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FANS ORGANIZE BASEBALL CLUB

Geo. Case Is Manager— Move Is Made For Week Day Ball—Money Will Be Raised.

An organization which bids fair to accomplish the desired result, was started last Monday evening in the office of Dr. F. N. Christensen, when some twenty-three baseball enthusiasts met, elected officers, and discussed ways and means for promoting the great national sport in Heppner this year. Not only did they discuss, but steps leading to a genuine organization were definitely outlined and the members are now busy working out the plans.

The first step taken was the nomination and election of officers. For manager George Case was unanimously elected; the same being true of John Vaughn for secretary, and Dr. Christensen for treasurer. That part of the business being finished, it was found necessary to have someone preside over the meetings of the association, so L. E. Bisbee was elected chairman by acclamation.

The question of funds being always uppermost in the minds of promoters, this subject was dealt with first. As the association is in immediate need of money it was decided to give a benefit ball, in fact, two dances, as soon as arrangements can be made. Further discussion brought the matter to a definite point and the date of the first dance was fixed for tomorrow, Friday evening. A committee consisting of J. L. Wilkins, Charles B. Cox and Terah Mahoney were appointed to make arrangements, and it was further decided to give the ladies an interest in the association by asking them to provide refreshments at the dance. Musicians present volunteered to donate their services for the evening. The club further went on record as against ragging or any other dances which do not meet the approval of the public at large. To encourage the assistance of that part of the public which does not dance, it was decided that some other form of entertainment should be provided, and O. G. Crawford, M. L. Case and Clyde Brock were appointed to look after this end of the business. Just what kind of entertainment these gentlemen will work up has not been hinted, but they will no doubt frame up something worth while. The question of week-day ball brought forth much discussion pro and con, mostly pro. In fact, the unanimous sentiment of all present was for the week-day games, and so far as Heppner is concerned there is no doubt but that the games can be handled that way. It was decided to take the matter up with neighboring towns and lend all encouragement possible to the move. In this day when the automobile shortens distances so materially, the old argument that week-day games take too much time, etc., is largely out of order, and it seems reasonable that as the season is short in this section of the country it would not be working an imposition on employers to grant their employees a few days off. Baseball is the greatest of all games, the most loved of all sports, and a little sacrifice of business interests will only prove an uplift in the promotion of clean, healthy athletics. It was clearly pointed out that by dropping Sunday ball the financial end of the game would be greatly strengthened. Baseball is baseball whether played on Sunday or during the week, and as there are a great many enthusiasts who do not favor the Sunday game, but who will back the other proposition, and as those who favor Sunday ball also favor week-day ball, it stands to reason that from the matter of support the week-day game has the best of the argument. The baseball association takes this view. Make baseball a good sport, but don't make

FATS AND LEANS WILL CONTEST HONORS

Heppner fans will have an opportunity to get their money's worth tomorrow afternoon, when the "Fats and Leans" will clash in mortal combat at the association grounds. Dr. Winnard is captain of the heavyweights, and he has lined up on his side Victor Groshens, Bob Schulties, Jeff Neal, J. L. Wilkins, Fred Tash, Gene Noble, Charles Cox and Emery Hiatt.

F. N. Christensen has charge of the "Leans," and he has signed up the following players: John Vaughn, Charles Vaughn, Terah Mahoney, Glenn Wells, Ray Rogers, H. A. Van Winkle, Harry Cummings, Dick Wells and J. J. Nys.

The "Fat and Lean" game will be followed by a spicy contest between the high school team and the association team. During this game Manager Case intends to try out several of the men who would represent Heppner the coming season. Among the most promising of these is Raymond, a pitcher of much promise.

In the evening a benefit ball will be given at the Club building and the proceeds of both the games and the ball will be used by the association in improving the grounds.

Forest Notes

The Canadian Forestry association, which recently met in Ottawa, has selected Halifax, Nova Scotia, for its next annual meeting place.

The stringent requirement of the forest service that all sheep be dipped before entering the national forests, has practically eradicated scabies on those areas.

The lumbermen of Maine in 1900 originated in this country the use of mountain lookout towers with telephone connection for the prompt location and suppression of forest fires.

