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## DISRUPTION OF THE BASE BALL LEAGUE

### WALLA WALLA AND PENDLETON DESERT AFTER SIGNING UP.

Unsportsmanlike Action Puts Athena-Weston, and Milton-Freewater to the Bad.

The Blue Mountain league has been disrupted by the withdrawal of Walla Walla and Pendleton, after Walla Walla had promulgated the organization and with Pendleton, Athena, and Milton delegates had signed articles of agreement.

The dismemberment of the league became known definitely last Saturday when a couple of boosters from Boise, Idaho, converted Pendleton and Walla Walla to the inflated idea that Class "D" ball was the article wanted. Walla Walla fell over herself in accepting the proposition and Pendleton followed suit in raising the sum of \$2600 to enter the league.

North Yakima could see nothing offered in the class "D" proposition except a deficit at the end of the season and turned the offer down. The towns now embraced in the league proposed are Walla Walla, Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker, Ontario and Boise.

Each town is required to raise \$2500 and put up a certified check for \$500 as forfeit if the team fails to finish the season as scheduled. Six games are to be played at Boise when the team is at home and the same number of games are to be played at Walla Walla, the remaining towns in the league to be given three games each playing week. The teams divide equally on a 45 per cent basis, 10 per cent going to a slinking fund.

Athena fans predict that the league will not finish the season, for the reason that the territory covered is not compact enough, the jumps being too far and expensive; week day games will result in small gate receipts; and further, they claim that class "D" will be no better ball than was seen in the Blue Mountain league last year.

Athena-Weston and Milton-Freewater are left with players on their hands, the management of the teams having been put to expense in assembling their players. They attribute the disruption of the league as being nothing less than a rank breach of faith and a deliberate let-down in an unsportsmanlike manner.

Athena will have no ball this year except that played by the "Cubs," the second team. The Athena Base Ball Association met yesterday afternoon, disbanded the team and made arrangements to meet expenses incurred. Milton-Freewater will probably disband after Sunday. On that day they play a ten-cent game with the Walla Walla bunch to lift their expense account, the Garden City sportsmen(?) after listening to Jim Neal's tale of woe condescended so much for charity's sake, and prospective gate receipts at their class "D" games. Athena fans would see any old bunch of would-be sportsmen in the fiery pit further than you could toss a feather, before they would accept anything from them.

Walla Walla and Pendleton men. The league articles were signed by Walla Walla and Pendleton men. Pendleton's requests as to the arrangement of the schedule were complied with. Its subsequent request to a postponement was complied with. Walla Walla struck a broad-gauge attitude, and expressed satisfaction and loyalty. Freewater Milton and Athena-Weston organized their teams and made ready to play ball. Athena-Weston bought new uniforms.

"Without notice, without explanation, without utter indifference toward the baseball welfare of the smaller towns, Pendleton and Walla Walla listened to the siren song of the tri-state league promoters and dropped the Blue Mountain league. Their commercial bodies have said in effect that they prefer the support and good will of Boise, Baker, La Grande and Ontario to the support and good will of Milton, Freewater, Athena and Weston. They have said in effect to the small towns:

"We don't want to play with you, you little scrubs. We're afraid you'll oop the pennant again this season, and rattle our dignity. You are not in our class. In fact, you are just a little bit too cheap for us. We want to go into a Class D league, try a bunch of mixed six ball-tossers—the ragtag and bobtail of the Coast and Northwest leagues—and fight it out for the cellular position."

"Very well again, you big quitters. Have your way. But you'll find it a rather tortuous way, lined with brickbats, thorns and dornicks. Your precious league will last just about a month, and your mired fans will soon be mourning for their lost coin. Your league is conceived in deception and nourished in treachery. No loyal fan from Freewater to Athena will attend your games or buy a shoestring in your town. You have said with a sneer that you can get along without us. We can jolly well get along without you."

