

AUTOMOBILE AND SPORTING NEWS

DENTON YOUNG IS DISCARDED

BROTHER OF ELGIN MAN COMES TO CAREER'S END.

Many Local People Regret Old-Time Star Has Been Released.

In the passing as it were, of Cy (Denton) Young, the baseball world loses one of its most wonderful pitchers and athletes, and the event is of more than ordinary event because Mr. Young is so well known in La Grande. The veteran pitcher who was given his walking papers from the big brush in which he has spent so long is a brother of Ott Young, the Elgin saloon man, and Mr. Young makes almost yearly pilgrimages to Union county to visit his brother and friends in this section of the world.

Mr. Young has hit the toboggan, his managers say, after a scintillating career that bristled with starry features for year and years. But old age has hit him and he is now relegated to the hasbeens and becomes one of those who was and is not. But Cy don't agree with his managers, and keeps in constant condition hoping to be picked up by some other big show manager. Here is hoping he does, for few of the big fellows in baseball are better known in La Grande than this same Cy.

The baseball game Sunday between the Eagles and the Elks, for the benefit of the Cemetery Association, netted about \$30, and was as enjoyable as any that has been played here this season. In the first inning the birds annexed six tallies and it began to look as if the score keepers would have to employ assistants and issue supplements; but from then on it was a very fair ball game for a mixed bunch to put up, and many good plays were made. The battery work was good on both sides, and had the outfield of the Elks occasionally passed the ball in time to keep the next batter from waiting there might have been a different tale to tell. The net result of the swiftest was 18 to 8 in favor of the Eagles, or some where in that neighborhood—a few more or less don't count. Lou Stoop was the mascot for the Elks and to see him chase the foul spheres over the fence was alone worth the price of admission.—Elgin Recorder.

Outfielder Blitz of the Peoria team, is leading the Three-I league in hitting.

Pitcher Dale, formerly with Boston and Providence, is now back with the Dallas team of the Texas league.

Second baseman Berghammer, of the Kewanee Central association team has been sold to the Chicago White Sox.

President C. R. Williams has added Zeke Wilson to the staff of Virginia league umpires. Wilson is an old ball player.

Very few minor league clubs will make any money this season unless they are lucky enough to sell a player or two for a good price.

It is said that Manager McGraw of the Giants had to dig to the extent of \$4,000 to land Outfielder Burns, of the Utica team.

Pitcher Wolfgang, of the Lowell, New England league team, has won out of 26 games pitched this season. He goes to the St. Louis American league team next season.

The St. John Marathoners are leading the Provincial league in New Brunswick. Marathoners should be able to run the full distance in any race.

Manager Mike Kelly of St. Paul, has sold O'Toole to Pittsburg for \$5,000, has strings on several minor

league stars including George Daus, Duluth's premier twirler.

The "Bull" sign at the Jackson, Miss., park has been hit eight times this season, and Cotton States league players have drawn down \$400 for performing the stunt.

The Chicago Cubs paid the Youngstown club \$4,000 for Pitcher Earl Moseley. This is the highest price ever paid for a pitcher in the Ohio and Pennsylvania league.

It is a pretty safe bet that there will be two more Millers in the big show next season. Outfielder Miller of Montreal, and Pitcher Miller of Atlanta, are both wanted by major league clubs.

Harry Truby, the old Chicago player, who is umpiring in the Mountain State league, had a run-in with one of the players the other day. When the player showed fight, Truby said: "Go on and sit down. I can give you rocks and I'll take buns and run you out of this park."

GAME PLENTY SAY HUNTERS

BETTER SUCCESS WITH GROUSE THIS YEAR.

Past Years Outstripped by Records Made the First Week.

To the east, to the west, to the south and the north, La Grande hunters after grouse this week have found good success awaiting them. True, it is only in a few instances that limit bags have been recorded in an hour or two, but the general results of grouse hunting this year are much better than in former years. One cause of this condition is the more close and strict adherence to the game laws during the closed season. Few grouse were killed in the ante open season, a fact attested to by the behavior of the living birds. The first week has already left its effects and beaves are more wary today than Tuesday.

Hunters generally agree that hunting is better this year than it has been in several seasons.

Among the men who don't believe that great achievements come in a jiffy is Dave Steward. A few days ago he joined the ranks of nimrods, a situation never before aspired to, but now he is ready to pose as a fisherman exclusive. It will be remembered that earlier in the week he discovered bevy after bevy of grouse while out huckleborrying, as his companions hunted unsuccessfully over a large territory for birds. He came home and got a license and a gun and the next day went out where he was willing to wager a fat sum that he could get the limit bag in a jiffy. But great was the light thereof, for after a long all-forenoon search he came home with his weapon unused, for, though much as he hated to admit it, he didn't see a single grouse, much less kill one, on the entire trip.

With the Boxers.

Maine women are becoming boxing fans. Several of them attended a bout in Augusta recently.

Lew Bailey, the Philadelphia promoter, has conducted 500 boxing meetings in the Quaker City.

Jim Coffroth may sign Battling Nelson and Freddie Welsh to meet in San Francisco the latter part of this month.

Ad. Wolgast and Packey McFarland may not meet after all. Seems to be some trouble over the articles of agreement.

Woman With a Revolver Proves Her Superiority to Men Rivals



Photos by American Press Association.

WOMAN has again proved her superiority to mere man and in a field that she seldom invades. She has shown a skill in shooting a revolver that trossered marksmen could not equal. Mrs. Chapman, an English woman, recently took part in a revolver match in the county of Middlesex, England, and she won the medal offered by the National Revolver association. She was the only woman in the contest, and she had a score of masculine competitors. The picture shows her as she took aim at a target. The other picture is of W. O. Raven, the champion revolver shot of the world. He was not in the competition in which Mrs. Chapman won her laurels or the result might have been different.

