

RABBIT FEED IS BEST EVER

NEW PICKLING PLAN IMPROVES TASTE.

North Powder Sportsmen Are Honor Guests at Annual Spread.

La Grande's annual hasenpfeffer is a matter of history. The big function, looked forward to by sportsmen from one winter to the other, was held at the Foley grill last evening, and the attendance was quite flattering in spite of the close proximity to Christmas which kept many from attending. About 10 North Powder Rod & Gun club members were present as guests extraordinary in compliment to the most elaborate banquet served by the North Powder club some time ago to the La Grande sportsmen. The hasenpfeffer this year delighted the palate better than any in former years. The rabbits had been kept in pickle longer than usual and the treatment added to the tastiness. "Kaiser" Roesch, the man who knows how to do it, had prepared the German noodles, the gravy and the rabbits, and he improves with age in his technique.

After the eats, many of the sportsmen present told stories and entertained themselves and each other. President Cougenour of the North Powder club was the first speaker called by President Hoyt of the La Grande club who acted as toastmaster, and the visitor informally extended another invitation to the La Grande club to participate in a drive near the Homer Bidwell place. After the visiting president had spoken, the story-telling and speech-making continued for a considerable time.

Commencing tonight the high school classes will play a series of basketball games. Tonight, after school, the seniors and juniors play.

Oshkosh, Wis., Dec. 23.—Three weeks ago Mrs. George A. Buckstaff didn't know the difference between a football game and a peanut race, but if you ask her today how many games Coach Hurrup's team at Kickum college has won in the last seven years, she will be able to tell you. Since being appointed on the special committee to investigate the condition of athletics at the university of Wisconsin, Mrs. Buckstaff has spent most of her time studying records.

The "Wallowa Tiger," a school publication remarks concerning the school's athletics:

Wrestling seems to have taken hold in Wallowa High following a request from Enterprise High School that Wallowa have a team to compete with Enterprise in two contests. Wrestling has never been tried out in Wallowa High but as there are plenty who are willing to try it is sure to be successful.

The coaching will be done by Ralph Southwick, formerly of the O. A. C. wrestling team, and although the boys are green at the business it does not prevent them from trying, as some do not enjoy any other sport and this is a new kind of athletics which few high schools enjoy. About 19 are reporting for wrestling.

Boxing is also attracting the attention of a good many students. Dr. Maher has consented to oversee this and about 28 will report to learn how to use the gloves.

The wrestling mat is being made by the Domestic Science girls.

Although Wallowa and vicinity has been having rather cold weather, other places have also, according to reports. The coldest for the year so far was 8 degrees above zero and about 2 inches of snow at any one time. The following clipping was taken from a California town newspaper:

"The low temperature ranged from

7 degrees on Sunday morning to 26 degrees on Monday morning.

"The high temperature ranged from 35 degrees on Wednesday, the 10th, to 66 degrees on Friday the 5th. The snow that fell on the 8th, 9th and 10th gave 58-100 of an inch of water, there being about 6 inches of snow."

The prospect for basketball games is very promising as a number of games have already been scheduled. The schedule will start about the first of January and will last until the first of March. Two games have been scheduled with Pendleton, two with Cove, two with Union, one and possibly two with Walla Walla and one with La Grande. Other high schools with which we will probably get games with are: Joseph Enterprise, Elgin, Imbler, Milton and Baker.

The Portland Motorcycle club will hold its third annual New Year's endurance run beginning at midnight of New Year's eve, leaving that city and covering a 12-mile course of 18 laps in the eastern part of the country and finishing again in the city early in the afternoon of January 1, says Motorcycle.

The run is not going to be as severe and strenuous as those held in former years, but will be more rigidly checked regarding lost time and broken or missing parts. The schedule will be reduced to 20 miles an hour, and a time check at every lap of 12 miles, which will keep the riders riding continually to get a perfect score. This will do away with the possibility of speeding and then taking plenty of time to adjust and repair machines before checking in.

Repair Stations Abolished.

This year there will be absolutely no service or repair stations. The riders will have to make their own repairs and adjustments on the course and are barred from receiving any outside assistance whatever, except to fill the machines with gasoline and oil.

