

SCHOOLS PUT STANDARDS UP

REVISION OF ATHLETIC RULES MADE SATURDAY.

Absolute Requirements in Academic Work Made Clear.

EPITOME OF NEW ATHLETIC RULES.

- Post graduates barred.
- No age limit.
- Four year rule required.
- Three studies must be passed at the beginning of each month.
- Fall-terms stricken out.
- Court of appeal of three appointed.

Athletes of Eastern Oregon are to be rigidly put through academic courses hereafter. Radical action to make academic standing in all high schools stiff and binding on all branches of athletics was taken in this city Saturday afternoon and evening when principals and coaches of Eastern Oregon high schools—at least the principal ones—met here to devise better means of controlling athletics and to revise and revive the old Eastern Oregon Athletic association. Not only is the institution revived but is put on a sound, substantial, reasonable basis, action being taken on all important measures save one—no age limit was agreed upon.

The meditators who were here included A. A. Ashbahr of Pendleton, Roy Conklin of Wallowa, Aubrey Smith of Union, J. F. Elton of Baker, and Chas. A. Olson of La Grande. All schools in Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Malheur and Baker counties, either are now or can by special application become members of the association and are governed thereby.

Radical Changes Made.
An executive committee of three shall act as the board of appeal and shall be the governing body. Prof. Olson of La Grande, is chairman of this committee, Prof. Ashbahr is secretary-treasurer and Prof. Conklin is the third member. All disputes will be put before this board for adjudication.

The four-year rule was adopted and will be rigidly enforced it is said. This means four years under high school colors, and will be a severe blow to the smaller schools of the district, especially.

Athletes cannot play football, or participate in any sport for a portion of a semester, and drop out, with the intention of re-entering school the next fall. A whole semester of regular academic work is required of all students to be eligible to enter athletics again.

The definition of a bonafide student was placed at three regular studies at the beginning of each school year. The most drastic measure in the whole set, requires that "to be eligible, a student must have passing grades in three subjects at the beginning of the school year. If he has failed to pass in three studies at the beginning of any month, he cannot participate in that month, but must wait until he can show a clean record for the month previous."

No post graduates can play in any games.

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Outrageous Fortune.
Rastus was sorely wounded. From his face gore flowed in rivulets, and in the outer covering of his substantial head there were sundry gashes and openings. He had been the victim of a brutal assault.

The physician who treated him for his wounds was sympathetic. "Great heavens," he said. "Somebody has beaten you up in a terrific manner. You must have been hit at least nine or ten times."

"But ain't no joke," said Rastus, who was still trembling. "I don't believe I was able to get out ob de way anything dat wuz throwed at me."

"Then you ought to learn a lesson from it," suggested the doctor. "Hereafter you ought to stay far away from people who indulge in this sort of thing."

"Dar ain't no chance," Rastus objected gloomily. "You know, boss, I ain't got de price of no divorce."—Popular Magazine.

Sirius the Mighty.
Writing in the London Times as to the effect upon the earth if the gigantic star Sirius were as near to us as is our own sun. Mr. Scriven Belon says that the change that would overcome land and sky would transcend everything hitherto dreamed of. In the heavens would be poised a brilliant globe twenty-five times larger than the sun appears to us, emitting for millions of miles into space gigantic fire rays and coronal streamers. Bombarded by terrible heat, the earth would become red hot, its atmosphere dissipated, its vegetal covering erased, its ocean basins turned into barren wastes, while iron would flow like water. The distance from us of Sirius, the brightest of the fixed stars, is so great that its rays require eight and a half years to reach us, notwithstanding that light travels 186,300 miles a second. Sirius travels through space at 1,000 miles a minute.

Mot of a Frenchman.
It is rather a cruel fact of history that a large proportion of the early settlers in Australia were convicts and men who had failed to make good at home. Australia was fixed upon by the British government as a suitable spot for its outcasts because of its extreme distance. Although it is now years since the arrival of the last convict ship, Australians are still sensitive about this objectionable use of their country. Apropos, C. E. Jacob, in his book on Australia, tells of an Australian who, in conversation with a Frenchman, wound up a long and boastful harangue on the excellence of his countrymen by saying, "We are the best chosen race in the world." "True," murmured the Frenchman. "You were most carefully chosen by the best English judges."

They Got Their Answers.
When the ship-owning millionaire Sir Donald Currie was asked by a heckler at a political meeting at Greenwich if his father had not been the local barber, he admitted promptly. "It is true—and if your father had been a barber you would have been the same."

When Mr. Lloyd-George, who is proud of his lowly birth and bringing up, was asked a similar question, he scored as swiftly and even more severely. The heckler wisely inquired if he remembered that his grandfather used to drive a donkey and cart. "You will have to forgive me, ladies and gentlemen," Mr. Lloyd-George apologized; "the cart had quite escaped my memory, but I see the donkey is living yet."

No Escape.
Teacher told me at school today: "You forgot everything, Tommy Gray. Whatever I tell you, somehow or other, goes in one ear and out the other." So I've stuffed one ear with cotton tight. I guess things'll stop in my head, all right. —Philadelphia Record.