A California firm is selling eucalyptus charcoal at \$24 a ton, as against \$20 a ton for oak charcoal. Since most of the California-grown eucalyptus do not make good lumber, uses for other products of the tree are being sought.

Fifteen small sawmills are cutting timber from the Powell national forest in southern Utah, more than 100 miles from the nearest railroad. They are run by settlers during time that can be spared from the crops, and supply local needs since there is no opportunity to ship timber in or out.

New Wool Sales Dates

The following wool sales dates for eastern Oregon are now set forth in the official sales days by the State Woolgrowers association.

May 21, Pilot Rock; May 22, Echo; May 23, Pendleton; June 2, Heppner; June 4, Shaniko; June 6, Baker; June 8 and 9 Ontario and Vale; June 15, Pilot Rock (second sale); June 16, Hunt's Ferry; June 17, Metolius and Madras; June 19, Shaniko (second sale); June 23, Condon; June 25, Heppner (second sale); June 30, Joseph; July 1 Enterprise and Wallowa; July 2, Baker (second sale); July 7, Bend; July 9, Shaniko (third sale).

sport out of baseball. Meaning that the game should be promoted for all the good clean sport there is in it and not just simply as a sporting proposition.

Membership cards are being prepared which will be sold at 25c for the season, the association being open to everybody, men, women and children. This should meet with the approval of everybody and be the means of drawing out a hearty support for the season.

CREAMERY FOR HEPPNER IS PRACTICALLY ASSURED

Business Men And Farmers Alike Are Getting Behind the Proposition—Bacon Factory Has Been Dropped.

Work of interesting our business men and the farmers in the vicinity of Heppner in the creamery proposition goes on in a very successful and satisfactory manner. Mr. Sparling is disposing of the stock daily and is meeting with the proper encouragement. In this work he is receiving the co-operation of the following Heppner firms and individuals:

Gilliam & Bisbee, Thomson Bros., Minor & Co., Vaughn & Sons, Phelps Grocery Co., Heppner Milling Co., W. W. Smead, Palace Hotel Co., the Gazette-Times, W. B. Barratt, George J. Curran and Patterson & Son. Besides these, 28 other individuals have become subscribers to the stock and the interest is spreading.

It is thought now that all energy will be directed to getting a good creamery established, and the bacon factory feature that was given mention in our last issue will be dropped, as it would appear to be too big a proposition to develop at the present time.

It must not be understood that this creamery proposition is meeting with universal support; a good many of those who are now interested in the dairy business are slow to take hold of this, feeling that perhaps they are doing just as well in the shipping of their butter fat to outside creameries as they could possibly do at home, and they are taking no risk on money invested. Others also feel that it will be hard to establish and maintain an outside market. These objections are not well founded. Some 72,000 pounds of butter is consumed annually by the local market, about one-half is shipped in. A creamery in Heppner should supply all this, and it is contended by those promoting the industry, that if this local market is supplied by an article of butter that will hold the trade, there is going to be no trouble in getting an outside market for the surplus. At any rate it is in the line of promotion and encourages industry and co-operation; it is a good thing and should be pushed along.

There's a Reason

Commenting upon the fact that C. W. Post, the world's most successful manufacturer of imitation food, has appendicitis, the San Francisco Wasp passes a joyous tribute to him as follows:

The news will fall with a dull, sickening thud upon the veriform appendices and solar plexi of the nation. Post's appendix has been throbbing with anguish for twenty years, and now he is to surrender it with all the honors of war.

Post's masterpiece in the near-ford line is Grape Nuts, which electrifies the nerve centers, delights the juices of the stomach, animates the solar plexus, and causes the veriform appendix to laugh in the redundancy of strength. He sells also an imitation coffee, which is much better than a correspondence course for making the brain active and acquiring a raise of salary by unanimous vote of the board of directors.

In behalf of both Grape Nuts and the Unserious Coffee, Post has always insisted "There's a Reason." What the reason was, nobody with a frivolous mind ever discovered. Intelligent people ate and drank thereof, and perhaps discovered. We assume that Post himself consumed large quantities of Grape Nuts, assimilating its vital phosphates, and drank his just-as-good coffee, and knew why There's a Reason. The heroism of the man is marvelous when we consider that he put off the surgical operation for about twenty years, so as not to interfere with the business of the company that sold his product. All that time he struggled to rehabilitate himself with Grape Nuts and Impostum Cereal Coffee. But it was no use. Beneficial as these foods are, they could not subdue the strong will of a veriform appendix, assisted by a stubborn solar plexus, inflamed with the rage of intestine war. Post gave up at last. He has been hurried to Rochester, Minn., for operation. There's a reason.

