

Review of Major Series

Local Team Elects Officers

Observer's Sporting News

FOOTBALL IN LA GRANDE

QUARTER-BACK TO DISAPPEAR

line successfully by any save trick plays has been done away with. At first glance it might be thought that this would lighten the requirements of the linemen, but instead it has the opposite effect. The old style guard, who fought to retain his position in the line without thought of activity in the open field, would be useless today.

With the death of the mass play and running will be doubly popular, and linemen will be expected to leave their positions to break these up. But at the same time they must be heady players, ever ready to size up the play of their opponents, for if a lineman can be drawn out to the end by fake interference it would be an easy matter to slip a trick play through the hole he has deserted for a considerable gain. The linemen will also be required to get down the field under kicks both to tackle and recover the ball as never before. In short, the big, beefy linemen of a few years ago has been supplanted by a lighter, shiffter, quicker man.

Folly as it Flies.
I shot an arrow in the air.
It fell to earth: I know just where,
Because I got a fearful sprain
From that descending aeroplane.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Literary War.
"We have just lost the Philippines in the magazine I read."
"That doesn't worry me any. In the magazine I subscribe to we could lick the world."—Pittsburg Post.

If He Only Would.
He "talks like a book," his
Admirers all say.
What a pity he doesn't
Shut up the same way!
—Catholic Standard and Times.



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BASEBALL TEAMS IN HOME STRETCH

Fans Figuring Chances of the Teams in World Series.

CUBS WILL HAVE NO CINCH.

Frank Chance's Team Will Not Have as Easy Time With Philadelphia as It Did With Detroit Tigers—Mack Has Strong Pitching Staff.

Now that teams in the National and American league pennant race have hit the home stretch fans already are beginning to think about the world's series. The enthusiasts have awarded the banners to the Athletics in the American league and to the Chicago Cubs in the National league and now are speculating as to whether the White Elephants will make a better showing in the big series against the Cubs than the Tigers made.

The Mack men of 1910 are a better set of athletes than the team of five years ago, which made such a sorry showing against the Giants in a series for the honors of the universe. Philadelphia are certain that the White Elephants will make a far better showing against the Cubs than the Tigers made.

The rout of the Athletics in the world's series of 1905 was a terrible blow to Quaker fans, who imagined Harry Davis, Ralph Orlando Seybold and the other hard hitting Mack men would knock the curves of Christy Mathewson and Joe McGinnity galley west. What happened is a matter of history.

Many critics on the major league circuits consider the Chicago National league club the grandest baseball machine in the country, and the Cubs will be the favorites over the White Elephants when the two teams get into the world's series. Eminent pastimers who have been spoken to on the subject aver that the Chicagoans will have a much harder time to beat the Philadelphians than they had to beat the Detroiters and say it is no moral certainty that the Teddy Bears will win the series.

Ball players consider that the Philadelphia American league club's pitching staff is superior to Chicago's. Jack



Photo by American Press Association.
Eddie Plank, one of Philadelphia's star box men.

Coombs is undoubtedly one of the greatest boxmen in the country. "Chief" Bender hasn't shown any signs of retrograding in his work. Minstrel Man Morgan is an able exponent of the spitball delivery, and Eddie Plank is as clever a left hander and as steady as any club possesses.

Chance's probable gunners in the world's series will be Mordecai Brown, Jack Pfeister, King Cole and Ed Reulbach. The "peerless leader" hardly would dare intrust the curving assignment in any of these important games to Lew Rikbie or Harry McIntyre, as the White Elephants have had lots of practice hitting against spitball pitchers. Orvie Overall is not likely to be of much use to the Cubs for the rest of the season and hardly would get a chance to perform in the world's series. Brown and Pfeister will be

Chance's mainstays. Mordecai isn't as good as he once was and has been hammered freely several times this year.

In the catching department the Cubs thoroughly outclass the Mack men. There is no doubt about Johnnie Kling being the best backstop in the country, and he and Jimmy Archer undoubtedly would thwart a great majority of the White Elephants to flinch hassocks. The Philadelphia wind paddlers—Ira Thomas, Jack Lapp and Paddy Livingstone—are all hard workers, but that about lets them out. They have pegged to bases fairly well this year, but not one of the trio is in Archer's class. The infielders of the two teams are evenly matched. While the Cubs' out gardeners eclipse that of the Athletics, the consensus of opinion seems to be that the two teams are most evenly matched, and the world's series of 1910 will be the most stubbornly fought of any set of contests ever played for the greatest honors of the baseball universe.

