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GANS IS STILL THE BIG CHAMPION

(Scripps News Association)
Tonopah, Jan 1—Joe Gans is still the lightweight champion of the world. In a short but active battle here this afternoon Joe Gans knocked Kid Herman, the pride of Chicago, to the ropes where he remained considerably after ten taps of the gong. The fight started with both men rushing, Herman aiming at the coon's stomach, the coon rapping the Hebrew on the jaw.

Up to the fifth round it was the coon's fight. In that round Herman had the best of the fight and floored his opponent. The sixth and seventh were Gan's. The eighth and final round follows:

Round eight—Gans sent a straight left to face and Herman retaliated with a right to the jaw and left to the ribs. Gans merely shook his head and followed his man around the ring, cornering him but waiting in an attempt to land. Suddenly Gans shot out his left and right squarely to the jaw and Herman dropped as if hit by a board. He made an attempt to rise. It was as clean a knock out as has ever taken place in a ring.

AT THE CHURCHES

The Watch Night service held Monday night in the Methodist church was well attended. The program as previously published was carried out with the exception of the address on "Prospective" by Rev. O. H. King who was not able to be present.

Tuesday night there was a good attendance at Central church. The prayer and praise service was led by Gen. L. Cleaver followed by an address on "Religion in the Home" by Rev. W. H. Gibson.

Tonight there will be services held in Central church, led by J. W. Oliver to be followed by Rev. E. B. Hayes on the subject "The church's obligation to the young."

Thursday night the services in the Presbyterian church will be led by O. C. Flesher followed by an address by Rev. C. E. Deal on "Person Labor for Souls." Friday night will close the program. F. E. Holm will lead the service which will be held at the Presbyterian church and Rev. O. H. King's subject will be "God's Concern for Man."

Dr. Holt, synodical missionary of Oregon for the Presbyterian church, passed thru the city this morning on his tour of the state.

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FOOTBALL GAME IS SCORELESS

La Grande has had one football game this year, for the game which was scheduled yesterday was pulled off without a hitch.

The city team, hastily picked up, and appearing on the field with but a few hours practice, while they did not score themselves nevertheless, kept the highs from scoring.

The game started off by the highs kicking off the pickups who tore unmerciful holes in the right half of the highs line for a few minutes, but the highs soon mastered the strenuous attacks and got the ball in the pickups territory. The entire first half was even money for the weakness of the highs in some phases was counter-balanced by plays that outclassed the pickups. The highs were the lighter in the line but plays lower than did the others, thus stopping the terrific charging of the city team.

The second half was spectacular and interesting. Every minute or two a punt or a forward pass would net a nice gain. As the half progressed it developed into a punting game pure and simple, at which Strand of Pendleton who played with the pickups, had a trifle the best of it. The highs would break thru the line on punts but nevertheless Strand would boot the pigskin seemingly right out from the midst of a bunch of players. Strand made two attempts at field goals but failed. One minute before the last half was over, Young for the highs got his fingers on the ball after the furious exchange of punts, and started to tear off the twenty yards lying between him and a touchdown. Strand was up and after him and for a fractional of a minute the highs' sympathizers shouted for Young to "Hurry" while the pickup crowd prayed for fleetness of foot to their representative. The latter faction was repayed for one two yards yet to go.

Young was brot to the ground. Excitement was rampant. The timekeeper announced half a minute to play. One frantic effort did the highs make, and carried the ball yet nearer the touchdown but before another attempt could be made the half was up with the ball in the possession of the highs on the pickups one yard line.

Strand cleared the crowd once during the half and was nailed by French when a touchdown seemed evident.

A detailed writeup would be necessary to properly give the due credit, but suffice it to say that the highs played an excellent game and held the superior weight like trojans. The pickups, with scarcely any practice, played a surprisingly strong game and every man of that team is deserving of mention. The star performances of the game was the splendid forward pass of the highs and the punting of Strand.

SEATTLE IS VICTOR AT PORTLAND

A private wire to La Grande says that the Seattle Athletic Club gave the Multnomah football team a drubbing to the tune of six to four at Portland yesterday. While the dispatch was not sent thru the Scripps News Association, it appears that the Sound boys played a much stronger game and scored by a touchdown while the Portland team was only able to kick a goal from the field. The Christmas game was won by Multnomah, two to nothing.

SHOT AT JUDGE

(Scripps News Association)
St. Louis Jan 2—Miss Rose Weil shot at Judge Jesse F. McDonald, as the latter was on the bench, just after opening court. The woman was immediately arrested.

OREGON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS ATTACHED

E. W. Davis, the hardware dealer of Union has filed suit against the Oregon Construction Company which has a branch office in Union. The plaintiff prays judgement in the sum of \$4,654.94 which is alleged to be due him, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent, together with the cost and dis-

bursements of the trial. Attorney Geo. Cochran will appear for the plaintiff. The Oregon Construction Company is building the Oregon Central railroad, and sheriff Childers is in Union today attaching the property and holdings of that company.

