

SPORT NEWS

Tonight the Clerks team will have another opportunity offered it to climb out of the cellar, and the high school will have a chance to defeat the M. I. A., in the Amateur Basketball league. With this arrangement of the teams, there should be a double-headed contest of more than the customary interest, for the high school is going like wildfire and is liable to slip a defeat over the undefeated champions. The season is almost over and the three other teams are very desirous of seeing to it that at least one defeat be chalked up against the champions. Then there is the Clerks aggregation which is unusually anxious to win a game, and look upon tonight's contests as a certain vehicle to that end. The games start at 8 o'clock and it can be taken for a dead cinch that that the four teams will be up on their toes every minute of play.

The Spring weather, good roads and the arrival of the new 1915 models of automobiles and motorcycles, have given the motor fever to most every one, and there has been some talk of an organization of a La Grande Motor club. In order not to let the interest in present "Union County Motor club" flicker, by reason of the formation of a new club, Pres. Myers of the county club has called a meeting of all owners and those interested in automobiles and motorcycles Thursday evening at 8 p. m. in the city hall.

The plans on foot at present are not to let the organization of La Grande owners take the place of the Union County club, but to let the new club take up matters which would not be of much interest to owners of the present club who might be living in Elgin, Cove or some of the towns in different parts of the valley, but would be of vital interest to La Grande motor owners.

In order to do the most efficient local work a club should be united it is contended which is not the case of the Union County club, which has directors in all of the towns in the valley at which fact makes a full meeting of directors a very hard matter. At the last public meeting, J. B. Thorsen of Elgin, R. Hutchinson of Union, Fred Kiddle of Island City, Hugh McCall of Cove, J. M. Choate of Summerville, F. L. Myers, A. V. Andrews, P. A. Foley, Fred Halsten and Dr. M. K. Hall of La Grande, were elected as a board of directors for a term of one year. Owing to the lack of interest last year no meeting was held and the directors held over for another term. The club has a paid up membership of 80 owners, all but 16 of which are residents of La Grande and vicinity. The county-wide plan is suitable for county purposes, but not, it is thought, for local affairs.

If it is decided to organize the new club, at the meeting to be held Thursday evening there are many things to come before the members for discussion, such as completing the "Old Oregon Trail" guide posts, which the Union County club has started, the betterment of the roads all over the valley, one road in particular being from La Grande to Kamela, the proposed road to Mt. Emily, and the publishing of a small booklet advertising the many side trips to be taken by tourists passing through Union county.

The Cove bowling team defeated the Class B bowlers of La Grande last evening at the Club alleys. A good crowd of Cove rooters was present and lent their voices to the winning team. This was Cove's debut in the

WIFE WON'T LET "HOME RUN" BAKER PLAY BALL



Mrs. "Home Run" Baker has set her foot down and the great game of baseball will not, in 1915, know the man who, by some fans, is believed to be the greatest batter in it. Connie Mack, manager of the wonderful Philadelphia Athletics, has made the announcement that Baker, urged by Mrs. Baker, will hereafter remain on the farm.

"Frank," said the manager in Philadelphia, "has decided to quit the game for good. No, he's not going with the Federals, nor with any other team. He's just sick of traveling and he wants to settle down for good on his Maryland farm. His wife has been at him for years to quit and it has been a tussle to make him sign each season. I've had to go down to that farm and plead with him. The last time I went down I said, 'Frank, I can't keep on coming down here, sign up for three years,' and he did. That was last year, and he has two more seasons contracted for, but he wants to quit. I shall wish him luck and say O. K."

"The boy isn't dissatisfied. He

doesn't want more money, and he isn't flighty. He just wants to farm and do nothing else, all right. Kopf will miss him, all right. Kopf will play his third sack, but who'll knock the home runs? Baker's letter is splendid; I have nothing but admiration for his attitude, although baseball has lost what will prove to be one of its historic players."

