

# GAME LOCKED UP TIGHTLY

### UNION AND LA GRANDE CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

#### Location of Next and Deciding Game Still Unsettled.

While, on the exterior, it seems Union Feds and La Grande M. I. A. are hopelessly deadlocked over the place of playing the deciding game for the championship of club teams in Eastern Oregon, those on the inside think that a settlement will be reached and that a game will be played.

It will be neither satisfactory nor sportsmanlike for either side to claim the championship without a decisive game, it is contended, and for that reason one or the other is likely to give in at the final show down, it is thought. La Grande wants the game played on a neutral floor, and Union wants it played there. Conferences were held in Union yesterday and here Saturday with no decision being reached.

North Powder, Feb. 20.—(Sporting Editor La Grande Observer)—We have noted with interest the dispute arising between the La Grande M. I. A. and the Union Athletic Club (Feds) over the club championship of Eastern Oregon, and having interviewed Mr. Larsen and Mr. Smith, the managers of the respective teams, we find that if the deciding game is played it must be played on a neutral floor. Therefore we invite the two teams to play the deciding contest in our hall. Should they do this we assure them our heartiest support. The North Powder hall is one of the largest in Eastern Oregon, and will seat about 500. Since both teams have played here this season, and are familiar with the floor, neither would have any advantage over the other.

ELLIS HESS, Manager North Powder C. C. Basketball team.

Social affairs and other attractions coming up this week have assiduously kept off Wednesday night to give all who desire an opportunity to attend the sport program at the Y. M. C. A. Some 15 or 20 young men will participate in the contests, and are ready for the entertainment. Chairs to seat in all about 400 will be provided, and a big night is looked forward to.

Unusually deep snow in hills may have killed some deer, but indications are there will be plenty left. Over in Wallowa county a sheep-camp tender found a big buck stuck in snow drifts and threw a rope over its horns, attempting to pull it out with his team—but the antlers peeled off. Then he got a firmer hold and removed the hungry deer, it being able to hobble off to feeding grounds however. In Umatilla county the deer signs are plentiful.

Deputy Game Warden Tonkin, agent of the state department in Umatilla county, writing for the January issue of the Oregon Sportsman, which has just been distributed, estimates that there are this year more elk and deer in this section of the country than for many years.

Mr. Tonkin's report follows: The deer sign in this county indicate that the deer are more plentiful than for the past few years, but fewer deer than usual have been killed in the hunting season of 1915. We had a very dry fall and the bucks seem to be growing more alert and shy. There are few places now that cannot be reached by the automobile parties and more hunters are in the hills each succeeding year.

It is estimated that fifty deer were killed in this county during the past season. Only five hunters were known to have killed the limit; very few got two, and several reported no success at all.

Several hunters from various parts of the county who had seen deer during the season were questioned as to the number and sex of the deer that they had seen and also asked their opinion regarding the hunting laws. The forty-two hunters thus questioned saw four hundred and thirty-four deer, one hundred and thirty-seven of which were deer with horns and the remaining two hundred and ninety-seven were does and young deer. They killed twenty-six bucks.

Some hunters contend that there were too many does in comparison with the number of bucks and that the killing of at least one doe in a season should be permitted. That is what led me to question the hunters and find out if possible, something upon which we could base our estimate of the comparative number of the two sexes.

Umatilla county now has about 110 elk, 90 of which are native elk ranging in the hills in the southeastern part of the county. Many of the elk that were liberated in the northeastern part of the county have left for haunts of their choosing. It is believed that the action of the State Fish and Game Commission in offering \$100 reward for conviction in elk killing will nearly, if not quite, perfect the protection that has been given these animals in this section. They

are increasing rapidly and should afford some excellent hunting in a few years.

Rainbow trout are now running in the Umatilla River but this season finds most of the sportsmen engaged in other lines of sport and very little fishing has been done.

### New Theory of Hygiene

Quick and practical response to important pronouncements of Scientific theory is characteristic of today. Formerly doctors and other scientists usually knew things for a generation before the public paid attention.

A fine illustration of the modern tendency is found in a general order to trainmen issued by the General Superintendent of the Union Pacific System. This order warns against the overheating of cars and requires that certain temperatures be maintained exactly for the sake of passenger's health.

It is less than two years since a scientist made a series of experiments which proved to medical authorities that high temperatures were more injurious to health than lack of fresh air—yet here is this new and important theory already in practice and on an important scale.

Following is the text of the order issued to trainmen by General Superintendent W. M. Jeffers of the Union Pacific System: "All sleepers, chair cars and coaches operated over the Union Pacific Lines are equipped with ventilating systems by which an adequate supply of fresh air is provided.

"Cars must be well ventilated at all times and not allowed to become too warm, or overheated.

"High temperature is more detrimental to health than lack of fresh air.

"The following temperatures must be maintained during the cool season.

"Sleepers: days 70. Nights 60. degrees

"Chair cars and coaches: Days and nights 70 degrees."

Few travelers have ever found trains too cool. Steam heats so readily and the space in the train is relatively so small, that errors in temperature regulation are almost invariably on the side of too much heat. This has been true even of railroads in the north. Temperatures outside a train, in the winter time, have little to do with comfort inside. The whole question hinges on the efficiency which trainmen display in using the heating and ventilating systems.

