

SPORTING NEWS

LOCAL BATTING AVERAGES

In Home Games and One Away, Good Hitting Not the Rule

Cotner, Hollister, Stoddard and Merrill Childers have been hitting the liveliest clip for La Grande this spring. In the second game with Elgin here, the last game with Elgin, the game with Enterprise here, the Joseph game here, the following hitting resulted by La Grande members.

PLAYERS	AB	H	R	AV.
Cotner	4	2	2	.500
Hollister	4	2	1	.500
Stoddard	8	3	0	.375
M. Childers	14	5	7	.351
Proe	12	4	2	.333
W. Childers	9	3	3	.333
Horton	4	1	0	.250
Shanks	12	3	1	.250
O'Brien	4	1	1	.250
Pidcock	11	2	1	.182
McInnis	9	1	2	.111
Stacey	9	1	0	.111
Bradley	17	1	3	.058
Heat	2	0	0	.000
Bessler	7	0	0	.000

WATER SPORTS POPULAR.

Not Boys Alone will Participate in Coming Carnival.

Not boys alone, but experienced swimmers of mature age are coming to the front in the call for athletes to participate in the swimming races at the park July 4th. The day will be replete with startling and "funny" stunts.

Dressing tents will be provided and arrangements for conducting the list of event smoothly and without delay have been completed. The only delay permissible will be the reading of the Observer prize fight returns at the bridge over the Grande Ronde river. The event start without fail

at 1:30 o'clock, with land sports inside the park grounds. They close in time for the Continental Congress.

HERE AND THERE

But for the fact that it is impossible to procure a javelin here or to have one sent here for the occasion, Riverside Park guests will not see the holder of the Northwest Intercollegiate record at work next Monday. Will Neill, who is spending his vacation here, broke the existing record with the modern weapon last spring while attending U. of O.

Enterprise has thrown the recent game at Elgin between Elgin and Enterprise out of the percentage column until it is settled, and thereby claims an average of .666 against La Grande's .471. Until settled both teams should stand at .571.

It is doubtful if the game will ever be reversed. Matters of judgment alone and not points of law are hard to meddle with and declaring a long hit a fair hit or a foul is purely a matter of judgment on the part of the umpire when there is any room for dispute.

It is believed that the Lincoln ball grounds will be crammed to capacity tomorrow for there will be several score down from Elgin according to reports. The intense interest in the game is pleasing to the backers both here and there. Elgin could afford to lose last Sunday's game, but no more.

Walter Burgo and Barney Mullin clash in a squared ring at Stanfield July Fourth. Burgo claims he will

use entirely different tactics this time and hopes to make a better showing. He claims he was too alarmed about fouling last week at Pendleton to set himself out.

The chances are that Joseph will win its first game tomorrow. Manion behind the team is doing wonderfully well in developing inside team work, and a man named Welch, coming from professional baseball circles, is touted to be a "pipin."

Fourth of July water sports should not be confused with others that may be conducted on the water before or afterward. The Chautauqua cup will be awarded to the winner of the most points in the Fourth of July celebration.

Enterprise, like Elgin, lacks inside baseball tact. Both teams depend on superlative hitting and pitching. This was seen as Elgin last Sunday when "robberies" were attempted on baselines that came no where near maturing into steals.

A batting average of less than .100 by Bradley does not represent his batting value to the team. Because he generally leads off, taking "feelers" of offering first put over, he gets the worst end of the batting averages.

For real classy inside baseball La Grande has the drop on the others, but Joseph shows great improvement in this respect. On the other hand La Grande can't bat with either Elgin or Enterprise.

That should be a hummer tomorrow at the Lincoln park. A great number of local bugs have not seen the Childers aggregation in action lately. The improvements are really encouraging.

Kid Sullivan of Frisco and Kid Sterling of Denver will mix it in a no limit sparring match at the head of Joseph lake July Fourth.

Though Manion played superb ball

for Joseph last Sunday, he threw the game away in the sixth by trying to pick a purloiner on the keystone sock.

High school swimmers last evening held a tryout at the bridge and the relay team for the school will be announced the day of the race.

Let's win tomorrow if possible and hope that Joseph wallops Enterprise. The percentage column will read some different then.

The Union baseball team has been reorganized with Willis Phillips an old hand at baseball, as manager.

RECORD SEEMS DOOMED.

Half Mile Record May be Splintered Before Monday Night

It is believed that Peare will be in shape to break the existing half mile record next Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock when he will buck against the northwest record, which is but one-fifth of a second faster than the time he already holds. The course on which he will run is not as good as it was believed it would be, but for all that he is going to make an attempt to lower the time.

Carp cannot get a track that will permit record breaking time in the fifty yard dash, but even as the grounds are, he will stand an excellent chance of tying the northwest record. It is hoped that a year hence the park will be supplied with adequate track facilities.

TRAVELING OVERLAND

Two Men in E. F. M. 30, Are Taking Long Land Journey

Jeff Kingsbury and W. Patrick arrived in the city this afternoon in an E. F. M. 30 automobile on their way from Asotin, Wash., to Boise, Idaho. They came from Walla Walla, along the old toll road, through Elgin and into La Grande. They report the roads in good condition and find the travel pleasant.

Mr. Kingsbury is an old settler of this city, having lived here about 30 or 40 years ago. It has been many years since he was over the roads but he still remembers very turn. He is spending the afternoon in calling on several of the old timers here. —Baker City Herald.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

A Pheasant Run is Not a Branch of the Poultry Business.

"A Plain American in England," by Charles T. Whitefield, is a highly amusing diatribe on the gentle art of British entertainment. It appears in the American Magazine, and in the course of some descriptions of English customs the author relates the following incident, which happened at a pheasant run:

"A friend for whom I have a great admiration took me to see a pheasant run. The place looked just like a big chicken yard such as we have at home. There were hundreds of the birds feeding on scraps and grain thrown to them by the keeper. I had seen strings of these birds hanging up in the markets for sale at low prices, had bought their eggs in the swell restaurants at high prices, and I naturally supposed that this trade was conducted like any other branch of the poultry business. When you have been in England a short time you realize that you must approach the subject of trade or business with some delicacy, but I longed to know the modus operandi of poultry packing among the swells. I wondered if they could teach our Chicago stockyards anything. So I asked the keeper in my broadest English:

"How do you collect and ship these birds?"

"Collect 'em, sir?"

"Yes," I said, "how do you kill them and get them to market?"

"We don't kill 'em. We send in beaters and shoot 'em. It's great sport, sir!"

"That seemed to me a disgusting proposition—to beat a flock of tame, harmless pets to death and shoot them besides—and I remonstrated:

"Why don't you simply wring their necks with a quick twist of the wrist, insuring a rapid and painless death, and then—"

"But my friend grasped me violently by the arm and drew me abruptly away. I felt badly about it, because this good and valuable host said it would be at least twenty years before he could look that gamekeeper in the face with tranquillity."

Sure.

"You have no friends, you say?"

"No."

"You ought to work hard."

"What good 'll that do?"

"It will bring you one friend who will always stay by you."

"Who is that?"

"The fellow you are working

BASEBALL GALORE

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Union, Monday, July 4

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