

AUTOMOBILE AND SPORTING NEWS

NIMRODS ARE ON QUI VIVE

GROUSE AND NATIVE PHEASANTS TO SUFFER TUESDAY.

Wallowa Has Tennis Club—Battler Idealized His Mother.

Next Tuesday marks the open season for grouse and native pheasants. Native pheasants must not be confused with China pheasants, however. The bag limit law is as strict as the other features of the measure and should be adhered to with the same degree of precision.

Fishing licenses have nearly tripled the income to the state over hunting licenses in this county. County Clerk Wright has sold about 1,000 fishing licenses and 380 hunting licenses to date.

Isadore Fuchs' friends are claiming for him the fishing championship of the northwest—or the whole country for that matter. He returned last evening from Wallowa lake and brought back with him a Dolly Varden trout—that is, the fish has all the spots and characteristics of a Dolly Varden but the size of a whale. This noble specimen of Calvelinus Malma is slightly more than 16 pounds in weight and is 31½ inches long and is a beauty and gave the angler who caught it a hard fight. The fish was caught at the falls of Wallowa river a short distance from the lake.—Baker Herald.

Several thousand bass minnows are to be planted in the Cold Springs reservoir within the next few days. They will be the first introduced in the county, says the Pendleton Live Wire. The request for the young fish was made some time ago by the members of the local Fish and Game association, and they are now being taken from the pools along the Columbia slough under the direction of Master Fish Warden Clanton. A large number of fish are available at this time and the big reservoir will be so well stocked that good fishing will be possible within a comparatively short time.

In the untimely death of Mrs. N. Nelson, mother of the erstwhile champion lightweight prize fighter of the world, that famous glove artist loses what is more dear to him than all the prize fighting champs' belts in the world. In conversation with the writer in Portland a few weeks ago the Danish ring warrior, in a hurried review of his history, dwelt at some length on the luxury and comfort he was able to give his parents back in Hedgevich through the medium of ring savings. His career dates and antedates on the day when his mother and father kissed the flaxen-haired youth good bye when he started out for his first big fight, and the way his mother greeted him on his return with initial laurels, was related with much feeling. The boy with cauliflower ears who in recent years has established a precedent for prize fighters by refraining from strong drink, fast women, success in politics and financial undertakings, was a daddy's and mother's boy always.

The Wallowa Tennis club has its grounds in shape, has received its equipment and a few games have been played. The club held a meeting last evening in the basement of the Presbyterian church to consider the matter of lighting the grounds for evening play and several other matters of improvement of the grounds as well as financing the club.

A party of four from the lake went over to the Big Sheep last Friday and landed over 200 fine fish by Saturday noon and they were just scrubs at fishing, too. No telling what a real fisherman would do.—Joseph Herald.

Sam McVea has challenged Sam Langford to box for \$5,000 a side, the bout to take place in London.

Digger Stanley, England's champion bantam, has changed his mind about coming to this country next month to meet Johnny Conlon.

Pat Powers, the New York promoter has declared against no-decision bouts. Pat wants a referee to give a decision after every tangle.

Dan McKittrick, manager of Willie Lewis, announces that Lewis is the welterweight champion. Too bad about Mac, but he will be himself again in a day or two.

Pendleton, Aug. 11. (Special) — "There has been little or no illegal shooting of birds in the vicinity of Meacham this fall," declared Circuit Judge Phelps, who came down yesterday from his summer home near Meacham.

The judge is an enthusiastic sports-

man and he expressed himself as being delighted with the universal observance of the law which is being brought about by the present administration. Last season he patiently awaited the opening of the season, while the reports of the poachers' guns were being heard on all sides for days before the day of legal shooting arrived.

Then when the proper time came he sallied forth with his gun only to find that the ranks of the feathered tribes had been sadly decimated. Those that remained were scattered far and wide and were so wild that successful hunting was out of the question. He is therefore awaiting this year's opening with a great deal of pleasurable anticipation.

UNION PLANS A RACE MEET

HORSE RACES THAT WOULD BE GOOD AS BEST PLANNED.

Promotion of Such an Attraction for Just Commenced.

It has been proposed by prominent people of Union that an annual race meet be inaugurated there this year, and if the plan of action is carried out as it is now being outlined, Union may have a yearly meet that will compare favorably with any held in the state. Just who the promoters of the enterprise are we are not at liberty to disclose at this time as the plans have hardly passed the first steps up to this time.

"Union has one of the best tracks in this part of the state, and there is no doubt but what the affair would be a success from the very first year," remarks the Union Scout in this connection. "The Stock Show association has leased the race track for a period of five years and the proposed meets would give them a chance to get a larger return on their investment. Modern stalls and barns are on the grounds and in the event of the annual race meet being held, it is probable that prominent horsemen would make this city their headquarters and keep their stock here during the winter season. The state allows a large appropriation of money to each county and Union county has made an appropriation for a county fair, but it is understood that there are no proper tracks and grounds for such an event except at Union.