"One recalls the beautiful and fraternal (sentimental and sloppy) get-together excursions that Pendleton and Walla Walla commercial bodies have pulled off in the past. Invading our towns with banner and badge and button and noxious smiles, they have told us how they loved us. They were mistaken. They loved our dollars; and the fewer they get hereafter the more poignant will be their regret. They came to us as Greeks bearing gifts, with smiles upon their lips but with deceit in their hearts. Let them take their gifts to the strangers in Boise, Baker, La Grande and Ontario. These cities will doubtless be overwhelmed with joy at the chance to enroll themselves as the commercial and baseball thralls of Pendleton and Walla Walla."

**WOOD VOICES SENTIMENT HERE**

President of Disrupted League Takes Characteristic Fling at Deserters.

Clark Wood, president of the Blue Mountain Base Ball League, will say editorially in his Weston Leader today: "Walla Walla and Pendleton are making rather a commercial proposition of baseball. Their commercial bodies have endorsed the tri-state Class D league and entered into a whirlwind campaign for subscriptions with much success.

"Very well, indeed. But these sport promoters do not seem to realize that there is a considerable territory between their respective

**LOCAL INSTITUTE AT ECHO**

Splendid Program Offered by Leading Educators Tomorrow.

A local Teachers' Institute is to be held at Echo tomorrow April 6, and an excellent program is announced as follows:

10 a. m.  
Opening exercises.  
Singing.  
How to Use the Course of Study, W. W. Wiley.  
The Use of Pictures in Language Work, Blanche E. Small.  
Music.  
How to Secure Better Writing, B. T. Yonel.  
Noon Intermission.  
1:00 p. m.  
Singing.  
Thoroughness in Arithmetic, Joel Davis.  
Music.  
Civil Government, L. W. Keeler.  
Indian Club Singing, J. L. Thompson.  
Address, State Supt. L. R. Alderman.  
Evening, 8 p. m.  
Music.  
Address, Supt. J. S. Lundens.  
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All teachers employed in Districts Nos. 5, 6, 8, 14, 28, 50 and 61 are expected to be present. Please invite your school officers and patrons to come.

Miss Gladys Scroggs will conduct the singing, and Mr. Ottimer A. Cannon will have charge of the instrumental music. A dinner will be served to which all of the teachers are cordially invited.

Miss Adna Raley of Pendleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Raley, was united in marriage Wednesday evening to A. C. Harlow, of Woodburn.

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## SELLS OIL LAND, LOSES FORTUNE

### SHREWD WOMAN BUYS SPENCER FARM FOR \$1,000.

Fortune knocked at the door of our fellow townsman, S. L. Spencer, recently, but the tap was not loud enough for the gentleman to clearly hear and he has narrowly missed being made an oil baron.

Down in Texas Mr. Spencer for many years has owned 80 acres of land, which has been farmed by his brother. Some months ago an oil field was developed not many miles from the Spencer place, and last summer when Mr. and Mrs. Spencer were on a visit to their old home, offers were made to lease the land from him by oil promoters. He would not consider any of the offers made to him to lease, but considered an offer made by a lady to purchase the place for the sum of \$1000, on certain terms agreed upon.

Negotiations have remained open since Mr. Spencer's return, until seven weeks ago, when the woman telegraphed that she would take the place at the figure and terms stated. Mr. Spencer received a certified check for the first payment and returned a bond for a deed to be delivered to the purchaser when she makes the final payment.

The papers of transfer had hardly reached the place of destination, when Mr. Spencer received a copy of an Olney, Texas, paper, containing an article descriptive of a big well in which oil in large quantities had been struck, within a mile and a half of the place he had just disposed of for a mere pittance.

Mr. Spencer takes the losing of a fortune philosophically. There is no doubt in his mind that oil promoters will spend golden dollars from every acre of the land he sold so cheaply, and now and then he reflects on the sagacious business judgment of the lady purchaser and wonders why certain relatives of his, who were cognizant of the trend of events in the Texas oil field did not inform him of the facts.

