

# LATEST SPORTING NEWS

## SEASON BRINGS OUT PLAYERS

### UNION COUNTY HAS BIG QUOTA OF BALL PLAYERS.

High County and All High School Teams Suggested by Observer.

- ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS.**
- First Team: Forwards—Bolton, La Grande, Richards, Cove. Guards—Lottes, La Grande; Lewin, Union. Center—Kall, Cove.
  - Second Team: Forwards—Reynolds, La Grande; Crawley, La Grande; Guards—Ralston, La Grande; Williams, Cove. Center—Bohnkamp, La Grande.
- ALL COUNTY TEAM.**
- Forwards—Bolton, La Grande
  - High: Lindsey, M. L. A.
  - Guards—Lottes, L. G. H.; Holster, M. L. A.
  - Center—Bean, M. L. A.

With eight basketball teams in the valley, each using at last eight men and nearly all bringing ten men into practice during the year there is a total of say 75 basketball players in Union county. Hence it follows that some stand out pre-eminently better than others, and those of the 75 who are scintillating can be counted on your ten fingers.

As regards the ending of the season comes the aggregation of men and boys who have proven themselves superior to their playmates, and as there are both club teams and high school teams, it is necessary to keep the high schools by themselves, in separate divisions, and still weigh their worth as compared with the club teams—

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Photo by American Press Association. "BIG CHIEF" BENDER, PHILADELPHIA'S GREAT INDIAN PITCHER.

## TWEEDY TAKES 2 FAST FALLS

### HOPPLE OF HOOD RIVER AND CARL TWEEDY SCRAP.

Men Struggle on for Long Period Without Material Advantage.

Hot Lake, March 11.—(Special)—Carl Tweedy of this place last night won the second and third fall of as fast and clever a match of wrestling as has come to the eyes of followers of the mat game throughout the Pacific northwest when he got a decision over Hugh Hopple of Hood River. L. A. Grant, the Hood River giant, who Wednesday evening wrestled Joe Heinrich of Baker to a draw, refereed the match and declared the contest to be superior to any amateur go he has seen in years. Grant by the way is well known here.

The first fall went to Hopple in 17 minutes when he fastened a half Nelson and arm scissor. Tweedy went 18 minutes in the next set to before he pinned a body scissor and a half Nelson on Hopple and got a fall. The men then wrestled for 30 minutes of furious work before Tweedy finally twisted a hammerlock on Hopple and without reflecting the actual fall, won the decision, for a hammerlock means broken bones if pushed to cruelty. It was admittedly the fastest thing of its kind ever seen here and admitted to be as good an exhibition of clever wrestling as is given anywhere on the coast. Tweedy is being roundly complimented for his fine showing.

Tweedy is the man who threw Lottes some time ago in 20 some minutes of wrestling.

Portland may boast of its New Year's swimming carnival but La Grande's swimming carnival will be a Grand atmosphere and a local youth's nerve are such that dics in the Grande Ronde are possible in March. Roy Rice, a husky of the B. M. A. ventured into the river yesterday and got wet all over. It was intentional, too, and he holds the honor of being the first to "go swimmin'" this year.



JOHNNY ELGIN, CAPABLE AND WILLING TO HANDLE MEN.

Baseball scries and authorities on the subject see the gradual decline of King's form and it is not surprising to many to hear that Jimmy Archer is held up as the man who will probably do much of the backstop stant for Chicago this year. King's going into it was class.

## LOCAL SPORTLETS, COMMENT AND THE LIKE

James Hallgarth, of Elgin who played last year with the Joseph team, has signed up with Manager Eber Luna, of the Milton-Freewater nine, and will add materially to the wiring strength of the local aggregation during the coming season. Mr. Hallgarth has secured a position in Hilt for the summer, and will be here for practice at all times.—Milton Eagle.

In the Blue Mountain league this year, according to an official schedule just issued, Echo opens at Pendleton March 26; Athena at Walla Walla; Weston at Milton. It is said that Walla Walla has withdrawn from that league to join a bigger bush.

Organized along systematic business lines, Elgin stands ready to join a league. Aubin, sometimes designated "the Indian," but who is a white man just the same, and something of a marathoner, when it comes to extra season affairs, will occupy the huge pile in the middle.

