

CONKEY HAS HARD FUTURE

TWO EASTERN OREGON SPRINTERS FACE HIM.

Francis of Baker, and Ontario Lad Will Make Going Hard.

Has Eastern Oregon developed a sprinter that can conquer Glen Conkey, of La Grande high who has systematically kicked globules of sand in the faces of all comers for a span of three years?

It is not impossible that a combination of sprinters, one at Baker, and another at Ontario, may turn the trick this year. Upon the showing of both men in early spring meets, it is a very present possibility that the famous Glen is to meet his equals.

The combination comes about thusly: Over at Baker there is a 50-yard dash expert that has shown grand form this year. A few days ago he loafed along the 50-yard course in a meet in Ontario in the exceptional time of 5:4. This is about Conkey's best pace, and reports say the Baker lad wasn't pushed at all. After disposing of Mr. Francis it might be well to call attention to the fact that La Grande will see the little trojan runner from day when the Baker and La Grande dual meet is held here. The dual will be Francis' second and Conkey's first big meet this season. Can Conkey meet the shortest dash from the speed demon? Only time will tell.

For the other runner up! Over at Ontario there is a mighty fleetfoot named Koenig. He does the 220 in 1:10 and better, rumors say. He is reported with having won the Century at Ontario a few days ago in 10:1. Then, if Mr. Conkey has to face Koenig in the 50 and another shark in the hundred and the two-twenty, he has a job cut out for him in the Eastern Oregon meet at Baker. Verily yes!

Coming back to Francis, who will be Baker's big performer a week from today here; he is something besides a monkey guy with his heels. He leaped five feet five, and in the broad jump won first with a plunge parallel with the earth that measured 19 feet 10 inches.

With this to face, we say again, La Grande's premier sprinter has a job on his hands and feet of much magnitude.

MOTOR NEWS

J. C. Holm, connected with the Oregon Co-operative store has acquired to himself a Maxwell from Robert Leighton.

Fish & Harding, local real estate dealers, have purchased a Saxon Six from the Huddleston firm at North Powder, Mr. Huddleston delivering it a couple of days ago.

Edgar Wood and Chet Lanman, of Summerville, are new manipulators of new autos having made their purchases this week.

Mrs. McKinzie of Summerville and Jack Hill yesterday closed deals for new Dodges. Agent Smith received a carload this week and two more are rolling.

To help swell the record being set this week for importing automobiles, C. Wilson had a car load brought to town for his Hupmobile patrons. In the shipment were one roadster and three five passenger cars.

Ed Coolidge, Floyd Mc Kinnon and A. T. Hill took three big sixes from the Buick dealers, Bolton & Bodmer, when their first car of the year arrived Wednesday P. A. Charlton took out a little six.

The Chalmers is bobbing up again as an active competitor for auto buyers. L. C. Smith has demonstrated the machine a few days and has become quite attached to it. The Chalmers is bobbing up again as an active competitor for auto buyers.

SOME CURVES PITCHED BY STATESMEN.



MAYOR SMITH OF PHILADELPHIA



PRESIDENT WILSON



MAYOR MITCHEL OF NEW YORK

COUNTY TEAMS FORM LEAGUE

FOUR-CORNERED AFFAIR TO PREVAIL IT SEEMS.

Delegates from Cove, Imbler and Elgin Will Meet Here.

Early next week emissaries from Elgin, Imbler, and Cove, will meet in La Grande to establish a valley baseball league. This is the prospect, therefore, of summer baseball. By Monday the date of the meeting will be set, and Thursday is the date generally understood to be the most acceptable for the gathering. With La Grande completing the quartet, arrangements to frame a schedule will be made, and 12 games are being discussed as a desirable duration of the playing season. Anyway, all these matters will be gone over and finally decided when the promoters meet here next week.

La Grande's candidates for the league team will not have a patched game tomorrow. Cove has not perfected her squad, and Elgin and Imbler have a game hooked up—therefore there is no team left in the valley for La Grande to meet. The following Sunday, the locals hope to have a nine to buck up against.

Dave Blumenstein of Elgin is cropping out as a pitcher. In a game with Imbler, last Sunday in which he was pitted against Jeff. Bell, Dave allowed but few hits and scattered them well. Elgin fans believe the new mound artist will take the Indians over the road which leads to success. It is likely that some slight changes will be made in the Elgin lineup but it will likely be about as follows at the season's start: Chandler c; Old Reliable Patton lb. Bickle 2b; Graham 3b; Klinghammer ss; and Mason, DeBole, Mosher and Winn will make up the garden positions. With this combination Elgin boosters think they can recharge old time pep into Elgin fandom, for it is a foot that in the past two or three years the old-time support of Elgin players has been distressingly wobbly and lacking. A ball club is as good as the fans make it, hence we guess that if Elgin people support the men listed above, she will wind up some where in the "first division."

