

PAYETTE TO COME SOON

CHAMPIONSHIP OF BIG AREA IS
AT STAKE.

Winners in Idaho to Combat Winners
in This State.

March 3rd basketball championship over an area extending from the Cascades on the West, to a point well down in Southern Idaho will be fought to a finish and determined in this city. Manager Larsen of the M. I. A., victors of everything in Eastern Oregon by virtue of its victories over Echo and Union, has booked a game with the Payette Y. M. C. A., to be played here March 3rd. Payette has cleaned up everything from Huntington eastward over a large area of Idaho. That game will be the last big club game of the season; although it was generally believed the game tonight with Pendleton high would be the last of the season at home. The Payette game was closed up last evening when the Union Federals agreed to take a dig at the Payette team too. Tonight's game will be played at the "Y" gym, and some fast work can be expected.

Pendleton shoved Union high out of the championship running last evening when she beat Union on her own floor 25 to 22. Union was left far behind in the first half but took a wonderful brace in the second and was bearing down on Pendleton rapidly when the whistle stopped the game.

SPORT AT RANDOM.

Such merchants and businessmen of La Grande as attended the convention in Portland, are "catching on" with hockey. They went to the Portland-Vancouver battle this week, and though Portland was off color, and made a poor showing, the La Grande guests among the 5000 people present got excited "right part." F. L. Meyers, the only one among them really familiar with the game, said on his return that the two teams have skilled players and Mr. Meyers points to the exhibition as conclusive proof that he is justified in talking hockey at every opportunity.

Comparatively few La Grande people have seen Billie Sunday. Last fall a few fortunate ones saw him hop off a morning train in this city and unostentatiously deposit a check with fatness to it to the credit of the Chautauqua association. However, those who know him have been much interested in his religious effort at Philadelphia. The old baseball shark has awakened Philadelphia, the city which, in the eyes of jealous neighbors, has been asleep most of the time since it was founded. Ma Sunday, to whom is due much of his success signs "Billie's" checks.

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 20.—(Special) According to the Pendleton East Oregonian, E. F. Averill, efficient game warden for this county, has been ousted from his position through political influence and the job is to go to W. C. E. Pruitt, private secretary to Senator J. N. Burgess, according to reports generally in circulation here. The move is part of the spoils crusade now underway and is also in-

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"SNOWBIRDS" AT CONEY ISLAND, AND BATHERS AT PALM BEACH.



involved in the fight that has been made against the fish and game commission. Some of those who were against the commission "had it in" for Averill because of the thoroughness with which he enforced the law and they demanded his scalp. Averill resigned in hopes the action would placate these men and thus save the commission. Regarding his action Averill said:

"A very bitter fight has been waged throughout the legislative session against the fish and game commission and the entire game service by those who would like to see it destroyed. I was told by an officer of one of the local organizations of sportsmen that certain members of the Umatilla delegation were taking a leading part in this fight because of their personal animosity toward me. He also told me that if I would step out he believed it would go a long way toward relieving the commission of unjust criticism and would probably save the commission system. Not wishing to jeopardize what I consider the best interests of the sportsmen of the entire state I immediately tendered my resignation to State Game Warden Finley. I received word last evening that my resignation had been accepted."

Among local sportsmen, regardless of partisanship, resentment over the sacrifice of Averill, who is not only regarded as a capable official, but as the only such game official this county ever had. They object to Pruitt because they say he was standing in with the campaign to abolish the commission and so was against the best interests of the sportsmen and the fish and game interests.

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Zero weather in the north cannot keep everybody out of the water, while summer weather in the south permits them to bathe every day. This photograph shows two daring young women in their bathing costumes at Coney Island. "Snowbirds" they call themselves. Nearly every Sunday during the winter there have been such parties, and they have even gone into the water. They said they liked it. In Palm Beach there has been swimming all the year.

WILD RACE IS COSTLY AFFAIR

PENDLETON PEOPLE RUN MA-
CHINES TO PIECES.

Thousand Dollar Wager Settled on
Roads of Umatilla County.

Pendleton, Feb. 20.—Growing out of a rivalry over the merits of their respective automobiles, Henry Rosenberg and Elmer Moore, both prominent young farmers, yesterday evening started one of the wildest races ever run in Umatilla county, for a thousand dollar wager, a race that resulted in the complete destruction of Rosenberg's six-cylinder Franklin by fire, the machine burning up on Yellow-Jacket grade, fifteen miles the other side of Pilot Rock.

By the terms of the wager Rosenberg in his Franklin and Moore in his new Buick were to race fifty miles over rough, wet, mountain roads to Lehman Springs, and Rosenberg, to win the money, must beat Moore to that destination by a full half hour. Each wrote out a check for a thousand dollars and deposited it in the hands of E. L. Smith.

At 5:30 the start was made from Pendleton. Moore took as a passenger Ben F. Trombley, proprietor of the Oregon garage, and Rosenberg took a man by the name of Morton, who works on the John Eggers place. They started at the same time Moore was the first to arrive in Pilot Rock and there waited for Rosenberg. In leaving Pilot Rock the Franklin took the lead, Moore driving a quarter of a mile behind him. Both drove at a high rate of speed over the rough roads. The ten-mile grade up Yellow-jacket hill, a hard test for a car even in the summer, was begun and the two cars had reached a point about 15 miles south of Pilot Rock when the Franklin caught fire. Mr. Rosenberg had two cans of gasoline in the rear seat and thinks that jolting caused one to spring a leak so that the gasoline ran down upon the exhaust and exploded. His engine was running smoothly, he states and he does not think it was overheated.

The burning of the car brought an abrupt halt to the race. Moore, coming up, took Rosenberg and his passenger in with him and brought them

back to Pendleton, leaving the Franklin, which burned up as completely as a car can, in the road. Rosenberg carried \$2000 insurance upon it.

The settlement of the wager has not yet been made. Moore notified Mr. Smith, the stakeholder, this morning that the money belonged to him and Mr. Smith is holding it pending some arrangement between the two principals.

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