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ALBERT BOWKER.

## LOCAL TEAM MEETS DEFEAT--12 TO 6 SCORE

The local high school team met with its first defeat last Friday afternoon, when they were taken into camp by the Ione boys by a 12 to 6 score. Heppner's main deficiency seemed to be in the batting department.

Ione took the lead in the first inning, and scored in every frame, with the exception of the fifth and ninth, while the locals brought in one run in the fourth. Up to this time it looked like a shut-out for the home boys, but they opened up on Blake in the eighth and ran up five scores before the lads from below succeeded in benching the necessary three men. Wilson did not show up in his usual form, this fact coupled with the "hoodoo" which Blake seems to wield over the locals, spelled out defeat for Heppner.

A fair sized crowd attended the game, the school students turning out in large numbers. Hays and Crawford officiated as umpires.

The two teams lined up as follows:

Ione	Heppner
Rietman, 3	Young, 1
R. Blake, cf	Hayes, c
Hopkins, s	Maddock, cf
W. Cochran, c	Yeager, s
M. Blake, p	Elder, 1
Cochran, 2	Fiske, 2
Ray Blake, 1	Wright, r
John, r	Crawford, 3
Pennington, cf	Wilson, p

### DIAMOND MINING.

How They Treat the Blue Dirt in the Kimberly Region.

Writing to his monthly from Johannesburg, E. W. Howe tells how the diamonds are taken from the mines in South Africa. Briefly, the process of finding the diamonds is as follows:

The blue dirt in which the diamonds are found is brought to the surface precisely as coal is hoisted and mined in about the same way. It is then placed in little iron cars and hauled to a level field, where it is spread over the surface to a depth of two feet. This is done to permit the weather to disintegrate the dirt and render its washing easier. Today I saw a field of 4,000 acres covered with this blue dirt. It will remain out in the weather a year before it is treated in the washing mills.

You might pause a moment and think of that 4,000 acre field, covered to a depth of two feet with the blue dirt in which diamonds are found. The 4,000 acre field I saw represented the output of only one mine; there are eight in the Kimberly district, only two of which are known to be duifers, as they say here—that is, of little value.

And you may rest assured that this 4,000 acre field is carefully guarded. It is surrounded with a barbed wire fence fourteen feet high, and on the top of the fence are four wires spread out in such a way that no one could possibly climb over. At night the fence is illuminated with electric lights, and there is a patrol of armed guards day and night. But you might be turned loose in the 4,000 acre field and not find a diamond in a year. The process of finding them is very intricate, expensive and difficult. Many of the natives who work in the diamond mines have never seen a diamond; they see only the blue dirt.

After the blue dirt has lain out in the weather a year and been plowed up at intervals with steam plows that all portions of it may have a chance at the sun, it is washed in enormous mills and reduced in the proportion of 1 to 4,000,000—that is, for every pound of diamonds found 4,000,000 pounds of blue dirt are mined, hoisted, exposed in the field a year and then run through the washing mills.

In these washing mills the blue dirt is first crushed between rollers and then run through shaking washing pans three different times. What is left is then taken in cars to another mill called the pulsator, and here the precious dirt is again washed three times. Finally the diamonds and the heavier pebbles remaining after six washings go in a stream of water over a shaking pan, the bottom of which is covered with vaseline. The diamonds stick to the vaseline for some reason yet unexplained, while the pebbles roll away with the water. The diamonds on the screen are then easily collected and sorted.

## STATE INDUSTRIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

A creamery has been secured for Heppner, but the paing house has been dropped for the present.

West Salem has a fruit and vegetable evaporating plant ready for business.

Cottage Grove is within a few hundred dollars of having a cannery.

In many counties legislative candidates are pledging themselves to enact no more laws to interfere with industries or business.

Caples and Co. are erecting a two-story brick general merchandise store, 66 by 70 ft., at Cottage Grove.

The North Bend Lumber Co. will extend its docks to the harbor line.

Astoria will erect first unit of a half million dollar public dock.

Toledo Lumber Co. resumes operation of sawmill and logging camps.

Over twenty persons are already employed, besides the Commissioners, at \$3600 per year on the new workmen's compensation act.

Sheridan has organized a fruit growers' cannery association with \$8000 capital stock.

D. A. Paine will erect a two-story concrete warehouse at Eugene.

One of the latest Oregon industries is a sugar or milk factory that utilizes the whey from the Tillamook cheese factories.

The Eugene school board will go ahead with plans for a high school, authorized by the people, in spite of threat of referendum.

The Northwestern Fruit Exchange will erect a warehouse at Hood River to handle this year's crop.

Salem postoffice is to have a \$40,000 improvement.

Ten dollars per week is to be the minimum wage in Washington, while in Oregon it is \$9.25 for Portland, rest of state \$8.25.

German Reformed Lutherans will erect a \$10,000 church at Salem.

A \$50,000 Girls Industrial School and a \$27,000 implement building for the Feeble Minded Institute are to be built at Salem.

April 1st, work started on the Willamette Pacific tunnel at Schofield creek.

The new State Fair pavilion is to cost \$44,700.

Permits for fifteen houses were taken out at Eugene during March, and Bandon has a strong building movement.

The National Amusement Company of Portland will erect an \$100,000 theatre.

Harvey Yeager is up from Portland visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Frank Roberts and children, of Portland, are visiting with relatives and friends in Heppner. They will remain about two weeks.

Clyde Wells has started construction of a wooden frame building on his willow street property. He will use the building as a store room for his second hand goods.

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