"If the county is not going to make good on the fair and be entitled to the appropriation, it is proposed by the citizens of Union to take the matter up and at least make an effort to land this appropriation.

"What is the matter with the Commercial club or some kind of an organization being perfected to take this matter up and work it out so that this city can have an annual event of this kind that will attract attention and bring large numbers of visitors to our town. This can easily be done under the favorable conditions and once started will be a big thing for our city and an annual affair that will be easy to perpetuate."

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 12.—Edward S. Shelton, general manager of the Coeur d'Alene Fair and Racing association, said today that 600 horses from California, Montana, British Columbia, Utah, Oregon and Washington already have been pledged for the 36-days' meeting at the Lake City track, Post Falls, Idaho, beginning on September 11. It is promised there will be more than 800 horses on the ground before the first flag falls. Frank St. D. Skinner, one of the foremost turf officials in the western country, who visited the track yesterday, declares the course, which cost \$75,000, is one of the fastest in the country, while the plant on the whole, he added, compares favorably with any in the intermountain district. The association has decided to cancel its dates from Oct. 4 to 9 to give visiting horsemen an opportunity to enter for the purses, including the Spokane derby, at the Spokane interstate fair, where the prizes in the racing department will amount to \$25,000 this year. There will be no book-making at the interstate fair, the laws of the state of Washington making it a penal offense to bet on horse races. There is no law against race track gambling in Idaho.

Assurance of a number of exciting contests is given by the speed program practically completed today by directors of the Round-Up Riding and Driving association for the second speed meeting of the season, to be held next Sunday afternoon on the Round-up track, says the Pendleton Live Wire.

Entries for the Indian races have not yet been received, but the directors are assured a splendid turnout, and these events promise to be among the

AUTO MEET IS OFF, BELIEF

LONG JOURNEY LAST SUNDAY BY LOCAL AUTOISTS.

Local Auto Smashed at Baker—News of Various Sorts.

As far as the Observer can ascertain the propaganda started some time since for an automobile race meet in this city this fall, will result in the early inauguration of such a venture next spring rather than now. The officials of the club have not sanctioned a report that the meet is off but every-one seems too busy with his own affairs to give the proper attention to such an undertaking that the trick warrants. There has been considerable discussions of the subject and promoters have gotten themselves all served up to the point where they can accomplish the desired end early next spring and assure several fast meets during the coming summer but that their aim will be realized this spring is not so certain. However, the matter is still under discussion and the men behind it may surprise the rank and file of the automobile world by suddenly springing finished plans for the meet. Developments this week and the land do not justify such a prediction at this time, however.

One of the enjoyable trips that don't often fall to the lot of an automobile owner came to a party of a dozen last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tatman in their machine, Mr. and Mrs. Press Lewis in their machine, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan, Mrs. O. M. Heacock and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith made a detour trip to Baker, going via Union, Medical Springs and back by way of North Powder. Stops were made at all of these places and the 140 mile trip was enjoyed immensely by everyone concerned in it.

The first Hereshoff car seen in La Grande is now at the freight house pending settling of complaint against the way the car reached here. The little machine which is new to this country, arrived during the week for the Dittebrandt Auto company, distributors, but some scratches and bruises, resulting from shipment, are being "negotiated" about and the little machine may not be taken from the freight house for some time. It is a small affair, of the runabout style, intended to offer a great deal of service for a very small expenditure of purchase money.

The Baker Herald of yesterday remarks: "Brotherly love counted for more than vengeance this afternoon with Walter Kivette of La Grande, who came to Baker with the purpose of prosecuting his younger brother and three other prominent young men of La Grande for the theft of a fore-dore Hudson car belonging to Kivette's father. After meeting his brother Kivette, related, 'I told them they could settle for the damage to the car, or hit the trail east. If they didn't settle they couldn't come back to La Grande without prosecution.'"

The younger Kivette and his three friends took the car Monday under a promise to returned home at 11 o'clock in the evening.

The speed of the car, the moonlight, and possibly other things proved too seductive. They didn't come home Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Finally Kivette, senior, located the car in a Baker garage with something like \$300 repair charges against it, it is said.

And the father, being sore, sent Walter to Baker to find the youths and make a settlement. The police were called; the boys were located with an offer's help and Walter related.

He wouldn't even make public the names of the four. "They were friends of mine, once," he said.

The Sixth street hill has more traffic than Adams avenue these days. Every time any auto owners takes a spin about the city he is sure to wind up by climbing the 10 per cent grade and coasting down again.

most interesting and exciting of the meet.

