

SKI JUMPERS HAVE INNING

NATIONAL TOURNEY COMMENCES AT CARY TODAY.

Wonderful Feats Successfully Done by Ski Jumpers Always Thrilling

Expert ski jumpers all over the country have been for the past few weeks oiling up their limbs in order to be in the best of condition for the national tournament which commences in Cary, Ill., today and continues over tomorrow. America is always looked forward to by the followers of the daring jumpers who gather in large crowds to witness the wonderful flights of the sturdy competitors on their wooden runners.

This fascinating winter pastime is extremely popular in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and a few other western states, and it is expected that skiers from all the states and the Dominion of Canada will be on hand to



Photo by American Press Association.

FRANCIS KEMPE, CHAMPION SKI JUMPER OF AMERICA.

set new figures for the long leap that is the magnet that attracts the admirers of this reckless form of sport.

Great preparations have been made to perfect the long slide at Cary so that the daring knights of the spruce blades will have every opportunity to either equal or excel the record figures of 121 feet, made by Francis Kempe at Du-luth, Minn., a year ago.

The hill at Cary is one of the finest in the country for the purpose. It will be built up so that it will be 340 feet high, of excellent grades, and the total length of the course will be 750 feet from end to end, making it an ideal course.

These improvements will give the men an opportunity to get up greater momentum, and the moving of the takeoff will afford them a much safer landing place. A feature of the Cary slide that is enjoyed by few others in this country is that the path is sixteen feet wide at the "bump," or takeoff, thus enabling the men to take the jump in their own peculiar manner and not have to follow the beaten track of their predecessors, as is the case in a number of other frozen pathways.

One hundred and twenty-one feet was done at this course at the last meet of the skiers, and it is expected that with the improved conditions several feet will be added to this mark when the lovers of the sport gather for the banner event of the season. There is every reason to believe that the slide will be lightning fast, provided that the weather man is kind and furnishes conditions favorable for fast participation in the sport.

Ski jumping has rapidly forged to the front rank of winter athletics in the western section of this country since its introduction by the Norwegians here not many years ago, and it bids fair to retain the popular favor by reason of its freedom from objectionable features that enter into other sports. The love of victory is truly installed in the minds of the fearless and shifty followers of the sport, and as the money prizes are comparatively small and the betting conspicuous by its absence there is absolutely no reason for the men not putting forth their best efforts.

No thoughts of holding back enter the mind of a man when he faces a glassy stretch of nearly 300 yards that requires his utmost skill and nerve to slide down at a death defying speed and then exacting a gathering of all his power for the leap that sends him sailing through the air to a safe landing in a snow bank or perhaps a dangerous fall.

As a consequence skiing is slowly earning a well deserved popularity, and from all indications there is every reason to believe that this form of sport will in time become a fixture.

Manager Joe Kelley, of the Toronto team, will take his "Maple Leafs" to Macon, Ga., for spring training.

WHEN UMPIRE RIGLER BECOMES LAWYER, MCGRAW WANTS TO BE JUDGE.

Cy Rigler, the National league umpire, hopes to be a regular lawyer some day. With this in view he is pursuing the law course at the University of Virginia. "If I discover I can't get the coin as a lawyer I'll go back to arbitrating," is the way Rigler views the situation.



CY RIGLER.

Rigler was working a series with the Giants last summer. It was one of the most important series of the season. Close and peculiar plays were cropping out with monotonous regularity. A goodly proportion of the rulings were being decided against the Giants. McGraw accepted the decisions without a kick for a time. Finally Rigler decided a play against the Giants that looked wrong to McGraw. Rushing over to Rigler, he yelled:

"Why is the man out?" "Because I said so," answered Rigler.

"The same old reason," said McGraw, "because I said so. Why don't you brainy umpires think up some other excuse?"

"We would, only we fear it might overtax the brains of some of you managers," answered Rigler.

"So you expect to be a lawyer some day?" said McGraw.

"That's right," said Rigler.

