

**SPORTING NEWS AND KINDRED SUBJECTS**

**COLUMBIA TEAM IS HERE**

**MEETS HIGH SCHOOL IN DECIDING GAME TONIGHT.**

**Contest Will Be Spirited—Rough House Tactics Not Expected.**

Preparatory basketball championship will be made and unmade tonight at the high school gym when Columbia college and La Grande high meet for what will assuredly be a peppery game. Man for man the La Grande and Columbia college teams may average equally, and friends of the high school believe that the locals can produce as much systematic team work as the visitors can. Such being the case, the outcome should be a toss up, and if the usual 1912 basketball is carried out by the locals, and the referee will apply basketball rules and frustrate rough house tactics, the margin between the scores, one way or the other will not be over two field baskets.

The contest, which no doubt will be brilliant, starts at 8:30 prompt. Early seating of visitors should be the rule as late comers may not get the best seats.

Storm, the diminutive daredevil forward for Columbia college, is not unknown locally, having played here with Western normal about three years ago. Many will want to attend the game tonight just for the sport of seeing this veritable whirlwind in action. The little shrimp is an adept at baseball, too.

It is hardly fair, but nevertheless a fact, that an institution of learning which prepares its graduates for the third year in the leading universities of the northwest, should be classified with high schools in an athletic way. Yet such is the fact that La Grande has to contend with in this instance. Columbia is defending its right to claim the Eastern Oregon preparatory school championship, and notwithstanding that she is a college with a more advance curricula in all departments, becomes equal to and even with a high school athletically. This is not deterring the local five from entering the game tonight fully confident of at least nosing out by a narrow margin.

"Percy" Childers tonight is a member of the Joseph club team which plays Wallowa Athletic club at Joseph. An exciting contest is predicted, as Wallowa has a fast aggregation.

The Columbia college team defeated Haines high school team last evening by the score of 42 to 20, in a fast and snappy game. The team arrived in La Grande on the late train.

**NEW FOOTBALL SUMMARIZED**

**PRINCIPAL CHANGES MAY MEAN MORE DANGER.**

**Fans Will Have Something to Study on Between Now and Fall.**

Football authorities throughout the country believe that the new revision of the football rules will be permanent—permanent until a revision will be necessary because of dangerous features permissible under the present revision. La Grande fans have just about mastered the first principal revision but the damage or repairs made—in which light it suits the reader best—will require still further study. A brief summary of the changes that La Grande gridiron artists and their cohorts must memorize, follows:

The playing field, now 110 yards in length, will be shortened to an even 100 yards. This change in itself is not vital, but it is made in order to make possible on small grounds an extension of territory in which the forward pass may be used.

A zone of ten yards' width beyond the goal lines is established. The purpose of this is to provide ample space for execution of the forward pass, and scoring on a pass made across the goal line into this zone is permitted.

The number of "downs" to gain ten yards is increased by one.

The onside kick is eliminated.

The value of a touchdown is increased from five points to six points, the goal from touchdown and other scores standing as at present.

The twenty yards' zone, in which the present rules now provide restrictions to interference with the forward pass, is eliminated so that the restrictions will apply now to any part of the field.

After a touchback the ball will be put in play from the twenty-yard line instead of the twenty-five-yard line.

On a kickoff the ball, instead of being in play in the center of the field, will be put in play from the forty-yard line of the team kicking off. Taking into consideration the shortening of the field and this change in the rules the kickoff distance is lengthened by five yards.

The field judge is eliminated. The head linesman hereafter will keep time and be judge of offside plays in the line of scrimmage.

The number of men allowed on the side lines, now three, will be reduced to one for each team.

Provisions will be made that a bounding ball cannot score a legitimate goal.

The interval between the first and second and the third and fourth periods is reduced from two minutes to one minute.

**AUTOMOBILE SALES SPIRITED**

**DEALERS HOPE FOR A SPLENDID YEAR IN 1912.**

**Cars Being Delivered and Others on the Way Already.**

Automobile dealers in La Grande and Union county are looking forward to a spirited sale of automobiles this spring, and already sales are being registered. All dealers have good "prospects" and before another 30 days have rolled around, the delivery of cars will be on in dead earnest.

Two carloads of Fords are rolling toward the local market and L. C. Smith, agent, expects them here for delivery between the first and the 15 of March.

F. S. Bramwell is the real baby auto owner for he this week received a Maxwell (25) known as the Mascott, and has become accustomed to its manipulations.

A new Overland (30) will be delivered to L. L. Snodgrass about the 1st of March.

Auto sales are brisk in Wallowa county, too. The following from the Enterprise paper: Three new automobiles have been sold to Enterprise men in the last few weeks. The cars will be on hand when the roads get in order in the spring and the new purchasers are already being besought by their friends for rides. The buyers, who got their machines through the local garage are: Charles Crow, deputy sheriff, a runabout; H. G. Bauer and George I. Ratcliff, each of whom bought five passenger cars.

Two Overlands, one for J. J. Carr and one for Dr. A. L. Richardson, are to be delivered here shortly. Mr. Richardson purchased his last fall but the machine has not been shipped in yet. With the Snodgrass machine, this gives three new Overlands this year.

D. C. Bricoux is one of a party of three that will soon be riding about in Hubmobiles. With the coming of this machine the variety of auto represented in this county will be enlarged materially and few of the northwest populars will not have representation here.

A new Maxwell (36) is now in the Leighton garage and demonstrations are being made with it by R. W. Leighton, the representative.

George Fawcett is to be a member of Viola Allen's company.

