

SPORTING NEWS AND KINDRED SUBJECTS

WALLA WALLANS
TALKING BUSHFALL FROM NORTHWEST LEAGUE
TO SCRUB BUSH CIRCUIT.Pendleton and Walla Walla Said to
Oppose Class D Project.

Pendleton, Feb. 24. (Special).—A four team league with Pendleton, Walla, Athena and Weston combined and Pasco or Dayton each supporting a team is the latest project of Walla Walla fans and one for which certain leaders in the two cities have pledged themselves to work. Local lovers of the national sport took their first step toward providing baseball here during the coming season yesterday when they sent a delegation to the Washington city to confer with the leading fans of that place, and the four team league as announced above is the organization desired by all who attended this conference.

The class D league of Pendleton, Walla Walla, Baker and La Grande which has been talked of for the past two months or more found no favor with either Walla Walla or the Pendleton promoters for the reason that the expense attached to such a venture could not be borne by the cities and that failure to pay would paralyze the sport for the next few years.

If the league as projected is organized, games will probably only be played on Sundays, but, according to John Dickson, one of the delegates to the Walla Walla conference, consideration will be given to a three-game a-week schedule with one game on Saturday and two on Sunday. No clause restricting the selection of the players to the ranks of each club as they will be free to pay whatever price they want to for its individual men.

A meeting will be held sometime in the near future at which delegates from each proposed city will be in attendance and an attempt will be made to organize the league.

Pendleton's baseball scribe may or may not be correct as to his hypothesis about expense. The feeling generally prevails that such a league would be a paying proposition and that everywhere there is a rule which sustains good baseball if good baseball is first provided. It is not to be expected that support will be forthcoming if there is no effort to produce the best available right off the reel. The above from Pendleton is probably started by some group of fans in Pendleton and Walla Walla who dare not venture out on bigger lines and will continue to stay with the town lot brands of baseball notwithstanding that towns have—or at least should have—grown rapidly in population and are all big enough to support a class D organization. La Grande, the Observer feels safe in saying, will support the class D project, even if Walla Walla—which by the way followed to get into the Northwest league last spring—and the other towns supposedly larger than La Grande, do not.

CHILD WELFARE CONSIDERED

Spokane Club Advances Play Ground
Scheme.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 20. (Special).—The Child's Welfare league of Spokane will petition the park commissioners early in March to establish playgrounds with dance hall, theaters, social rooms and gymnasiums in various parts of the city, to provide entertainment and recreation for working men and women and children. Mrs. W. H. Page, chairman of a special committee delegated by the league to investigate the welfare of the juveniles, says in a report that the committee does not think reforms can be brought about by the sweep of a pen or a rising vote, adding: "Instead of trying to prosecute the owners of cities and restaurants for selling liquor to minors and other places where people congregate we purpose furnishing places of amusement that will attract the youth of the city and keep our young people away from places of unwholesome environment. If we furnish the right sort of entertainment for the working folk they will not go to the other resorts and with that end in view we shall present our needs to the park commissioners at their March meeting."

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CO-EDS WILL MEET TONIGHT
FOR INTER-CITY SUPREMACY

Baker and La Grande met tonight promptly at 9 o'clock when the girls' teams of these schools will struggle for supremacy at basketball. The late hour is fixed for the benefit of people who are tied down to business houses until a late hour Saturday evening. The two teams are evenly matched if scores from other games can be used as judges. Union defeated Baker and defeated La Grande by

about the same score and the results tonight should be a toss up with little margin between them.

The girls who will uphold the La Grande colors tonight are: Eva Cotner and Anna Top center, Louise Roesch and Olive Massee forwards, Runa Bacon and Lolette King guards. Utility, Hilda Anthony and Christine Frazier. The Baker team is made up of fast players somewhat differently that that which met Union.

PENDLETON HIGH BREASTS LOCALS

Leading Pendleton by a safe margin throughout most of the first half La Grande high last evening was finally forced back and Pendleton high breasted in ahead by a safe margin when the final siren was sounded. Pendleton had annexed another victory from La Grande. As the night before, Pendleton earned her victory but not without a magnificent struggle. La Grande had the finer edge on team work from the start to the very end—and the statement is not the fruit of blind egotism or prejudice. Where La Grande manifestly played rings around the Pendleton visitors in the matter of team play and combination play, Pendleton seized an opportunity here and there and rained baskets. Pendleton has the rare ability of doing this sort of a thing from nearly any angle or any spot on the floor. In epitome, the game can be said to have gone to Pendleton for the same reason that La Grande has been beaten before this year—her ineffective basketballing. More vim, more snap and necessarily more roughness went with the last night game than with the Thursday night affair. It was a better game to watch perhaps, because of the accelerated motion of players on both sides. At center, La Grande had the advantage, La Grande guards hovered over their opponents with better style and effectiveness than in any game of the year, and the La Grande forwards lacked only the wicket eye to be superior to the visitors, for they worked both harder and faster than they. All in all La Grande gave the visitors a merry chase, and this in view of the advance dope which presaged the locals with an overwhelming defeat. As in the game the night previous, there was no unnecessary roughness, no marring features, and perfect satisfaction from the lone official—Referee Hubler. The point winners were:

For La Grande—Bohnenkamp, center, 4 baskets; Woods, forward, Roberts, forward, 2 baskets; Ralston, guard, 3 free throws; Lottes, guard, 2 baskets. Total 19.

For Pendleton—Strain, forward, 5 baskets; Houser, center, 4 baskets; Jordan, guard, 4 baskets and 1 free throw. Total 27.

Referee Hubler went to Union this morning with the Pendleton team and will officiate there tonight when the two teams meet on the Union floor.

