

LEADERSHIP NOW AT ISSUE

TOP AND BOTTOM TEAMS WILL
BE KNOWN.

Contents This Evening Will Have Important Bearings.

The "Purple Giants" of Echo, who come to La Grande Monday evening will give the M. I. A. the last and final test for the club championship of Eastern Oregon. The Giants are the best exponents of the basket game in their part of the state and only the marvelous "Y" team of Walla Walla can hold them in check.

One thing in connection with the Amateur Basketball league games tonight is certain and that is that one of the two games that now lead the league are going to drop down a peg. The M. I. A. and the high school stand on the perfect score peg of 1000 percent each, but the two teams meet tonight at 8 o'clock sharp and a battle royal is in store. Furthermore, the collar-championship for the week will be determined too, for the Clerks and the O.W. are now tied for the bottom place, and as these two teams meet tonight, one of them is bound to go up and the other down to last place. Therefore these two factors considered, tonight's games should be by far the best of the series thus far, as the outcome will scatter the teams in their standing.

Hollister and Larsen will referee the different games tonight and Prof. Chas. E. Olson will umpire both games.

By HAL SHERIDAN.

(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Feb. 10.—Unless some of the magnates in the National League get chilly feet and start a retrenchment policy at this late hour the old circuit is going to get away from the pole in the pennant fight this year with less shake-ups in the managerial department than it has for several years.

Only two new skippers are noticed collecting their cohorts for the southward trip this season. Pat Moran has taken the place of sorrel-topped Christy Doin at wielding the baton over the Phunny Phils, and Rajah Breshahan, the portly ex-director of the Cubs, is going to take a whirl at the Cubs.

Rajah is no stranger to the National League strategists, if there be such things. His methods were pretty well noised around when he was serving a St. Louis sentence and also while he was with the Cubs last year. Moran is somewhat of an unknown quantity. But looking over the nucleus he has to start with, it doesn't appear as though he were going to put very many straws in the paths of George Stallings, Jawn McGraw and the rest of the crew. The Phils' two mainstays with the stick, Sherwood Magee and Hans Lobert, have been let go in trades to Boston and New York.

His pitching staff from this early viewpoint doesn't look calculated to make other managers green with envy especially when it is considered what backed it up. Grover Cleveland Alexander is, of course the real noise. Rixey and Mayer should prove good men; Demaree is rather an unknown quantity.

Breshahan is more fortunate. He is taking the field with practically the same crowd he worked with last year and one that on paper should be a contender all the way. Pierce, Lavender, Vaughn and Cheney with several others make a pitching staff that can't be sneezed at and the batting and fielding strength is back of it.

Golfers at Pinehurst.

Pinehurst, W. C., Feb. 10.—Crack women golfers from many cities today teed off in the annual three-day women's tourney here.

Dartmouth Hopes for Snow.

Boston, Feb. 10.—Dartmouth athletes were hoping for snow today. Ski jumping is to be a feature of the fifth annual carnival of Dartmouth college Outing Club, which opens tomorrow at Hanover and continues until February 13. Yale and Harvard are considering a plan to follow Dartmouth's lead and establish outing clubs.

Athletic Meet Tonight.

New York, Feb. 10.—The New York athletic club will hold its annual indoor athletic meet at Madison Square Garden tonight.

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When one of your little ones shows symptoms of an approaching cold, give it Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey at once. It acts quickly, and prevents the cold growing worse. Very healing—soothes the Lungs, loosens the mucous, strengthens the system. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your druggist. Buy a bottle today. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Sores.—Adv. All Dealers.

"PARASITES," MOTHER JONES CALLS WOMEN WHO FREQUENT THE COLONY, NEW YORK'S MILLIONAIRE WOMEN'S CLUB.



A Gorgeous Rest Room in Lady Millionaire's Club.

"Mother" Jones, famous woman labor agitator, who has lived in all the mining camps of the west among men who never dreamed of society luxury as it is known in New York, was invited to the Colony Club, the millionaire women's club of New York City, by Mrs. J. Borden Hariman, the woman member of the Industrial Relations Commission, which had recently heard her on labor conditions. The Colony is the richest and most gorgeous women's club in the United States, perhaps in the world. Scores of women worth great fortunes and score more whose husbands have fortunes famous the world over are members.

This is what "Mother" Jones had to say about the club after her visit, and she certainly shocked New York society women:

"I wouldn't live at the Colony club for a million dollars.

"The women who go there are nothing but parasites. They are a lot of d—d cats.

"They wear furs and furbelows and expensive hats. All they own is on the outside of their heads; there is nothing inside.

"Never again.

"When I went in a great big flunky in a gorgeous uniform opened the door for me and set me in the reception room. I felt like a fool.

"There were a lot of women around and I just sat and looked at them. I never saw the equal in my life.

"There they sat and talked of clubs and theatres and clothes and money. Beautiful hats they had on their heads, but that was all. The insides were empty. I could have told 'em about a club that would be better for them."

U.S. HAS SECOND NAVY IN WORLD

WITHERSPOON SAYS PEOPLE
IGNORANT OF STRENGTH.

If War in Europe Last Year or Two
American Navy May Be Largest

By BURTON K. STANDISH.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The American people haven't any more of an idea of what a great navy they have than a lot of monkeys. I don't believe they know that the highest naval officers of the United States who appeared before the house naval affairs committee, declared that we have the greatest navy in the world, excepting that of England, and that we do not need the addition of fifty million dollars worth of ships this year to make it efficient. Instead of listening to these authorities the people read this bunk the naval agitators spread around.