DOG MASTERS COLORS ACCURATELY

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—(Special)—Can a dog tell green from red when displayed on a switch alongside the track of a railroad, and can it learn the significance and importance of the green and red signals as applied to railroading? H. W. Sheridan, superintendent of the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific company, says that it can, and Sheridan has a mass of evidence to prove his assertion.

Sheridan secured his evidence recently while conducting an efficiency test about 100 miles north of Sacramento, California. With several assistants he changed the light on one of the switches from green to red, then waited to see if the crew of the next train would observe the wrong light and stop the train before it reached the switch.

The dog began to bark as soon as the red light was shown in place of the green. It ran around the signal for several minutes and then to the quarters of the section foreman, a half mile away. Shortly after the foreman appeared with a lantern and a shotgun, led by the dog, and Sheridan and his assistants had a difficult time in explaining the red light to the satisfaction of both the dog and its master.

These efficiency tests are conducted throughout the year for the purpose of keeping train and enginemen on the alert. After a crew has run over the same line day after day without mishap, they, in common with other mortals, are likely to become careless and fail to observe a danger signal at a critical moment. Such an oversight

is fraught with danger that makes one shudder to think of it—a hundred lives might be snuffed out in the twinkling of an eye—should a train or engineman fail to observe a signal. To guard against such a contingency the Southern Pacific company has 21 efficiency tests, ranging from the changing of the color of signal light, and extinguishing lights entirely to placing fuses and torpedoes on the track. Failure to observe any of these signals means most severe discipline for the offender. Last year the Southern Pacific made 7,026 of these tests and only in 41 cases did the crew fail to observe the signal, giving a percentage of 99.42 per cent perfect.

The dog that caused Sheridan's temporary discomfiture, knows the significance of every light, according to the section foreman owning it, and walks a certain stretch of track every day with its master. It is possible that the animal could be sent out along the track alone and would be competent to report a light out altogether, or at least the wrong one burning.

Scribe to Succeed Pres. Graham—Los Angeles, Aug. 19.—A. T. Baum, a San Francisco newspaper writer, is slated to succeed Judge Graham as president of the Pacific coast league, according to gossip here. San Francisco reports deny that any slate has been suggested.

Wants Chess Club Here. Adolph Groske, employed by Julius

Roesch in this city, and a chess player of more than ordinary ability, is advocating the organization of a chess club in La Grande. He wants to discuss the proposition with anyone that may be interested, and eventually conduct a chess tournament during the winter some time.

BOOSTERS AT PORTLAND. Panama Exposition Shooters Back to Portland Again.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 19.—Boosting hard for California and the Panama Pacific exposition, and venting enthusiastic praise for the Astoria centennial and for Oregon and the northwest in general, a special train of California business men returned today from Astoria, where they spent yesterday.

Today the Californians were entertained by the Portland Commercial club and were given a long auto ride. Tonight the delegation will continue on toward California.

AUTO SALES ON THE DECLINE

SEASON NEARING ITS END FOR THIS YEAR.

Departing Season Has Been Brisk With All Agencies in County.

The freight of the automobile selling season in this county has been reached, according to various dealers in chug chug cars. A few sales are yet hanging fire and even a few new ones may be developed but what the dealer calls the selling season is rapidly on the decline instead of the ascendancy. It has been a profitable year to dealers of all makes, and every agency in this county has had a more or less spirited sale period. This is not true in La Grande only but applies to Union, Elgin, Cove and all the other towns where agencies exist. One noticeable feature about the sales of the years is the number of farmers who have been convinced that the automobile is an asset in a business way

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RACING BIRDS COMING HERE

LOFT TO BE ESTABLISHED AT MILLER HOME SOON.

Some of the Birds Are Noted Racers of the Pacific Coast.

The arrival within a few days of a number of homing birds from the M. Coffin's Portland loft, for Robert Miller of this city, is the beginning in La Grande of one of the most fascinating of any of the present day clean sports. These birds, four in number, are from some of the best racing blood in the United States. One of the birds has come directly from the J. while another is a sister of the bird that made third place in the 303 mile flight from Ashland, Oregon, to Oakland, Cal., in 1910. This flight was made in seven hours and 40 minutes. Others of the present shipment are youngsters raised from birds that in 1910 flew from Portland, Oregon, to Oakland, California, a distance of about 550 miles.

In the eastern states many of the racing clubs have reported homing birds liberated 1,000 to 1,200 miles' distance but because of the high mountains and fire-swept slopes, the birds have accomplished but 500 to 600 miles flight here which have been made in as short time as two days. When the young birds have accustomed themselves to being on the wing for an hour or so they are liberated a few miles from home and by frequent liberations at increased distances from home the youngsters soon learn to find the home loft. After the 50-mile flight the next liberation is generally at 100 miles and then 150 and 200. All trainers seldom require more than a 250 mile flight from a one-year-old bird. The 300 miles flight is accomplished in the second year of a racer's life. The bird is in its prime in its third year and it is then that the endurance test of 500 miles is made. If man had as much endurance and grit in proportion to his size as has a racing pigeon, there would be no "quitters" in this world and more of us would make good.

The owner of this loft of birds has three of his birds come home in a wounded condition indicating they had been shot and from the nature of the wounds, had been shot soon after leaving the starting place yet they had completed the return to the home loft at great effort. In many of the state of the union it is a felony to shoot a homing bird.

Old Birds Remember. Mr. Coffin, of the William Miller

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By mistake we received a double shipment of alarm clocks from factory.

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