

"Speed 'Em Up" Looking Good Now

COURSE WILL BE BEST EVER

REMARKABLE SOIL MAKES BUILDING EASY.

New Membership Arrangement Adopted—Three Meets in Year.

Within 10 days, barring heavy rains, the La Grande Motor club speedway will be ready for cars. Had the promoters searched minutely every spot in Oregon for a race track, it is doubtful if they could have found soil as suitable as that picked on the McKennon place four miles east of town. The mile and a half course is on floor-like territory, but the uncommon thing about it is that the moisture is so near the surface of the alkali-saturated soil that the surface packs very hard. The course which is 80 feet wide was plowed up and harrowed and now cars drive over what a few days was plowed ground and it is as firm as can be. When thoroughly leveled and smoothed down, it is likely Race Manager Neil and the committee on track will order the whole thing plowed again and if they do, the track will be wonderfully smooth and hard. The best way to learn all about this queer track is to drive out and see it tomorrow.

Important Meeting Held.
Thursday evening the club members held a meeting at which considerable business was transacted. Some of the more important events were:

1. In respect to the G. A. R. program on Memorial day, the Memorial races this year have been put off until an early date in June.
2. Some big races will be held on July 4th.
3. The third and biggest event of the year will probably come on Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23.
4. It is very likely that the street dance will be abandoned.
5. Memberships to the club are \$5.00 and \$2.50. The former price prevails to auto owners and the latter to non-owners. Anyone buying a membership is entitled to car space for three meets, and should he have one passenger beside himself, that one passenger pays, and so on. This makes it considerably cheaper than last year when prices were different. The deal is so reasonable that it is

expected five or six hundred members will be attained.

Entertainment for the visitors in town Saturday night will be provided and it is likely that some arrangement for supplying extra hotel facilities will have to be made. Last year the city was filled to overflowing with two lined up this year, it is expected the crowd will be even larger. It is planned to get the grand stand and bleachers well under way the coming week. From a seat in the grand stand one can see every foot of the track and there is a quarter mile straightaway in front of the grand stand.

The matter of car spacing will be fixed so that last year's confusion cannot re-occur. Stalls will be built and ushers will lead the space holders to their respective stalls.

Private Grounds Feature.

Last year when some one violated any of the regulations, the managers were unable to remedy it for it was on a public highway. This year the ground is private, and ample officers will be on hand to promptly refund money and eject any parties that will not follow the rules of the association on the grounds and give attention to instructions.

The future of the Speed 'Em Up races is indeed bright this year. The outstanding features are that the track is plainly in sight, that there will be grand stand and bleachers, that the course is fast, that the management will have authority to collect fares from all and in return maintain order and decorum so that no one will be cheated out of the rights which he has paid for.

MOTOR GOSSIP.

C. Wilson delivered two roadsters to Baker people this week. They are Hups, which he handles.

The bicycle staged a come-back in San Francisco April 10th when all the new makes and many antiquated ones were on parade and in races before 10,000 people. The bicycle is surely coming back. In La Grande several ladies and girls are riding bicycles, much as they did when the sport was at its zenith.

At Fresno tomorrow finals of a big Spring meet will be run. Dave Kinney and John Gibson, riding Cyclones, have entered the events, Don Johns and Morty Graves will ride Indians, Ed Tice of Bakersfield will ride a Harley-Davidson and Bert Gilmora, also of Bakersfield, will ride an Excelsior. There is a possibility that Dutch Fabian of Sacramento and

12 Game Schedule of the Valley League

WISE FOLKS	La Grande	Elgin	Imbler	Cove
LA GRANDE	READ THE	May 14 June 25	June 11 July 9	May 28 July 16
ELGIN	May 7 June 18	OBSERVER	May 21 July 16	June 11 July 2
IMBLER	June 4 July 2	May 28 July 25	FOR BEST	May 14 June 18
COVE	May 21 July 25	June 4 July 9	May 7 June 25	SPORT NEWS

Blick Wolters of Los Angeles will also be present.

C. E. Godon, territory superintendent for "Hank" Ford is in La Grande visiting with H. H. Hug, county agent for the Detroit outfit. He predicts a sharp shortage in Ford cars as early as June or July. He points out that the company is oversold on its 500,000 output for 1916 and cannot therefore fill its orders. The company, says Mr. Godon is increasing its plant 2 1-2 times to enable it to make a million cars a year, or 4000 every day. While in La Grande Mr. Godon is calling on the Ford clientele in company with the local agent.

SPORT POT POURRI

Clay is being hauled on the cinder foundation for the Y. M. C. A. tennis court. Within a week or 10 days the place will be ready for the members.

That two of the bright stars of Eastern Oregon track should be pitted in the stellar races in the dual meet today is peculiar enough. Francis heads the Bakerites, and Conkey the home team. Both are sprinters and both do field acts.

Anson Cornell, popular all around University of Oregon athlete, may coach the Pendleton high school athletic teams next year and also direct the junior commercial club. The school board and the Pendleton Commercial association committee in charge of arrangements for the junior club will confer upon a plan to secure his services.

Wallowa, playing on its home grounds, took the first baseball game of the season from Enterprise last Sunday by the score of 7 to 4, says the Enterprise Chieftain. It was a practice game, as the schedule for the four towns which are expected to form a league has not been arranged yet. Wallowa expects to play in Enterprise next Sunday.