Arnst World's Champion Sculler.

Richard Arnst, who defended the professional sculler title against Ernest Barry in Africa, was born in New Zealand and is in his twenty-seventh year. He is the youngest man, bar Ned Hanlon, to ever win the sculling championship of the world. For some years he was prominent as a cyclist and in 1906 took up sculling under the care of George Towns.

BASEBALL WAS PLAYED IN ANCIENT EGYPT.

"I see," said Manager Griffith, looking up from the pages of his magazine, "that the scientists have traced the game way back to ancient Egypt."

"That right?" queried Larry McLean, with sudden interest. "Why, I thought the game started about 1842 in or near New York city."

"Nope," said Griff. "It merely came to life, as you might say. The inscriptions on the pyramids and on a tablet found in the tomb of Sesostris show that baseball was played 4,500 years ago and that the championship of the Egyptian league for B. C. 2673 was settled by a five game series between Memphis and Cairo."

"I don't see," remarked Mr. McLean, "how on earth that could have been, because Memphis is in the Southern league and Cairo is in the Kiddy. They aren't even in the same circuit and never have been."

And Griffith, dropping the magazine, with a low moan retreated to the dining room.

Let him who would move the world first move himself.—Socrates.

Dad Irvin Named to Captain Local Team--Currey Manager

"Dad" Irvin, last year's doughty quarter back, was last evening chosen captain of the La Grande high school football team to succeed Tom Williamson who did not return to school this year as planned. While the election of a captain was held, a manager was also elected and George Currey, Jr., was vested with the financial helm of the team to succeed Harold Grady who did not return to school as planned. With this list of officials, "Doc" Zimmerman will not have to worry about the business details of the team and can devote his entire time to the perfection of team play.

A MIGHTY PROJECT.

Features of the Pennsylvania Railroad Terminus Just Opened.

The opening recently of the new Pennsylvania railroad terminus, occupying four city blocks in New York, calls attention again to this mighty project. The station has sixteen miles of railway lines, which are sunk forty feet below the ground. The building is 774 feet long, 433 feet wide and sixty-nine feet above the ground, which figures give one some slight idea of its magnitude. The trains run in a

BONHAG IN TRAINING.

Holder of Thirty-one Distance Records Now Rounding Into Best Form.

There are two athletes of world-wide repute constantly in the minds of athletic enthusiasts. One sets the athletic tongues wagging during the torrid summer months, then settles back and permits the other to occupy the field of honor while the watery blasts blow. These two athletes are Melvin W. Sheppard, the best middle distance runner that ever faunted the American shield on his shirt, and George Bonhag, the amateur without a peer or even an equal at distances ranging from two to ten miles. Shep-



GEORGE BONHAG, HOLDER OF THIRTY-ONE DISTANCE RECORDS.

pard's star is rapidly dimming in the athletic constellation, while Bonhag's star is gradually growing in luster.

The mild mannered champion who is the proud holder of thirty-one American distance records, eleven of which are world's indoor marks, is now devoting a great deal of his spare time in conditioning himself for the winter campaign.

Unassuming George has enjoyed a perfect rest during the past few months. He engaged in several baseball games to keep his limbs from stiffening, but from now on he will be a very busy athlete.

Bonhag is looked upon as the model athlete. He has never touched intoxicants in any form and has never been known to

FOOTBALL NEEDS NO QUARTERBACK

Rule Changes Practically Eliminate Once Important Place.

NEW FORMS OF ATTACK.

Coaches Will Get Squads Together Early to Try Out Different Plays. More End Running Likely—Radical Changes in Defense.

The quarterback, hitherto the most conspicuous and most important position on a football team, is a thing of the past. The new rules have done away with all those features of the game which made such a position necessary. Since the inauguration of football spectators have been accustomed to hear a little man shout out his signals, crouch behind the center and then put his football machine in motion as he received the ball from the center and then passed it to one or another of his teammates as his signal directed. He was the life, the vitality, the brains of the team. On his handwork in selecting plays, on his handling of the ball and on his ability to instill spirit and fight into his teammates largely depended victory or defeat.