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**MAYOR KOONTZ NAMES DAY FOR CLEANUP**

Mayor Koontz announces that next Friday, April 12, will be set aside for Athena's annual cleanup day, when all residents and property owners will be required to clean up their premises. All debris and superfluous trash will be carted away or burned, and it is the intention to make of Athena a model city in cleanliness.

The mayor will appoint committees of ladies residing in the different parts of the city to oversee the work, each to superintend operations in her own immediate neighborhood.

## Single File.

### When the Indians traveled together they seldom walked or rode two or more abreast, but followed one another in single file. It has been thought by some that this practice resulted from the lack of roads, which compelled them to make their way through woods and around rocks by narrow paths. If this were the real reason for the practice, then we should expect to find that the tribes who lived in open countries traveled in company, as do whites. The true reason for journeying as the Indians did in single file seems to be a feeling of caste. This feeling was at the bottom of other customs of the Indians. It made their women slaves and rendered the men silent and unsocial. This peculiarity is Asiatic. How it has warped and disfigured Hindu life is well known. Home is scarcely possible where it prevails. To the women and children domestic life is bondage. The women of a Chinese household are seldom seen in the street. The children, when accompanying their father, follow him at a respectful distance, in single file and in the order of their ages.—Harper's Weekly.

**Don't Be a Chatterer.**

Do you chatter? If you feel you do, don't! Get rid of the habit as quickly as you can. There is nothing so irritating or more dangerous. His chief asks the clerk a question which requires a brief answer. Instead of replying in a word, he irritates his superior by incoherent meanderings, and he is surprised and hurt to be curtly cut short. His astonishment, however, would be greater could he but overhear a subsequent conversation. "Shall we send Jones on this special commission?" asks the head clerk. "No," replies the chief; "he chatters too much."

It has always been so. Famous generals have ever entrusted important messages to the man who would rather be shot than speak. Then, too, a chatterer has few friends, whether business or otherwise. Who can feel at ease with a man who babbles all you tell him in confidence to the next comer?—Pearson's Weekly.

**Try a Single Rose.**

"We read," said Lucinda, "about how Adolphus brought to Luella a great bunch of roses, and we can imagine their beauty. We are left to guess at their cost. But do you know it isn't really necessary in order to make home beautiful to have a bunch of roses as big around as a barrel; that a single lovely rose will do?"

"Try this: If you have spent all your money for hats and gloves and Adolphus hasn't come—my brother Claude would say hasn't come to the bat—stop at the florist's and buy a single rose. It will cost very little—and take that home and set it in the proper vase, its red petals and green leaves to please the eye and its fragrance to fill the room, an individual flower of grace and beauty and joy. If you can't have a bunch try a single rose."—New York Sun.

**The Everglades.**

The region known as the Everglades of Florida is about sixty miles long by some fifty-five miles broad and is one vast swamp, studded with islands of from a quarter of an acre to hundreds of acres in extent. These islands are generally covered with dense thickets of shrubbery or vines and occasionally with lofty pines and palm-trees. The water is from one to six feet deep, the bottom, as a rule, covered with a growth of rank grass. During the rainy season, from July to October, the district comprised in the Everglades is practically impenetrable. The vegetable deposit of the Everglades is considered well adapted to the growth of the banana and other fruits, and when properly drained the region will undoubtedly be one of the most fertile on earth.—New York American.

**Struggle of the Rivers.**

The discovery that there is a kind of struggle for existence and survival of the fittest among rivers is one of the most interesting results of the modern study of physiography. A notable example of this contest is exhibited by England's two biggest rivers, the Thames and the Severn. Between their valleys lie the Cotswold hills, and exploration shows that the Severn by eating backward among these hills where softer strata underlie them has diverted to itself some of the headwaters which formerly flowed into the Thames.