There is a car of considerably more than the \$1000 price and several prospective buyers are looking the machine over.

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MAYOR CURLEY OF BOSTON

When the Washington ball season opened between the Yankees of New York and the Senators of Washington, President Wilson tossed out the first ball. As can be seen from his picture caught in the act he was poised for a fast one, the kind that Walter Johnson of the Senators used to defeat the Yankees in the game. But Mayor Smith of Philadelphia, who opened the season at the game of the Phillies and the New York Giants, a Republican, threw a drop (which has

nothing to do with what will happen to him and his friends in the May primaries). Mayor Curley of Boston, a Democrat, opening the season at the game of the Boston American League Club and the Athletics of Philadelphia, handed the pitcher a wide out curve. Mayor Mitchel of New York threw a snappy drop when he tossed out the ball for the opening game between the Phillies and the Giants in New York City.

W. Hutchinson, Jr., of Union, Chas. Hutchinson of North Powder, and Charles Jacobson of North Powder, have recently bought cars.

All of these cars at Cole eight, handled by Forstrom Picher company of North Powder. This is one of the expensive cars finding a foothold in the county bringing \$1750 f. o. b. union county.

"Take this car out and run it. If you are satisfied, send a check; if you don't want it run her in the ditch." Thus spoke C. Wilson, Hupmobile agent when he unloaded a car of Hups Wednesday to K. A. Foley. Pat took the car out for a once over and sent the check the same day. He recently disposed of his Green eyed monster to the La Grande Investment company.

Some people are pests and don't know it. Under that category come those who overwork honk instruments on automobiles. There are a few in the city and valley who like to manipulate noisy squawks as substitutes for alarm horns, and grin in glee when some pedestrian's heart stops beating at a sudden blurt of a contraption suitable for charivaris but entirely out of place on a street used by peace loving people. Any horn or siren with a note of harmony in its warning serves the purpose as well every whit as the ear-splitting yowl of some mechanism of noise manufacture.

The city has an ordinance against nuisances—why not enforce it?

SPORT POTPOURRI

Several million Blue Backs have been transported to a small pond above Wallowa lake for further growth before being placed in Wallowa Lake proper. The fish car has been hauling about a half million at each trip and came out yesterday from its third journey in with the fish.

Victor Berger, light heavyweight professional, has been spending a few days in La Grande. On various occasions the boxing department of the Y. M. C. A. young men's class have received some valuable hints on the sport from Mr. Berger. He has been out of training for some little time, and is recouping some lost wind and muscle during his stay here. He is trying to cut his present weight of 170 odd pounds to the middleweight division.

San Francisco, Cal. April 29.—Frank Gotch is scheduled to re-enter the wrestling game today, meeting all comers. The man who stays with him 15 minutes is to get \$100, or \$250 if he stays 30 minutes. Gotch will tour eastward.

St. Louis, April 29.—A score of runners from all sections of the Middle West got away this afternoon on the twelfth annual cross country run of the Missouri Athletic Association. The distance is six and one half miles through Forest Park. A gold medal emblematic of the Western A. A. U. championship goes to the winner.

Chicago, April 29.—The amateur baseball craze struck Chicago today with the meeting here of the executive body of the national amateur baseball organization, the National Baseball federation. "Jake" Stahl, ex-manager of the Boston Red Sox and head of a local bank, headed a committee which entertained the visiting amateur officials. Chicago is making a bid for the staging of the national amateur championship games here this fall. Fifteen local leagues have applied for placings in the championship series.

Fresno, Cal. April 29.—Some of the country's foremost automobile drivers participated this afternoon in the first annual Raisin Classic road race run over a 300 mile course here. A huge trophy said to be worth \$1,000 and prizes aggregating \$5,500 were the magnets attracting the speed kings.

New York, April 29.—The Rockaway Hunting club, one of the earliest promoters of cross-country racing for amateurs opened its 1916 season today at Hewlett Bay Park, Long Island. Other meets will follow leading up to the regular racing season, which will be set in motion at Jamaica on May 18.

Chicago, April 29.—Today is the day Jess Willard starts out with a circus at \$2,000 a week for enough

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