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**Marvelous.**  
He—There is no doubt that nature's works are indeed marvelous. She—Aren't they? Only fancy, even the finest insect has its Latin name.—London M. A. P.

Read not to contradict nor to believe, but to weigh and consider.—Bacon.

**Valuable Ground.**  
Egythe—Did the duke say he loved you? Kate—He said he loved the ground I walked on. Egythe—Where were you when he said it? Kate—Out visiting papa's gold mine.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**Diplomatic.**  
Father—Can the girl you are courting make a good batch of bread? Son—I can vouch for the fact that she can handle the dough all right.—Baltimore American.

Hold faithfulness and sincerity as the first principles. Sincerity is the way of heaven.—Confucius.

**Calling His Bluff.**  
"I'm awfully sorry that my engagements prevent my attending your charity concert, but I shall be with you in spirit."

"Splendid. And where would you like your spirit to sit? I have tickets here for 1 mark, 4 marks and 10 marks."—Fliegende Blaetter.

**The Kind.**  
"There is one class of men who are always ready to help another at a pinch."

"I know. Policemen."—Baltimore American.

**Not Unlike It.**  
He—Did you tell Bones I had a head like a tack? She—No. I said you were a man of great penetration.—Harvard Lampoon.

## THE FRENCH HOME

### There the Servant Is Like a Member of the Family.

### IMPORTANCE OF THE NURSE.

#### She is the Real and Rational Ruler of the Turbulent Children Who, as a General Rule, Are Spoiled by Their Too Indulgent Parents.

The French people have not, so far, produced a spiritually servile class. The occupation most dangerous to the soul—that of personal service—has not resulted for the people of France in flunkeyism on the one hand and superior airs on the other.

There is something in the poise and motion of French working girls, in their fearless eyes and vibrant voices, that suggests a fluid and mobile social structure which deepens the impression of rigidity in the life across the channel and beyond the Rhine. French people of the more favored classes are never heard bemoaning the decay of a "proper" servant class. On the contrary, if you speak to them of the striking contrast between the French proletariat and that of other countries—their so natural and gay, the others so humble or so sullen or both—they instantly expand with pride. "Exactly!" they exclaim. "Our brave French people! Just as good as monsieur, as madame, but also no better!"

The status of the French domestic derives in part at least from the weight of responsibility under which she serves. For her mistress is neither a careless housekeeper nor an indifferent mother. It is precisely because the Frenchwoman loves her children so ardently, so romantically, one might say, and because her quick, intelligent grasp of material situations makes her an excellent economist at home that she requires and establishes in the household not a common servant, not a "mother's helper," but a woman of intelligence and character, a woman often young and untried, but with the true ring, who is or soon becomes capable of assuming direct responsibility for the care of the children and the house—a woman who deserves and receives the consideration due to the head of an important department in the management of the family life.

French children are notoriously spoiled. The little monarchs are kept on a pedestal well into the age of moral responsibility. Father, mother, all—the older relatives, vie with one another in admiring and indulging them. With this understanding of the term and scope of the child's autocratic reign, one can afford to laugh at turbulent scenes in which he puts to rout every adult in the house except his *bonne*. At the mere sight of her the little desperado begins to quiet down. He is in the presence of the only person who has, so far, exercised any rational authority over him, the person before whom he feels the beginnings of shame at doing wrong.

The *bonne* is the most important person in the family group, so far as its material well being is concerned. And morally, spiritually, she is a true member of the family. It is not for nothing that the word "*bonne*" means "good" as well as "nurse."

It may be that the prevailing good relation between masters and servants in France has a very simple explanation—simple and yet profound. It may be that it springs at bottom from the warm affections of the people. They cannot live without love and sentiment. Better than any other people they know how to keep alive the romance of friendship, of love and even of that inherently bad relation, master and slave.

The French servant who has no family ties—and often the one who has—throws her whole heart and soul into the family life of her master and mistress.

She must love—she must serve—she must be loved. And the French master and mistress understand. Each one idealizes the sentiments of the other. In a word, the romance of the situation grips them all. French literature is crowded with examples of mistress and servant whose intimacy shows no trace of condescension on the one side or of servility on the others.—J. Frances Cooke in New Republic.

**Art at Home.**  
Believe me, if we want art to begin at home, as it must, we must clear our houses of troublesome superfluities that are forever in our way, conventional comforts that are not real comforts and do but make work for servants and doctors. If you want a golden rule that will fit everybody this is it: "Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful."—William Morris.

**A Precious Mosaic.**  
For ages upon ages happiness has been represented as a huge precious stone—impossible to find and which people seek for helplessly. It is not so. Happiness is a mosaic composed of a thousand little stones, which separately and of themselves have little value, but which united with art form a graceful design.—Mme. de Girardin.

**Might Be Worse.**  
"I'm in debt—heavily in debt," wailed the disconsolate man.  
"Is that all that's troubling you?" retorted the cheerful stranger. "From the way you're acting I thought somebody owed you money that you couldn't collect."—Detroit Free Press.

On the great clock of time there is but one word—Now.—Old Saying.

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