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PLAYERS IN FINE FETTER FOR CONTEST.

Hayseed Band Will Accompany Rooters to Union Tomorrow.

The M. I. A. basketball players had their last work out last night but owing to the small hall they are com-

elled to work in did not attempt any of the large-hall plays. Union is preparing to handle the largest crowd that has ever been in their gym and extra seating has been added and plenty of room will be reserved for La Grande fans.

"The M. I. A. team is going to bring the championship to La Grande this year: at any cost and if necessary will change men as often as it is deemed advisable and to keep the team in good working order," says Manager Larsen.

Bets are now placed 4-5 in favor of Union and very little of the money is obtainable when it becomes known that Bean would play at his old position as guard. Jimmie Rosenbaum more than likely will be taken as a sub forward but owing to the lack of practice with the team his chances of playing are not very good.

The train will be accompanied by a hayseed band and everyone that goes is requested to furnish him or herself some kind of a noise maker.

"My team is now in the best working order that it has ever been this season," says Manager Larsen. "I know that Union has all the advantage over us but that don't make a particle of difference. We are going over there with the sole purpose of defeating Union on their own floor and if they beat us they will have to travel faster than they have ever done this year."

A big rally will be held at the M. I. A. gymnasium tonight.

Zeek, one of the fast forwards on the Union team which plays here tonight with the high school, is out of the game with sickness. This will be offset by the absence of Rosenbaum from the La Grande lineup. The two teams will lineup as follows:

La Grande—McDonald lf, Adcock rf, Bean c, Huff (captain) rg, Larsen lg, Johnson sub. Union—Crouten rf, Gale lf, Duncan c, Jones rg, Perkins lg. Referee, Petersen.

Fear Corn Crops Will Be Failure

Des Moines, Ia. Feb. 28.—This is seed corn week in Iowa. Following a wet cold summer the corn crop was a partial failure and examination of seed corn has shown that a surprising amount of it will not germinate. So alarmed are the experts, bankers and agricultural editors that they convinced Gov. Geo. W. Clarke that Iowa faced another bad corn year, this time from a light crop because of poor seed corn, and he has designated this week as "Seed Corn Week" during which every farmer is urged to test his seed corn. In northern Iowa counties it is estimated that at last half of the seed corn is poor and thousands of bushels will be imported from the southwest.

LA GRANDERS SET RECORD

BOWLING COMBINATION ESTABLISH WORLD MARK

Walden and Houck in Superior two-Men Single and Three-Game Contest

Claude Walden and Ben Houck on Jan. 24, this year, set two new world records with bowling pins, a belated study of bowling records discloses. They broke, on two different occasions that day, two records made in Philadelphia in open competition in 1912 by two men named Knox and Satterthwaite. While the local men were not competing in recognized bowling congress competition, the fact remains they bowled records made in a score of years. On the day the last official record was set, Feb. 18, 1912, Knox and Satterthwaite knocked down 537 pins in a single game establishing a recognized world's record. Last January in this city, Walden and Houck set a mark of 542, 5 pins better than the mark made in 1912 and which hasn't been officially bettered. On the same occasion the men bowling at Philadelphia rolled 1445 in three games—the La Grande men beat that record by 22 points.

Late arrivals of the World's Almanac, authority on the subject, set La Grande bowlers to studying the record, and the figures made by Walden and Houck were remembered—they were published in the Observer at the time—and now the two bowlers are being showered with congratulations for what at the time wasn't recognized as a world feat.

NAVAL BASE NEARER

Good Progress Made in Fight to Secure Columbia River Base

Astoria, Ore. Feb. 28.—A naval base for the mouth of the Columbia River is nearer a reality today than ever before.

Representative Hawley has introduced in congress a bill which would appropriate \$3,000,000 for that purpose.

Commercial bodies of six Pacific Northwest states have decided to meet in Spokane to endorse the plan for a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia.

An admiral of the United States navy, testifying before a congressional committee, recently urged the establishment of a large base on the Pacific Coast besides that at Mare Island.

All these results can be traced to the efforts of the Naval Base Committee at Astoria. For a long time these men worked untiringly toward the end in view, but only within the last month have results been apparent. The members of the committee are F. C. Harley, T. S. Cornelius, J. S. Dellinger, J. E. Gratke, Fred J. Johnson, C. E. S. Stout and Herman Wise.

Did Heir to Turkish Throne Kill Self

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