

# AUTOMOBILE AND SPORTING NEWS

## BIG EIGHT IN HUGE CONFLAB

### MINNESOTA TURNS INSUBRECTOR AND LEADS FIGHT.

#### Want Michigan Back in the Big Eight Conference Next Season.

Middle western universities known as the "Big Eight" are in a quandary. Minnesota has her neck bowed and is demanding that Michigan come back in the conference and threatens to bolt the big eight unless the Wolverines are taken into the fold as they were up until a few years ago. There is bad blood in the air—Minnesota is smarting under the tie game with Wisconsin, asserts the protest effectively placed against Captain Pickering caused them to lose the race for the pennant; they threaten to sever athletic relations with Wisconsin, are demanding that Michigan be taken into the fold and several other demands are emanating from the hotbed of the miniature Madero-like insurrection at Minneapolis. The insurrectos are also after another important bone of contention.

#### Want Summer Baseball.

Minnesota has taken the initiative in a fight to get the Big Eight conference to change its rules so that college men can play baseball during the summer for pay and not be professionalized. Something is going to pop soon at Minnesota and it will probably be something like this when the smoke has cleared; Michigan will be back in the big eight. Wisconsin will be ignored in her fight to keep collegians out of professional baseball during the summer and many other minor rules that Wisconsin likes and wants will be dropped by the wayside, or—well, there will be no Gophers in the big eight conference, that is sure.

On the 11th day of the 11th month 1911, the Dickinson college eleven won by a score of 11 to 0.

Butler, of Cornell, has scored 11 field goals this season.

Percy is the given name of Wendell, Harvard's star halfback, but he can play great football at that.

Carlisle has been using the famous criss cross play this season, that was used by Yale in the season of 1889.

There are 32 boxes for the army-navy game at Philadelphia today, and the price was \$125 each.

Eastern football critics claim that Miller, of Pennsylvania state, is the best quarterback of the season.

Ex-Captain Daly, of Yale, has been very successful as coach of the Williams college squad this season.

Speculators in football tickets were "stung" badly at the Carlisle-Harvard and Hartmouth-Harvard games.

The Brown squad is working hard in order to be in tip-top condition for the Carlisle game which will be played at Providence Thanksgiving day.

The services of three hundred student ushers and one hundred or more policemen are required to handle the crowd at the stadium at the time of the Yale-Harvard football game today.

Hon. Leo McClung, United States treasurer, gave a dinner in New York recently to the Yale '91 eleven. Old '91 was a star eleven composed of the following players: Hinkex, McClung, Hartwell, Winter, Wallis, Hefelfinger, Barbour, Bliss, Sanford, McCormick and Morrison.

### The Strength of Rings.

Some elaborate calculations, backed by experiments, have been made to determine the "breaking strength" of rings. It appears that a ring of ductile material like malleable iron will be pulled out into the form of a long link before it breaks and that the ultimate strength of the ring is virtually independent of its diameter. Fracture finally occurs as the result of almost pure tension, and the resistance to breaking is a little less than twice that of a rod of the same cross section subjected to a straight pull. As the ring increases in diameter there appears to be a slight approach toward equality, with double the strength of a bar. Thus a three inch ring made of three-quarter inch iron broke at nineteen and one-half tons; a four inch ring at nineteen and nine-tenths tons and a six inch ring at twenty tons, the strength of a bar of the same metal being ten and one-half tons.

## TURKEY DAY GAME IS NEAR

### LOCAL LOSING NO CHANCE TO PERFECT STYLE.

#### Cove Players Imbued With Determination to Repeat Recent Feat.

Preparations to get into such trim that Cove can be safely encountered and mastered next Thursday afternoon, are under way on the vacant lot where the La Grande high school football squad drills. Coach Caylor is devoting much time to perfection of the weird plays which were introduced in the Baker game and the fans who attend can expect to see some up to the minute plays reeled off on Cove. News from the Cove camp say that the Cherry pickers are developing a strong team and will come to La Grande intent on repeating the trick of three years ago when La Grande believed she was an easy winner but was defeated decisively.

### Pendleton, Nov. 24.—(Special)—

Pendleton football fans will rejoice at the news that the high school is determined to secure a big game here on Thanksgiving day and that it is certain that the team which defeated Baker so decisively a week ago will line up against a stellar aggregation from Portland, Walla Walla or Heppner on that day.

The boys have a preference for a game with the champions of the Portland interscholastic league and are using the long distance telephone this afternoon in an effort to secure such a game. The Portland championship was decided yesterday in the Washington-Jefferson game, but information as to which was the winner had not arrived in Pendleton at noon.

If a game is arranged between a Pendleton and a Portland team, several business men who are enthusiastic fans and have confidence in the local team, have signified their intention of circulating a paper among the fans for subscriptions to protect the high school management in case the gate receipts are not sufficient to cover expenses.

Should the Portland champions refuse to come into eastern Oregon, Walla Walla will be given the date should the high school boys of that city desire to pit their strength against the local pigskin chasers again. In an early season contest between the two teams, the Garden City champion two teams the Garden City gladiators squeezed out a victory in the last few minutes of play by a fluke touchdown but nobody in Pendleton admits the possibility of a repetition of such a victory.

Washington high is champion of Portland. She won from Jefferson Friday.