In the harness division some splendid matches have been made and close contests are expected over the entire distance in every race. Arrangements for snappy work have been compelled and a program without waits or delays is anticipated.

From a Southern league scribe: Mother Ryan—you remember the dear old girl—dropped in yesterday. Too high priced for the cotton states—that's how she explains the harsh rattle of a can at her heels.

OLD TIMERS IN GOOD FETTLE

SCORCHING GAME IS PREDICTED FOR TOMORROW.

Baseball Gleanings of Interest to the National Sport Lovers.

Local fans hope to see a fast game of baseball tomorrow when Cove comes with their stellar aggregation which only a year or two ago was formidable to such an extent that nothing was too strong for them to tackle, and most general conqueror. This season Cove was without a team such as this, but late this summer the members have been recruited from the ranks of other clubs about this section of the state, and have banded themselves together for a few games and tomorrow will see them together again. The La Grande team will be much the same as that which represented the La Grande club in the Eastern Oregon league this year.

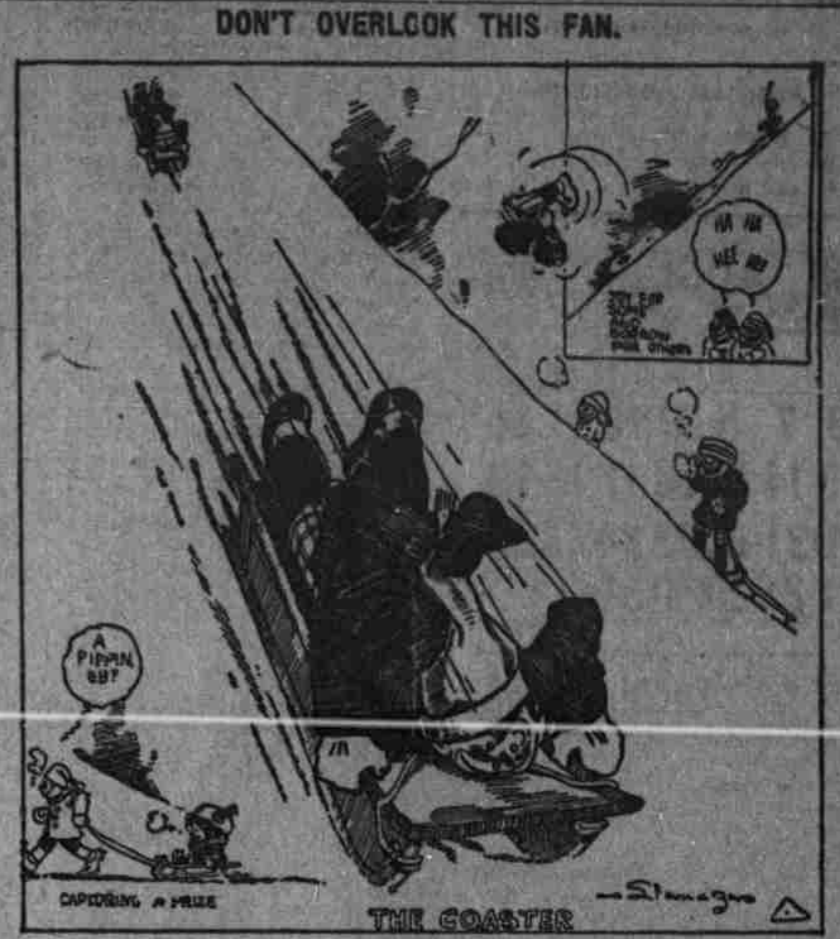
Raymond Boyd, Ottawa's star pitcher, has been sold to the Cincinnati club.

Youngstown has a great hitter in Joe Phillips. He is leading the O and P league in batting.

Pitcher Cecil Ferguson, who was sold to Memphis some time ago is still in Boston, working out in the Rustlers' yard.

Rumor has it that Des Moines will be dropped from the Western league and be given a berth in the Three-I league.

Manager Steve Flanagan, of the



—Lianuxa in Chicago Record-Herald.

Brockton team, says that in Henrickson he has the star outfielder in the New England league.

President Carson says that the Central league will play out its schedule and that no further changes in the circuit are contemplated.

The Eau Claire and La Crosse teams of the Minnesota-Wisconsin league recently played 19 innings, La Crosse copping the game 1 to 0.

The Boston and the St. Louis Amer-

icans and the Cincinnati Nationals are all bidding for Pitcher Will Kirwin of the Danville Three-I league team.

San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Oxnard, Venice, Doyles and San Diego, California, have organized a winter league and will open the season after the closing of the major leagues. Quite a number of big leaguers have agreed to join the organization.

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