The course this year will be as follows: Leaving the heart of the city, thence east over the Powell Valley road through Gresham to the Troutdale road about two miles east of Gresham, where a checking station will be maintained; thence north to the Base Line and west to Rockwood, where the time control will be located and the riders given a chance to fill with gasoline and oil.

One-half hour will be allowed during the run for lunch and four minutes each lap for checking. The total time for the run will be about 13 1/2 hours and the distance 235 miles. The entry fee will be \$3 up to the night of December 30, and \$5 post entry.

Gold Medals Will Be Awarded.

The prizes will be gold medals for perfect score winners and merchandise prizes to be divided among the finishers. One of the prominent dealers has agreed to donate a beautiful cup for the rider that makes the best showing, and other dealers have donated merchandise prizes. The club also expects to give silver medals to all that finish in the run.

There is more interest taken in the run this year as outlined, and a large entry list is expected, as the run will not be as long and strenuous as in former years.

A shorter course and riders checked oftener will make it more interesting to spectators, and with a list of 40 entries it will put a rider around once every minute, which will make things much more exciting than formerly, when the riders came around once from five minutes to a half-hour.

Colorado to Go Dry New Years Day

Denver, Colo., Dec. 23.—A week from tomorrow Colorado will go dry. The prohibition amendment approved by the people last year goes into effect as the New Year is ushered in. Eleven breweries employing over a thousand men will either go out of business or enter the manufacture of near beer or other products. Sixteen hundred saloons employing at least 6,000 men will close. Over 40,000 persons, declare the liquor interests, will be adversely affected in some direct financial way by the closing of the saloons. Evidence of

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Australia's Military Boys.

Australian boys begin their military career at the age of twelve years, when they enter the ranks of the "junior cadets" and drill under the instruction of their schoolteachers. Their target practice is limited to shooting what is popularly known as the "twenty-two" rifle.

At the age of fourteen the schoolboy is graduated into the "senior cadets," and here his military training begins in dead earnest. He learns to care for his rifle, which the government furnishes to him. The state also gives him an olive drab military uniform. He learns the movements of squad and company formations and learns to deploy as skirmishers.

The Australian schoolboy becomes a soldier irrespective of his own wishes in the matter, or those of his parents. Truancy officers, such as in this country, watch the attendance at school in Australia, hale into court the parents of boys who are absent from their military drill, and it is not an infrequent occurrence for heavy fines to be levied on parents who are indifferent to their sons' military education.—American Boy.

How Romans Took Their Food.

The Romans reclined at their banquets on couches, all supporting themselves on one elbow and eating with their fingers from dishes placed in the center of the table. Each was supplied with a napkin, and knives were used, though it does not appear that every one was supplied with one. Nothing, it would seem, could be more fatiguing than to partake of a repast in such an awkward posture or less conducive to neatness, it being almost impossible to keep the hands clean even with water supplied by the slaves or to prevent the food and wine from falling on the clothing and the draperies of the couch. This manner of eating disappeared during the dark ages so far as the couch was concerned, but the peculiarity of taking food with the fingers from a common dish continued afterward for more than 1,000 years.

Fashion Frills.

That fur rim on shoe tops is not a pretty thing, ladies. It breaks the continuity of line.—Cincinnati Times-Star. Nothing looks bigger than a big woman's feet incased in those white or champagne colored boots.—Pittsburgh Sun.

The latest muffs are about the size of a sack of tobacco. The remnants of those big ones of yesteryear are being cut up into strips to go around shoe tops.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

As we get it from the lady that knows, a pretty girl's reason for wearing short skirts and ankle muffs is to attract attention to the beautiful feather in her hat.—Springfield Union.

Pert Personals.

It seems cruel to exile Mr. Tod Sloan to his native land, where race meetings are few and far between and betting is under the ban.—New York Sun.

Despite all the irritating things devised by the Cleveland tax officials, Mr. Rockefeller remains calm, cool and uncollected.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

What's that—Gene Debs not going to be the Socialist candidate for president this time? Why, it won't seem like a real election.—Indianapolis News.

Andy Carnegie's picture as an infant looks so hopelessly pious that we can't refrain from congratulating him on what he grew up not to be.—Washington Post.