The wrestling match to have been held last night between MacCormic, of Minnesota, and McMahon, of Hot Lake, has been called off owing to an accident to McMahon in which he suffered a broken rib.—Union Republican.

The Dittbrandt Auto company has a fine demonstration line of automobiles and will be glad to show the virtues of their cars to anyone interested. Skilled machinists will point out the features.

The very lightest kind of outdoor work has been commenced by candidates for the track team. Regular work will not open up for some little time yet.

Many track and field fans are shaping their business affairs to attend either the Corvallis or Eugene meets this spring.

Regular practices are being indulged in by a half-dozen nitrods in anticipation of the big shoot at Walla Walla. Every Sunday hears the "roll of infantry."

A weekly exodus to the fishing grounds will start soon. The trout season is nearer than most people realize.

The little town of Union raised \$200 in three hours this week to support its baseball team. Smith, the Cove twirler, will leave for the Unionists and has made that place his home.

Cove will not figure conspicuously in baseball this year—in fact, not at all, it is said.

As soon as McMahon of Hot Lake recovers from his recent injuries he will match Grant of Hood River.

## FANSEXPRESSING OPINIONS

### MAN FOUND CAPABLE AND WILLING TO HANDLE MEN.

Committee of Business Men to Oversee Finances is Plan Advanced.

Definite assurance that a business-like support and management of a local baseball club to be a part of a four-town amateur league, embracing Baker, Union, Elgin and La Grande; promises made by Grant Hughes, a clean young fellow who has had considerable experience in handling clubs and is himself a player of repute, that he will manage the team if substantial business men will officer a local club; positive assurances from Elgin and Union, and substantial avowals from Baker, that these towns stand ready to form the league at once, are some of the developments of summer baseball that have been brought out in the past few days. The most important of these perhaps is the willingness of local business men to get behind a local club and give it prestige by their affiliations. That the support will be forthcoming to a club headed by three or more conservative businessmen is conceded and a self-evident fact. With these encouraging conditions existing there remains but one barrier to the speedy formation of a four-town league that will be going just as soon as the conditions will permit.

### Want Forfeits Eisted.

La Grande business men will not advance a cent of money or lend moral support, say fans who have felt the public's pulse, unless every club in the proposed league is willing to post a small forfeit, say \$200, that will revert back to the club posting it should the stipulations be adhered to. These rules need not be ironclad, but would have to insure the completion of the playing season. Fourth of July smoke, quarrels within the ranks of the different clubs, grievances that had no court of appeals to resort to, have become so thoroughly disgusting to the paying fans that there will be no more credit or support given to a club organized along other lines, than would be forthcoming to a begging millionaire. If the other towns will, and there is no question but what they will, consent to this requirement and others of minor importance, the formation of the club is an assured fact.

Union, Baker and La Grande especially have had the blowing up habit for several years, and a forfeit alone will stop it, and various other undesirable features of amateur baseball. Another important regulation that must be inculcated in the by-laws of the four club league, is the right of umpires to inflict and collect league fines for misdemeanor by players or flagrant violations of the rules by the managers. So to reiterate, the La Grande business man will lend their prestige to the league, support and obtain financial support for a local club provided the organization is perfected, on the forfeit basis with one hired player and no more.

### Hughes, a Capable Man.

Well versed in the game, able to handle men and to play well himself, Hughes is a valuable man as a Moses in this instance. He has worked all winter in the Masterton blacksmith shop, is an Elk and has won for himself respect by all who know him and confidence would readily be placed in his hands. He will take the club with the consideration that a board of directors of business men of the city elected at a meeting of the fans to be held early next week, stand behind him and care for the finances. He will handle the team, but there his connections cease. He knows of several excellent players who seek jobs in La Grande and will play here if they can secure jobs. A plumber and a dry goods man are among these. With what few men there are now here the local club could be readily formed. But that is an after matter that can be settled by the manager. The proposition now is to elect a board of directors of business men and allow them to direct the finances of the club.

Union sent a delegation here last week. Tuttle and Maxwell were their names, and they reflect the feeling expressed in La Grande, that business-like management is wanted by their fans. Elgin express the same notion and Baker, too, wants to get off on new footing.

