

# LATEST SPORTING NEWS

## Automobile News and Gossip

Work on the old race track at the deserted fair grounds will be commenced in a short time with the aim in view of grading the straight-away distances and banking the curves to make them safe for a fast-time race meet here during the month of August. The work is not going to be very difficult by any means, as it is thought that a very small outlay of cash will be needed to put the speedway into excellent shape. The race meet fever is growing and spreading and there is a whole lot of inquiry from out of town points from amateurs at the racing business who are going to enter this proposed meet.

The matter of transportation for the public is generally well solved to the best advantage. It is probable that a train will be run to the fair grounds on that day, which is yet to be definitely fixed, and in this way the public can reach the grounds at a very small expense.

C. H. King, representing the Keats Auto company of Portland is in the city today making arrangements for an immediate display of 1912 models of the Chalmers and Hudson cars. Then, too, he is talking "Hershoff" cars, a new make. The new Chalmers for 1912, and he Hudson well, will be shipped to the Dittebrandt Auto company within a very short time for demonstration this fall. The Chalmers is much cheaper, the torpedo "30" selling for \$1300 f. o. b. factory fully equipped. There is also a new model of the Chalmers for 1912, a 36 horsepower machine with an extra long wheel base, 118 inches and large wheels. The Hudson will be produced in four models in 1912, a new roadster "33" guaranteed at a mile a minute speed.

Some miscreant is scattering heavy tacks on the pavements, no doubt to puncture auto and motor cycle tires. Several places were found yesterday where a handful of these rubber destroyers was scattered and several machines have come to grief through the tack route. It is poor sport to thus destroy property and it is a crime in the eyes of the law. Incensed as the seeming persistency of the tack artists, auto and motorcyclists are on the alert and it will go hard on the person caught doing it.

To bring some of the fastest speed kings of the northwest to La Grande during the coming auto race meet here is the plan of the Union County Motor club. It will establish one or

two marathon races at a mile a minute clip and make the visiting speed artist reach the required time. The races for local machines will be numerous, but of course the top-notch attractions will be the performances of visiting speed sharks.

"Tourists are not tourists any more" remarked L. C. Smith yesterday evening, for tourists in the truest sense of the word is pleasure trips. I find that a great majority of the people who barn their machines here for a few hours while on long trips are on business errands and not out for pleasure. It used to be that all these cross country runs were for pleasure but it is so common now that it is nearly always a business matter that beckons an auto fan to cross the mountains on a long drive."

Earl Zundell, whose word is as good as his bond, affirms he made a trip to Wallowa county, a distance of 139 miles, using four and a half gallons of gasoline, or a fraction more than 29 miles to the gallon. Lo. C. Smith, has been informed that Mr. Hoffeditz, a well known autoist of Imbler, went 339 miles into the Boise country last week, averaging 24 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

A new Flanders is now on the show floor at the M. & M. company. It is similar to the one received some time ago. The M. & M. company has had poor luck with its contracts this year for at various time when "prospects" were warm, the factory couldn't fill its orders fast enough. The one here now is from the Portland agency and did not come from the factory.

The 1912 models of the E. M. F. handled by the M. & M. company, will not be on the market until the first of the year. Specifications and prices for the new make have been received by the local agents but no effort to fill contracts for the new models will be made until the last of the present year or the first of January.

A carload of Fords left the factory today for the L. C. Smith agency here. At the present rolling pace of freight they will be here in time for fall delivery.

George Stoddard didn't purchase a new machine at New York, as was rumored to be his plan. He hurried through the hot metropolis, without testing out automobiles.

### SOME FIELDING CELEBRITIES OF THIS YEAR.



BOB JACKSON, CLEVELAND'S CRACK OUT-FIELDER.



FRED HUNTER, PIRATES' NEW FIRST BASE-MAN.

One of the Pathfinder-like trips of last week by local autoists, was a journey to Flora and surrounding territory by D. S. Crowe.

### MEN WHO SCORN THE 300 MARK.



### STARS WHOSE STICK WORK MAKES THEM HEROES.

#### BASEBALL NOTES.

Ted Buehler, recently returned from the east, saw the New York Giants defeat the St. Louis Browns in what he characterizes a "sloppy" game. It was no better than many of the brush league games he saw in the middle west.

Fred Hooper and Elmer Christensen of Elgin played with Wallowa against Enterprise last Sunday. The score stood four to one in favor of the county seat boys but it wasn't their fault of the Elgin lads, as out of the five hits made by Wallowa the Elgin boys got three.

Jack Ashenfelter, the utility pitcher and heavy hitter of the Elgin ball team returned to his home last Friday near Condon, where he will sew sacks on his father's ranch during the harvest season. He is a good player and a pleasant gentleman.

The Palmer Junction baseball team expects to cross bats with Elgin next Sunday. The camp boys have several amateur stars in their nine, and as Elgin expect to muster a good team the game will be interesting.