**She Made a Mistake.**

Two girls, the story ran, were drinking tea and eating scones at a fashionable New York restaurant. The first girl said:

"Maud is so sorry she took Reggie's ring back to Dymon's to be valued."

"Why?" asked the other girl as she opened a fresh scone.

"Dymon kept it. He said Reggie hadn't been in to settle for it, according to his promise."

**Not in Condition.**

Professional Beggar (in Hardupp's office)—I've been out o' work for over a year, mister, and ain't got the price o' a night's lodgin'. Can yer do anything to help me out? Hardupp (sarcastically)—I'd like to, but I sprained my foot on a collector yesterday.

**Too Sane.**

"I don't believe this novel of yours will hit the popular fancy."

"Your heroine acts at times as if she had sense."—Washington Herald.

**Friendly Advice.**

"We surprised all our friends by getting married."

"Good enough. Now surprise 'em by staying married."—Kansas City Journal.

## MACHINE AFTER SAM PETERSON

### MILTON MAN SAYS HE HAS BEEN SLATED FOR DEFEAT.

Does Not See Fit to Follow Suggestions and Instructions of Mann-Hinkle Backers.

Sam Peterson, the Milton attorney, who was a representative in the last legislature, and who is a candidate for nomination and reelection, is having hard sledding in the present campaign. Declaring that the republican machine leaders of the county are waging war against him because they were unable to control his actions in the legislature, Peterson is quoted by a Pendleton paper as follows:

"I find that the machine is fighting me and endorsing Mann and Hinkle for nominations. They are doing so because I did not see fit to follow their suggestions and instructions. In the speakership fight two years ago the machine was backing W. Lair Thompson, who is a genuine machine politician, and they commanded that I should vote for Thompson. I refused to work for him and voted for the election of Rusk, the progressive candidate."

"It was urged by the machine to oppose Senate Bill No. 75. This law places the state printer upon a flat salary and removes the graft which has heretofore been connected with the office. It saves the taxpayers of Oregon from thirty to forty thousand dollars per annum. The machine lined up unanimously in opposition to the bill. I voted for the bill and worked hard to secure its passage. After a bitter fight the bill passed and is now a law."

"I was urged by the machine to support House Bill No. 218—The Rogue River Fish Bill, which would have repealed a law passed by the people less than two months before. I fought the bill, but the machine and lobbyists scored its passage. It was afterwards voted by the governor."

"Though he has not yet completed his campaign, Peterson declares he is much encouraged over the outlook for his renomination and expects a victory at the primary despite the fact some of the organization leaders have marked him for slaughter."

**MENELEY CONCERT COMPANY**

Last of the Lyceum Course at Christian Church Tomorrow Evening.

The Meneley Concert Company will appear at the Christian church tomorrow evening, April 6, in the last number of the Lyceum course given under the auspices of the Athena Commercial Club, and it is hoped that a large audience will be present to enjoy the evening's entertainment.

This concert company embraces the famous Meneley Quartette, and Raymond McCord, impersonator and reader. The Quartette has been before the public over 17 years and is perhaps the best known company of its kind in the country. It was originally organized as a company of temperance singers, but long ago broadened out so that now it stands in the front rank as a popular entertainment company on lecture courses and Oban-touque assemblies. The following is from the Savannah Daily Journal:

"An immense audience gathered at the Baptist Church last evening to enjoy the first number in the course of entertainment given under the auspices of the church. The entertainment was given by the Meneley Concert Co. and on all sides today are heard expressions of appreciation of the rare merit of the evening's program. The music on the Marimbaphones and Organ Chimes was never surpassed in this city and the large audience was held spellbound by the sweet sounds."

"The singing was another delightful feature, especially the work of the soprano soloist, Miss Cora Ricketts, whose sweet voice entranced her hearers."

"There was not a dull moment during the evening and our friends of the Baptist church have just cause to feel proud over the success of the first number."

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