

FINANCIAL SCHEME IS WELL LIKED

MEMBERSHIPS SELL READILY

A part of one business block was canvassed a day or two ago by committee from the La Grande Motor-club for memberships to the association and so generally successful were the men, that the financial future of the institution is looking very bright. The idea is new and appealing.

How It Works.

One man interrogated about the matter, thought he was asked to contribute to a good cause and was about to willingly change it up to expense, but his money was refused on that basis. The club this year offers season tickets to three meets for \$5.00 to each owner of an automobile. Now that not only takes him to the big classic, but all preliminary meets, and allows use of the track when there is no meet. On it he can speed up his car and enjoy a really fast ride free from dangers of speed cops. The businessmen are looking at it in that way, now, and realize they are getting something for their money. Those who are not auto owners are asked to pay \$2.50 for their season tickets which is less than if they bought them for each meet—in the same way helping the god cause along. The surface has merely been scratched for membership.

It is purely a co-operative proposition aiming toward one of the greatest motorcycle classics in the country, which is not a fantastic dream. The building of the track here is attracting much attention and factories are queuing about the near approach of the day when they can send men here to test it out prior to the Speed 'Em Up races July 22 and 23.

SPORTS POT POURRI

Bob Alexander Thursday evening drove a Maxwell out of the Leighton garage.

Officials lined up for the Eastern Oregon track meet at Baker this afternoon include two Olympic stars in the persons of Daniel M. Kelly, Jr., of Baker and Coach Edmundson of the Whitman College track team at Walla Walla, they having been secured to act as officials.

Kelly, an every sport fan hereabouts knows, set the amateur hundred yard dash mark at 9 3-5 seconds—or at least it was so announced—which has never been beaten. He made his record at Spokane and accompanied the American Olympic games team to the London meet. He will act as field judge.

Edmundson, who will officiate as starter, is the former University of Idaho half-mile champion, holder of the collegiate half-mile record. Edmundson, too, has crossed the deep to represent Uncle Sam in the Olympic games, having been a member of the American team contest at Stockholm in 1912.

New York, May 13.—Some of the most prominent horse owners in the country have their favorites entered in the two days race meet of the United Hunts Racing Association, which opens at the Belmont Park Terminal today. The second day's events will be held Wednesday (May 17). The entry list is 270, the greatest number ever received for a race meet in America. There are thirteen events for cash prizes totalling \$12,500; and handsome trophies. Two races each day are limited to gentlemen riders and to encourage their participation in all of the events the amateurs are allowed a five pound handicap in the other races.

Word comes from Mexico of a thrilling trip from Columbus, N. M. to Casas Grandes made by Dr. W. L. Brown, of El Paso, who was called to attend Lieut. Col. Tyree Rivers who was ill with pneumonia at the American front.

Dr. Brown was conveyed across the Mexican desert in one of the regular Dodge Brothers cars in use in the army and the remarkable time of six and one half hours was made by the army car.

As reported in an El Paso paper Dr. Brown said that the roads were in horrible shape, due both to their natural condition and to the constant travel of the heavy motor trucks used in conveying supplies to the American troops.

Robt. Brack, who has faithfully served as mail carrier on R. D. 2 out of Elgin for several years, has purchased the re-constructed Ford known as the "Red Devil" which raced at the fair last fall from Dorse Barnes and is now using the same regularly on that route and with good satisfaction.

Brack's route covers a distance of 17 miles and while he and Barnes were trying out the machine succeeded in covering that route and making all deliveries and collections of mail in exactly one hour and 11 minutes. Of course, Brack does not make that time regularly but makes his daily trips in one fourth the time required by horses and with but little expense remarks the Elgin Recorder.

He plans on using the auto during a greater part of the year and estimates that a considerable saving can be made thereby.

Ralph Mulford broke the World's record Sheepheadway May second, Hudson's Upper Six Stock Chassis, covering eighteen hundred and ninety miles in 24 hours, average 78 miles per hour, total distance equipped with Silvertowns, made only one replacement at fifteen hundred and twenty miles, change being merely

THREE COMING CHAMPIONS



Elizabeth Becker, Aged Thirteen Cameron Coffey, Aged Four, High Diver, Leo Handy, Aged Fifteen

Here are three young swimmers the experts promise will become champions in the water when they grow up. Elizabeth Becker, aged thirteen, of Philadelphia, is already the equal of many full grown women swimmers, and lately she gave Miss Olga Dorfner, a tussle to beat her at fifty yards. Cameron Coffey, a Los Angeles youngster of four years, has done some diving high diving. He jumps from a height of twenty feet. Leo Handy is the best in the Brookline, Mass., high school. He has covered 100 yards in 56 4-5 seconds.