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

The best way to get a living is to earn it.

It is a big fault in one to look for little faults in others.

To err is human; to shift the responsibility on somebody else—ditto.

It's absurd to worry about things you can help or the things you can't.

Much of the war news is ranking among the most popular fiction of the day.

There is no mystery about this being the woman's age, but the age of woman is still a secret.

An easy way to get a reputation as a good fellow is to starve your family and treat your friends.

You never can tell. The fellow who always has the hammer out is seldom the first to nail a lie.

Hard luck is generally the name people give to the thing that happens when they have been acting foolish.

The doctors tell us that we have colds because we live in houses. Well, what would we have if we lived in barns?

More of the horrors of war? The capitol watchmen at Washington now really have to watch instead of loafing on the job.

America is doing and has done its share to bring about peace. It begins to look as if the time had arrived for Europe to do its part also.

Persons with middle names must pay extra taxes in Holland. The minister of finance, Marie Willem Frederik Treub, has sanctioned the plan.

Psychology.

Psychology is the science of explaining why the time between weekly pay days seems longer than the period from one monthly gas bill to the next.—Toledo Blade.

Worse Still.

"I have a wife who is like a bird that can sing and won't."
"You're lucky. Mine can't sing and will."—Baltimore American.



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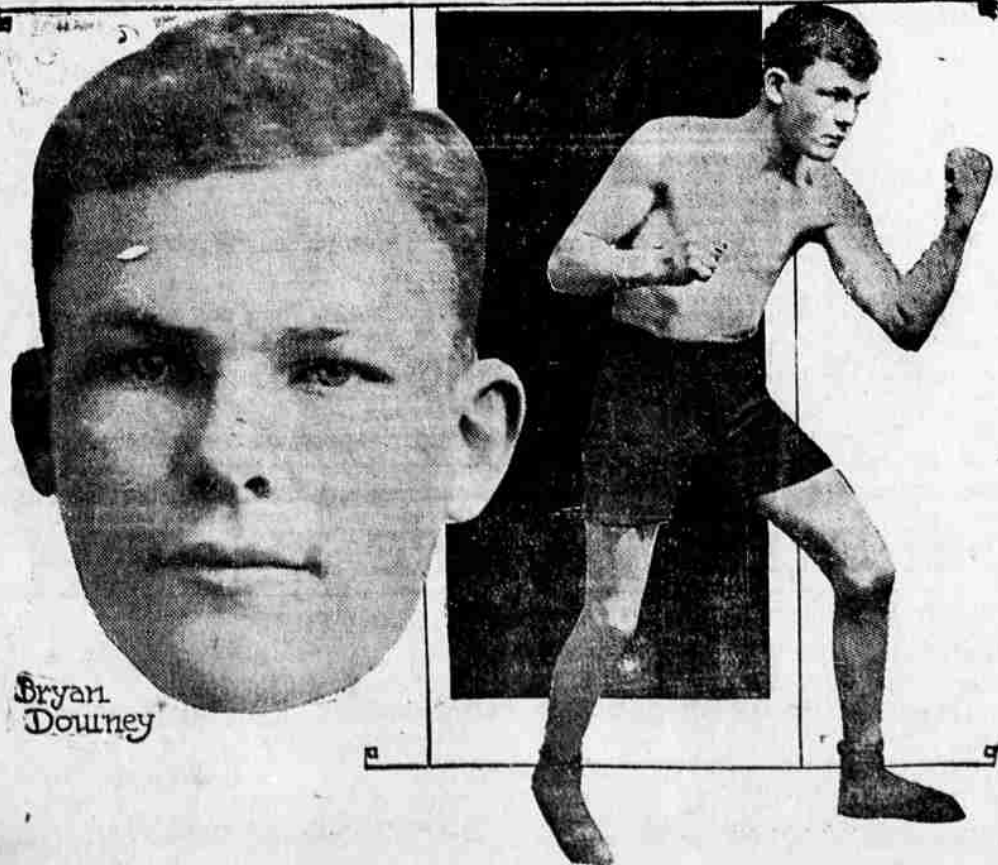
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