

BIG TENNIS CORPORATION BUYS PERMANENT GROUNDS

CEMENT COURTS WILL BE BUILT

TRACT ON WEST ADAMS PURCHASED BY 20 MEN.

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Tennis received a decisive impetus today when the final act in connection with an ambitious tennis movement that has been afoot here for some time, was consummated. A \$1500 corporation known as the La Grande Tennis club, has been formed and financed, and today title to a tract of close-in land suitable for court purposes, passed into the hands of the corporation.

Two cemented courts will be built hurriedly and play will be possible within six weeks, it is hoped by the promoters.

The land to be utilized by this ambitious association—prone to give tennis a most decisive stimulation in this city—measures 110x130 feet and lies just off Adams avenue, back of the John E. Nielson home, 402 Adams. The desirable tract is now planted to orchard, but the trees are to be removed at once and cement contractors put to work.

Cement Whole Area.
Cement will be placed over the whole fenced-in area, but room for a suitable room for showers, club rooms and lavatories will be provided. This is done by fencing in 100x120 feet, the whole inside to be cemented, and the space which the corporation owns will be provided with shower baths and other suitable arrangements for a country club house. The house may not be built immediately but the court and equipment for tennis is to be constructed at once, and playing is expected before the spring season really opens.

Continuous Tennis Plan.
The cement courts will make continuous permissible, and on few days only last winter were climatic conditions wholly adverse to tennis if the grounds had been suitable, and the cement court will provide these perfect playing facilities.

Return of the incorporation papers is expected momentarily, and business methods are to govern all proceedings. Twenty men financed the project and these 20 include many of the best tennis sharks in the city.

Tournaments Now Possible
Tournaments of all Eastern Oregon

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMP. IS OUT AFTER OTHER TITLES.



NOT SATISFIED WITH THE FEATHERWEIGHT CROWN ALONE, JOHNNY KILBANE IS GOING AFTER OTHER TITLES. HE RECENTLY DEFEATED KID WILLIAMS, BANTAM KINK, AND IS NOW GOING AFTER THE LIGHTWEIGHT.

can now be held on regulation courts in this city, and already there is some talk of branching out this year over last and instead of throwing open the annual tourney to Union county, all Eastern Oregon will no doubt be invited, if plans go through as discussed at this time.

SPORT AT RANDOM.

The Steamer Arabia which recently arrived in New York from Liverpool, carrying the largest mail consignment ever brought from England to the United States brought nearly one hundred inquiries to Dodge Brothers, Detroit, on the new car. Foreign interest in Dodge Brothers car is shown by the great volume of mail and the numerous cablegrams received daily at the Detroit plant from all quarters of the globe.

Lyle Kiddle, of Island City, demonstrated Saturday that he can sprint when he pulled second in the 50 in the inter-class meet at O. A. C. He has been pulling places in handicap meets all spring, but his friends "back home" have been agreeably surprised to learn that under Trainer Doc

Stewart and Captain Lee Reynolds, he is developing a winning gait in the short distance. In view of the fact he is only in his first year, and because he is striving to accomplish something, Kiddle is looked upon as promising material for the varsity squad next year.

Summarizing the automobile news of Wallawa county, the Chieftain at Enterprise says among other things: The automobile fever shows no signs of abating in Wallawa county, but rather is raging more actively than ever this spring. Two carloads of autos have been received at Enterprise already and two carloads more will come in shortly.

The Enterprise Garage brought in the first carload, Maxwell cars. Among the purchasers are S. B. Williamson, White Front livery, S. P. Graham, and Winchester Brothers. The shop at this garage is busy as can be overhauling and repairing.

Rogers brothers received their first carload of Fords last week. All the eight autos in the car was sold before the shipment arrived, and a second carload has been ordered, of which twenty all have been sold. When this second shipment arrives, a third will be ordered.

It is a curious fact that the first

COAST LEAGUE SEASON OPENS

AUSPICIOUS GAMES MARK THE EVENT.

Los Angeles and Portland Cross Bats in the South.

San Francisco, March 30.—Late today the Oakland-San Francisco game was called off on account of rain. Venice-Salt Lake game postponed account of snow.

San Francisco, March 30.—They're off in the Pacific Coast League.

The opening gun in the 1915 baseball season was fired today in three of the larger cities west of the Rockies when the Coast League, one of the larger minor league organizations, got underway. San Francisco, Los Angeles and Salt Lake were the cities where Hot Stove Leaguers were disbanded and the fans came into their own.

Here's the way they lined up: Oakland at San Francisco; Portland at Los Angeles; Vernon at Salt Lake. The usual ceremonies, including brass bands, parades and speeches, preceded the games. And then the fans and fanettes settled down, so far as the Pacific Coast is concerned, to eight months of baseball.

The same old brand of predictions were voiced by the managers of the several clubs.

"Every man on my team is a champion," said "Happy" Hogan, manager of the Vernon Tigers, "and I can't see how they can keep us from annexing the pennant."

The five other managers in the league were to the front with similar statements, but unbiased experts have declared the San Francisco club to be the greatest aggregation of players ever assembled in a minor league. This team was constructed by Harry Wolverton, former manager of the New York Highlanders. Portland and Los Angeles also loom up as contenders.

Several changes have occurred in the Pacific Coast Leagues since the close of the 1914 season. Cal Ewing and Frank Ish, two of the best known baseball men in the country, disposed of their holdings in the San Francisco club to Henry Berry, formerly owner of the Los Angeles club. Berry disposed of his interests in the Los Angeles club to John Powers, son of Alderman Powers of Chicago. After several disastrous seasons, the Sacramento franchise was sold to Salt Lake, one of the best baseball cities in the west. Cliff Blankenship is manager of the "Mormon" team.

automobile brought into the county is still in daily use and passes as a comparatively new car. It was a Ford and was bought by Sam Litch early in July 1909 and later sold to Rogers brothers.

The second car was that bought by E. J. Makin in July, 1913. He sold this also a Ford, to Howard Wagner, who sold it to B. W. Hamilton, who passed it on to F. A. Wagner; then it went to G. M. Gaily, and last winter Everett Hamilton and Ed Kirkland bought it and remodeled the body into a runabout of their own design and construction. They propose making a trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in the veteran this summer.

It is a noticeable fact that nearly all of the purchasers of new cars this spring are farmers. Until this year the cars have been bought chiefly by town people and used largely for pleasure. The buyers of 1915 Fords from Rogers Brothers garage are: J. W. Powers, Wallawa; E. J. Muir, George Russell, Sam Litch and H. G. Bauer, Enterprise; S. F. Nobles, Leap; M. Crow and S. L. Magill, Lostine.

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THE MASTER KEY.

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door and pushed through, panic stricken.

Only John's servant remained, kept to his post by the fear of Sir Donald's wrath. But he could not repress a gesture of terror.

"It is the god!" he whispered.

At this John awakened and, finding himself bound, struggled violently.

"Not yet!" snarled Wilkerson.

"Here's where you stay!"

In the instant Dorr realized his helplessness. He did not even remonstrate when Wilkerson drove his servant out with curses and bade him begone and fired a shot after him for emphasis.

Nor did he speak while Wilkerson hastily chose the pack containing the idol, kicking Drake's body out of the way, and left on the run.

Speech was useless. He stared down at Drake's contorted form. Beside it lay coiled a little serpent, its bright eyes fixed on him, its head weaving to and fro.

Unknowingly Wilkerson had left him not only to famine and thirst, but to sudden death. He bowed his head and cried in agony. "Ruth, Ruth!"

(To be Continued.)

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