

PREMIUM FOR MAGPIE TOLL

WING, FIN AND FLEETFOOT CLUB CAMPAIGN ON.

All Members Urged to Compete With \$5.00 at the End of Year.

Premium has been placed on the life of magpies and the war of extermination commenced soon after the the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club was

started in this city at the beginning of the year, has assumed a cash basis. Where before the many members of the club were duty bound to kill every magpie they find when hunting, there is now a \$5.00 premium ready for the person who kills the greatest number of the preying, carnivorous bird between now and December first. At the regular monthly meeting of the club last night a prize of \$5.00 was hung by one of the prominent members of the club in the magpie "contest." Those who enter the chances for the reward at the end of the year have but to present the heads of the "demised" magpie to Secretary A. A. be given.

Some nations have not yet recognized the new Mexican government. When the rebels get through with it, perhaps nobody will be able to recognize it.

LONGANECKER IN TROUBLE.

Former Tri-State Ump Takes Case to Farrell.

George Longanecker, who worked part of last season in La Grande as an umpire in the Western Tri-State, is having troubles. He has become mixed up with the Union association, and has taken his case before Secretary Farrell. Indications are that the decision in the matter will not be a baseball precedent.

The Sporting News comments editorially on the Longanecker case as follows:

Organized baseball has held that an umpire is bound by his contract and that in effect he is held under the reserve rule the umpire now cries tit for tat and will seek a ruling that he has the same rights as the player since he is under the same obligations. At least that seems to

be the idea in the complaint filed with Secretary Farrell—or to be filed, according to Umpire George Longanecker's announcement—though just what sort of a ruling the umpire seeks is not quite clear.

Umpire Longanecker, it appears, accepted terms or had his terms accepted with or by President Lucas of the Union association late last year, for the season of 1913. Then President Lucas died and Mr. Mulroney was named as the head of the league in his place. In dealing with his umpires, President Mulroney notified Longanecker that he would have to take a cut of \$50 a month under the agreement with Mr. Lucas. Longanecker objects and appeals to Secretary Farrell, but whether he wants the full sum in his contract and a chance to work under it or wants himself declared a free agent because of the cut, is not clear at the moment. Perhaps, when the papers are passed upon by Mr. Farrell we shall know what he is driving at and also have a decision as to whether the umpire has any rights—something that no one ever thought of admitting before.

LA GRANDE BOY PROSPERS

Lytton Ivanhoe Promoted to Position of Trust With Big Commission.

Lytton Ivanhoe, a La Grande boy for the past year or more located in government service in Panama, has been named reporter to an international commission consisting of two eminent Americans and two equally prominent Panamanians, who will settle claims on land adjacent to the pond and within the canal zone which the government does not, at the present time, own but wishes to acquire for military purposes. In addition to being the official reporter for that commission, which occupies the finest offices in the palace at Panama, and holds its hearing in the asamblea nacional—corresponding to the American congress—he is private secretary to one of the best known men on the commission. This man is professor of political science at the university of Pennsylvania, when not trotting the globe on matters of importance to the state department. The position, in addition to an increased salary, places the young La Grander close to affairs of international importance and throws him in contact with men of national reputation. He is soon to have a three months' leave of absence on full pay.

These interesting facts were received by Mr. Ivanhoe's mother, Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe, this morning in a letter from her son.

OREGON GRANTS VOID.

Judge Wolverton Holds That Railroad Has Lost Title to Vast Areas.

Portland, April 29.—Federal Judge Wolverton today announced forfeiture of over 2,000,000 acres of land in Oregon and California included in government grants in 1866 and 1872, to the Oregon-California railroad because of failure on the part of the company to comply with terms of the grant.

The decision came when attorneys for the railroad decided not to argue the case, which will be appealed to the federal court of appeals at once.

MEXICAN OFFICERS RELEASED

Washington Orders Release of Huerta Lieutenant at San Diego.

San Diego, April 29.—General Pedrojoeda, commanding the Huerta federals in Northern Mexico, and his 20 aides, arrested by United States troops, were released today on orders from Washington. They will board a steamer tonight for Ensenada, from whence they will proceed to Guaymas presumably to join the federal army in that part of Sonora.

BIG MEET SATURDAY

Eastern Oregon Scholastic to be Held at Pendleton This Week.

