

SPORTING NEWS AND KINDRED SUBJECTS

UNION FIRST TO TRIM FIVE

ELEVENTH MINUTE SPURT DOES NOT AVAIL.

Off Night Works Have With the High School Boys Last Night.

Union high school triumphed over La Grande last evening at the high school gym when the boys and girls of the sister town won from La Grande in two spirited games. Lack of ability to hit the wicket spelled disaster for La Grande for at no time in the game did Union commence to display the aggressiveness and inside basketball that La Grande did, but in the first half especially Union converted the slimmest imaginable opportunities into baskets, while on the other hand La Grande couldn't register under any circumstance. The entire team was off color much of the game but especially so in the matter of shooting baskets. The sphere would whiz around the irons and roll off—La Grande's most accurate basket throwers were flaxed and seldom displayed actual form. Lewin gave Union a strong lead which kept increasing as the game progressed until the last three minutes, when Bolton took a forward position and dropped two into the sack with a spurt of form which the entire team usually displays. Interest was at white heat throughout but especially so at the last few moments of play when La Grande was creeping up with rapid strides, yet the timers stopped the scoring machinery as the game was over, 25 to 23. The two teams meet again at Union this year when the championship of Eastern Oregon will either be taken away from La Grande or she will pave the way to play a rubber game by winning the second contest.

Prof. Bradshaw refereed the first half and without any intent no doubt to be partial, permitted infringement of certain rules that handicapped the home squad materially, but when he corrected this breach the La Grande team didn't have the finishing power to catch up. Hubler refereed the second half to the entire satisfaction of both the home and visiting contingent.

The La Granders concede Union's aggregation is fast and hard to defeat yet on the other hand are as free to assert that they were not up to usual form for Bohnenkamp, Roberts and Kall were unable to get together and screw their eyes on the basket at the same time. Farley was the only visitor who could be said as classed as superior to his opponent.

Lewin's clever basket shooting under difficult angles and close guarding was the most promising part of the contest.

The Boys' Lineup.

LA GRANDE: Bohnenkamp, Center. Farley. Ralston, Lottes, Turner, Horn. Kall, Roberts. Reynolds, Bolton, Goodbrod, Lewin.

Summary of Game—Field goals: Roberts 1, Kall 1, Bohnenkamp 2, Bolton 2, Farley 1, Goodbrod 3, Lewin 4. Free throws, Ralston 11. For Union, 8 and 1 point awarded.

SINGSONG GIRLS.

They Are to China What the Geishas Are to Japan.

"Singsong" girls of China are first cousins to the geishas of Japan. These young ladies vary in age from sixteen to thirty and are chosen for their physical and their artistic attractiveness. The singsong girls are habited in coat and trousers of the finest silk, satin or brocade. The former is cut very much in the style of a French couturier's blouse, and the latter are cylindrical, falling to the ankles and disclosing the finest silk hosiery and the daintiest embroidered shoes.

At an understood interval one of the singsong girls comes forward to play an instrumental solo. It is more or less a fantasia on two notes, the pitch lying at about E in the treble clef, with squeaky high excursions. No sheet of music is unfolded, the Chinese professional singer being expected to know the words as well as the music of at least 500 ballads. There are sure to be solos, duets and trios, and here the male orchestra comes in with fine enthusiasm in accompanying the singers.

Sometimes there is a tremendous racket in the midst of a most pathetic episode, which prevents you entirely from gathering the meaning of the song. But custom has sanctioned these outbreaks, which are understood of the Celestials, though it is certain no western star singer would put up with them at any price.—Chicago News.

UNION GIRLS SHOW SCIENCE

USE BETTER TEAM WORK AND WIN GAME.

Local Girls Strive Hard but Ineffectively to Breast Visitors.

Union's girl quintet took sweet revenge on La Grande girls for past defeats last evening when the home contingent was drubbed 11 to 9 in a very evenly matched contest. Union had the more aggressive players, resorting to better team work and thereby winning. Individually cut too much mustard with La Grande girls but as individuals they strove valiantly to breast the visitors, who had taken an early lead. Some clever baskets were thrown by both sides but in practically every department and phase the Union girls had the edge on the homers. Last year conditions were exactly reversed and the visiting squad went home in high glee over the dual victory falling to their lot last night. Loose application of rules that govern the manner of playing took the home girls off their feet and they could not adapt themselves to the conditions as they should have.

A filled gallery cheered the two teams lustily and the inter-city contest will long be remembered as one of the most spirited and from whistle to whistle was marked by keen good-natured and clean rivalry between the players. Win or lose the players displayed good sportsmanship, climaxing the games with hearty yells and hurrahs that to less lady-like and gentlemanly players might have stuck hard in their craws, for with the boys especially the defeat was entirely unexpected.

The Girls' Lineup.

LA GRANDE: Anna Topp, Center. Mabel Jones, Louise Roesch, Elsie Casper. Runa Bacon, Crystal Kastner, Hilda Anthony, Myra Wigglesworth.

