

SPORTING NEWS AND KINDRED SUBJECTS

THREE GAMES
IN NEXT WEEK

EACH ONE OF TRIO ARE IMPORTANT ONES.

Other Basketball Notes of Interest to the Rhinid Fans.

Three important basketball games are in store for the followers of the exciting game in this city the coming week. Commencing on the 22nd, Pendleton high school, which vanquished the La Grande city team this week, hooks on with the city team again for the deciding game of the contest. The following evening, the 23rd, the local high school and the Pendleton high school players match wits and strength, and on the 24th, Saturday evening, the scenes will be changed to witness a girls' contest. On that date Baker high school co-eds come to La Grande to meet the La Grande girls, making a third game of series of three for the city this week, which will be indeed interesting. Manager Olive Massee has closed negotiations with the manager of the Baker team for the Saturday night game, and as this is but the second game of the season for the girls, it will no doubt be attended by a large number of fans.

That the first game of the trio will be a hummer goes without further discussion, that the local highs are over their slump is also a fact and that the third game will interest also goes without dispute. Hence the coming week is to be an active one in basketball.

The city basketball boys have returned from their western trip and as they put it, "The honors we gained were not without the hardest work"; every man on the team was thoroughly tested and at the critical time showed the mettle in him. The first game was played in Pendleton, in a small hall, now ceiling and very slippery floor making a combination which the boys were entirely unaccustomed to, while it was the common practice grounds of the Pendleton high school team. The game was a fine display of skill and strength combined. La Grande played as true as steel but with the aid of the referee who called 21 fouls against them, and 15 of them counted points, they beat the visitors one point, the game finishing 25 to 26 in favor of Pendleton.

"The next night we found ourselves surrounded in the Columbia college gym by the student body and many of the leading citizens of that college town," said a member of the team today. "The game was soon on and each seemed to feel that it was the game of their lives and showed it in the fierce, but manly contest that followed."

There was no jeering or insulting calls from the spectators for all could see in the opposing team from La Grande, their frank, open, manly faces that no matter how the game resulted they were gentlemen and would accept the inevitable as such. First one team and then the other would lead in the score and it was impossible until time was called to predict the final result. The interest never lagged one second and no doubt both teams did better work than they had ever done before.

Time was called and La Grande led by one point, the score standing 20 to 21, making the second victory over this team. It was now that the Columbia boys with all their admirers showed their true spirit of sportsmanship.

"Now, boys," said the coach, "the game is over and we have lost, but you are no less our friends and our guests." The banquet hall was soon reached and the fierce contest for supremacy was soon turned into a happy, jolly crowd of Columbia students, professors and townsmen, who seemed to vie with each other in making the evening one of good will, and pleasant entertainment to the visiting boys.

"We are willing to take our hats off to our superiors," said the Columbia coach, in an address of welcome to the boys. "We have met you fairly on your

NOTES FROM BASEBALL CORNERS GUN CLUB IS

PROGRESSING

More data than is usually contained in major league schedules is contained in a very exhaustive schedule in the Observer's hands, covering the schedule for the National league. Fan who wish to glean facts from the exhaustive information can do so at this office.

Rube Waddell has signed a contract with the Minneapolis club, which calls for \$10 bonus a week during the playing season if he does not drink funny cow's milk. He will receive his salary in a lump at the end of the year, and Joe Cantillon shudders to think what will happen when Rube gets the bunch of lettuce.

Manager Bobby Wallace of St. Louis has served notice that the Browns will make the American league teams fight all the way next season. Unable to forget his experience of 1911 Bobby now sings the Missouri classic: Every time I come to town. The boys keep kickin' by dog roun' It makes no difference if he is a houn' They gotta quit kickin' my dog roun'.

An innovation at the White Sox park will be a couple benches in left field for the use of battery men between their warming up sessions, and perhaps a Morris chair for Ed Walsh will be added to the scenery.

The Chicago Cubs have signed Chas. A. Moore, of the Los Angeles team, who is called a second Bill Lange. Lots of them have been called a second Bill, but there has been only one "Little Eva."

Gabby Street, the Washington backstop, who has caught 931 games during

the past nine years, says he expects to increase his record the coming season to 1,000 games.

If the new Cotton States league club in New Orleans is successful, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and Nashville will have two ball teams in different leagues next season.

Both the Boston Nationals and the Milwaukee club claim Pitcher J. W. Brady. The National commission will have to determine which club gets the twirler.

John A. Elliott, of La Crosse, founder and former pilot of the Minnesota-Wisconsin league, has been re-elected president of the organization.

Steven Flanagan has sold his interest in the Brockton New England league team, and will scout for the Chicago White Sox.

