

# "Y" TEAM IS ORGANIZED

### WILL PLAY HIGH SCHOOL FIVE TOMORROW.

#### Proceeds to Revert to the Y. M. C. A. Funds—New Players.

Since the employment of Ed Warner as physical director of the Y. M. C. A. interest in the institution has vastly increased and one of the direct fruits is the organization of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team (senior) introducing La Grande's best stars and one or two new ones. The team has been organized and makes its debut tomorrow night against the high school quintet. All the proceeds of the Y. M. C. A.'s share goes direct to the Y. M. C. A. funds which are depleted under the purchase of equipment and the employment of an instructor. The city's team will be represented in the Y. M. C. A. team. Larsen, a recent arrival from Salt Lake, is captain and is touted to be all that a star is required to be and his team's announcement has been tentatively given out as follows: Forwards, Larsen and Lindsey; center, V. Bean; guards, Woods, Lottes or Star. This combination should rip off the best kind of basketball and the little shavers from the school of learning will have their hands full. The game is called for 8 o'clock and as it is the home production proposition entirely and gives the Y team its first introduction to La Grande fans this winter the crowd will no doubt be large.

## BIG BRUSH FOR NIMRODS

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to transmit the scores between competing teams makes the proposition up to the minute in every respect. Gus Peret, the Peters Ammunition company agent in this territory is working up Eastern Oregon in the scheme, and other cracks are already lining up Southern and Western Oregon. Yesterday the officials of the La Grande Gun club entered into the league and it is believed that matches will be started by the last of February.

**No Travel Necessitated.**

Expenses of the league will be minor as there will be no traveling expenses. The scores are tabulated

by a general headquarters staff in Portland but the individual shoots will be governed by one man in each town. The competing teams need not necessarily shoot the same day. For instance: Medford's club shoots on Friday; La Grande is matched against Medford and on Friday the Medford club holds its shoot and the score is sent both to La Grande and to headquarters. On the following day or on Sunday, whichever day La Grande adopts as a shoot day, her score is established and the winner determined. In this way the match is shot off, each team under a competent and fair judge, but being several hundred miles apart. Both teams might shoot on one day.

### High Five Count.

There is no limit to the number of men that may shoot for each club. In Portland 100 may be out at each shoot and in La Grande 40 or 50, but only the five highest scores in each club are recorded. Each contestant shoots 50 birds, making a total of 250 birds in each match.

"La Grande, Baker and Pendleton are going to give the western half of the state an awful run for their money," said Mr. Peret last night after receiving warm support for his plan from the local club. "Portland and Eugene have stiff teams and interest is keen but there will be no denying that La Grande and other Eastern Oregon towns are going to cut considerable mustard" in this race. The league will continue until each team has shot against every other team."

### Trophies Are Many.

Trophies of exceptional merit will be hung up by the Dupont, Peters Winchester and U. M. C. people. The shooting will start late in February and the league will be composed of Portland, La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, Camas, Vancouver, Salem, Eugene, Albany, Roseburg, Ashland and Medford.

## ELIMINATE OPTION CLAUSE

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mercial club, but about the time that Queensbury rules of order were superceded Roberts', the other directors took a hand and diplomatically postponed this matter until a later date. Once through the turbulent directorship squall, placid discussion prevailed.

The meeting finally agreed to meet at Boise February 7-8 at which time the clubs must have their forfeits of \$500 posted, and Baker and North Yakima be ready to enter the league if they wish to obtain franchises. If neither or but one come to the front, the league will remain at four clubs.

Publicity Manager O'Gorman of Baker is hopeful of bringing the Baker fans into line and it is very evident that North Yakima is already as good as in. It appears to be up to Baker to say the word that means a six or a four-club league.

The schedule for the coming season will be made up at the Boise meeting. This cannot be done until the matter of the membership in the league has been determined, of course.

Actual playing season for the coming season was fixed as being from April 22, the opening of the September 14th. Because the clubs weathered through the winter there was considerable discussion on the general feeling prevailing among the delegates was that the coming season will be more firmly built than ever, that better players will be obtained, the finances become firmer and prestige greater than ever; in fact, the future was indeed bright to the moguls.

With little ado the optional player agreement was stricken from the by-laws. Last year the league worked three optional players possible for under an amendment which made each club, but this year there will be none of this. Elimination of the optional players was attained with no words spoken in the agreement's favor.

In one instance the salary was lowered and in another raised. The secretary draws down only \$75 during seven months instead of \$125, and the umpires may receive \$200. The umpire question was discussed at length, however, and the added price is believed to be a paved roadway to for better umpires than were picked up last year.

### Notes of the Meeting.

The re-election of Sweet brought forth explanation of several of his acts last year. He said yesterday that he was lenient with players in the matter of suspension and fines, but would be more stringent this year, adding that he feared to use hammer and tongs last year on account of the welfare of the club. He evidently did not consider that phase of it, however, in his notorious Hap Smith decision of last summer and copious others. However, the chances are that Sweet will administer the administrative rule with the same severity on all club in the league this year.