"Well, when you hang out your shingle," said McGraw, "I'm going to apply for a seat on the supreme court bench."

BOHNENKAMP IS 1912 CAPTAIN

CENTER RUSH GIVEN CAPTAINCY FOR NEXT SEASON.

Russell Ralston Is Delegated the Managerial Task for 1912.

"Big Bill," otherwise "Hal" Bohnenkamp, is to captain the football team of the La Grande high school in 1912. The election for the next team's head was held Thursday and the big center of many thrilling games got the honors without opposition. His experience, daring and personality should be a big help to the team. "Russ" Ralston, at present captain of the basketball team, captured the managerial reins held so capably by Lee Reynolds last year, and the big spiral ejector will commence his duties at once, which will consist for the present in an early arrangement of the schedule.

Warm commendation of the coaching ability of Poe Caylor who doped out the plays last year, went hand in hand with the election of officers, and if Caylor will he can have the job next year. Expressing his appreciation of the offer, Caylor however, supplemented his acceptance with the expression which has come to be the opinion of all friends of high school athletics that a competent faculty member should have complete charge of the athletic department, coaching all branches of it. This is done in all the Eastern Oregon schools, and other sections as well. The added duties of looking after athletics would not be burdensome to a competent man who could do his academic work with as much detail as any other faculty member. That Caylor is anxious to get another turn at Baker he admits, but he is nevertheless heading desirous to see the faculty coach system instituted.

FOB GIVEN CAYLOR.

Football Team Presents Token of Esteem to Glenn Caylor.

Somewhat belated through delay in shipment, an elegant fob has arrived and been presented to Glenn (Poe) Caylor, a token of their appreciation for his fidelity in coaching the football team last fall. The fob carries a gold football of miniature dimensions, of course, and is very unique in every way. Needless to say, Mr. Caylor values the gift highly.

Mike Finn will probably get several of the youngsters signed by the New York Giants for his Mobile Southern league team.

BASKETBALL IS HUGE TOPIC

CITY TEAM PLAYS AT NORTH POWDER TONIGHT.

Local Basketball Gossip of Interest to the Fans of Union County.

The La Grande city team is in North Powder today and will meet the town team there tonight. As the town team of North Powder defeated Union high, the game will have a more than passing interest. The city team under the tutelage of "Carrie" Bean, the formidable center, is comprised of the following: Forwards, Hollister and Lindsey; center, Bean; guards, Geddes and Woods. "Nig" Hubbers is to handle the whistle tonight for the visitors.

The city team leaves on its first tour of the year next week. On Thursday the team plays at Wallowa and the following Friday goes to Enterprise to play two games.

Enterprise has produced the balance of the accounts guaranteed to the city high school team when the locals went to Enterprise and played but one game of the scheduled two. The locals returned home without any finances, but on more deliberated thought the Enterprise management decided to forward the entire amount due from one game and Manager Bohnenkamp and the team are again on the best of terms with their Enterprise rivals. Arrangements for a return game are under way, this contest to be played here.

It is probable that the Baker-La Grande game to be played here next week will occur on Thursday night rather than Friday. This is necessary for several important reasons and it is probable that Baker will accept the change in date. This is conceded to be a very important step in the local's race for Eastern Oregon championship. A banner crowd is expected for the occasion. Definite announcement of the exact date will be made early next week.

Union is in Baker today double strong. The boys and girls' teams of each school are to clash tonight and it is of a great deal of interest locally as to who will win. If Baker wins from Union, and La Grande wins from Baker, the sting of defeat administered by Union against La Grande will be greatly blotted out, and from a championship standpoint, would obviate the necessity of La Grande again playing Union, but on the other hand, the local youngsters are going to meet Union later on, just for the personal interest in the matter of getting another chance to drag Union's colors in the dust.

Tentatively, the much-mooted game between the city of La Grande team and the high school has been set for March 1. At this game fur will no doubt fly and the highs will endeavor to break the annual defeat dished out to them by the M. I. A.—antecedents of the city team. The sun rises and sets in this game from a local basketball standpoint.