Summary of game—Field goals, Masee two. Free throws, Roesch 3, Masee 2. For Union, 5 field baskets, 1 free throw.

(Enterprise News-Record.)

Students and teachers of the Wallowa high school entertained the basketball teams, coaches, teachers and students of the county high in a splendid way Saturday night following the games. The reception was given in

ATELL, WHITE STOP TRAINING

FEATHER-WEIGHT ARTISTS ARE READY FOR MILL.

Twenty-Round Go at New Orleans Tomorrow—Boxing Notes.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 13.—Abe Attell and Jack White have finished their work of preparation for their 20-round fight to take place in this city tomorrow. The contest will be for the feather-weight championship.

Last year was a prosperous one for the boxing game, but none of the titles changed hands.

It looks as if Al Kubiak is in for a beating when he meets Carl Morris in Philadelphia this month.

A championship belt, once owned by Bendigo, the champion of England recently, was auctioned off for \$48.35 in

Fencing Teacher.

Tom Dawson is planning on opening a fencing school shortly and has an announcement in today's Observer to that effect. The classic art is not unknown here as several are already well versed in it, the premier probably being George Birnie, who was schooled under the late French teacher.

Banks Elect Officers.

The stockholders of the Union banks held their meetings Tuesday last, and elected the following officers:

Union National—President, E. T. Kaster; Cashier, J. W. Ehtington; directors, E. T. Kaster, S. A. Pursel, J. H. Hutchinson, C. J. Forsstrom, Wm. Kielblock.

First National—Directors were elected as follows: W. T. Wright, Minnie G. Stevens, B. M. Wright, Jos. Wright, C. Wright. Officers other than the foregoing have not yet been elected.

the school hall. A grand march and unique way of choosing partners preceded a delicious luncheon.

The county high won both games of basketball, the boys winning by 27 to 16 and the girls by 10 to 8. At the end of the last half the girls' teams were tied and in the play off Mary Shirley made the first basket.

The boys' game was fast and well played, Lorenz of Wallowa being the bright star of both teams. County high executed some clever new plays taught by Coach Hamilton.

LEAGUES TAKE TO LONG TERM

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ELECTS CHIVINGTON.

All Big Little Associations Plan to Do Likewise Hereafter.

Five years' tenure of office is the rule now being applied to presidents of leagues throughout the baseball world. Following the precedent of the Pacific coast league the American association has followed suit and elected Chivington to a five year term. Better management with no fear of losing the plum a year or two hence is the cause of the new practice and authorities everywhere agree that the system is a good one and eastern predictors say it will only be a short time until all the big little associations and leagues will elect their presidents for five year terms.

Barry McCormick, the old Chicago-Milwaukee star, has invested in a chicken farm and retired from baseball.

The Jacksonville club, of the South Atlantic league, has signed Percy Wilder as manager. Wilder was Jacksonville's star pitcher last season.

William Loury Pressley, known to every fan in the Virginia league circuit as "Buck," has signed as manager of the Roanoke team for the coming season.

Owner Joe Cantillon, of the Minneapolis club, has made arrangements to have his Millers do their spring training at Hickman, Ky.

With the exception of his one-third interest in the Worcester club of the New England league, Jimmy Collins is out of baseball for the present.

A patent phone battery annunciator and a garage for the use of automobile patrons will be installed in Brooklyn's new \$750,000 baseball plant.

Pitcher Doc White has signed with the White Sox for 1912. Doc says he will show the same goods next season that he displayed before the Cubs last fall.

