

SPORTING NEWS AND KINDRED SUBJECTS

TRACK MEET WEEK HENCE

SUCH IS AMBITION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.

Cove, or Class Meet to Preface Big Go at Baker May 4.

One week from tomorrow La Grande will see a track meet—of some sort. Communications have been sent to Cove by the newly-elected manager, Jay Reynolds, but up to date no answer has been forthcoming. In the event that no inter-school meet can be arranged for, an inter-class venture is to be tackled with the purpose in view of weeding out the inferior timber and preparing the recruits who show class for the strenuous performance in Baker May 4 when the Eastern Oregon set-to occurs. Dee Davis, the wizard with the weights, and Coach Pearce have been developing the green timber and rounding out experienced men with good success. The addition of Roberts and Corpe, the former in the dashes and jumps and the latter in the miniature marathon event, has provided more old material, and with such men as Millering in the vaults and jumps, Davis with the weights, Bolton in the sprints and Reynolds, Conkey and a half dozen other celebrities or near so there should be no question about the style of the team turned out when the big meets materialize.

Sport Brevities

No excursion to Elgin while the weather is in such an unsettled state. This is the decision reached by the committee handling the Moose ball team, and the trip originally set for tomorrow has been deferred another week in anticipation of better weather at that time.

Jesse Garrett, erstwhile McCredle twirler, is the idol of Pendleton, and the fans are flocking to him with all kinds of money and moral support. Any team that takes the flag from Pendleton some of the present enthusiasm as carried to the team. If big Boise will find that there are real quills in La Grande and Pendleton before the ensign is jerked from its mooring this fall.

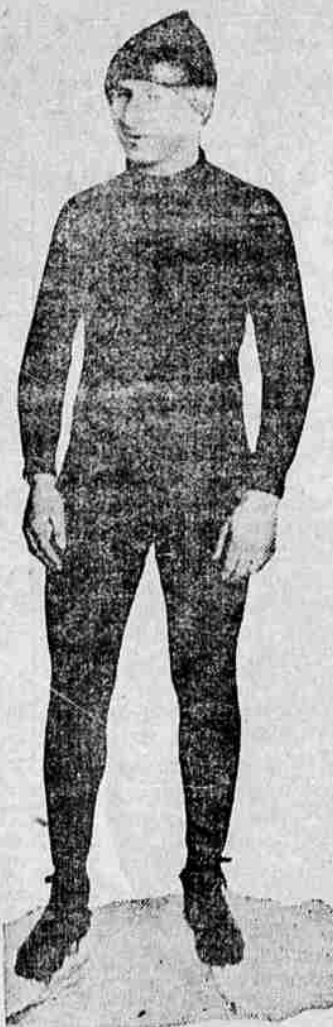
There is nothing slow about Union. Last year its real sportsmen mounted steeds and rode the valley over advertising its stock show. This year the Commercial club there has under consideration and practically has cinched a special train to all towns in Wallowa county and branch line points whereat the horse show will be roundly boosted. About 75 business men will make the trip and stop at each town in the general plan. "Leave it to Union to do things" remarked Jack O'Neill the other day in granting the special to Union.

The county high school won a double victory over the Wallowa high school at the cross country run held in Enterprise last Saturday. The first two runners to finish the two mile course were of the county high team, which also scored the highest on points, with 111 against 99 for Wallowa. Best time was 11:13 2-5, made by Byrd Ault and Irving French, who came down the home stretch hand in hand.—Enterprise Record-Chieftain.

The Hillside Tennis club has been organized with 16 members.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants
Notice is hereby given that there are now funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued against water fund of La Grande city up to and including No. 10613 endorsed June 7, 1911. Interest on all warrants on water fund from No. 10427 to No. 10613 inclusive ceases from date of this call.

La Grande, Oregon, April 9, 1912.
RAY W. LOGAN, City Treasurer.



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OLD AND NEW BALL PLAYERS

McAleer Says Present Stars Are Pampered Too Much.

OLD TIMERS WERE DIFFERENT

Took Little Care of Themselves, but Were Always on Job—Eleven Players Were Enough, While Twenty-five Today Are None Too Many.

By TOMMY CLARK.
Since Jimmy McAleer, the former manager of the Washingtons and now president of the Boston American league club, came out with the statement that the big league clubs of today carry too many ball players and that they are pampered too much the question has been much discussed.

McAleer in his statement tells of the time he was playing under Pat Tebeau in a Cleveland uniform. The team had only eleven men on its roster and was in the fight for the pennant every moment of the time. Today he says that a team has to have twenty players on its roll to be in the fight for a moment and then they have to use pitchers in the outfield or outfielders in the infield some of the time.

He lays this to the fact that the men are pampered too much; that they have ceased to be ball players—they are athletes. In the old days the players hardly took care of themselves. Today they keep themselves in the best of condition, have about half the work to do, but the manager is lucky if he can put his full playing strength in the field for a week's stretch.

This may be true, but baseball today has reached a far greater degree of perfection than in the days McAleer speaks of. They get more pay than the old timers, but the club owners make many times as much as the old owners did. So they can afford to pay.

