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# LATEST SPORTING NEWS

## TEAM JOURNEYS TO UNION

BELIEVED MANY AUTOS WILL ACCOMPANY THE SQUAD.

Unsettled Weather and Horseshow Dates Prevent Excursion Now.

Judging from early indications there will be a long string of automobiles leaving La Grande tomorrow for Union where the La Grande team meets the Union club for the second time of the series. La Grande with five scalps dangling at its belt is going primed for the sixth.

The La Grande team will make the trip in automobiles, the season being too early for an excursion, and so many are planning on going to Union during the horse show that it was decided best not to attempt the excursion plan tomorrow. There will, however, likely be a large number of auto parties for the trip will afford a nice afternoon of pleasure to the autoists.

La Grande will send the same old lineup against Union with the exception that Kail will be back. Woods will also be in the squad if he can be induced to go.

### ELKS AFFAIR SET.

Baker Contingent Coming to Play Ball on June 14.

That momentous event slated for next Tuesday has been postponed and the Baker-La Grande Elks' game is now set for June 14, at which time the Baker herd will come loaded for business. Both teams are to be strictly Elks' affairs as far as the players are concerned, and the day will be made a gala one all around.

To donate a portion of the receipts of the game to some charitable cause is now the plan of the local Elks. The big game is to be only a part of the attractions, for a banquet and dance will also be arranged it is planned and all in honor of the visiting Elks.

### STODDARD OUT AGAIN

Injury Sustained Last Sunday May Result in Long Absence from Game.

Though Merrill Stoddard was able to leave the hospital yesterday for the first time since Sunday and is apparently getting along as well as possible, it is believed he will be out of the game for some time, possibly all summer. The active little first baseman gives "pop" to the team always, and has been hitting and fielding well. His loss will be felt in many ways. Among his accomplishments is good coaching. His injury was sustained last Sunday in the game against Union, while running bases.

### Conley and Coster Ready.

New Orleans, May 27.—Because of the likelihood that the winner will lay claim to the featherweight championship, the 20-round bout between Frank Conley of Kenosha, Wis., and Joe Coster, of New York, which is to take place before the West Side Athletic Club here tomorrow, is attracting much attention among the fight followers. Next to Abe Attell, the present title holder, Conley and Coster are regarded as the headliners in the featherweight division. Attell's recent injuries have resulted in rumors of his permanent retirement from the ring and if these prove true the winners of tomorrow's battle will have a legitimate claim to the title. Realizing the importance of the bout both Conley and Coster have been training faithfully ever since the articles were signed and both are reported today to be in excellent shape for the mill.

### Big Bush Notes.

Alva Williams the new first baseman of the Boston Red Sox is hitting well

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## BAKER LEADS IN TEAM HITTING

HOOPER REALLY LEAGUE'S STAR WILLON ARTIST.

Two Games Give Davis, Union, Big Percentage—La Grande Batting Low

With what games there have already been played in the Eastern Oregon league, batting averages vary greatly. The data used in compiling the appended averages is not completed in that Union, Baker and Elgin are not represented by all games played.

Baker leads in team batting in this table. This is a result of the terrible swatfest at Baker last Sunday when Aubin was touched up for a total of 13 hits. Elgin, La Grande and Union is the way the other teams line up in the hit average column.

Davis of Union and Hooper of Elgin lead the individuals. While Hooper is lower than Davis in average, the former has been at bat more often and really leads the league thus far. Davis is about the only consistent batter Union has.

Stone leads Baker with a hit column of .375. The nearest man to him is Jackson.

### Stoddard Leads La Grande.

The La Grande tables are complete up to date giving about 20 times at bat for all the regulars. Of these Stoddard is hitting .285, Mires .263 and Kail, with two games played, hitting .333. Stoddard has been to bat 21 times and gleaned 6 hits, Mires 19 times up with 5 hits. Stoddard has two sacrifices and Mires three.

### The Leaders in Each Team.

The hitting of each team leader is:

Player	AB	SH	H	Av.
Hooper, Elgin	14	1	5	.357
Davis, Union	6	3	3	.500
Aubin, Elgin	12	0	4	.333
Carter, Elgin	14	0	4	.286
Stoddard, La Grande	21	2	6	.285
Mires, La Grande	19	3	5	.263
Stone, Baker	8	0	3	.375
Kail, La Grande	9	0	3	.333

### The Team Batting.

The teams are batting as follows, not all games being counted:

Team	AB	SH	H	Av.
Baker	71	1	16	.225
Elgin	112	3	22	.188
La Grande	182	13	30	.164
Union	72	4	8	.111

### EDMOND AUDEMARS.

Swiss Aviator Who Weighs Only a Hundred Pounds.



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### LOCAL SPORTLETS, COMMENT AND THE LIKE.

Hooper, Elgin's star second baseman, holds the distinction of getting the first home run of the season. Last Sunday at Baker he lifted one of Stone's offerings over the fence. It was his only hit in the game.

