

FIRST GAME INTERESTING

M. I. A. WINS IN SENSATIONAL CONTEST.

Clerks Show Latent Ability and Give Champions Good Run.

Standing of the Clubs.			
	W	L	Pct.
M. I. A.	1	0	1.000
Clerks	0	1	.000
High School	0	0	.000
Shops	0	0	.000

With bushels of undiluted sport and excitement, the La Grande amateur Basketball League made its little bow to the public—and the public in this instance was pretty big numerically, too—at the high school gymnasium last evening. The M. I. A. champs won the game but not without a lively tussle, for the city's former gladiators of high school and club life fame, showed marked vim and pep in their first contest in several years for some of them. At one time toward the close of the first half, the Clerks were in the lead, but were gradually run down and left behind by the sturdy huskies of M. I. A. colors.

No game could be more interesting to watch. The Clerks showed lack of training—they had practiced but two or three times, but notwithstanding at various times fell into the strides they used to play a few years ago, at such times they made things mighty interesting. The well-executed teamwork of the M. I. A. players part was too much however and the Clerks lost their first game.

Instructions issued to officials to nip in the bud any hilarity that might lead to "rough stuff" were rigidly obeyed; two players were chastised severely and took their chastisement like gentlemen. Two things that the league officials have absolutely tabooed is "rough stuff" and argument between officials and players, and the individuals in the league for the most part observe these rules already. The M. I. A. especially has a reputation throughout basketball circles of "sawing wood" when on the floor and letting some one else do the talking.

J. T. Williamson, "prexy" of the Y. M. C. A., tossed up the first ball after making a little introductory speech and the league season was inaugurated. From every viewpoint the first game was so immensely satisfactory in interest, attendance, and brand of playing shown—in fact every thing—that the season looms even brighter than the most sanguine had hoped would be the case.

The score:—

	field goals	free throws	total points
M. I. A.	15	1	31
Clerks	6	5	17

	field goals	free throws	total points
Bolton rf	3	0	6
Dickerson, lf	1	0	2
Hollister, c	1	5	11
Lottes, rg	0	0	0
Robb, lg	0	0	0
Reynolds rf	1	0	2
Totals	6	5	17

Summary—Fouls called: on Clerks, 7; on M. I. A., 8. Referee, Curry; umpire, Williamson; timekeeper, Rosenbaum; scorer, McEachron.

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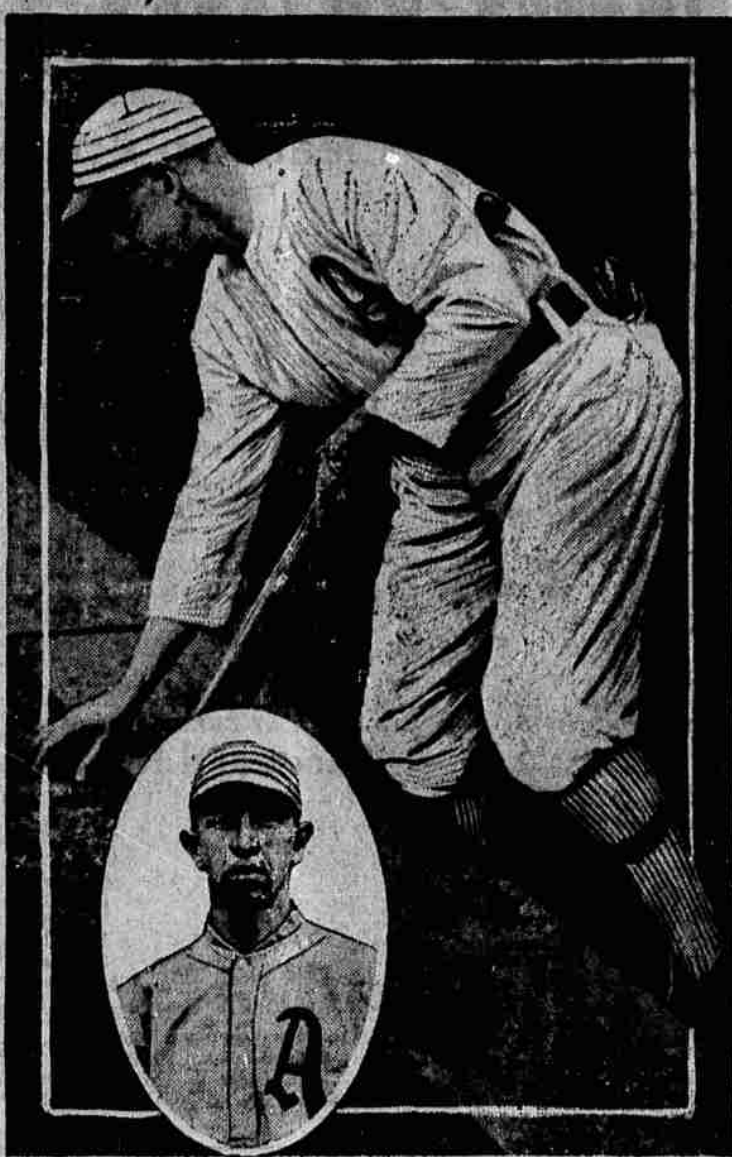
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Eddie Collins, World's Highest Priced Player



