LATEST SPORTING NEWS

M'INNIS SOUGHT FOR LOCALS

CLARK JOWAN, AWAITS ORDERS IN COLORADO.

La Grande Well Healed on Catcher Question—Pitchers Undecided.

With "Heck" McInnis, last year's star twirler in this section, on the string and very likely coming to La Grande and Clark, an Iowa pitcher of collegiate fame, awaiting word in Colorado to come if wanted to fill out the pitching staff of the La Grande club in the Eastern Oregon league, and Hughes the experienced backstop employed here, and Conley the well known Cove catcher ready to don the big mit, there is every reason to feel elated over the outlook for a battery for the La Grande club. At this particular writing, neither of the pitchers are here; yet Clark can be headed this way at a moments notice, while McInnis will probably come though definite word is not expected until tonight. McInnis has joined the water wagon brigade, and though this was not a condition last year, he nevertheless came up strong at every game regardles of what preceded. Fans know his ability and little need be said of his qualities—"Will he come?" that is the question. In Clark, there is more uncertainty as to what he can do but his references from Iowa are very flattering. He wants to come and will come if wanted. By tomorrow night the final decision wil have been made and the middle of the coming week will see one or the other, or both of them here. With Hughes and Conley already here, La Grande will have the best backstops in the league at this time. Both men are excellent receivers and can at all times be depended upon.

With a good battery looming up bright, fans can expect some good support in the field. The coming week will decide who will go against Baker next Sunday, when the playing season opens up with La Grande at Baker and Union at Elgin.

"Pass the Hat!' Is Cry.

Enthused over the prospects of clean, high class baseball, local fans who are demanding first grade twirlers and strengthened infielders admit the proposition of "passing the hat" has become imperative. The expenses of buying balls bats and maintaining the expenses of umpires, and at the same time remunerating the home guard on the team with "cuts from the gate" can be cared for by general admission and grandstand receipts, but buying new uniforms and maintaining at least two men on a straight salary as all the other towns are doing, will divulge on the fans. Businessmen, clerks, professional men and all fans in general will be asked early next week to contribute small sums each. This has long since been done in Baker—where several hundred dolars have been raised—in Union where $300 were raised, and in Elgin where the subscription ran up to big figures. The pace set by the other clubs has forced the "hat business" here. The home talent can be supplied largely on gate receipts, but when it comes to buying uniforms and hiring two players ,the fans will have to co-operate, without serious financial loss to one man. The small donations from the many will be the rule.

PRACTICE GAME TOMORROW

PIDCOCK'S AGGREGATION IS TO MEET CLUB TEAM.

Imperative That Candidates for First Team Be on Hand Early.

Tomorrow's practice by the members of the city team who are in the city will be peppered by presence of Pidcock's world beaters who have signified their intentions of giving the club team good practice. The teams will commence playing at 2:30 and Captain Bradley will be disappointed if every candidate is not on hand at that hour.

Cold weather has retarded the training materially and if the weather is anywhere near respectable the candidates are wanted out. This will be the last Sunday practice before the Baker opening game, and every minute possible between now and next Sunday morning will be put into practice. Consequently every man's presence is imperative tomorrow.

LOCAL SPORTLETS, COMMENT AND THE LIKE.

Another motorcycle has been sold in La Grande. This time it is a four-horse power and Charles Harding is the buyer and the Dittebrandt Auto company the seller.

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Several motorists here are contemplating entering the Baker races next month. An experienced motorcycle driver here is Mechanician Hollister at the Dittebrandt garage, who is thinking of joining the contests at Baker.

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Next Saturday sees the gathering of high school track and field athletes in this city. With plenty of cold and March weather already on the records in April, it is hoped that the climatic conditions will not be very greatly opposed to good records. Millring in the vault and jumps and Bolton on the shorter distances on the cinders are the mainstays of the local team, but there are others who will figure. Davis is credited with first place in all the weights. Several of the younger material from last year will be depended upon to take places, and Perry has much faith pinned to him by the students.

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Cove last year and Cove this year are practically similar as far as track material is concerned and that the 1911 team will figure next Saturday and make competitiors "go some" is conceded. It is true that Walters is gone but others have been developed to take his place in a meet, the caliber of which the next Saturday meet will be.

