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## BASEBALL

The baseball season in Coos promises to be a lively one, as all the larger towns in the county seem to be thoroughly awake and enthusiastic on the subject. Baseball is the national game, and it is undoubtedly the finest out-door game in the world. It is so far ahead of football as a game of skill that there is no proper comparison between them. Baseball stands to football, as a game, in much the same relation that a sword stands to a club, as a weapon.

Mere weight and brawn counts for nothing in baseball. It is a matter of practice, skill, dexterity, activity, fleetness of foot, instant action of the brain, quick decision. There is nothing brutal about it; nothing to shock the finer sensibilities. Further, it is a game that nearly every one enjoys watching, whether he understands its technicalities or not.

It is true that some people object to Sunday ball games, but what are we going to do about it? It is Sunday or no day. And it is not certain that playing a clean, healthy out-door game is the worst use to which the day can be put.

There is one feature which is sometimes allowed to become too prominent and which the MAIL suggests should be kept in the background as much as possible. That is, the betting on the game. It is certain to be done, of course, but it adds nothing to the healthy influence of the game, and when allowed to become the main feature it puts the whole thing in the light of a plain gamble, and destroys public confidence and interest in the sport.

The MAIL will be pleased to give the baseball news of the season, so far as it can be obtained without an unreasonable expenditure of time. The office stomach-pump is out of order, and the office mind-reader I ain't been employed yet; so we have to depend mainly on what is told us willingly by those who know. We therefore suggest to the boys that when they have any item of interest in regard to their organizations they communicate it to us, and we will be very glad to use it.

## SALEM AND BINGER HERMANN

(Capital Journal)

Salem, as a city, and the people of Salem have a direct personal interest in the election to congress of Hon. Binger Hermann.

It was Speaker Reed who refused to make him chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, because he would empty the national treasury.

Salem has direct and immediate need for such a man in congress, and for none other because Salem is interested in three appropriations.

The Salem Indian Training School is coming to be nearly as big an institution as the insane asylum, in point of

expense.

Salem has immediate need of an appropriation for the grading of the post-office site, of not less than \$10,000.

Salem needs immediate action for the protection of the harbor and water front of the Willamette river, and for the improvement of the river.

For the removal of the bar, protection of the west bank, and for dredging the channel, and possibly cutting a new channel, we need \$100,000.

These are important and needed public improvements, in which the wage-earners have a vital interest. Salem business men are vitally interested.

It may be said the rest of the Oregon delegation can look after these matters for Salem. Mr. Reams might also be able to do it.

But not so well as our own congressman, in harmony with the Republican majority already elected to congress.

Let us have our own representative to look out for us; give him a reception Wednesday night and a vote that will make him our friend.

(This reasoning will apply with still greater force in the case of Coos Bay)

## ROOSEVELT & HERMANN

President Roosevelt's utterance on the subject of Binger Hermann's candidacy for congress, published in this issue, will be a hard blow to the only chance the Democrats had to make a strong showing for their candidate, Mr. Reams.

The only campaign thunder they have had that would get up even the ghost of a reverberation was the argument that Mr. Hermann would be persona non grata to the administration. The MAIL has contended that there was nothing behind this argument, and now the President himself has come out in manly fashion and put the matter in its true light.

Mr. Hermann's relations with the President "are and always have been cordial," and the latter hopes for his election.

What more do you want?

## Real Estate Transfers

A A Fink and wf to CH Merchant, blk 5, Bay City. \$500.

Isiah Hacker, Assignee to J. H. Thrush, lots 2 3 4 5 6 and 7, block 129 Empire City. \$337.

Oscar Ohman to Augusta M Ohman, lot 27, blk 5, Garfield & Sengstacken's add East Marshfield. \$1.

K. D. Gorman and wife to Chas. J. Randleman sq of nw2 of sw4, s2 of ne4 of sw4, sec 23 lot 3 sec 26 t 28 r 13 41 acres. \$5.

Georgia Robison and hus to Mary F Hemsley and W A Skelly, lot 5 ne4 of sw4 nw4 of sw4 sec 28 t 28 r 12-91 90 acres. \$5.