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EDDIE COLLINS, recently sold by the Athletics to the Chicago White Sox for a price said to approximate \$50,000, is the world's highest priced ball player. Owner Comiskey says he intends to make the Sox a pennant winner next year if money will do it, and he is in the market for other stars if they can be had. It was thought that Collins would be made manager of the team, but this was not done, and the general belief is that it would have been a mistake to add managerial duties to Collins' work as second baseman. He would probably have fallen off in his playing if he had been called on to direct the team, and it is believed that he can be worth the high price paid for him and the high salary paid to him only by doing his best as a player.

SEEING THE SUN.

A Traveler's Experience Among the Natives of Manchuria.

In "Thirty Years in Mukden" Dr. Dugald Christie tells the following story of an experience that he and the Rev. John MacIntyre underwent on a trip they took from Mukden to the river Yalu, the border of Korea. On their way back they found themselves to ward dusk one day in a sparsely inhabited district several miles from the only town. They reached it by fording a swift river swollen with melting snows and found a poor place, with only one common room and two men as lookers.

"There was neither candle nor lamp, but the end of a tattered rope that hung from a beam was burning, and by the dim light I looked at my watch," says Mr. Christie. "What is that boy?" asked one of the old men. "It tells the time," I answered. "What time? What do you mean by time?" "It shows where the sun is." "Turning to his brother, he asked in a puzzled way: 'But the sun's down long ago. How can he tell where it is?' 'At ya!' said the brother, with awe. He can still see it in the glass. What can these foreigners not do?" "Early the next morning we were astir, preparing to go on. As our horses were being saddled the old man questioned us again: "How far away is your country?" "Many thousand miles." "And did you ride all the way on that horse?"

NEWSPAPERS IN INDIA.

They Seem to Be Run in a Happy go-lucky Sort of Way.

Americans, accustomed to the haste and bustle of our newspapers that are enterprising to a marvelous extent, would be amazed if not exasperated with the papers of India. One of these sheets recently published this explanation:

"This is only the beginning of our paper. We were not sure how much matter was required to fill it up, and, thinking we had sufficient, we did not exert ourselves much to get any more. We therefore beg that our readers will excuse us for the space left blank and promise to do better and get more in the future."

How many subscribers would that paper have in this country? Still more curious was the announcement of a paper that came out with two columns blank, the editor having the cheek to say that a large quantity of exceedingly interesting matter has been left out for want of space.

When the average East Indian editor

wants a holiday he suspends publication until it is convenient to resume and, taking the public into his confidence, informs them plainly why the paper was not issued on the expected dates. "With the consent of our readers we now propose to take our annual holiday. We are sure none of them will begrudge us our relaxation."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Birth of Music.

There are many legends concerning the origin of music, but it is impossible to say which is the oldest. By the old Romans the god Mercury was credited with the invention of music. According to Apollodorus, the belief was as follows: The Nile after an overflow left on the shore a dead tortoise. Its flesh was finally dried up by the hot sun, so that nothing remained in the shell but the cartilages, which, being braced and contracted by the heat, became sonorous. Mercury, happening to be walking that way and striking his foot against the shell, was so pleased with the sound produced that the idea of a lyre presented itself to his imagination. He immediately constructed the instrument in the form of a tortoise and strung it with the sinews of dead animals. And so music began.

The Lost Repeater.

When Monsieur—the first Monsieur at the court of Louis XIV.—discovered at his levee that his watch had been stolen, presumably by one of his valets, he finished dressing hastily and, addressing them all, said: "Gentlemen, the watch strikes. Let us separate as quickly as we can." What a tact and flash were here!

The spirit of Monsieur was admirably caught by the French gentleman of the time who, attacked by robbers at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, simply observed: "Sir, you have opened very early today."—Cornhill Magazine.

Domestic Problem.

First Modern Parent—Aren't your two children something of a problem? Second Modern Parent—Yes, indeed! They go away to school for thirty-eight weeks, to camp for ten, and that leaves four whole weeks when I don't know where to send them.—Life.

Sense of the Practical.

"The Romans had a strong sense of the beautiful," remarked the student. "Yes," replied Mrs. McJudley, "but they wasn't practical. For instance, those Roman candles was very pretty to look at, but they wasn't much good to read by."—Washington Star.

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