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Here is hoping Will Neill shows up the coast athletes on the javeline at the coast meet two weeks hence.

Between plenty of automobiles, quite a few motorcycles, plenty of good driving horses, good baseball and the boating courses at the park, not to say anything of the fishing grounds, there will be no cause for complaint for recreation in La Grande this summer.

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Harry Walters, attendig O. A. C., won his spurs at the Columbia indoor meet last Saturday when he finished third in the quarter mile and also won the pole vault.

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With the sale of two motor cycles this week, the Dittebrandt Auto company brings the total sales for ten days up to four machines, indicating the increasing popularity of the small buzz wagon.

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High school girls are to be enlisted into the campaign for suitable bathing house facilities at the park. The men and boys who delight in the Whitcombe Riley pastime have already made arrangements for this purpose by scheduling a benefit week-day ball game and now the girls who either can or intend to master swimming are racking their brains for suitable means to accomplish their purpose.

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Teh university of Oregon baseball nine looks like a winner and it is a safe bet to say she will finish far up in the first division, if not on top.

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"Kid" Elberfield, of the Washington team, is troubled with a lame shoulder this spring, but he keeps right in the game just the same.

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Jimmy Callahan of the White Sox has "come back" with bells on, and he says he intends to remain until October.

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Outfielder Cobb, of the Lincoln Western League team, is a brother of Tyrus of the Detroits, and they say young Cobb is some gardener.

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The offices of the National League in New York are now located in the Metropolitan skyscraper.

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Pitchers Adams and Camnitz look to be the winners with the Pirates the coming season.

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Adrian C. Joss, one of the pitchers of the Cleveland American league club died yesterday morning. "Addie" as he was called, was one of the greatest pitchers of the present day.

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Word from Chicago has it that the vetterans, Beaumont and Steinfeldt, have refused to go to St. Paul, and declare that they will not play with the minors.

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With Overall out of the game and "King" Cole ill with malaria, the Cubs will have to do some fancy steps to keep up in front in the National struggle.

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Trying to get the goat of a youngster in the early part of the season is still in vogue at present. Several American League pitchers are spreading the dope that Joe Jackson of the Naps, is a shine, that he can't hit this ball or that ball and that they will make a monkey of him. Joe is Tuesday to the bull, and says that he will be right at the plate waiting for the slants of the wise pitchers.

NEILL DEEMED A WINNER

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON TEAM TO GO SOUTH EARLY.

Will Neill of La Grande Considered Leader With Long Stick.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., April 15.—The university of Oregon track team leaves Thursday night for California, to enjoy a week's training in preparation for the big field meet, at which California, Stanford, Idaho, Oregon and Washington will vie with each other for athletic supremacy. The Oregon team will consist of Captain Hawkins, Johns, Kay, Bailey, Kellogg, Neill, McClure, McGuire, Latourette, Service and McConnell.

Neill a Sure Point Winner.

"Bill" Neil of La Grande is depended upon for five points, in the javelin, as he is without question the best man on the coast in that event. Kellogg and Service, both of Baker high, are sure of something in the weights and high jump respectively. Kellogg is good for 41 feet in the shot, and Service can clear the bar at 5 feet 9 without difficulty. The varsity cannot afford to take a relay team this year the thip is a very expensive one, and only certain pjoint winners will be given the trip.

OVER-HILL AUTO ROAD PLANNED

JOINT ATTENTION FROM AUTO OWNERS AND COURT SOUGHT.

Walla Walla, Pedleton, La Grande and Other Towns Start Movement.

To place La Grande upon an improved highway over which automobiles can find ready passage in crossing the Blue Mountains, and to link Union, Wallowa, Umatilla and other Eastern Oregon counties and all of Eastern Washington together with a road kept passable maintained jointly by the county courts and automobile associations, is the object in view of a movement being set on foot simultaneously in La Grande, Pendleton, this week. Briefly stated, the proposition is to give joint attention to the roads from La Grande to Kamela—the Union county court and the Union county auto owners combining to fulfill their judicious shares of the slight cost. Pendleton and other Umatilla county fans have the movement on foot and aim to improve the mountain passes so that distance between Pendleton and La Grande can be annihilated considerable. From Pendleton on to Walla Walla the roads are fair now, it is in the Blue mountains that the greatest need is manifest. Wallowa county could expeditiously spend some money on improving the highway to Joseph lake, the mecca for summer tourists of the northwest. In this way a vast territory would have fairly good roads for intercounty traffic.

