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### **PENDLETON ROUND UP STADIUM**

Site of a few drum corps competitions, with some having 10 or more drum corps in attendance (coming from Oregon, Washington, and California). The crowd size for these competitions were close to the same size of those that watched the Columbian show in Pasco the night before (over a couple thousand in Pendleton). Most people know that it's one of the largest rodeo grounds in the country, but it had a dual purpose. It's also the homefield for the Pendleton High School football team (has a full regulation sized football field in the center of the arena). For that reason, it's counted as one of the 10th largest high school stadiums in the United States (by audience capacity - not attendance!). It was also the site (in the early 1960s) of a professional football exhibition game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Rams. Stadium can hold 16,000 people, city of Pendleton population: 16,000 people.

The above referenced time frame was about 50 to 60 years ago. As a time prospective to that era, 60 years prior to that time, there were still horse drawn stage coach lines operating between small towns in the mountains of eastern Oregon.