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### Yellow Journalism

The jury in the libel case against the Portland News, returned a verdict of not guilty. Evidently they were not satisfied beyond a doubt that the editor of The News was malicious and untruthful when he called County Judge Cleeton and County Commissioner Lightner "plain robbers" last January. According to the evidence produced at the trial Commissioner Lightner did not purchase certain articles for the new county court house according to the letter of the law but saw a more effective way of doing the buying and at the trial it was not proven that any "graft" had been made, as was charged by The News.

To one who is posted on the matter, the sensational "news" appearing in such papers as the Portland News, does not appeal at all. Being personally acquainted with the reporters of several such papers we know that they are told to write up articles against public officials or otherwise prominent people wholly upon suspicion and with utter disregard for the truth. These articles appeal to those looking for sensational matter who accept them as the truth. The reporter suspends something; he writes it up as if it were a proven fact; the paper sells like hotcakes on the streets and the circulation manager and publisher have attained their object. Their large circulation is an inducement for the advertisers to use their columns. The publisher of any privately owned newspaper is in the business for whatever returns he can make on his investment and any business man who claims a different motive tells an untruth. The cry, then put up by the yellow journals, that they are published simply to protect the interests of the so-called "common people", is a deliberate lie, as any fair-minded person will admit. On the other hand, papers issued by labor unions, such as the Portland Labor Press, never seek to mislead the public and do not conduct their official organ for the primary purpose of selling advertising space. If a person really wants to get the truth in any matter where public officials are exposed in their crookedness let them read reliable papers who are after the absolute truth, and not read papers of the Portland News type whose sole object is to spread sensational and untruthful matter for the purpose of gaining a larger circulation. Such papers as The News are not fit to enter the home. This is the opinion of The Bulletin regarding all yellow journal and sensational publications and we don't care who knows it.

### New Laws in Effect

In another column we mention some of the new laws that went into effect June 2.

The laws making it a felony for a husband to neglect to support his wife or children, and the physical examination of bridegrooms are very important. Rarely will a man be sent to the penitentiary for neglect of his family. But the existence of this law will be a constant club over the heads of men who view their family relations lightly. Also it may be the means of deterring some undesirables from entering the married state. So also,

will the physical requirement law.

The law, making a liquor dealer liable whenever he or anyone in his employ sells liquor to an habitual drunkard or an intoxicated person, will help confine the liquor traffic to its proper channels. Under the new law if a man commits a crime, or is injured, or causes any damage, the saloonkeeper who sold the liquor is financially responsible under the law for whatever damage his family may suffer. Hereafter it will be for the saloonman's own benefit to see that he sells liquor only to men who can and do control their habits.

### PLAYER RELEASES HIMSELF.

Pitcher, Also League President, Takes Action to Conform With Rule.

To hand your own release to yourself is an unusual occurrence. Yet this is what took place when Pitcher William E. Essick was released by the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Central league club. He was the only member of the pitching staff not yet in condition, and as it was necessary to reduce the number of players to conform to the league limit Essick was the victim.

The release was drawn up by President William E. Essick of the Grand Rapids club with all the customary details. President Essick then placed himself before a mirror and made a speech, in which he expressed his regret that the league rules made it necessary for him to release his favorite pitcher.

The document was tendered by the president's right hand and accepted by his left. Thus President Essick released himself as a pitcher of the team of which he is president and majority stockholder.

Essick is a warm weather pitcher and says he probably will sign himself again in midseason.

### Pitcher Toney Doesn't Believe in Tips.

Fred Toney, the Cub flogger, can't see the sense of buying a new \$3 hat and then paying 30 cents a day to the hotel but check book adds to watch it while he eats. He figures that in ten days he will have handed out enough to buy another hat, so he wears his old cap and eats with it in his pocket.

### Sullivan Thinks Well of Henry.

Billy Sullivan considers John Henry of Washington the best catcher in the American league, particularly in throwing to bases.

## IONE WINS SECOND GAME FROM HEPPNER

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batteries were: Heppner, O. Rietman, Thornton, and Hood; Ione, Harlan and Cronan.

### Notes of the Game

The ball players were registered at the Palace Hotel where they were given a fine meal and shown ever courtesy by the management.

The Ione sports who bet on the game brought back about \$200 of Heppner money.

A new grandstand has been erected on the Heppner grounds which has a



The way Cronan's bat looked to the Heppner Pitchers.

fair seating capacity and makes it decidedly more pleasant for the feminine fair to attend the games.

"Ginger" Ganger officiated as one of the umpires and was apparently nervous as it was his first attempt with the indicator.

Joe Cronan had a good day with the stick getting three fair bingles two of which were for extra bases.

The Bulletin editor had fine control of his spit ball and none of the Heppner batters could get within a foot of it. Several of them were heard to say that they had never before seen a ball go through such motions.

It is reported that Heppner will

strengthen their team with outside players for the next game with Ione. Judge



Cecil Hale pulled down some big ones in center for Heppner.

ing from the last two games between these ancient rivals they will need considerable help to down the Ione lads.

### IOWA BOY LATEST CUE WIZARD

Mere Youth Astonishes Billiard Experts by His Skill.

The attention of the billiard enthusiasts throughout the country was attracted by the brilliant work of a mere boy, Welker Cochran of Manson, Ia., who has starred in more than one amateur tournament during the last winter.

The youngster uses his cue in a phenomenal manner, and in one tournament defeated the veteran Conklin. While the young Japanese player, Koji Yamada, was winning applause by the clever game which he put up he was forced to share the limelight with the youngster from the Hawkeye State. Iowans are confident that Welke Cochran will some day bring a national championship to his native state.

He is now studying the game under the tutelage of Professor Perkins in Chicago.

Griffith Will Leave Umpires Alone. Believing that all the umpires in the American league have been instructed to be strict with him, Clark Griffith has sworn off arguing with them, and he even has gone so far as to bet a suit of clothes that he will not get put off the field all season.

### PRaises JOE BIRMINGHAM.

Cy Young Believes Naps' Manager is Another Fielder Jones.

Cy Young thinks that Joe Birmingham, Cleveland's manager, will be another Fielder Jones. The aforesaid Fielder piloted the White Sox, then the hitless wonders, to the world title. Young believes that "Birmy" will be much the same sort of a heady manager that Jones was.

"Birmingham exercises judgment like Jones," says the veteran pitcher. "He has an ideal personality, and I can't conceive of any fellow who has a decent disposition being antagonistic to him.

"His knowledge of baseball and its tricks is so extraordinary as to be at times uncanny. He has a fine, intelligent class of fellows to deal with. His experience and training have fitted him to obtain the best possible results."

### Shanks Improving as Hitter.

Manager Griffith has forced Howard Shanks to crowd the plate instead of drawing back as he used to, and as a result the young Senator outfielder is said to be a much improved hitter.

### COBB'S THROWING ARM WEAK.

Runners Now Take Big Chances on Balls Hit Into His Territory.

Notwithstanding the fact that Ty Cobb is just as great a ball player today as he ever was, it is also true that his weak throwing arm is going to prove a handicap to his team. Any ball hit into his territory entitles the runner to take desperate chances on the bases, for Cobb is unable to throw the ball any distance.

But he is a wonderful man on the inside, as he demonstrated recently when he went all the way from first to third when Gandil dropped Johnson's assist and then followed this sprinting feat by successfully stealing home.

### TIGERS AT MORGAN

Mun's Tigers will play the Morgan Muts on the latter's diamond this Sunday. The Tigers have taken two of the three games already played and the Muts will try to even up the series with this game.

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