## WITH THE BOXERS.

Bartley Connolly is running a fight club in Portland, Me., and getting his share of the good performers.

Champion Wolgast and Owen Moran have been offered a \$12,500 purse to box in Juana, Lower California.

The latest new blow in the boxing game is the "molar snap." It was pulled in Boston recently when Kid Wilson fastened his teeth on Joe Stein's ear. The inventor has been blacklisted.

## POINTS SCORED BY M. L. A. TEAM THIS SEASON.

Opponents	M. L. A.
Imbler	13
North Powder	13
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North Powder	23
Pendleton	29
Pendleton	42
Weston	23
Walla Walla	54
La Grande High	14
Total	221

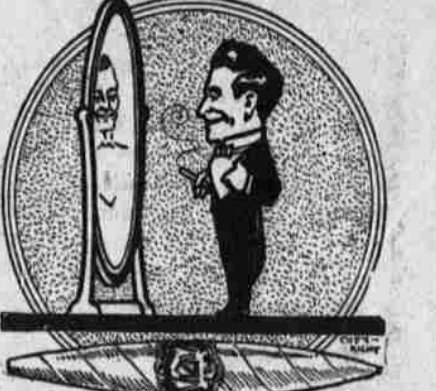
Points from Field.

Lindsey	104
Bean	20
Hollister	34
Metcalf	22
Geddes	22
Wright	6
Ainsworth	2
Childers	12
Black	4

Team averaged over one point a minute; average age 21 years; average weight 157 pounds. Season's payers, Lindsey, Metcalf, Hollister, Ainsworth, Black, Bean, and Geddes. Practice average of two nights a week. Huber, coach.

**Hinkle Stays True.**  
University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., March 10.—Ferdinand Hinkle, '11, last year's southpaw for Oregon, and who afterwards signed up with Seattle, where he played first class ball during the summer, is an insurmountable first order. Hinkle was ordered to report for duty the first of March and now he refuses to go, as it will necessarily interfere with his graduation, and incidentally his duties as assistant coach in the Oregon squad. As yet the affair has not been settled, and Ferdinand stubbornly refuses to leave college for a place on the Seattle pitching staff.

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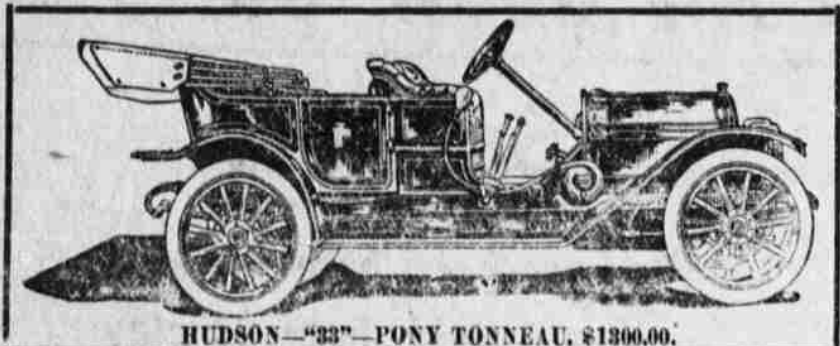
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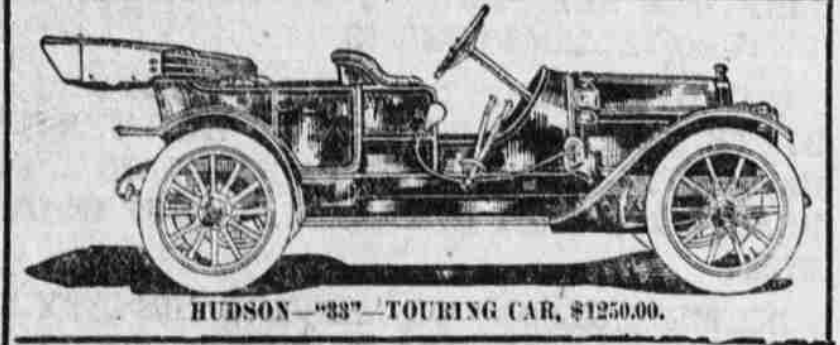
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