

HI SCHOOL FIVE FAST ROUNDING INTO CONDITION

The high school basketball squad has been meeting daily in the high school gymnasium and under the coaching of Hollis Huntington, famed University of Oregon athlete in 1918 and 1919, have developed a very smooth working five for so early in the season. Members of the team and the student body are already prophesying a district championship team which will be among the best in the state interscholastic tournament held in the spring.

The first game for the team since the opening of the season a week ago when they defeated the alumni five, is to be with Chemawa, the team to play there on Wednesday, January 4, and in Salem in a return game on the day following. This will be the first school game in Salem this year. George Bent, coach at Chemawa, is said to be working his athletes hard and expects to give the Salem team a hard fight.

Forwards Veterans.
At the forward positions Brown and Reinhart, both lettermen, have the edge with Fallon and Post giving some close competition for places on the regular team. The latter two will be carried for substitutes so are sure of making the trips with the team.

The guard positions are being filed by Patterson and Lillgren, also lettermen. Both of these men are fast, they work the floor well, check in a first class manner, and are good shots. Patterson will likely be the choice to throw the free throws after personal fouls. In case of the inability of one of these men to play Huntington will likely shift Reinhart to guard and in his place put Fallon or Post. Adolph is also a prospect for a guard position.

In Okerberg, tall and lanky center, Huntington feels that he has a pivot man that will give any center in the state plenty to do. While not as smooth and polished as a number of centers on other teams he has a way all of his own in covering the floor. Okerberg nearly made his letter last year, lacking but a few minutes of playing enough of the required time. Had he made his letter a all quintet of lettermen would have been possible for this year. If "Okie" is not able to play the only man on the squad to take his place who has the height is Adolph.

Huge Dividend Declared
Chicago, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press)—A 100 per cent stock dividend was declared today by the directors of the Standard Oil company of Indiana.

INDIAN SCHOOL LADS WRESTLING

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings Ellis White, former Salem high school star heavy weight wrestler, in fact probably the best that the local school ever produced, is making the trip to Chemawa where he is instructing the Indian lads of the school in wrestling and boxing.

White is now trying to line up some contests for his grapplers and has already been promised meets with the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college freshmen teams, the dates to be decided later. White stated this morning that he was desirous of bringing his proteges to Salem to meet the Salem high school but that little was being done here in the sport now.

Last year the Chemawa boys defeated the local high school team in practically every match. They went to Oregon City and made a very creditable showing with the high school team and would have won, according to White, had there not been some misunderstanding over the question of weights.

"Last year the team was without proper coaching and won by their strength alone," White said. "I have been meeting with them three times a week and have been teaching them all the tricks and holds that I know. I find the lads very quick to take up the work."

The Chemawa lads stand ready to meet any amateur team around here which weigh between 115 and 165 pounds, White said. In another two weeks the team will be in first class trim.

DEED TRANSFERING BIG BUSINESS BLOCK FILED

A warranty deed has been filed for record in which the McCornack building, corner Court and Liberty streets, was transferred to Dr. B. L. Steeves and W. W. Moore. The grantors were Ethan A. Collier and wife, Percy M. Collier and wife, Andrew M. Collier and wife, Alfred D. Collier and wife, Charlie H. Collier and wife, Dorothy Collier, unmarried, and the Geary investment company.

The Colliers are all heirs of E. P. McCornack, who died in Salem in 1915. By his will, his nephews and nieces numbering 25, were given the bulk of his fortune, estimated at \$800,000. In the division of the estate, the grantors in the deed filed today, had accepted as part of their share of the estate, the McCornack building, hereafter to be known as the Steeves-Moore building.

Washington.—Census bureau will start decennial determination of the wealth of the people in this country January 1.

CHERRIANS LAY FINAL PLANS OF ANNUAL BANQUET

At a meeting of the entertainment committee of the Cherrians held last evening at the Chamber of Commerce, plans were completed for the annual initiation and banquet, to be held next Tuesday evening at the Marion hotel.

In order to provide first class entertainment King Bing McGilchrist and his council of nobles voted the entertainment committee \$150 and this will be expended in securing high class talent from Portland.

C. B. Webb, chairman of the entertainment committee expressed the opinion that the entertainers shall all be in harmony with the occasion. His committee was also given charge of securing music and properly decorating the dining room for the first appearance of W. M. Hamilton, the coming King Bing, and his cabinet.

C. E. Knowland, chairman of the stunts committee, will be given a free hand in the matter of initiating the half dozen new members, and in order that this initiation may be remembered, there was appointed to serve with Mr. Knowland, A. N. Pierce, Curtis B. Cross and Frank Spears.

Those to be initiated are Robert B. Duncan, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Ted Mesch, Walter Mulloy, Dick Goodwin, P. D. Quisenberry and Harry I. Levy. Each of the new members will be required to provide himself with a white flannel Cherrian suit within 60 days. Also a red necktie, white felt hat and white shoes.

The committee in charge of the annual event next Tuesday evening include William McGilchrist, Jr., retiring King Bing, E. Cooke Patton, M. L. Meyers, I. R. Smith, L. W. Gleason, C. B. Webb, A. N. Pierce, A. H. Gillo and Paul Stege.