In the election of Brown the league manifestly got a good secretary. The O'Keefe joke of last year was cause for comment frequently. Secretary O'Keefe takes the plum no doubt, but Brown, we predict, will be the most conscientious official in the crowd.

"Bill" Bossner recited how he broke the news to the meeting of all league managers at Milwaukee, Wis., this winter, that there was a Western Tri-State league, outside of McCredie and Dugdale, none knew of it.

How Cohn of Spokane "jobbed" Walla Walla last year was told by Director Crawford. The Tri-State officials were astounded last fall to find that Walla Walla had broken the optional player agreement by taking five "farms" from Cohn. This became known with Farrell's official bulletin. The way Cohn pulled the wool over Roll Brown's eyes was something akin to financing a la Morgan. It was explained, however, by Crawford that Walla Walla did not intentionally violate the agreement.

Grant Lincoln seconded the motion placing Sweet in nomination for the presidency and in that way "Turned the other cheek to be smitten" to Sweet for past deeds done. Lincoln and La Grande didn't get the best of the deal last year but Sweet will probably remember that Lincoln voted for him for president in 1913. However, the local director can no longer complain of Sweet's treatment, consistently.

### Mrs. Gore Recovering.

After several days of severe suffering from an injury sustained in a fall Mrs. Charles Gore, living on North Second, is able to be about with the use of crutches. She threw her ankle out of joint with very painful results.

### LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

Two year old pointer dog, solid liver color, white muzzle, chest and paws. Small white tip on tail. Answers to name of Dick. Reward \$50. J. Stange.

## VETERAN GOLD MINER DIES

Baker, Jan. 21.—The Herald said last night:

David Littlefield, the last survivor of the discoverers of gold in this county and one of the most remarkable and most widely known pioneers of this section of the state, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Holloway, on Elm street, at 1 o'clock.

He had been sick for the past week but was not considered seriously ill and had been thought to be improving. Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock he ate a hearty dinner but did not feel any ill effects till about 3 in the afternoon. Later he went to bed and save for a short time when he got up to have his bed remade, never got up again. Upon his returning to his resting place and without the least warning and apparently little struggling, he died before he could even say a word of farewell.

Perhaps in the West there was a more eventful life than Mr. Littlefield's. Born in Stockholm Springs, Maine, on September 27, 1829, he has practically been one of the exemplars of the "familiar quotation" "Westward the course of empire takes its way," ever since. When about 12 years old the home life of this adventurous boy became irksome and he took his first move toward the west. He enlisted as a sailor on the Penobscot river and after an apprenticeship there and on the sea he was urged on by the glowing tales of California gold strikes and took passage around Cape Horn to California in 1849.

Once in the golden west Mr. Littlefield entered into the great and exciting search for gold which he never really ceased to have interest in to the time of his death. After a few years he joined a party of miners and migrated to the Fraser river in northern Canada where he spent one season, then came to Portland.

From Portland it was only a step into Baker county and in 1861 he joined another party of 60 miners upon the evidence of a certain leader who claimed to have discovered the rich "Blue Bucket" diggings here. Of all that troupe, he with his partners and discoverers of gold in this county, Henry Griffin, after whom Griffin Gulch is named, G. W. Striver and Henry Stafford braved the hardships of an Eastern Oregon winter with few provisions. Their work finally resulted in the once famous camp of Auburn.

In this place in 1871 he married Mrs. Mary Anna Nuttman and later took up a ranch near Auburn where he reared his family and lived till about 12 years ago when he moved to Baker. He became a stockraiser as well as a miner. Mr. Littlefield is survived by his wife who is now 74 years old, his daughters, Mrs. V. D. Holloway of this city and Mrs. Eva Holloway of Seattle and a son, Rufus Littlefield of Auburn.

John Parkison of Portland and C. E. Grant of Baker are stepsons and Josephine Alexander of Baker, a stepdaughter. There are also 32 grandchildren and a brother and a sister of Maine.

### AGED MAN ENDS LIFE

#### Muddy Creek Man Retires and Then Shoots Himself.

Haines Jan. 20.—(Special)—James Warfield, who has lived in this vicinity nearly 25 years, committed suicide by shooting in his home near Muddy Creek last night. No cause for the act can be found.

He lived alone in part of a house on a small ranch, a Mr. Wincoff occupying the other part. Wincoff heard the old gentleman retire and soon afterward heard the shot. When he reached the old man Warfield was dead and the firearm told the tale. Warfield's wife died some time ago and he had three grown sons, each of which spent part of his time with him.

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Tomorrow he will tell you about the advantages peculiar to real estate investments, and will also describe several exceptional offers.

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**Italians "Steal" Woman.**

New York, Jan. 21.—Prof. William Mansfield, head of the college of pharmacy of Columbia university, is alarmed over the reports that his wife has disappeared from Salerno, Italy. He said he heard from his wife four days ago.

Rome, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Mansfield has disappeared. The police insist on the theory that brigands are holding her for ransom and that the husband will soon receive the demands of money or suffer the loss of his wife.

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This work can be done during spare moments. Checks for services will be mailed each month.

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