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## Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

### LOCATING THE DRAWBACKS.

THERE'S Jones; he only sits around or takes an evening nap. He doesn't have to work at all to hold his little snap. I envy him; but, then, to trade I fear would hardly suit. He'd want to, I am much afraid. Throw in his wife to boot.

Brown has a very pleasant place to labor, and his pay is quite enough to keep a man in luxury, they say. I'd like to have his job; but, then, again, I wouldn't trade. If in the bargain I must take his family ready made.

Black owns a very fine estate with acres broad and wide. To get across it, so I hear, a man a day must ride. It would be very fine to own

# SPORTING NEWS

## REORGANIZE GUN CLUB

Local Nimrods Preparing for Big Shoot at Enterprise This Fall.

W. W. Brooks, of Imbler, who is secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Oregon Blue Rock association will call a meeting in a few days of the association members in order to change the name of the club to Union-Wallowa County Sportsman association. The object of the association is to protect China pheasants and fishing of the two counties. The already active club is to be gingered up by the meeting and more influence will be felt after the meeting.

The association now includes Pendleton nimrods but that section of eastern Oregon is to be dropped in an effort to centralize the association and get the greatest possible good out of it.

During the Wallowa county fair, the association will hold its annual shoot and some big prizes are to be hung up. Al Andrews, Frank Lilly, Sam Bolton, Jim Spence and several others from here are to participate in the match at Enterprise.

The members are confident of having an excellent meet at Enterprise and many of the crack shots are putting in a little spare time whetting up their eyesights in an effort to walk off with all that is coming to them when the guns begin to crack.

## SPORTING COMMENT AND KINDRED SUBJECTS

With the arrival of Fall, local gun cracks are preparing for an interesting season. Indications point to a very popular season with the gun and birds.

Fora is to have a big race meet in connection with the Paradise Valley fair to be held September 22-24. Some fast Lewiston horses are going to be on hand.

After the Flora fair a large string of fast horses will report at Enterprise—September 26—to participate in the big race meet to be held there at that time on the new track now being constructed.

A prospect such as his, but still I wouldn't want his health. His grouch and rheumatism.

In looking at the other men to whom the fates were kind some drawbacks to their pleasant lots along the line I find. I think that, on the whole, perhaps I wouldn't swap my place with them; I'll plug along and keep my family and my face.

Mitigating Circumstances. "Judge," said the complaining witness, "I was just walking along the street peacefully and stopped by where he was fixing his auto to pass the time of day when he up and yanked off a piece of the machinery and hit me over the head with it."

"What have you to say in defense?" asked the judge. "Nothing," said the prisoner. "I hit him, all right. What is the fine?" "But was there no provocation?" "You can judge for yourself. It was a hot day, and he was the four hun-

Few people realize the fact that Hot Lake sanatorium has a modern and thoroughly equipped "gym" in which the sanatorium attaches and recuperating guests are allowed to work. Some clever wrestling bouts are pulled off occasionally.

Marathon auto rides are popular according to the Southerners who were in the city yesterday from Phoenix, Arizona. However enough was enough and all but the driver and one, boarded the train here, indicating that they had had all the auto riding they wish for for a while.

Carter, Aubin, Halfgarth and DeBole, well known Elgin ball tossers, each batted over 300 during the season just closed. Carter playing in more than three games, batted .444 and the others range down to DeBole at .300 even. Russel and Christensen of the Elgin team batted lowest getting .175 and .150, respectively.

Wm. McMahon, the Hot Lake wrestler is now installed as director of the gymnasium at Hot Lake. His prowess was demonstrated in La Grande when he appeared against some of the fast ones who comprised the Jeffries-Gotch contingent that showed at the Steward last winter. McMahon is rated as one of the fastest mat artists in eastern Oregon.

Misses Ruby Thiesen and Olive Massee are developing into a ladies' doubles team that will be hard to beat in eastern Oregon. Miss Thiesen is an experienced player, has a remarkable force in her returns and is developing a consistency that stands her well in hard during the progress of a match. Miss Massee is rapidly rounding into form, showing good headwork and execution.

La Grande is developing some good material on the tennis courts from among the young men, and by next year the old reliables will have something on their hands when it comes to matching skill. The B. M. A. courts are scenes of some fast matches every evening and the club boys are showing up well. Frits Lottes, George Currey, Willie Peare and Roy Currey are making the most satisfactory progress with the summer game.

ared and forty-fourth man who came offering me advice as to how to fix the thing."

"Discharged," said the judge. "I fine the complaining witness \$2."

Not Alone. "She is such a gossip." "Well?" "Well, I don't think that is nice, do you?" "I should hate to say so."

Slight Mistake. For five minutes they had not spoken. "Mary," he said at last, "I can hear the beating of your heart." "Pshaw! That is a man on the floor above beating a rug."

## SOWING HIS WILD OATS.

Nights of Wasteful Debauchery That Wore Him Out.

"Yes, I'm dissipating too much," said the red faced rustic as he rubbed his head dependently.

"Dissipating?" gasped his friend. "That's the word I used. You've heard that expression about 'burning life's candle at both ends?' Well, that's my case exactly. To tell the truth, I have been having too gay a time. Last night I went down to the Blue Moon and drank a soda. Then some traveling man offered me a cigar. Of course I had to take it."

"You don't mean it?" "I mean just what I say. Then I bought a ham sandwich. I ate it and actually forgot myself and took another. On my way home I dropped into the church social for a few minutes. Some of the young ladies made me try the 'penny dip,' and I drew a blank."

"Such extravagance?" "That's exactly it. Extravagance and dissipation will kill me. It was 9 o'clock before I reached home."

"Nine o'clock?" "Yes, I must be sowing my wild oats. Well, I've finished now. Night before last I called on my girl. She wouldn't let me leave until I had taken her out and bought chocolate creams. Talk about pleasure hunting! I'm simply worn out after these nights of wasteful debauchery."—Pearson's Weeklv.

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