The Enterprise team that played at Wallowa on Sunday consisted of Garrick, p; J. Baker, c; Pace, 1b; McGarry, 2b; Niles, 3b; Steel, ss; Savage, lf; Arnold, cf; Wagner, rf. For Wallowa the battery consisted of Shelton and Tulley. Wallowa won the game in the third inning when, assisted by a series of bingles and errors, it made five runs. Garrick pitched an excellent game but the team was not down to smooth work yet.

Wesley Mims, captain of Pendleton high school track team, basketball guard and football player, has been notified of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Mr. Mims is the grandson of the late W. F. Matlock of Pendleton. He holds the javelin record in Eastern Oregon and is one of the most prominent athletes the high school has had in years. His many friends are rejoicing today over his success in getting the coveted appointment. Mims took the examinations which were held in Pendleton several weeks ago.

Carl D. Shoemaker of Portland, state game warden, is a visitor in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Shoemaker has brought six reels of pictures portraying Oregon game life, birds and animals. Included in the pictures is a reel of song birds, one showing elk in Wyoming and another of the only band of entelope in existence. A picture of the State Game Farm at Corvallis is shown as well as cougar cats and baby bears. The picture covers the entire field of operation of the State Fish and Game Commission. The pictures will be shown free of charge at the Eastern Oregon theater. Mr. Shoemaker lectures on the work of the department during the pictures.

Missouri Marathon, Run Today

St. Louis, Mo. May 6.—When Dr. Bassett pulled the trigger on his pistol at noon today, the twelfth annual Missouri Athletic Club Marathon race the spring classic of the west, was on with the best long distance runners in the country entered. The course, has been shortened to twenty-five miles. Among the notables plugging along is Sidney Hatch, Chicago runner, who has won six of the last ten local Marathons.

SOCIETY AT HORSE SHOW

Gold Braid and Pretty Gowns Have Parts to Play at Capital

Washington, May 6.—Pretty debutants, sub-debs (and some who are pretty only in society magazines) together with much army and navy gold braid, were on display here today when the annual National Capital Horse Show opened with more than 1,000 entries. The show continues Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

LEAGUE WILL OPEN SUNDAY

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR A GOOD SEASON.

Elgin Will Open with La Grande at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Mr. Baseball Season is at hand. Tomorrow afternoon the Valley league officially launches out on its season of play, running for 12 games. Elgin, winner twice over Imbler already this year, is determined that it shall win the opening game with La Grande on the local grounds tomorrow afternoon beginning at 2:30 p. m. The Elginites have strengthened up wonderfully since last year, and are out to win the pennant. Cove opens at Imbler.

La Grande, on the other hand, has drafted new blood. The lineup will present men not before seen under fire here, and there is keen speculation as to the outcome.

The attendance should be flattering. The league is organized to produce good ball, but can do so only with the support of the fans. Elsewhere in the league prospects for liberal patronage are bright and appeals are put up to the La Grande folks to get out to games while the atmosphere is still comfortable—after while it will be too hot to comfortably attend ball games.

The lineup for the Sunday game, so far as La Grande is concerned, will be:

Stacey cf, Walden 2b, Pennywell ss, Alstott 2b, Meserve 3b, Shelton c, Woods 1st, Childers lf, McInnis p. Utility, Price and Hall.

Ball Teams Give Benefit.

Columbus, O. May 6.—Under heavy guard the Ohio penitentiary convict band and the pen baseball team were to give a public exhibition at Neil park for the benefit of the Columbus Children's hospital campaign here this afternoon. The prison team will cross bats with the local Standard Oil team to play off the "rubber" of two games apiece last season. "Scotty", colored, Springfield "stickup" who starred last season on the mound for the pen team will do the twirling and "Alex", colored Dayton "pooh climber", who pulled "Larry Gardner" thrillers at third base last year will again occupy that position. This is the first time Warden Thomas has taken the band or team outside the prison for a heavy exhibition. Under heavy guard he will take the band of 26 pieces and the team of 16 players to the park on big prison trucks.

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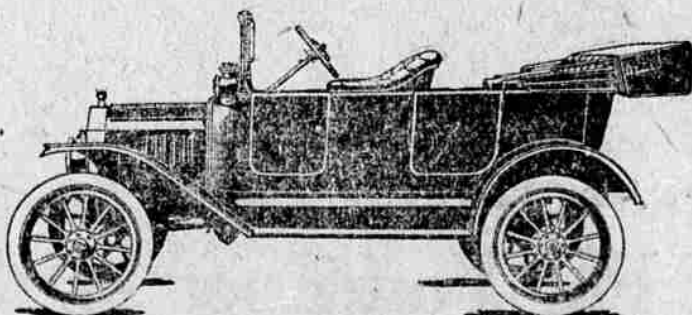
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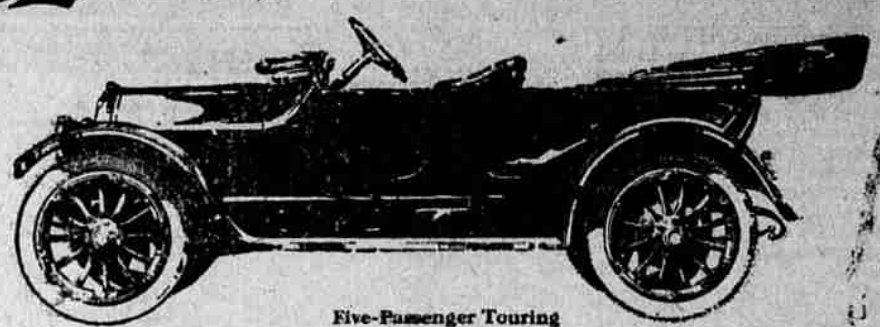
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