**GUEST ADEPT AT BILLIARDS.**

**Crack Shot Will Return Within Week's Time to Give Performance.**

Among the attractions of the week that drew a big house was that of George Spears, fancy billiard shot and pool artist. He was seen in action at the O'Connell parlors Thursday night in a match with Rox Griebler, champion billiardist of Montana, who got but three or four turns at the ivories while Spears was running a count of 300. Griebler registered 48 points in the meanwhile with three turns at it.

Spears' biggest run was 78, and his second best was 72. He did not register his 100 or no count for the reason that it was so plainly evident he could have walked himself tired around the table once he got the ivories rolling right. Following his stellar performance on the billiard table, he executed some difficult cue and finger shots with the pool balls.

Spears is going to locate at Walla Walla, operating a wholesale billiard supply house and he will also return La Grande within a week or so and no doubt will give another of his entertaining demonstrations.

Eben Plympton has been forced on account of ill health to leave the east of "The Garden of Allah." His place has been filled by Edward Mawson.

**SCULLING ON ASCENDENCY**

**MANY RACES LOOM UP THIS YEAR.**

**Professionals and Amateurs Alike Revive Sculling Sport.**

For years there has been little rowing in open competition by professionals. A revival of it seems certain as a result of the efforts of Eddie Durman, a Canadian professional sculler, to arrange a match with R. Arnst for the championship of the world. That match has fallen through, but developments have arisen from the negotiations which assure Durman several races this year.

William Haines, a professional sculler of note in Boston, with Durman, will probably row for the professional single sculling championship of the United States and Canada. Jim Wray, the Harvard coach, and Frank B. Greer, four time senior single amateur sculling champion of Canada and the United States, wish to row the Canadian.

Durman is regarded as the fastest professional sculler on this side of the Atlantic. He issued a challenge several months ago to Arnst, the professional champion of the world. Arnst accepted on the condition that his terms be complied with. Durman agreed to many of them, but others he felt would have handicapped him and made the match profitless to him. Arnst suspended negotiations when he learned that all his demands would not be granted.

Durman wanted the race rowed in Canada. Some years ago he made a trip to Australia to row for the cham-



Photo by American Press Association.

**JIM WRAY, HARVARD'S COACH, WHO WILL RE-ENTER SPORT.**

He left Canada in the finest possible condition, but on the long journey across the ocean he became seasick. His condition grew grave, and he required the services of a physician. On the trip Durman lost twenty pounds. He rowed the race shortly after his arrival because of stipulations in the articles of agreement, but he had no chance to win.

When the fact became known that Durman was seeking matches and that the one with Arnst had failed he was challenged by Haines and also by Wray. Some years ago Wray and Durman were to have rowed, but the Harvard coach found it impossible to meet him after negotiations had been going on some time.

Haines sent a direct challenge to Durman. The latter replied to it. He would meet Haines in the spring in a three or four mile race in Toronto bay, Canada, for a purse of \$1,000. The Canadian prefers to row in June. The warmer the weather the better it suits him. The match has practically been arranged. Of the three—Wray, Greer and Haines—the latter will probably get the first chance at the Canadian.

Boston rowing enthusiasts, especially those in the amateur ranks, are inclined to the belief that Greer would prove a more formidable opponent against Durman than Wray or Haines. Greer is a big, heavy muscled sculler, a little more than six feet tall, with broad shoulders and undisputed skill with the sculls. Greer proved a consistent champion. He had tremendous power. He wrested the honor from C. S. Titus of New York at Worcester some years ago.

He retired from the amateur ranks

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to accept a position as trainer to crews. Greer is a much taller, broader and stronger man than Durman. He has never rowed in competition a greater distance than a mile and a half. Durman, on the other hand, is well accustomed to traveling three and four miles.

**Trotting Grows on the Coast.**  
 Pacific coast cities are taking to the light harness sport.

**Rebels Ready to Fight.**  
 Presidio, Texas, Feb. 9.—Three hundred rebels surround Ojuna, a town across the river and threaten to attack the federals unless the garrison surrender before night. American troops are on the border here. No firing into the United States will be tolerated.

Members of the Iroquois club of Chicago are soon to launch a campaign for Mayor Carter H. Harrison who is seeking the democratic presidential nomination.

**MONEY TO LOAN**

I have \$1,000 to place on city property for one year, may be extended for a longer period.  
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**ELK RANGE PLAN OPPOSED BY WALLOWA COUNTY WOOLGROWERS**

A protest against the bringing of a herd of 15 elk into the forest reserve in the Chesnimus was voted by the Wallowa Wool Growers' association at their annual meeting held Wednesday afternoon in the county court house, says the Enterprise News-Record. The sheepmen feel an injustice will be done to them and to all other interests in the county if this range where formerly 2,000 sheep grazed is turned into a game preserve. The state and the stockmen have spent large sums of money exterminating the coyotes, making the range safe, and they said they should reap the benefit of their outlay. Further, it was argued, the amount of stock in the county is being cut down year by year owing to the lack of range, and farmers with hay to sell thus find their market curtailed.

led against the interests of those who have developed the county. Petitions of remonstrance against turning the grazing lands over to the elk are now being circulated.

Two Enterprise men, William Baker and Mr. Bales, were fined \$50 each last Thursday for killing deer out of season. They pleaded guilty when brought before Justice Conaway.

Reports that deer had been killed recently near Patterson's mill north of town reached W. E. Leffel, game warden. He made an investigation which resulted in making complaint against Baker and Bales. With Deputy Sheriff Pace, City Marshal Hug and Deputy Game Warden Mitchell, Leffel searched the premises where the suspected men live and there found a deer hide and a quantity of meat. The hunters were taken before Justice Conaway at once, and on their pleas of guilty the matter was disposed of in a few minutes.