Georgia K Robison and hus and W A Skelly to Mary F Hemsley, tract near Bandon. \$5.

John A Hamblcock to Southern Oregon Lumber Co. 10 acres in lot 4 sec 9 and lot 1, sec 16, t 28 r 14. \$1500.

Geo Friend and wf to Everett G Kay e2 of ne4, sec 32 t 29 r 10 80 acres. \$800.

R W Williams and wf to Fred Johnson and Robt Marsden, lot 8 blk 6, Nasburg's add, Marshfield. \$150.

B R Banning and wf to Ole Samuelson, s2 of ne4 n2 of sw4 sec 18 t 20 r 11 160 acres. \$150.

U S to Wm C Paxson lot 2 sec 30 t 27 r 12 4205 acres.

U S to Wm H Morgan s2 of sw4, sec 6, nw4 of sw4 sec 7 t 26 r 11 160 acres.

A new sewer system is being put in at Sumpter.

Binger Hermann met with a rousing reception at Eugene, Democratic headquarters for the congressional campaign.

## LOCAL INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

BAY CITY, SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 16, 1903.

- 1 Public School Exercises.
- 1 Opening Address.
- 3 Song—"Public School"—Schools.
- 4 Recitation—"Why I'd Rather Be a Boy"—Volney Mathison.
- 5 Recitation—"The Ballad of a Trailing Skirt"—Martin Stekel.
- 6 Flag Drill.
- 7 Recitation—"My First Pair of Britches"—Georgie Kern.
- 8 Tableau—"Three Fishers"—(Three Scenes.)
- 9 Song—"Better Far Than Gold"—Bay City School.
- 10 Recitation—"Every Friday Afternoon"—Roy Robertson.
- 11 Recitation—"Our Flag"—Agnes Cottell.
- 12 Recitation—"The Burning of the Ship"—Flossie Jennings.
- 13 Tableau—"An Old Man's Darling and a Young Man's Slave."
- 14 Recitation—"Kentucky Philosophy"—May Kern.
- 15 Recitation—"Grand Mamma"—Maggie Robertson.
- 16 Recitation—"Little Bessie"—Katie Thurman.
- 17 Recitation—"A Scholar"—Georgie Miller.
- 18 Song—"Oregon"—Flagstaff School.
- 19 Tableau—"Sunshine and Rain."
- 20 Recitation—"The Model Child"—Ollie Richards.
- 21 Recitation—"The Rogue"—Willie Richardson.
- 22 Tableau—"Rock of Ages"
- 23 Song—"The Man Behind the Plow"—Georgie Miller.
- 24 Recitation—"The First Snow Fall"—Daisy Richardson.
- 25 Recitation—"He's Scotch as He Can Be."
- 26 Song—"Grandpapa and I"
- 27 Recitation—"The Grumbling Old Woman"—Gilbert Stekel.
- 28 Recitation—"Hang Me Till I'll Die"—Edith Kelsey.
- 29 Song—"Willie Richardson."
- 30 Recitation—"Where You Make a Mistake"—Frank Riebe.
- 31 Tableau—"John Anderson."
- 32 Recitation—"Johnnie's History Lesson"—Harry Tilton.
- 33 Composition—"Famous Streets of the World"—Bay City School Girls.
- 34 Recitation—"The Man in the Moon"—Florent Richardson.
- 35 Song—"Fishing."
- 36 Patriotic Drill
- 37 Tableau—"Whittier's Barefoot Boy."
- 38 Recitation—"Leaves"—Walter Weaver.
- 39 Tableau—"You Can't Find Me."
- 40 Reading of the Bay City Weekly Receiver.
- 41 Dialogue—"Matrimonial Ad."
- 42 Recitation—"The Famine"—Helena Hughes.
- 43 Recitation—"Conversation by Telephone"—Ida Gamble.
- 44 Address—W. H. Bunch.

## THE PUBLIC SHOULD

### IMPROVE SCHOOL GROUNDS

(By one of the pupils)

We all agree that our public school grounds are in a poor condition. They are completely barren, not a spear of green growth being seen on them.

