

# LATEST SPORTING NEWS

## TROTTING STOCK GAINS IN LOCAL FAVOR

PREPARATION FOR MAKING VALLEY RECOGNIZED UNDER WAY.

Draft Horses Not Alone to Hold High Distinction, Say Breeders.

With the importation of six standard bred and registered mares, the Grande Ronde valley becomes a trotting horse producer this year. The teedennies of the times in years past have been to make the valley primarily a pure bred animal producer, and seekers for draft horses have found this to be a garden of Eden where the best in the Northwest was to be had for nominal prices, but the year 1910 has seen a ramification and hereafter for with the brood mares brought here this year special attention will be placed on the matter of breeding trotting horses.

There are now six standard bred and registered stallions here. The next two or three years will make Union County second to none in production of turf stock—the same as it is now in draft horses.

### Leads to Race Meets.

Basing the assertion on the facts already mentioned, a new sport is soon to loom up again, or more properly to be revived on a higher scale of excellency. Race meets are to be as frequent and popular as baseball games now are, if the ambitions of dozens of horse breeders in this valley are realized.

Conditions are Peculiarly Favorable.

Conditions and environment are peculiarly adapted to horse raising in this county. For that reason the spread of standard bred horses is bound to proceed with rapid strides once the virus has been inoculated into the veins of the horse breeders. Stock has advantage of the mountain ranges. This gives them the best of food; yet they are so near the comfortable barns that they can be herded in at short notice in case of storm and occasionally at time of shortage of mountain range grazing facilities, they can be changed to more fertile pastures with dispatch. This, primarily, is responsible for the low mortality rate among horses of this county.

Doctor P. A. Charlton, the local veterinarian, who keeps abreast with the finer points of the horse business throughout the Northwest is authority for the statement that Union county is freer of horse diseases than any other county in the state.

With draft horses already at the top of the rung in the Northwest, and breeders preparing to give more attention to trotting stock the prediction can be made with no danger of contradiction that in less than half a decade Union county will hold the pinnacle of the Northwest in the standard and purely bred horses.

### Burns Downed by Lang.

London, Dec. 26.—Bill Lang, the Australian pugilist, and Jack Burns, of California, met in a twenty round match at the Olympia this afternoon. Referee Eugene Corri stopped the match in the twentieth round and declared Lang the winner. Burns fought gamely, but was outclassed by Lang, who after the first few rounds apparently did what he liked with him. There were 7,000 spectators present.



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The Next Man that Lyman—formerly a La Grande boy—meets this year will be Kid Exposito, a goer and a hard hitter. Exposito is a Dago who has suddenly come to the front by several Performances.

## OLD STARS CAPTURE FAST GAME

Former stars of the high school basketball circles last night came back to their own and won an interesting game from the high school regulars by a score of 24 to 17. At no time did the locals maintain a lead and the alumni was safely to the good throughout. While the alumni had not forgotten their old time form, the local high school showed unmistakable signs of stage fright and failed to put up anything like their customary game. It was primarily through their inability to handle the ball that the highs failed to win. In the last half the two teams scored 11 points each and at one time, for a minute or two, the high school showed its real ability and ran up several goals in a hurry, but before the leaders were overtaken the spurt of good form disappeared again.

The high school alumni played a consistent game throughout and showed much the better form on the floor. Officials, Hollister, referee, Currey, umpire, Bean, time keeper and McCall and Almsworth scorers.

An encouraging feature of the game was that the deficits in the basketball funds were covered by the receipts from last night's contest.

### Back to Meet Turkish Wrestler.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 30.—George Hackenschmidt and Yussif Heussian have been matched to wrestle in Dallas January 6, at the Coliseum. The event will be catch as catch can, with best two out of three falls.

### Roller to Grapple Pons.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 30.—Dubuque's newly organized Iriquois Athletic club has announced the first wrestling card of the season for Jan. 2 at the German hall. Dr. B. F. Roller and Carl Pons, the French giant, will furnish the feature event.

### NEW YEAR SPORTS.

Saturday, Dec. 31.—Football. Harvard Law vs. Southern All Stars, New Orleans. Hockey. Yale vs. Cornell. Ice Palace. Basketball: Illinois at Evanston Y. M. C. A. Bowling: City championships, at Flenner's. Oak Park vs. Portland at Portland.

Sunday, Jan. 1.—Annual run, Chicago Automobile club. Monday, Jan. 2.—Track: Athletic carnival, Dexter Park pavilion. Hockey: Yale vs. Cornell. Ice Palace. Skating: Sleighter A. C. annual derby, Humbolt's park. Fight: Tony Caponi vs. Jim Flynn, Los Angeles. Turf: Opening at Tampa.