The Haines High School basketball team slipped one over on the Baker High quintet in an exciting and close game on the Haines court last evening by the score of 20 to 17, says the Friday Morning Democrat.

The locals have no excuse to offer for their defeat except that the small size of the Haines court, muddled up their team work, perfected on the large and spacious armory floor. Admitting that Haines has a good team they hope to turn the tables when the return game is played at this place, probably Monday or Tuesday evening of next week.

WHEN PLAYERS PLAYED
MEAN TRICK ON
FERRIS.

"At the close of one season, when the Boston Americans swept everything before them," said Jess Tannehill. "John I. Taylor told the management of a big hotel where we were stopping to give us unlimited credit for anything we might desire. I never knew whether John I. was sorry afterward or not, but the bill that was handed him footed up \$3,000. Everybody had champagne unlimited, and Hobe Ferris put five quarts of the golden wine into a suit case. Chick Stahl, myself and three other players waited till it was almost time for Hobe to take the train for home. Then we deftly shook the five quarts out of the suit case and refilled it with bricks. Hobe, who wanted to take the stuff home with him, never opened the suit case on the train, probably for fear the sight of the five quarts would make him thirsty and force him to break into the supply. When he arrived and proudly opened the suit case to display his trophies there was an interesting scene, though we could never get Hobe to give us the full details."

FIGHTERS SPRING FROM
HUMBLE ORIGIN MOSTLY.

Most boxers sprang from lowly positions.

Young Corbett used to earn \$6 a week before he fought McGovern. Terry himself was a poor newsboy when picked up by Sam Harris, who made a champion out of him.

Jeffries was earning \$15 a week in California as a handy man in a boiler shop when Billy Delaney took hold and made a fighter of him.

Bob Fitzsimmons did not he

than one suit of clothes when he came to this country from Australia.

Jim Corbett left a good position in a Frisco bank to seek honors in the ring, but there were few like him. Sharkey, Gardner, Ryan, Erne and many other fast stars were all poor at the time of starting out for pugilistic honors. Following is a list of other well known fighters and their former vocations:

Heavyweights.—Gus Ruhlin, pressman; Peter Maher, cooper; Tom Sharkey, sailor; Kid McCoy, farmer; Jim Jeffries, miner; Joe Choynski, candy maker; Denver Ed Martin, porter; Bob Armstrong, teamster.

Middleweights.—Tommy Ryan, barkeeper; Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, cigarmaker; Dan Creedon, machinist; George Gardner, boilermaker; Jack Root, brick mason; Kid Carter, blacksmith; Marvin Hart, plumber; Jack Bonner, miner; Charley McKeever, engineer.

Welterweights.—Rube Ferns, miner; Billy Smith, miner; Owen Zeigler, boilermaker; Matty Matthews, ironworker; Jack Bennett, steel worker; Eddie Connelly, hotel keeper; Tommy Tracey, blacksmith; Kid McPartland, storekeeper; Patsy Sweeney, teamster.

Lightweights.—Frank Erne, plumber's helper; Martin Duffy, plumber; Art Sims, bartender; George McFadden, boilermaker; Kid Lavigne, lumberman; Kid Ashe, newsboy; Spike Sullivan, salesman; Jack Daly, expressman; Willie Fitzgerald, promoter; Dal Hawkins, clerk.

Featherweights.—Dave Sullivan, bellboy; Eddie Gardner, painter; Tim Callahan, newsdealer; Kid Broad, ironworker; Eddy Lenny, salesman; Benny Yanger, typesetter; Joe Bernstein, pawnbroker; George Dixon, photographer; Austin Rice, teamster; Young Griffo, bartender; Tommy Feltz, newsboy; Danny Douglass, ropemaker; Kid McFadden, waiter.

Farmers Meet at Salina.

Salina, Kas., Feb. 21.—A large and representative attendance marked the opening here today of the annual convention of the Kansas division of the Farmers' Union.

SMALLERTOWNS
SEE NEW AUTOSCOVE AND ELGIN EACH BUYING
WITH VIGOR.Mitchell at Cove and Jackson Car at
Elgin Good Sellers.

Outlying districts are buying automobiles with more rapidly than La Grande folks. At Cove and Elgin several sales have already been negotiated and other towns in the valley are going to get into line immediately if advance reports are correct. At Cove, H. C. Rees has sold three cars for immediate delivery. The buyers are George Becker, who selected a five-passenger touring car (35); Nate Darrin, selected the same size and power machine and Hugh McCall picked out a runabout (32). All of these cars are Mitchells, the only make that Mr. Rees is handling this year, and he anticipates that there will be several more sales shortly.

Also in Elgin it seems that new honk honk wagons are to be many. Four new autos will be owned in Elgin this summer, that number of the smoke wagons, of the Jackson make, having been purchased by Messrs. Lou Stoop, H. H. Weatherspoon, Jack Hallgarth and Dwight Barnes. They were purchased direct from the factory.

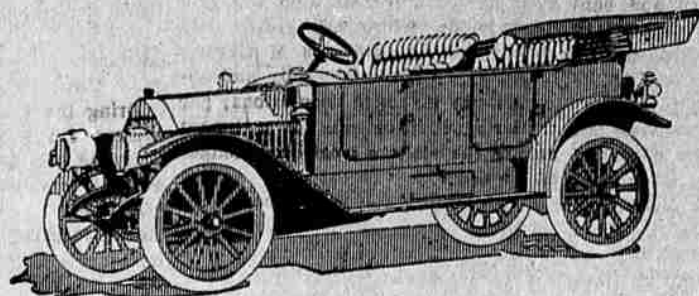


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