The event is for members of the Cherrian organization only. Members of the Cherrian organization will have the pleasure of paying \$3.50 for the banquet tickets. As the \$3.50 is assessed against each member whether he attends or not, it is understood there will be about a 100 per cent attendance.

William Gahlsdorf, secretary, now has the tickets for the waiting Cherrians and it is understood he would like an early response from those who will attend in order to make proper reservations at the Marion. The banquet will be held in the large dining room of the hotel. Tables will be arranged in a circle in order that each Cherrian may secure a full view of the beautiful dancers and singers who will come from Portland to entertain.

PAPER MILL PAYS BIG SUM FOR WOOD

More than \$250 a day is paid to farmers in the trading area of Salem in Marion and Polk counties by the Oregon Pulp & Paper company for fir and hemlock wood to be used in the paper mill.

The mill consumes on an average 70 cords of wood daily in the manufacture of paper. At a conservative value of \$7 a cord, this would figure \$490 and a very low estimate is that fully \$250 of this amount is paid daily to those bringing wood or floating it to the Salem mill.

During the present high water, farmers south of Salem are taking advantage of the high stage of the river and are floating logs down creeks and sloughs to the Willamette, where they are taken in rafts towed by gas launches to the mill in Salem.

For small logs, of from 16 to 20 feet in length and with a diameter of not less than 12 inches, the paper mill is paying at the rate of \$9 for 1000 feet.

Wood delivered to the mill by farmers and those owning fir and hemlock is cut into four foot lengths and it is this wood that brings \$7 a cord.

BRITISH ORDER FLEET TO RETURN TO NEAR EAST

Malta, Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press)—As the result of unsatisfactory news from Lausanne, it is understood that the ships of the British Mediterranean fleet which arrived on December 23 for a three weeks visit have received orders to return to the Near East.

Naval authorities were reticent today, but it was believed that Admiral DeRobeck, commander in chief of the Mediterranean fleet, was prepared to leave this afternoon with all available vessels.

The understanding was that the dreadnaughts Iron Duke, Marlborough and Ajax, the light cruiser Concord and all the destroyers were to sail eastward at 4 o'clock.



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WOMAN IS STRANGLED; NEGRO ARRESTED TODAY

Orange, N. J., Dec. 28.—William Battles, a negro was held without bail early today in connection with the killing yesterday of Mrs. Eleanor L. Brigham, wife of Charles Brigham, a New York business man. Mrs. Brigham's body was discovered late last night in a preserve closet in her home here. She had been choked to death.

The negro was identified by Margaret Brigham, the dead woman's daughter, as a former employe at the Brigham home. Battles denied knowledge of the crime.

Freshmen to Play.

Dallas, Or., Dec. 29.—The Dallas high school freshmen and independence high school freshmen will meet for basketball honors on Friday evening, December 29, in the Dallas armory, this game being a preliminary to the game between the University of Oregon and Dallas Legion guards. Both the high school teams are evenly matched and a hard-fought game is anticipated by the fans. Two short halves will be played. The first game will be called at 7:30 o'clock.

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Lausanne, Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press)—Richard Washburn Child, chief American spokesman, joined with the heads of allied delegations at Thursday's meeting of the capitulations commission of the Near East conference in declaring that some guarantees must be given by Turkey to replace the capitulations or extra territorial rights for foreigners which the Kemalists have declared abolished.

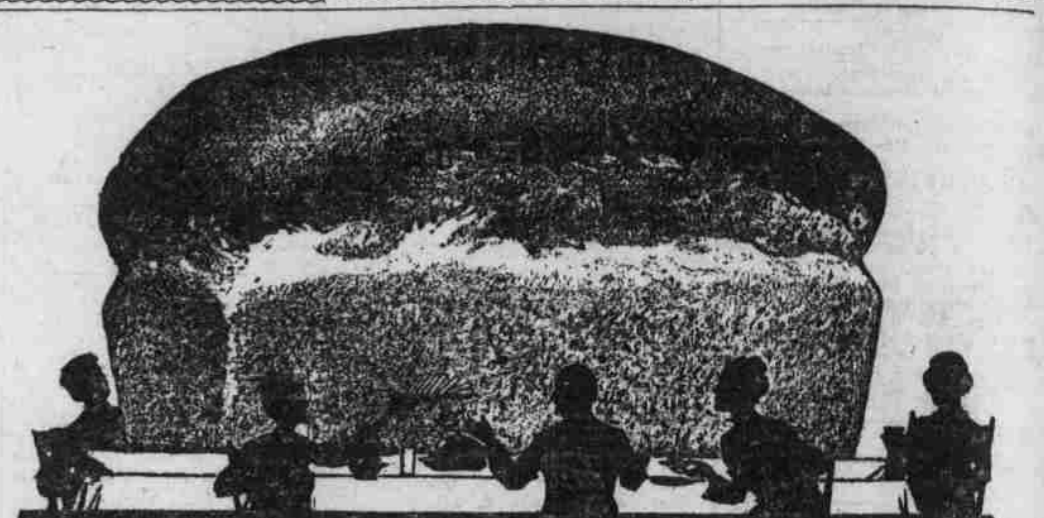
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