Baker comes to La Grande tomorrow for another exhibition game. The locals were defeated a week ago and Baker is coming with the intention of duplicating the trick tomorrow. It ought to be a good game.

**Notice of Final Settlement.**  
Notice is hereby given that Angus Shaw, administrator of the estate of Isabella Shaw, deceased, has filed in the county court of Union county, Oregon, his final account as administrator of said estate, and said court has set Monday, the 7th day of August A. D. 1911, at two o'clock p. m., for the hearing of such report and all objections thereto.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this July 8th, 1911.  
ANGUS SHAW,  
Administrator.  
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## CONFIDENCE LIFE OF BOXING

### MANY MET DEFEAT BECAUSE OF LACK OF FAITH.

Nelson Excelled Through Confidence—Jeff Lost His.

What is it that makes a fighter a champion? What is it that lifts him above the common plane of his division into that sphere of undivided excellence wherein he towers above his competitors like a Goddess of Liberty? Is it that his physical ability is so much superior, is it that his mental power is so much keener, or is his individuality, his faith in himself, so much deeper than that possessed by others whom he pummeled in the ring for distinction?

None of these elements alone is responsible. All of them, blended properly, combine to make a champion of a man, and luck, too, in the final analysis, is an undeniable factor. Luck has bestowed many a fighter with a halo of kingship. Luck has likewise removed many a crown.

But, despite the fact that a champion must have several essentials, there is one thing far ahead of all the rest that even a second rate pummeler needs to possess. That is absolute fearlessness, or, turned around, perfect twelve inches to the foot confidence. No gloverman who lacked this important attribute ever ascended to the apex of his class, or, if he did, remained there for any length of time.

#### Many Gymnasium Fighters.

No coward ever made a fighter. No coward ever held a championship for very long, nor a man whose duct of confidence was not proportionate to his other assets. There are a thousand boys today who can give a dazzling exhibition in a gymnasium, but who when they set foot in a public arena to fight in earnest are awful disappointments. Why is this? They fear themselves, they underestimate their ability, and when their gloves fly out there is not the cocksureness back of them. They do not unshrink all their physical force, for the simple reason that they are afraid to, and

their mental faculties do not perform proficiently for the same reason.

Fear whipped Jim Jeffries last July. A study of the photographs of the big fellow when he was in his prime and just before the Reno fiasco shows two entirely different characters. When Jeff met Fitzsimmons, Corbett and Sharkey he was all determination. The facial expression, the self reliant pose, gives every evidence of his great confidence in himself. Now see him at Reno, a much changed man. There is an air of uncertainty about him. His face bears a hesitating look. It seems as though he has given much thought to the Johnson part of the fight. Back a few years ago he did not concern himself so much about the caliber of an opponent. He imagined there was no man but what he could beat, and, although he disliked fighting, when he took his seat in the one corner of the ring he was supremely certain of himself.

#### Nelson Was Not Fearful.

But Nelson took many terrible wallopings during his career, but he did so because that was his method of fighting and because he was positive of what the end would be. He believed his physical power was greater than that of his antagonist, and he was sure that ultimately the result would favor him. It could not be otherwise. He entered the ring for every battle with his spirit crying for victory. It was to be his victory, not the other fellow's. And so he won and continued to win until he opposed a boy whose confidence was just as great as his.

Nelson is not the same man today. It can be wagered. Wolgast took some of the nerve from him, inspired him in a slight degree with fear. Possibly Nelson did not realize it when he met Moran, but he was inclined to doubt his ability just a little, and he was more timid. A beating makes cowards of us all. The Battler still declares he is as good as ever, but down in his heart something tells him he is not.

Jack Johnson is confident to the point of egotism. He has an exceedingly high and lovely opinion of his really great prowess. If he hadn't he would not be champ today. Because of his indubitable faith in himself he chased Tommy Burns half way around the world to secure a match with him. During the preparation for the Jeffries contest last summer he was a care free negro, who seemed to worry little about anything. When he doffed his bath robe on that hot July afternoon he was a big, courageous man-animal.

What is it that makes a fight? Confidence on the part of both participants. When confidence meets confidence there is always sure to be a thrilling battle. But if one man fears himself ever so little that man is going to be beaten.

### NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the first day of December, 1909, creating improvement district No. 9 and designating Fourth street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the fifth day of July, 1911, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fourth street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement sidewalks, on each side of street, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of Fourth street, from the south curb line of Jefferson avenue, to the north curb line of M avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

East half of blocks 1, 2, and 3, Grand's addition and west half of block 58, 59, 60, 97, 103, 104, 105 and 115 and east half of blocks 75, 74 and 67, Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon. Also tract of land on Fourth street situated in SE corner of sec. 6, T 3, S. R. 35, E. W. M., lying between Pennsylvania and Main avenues.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$2,300.00. That the council will, on the second day of August, 1911 meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, July 21st, 1911.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS,

Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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