Expert Testimony.
Gibbs—What do you think of this idea of counting ten before you speak when angry?

Dibbs—Well, I know this that counting out \$10 when my wife is angry has a mighty soothing effect. —Boston Transcript.

An Invitation Accepted.
"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I'm going a-golfing, sir," she said. "May I go with you?" "Yes, dear little, I need some chappie to be my caddie." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Stumped.
Grannie—And what's the matter wif me right leg, doctor? Doctor—Oh, just old age, Mrs. MacDougall. Grannie—Hoos, man; ye're haverin'. The left leg's hale and sound, and they're bathin' the same age.—Punch.

No Place For 'Em.
Young ladies from the room should step. And even old ones hurry on. When John tells what he thinks of Shep. And Shep tells what he thinks of John. —Detroit Free Press.

Officer, Do Your Duty!
"I see where fashionables had a horseback tea in Washington. I wonder if the horses got any of it?" "Oh, I guess each horse there had a bit." —Baltimore American.

RURAL ADVANCE AND AWAKENING

Visions of a Revivified Community Life.

THE FUNDAMENTAL TASK.

Importance of Local Rural Building and the Erection of Strong Units. How This Fundamental Task Can Best Be Forwarded.

The new rural awakening is upon us. New plans are developing. There are new visions of a revivified community life in our rural neighborhoods. There is a keen earnestness in all rural welfare work. The forces of the countryside are gathering for a great forward looking movement, says Kenyon L. Butterfield in the Survey. What shall the new year bring us in our country life campaign? What shall be the chief notes of our rural campaign slogan for 1914?

It is to be remembered that the fundamental task of the rural advance is local rural community building—the gradual erection of stronger community units, founded on better farm practice, securing a fair profit through better farm business and growing mightily ambitious for a better farm life. How can this fundamental rural task best be forwarded in 1914?

First.—Organize local community campaigns in as many neighborhoods as possible. Seek the formation of a community council or federation made up of representatives of all the organizations in the neighborhood that have any interest in the common good—church, grange, women's club, farmers' club, civic improvement society, etc.

Second.—Seek to develop the collective or co-operative method of doing the business of the farm. Farmers can save money by co-operative buying of supplies needed on the farm. It is possible that they can make a larger profit by selling their products in the same co-operative manner. The co-operative plan is spreading. It should not be entered upon hastily, but it promises to render more help to the farmer than does perhaps any other one thing.

Third.—Push the idea of an agricultural high school or of an agricultural department in the public high school. Farming demands educated men and women. The agricultural colleges, neither in the classroom nor in their extension service, can meet the full need. Every boy or girl desiring the equivalent of a good high school education in and for agriculture should have the opportunity of acquiring that training.

Fourth.—Join in the demand for the passage by congress of the Lever bill appropriating federal money to the several agricultural colleges for extension work in agriculture and home economics. This means the democratizing of agricultural education the nation over. It means that the best knowledge gained in agricultural research will be placed at the disposal of the humblest farmer; that a great educational campaign for better farming in all its aspects will be carried into every farming community.

This bill, if enacted into law, promises not only a distinct advance in the agricultural educational field, but indeed a national intellectual uplift of great proportions and significance.

Fifth.—Strive for at least preliminary steps to bring together on a national basis the various agencies that are seeking rural welfare. This is merely the nationalizing of the plan for local rural community building. The many activities and institutions engaged in promoting agriculture should be correlated. The country life movement should be integrated. We should look upon the rural problem as a unity. We should try to solve it on large lines and with solidified endeavor.

Sixth.—Above all, perhaps, try to stir religious forces to new effort in the rural field. The country church faces a crisis. Rural advance is leaving the church behind. But the rural movement must not become materialistic. It can easily be spiritualized. It needs the leadership of that institution that stands supremely for the great ideals of love and brotherhood and service. The rural Sunday school, the rural Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. should be encouraged and strengthened everywhere. We need their point of view, and above all we need their ideals of character building and of community building.

So may the new year set a new standard in all rural life endeavor.

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He then spoke lucidly of the demand for efficiency, which could be shown only when man is a capitalist of abundant health. "The main object of living," said he "is to die happily. To do this, one must live well, and lead a temperate life." He stated that most men do not realize their greatest powers until the fires of indigestion have burned out, that more men dig their graves with their teeth than die in battle, quoting Benjamin Franklin. As a representative of the railroads he stated that safety first could not be realized unless men employed in the operation of trains had clear heads and eyes, maintained by careful living. Not only the unfit should be cared for but primarily should the fit, be conserved and brought to the highest point of efficiency through clean habits of life and an observance of that brotherly love which the Y. M. C. A. provides and teaches, which makes it possible to observe a boundary line of many thousand miles with our Canadian neighbors without forts and soldiery, or war vessels on the Great Lakes. Dr. J. D. Gillilan of Boise then invoked divine benediction. At the time of the cornerstone laying the Y. M. C. A. officials were:

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At the time of the cornerstone laying, the junior board is.—President, Harley H. Richardson, Vice-president, W. C. Wattenburg, Secretary, C. Olaf Groupe, Treasurer, Fritz Lottes.

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