That is what the leader of the "Little Navy" men in the house declared today. "People mistake the idea of 'little navy,'" said Judge Witherspoon, of Mississippi, the leader. "We don't believe in a little navy; we believe the navy the United States now has is adequate for defense purposes and we are opposed to building new ships every year just to give the big corporations more chance to graft."

Discussing the naval appropriation bill now before the house, with its building program of two battleships, 17 submarines and other war vessels, Representative Witherspoon declared that whole program "is a piece of inexcusable extravagance."

"According to the testimony of the best naval authorities in the United States," said Witherspoon, "submarines are the best insurance against hostile attacks. But they also declare that the United States already has an abundance of submarines and all that are necessary for our fleet. We have 50 at the present time. Now most people do not know what submarines are for. I didn't until Captain Sterling, commander of the submarine flotilla, told me. It is not the idea of naval strategists to have submarines at every port. Captain Sterling said all the United States needs is one for each battleship. Submarines, he said, must be used in a fleet to go out and attack approaching vessels before the dreadnaughts come up. It would be useless to have a few submarines scattered in all our harbors because in time of war the harbors can be mined against all hostile attacks."

Witherspoon does not believe the European war has demonstrated any necessity for an increase in our navy. He declared that the highest naval officers who appeared before the house naval affairs committee did not advocate an increase in our forces. He said the new ships are being "shoved" upon the navy department.

"The crowd of naval propagandists made such a howl through the newspapers about an inadequate navy that the house committee has mistaken this for public sentiment," said Witherspoon. "What the house committee

voted is entirely unnecessary."

Witherspoon said that he and his "little navy" followers would all vote against the naval program but he added that anything the committee reported would be carried in the house.

If the European war lasts a year or two more, this southern congressman pointed out, the United States may have the largest navy in the world. He said England has just 37 war vessels, so far, Germany 47 while the other belligerents have lost ships too. "If the United States builds more and more ships every year while the European powers lose more and more every year our navy will soon be the largest in the world. Then the world can point its finger of scorn at the United States for being militaristic."

Witherspoon said he firmly believed that the only reason two battleships a year are built in the United States is that the work upon them is sufficient to keep the largest ship building corporations and the armament plants at work all the year round.

Initiate a Class of 108.

Pondleton, Feb. 10.—With the grand chancellor and the grand keeper of records and seals present to aid in the initiation of a class of 108 candidates next Monday evening promises to be a big occasion for Damon lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias. The above number of applications for membership had been received up to last evening when a membership contest was brought to a close. The lodge had been divided into two teams, one led by Judge J. W. Maloney and the other by J. H. Gwinn. The Maloney team came off victorious.

Dr. A. E. Wrightman of Silverton is now grand chancellor of the order and he is in company with E. R. Stinson, grand record keeper, will be special visitors next Monday when the large class will be initiated.

On Thursday evening of next week the members of Damon lodge and their families will observe the 51st anniversary of the founding of the order with a special meeting in the Eagle-Woodman hall. There will be a program followed by a banquet.

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Wants Complaint Amended.

Baker, Feb. 9.—O. B. McGint, attorney for George W. Wright of the Crabb hotel today filed a motion with the circuit court to strike out certain parts of the complaint of Elizabeth Cogburn Morse, who is seeking to recover \$5560 for alleged personal injuries received while employed as a chambermaid at the hotel in October 1913. The parts of the complaint objected to are those relating to carelessness on the part of the proprietor.

Read the advertisements too.

IMBLER PROUD OF HER SCHOOL

DEMOCRATIC AIR PERMEATES
INSTITUTION.

Next Year Eleventh Grade Work Will
be More Extensive

Imbler, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special).—There is much pride in Imbler over her new schools. City Superintendent W. V. Cosner has the schools well organized and with a teaching staff of five capable instructors, the 130 pupils of the Imbler district are receiving their lessons from the first grade to the 11th with care and precision. True, only one pupil is taking 11th grade work, but there is a considerable group in the 10th. Thirty-two students do high school work.

There is an air of democracy in the Imbler schools. A few days ago an Observer representative visited the schools, and listened and observed. It happened to be just before the afternoon recess. Without rumpus or rowdiness the pupils marched from their respective rooms to the playgrounds of five acres—a remarkably large playground by the way.

Football, baseball, athletic field and even basketball courts are facilities afforded. An adjoining building is decorated with a basket and regulation distance away stands another support with a basket and the pupils play open-air basketball. All the games that can be found on a well regulated and equipped playground will some nearly-day be provided by the school board.

A few of the older pupils remained in the high school room when recess was called. One of their number seated himself at the piano—itself purchased by proceeds from school entertainments—and with clever fingers played "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and other catchy airs, his colleagues in the meantime singing the words with a vim and a spirit. Efficiency served with democracy truly characterizes the school work at Imbler.

The building is a large one, and is ample to give seating room for the rapid growth expected. Next year when the 11th and 12th grades in the high school become realities, the rooms now unfinished will be equipped to meet the extra demands.

Bakerites Pay Taxes.

Baker, Feb. 10.—Payment of taxes is moving along at a little more than normal speed, more than \$8000 having been paid in the first week. Penalties for late payment of taxes will not be inflicted until after April 1. The total amount of taxes to be paid is \$384,413.01, with between 6000 and 7000 taxpayers. Of these 265 have so far paid their taxes for 1914.

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