We also agree that they should be improved.

But what we do not all agree on is who should do it.

Why doesn't the school board make an appropriation for that purpose? This question is easily answered. "Such an appropriation would either necessitate an addition to the already burdensome tax, or else it would result in a failure to maintain the present standard in the school, and this is not as high now as we might reasonably wish for."

Since we can not reasonably expect any individual to appropriate the necessary fund, would it not be just to expect it from the public?

You may ask what benefit the public would derive from such an improvement. Well, first, everyone, whether he lived in the adjoining lot or in South Marshfield, would have the satisfaction of seeing a school ground that would be a credit to his town. Is such a satisfaction not worth anything?

Second, not only would it not be a credit to the town, but it would set a good example, and influence individuals to improve their home yards. People are generally great imitators, and when some leading person or institution sets a good example, the people are anxious to follow suit. But when, as now is the case with school grounds, a leading institution lets its surroundings remain in such a condition as will do only to get along with, the people are inclined to do likewise. If such an improvement is a good influence, is it not worth something.

Thirdly, neat grounds and beautiful surroundings cause newcomers to have a good impression of the town. When

a stranger comes into a town, and sees yards and grounds in a barren, neglected condition, he soon begins to think that he is in a dead town. But if he sees the buildings surrounded by well trimmed trees, green grass, and other beautiful gifts of nature, he begins to think that he is among a set of thrifty people. Is not such an impression on newcomers worthy the public attention? When a person or association attempts to promote the worthy cause of improving the school grounds, it is not only the duty of the public to assist, but it is to their advantage, and they should take a pleasure and pride in encouraging the enterprising party.

## SIZE-UP OF PORTLAND

### STRIKE SITUATION

On Monday the Telegram sized up the Portland strike situation as follows:

Claims and counter claims on the one side and the other so far as the painters are concerned characterizes the developments to be noted in today's strike history. The bosses claim that victory is theirs by reason of disruption in the union ranks, and the claim is stoutly denied by the painters. It is tacitly admitted by the employers that not more than 20 union men are working on unfair jobs, while the union employees claim that the total number will not exceed ten. There was a break in the ranks of the Laborers' Protective Union this morning, brickhandlers and mortarmen going to work on the building at the corner of Fourth and Gisan streets. It is said that a further effort will be made to get the men to quit this afternoon. Decisive steps will be taken at tonight's meeting of the laundry-workers as to the status of the union help that is now working at the United States laundry on the East side. The action taken may result in this help being called out and the laundry declared unfair. It was decided this forenoon by the mill-

men to deliver lumber at the Weishard building as an accommodation to some of the lessees who are in danger of being put on the sidewalk in lieu of a place to do business if the building is not finished as speedily as possible. The millmen declare this is not to be considered as a recession from the position they have maintained for the past two weeks, but on the contrary they are still in the fight to deliver lumber only where there is no discrimination against nonunion men.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

A small run of salmon is reported at Astoria.

Salem has granted a franchise for a new power and light plant with a third application.

Greater Salem Commercial Club will assist Willamette University in paying off remaining debt.

The Dalles is to have some paved streets.

Covallis is to have a new independent telephone line.

Richard A. Davis was killed Tuesday evening by a falling tree at the logging camp on Leech Island, in the Willamette River, near Harrisburg. He was employed by Louis Ernest, a contractor for the Oregon City Pulp & Paper Company.

Floyd D. Weener, printer of Sumpter, is under arrest at Baker City for passing bogus checks.

A piece of float, estimated to be worth \$3000, was deposited today in a local bank by John Peters, who found it in John Day River. The nugget weighs 83 pounds, and is shot full of gold. The exact location of the discovery is a secret.

Lum Duck, the crazy Chinaman who attempted to commit suicide in Corvallis last Monday, has recovered from his injuries and has been taken to the County Jail, and will be sent to the State Asylum today.

James G. Lee, of Patton Valley, was Tuesday morning arrested by Sheriff Sewell and deputies, charged with the larceny of a calf. The District Attorney filed an information against him last November, but Lee has not been in the state since that time until a few days ago. A bond has been filed in the sum of \$700, but has not yet been approved by the clerk and Lee still languishes in the bastille.