Double Launching at Newport News. Newport News, Va., Jan. 27.—The revenue cutters Miami and Unalga, the first government vessels turned out by a private ship yard under the eight-hour law, were successfully launched today at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding company. The Unalga was christened by Miss Elizabeth Hillis, daughter of President Taft's secretary, while the Miami was named by Miss Barnes Richardson, daughter of Representative Richardson of Alabama. The two vessels, with a displacement of 1,100 tons each, will cost \$250,000 apiece. The Unalga is specially fitted to do police duty in the north Pacific, while the Miami is designed for service on the Florida coast.

Boston Motor Boat Show Opens. Boston, Mass., Jan. 27.—Boston's annual motor boat show, the place where the boat builders, the engine makers, and the manufacturers of nautical fittings for power craft disclose to the public their latest product for the coming season, opens in Mechanics' building tonight and will continue for one week. Every available foot of space in the big exhibition hall is filled with exhibits, some 300 manufacturers having been assigned places.

If the Cardinals don't make good with Ten Million in the outfield Roger Bresnahan will toss away Ten Million as easy as a sailor chucks away a dime.

SPICY SPORT CHATS

The baseball sharps have discovered that the Detroit team has allowed many valuable players to slip out of its grasp. Among them are Thomas of the Athletics, Archer of the Cubs, Warhop and Cree of the Highlanders, Kirke of the Boston Nationals, Simmons of next year's Hillmen, Beecher and Suggs of the Cincinnati and Schaefer of the Washingtons. Yet the Tigers have managed to play winning ball just the same.

Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago American league ball club, while in New York recently declared that he would not trade Pitcher Ed Walsh for Ty Cobb. "And it is not a matter of sentiment," declared the Old Roman. "Walsh has done more for the White Sox than any one. He is just as good today as he ever was, and he will be a star pitcher for many years to come. It is true that I might as well lock my park as to get rid of this idol, but aside from that I consider this great pitcher the very best baseball asset of this time."

Carl Morris went to Sparrow Robertson's roost recently to be measured for a pair of fighting shoes, and when William had finished his operations with a yardstick the result of his efforts created a sensation.

"Thirteen," said William. "You certainly should be able to get a strong foothold in pugilism."

"Oh," replied Morris, who is not slow at repartee, "I think I may leave a few footprints in the pugilistic sands."

"I trust," rejoined the Sparrow, "that should you ever set your foot down I may not be in the immediate vicinity."

Robertson explained that a thirteen shoe measures exactly thirteen inches, but that the smaller sizes range larger in proportion. A seven shoe, for example, measures ten inches. Therefore, in proportion to his size, Morris' feet are not too large. But they are the most comprehensive pedal extremities in the Queensberry industry.

In picking out the twenty greatest figures in history Andy Carnegie got himself in bad in Detroit and Cleveland and also at Pittsburgh, where the natives think Cobb, Lajole and Wagner should have been included in the list.

In England there is a wave of protest in boxing circles against the kidney punch. Here in America even the fighters don't like it. Neither do our boxers exactly welcome the right swing to the jaw, the solar plexus blow and the left hand jab.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the annual dog tax can now be paid at the office of the city recorder and tags and receipt obtained for same. Dray license tags can also be obtained at the same place. All persons liable for same are hereby notified to procure the above licenses at once.

C. M. HUMPHREYS, City Recorder
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PENDLETON'S BUGS STIRRING

BASEBALL SUBJECT TALKED IN WHEAT TOWN.

Taking Cue from Other Interior Towns Do Early Baseball Talk.

Baseball plans have been in circulation in Pendleton for a number of days, the early season having been unusually prolific of a variety of schemes, the latest of which has been suggested by the withdrawal of Boise from the Union association and the ambitions of Walla Walla to get into a league with some substantial standing, says the Pendleton Live Wire. Under the latest plan it is said a reasonable salary list could be maintained, making the expense light, and with the two largest cities at each end of the line and the other towns closer together, a satisfactory schedule could be maintained.