Oregon Cantata

This grand and beautiful thoroughbred will make the season at the Eastern Oregon Jack Farm; \$25.00 for the season with returning privileges.

Care will be taken to prevent accidents, although we will be responsible for none. Will keep mares on good pasture.

Now is your opportunity to raise something that you will be proud to possess. You may never have the opportunity to reach this grand stallion another year. There are thoroughbred stallions in the United States now standing at \$500 that does not equal this horse in class, conformation or breeding.—Adv.

Starting a Dairy Herd

Frank Winnard, who recently purchased the "Headquarters Ranch" on Balm Fork from Minor Bros., this week purchased ten head of Jerseys from Henry F. Blahm. This is young stock, for which he paid an average of \$70 per head, and Mr. Winnard will use this as a foundation on which to build up a good dairy herd. It is his intention also to raise fine bred horses as well as fine dairy stock, this to be in conjunction with his farming operations, as he will also raise wheat quite extensively.

W. R. Hubbard, who has been running the Imperial Cleaning and Dye Works at Heppner, for the past three months, departed on Monday for Walla Walla, Wash., with his wife, having closed up his business here. He will enter a new field of work as agent for an encyclopedia, and will a little later on work the state of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard are fine young people and we regret to have them leave Heppner.

Ben Moore and Mrs. Laura Zinn were married Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, at the residence of Rev. H. A. Van Winkle of the First Christian church, who also officiated. Mr. Moore is a prosperous young farmer of Rood Canyon, and Mrs. Zinn has been local telephone operator for the past year. The Gazette-Times extends congratulations.

W. O. Minor departed for Portland yesterday morning to be in attendance at the shorthorn sale, which takes place there today. He has quite a large number of these to be disposed of. On his return home he will be accompanied by his family, who have been spending the winter at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Swaggart, residing north of Lexington, have been in Heppner for several days this week. For the past month Mrs. Swaggart has been quite ill at her home and she was brought to town to receive treatment.

Mrs. W. B. Potter returned from Salem on Tuesday. She has been visiting for the past two months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rhea Luper.

Wm. Stauffer, of Hood River, an extensive land owner of the Lexington country, was a visitor in Heppner on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Andrews of Portland is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Emerson.

W. P. McMillan, Lexington postmaster, was doing business in Heppner yesterday.

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL TAKES GAME FROM IONE

In a fast game at Ione last Friday the local high school ball team demonstrated to the Ione high school team a few of the rudiments in the national game. This is the first time in several years that Ione has gone down to defeat at the hands of the local team, and the high school lads are feeling pretty good over the result of the game.

From the first pitched ball the game was very loosely played, there being but few players on either team who had no error checked up against him. In the first inning Ione brought in two runs and in the third this was increased to four, while Heppner's score board was nil so far as runs were concerned. But in the fourth frame the local boys braced up and evened the score. After the fourth the game became closer, and both teams exhibited better ball. Ione made the other four points in the seventh and ninth, and Heppner's additional runs were chalked up in the fifth, seventh and ninth.

Wilson's pitching proved a little too much for the Ione lads, and they received only a few hits. In the fielding department they outplayed the Heppner team. Hopkins, Blake and Reftman proving impenetrable. At the bat Heppner showed the best form, practically every man up finding the ball for one or two bases. Flisk and Yeager starred for Heppner in fielding, although a sprained shoulder prevented Yeager making accurate throws to first. Wilson's pitching was also a leading feature of the game.

L. K. Harlan, in the position of umpire gave entire satisfaction. A return game will be played on the home diamond a week from tomorrow, April 3rd.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The writer visited the Lexington school last Thursday. Prof. Doak and his assistants are keeping the work well in hand and will close the work of the year in good shape. The installation of a well equipped laboratory has greatly increased the efficiency of the high school work. A class of two will be graduated this year.