As far as Union county is concerned, it is said that a few blasts of dynamite on the protruding stones removal of tree trunks and stumps at various places and a general touching up all along the way would accomplish the feat.

The Kamela passageway is given preference. The Toll gate route is perhaps the more scenic, but approaches to the gate are difficult and more money would have to be expended. For quick, effective passes, the Kamela gateway is said to be both the more convenient and more easily maintained.

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Introduction of automobile delivery by a local store has no doubt paved the way for extensive spread of the practice; this is an automobile crazy town anyway. The auto truck and the lighter variety of automobiles drafted into service has proven very satisfactory in the larger cities. J. G. Snodgrass carries the first honors in starting the practice here. The tonneau of his newly purchased E. M. F. 20 will be removed and a truck bottom attached so that deliveries can be made to any part of the city, during the summer months especially. It is very apparent that the other business men are watching the success of this venture and next year will see others following in the wake of the leader in this movement.

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Pendleton, April 15.—(Special.) An automobile club is the latest organization to be advocated in Pendleton and Umatilla county. A number of gasoline burners gathered in the rooms of the Commercial association this week and discourse the formation of such a club to some extent and a paper will probably be circulated among auto owners soon to secure members, after which a meeting will be held and an organization perfected.

The purpose of an auto club would be good roads first, last and all the time, as explained by one of the promoters today. It would operate in connection with the Good Roads association, the Farmers Union and the Commercial organizations to secure legislation to that end but would go farther and secure temporary improvements by its own efforts. When a bad piece of road is discovered in a particular section which is traveled extensively by machines, it would become the duty of the discoverer to report the matter to the auto club and the offending rut or hole would be immediately filled. In this way the organization would be of direct, immediate benefit to those who have abondoned the horse for the horseless carriage. The improvement of the road to Wenaha Springs is one of the particular pieces of work in view.

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In a recent interview J. Hauvette-Michelin, head of the big tire works at Milltown, New Jersey, stated that the greatest drawback to a more general use of anti-skids in this country has been the added cost, as the motorist already has a complete set of rubber-tread tires, which he does not want to discard. "As a matter of fact," continued Mr. Michelin, "four anti-skid tires are not necessary, only two being required to assure safe driving under all road conditions. One anti-skid should be fitted on one of the front wheels, and one on the opposite rear wheel. If the driver sits on the right side, then the best disposition of the anti-skid tires is on the right front wheel and one on the left rear wheel, but if the car drives from the left side, like Reo cars and Fords, then the anti-skid should be fitted to the left front and right rear wheels. Of course the two rubber tires that are removed when the anti-skids are fitted may be kept for spares for the two wheels still carring ordinary tires.

"The advantages of the tire equipment suggested, are, first, safety because of the two anti-skids prevent accidents due to skidding on wet or muddy streets or when driving on ice-covered roads, and second, the two rubber treads hold firmly on hard dry pavements. Then again the economy of the Michelin combination is apparent, only two anti-skids being required nstead of four. Users of small or medium powered cars are now enabled to adopt anti-skids at a moderate investment. Of course drivers of heavy limousines and other high-powered cars have always used them."

WITH THE BOXERS.

Abe Attell is again out of the game for the present with a bad arm.

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John Willie and Young Peter Jackson have signed to box at Saskatoon, Sask., April 20.

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Jimm Coffroth will stage the Wolgast Burns fight for the lightweight championship, in San Francisco, May 20.

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"Cyclone" Thompson, Hugo Kelly, Frank Klaus and Jack Dillon should get together for a series of bouts to find out who is the best of the bunch, and the winner might get a chance to fight Billy Papke.

Boxers to Enter Tournament.

Spokane, Wash., April 15.—Boxers and wrestlers from all over the Inland Empire will be invited in a few days to participate in the first championship tournament to be staged at the Spokane Amateur Athletic club here on Friday, June 2. Handsome medals will be awarded in the various contests, the competition being conducted along the lines of the Pacific Northwest Amateur Athletic Association. Cisco Bullivant, matchmaker of the S. A. A. C., and originator of the plan, will have charge of the tourney.

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