A homemaker from North Dakota died at Lakeview Oregon from smallpox.

J. Thomas, a farmer at Fairview, Oregon, was seriously injured by being thrown from his wagon while his team ran away.

Pendleton put up \$1500 for the ball league in that many minutes.

Independence has an Improvement League which will improve roads leading into that town.

Fritz Voas, a native of Germany, aged 71 years, a resident of Astoria for about 25 years, died Sunday, after a long illness, from a complication of diseases. He leaves a widow and two grown sons. His funeral will be held on Tuesday, with interment in Greenwood.

Tommy Saluskin, an Indian, at North Yakima, Wash., was killed yesterday in a fight over a horse at Big Cottonwood, on Upper Antanum. A number of Indians got in altercation, when George Ward hit him with a stone.

Nothing has yet been found to indicate the whereabouts of Convict Long, who escaped from the penitentiary two weeks ago while employed as a trusty on the prison farm. A suit of convict clothing, supposed to have been left by Long, was found a few days ago in a barn a few miles southeast of Salem. As Long has had time to travel many miles since changing his stripes for citizens' clothes, the finding of the suit cannot help in the detection of the fugitive.

The faculty of Willamette University has declared a holiday on May 21, the day upon which President Roosevelt will visit Salem.

Brownsville has a glove factory.

Oregon Strawberries are in the market.

Sumpter's new smelter is finished and will soon be at work.

Miss Ware is now back to Oregon and the land office trouble will now be aired.

La Grande has a gang of thieves in its midst. They have been making regular raids.

W. M. Wisdom, a prominent Portland man has skipped out with his child leaving his wife behind. He was evidently misnamed.

Here's a warning. Ralph Newcomb, a Walla Walla young man, was all ready to be married when he was presented with a bill for his wedding outfit. Chagrined he fled to his room and tried to commit suicide, then he fled from the city. The bride is to be congratulated in escaping from marriage with a young man who does not pay his debts particularly for his wedding suit.

Voters may vote anywhere in the congressional district by swearing in their vote.

In Brownsville last week it cost Thos. Vannum 24.90 for getting drunk in a town without a saloon and then resisting an officer.

Frank Gorrellone, a prosperous farmer, of near Oakland, Douglas county, has commenced suit against the county to recover the sum of \$11,000 for injuries received by the collapse of a bridge across Hubbard Creek about a year ago, in which he had a fine team of horses killed and he at the same time received injuries from which, it is alleged, he has not and probably never will fully recover. He presented his claim to the County Court at the January term and they allowed him \$1050. This sum he would not accept, and so commenced action to collect the amount in full.

The respective county clerks of the counties wherein the referendum is applied have just now an extra duty to perform. Under its provisions the county clerk of each county is compelled to compare the names on the referendum petitions with those on the registration books to see if the signers of the petitions are bona fide voters.

Articles of incorporation of the Dorona Lumber Company were filed with the county clerk of Lane county Monday. Rev. C. A. Wooley, of Fairmount, W. L. Houston, and the ex-real estate agent of this city, L. F. Wooley, the ex-newspaper man of Cottage Grove, and J. H. Gooch are the incorporators. The principal office and place of business is Eugene and the capital stock is \$15,000, divided into that many shares.

Hop vines in the Oregon hop belt are badly injured by a cut worm and it is thought that one-third the vines have been cut off.

## YOUR BLOOD ENRICHED

The debility so common in the Spring is simply the sign of poisonous elements in the blood that the system is unable to throw off. Help is needed and health will be better all the year if a little help is given now. The remedy that is apt to help most is SENGSTACKEN'S ACTIVE BLOOD PURIFIER. It purifies and enriches the blood, stimulates all the organs to renewed activity and increases strength and energy. This preparation is put up in bottles holding one-third more than the regular dollar blood remedies. You can get no better remedy at any price, \$1.00 per bottle.

SENGSTACKEN'S PHARMACY, Marshfield, Oregon.