## LATE FIRE CHIEF GAVE MACK HIS LUCK

FIRE IN CHICAGO BRINGS OUT A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

Fire Chief Horan Carried Rabbit's Foot To Connie Mack This Year.

Chicago, Dec. 31. (Special)—Returning from the funeral of Fire Marshal Horan, in company with J. J. Strapp, chief of the St. Paul fire department, President Johnson of the American league recalled an incident in the life of Chicago's hero which impressed the visiting chief and every other listener as an oddly pathetic freak of fate.

"When Chief Horan went to Philadelphia for the world's series as my guest last fall," said Mr. Johnson, "he showed me a perfectly mounted rabbit's foot which had been given him by one of his many friends and admirers and said he wanted to give it to Connie Mack, the Athletic's manager, when we arrived in Philadelphia. He told me it was the most potent charm and mascot known to the world of superstition. It was the left hind foot of a rabbit which had been caught in the dark of the moon at the edge of an old deserted cemetery. To make the charm doubly effective and protective, the man who killed the rabbit was himself a hunchback.

### Luck Given to Connie.

"Reaching Philadelphia, we hunted up Connie Mack in the morning before the opening game, but he was busy, and we were surrounded by such a crowd of Mack's friends that Jim Horan, who was modest above all things, did not want to make the gift so publicly. Later in the day he gave me the rabbit's foot to give to Connie, and asked me to tell him the story of the charm. I did so just before the first game of the series there.

### SPORTING NOTES.

When all has been said about your great and glorious Grande Ronde valley and of its marvelous advance in many lines during the present year, it must be admitted with more or less regret, that sports have not been given their just attention. Here is hoping 1911 treats us better.

Even if 1910 did little to enhance the standard of sports, and its former prestige in this valley, it did see a summer series of baseball games pulled off with Elgin in which nothing but good-natured rivalry cropped out. Here's our mitt, Elgin, let's pull off another one like it in 1911.

One of the pleasant and encouraging thoughts to which our minds run in recapitulating sports in La Grande and Union county today, as Father Time and his hacked and dented scythe is sneaking off to help make history, is that fact that the county high school

law is passed and hereafter big huskies too poor, financially, to attend school and gain an education, will be hereafter permitted to not only gain the desired knowledge but also strengthen the athletic departments of every credited high school in the county.

Elgin roundly refutes the Observer's statement that baseball may be dropped in the town there this spring. The report emanated from Elgin some time ago, and the Observer welcomes Elgin back in the fold. Elgin produces good players and a good team, so come on fellows.

Everyone knows just about who bought new automobiles this year—but they are many, by the way—but dealers who are in touch with the spread of the automobile education, are authorities for the statement that the sales in 1911 will be something great. The town already has more high grade machines than any other city in the state of its size, and it might as well have a few more.

Poor North Powder! In two games she had a total of 167 points rolled up against her this week, and she managed to tinkle the bell for only 16.

As the basketball season approaches in dead earnest, the race for the championship becomes heated. The dope sheet is no easy pickins either, for there are several teams that are sure somewhat teams.

A journey to Spokane, is one of the possibilities of the M. I. A. junket this winter.

Imbler meets the M. I. A. at the local rink next Friday night.

Though Christmas did, New Year is occupying a preponderance of attention, there was a little time left for local baseball gossip. Things are warming up early.

Aubin, the Elgin whirlwind, is said to have located permanently in Elgin, and the team that town will produce next year will hinge about the hard working stellar mound artist.

The question now bothering the M. I. A. team is: Who is the real "IT" in basketball for North Powder high school defeated Haines some twenty to nothing, the North Powder city team defeated the North Powder high school about twenty-three to nothing, and the M. I. A. defeated the North Powder city team by a hundred or thereabouts. Imbler too, creeps in and hands North Powder something strong. Now again, how much better than Haines is the M. I. A?

Out here on the Pacific coast a movement has been started to amend baseball rules so as to make it more expensive for a pitcher to hit a batsman. It is proposed to give the batsman two bases instead of one. There is another reform in the air, and that is discarding the spitball, which, it is argued, is one of the chief reasons that hitting is fast becoming a lost art in every league throughout the country.

Jack White, the Chicago featherweight, under the management of Fred Gilmore, made a sensational appearance in Milwaukee this week in his ten round bout with Gene McGovern, the popular little Milwaukee battler. White's victory was one of the most decisive seen in any bout that ever went the limit there. He administered severe punishment from the start and showed terrific hitting power, but was unable to dispose of his opponent.

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