The practical reason why one man has been played in the quarterback position, in advance of the other backs, has been because originally the man receiving the ball from the snapback was not permitted under the rules to run with it across the line of scrimmage. Half a dozen years ago a rule was passed permitting him to advance the ball, but with the restriction that he must cross the line of scrimmage at least five yards from the point where the ball was put in play. This necessitated the use of the quarterback for all line plays.

Under the new rules the man receiving the ball on the snapback may advance it at any point. The necessity for the quarterback is therefore gone. The handling of the ball by an intermediate man necessarily takes time and makes fumbling more likely, so that now that the necessity for it has been removed the quarterback position will exist no more.

The rules require that the team having the ball shall have at least seven men on the line of scrimmage. This leaves four men for the back field. There will doubtless be much experimenting with these men before the most effective method of lining them up will be discovered.

The passing of the quarterback is only one of many changes wrought in football by the new rules. The style of play will necessarily be greatly changed in many respects, and all the big colleges will start work a trifle earlier than usual in order to try out the possibilities of the new game and instruct the candidates thoroughly in it.

In past years when a team has had but a yard or two to gain on the third down it has hit the line, knowing that it would almost surely make a short advance there. Now, with the "no pushing or pulling" clause in effect, this avenue of advance is closed. This means that a team in such a position will kick. On the first and second downs forward passing will prove more popular than heretofore, for now the pass can be made over any point in the line, while the opposing team can interfere with the man receiving the pass only in a bona fide attempt to catch the ball. Then, too, the five yard penalty for an incomplete pass has been taken away. This means that forward passing and kicking will form the backbone of the offense, instead of the old style of line plunging.

On the defense the changes in play will be equally great. Under the rules of a dozen years ago the coaches sought men of gigantic frame and weight for the line. They were told to hold their position, no matter what happened. If they prevented advances through or over themselves that was all that was expected of them. Then came the changes of 1905, permitting the forward pass and the inside kick. It now became necessary to develop guards and tackles who could get down the field speedily and recover the ball on the kicks as well as hold their place as under the old rules. In short, better men were needed.

Now the possibility of attacking the

Sporting Comment and Kindred Subjects

Spokane is worried lest La Grande does fulfill the written contract to appear against the Spokane team at Spokane this year. Don't worry Spokane, we will be there with "bells."

Fritz Lottes, senior and Cecil Bolton, junior, were last evening elected to the athletic council of the high school with three faculty members. This council stands behind all athletic of the school.

The recent rains have been instrumental in bringing more ducks to the feeding grounds in this valley and duck hunting has become more remunerative to the gunmen this week than before.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Van Buren, Doctor G. L. Biggers and N. K. West returned last evening from Walla Walla where they attended the fair there this week. The trip across the mountains was made in "Van's" Overland, and greatly enjoyed by the party.

Neeley, the nifty quarterback at Union last year, entered the local high school last Friday and hereafter will be a member of the high school squad. As Henderson of Elgin is likely not going to show up Neeley's appearance is especially welcomed. Those who have followed football of late years know that Neeley was the mainstay of the Union team.

In Prof. Carruth, "Doc" Zimmerman has found a valuable assistant in the work of drilling the local squad. Mr. Carruth is an eastern man and his physique frequently comes into convenient use in demonstrating the stunts that require strength aside from agility. In addition he has gotten off right with the squad and is extremely popular.

Last year's quickly-recruited, but nevertheless worthy bench show, is to be repeated on a more extensive scale this year. At a meeting of the fair association last evening arrangements for a bench exhibit that will outclass all former attempts was provided for. Dog fanciers, of whom there are many will redouble their efforts to make the show one of unusual beauty and extent. Few counties in the state boasts of more blue ribbon canines than Union, and they will all be on the bench fair week.

Harry Walters, football player, sprinter, pole vaulter, discus thrower, hammer thrower, broad jumper, quarter miler and high jumper, with a few other athletic attainments, left this week for Corvallis to enter that institution. As "Chuck" Reynolds, last year's varsity quarterback has returned to school and Walters will also likely try for quarter an interesting race will result. However, Walters may be shifted to some other position. Any way the Observer makes the prediction that the aggies' team will have on its varsity this year two Grande Ronde valley boys.

Time's Easy Flight.
Time flies and mocks at man's control.
Just why is plainly seen—
Time never has to stop for coal
Or oil or gasoline.
—Washington Star.

Finesses.

Madge—What is Dolly so pleased about?
Marjorie—She has found a way to avoid telling Charlie the truth without telling him a falsehood.—Widow.