

TRI-STATERS' MEET IS NEAR

MOGULS TO GATHER HERE FOR DISCUSSION.

Future History of the League to Be Shaped Next Month Here.

Future history of the Western Tri-State league which was organized last year with Boise, La Grande, Pendleton and Walla Walla as the four teams in it, will be determined at a meeting of the moguls in this city next month. There are half a dozen exigencies that may arise, but that La Grande will have a berth in the club, be it either four, six or eight-team plans, is generally believed. The severe cellar foulings of the past year have not discouraged the fans, and if some suitable league can be rigged up with a bolster up bunch of Pippins who will keep La Grande out of the pit, there is every indication of a permanent Western Tri-State league.

Just what will be done is problematical of course, but in any event the entire situation will be gone over and thoroughly discussed at this meeting some time in January.

LOSS OF LIFE IN TWELVE YEARS.

The number of gridiron fatalities and injuries in each of the past twelve years is shown in the following:

	Killed.	Injured.
1901	1	74
1902	1	106
1903	4	63
1904	14	275
1905	24	300
1906	14	150
1907	15	165
1908	11	304
1909	39	210
1910	22	499
1911	14	175
1912	11	153

FOOTBALL SEASON'S TOLL. DEATHS AND INJURIES.

Following is a table showing the number killed and injured in football during the present season:

Killed	11
Injured	181
Fractured legs and ankles	12
Spinal injuries	32
Kicked in head	4
Fractured shoulders	4
Major lacerations	17
Fractured ribs	9
Fractured arms	10
Broken hands and wrists	6
Facial injuries and cuts on head	5
Spinal injuries	2
Fractured vertebrae	8
Broken jaw	4
Skull fractured	1
Fractured skull	1
Fractured hip	1
Skull fractured	1
Skull fractured	1
Skull fractured	1

SOME 1912 FOOTBALL STARS



DEVORE



GILLETTE



BRICKLEY



BOMIESLER



THORPE



KETCHAM

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HELPED MAKE FOOTBALL HISTORY.

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SOME STARS WHO SHONE ON GRIDIRON.

Y. M. C. A. IN ASCENDENCY

BY J. H. RUDD,
(Secretary La Grande Y. M. C. A.)
We wish for the readers of this column a very Merry Christmas. The people of this city should indeed be happy on this Christmas day. The best people in the world, living in the best city in the eastern part of the best state in the union; why shouldn't you all be cheerful? Again we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

To carry on the work of a Y. M. C. A. without equipment adequate to the

needs of a city is no small task. During the past six months La Grande has been carrying on this work under these conditions. Through the summer months, all out of doors furnished a big field for activities. The Twilight Baseball league proved a most interesting feature for the men. The swimming classes at Ora Dell were always popular. Several boys learned the art of self navigation in the water and others improved in that same art acquired at some earlier period. Many hikes have been

FRESHMEN ARE HOPE BOLSTERS

STRONG COMBINATION OF TOS-
SERS ARE OUT.

La Grande's Chief Failing Stands to Be Remedied Immediately.

La Grande's high school athletics have one branch that now stands to become proficient in the greatest sense of the word. That is basketball.

In all departments of athletics the local institution has always been retarded and hampered with athletes who "have not played together."

Stars have cropped out here and there but seldom, if ever, have there been consistency in this respect and the sheepskin route has been disastrous every year instead of occasionally. However, La Grande has a group of freshmen basketball players who are destined to make things hum if they stay together four years they will be unbeatable in high school in two more years. There are enough in the class to turn out two teams of excellent players and five of the star type, as soon as they get the rudiments drilled into them more thoroughly. The coming year is about on a par with other years—the team will not likely be Eastern Oregon champions, but this is about the last year one can admit such a condition; provided these same freshmen stay with it.

The outlook for 1913 is not gloomy by any means, but the formidable teams from over the Blue mountains must be met, and that is always a titanic task. Yet the encouraging fact remains that there are nearly a dozen freshmen in the contest for places that already have more than the customary amount of gift at the great indoor game.

One reason why La Grande's material to draw upon for athletes in the high school is the very pertinent one of contemporaries. Baker and Pendleton have the entire country to draw from as, until recently, there has never been competition in either county. La Grande for years has not had the county but its home district at Union, Cove, Elgin and even Island City, and now Imbler and North Powder have had their own institutions. The result has been customarily mediocre material in each of the schools.

The Y. M. C. A. team will soon be formed and active practice commenced. That branch of the Y. M. C. A. combined with the high school games should give a fine assortment of games for the city this year.

taken to points from two to 12 miles from the city. These hikes have given to the boys taking part muscle, endurance, self reliance and good all-around wholesome pleasure. The camp held for one week on Catherine creek above Union gave a few boys only a taste of what a boys' camp can do. We made the best of the short week, in fishing, playing, cooking, eating, hill climbing and sleeping. This winter the Scouts are working on the things which will elevate them in rank and make them more valuable under any circumstance. The Sunday afternoon big sing and men's meeting is supplying a need among the men of the city. It has always been an hour well spent. The gymnasium work, though not complete, is giving the boys a chance for physical development under proper supervision. Finally, the men of the city who have so liberally donated to the support of this Y. M. C. A. work, are beginning to see some results. More interest is being shown than has ever been shown before.

Of course our great stumbling block is the lack of a well equipped Y. M. C. A. building. If any city ever needed such an institution La Grande is that city. The business men need it. The railroad men need it, and by their demonstrations of the past few days they are interested enough to help secure it. Then last, but far from least, the boys of La Grande need it. Someone has well said: "What doth it profit a city if it gain high rank in the state as a commercial center but loses its own boys?" Or, "Does La Grande need a Y. M. C. A.?"

The State Work.
L. B. Rhodes, state Y. M. C. A. secretary, spent a part of last Friday with us. At noon he lunched with the board of directors and in the evening addressed the general Scout meeting at the Y. M. C. A. He reports activity in all of the associations in this state and in Idaho. In speaking of the big state convention which is to be held at Forest Grove January 10 to 13 he said, "It would be a splendid thing for La Grande to have some of her men at this convention."

The general secretary has been assisting in the state work for a few days, in a hurried trip through Eastern Oregon, advertising the Boys' conference which is to be held at Payette, Idaho, Dec. 27-29. It is a fact, hard to face, that the churches of this city are entitled to so few delegates to this conference. Can the church not interest the boys as they enter the most important years of their lives? This is indeed a problem which should be solved. Let us get together and work it out.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 2nd day

AN EXPONENT OF THE BEST HOCKEY.



Throughout the middlewest and the eastern colleges ice hockey is a midwinter sport that is exhilarating and exciting. "Hope" Baker, Princeton's gladiator, is one of the greatest in the game and captains his college team.

of October, 1912, creating improvement district No. 75 and designating Washington avenue (north side) as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 11th day of December, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all of Washington avenue in said improvement district, as hereinafter described, by constructing cement sidewalk, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows.

All that portion of the north side of Washington avenue, from the east curb line of Spruce street to the west curb line of Cherry street.

All the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:
All of lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, block 7; lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 6, Coggan's addition to La Grande; lots 4, 5 and 6, Blumenstein's sub-division block W, Coggan's second addition to La Grande; lot 11, 12, block 6, Coggan's second addition to La Grande; the south half of block V, Coggan's second addition to La Grande.

Notice is hereby given that the council will levy a special assessment for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$1085.15. That the council will, on the 31st day of December, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, December 19th, 1912.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

BY N. J. MANSAGER,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
12-19-12

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank will be held at their banking rooms in the city of La Grande, Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.

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