

# LATEST SPORTING NEWS

## CREATE PROPOSED LEAGUE AT BAKER CONFERENCE TOMORROW

Arrangement of a four-club league, including Baker, La Grande, Union and Elgin, will be perfected tomorrow at a conference in Baker when representatives of all the towns mentioned meet there. This is the logical solution of the baseball situation locally and will meet with popular favor.

There are to be arrangements such as the Observer advocated earlier in the year, and which have been sanctioned by the fans. Forfeits for not completing the season, separation of playing manager from the business management and a few other details that are essential will be looked after.

The playing schedule will also be made out tomorrow if such a thing can possibly be done in the brief time allotted. If not, a subsequent conference will be called, but strenuous effort to have the league created, cemented and a season of amateur baseball promised, will be made by the conference at one sitting.

Plenty of jockeying has taken place during the past few days to insure earnestness and sincerity by all concerned. The recent scheme of Baker to dip into the long jump proposition was finally reconsidered, and it was on Baker's own return to the original plan that the meeting is called for tomorrow. Baker held out for the bigger circuit, with Elgin to be chopped off, but further consideration of the proposition changed the opinion in the mining town. Union, Elgin and La Grande have been waiting for days for Baker to say the word—and it has been said.

D. A. Barnes of Elgin, is planning on taking the representatives to Baker tomorrow in his big White Steamer, Bradley of La Grande, Smith of Union, Barnes of Elgin and Goodman of Baker, will be the playing managers who will sit in the meeting.

soon after school closes at which time the floors and funny stunt crowd of the B. M. A. will go along and give minstrel shows along the branch line.

Invitations have been received from Whitman asking the La Grande high school track team to participate in the scholastic games there this Spring. Of course the "invite" will be accepted, and the tussle to see who will go is air-ady on.

Cecil Bolton, the mainstay in the sprints this year, is suffering considerably with his badly injured ankle and may not get back to his last year's form with the rapidity which he should.

Inauguration of a campaign for construction of suitable bathing facilities at Riverside park has met with popular favor and all that is needed is someone to take the initiative.

The annual horse show will be held in Enterprise April 15, and President S. L. Barnaguh of the commercial club is hustling arrangements to make

it the most successful yet held. Further announcements will be made at a later date.

The first athletic stunt of the spring season will be pulled off Saturday afternoon by the high school students when the cross country race will be held. This event has attracted a large number of entries and it is going to be a hard fight for the winner.

A practice shoot was held at the club's grounds Tuesday forenoon the brought out quite a number of shooters. Traveller Remington Arms company gave an exhibition of his guns and ammunition and did some expert rifle shooting. Two squads of shooters, one of amateurs and one of club members, held a shoot. J. P. Morelock made the high average for the amateurs and B. W. Brady was high man among the club members.

The newest kennel in town is that built this week by George M. Hibberd, a local dog fancier. An addition of a purebred English bull female was made to his "collection" this week when a highly marked animal reached here from California. The marks are more characteristic than on any dog of the breed in the city.

With the departure from Cove on Foy Conklin, Union county loses a good sportsman. Mr. Conklin is a horseman of keen judgment and educated tastes; he is a dead game sport—not in the slang application of the term, however—a man who likes to have his athletic teams win but wants them to win fairly. In about five years' time he elevated the standing of sports in Cove from nothing to a place of power and prominence in Eastern Oregon. He will do much the same thing at Wallowa.

Trout fishing is now in order.

**National Court Tennis.**  
Boston, Mass., April 1.—A tournament to decide the national court tennis championships open Monday at the Tennis and Racquet Club in this city and will continue through the greater part of the week. Among those taking part are Jay Gould, the present holder of the championship title, and his brother Kingdon, who has also developed into a clever racket player.

## TRAVELING MEN GET AUTOS

OF HARRIS JOINS RANKS OF THE BUZZ WAGON SALEMEN.

Wagon Inaugurated by Will French Proves Popular—Auto News.

Sol Harris is the latest addition to the traveling salesman auto fan. His company, M. Sells & Co., today sent a four-passenger Cadillac to La Grande to be used by Mr. Harris in covering the territory between La Grande and Boise. The proposition is something of an experiment with Mr. Harris but it has been successful with others working out of this city. Will French inaugurated the system.

Bill Parker, the U. M. C. man who covers this territory, will have a huge Chalmers to make interior points with. The machine will be seen in La Grande from time to time. The feature of this machine will be that it is to visit the most secluded towns and villages in Eastern Oregon.

Seat covers, a glass front and various other up to the minute features characterize the Franklin recently purchased by N. K. West. The big machine is making a hit with its nobby appearance even as the other high priced cars preceding it did.

Returning from Wallowa county this week in their Chalmers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dittbrandt claim the distinction of being the first to enter Wallowa county this year in an automobile. It is also said to be the first time in several years that a machine has turned the trick in the month of March. To the credit of Wallowa county the driver says the worst roads on the trip were between La Grande and Elgin. Bird Lewis accompanied the party.

One of the aggravating experiences to come to auto drivers occasionally was indulged in by Will Church this week when it required three automobiles to take him to Cove and back. The last change was brought about

because the driver didn't notice the reverse clutch was stuck, and instead of giving it a yank and cranking up again he telephoned for relief in the way of an auto from La Grande. The other trouble was caused by tires.

Kiddle and Wade of Island City have sold a big Kiesel Kar. 50, to Sam Wad of Lostine. The machine will be delivered at once.

Wallowa county was the mecca for local automobile dealers this week. Several from this city talked their respective makes in that county.

**South Atlantic League.**  
Columbus, S. C., April 1.—The South Atlantic baseball league will start its season Monday. The season provides for 140 games.

**Big Leaguers Discussed.**

Manager Fred Clarke of the Pirates is 38 years of age and the oldest man on the team.

The Virginia League schedule calls for 123 games, the season to open April 20 and close September 6.

Catcher Killifer of the St. Louis Browns, has been released to the Buffalo club of the Eastern League.

In his new ball park at Newark, N. J., Manager Joe McGinnity will fit up a cozy retiring room for women, with

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### LOCAL SPORTLETS, COMMENT AND THE LIKE.

Local baseball fans will have a surprise in store for them when they see the lineup of the team which is to represent La Grande in the league to be formed tomorrow. A big percent of the players have never worn a La Grande uniform before.

A druggist by the name of Clark is here from Iowa and is anxious to locate in La Grande. He is a big moose and comes with a pitching record that should entice local druggist concerns to give the man a job. He will stay and play ball here if he can get a position.

Organization of a baseball club in the B. M. A. has been ordered and is under way. The big feature of the team will be a trip through Wallowa

## Don't Spare the Rod!



If it's a good, stout one, because it should be able to hold its own against any fish that swims. Want to be "sartan, sho," about your fishing tackle? Yes! Get it from F. L. Lilly and your pillow will be a soft and slumberous one until the alarm clock awakens you for a fine day's sport.

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