Baker is less than twenty-nine years old and has been a member of the Athletics since 1908. His batting average in that year was .307. He was the hero of both the 1911 and 1913 World's Series with the New York Giants. In 1911 he knocked home runs in two games at critical periods, and in 1913 put the ball over the fence in the opening contest. Last year his batting average was .336 and he made twelve home runs, but, like other members of the team, appeared to be in a slump in the crucial series with the Boston Braves.

bowling game and they made a good showing, spilling 2305 to La Grande's 2258 pins, a difference of 47.

Claycombe of La Grande was high for the night with an average of 182. It would be hard to pick a Cove leader.

The score:

Cove.	Total
N. Conley176	160
T. Conley151	168
F. Miller169	155
L. Carter164	126
B. Conley113	172
	773 781 751 2305
La Grande.	Total
Oliver141	135
Westering123	165
Fayne144	141
Claycomb191	170
Skiff140	151
	739 762 757 2258

The Y. M. C. A. Indian Club class is doing good work, having some 15 members in the class work. Instructor Richardson has announced that he wishes all those who intend to take up this work, to get in before the first of March, as the class will be closed to new members after that date.

The club work requires a systematic lineup of drills, beginning with the more simple movements, and continuing to the harder ones and increasing the exercises in number as the pupils become more and more proficient in the art. The course as outlined comprises three months work, beginning the first of March, and ending the first of June.

The instructor has announced that he will give a pair of the best Gold Medal Spalding clubs to that member of the class who shall have attended 20 classes, or over during the course, and who shall, at that time be best able to handle the work gone over in the three months.

Anyone wishing to join the class may do so by seeing Harley Richard-

son, at the Red Cross Drug store, or by reporting to the class, which meets every Tuesday and Friday night from 6.15 to 7.15.

Last night at the regular meeting of the Business Men's class of the Y. M. C. A., a very interesting game of volleyball was played. This was one of the best games of volleyball played in the Y. Gym. thus far.

Tonight the 7:15 business men's class will hold a meeting and it is planned to have a contest in volleyball as soon as this class is strong enough, with the regular business men's class. The regulars held an extra session Saturday afternoon to initiate indoor baseball. A trial game was staged and all enjoyed the sport very much. This indoor game is very interesting and is soon expected to become popular.

"W. C. E. Pruitt, private secretary to Senator Burgess and recently appointed game warden for Umatilla county to succeed E. F. Averill, will take office on March 1, that being the date upon which Mr. Averill's resignation will go into effect." Pendleton E. O.—Goodbye Ed! You're out of a job, but you held it down while you had, as we East of the mountains view it.

Hans Wagner's Birthday.
(By HAL SHERIDAN.)

New York, Feb. 24.—We will introduce you today, fellow fans, to a middle-aged gentleman of German extraction. Not that you don't know him, for some day, perhaps, February 24 will be a national holiday in his honor, but this is his birthday, and he's still full of pep and good for the game.

John Henry Wagner was the name hung on him by his immediate ancestors but that need not go against him.

Were this a day in the baseball season, with the Pirates at home, it would undoubtedly be "Hans Wagner Day" and draw a big crowd. The famous slugger was 41 years old this morning. He was born in what is now the borough of Carnegie, near Pittsburgh, and since the memory of man beginneth, has been playing baseball.

Wagner still holds title to his laurels as the most valuable ball player that ever lived. He is just as good now as a year ago, at least Fred Clarke says so, and he predicts big things for the Dutchman again this year. Wagner is the only big leaguer who ever recorded a .300 hitting record for 18 years, which is the time he has played in the majors.

When the 1915 season begins he will begin his 19th year, and he confidently expects to help the record. If he goes through the 1916 season, too, Wagner will have rounded out an even score years in the big time circuit, and there is no reason to believe he will slow up before that time.

Attention Horsemen.

Wanted, horses weighing 1300 lbs. and upward. I will be at La Grande stockyards Saturday, Feb. 27, all day. Don't be afraid to bring in your horses if you want the cash as I am here to buy and not to visit.
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