### WITH THE BOXERS.

Who is the more scientific: Johnson or Langford? So reads a question over which several purses have been posted by La Grande fight fans and pending the settlement of the mooted question the simoleons are in cold storage. Science only is discussed in the arguments pro and con on the bet, styles, size, durability and other issues being left out of the talkfest.

Ray Bronson and Tommy Howell will clash once more, the bout to take place in Indianapolis.

Harry Lewis has returned to France where he hopes to make another "cleaning" among the French boxers.

Win or lose in his bout with Bombardier Wells Fred Storbeck will meet Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, in London, December 27.

Mike Gibbons, the western welterweight, and Willie Lewis will clash in New York in the near future.

Young Saylor wants another bout with Joe Mandot and has offered Joe \$1,500 for his end if the bout takes place in Indianapolis.

## AUTO SHOWS IN 1912 NUMEROUS

### SEVERAL IMPORTANT "FUNCTIONS" IN AUTO WORLD.

#### Continue Intermittently from the First of the Year Until March 2.

Commencing January 1st automobile shows will be many and pompous throughout the country. A few of the most important of these shows is listed herewith:

Jan. 1-5.—Automobile Manufacturers' association of American, Grand Central Palace, New York City.

Jan. 6-12.—Automobile Board of Trade (pleasure car division), Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Jan. 6-20.—Motor and accessory manufacturers, Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Jan. 10-17.—National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, Grand Central Palace, New York City.

Jan. 13-19.—Philadelphia Automobile Trade association, Philadelphia.

Jan. 13-19.—Milwaukee Automobile Dealers' Association, Milwaukee.

Jan. 15-20.—Automobile Board of Trade (commercial division), Madison Square Garden, New York City.

Jan. 27-Feb. 10.—National Association of Automobile Manufacturers, at Chicago.

Feb. 3-10.—Automobile Club of Canada, Montreal.

Feb. 17-24.—Minneapolis Automobile Dealers' association, Minneapolis.

Feb. 21-28.—Toronto Automobile Trade association, Toronto.

March 2-9.—Boston Automobile Dealers' association, Boston.

### Always Do.

"Oh, dear, I have lost my pocketbook."  
"Any money in it?"  
"No."  
"Then you will find it again."

### A Correction.

The Observer was in error Thursday in reporting Roscoe West as the locator of the artesian well in Lower Cove. D. M. Hunt was the owner of the machine and did the work, assisted by Mr. Harvey.

### Sure to Be Like That.

"I want to tell you something."  
"Go ahead."  
"It will do you good."  
"Oh, don't say it. I don't want to hear anything disagreeable."

## HOLIDAY TRIP ANTICIPATED

### LA GRANDE FIVE AIMS TO TOUR IDAHO.

#### Would Make Big String of Games to Be Played This Winter.

Holiday junkets through Idaho, commencing with a game at Baker, is the aim of the La Grande basketball club which is drilling away to get in shape for early resumption of games. Woods is temporary manager and is in consultation with a large number of quintet managers in Idaho, in Boise and other points on the O. S. L. the exact itinerary is not made up but the aim of the team is to commence at Baker some time during the holidays and drift toward Boise, picking up games with Caldwell, Ricksburg, Nampa, Payette and what other towns may boast of teams.

The team is well under way now and for the present the regular five is working with Hollister moved from guard to forward and working with Woods on the scoring machine. A Bean at center and V. Bean and Geddes at guard. Followers of the team believe the switching of Hollister to forward and Geddes to guard will work for the betterment of the team all around.

Manager Miss Massee of the girls' basketball team of the high school has gotten into communication with Union high school managers about a game to be played here before the Christmas holidays. Prior to that, however, the athletic management of the school hope to play several class games. On practice nights the chalk lines are crowded with novitiates who are anxious to participate in the invigorating and muscle developing pastime.

Who can wrestle with a shovel  
For a dollar bill a day  
And have dignity at nightfall  
As he puts the tool away?  
Who can be a bit impressive  
When he wears his working studs  
Or, if speaking of a woman,  
When she's churning in the sud?  
Dignity, to be in action  
And to surely qualify,  
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And a hat that's dubbed as "high,"  
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She is Up to Date.  
"Madge?"  
"Well?"  
"You are such a dominating creature! Do you ever expect to marry?"  
"Sure."  
"What sort of a man do you think will ever want to marry you?"  
"A nice obedient one."

## Humor and Philosophy

### PERT PARAGRAPHS.

THE good little boy with the patched trousers would trade his chance for the presidency for a bicycle any day.

The girl with new furs finds the autumn days very chill.

A suspicious woman, when her husband phones that he can't come home to supper, always sends Johnny downtown to come home with father.

When a man presents a silk dress to his wife who hasn't decent shoes or gloves he usually complains bitterly that she has no appreciation.

You can't kill a cat with care, but you can with a club—if you are a good marksman.

A man may spend his money like a prince in his bachelor days, but when he has been married awhile he feels like taking off his hat every time he meets a dollar.

Wonder if the checked suit Briton was one of the original seven jokes?

The average woman doesn't care who casts the ballot so long as her husband hands her his pay check.

A woman will keep a secret for a month just for the pleasure of saying, "Oh, I knew that long ago," when her neighbors tell it to her as a great piece of news.

### A Protest.

I have read a lot of twaddle,  
More of it I have not read,  
On the dignity of labor  
That produces daily bread.  
On this dope the simple minded  
Greedily their brain box stuff,  
But the dignity of loafing  
Is quite dignity enough.

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