Rain and snow combined have made track and field training by local school athletes impossible this week and the La Grande squad will go to the annual Eastern Oregon scholastic at Pendleton next Saturday with no more rounding out preparation than had been attained last Saturday. Just

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how they will go or just when they will go is undecided, for the reason that if preliminaries are held in the morning, a customary necessity, the team must leave at midnight, breaking their rest before a hard day's work. Coach Olson is now laying plans for the best hour of departure and making the personnel of the team.

"BOX OF MONKEYS" FRIDAY

Seniors to Essay Comedy Roles in Frolicsome Class Play.

Next Friday evening the first school year-end festivity of the graduating class will be presented by sheepskin seekers. It is a three-act comedy full of humor and amply filled with opportunity for the amateur actors to give full vent to their capabilities. It promises to be one of the best attractions of its sort in local high school history.

DUCHESS ILL AGAIN

Second Abdominal Operation Performed on Duchess of Connaught.

London, April 29.—A second abdominal operation was performed on the Duchess of Connaught last night. She is the wife of the governor general of Canada, and is in a critical condition. She was operated on only a few weeks ago.

BRYAN-WILSON.

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wouldn't recede from the stand he and his administration has taken. It was declared pressure of public opinion in the state called for such a law, excluding Japanese, in such strong terms that Johnson simply couldn't resist whether he wished to or not.

Unless Wilson can set forth some stronger argument than Bryan has yet presented, there is hardly a doubt but that action directed almost exclusively against the Japs will be taken by the California legislature.

PARKISON EXPOSE

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ments at the state university. Following this, steps will be taken "to prohibit the legislative assembly from making appropriations for the col-

lege, university, or other schools of higher learning, and to abolish the laws passed by the legislature appropriating by direct millage tax, funds for the Oregon Agricultural College and the University." Following this campaign of destruction will come a move to consolidate the two institutions under a single board of regents and "to provide for the maintenance of a school so consolidated by a direct mill tax the rate of which will be determined later and may possibly be set higher than that of the existing maintenance bill."

This is the new plan of destruction and of economy urged by those who are setting the referendum machinery in action on \$175,000 for the state university.

Many good citizens are wondering how frequently we shall allow the dictation in educational matters, of a man who is suspected of malice of blackmail, of being the tool of the enemies of the initiative and the referendum, a man who has been discredited in the eyes of the state by frauds of which he could not have been ignorant. Many good citizens are asking how long Oregon is to be advertised as a state that hampers and cripples its educational interests through the very measures for which it has become famous. Many good citizens who have watched the university struggle four times through a referendum fight on its appropriations are declaring that in this, its fifth fight, it shall not fight alone. And those who believe in a process of reconstruction by building from and upon the old, and not by an utter wiping out of the old, are lining up with the forces that support the university.

Not the least of the serious objections to invoking the referendum is the expense to the state of the special election in November which involves. This has been estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The adverse advertising given to the state will be emphasized by the fact that this will be the only state holding an election this fall. Oregon calling upon its electorate to express itself on an appropriation of \$175,000 for its state university and on a dentist bill to which few give any interest, will be a spectacle indeed to which the eyes

of the whole country will turn. Already have Senator Bailey and others found opportunity to warn their states against measures of such democratic nature as the referendum, which have been invoked in Oregon chiefly to cripple institutions that other states cherish with pride. And those men and communities are campaigning for their thousands to advertise Oregon will need to increase their activities and their funds ten fold and more or cease entirely, for a state that is not ready to give its people, young and old good educational advantages can not hope to draw good citizens from other states.

That the ultimate purpose of a union of the state university and the agricultural college enters into the consideration of this referendum on the university appropriation, leads to confusion. The question of consolidation is one that should be fairly and squarely put, to be considered only after a careful investigation of the conditions in other states from which we may learn much, and a careful consideration of the investigations of commissions and committees appointed for that purpose. In such a consideration it is necessary not to lose sight of the fundamental difference in function and purpose of the agricultural college and the state university. The one has its mission of training for the development of the agricultural and industrial life of the state, placing the emphasis on the growth of commercial power. And well has the Oregon Agricultural College taken up its mission and well may the people of the state feel pride in it. But equally clearly marked and equally clearly important is the mission of the other, that of training men and women for the profession, for clear sighted civic and social service, for developing the spiritual and ideal forces that form the background against which is placed our civilized commercial life. And well, too, has the University of Oregon taken up its mission, as witness the men and women of high character and noble purpose who, whether in the home, in the school, or in public life are making real ideals of the "new politics" in our commonwealth. Of those men and women the state has reason to feel proud.