. W. C. A. of the Lewiston Normal School, which undoubtedly will to of interest to earnest and ambitious young people who desire a higher education, but who lack the necessary means. President George H. Black will send a copy upon request. In the circular are described the various opportunities in Lewiston to earn money to pay expenses while attending the Normal. At least twenty-five per cont of the Normal students earned a part or all of their expenses during the past year. There are available, too, at the Normal, three loan funds, the loan being made with the understanding that it is to be paid in small monthly installments when the student obtains a position.

A Quiet Fourth.

The Fourth of July was observed in Athena in a quiet manner. Even fire erackers were not in the local market, and but for a little celebration gotten up by Ed Koontz for the benefit of his small friends, the sound of the cracker would not have been heard on our drowsy streets. The small boy who was not taken by his parents to towns where celebrations were held passed over a truly same Fourth. Stores and business bonses closed at noon, the tilla county. The teachers of Umatilla | "kids" went swimmin', and the elders

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