Teachers who have pupils who are entitled to exemptions under the new eighth grade rules, should notify the superintendent in time to enable them to secure the record cards upon the showing for exemptions must be made. Care should be taken to comply with the rules before asking for the cards.

Several of the bulletins pertaining to the industrial club contest work have been received at the office. Any pupil who desires one for his own use may obtain it by calling at the office or writing for it. Pupils should preserve these bulletins even if they have no thought of entering the state contests, for the same general lines will be followed in the county contests.

The school in District No. 50 closed last week with an excellent entertainment. The teacher, Mr. C. F. French, and the pupils had made careful preparation, and the program was very pleasing to the visitors. A bountiful supper was served after the entertainment. The work of the school was rather heavy as a ninth grade was maintained, but the pupils all seem to have done well in their work.

Dr. Hodge Speaks.

Dr. C. F. Hodge, professor of biology in the research department at the University of Oregon, gave an interesting and instructive talk at the High school auditorium last night. Dr. Hodge explained the University's position in relation to the people of the state. He also spoke of the work in introducing elementary science into the graded schools. Dr. Hodge's concluding remarks dealt with the "swat the fly" problem. He will lecture again tonight, using slides and lantern to illustrate his points.

Fire in Residence.

Fire which broke out in the residence of Mrs. Sarah Brown last night did several hundred dollars worth of damage before it could be extinguished by fire chief Ayers and his men.

The fire was discovered in a bed room down stairs, but the real cause is unknown. There were some matches on the bureau and it is possible that these became ignited. The house was insured for \$500.

W. J. Wattenberger, of Echo, and W. O. Dennis, of Butter creek, were in Heppner over yesterday. They were looking up some summer pasture for a bunch of cattle and found what they wanted on the Minor Bros. range.

WATERWAYS ASS'N MEETS NEXT MONTH

Other State News Items Of General Interest As Presented in Our Port- land News Letter.

Portland, Ore., March 24.—(Special)—The fifth annual convention of the Columbia & Snake River Waterways Association, which will be held in Portland April 13-14, will be replete with features of interest to waterways enthusiasts. One of the most striking of these will be the series of moving picture scenes on the Columbia, Willamette and Snake rivers to be shown by Mr. J. G. Sill in connection with Major J. J. Morrow's paper on "The Completed Celilo Canal." These films will depict many of the activities of the engineers in the construction of the canal, making improvements in the channels of the Columbia and Willamette rivers, steamer traffic on the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, etc. A complete program of the convention will be distributed throughout the Pacific northwest within a few days.

Assurance has been given to the Portland Rose Festival management that at least eight of the most noted professional air navigators of the United States will take part in the national balloon meet, which will be held here during festival week in June. The balloon exhibit will be in the form of an endurance contest, the air craft remaining longest in the air winning a cash prize of \$3,000. The date for the start of the race will probably be June 11.

Within less than a month after the Portland Commercial Club and allied organizations throughout the northwest started a campaign for the extension of parcel post provisions, the postmaster general has issued an order that in future seeds, bulbs, cuttings, roots, scions and plants, in packages exceeding four ounces in weight will be subject to parcel post zonal rates. In packages weighing four ounces or less, a flat rate of 1 cent per ounce will apply.

J. W. Brewer, in charge of the farm lands department of the Oregon State Immigration Commission, is traveling through the eastern and central parts of the state gathering data for the next issue of the Oregon Almanac, the official publication of the commission. This data, when completed, will give full information as to location of lands, prices at which it can be purchased and terms. It is expected that this will be of great help to the homeseeker in finding just the location he wants and saves the expense of traveling from one part of the state to another in search of suitable land.

Reports from Douglas county indicate that approximately 1500 acres of new orchards will be planted in that section this year. A large percentage of this acreage will be planted to prunes. It is stated that in many instances the annual prune crop on farms has brought in cash in excess of the assessed value of the land. Present indications point to a record crop this year.

Rev. T. S. Handsaker, of Eugene, gave a very pleasing and instructive entertainment at the Christian church on Tuesday evening. It was in the nature of an elocutionary lecture, the main thought of the readings illustrating "Grit." He possesses fine elocutionary powers and is a good singer as well, a couple of solos being rendered to give variety to the program. All who attended give high praise of the entertainment.

J. A. Gibbons, principal of the Castle Rock school, was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.