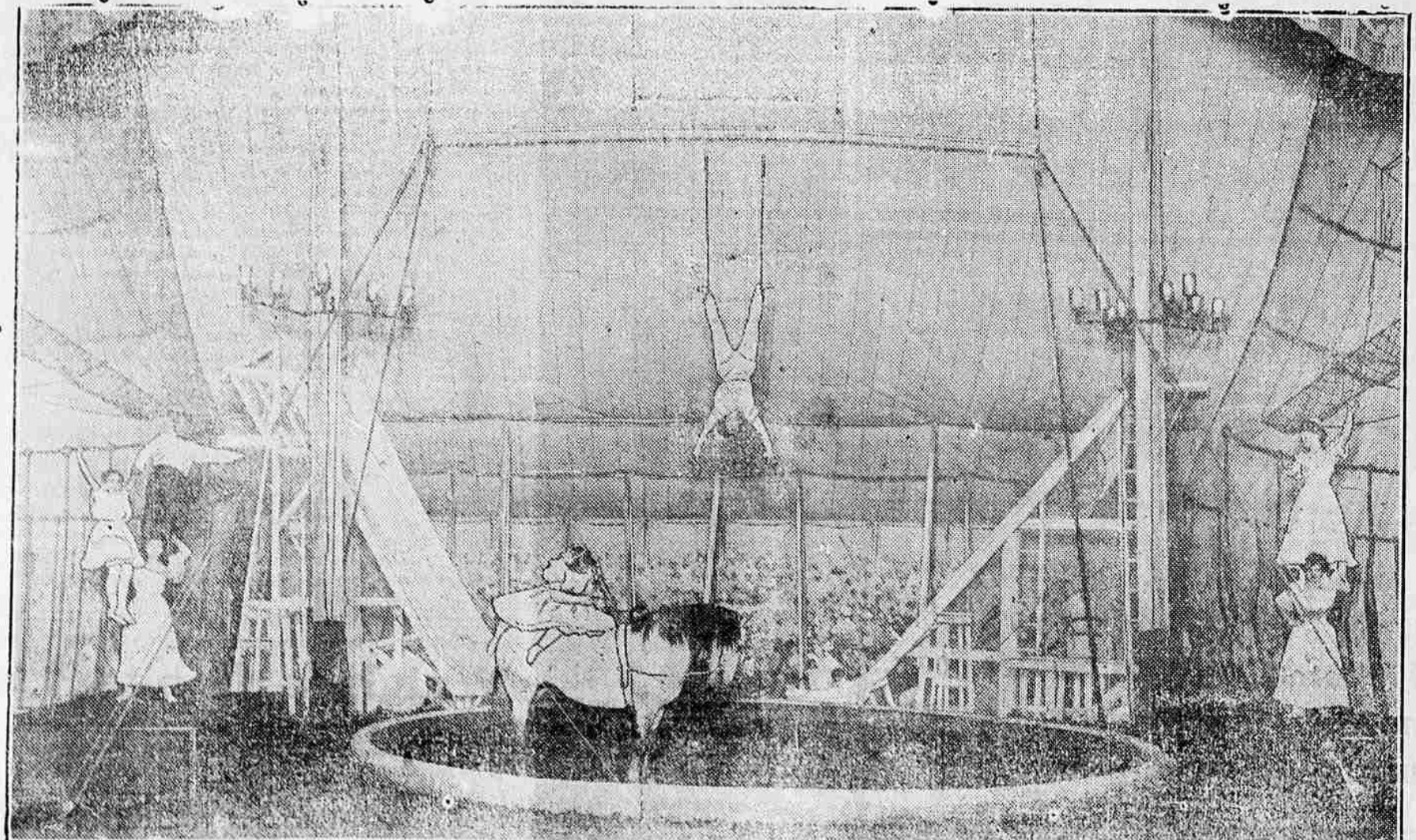
Manager Fred Clarke, of the Pittsburgh team, has signed Bill Irving, who played great ball in the outfield for the Akron O. and P. league team last season.

Boston is the only city in the coun-

Advertisement for James E. Pepper Whiskey, featuring the text 'Bottled in Bond 6 YEARS OLD Smooth Mellow Rich' and 'Grant A. Lincoln LA GRANDE, OREGON.'

Large advertisement for 'COMING! To The Steward, Monday, Jan. 15' featuring 'FREDERIC THOMPSON Presents MISS IDA ST. LEON POLLY OF THE CIRCUS'.

try that has star ball players as chief executives of its two clubs. Both John M. Ward and James McAleor were great performers on the diamond. The New York Giants were so much pleased with their trip to Cuba, under the management of Frank Bancroft, that a plan to invade Japan next season is already being talked of by them. "Scoops" Carey is the first Pittsburg Pirate to affix his signature to a 1912 contract. "Scoops" says he is well satisfied with the document as it calls for a substantial increase of salary. In five years as manager of minor league clubs, Harry Wolverton, new manager of the Highlanders, never had a team that finished less than third. He won two pennants. finis



It is not often that we are tempted to find fault with a producer of a play for being too generous, but that is the kind of play producer Frederic Thompson happens to be. He wants to give too much for the money. As a result of his extravagance he has made "Polly of the Circus," with pretty Ida St. Leon, a case of "Polly" and the circus. There are not many people who will object to this, however. There may be some who will agree with us that Polly is much more interesting and so much more important to the little drama of which she is a part than a hundred circuses could ever be, that the show scene should be eliminated. But probably there will be as many more who will enjoy the sight of a real lady bareback rider turning somefalls off the back of a real horse ambling patiently around the inside of a real ring and keeping time to the oom-oah horn of a real circus tune. It is not often playgoers object to being offered too much entertainment, even though the extra measures prove a clear case of assault and battery with a poor old drama as victim. "Polly of the Circus" is a pretty, appealing story of hearts of the tried and true type, until the circus happens into it, then we have a three ring circus in full operation on the stage. Among the many features of this play, "Polly of the Circus," which will be seen at the Steward on Saturday night, Jan. 13, are "Bingo," the celebrated thoroughbred Arabian horse; also clowns, acrobats, bareback riders, ringmasters, aerial and horizontal bar acts—a real circus on the stage. This is the same production that appeared at the Liberty theatre, New York City, for one solid year.