In this connection today's Walla Walla Union, which has been giving encouragement to the movement, says:

Since class D league baseball was first advocated by La Grande several days ago, newspapers in La Grande and Baker have been boosting the proposition in every issue, the leading citizens of each of those towns believing that the time is ripe for the right kind of baseball in a league of this nature, and realizing that if organized properly such towns should easily secure the desired article of ball.

The best news of the class D plan, however, comes recently from Boise, Idaho, where a plan is in process of formation to organize a league with Boise and Walla Walla at the extreme ends and Welsler, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton in between. Boise is a live town and has given this matter much thought, ending with the decision to endeavor to form such a league.

President Lucas of the Union league, to which Boise belonged, and President Cody of the Boise club have had a misunderstanding, with the result that Lucas has taken the franchise away from Cody and given it to a stranger. This action of Lucas has so incensed the business men of the Idaho capital that they have finally refused to lend it their support and are determined to organize a league including the towns already mentioned.

At a meeting of the Boise Commercial club a few days ago, a committee composed of the best business men in the city was appointed to take up the matter of perfecting a class D league in this way. Mr. Cody was instructed to visit the towns to interest the people in the matter. He is expected to start

soon on a trip through each of the towns.

Boise is a rattling good baseball town and each of the other towns are good team supporters with proper organization, and the real baseball fans of this city believe that this is Walla Walla's best opportunity for the next few years and that such a league would be a most popular as well as a successful organization, not only by furnishing good baseball, but also because it would be given almost as good publicity as the Northwestern league.

Baseball men who understand are of the opinion that such a league with a salary limit of \$1,000 per month would give Walla Walla the best baseball it has yet seen, and would be so near Northwest league class that it would answer the purpose for several years. They point out that it is not the actual letter class that counts in baseball, but the manner of organization and conduct of the separate clubs. With the commercial clubs of each town back of a good team in such a league, they believe that all demands of local people would be satisfied.

Letters have been received here regularly from La Grande, boosting the league and stating that La Grande and Baker are both ready and eager to organize. Baker papers are alive with baseball and Pendleton is falling in line.

MARKET REPORTS

Eggs—Ranch eggs, 45c; storage, 35c.

Vegetables and Miscellaneous.

Potatoes—Per cwt, \$1.50.

Cabbage—Per cwt, \$2.00.

Onions—\$2.25 per cwt.

Cabbage—Per pound, 1½ and 2½c.

Celery—Per bunch 15c, two for 25c.

Sugar—cane, cash price \$6.80; 30 days' time, \$7.20 per cwt, beet sugar, cash price \$6.60; 30 days' time, \$7.00.

Beans—White, 8 1-3c; lima, 10 cents.

Fruits.

Home grown apples—\$1.00 to \$1.50 per box. Grade establishes price.

Cranberries—20 cents per quart.

Bananas—40c per doz.

Oranges 40c to 50c.

Feed and Grain.

Alfalfa Hay—\$13.00 (retail).

Timothy—\$15.00.

Grain Hay—\$13.00.

Snowdrift Flour, sack \$1.40.

Brans and Shorts—\$1.20 and \$1.40.

Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.

Rolls Barley—\$1.70 per cwt.

Cattle, Hogs and Fowl.

Cows—3 to 4½c.

Steers—4c to 5c.

Sheep 3c and 4c.

Light hogs \$5.75.

Heavy hogs—\$5.00.

Chickens—Hens, 10c; old roosters, 8c and spring frites 10c to 12½c.

Turkeys, live weight, 17 to 18c.

Ducks, live weight, 12c.

Geese, live weight 10c.

Fresh smelt are in the markets to day.

Embossed Printing

THE first printing office in Eastern Oregon to offer embossed printing to the trade is the La Grande Evening Observer. The Job Department of this paper continues to set the pace in the art of printing. Call and leave your next order for printing and join the satisfied throng who patronize this Print Shop.

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