Hugh Jennings was born in Moose, Pa., and therefore has a fine ear for melody—as rendered by Ty Cobb and his mighty bat.

With President Ban Johnson in the chair, the American league meetings are peaceful affairs. "Banny pulls the strings."

"Duke" Charley Farrell, the former big league catcher will coach pitchers with the Boston Braves the coming season.

Honus Wagner has equaled "Pop" Anson's record of hitting for .300 or better for 15 consecutive seasons.

EGG MARKET
TAKES SLUMP

Eggs are plentiful in La Grande; the prices are going down. Incidentally many merchants stand to lose heavily having carelessly bought up many eggs at 40 cents and are now forced to sell them at 30 cents. The market is filled with fresh eggs today following the streak of warm weather which always means plenty of eggs.

Local quotations today:
Butter—Fancy creamery 40 cents 1 lb. roll; 2 lb roll, 75c.
Ranch butter 65c 2 lb roll.
Country butter—30c lb.
Ranch eggs—40c.

Vegetables and Miscellaneous.
Potatoes—Per cwt, \$1.50
Onions—\$2.25 per cwt.
Cabbage—3c.
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 1-2c; Lima, 10 cents.

Fruits.
Home grown apples—\$1.00 to \$1.50 per box. Grade establishes price.
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Oats—\$1.60 per cwt.
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Steers—4c to 5c.
Sheep 3c and 4c.
Light hogs \$5.75.
Heavy hogs—\$5.00.
Chickens—Hens, 10c; old roosters 8c and spring fies 10c to 12 1/2c.
Turkeys, live weight, 17 to 18c.
Ducks, live weight, 12c.
Geese, live weight 10c.
Fresh smelt are in the markets today.

The Ohio supreme court has upheld the constitutionality of the Green nine hour work-day law for women.

GOOD SCORES MADE AT EACH WEEKLY SHOOT.

Last Sunday eSes Expert With Shotgun—Inter-County Shoot Talked

La Grande nimrods are having heaps of sport every Sunday on the range east of La Grande. Good records are frequently made and plenty of spirit is thrown into the contests by the weekly competition for the gold medal which is hung every Sunday and defended at each shoot, the winner for each week carrying the coveted prize six days at a time. Last Sunday Frank Bay won it and tomorrow some other individual may walk off with the "goat". Last Sunday Parker, the Remington U. M. C. expert was on the range. He has since been in Wallowa county trying to arrange an inter-county pigeon contest between Union and Wallowa, which is the aim of local blue rockers as it would develop keen competition.

Last Sunday the following scores were made:

	Broke	Possible
Parker (Prof.)	48	58
Bay	41	50
N. Zweifel	31	50
Weagle	36	50
Press Lewis	34	50
A. V. Andrews	19	20
Winburn	22	29

Other adepts and promising ones at that, who generally are found on the range at the weekly shoots are R. Zweifel, Frank Jolly, Arthur Van Fleet, Perry Oliver, Frank Lilly, Jack Harlan and others.

(Wallowa Sun.)

At the gun club's ground Sunday morning was held the second shoot of the season. On account of a slight wind, targets were somewhat difficult to hit, although the amateurs held their average well. The score was as follows:

	Broke	Possible
Brady	23	25
Larm	21	25
Thompson	20	25
O'Brien	17	25
McBath	16	25

WITH THE BOXERS.

Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan and Ollie Kirk have signed to box in St. Louis March 4th.

A rumor from the Pacific coast has it that Champion Ad Wolgast has lung trouble and will retire from the boxing game.

JOHNSON AND GREGG COMPARE

Washington's Great Pitcher Has Natural Advantage Over Southpaw.

Walter Johnson, the great right hand pitcher of the Washington club of the American league, has a natural advantage over Veau Gregg, the star southpaw of the Cleveland club. Johnson's arms are longer than Gregg's. A long arm helps a pitcher's speed. Gregg is one and one-quarter inches taller than Johnson, but has five inches less reach. Johnson's reach is seventy-two inches. Gregg is six feet two inches tall. Johnson six feet three-quarters of an inch. Gregg looks much taller than Johnson because he is slim. He weighs 168 pounds, Johnson 190.

ICE BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Promoters Plan to Form Circuit and Have Men Play on Skates.

An ice baseball league will be organized by Lake Erie island fans if lake Erie freezes over to such an extent that there is the least possibility of carrying out a schedule that has practically been arranged. Teams representing Kelley's, North Bass, Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay islands will be included. Norman Elfers of Kelley's island will be president.

Baseball on the ice was successfully introduced at Kelley's island last winter when a diamond and outfield were staked off on the frozen surface of the lake and several interesting games played thereon.

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