As for taking care of themselves, the ball players of today make the game a life's profession or try to. The diamond stars of today include some men who have a college degree. They do not follow the profession they studied for because they can earn more in the diamond game. They want to stay in the game as long as possible. While they do not love the sport any less than the old timers, a business thought also enters into the game. The club owners make fortunes by their efforts, why should the players not get the good of it? And the managers are willing to pay.

So as long as both parties are satisfied the players will continue to take care of themselves and the owners to pamper them.

New and complete assortment of money purses in the show window of Silverthorn's, the family drug store.
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AUTO TRUCK IS FIRM'S HOBBY

WELTON & SON MAY INAUGURATE AUTO DRAY LINE.

Local Automobile News and Items of Local Interest.

Motor trucks may soon be imported to La Grande for general freight handling. J. W. Welton & Son, drayers, are seriously considering the matter of buying a motor truck to handle their freight business and as Baker has recently installed such a machine and reports say it is doing the work nicely, there seems every probability that the auto truck is soon to be adopted in this city. It is generally believed that if a local firm makes the start, wholesale houses and other dray lines will soon follow suit.

Bulcks, a carload of them, arrived in the city yesterday and were unloaded. Three of them are 25's and one, bought to the local dealers Bolton & Bodme, is a 30. The buyers of the other three are L. J. French, John Gardner and Will Grandy.

One of the first Stoddard-Daytons to make their debut to Union county has recently been purchased of Lawrence Caviness of Joseph by Dr. N. Mollitor, who by the way owned the first automobile in Union county. It is a runabout type, compact and gray colored making in all a very neat appearing machine.

L. C. Smith is having a splendid success with the sale of Fords this year. He now has 40 orders in at the factory for immediate delivery to Union county clients.

Good headway is reported on the building which is soon to house the Leighton garage. While the building has not been started yet, the foundation is being prepared with all possible haste.

You may rave about your automobile craze but this motorcycle propaganda is some itself. Every young man in town is entertaining hopes of buying one of the speeders and the several dealers in the city report fine success in disposing of the distance eaters.

Horsemen, auto owners, baseball fans, fair people, and La Grande as a community are in high spirits over the assured success of the athletic park to be built at once. With over \$100,000 of the \$120,000 needed now subscribed there is no longer any question about the balance or about the park. The city of La Grande will have by far the most up-to-date track grand stand, bleachers, park and recreation facilities of any city in Eastern Oregon.

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CALLAHAN TELLS OF A REMARKABLE PLAY.

There have been a lot of stories written about the freak plays of Ty Cobb and other stars, but nothing they ever did in that line compares with the feat of Frank McNichols, according to Jimmy Callahan. Callahan told of it recently.

Call was one day playing short for the Logan Squares, with McNichols on first. Owens was umpiring in the center of the diamond and had unwittingly dropped a ball. Chick Fraser, who was pitching, sent a fast one to the batter. He hit it. The ball jumped by Fraser on the ground and hit the lost ball behind the box. The hit ball jumped to Callahan at short, and the other ball went to third, where the player there corralled it. Both fielders tossed fiercely to first base, where Frank McNichols was stationed. Callahan's throw was wide and to the right of the first baseman. The third baseman's throw was low and to the left of the playing line. McNichols got them both.

Baseball—The National Game.

Almost overnight a change has come over the game that we are proud to call the American national sport, and baseball as it will be played with the cork center ball during the coming season, will be a more interesting pastime for both players and spectators than the game we knew of years ago, when almost any kind of equipment seemed to be good enough. The cork center ball has rescued baseball

from the danger which was just becoming apparent to those who have been watching its development: for 35 years past, the danger of getting it just a little too machine-like; the pitchers' battle looked good in print as explained by the baseball scribe but did it look as good to the spectator? Wouldn't he have rather seen a couple of base hits and perhaps a two or three bagger, if not indeed a smashing home run? Would the pitchers' battle bring him back to see another game, or the contest where there was plenty of hitting and base running?

The cork center makes a ball that is just a trifle livelier than the old style ball and it makes a ball that will hold its life right through the game. Taking an old style ball that might stay in play for nine innings would find it very brisk for the first three, then it would slow up for the next three, and the last third of the game we weren't sure just what was the matter, but we always imagined the players were a little tired. The ball was dead and the game slowed up, but with a cork center ball it stays lively right through.

NOTED RUPTURE EXPERT COMES

Seelye, Who Fitted the Czar of Russia, Will Be at the Geisler Grand Hotel, Baker City.

F. H. Seelye of Chicago and Philadelphia, the noted truss expert, will be at the Geisler Grand hotel and will remain in Baker City Tuesday only April 16th. At the Pendleton hotel, Pendleton, Wednesday and Thursday only, April 17th and 18th. Mr. Seelye says: "The Spermatic Shield Truss

as now used and approved by the United States government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate relief, but closes the opening in 10 days on the average case." This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery or harmful injections. Mr. Seelye has documentary references from the United States government, Washington, D. C., for your inspection. All charity cases without charge or if any interested call, he will be glad to show the truss without charge or fit them if desired. Anyone ruptured should remember the date and take advantage of this unusual opportunity.
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