WILL TRY INSANITY DODGE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Jan. 2—Dr Chas. Dana today announced the result of his examination which he made after Harry Thaw killed White which is to the effect that Thaw was undoubtedly insane. Dr. Allan Hamilton agrees and it is said that Thaw's

counsel are unable to develop any testimony favoring the "Unwritten Law" plea and have decided that insanity is the only plea whereby they can save Thaw from being electrocuted. Thaw wants to take the stand on his behalf. ad light com indus

RESERVE APPORTIONMENTS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 2—The Secretary of the Agriculture today apportioned 16,200 head of cattle and horses and 220,000 head of sheep to the eastern division of the Blue Mountain Forest Reserve for the coming season and for the western divi-

sion the apportionment is for 28,000 cattle and horses and 240,000 head of sheep. This is a reduction of twenty per cent for sheep, on account of over grazing. 1,800 horses was apportioned for the Maury reserve.

USHERED IN WITH NOISES

The new year was ushered in last Monday at midnight with a blast of noises caused by the whistles of the round house and engines in the yard, together with a continued ringing of the firebell. The latter demonstration caused a general alarm but it was soon discovered that it was but a joke, being played by someone who was over enthusiastic about making 1907 known. A reward has been offered for the arrest of the individual who turned in the alarm.

While these noises were filling the air, the church bells of the city were quietly and serenely announcing the birth of another year.

OREGON NEEDS ADVERTISING

W. B. Sargent, of the La Grande Investment Company returned last Sunday evening from an extended tour of the East, where he went partly to visit his mother and friends and partly in the interest of his firm. He visited many points in York State and spent some time at the home of his mother at Schenectady, and traveled over the state of Massachusetts. During his travels he had time to study conditions there, as the trip consumed six weeks. While commenting on current topics, Mr Sargent said today to an Observer representative, in response to a query about the prestige of Oregon in the East, "Of all the Pacific States Oregon is the least known. I discovered repeatedly, that when New Yorkers wish to locate a westerner, they ask how far he resides from Seattle. Idaho and even Nevada are much more commonly known than is our state. Washington, too, is generally considered as one of the leading states on the coast. It is up to Oregon to advertise its resources more liberally in the future than it has in the past or we will drift along in the same niche."

The conversation drifted to eastern apples, when Mr. Sargent said: "In the vicinity of Lake Ontario I found apples that would compare favorably with Grande Ronde apples, otherwise I feel confident that New York apples are inferior to those grown in our valley."

"Politically" Mr. Sargent continued "York State is satisfied with the man who took up the reins of the state yesterday morning. Mr Hughes is popular with every class of New Yorkers. In presidential talks which I indulged in, not so much with the corporate classes, but the laboring man and the intermediate rich, I found that should President Roosevelt not be nominated to the presidency, William Bryan is the popular choice as the man who can best follow out the principles established by Roosevelt."

Much western money has been sent to Wall street and invested in call loans, and should a panic occur, the West will be heavy loser. The securities are rotten."

Miss A. M. Scriber returned this morning from Salem, where she visited relatives during the holidays.

CRAZED WITH DRINK

(Scripps News Association)
Webb City, Mo. Jan 2.—Arthur Anderson fatally shot Dr. Seredith, when the latter called to attend him while he was raving with drink.

COLORADO LEGISLATURE

(Scripps News Association)
Denver, Col., Jan. 2.—The legislature convened at noon. A number are prepared to fight the convict labor and child labor bill. The old fight is on as to the debt contracted during the labor troubles. Governor Buchtel will be inaugurated on January 8.

FRANK C. BAKER DEAD

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Jan. 2. Frank C. Baker, aged 52, chairman of the State Republican Central Committee, and formerly state printer, died here this morning.

FORMERLY OF LA GRANDE

Mr. Baker was formerly a resident of this city but moved with his father to Portland when he was a boy.

KILLED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

The Masonic Lodge, of La Grande received a telegram today from Livingston Montana, saying that J. H. Storrs who about two years ago was a resident of this city, and who is a member of the local lodge of railroad conductors, was killed near that city yesterday in a railroad wreck. The remains will be brot to this city for interment, but the exact date is not yet known.

DENOUNCING LEPOLD

(Scripps News Association)
Lincoln, Neb. Jan 2.—The legislature met today and offered a resolution denouncing the action of King Lepold, of Belgium, asking congress to stop the Congo atrocities.

CASSATT'S SUCCESSOR

(Scripps News Association)
Philadelphia Jan 2.—James McGree formerly vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad, in charge of the lines west of Pittsburg was today elected president to succeed President Cassatt, deceased.

IMPORTANT SESSION OF OUR COURT

The County Court convened this morning for its first session in the new year. This is a busy session indeed. Today the court is considering bills, but when they are dispensed with, there will be road supervisors to appoint, road districts to change and the county tax levy to make. All are matters of vital importance and the county will be awaiting anxiously the outcome of the business which the court will transact. The matter of road supervisors will be exercised with extreme care. The effects of the good road association are still warm and while the court will next month consider the purchase of road improvement machinery, it must this month appoint the men to oversee the proper care of our highways.

CORONOR INVESTIGATING

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan. 2.—Coronor Neitt today began an inquest over the victims in the Terra Cotta wreck last Sunday night.

SCORES ARE KILLED IN COLLISION

(Scripps News Association)
Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—Passenger train number 29 west bound, and an east bound Rock Island collided between Volland and Alta Vesta this morning and according to authentic reports over thirty, most of whom are Mexicans, were killed.

As soon as the west bound engineer saw the approaching headlights, he applied the brakes and was at a standstill when the crash came. Many bodies are burned beyond recognition.

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