It is nasty affairs like last night's fiasco that puts a bad color on boxing. It is a manly art if practiced properly but when it takes a turn like it did last evening it is time to cry a halt. Not that there was any crime done by the joke boxing contest but the impression left is such as to dampen the

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## Automobile News and Gossip

A step that will lead the automobile owners of Union county in the right direction was taken this week when the preliminary organization of owners was perfected. True, the movement didn't get off on the foot that quite suited all, but it satisfied the majority and the minority must fall in line and will fall in line. The permanent organization day has not yet been fixed but the interest is so widespread that there will be an organization at the right time.

The business prestige of such a club cannot help but auger good. It is in the line of such clubs to maintain a grievance committee who report bad pieces of roads to the proper authorities and with the big representation of taxpayers behind them go to the proper authorities for relief. This is but one function—a mighty important one—and the county cannot afford to be without such a body.

There are many pieces of roads and lands in this county which could be made first class from end to end if there were men who made it a business to report the run down places for the county court is anxious to repair all such places when attention to them is called. All this is aside from the regular pleasures and benefits to be accrued from such a club, and the rank and file of the auto owners are awaiting announcement of the final organization date.

### Spokane, Wash., May 27—(Special)

What promises to be one of the most unique automobile trips yet undertaken in America is planned by F. O. Berg of Spokane, who contemplates making a circuit of the boundary lines of the United States, starting from this city the middle of June. Accompanied by his family, Mr. Berg will drive to the Washington-British Columbia line, thence along the Pacific coast to San Diego. After touching the Mexican border the party will pass through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana to New Orleans, thence through Alabama and Florida into New England, visiting Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, Boston and other large centers. From New York the route follows the northern boundary westward to Spokane. Mr. Berg does not intend to break long distance records, nor has he any idea of setting a new mark for speed. He will drive a touring car, fitted with full camp equipment for

use between towns or during bad weather.

An accident with a fortunate ending occurred near Summerville last evening when a party of local high school teachers, graduates and students, six in all, figured in a spill when the machine hit a calf which, already out of harm's way, jumped squarely in front of the machine without warning. The machine tipped completely over but aside from numerous bruises, no serious consequences resulted. T. T. Glenn of Summerville brought the stranded autoists to La Grande in time for commencement exercises. The machine was badly smashed but the calf escaped without a scratch.

Mr. Winings, of Lostine, this week purchased an Indian motorcycle from the Dittebrandt Auto company.

The Hudson Torpedo shipment which should have arrived last Wednesday for the Dittebrandt Auto company did not come until this morning.

Representing, in a measure, the big sum of money invested in automobiles in this city is the fact that one night

## NEGRO PRESENTS SLEEP PILL

ATKINSON MAKES FROST OF LAST NIGHT'S FIGHT.

Scrap Lasts Ten Seconds—Preliminaries Lack All Science.

Ralph Atkinson was knocked a kit'n 10 seconds after the scheduled 10-round go was called at the skating rink last night and the local white "hope" proved a farce out and out. The preliminaries to the principal event on the card were bigger jokes than the main event, for one of the contestants can't tell a glove from a sandbar and though he was willing enough, made a monkey of himself. Consequently the card was a frosture and simple.

The preliminary lasted longer, going six slow rounds. There was no fighting and no exhibition of art anywhere. The men were Allen and Shafer.

### Atkinson Goes Sprawling.

Atkinson pranced into the ring when the main event was called and made a noise like a white hope, but the burly negro, Barney Douglas, was waiting for him and with one lead, let go a smash on the mug that created a beautiful constellation of myriad stars for the white man and immediately afterwards let go another straight from the shoulder that did the dentist act with three molars and sent the Caucasian grunting into a corner where he lay while Elliott counted him out and then jumped up and went to his dressing room unhurt except for his teeth. The blow was a stunner all right and in that respect lies the only redeeming feature of the fracas—the negro wanted to fight and apparently can. He sticks up his dukes like he knew the business and the wallow is sufficient—at least until that particular end. Atkinson has no more chance against the colored boxer than an asbestos dog with tallow candle legs chasing a cast iron cat through the fiery depths below.

The only real entertaining feature of the evening was furnished by George the colored King of the Warren Construction company, who did a buck and wing dance between bouts, much to the amusement of those present.

Boxing should be encouraged in any community but promoters should use some discretion in mating boxers. Last night's fiasco leaves that proverbial dark brown taste that requires months and years to overcome.

Ed Kirby, who it will be remembered attempted to enlighten local boxing enthusiasts when he indulged in a mix with Walt Burgo some months ago at this place, was in the city this week. Kirby lasted just long enough in the aforementioned bout for the clumsy Burgo to get within reach of him—and then took the count. Kirby on his recent visit was posing as a high diver, and he may make this play stick. But as to the fighting business—we'll have seen enough of his kind.

This week 50,000 worth of machines were in the Dittebrandt garage. The cars ranged from \$1500 to \$4000 each. This, however, was not so very unusual an occurrence, for there are often machines there representing nearly that amount.

Some one raised the legal point regarding the proposed limitations of motorcycle speed in this city. It is declared there is no authority to do so while others maintain there is. Some say the state law regulating the speed of power-driven vehicles is now effective, and still others claim it goes into effect in August. Consequently the new motorcycle law discussion is paramount in buzz wagon fanning circles.

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