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

a matter of precaution as nothing wrong with tires. Mulford drove entire distance; best previous record made by Edges in June 1901 at Brooklands Track, England, with six cylinder Napier covering 1,581 miles in 24 hours.

So reads a telegram from Akron Ohio. The National, a car that costs \$1700 at the factory, has made its debut to La Grande. Miss Etta Foley is the owner and driver of this machine, of splendid lines and generally attractive. She recently traded in a New Dodge preferring a more expensive car and got this six-passenger tournament. L. C. Smith handles the Nationals here.

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LA GRANDERS TO VISIT ELGIN

Tomorrow, barring bad weather, the La Grande ball team goes to Elgin for the second game of the Valley league season. Imbler goes to Cove, and both the teams now on top are determined to stay there.

That La Grande faces a strong team in Elgin tomorrow all will admit who saw the game last Sunday. But it is also clear that the Elginites are not invincible, and that when the opposing team takes the aggressive with enough vim, the powerful Elgin defense crumbles. That was seen in the ninth inning of last Sunday's game. But, if by chance, that little shrimp of a Blumenstein boy should keep his rigger trimmed for full nine innings there is small chance of La Grande developing enough offensive power to break the wall down. The Elgin team is not to be snickered at, but it can be beaten though La Grande found it necessary to keep pecking away for more than eight innings to do it.

All this praise for Elgin—then some for La Grande. It took persistence to turn the trick last Sunday and the fighting spirit seems to be in the squad this year to do that very thing. We haven't seen Imbler and Cove in action yet, but if they can keep a pace that the other two clubs have struck, the valley will see some good ball this year.

Catcher Shelton of the La Grande team, when he squints along the firing line of this year's lineup, sees a large number of his own team last year when he guided the O-W. shop team. All but three or four were under him in 1915.

Last Monday we mentioned that "Claude" Welden was some pumpkin in the Sunday game. Now, as a matter of fact "Claude" is some pumpkin on the bowling alleys but on the baseball diamond it is Earnest or Ernie, whichever suits best, that is being referred to.

The fourteenth American Henley Philadelphia, May 13.—All is in readiness for the fourteenth annual American Henley regatta to be rowed on the Schuylkill river here this afternoon, with crews entered from practically all Eastern Universities and boat clubs. The most important race will be that for the Childs Cup, in which crews from the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Columbia and U. S. Naval Academy will compete. This event was rowed at Princeton last year. The Junior collegiate eight oared shell race will be another attraction of the regatta. Penn-

WHO HAMMERED THE CHAMP? WHY, HAMMER DID



Ever Hammer

Ever Hammer a tough Chicago lightweight, has joined the ranks of the boys who have whipped Freddy Welsh-Ratbit, lightweight champion of the world. In a ten-round contest in Milwaukee the other evening Hammer showed up the champion as had been done by Willie Ritchie, Benny Leonard and Joe Shugrue. Managers of other lightweights are now deeply interested in Mr. Hammer and his punch.

sylvania, Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Syracuse, Columbia and Navy have crews entered and reports indicate that the race will be sensational. Special dispensation has been allowed in the case of crews entered in the Childs Cup race. The winner of the contest will be permitted to make a post entry for the Stewards Challenge Cup race later in the day. The Childs Cup race was to have been rowed over the mile and a half course and was the only event on the program which was not to be rowed over the regulation Henley course of one mile and 550 yards, but it was cut to the standard distance. In addition to the Childs and Stewards cups, the various men and crews entered in the twelve events on the program will strive to capture the Farragut Cup for the first single sculls, the Schuylkill Challenge Cup for the first double sculls, the United States Navy Cup for the special four oared shells, and the Franklin Challenge Cup for the interscholastic eight oared shells. When the University Barge crew of Philadelphia, meets the Ariel crew of Baltimore and the Undine four, another local crew, in the race for the Navy Cup, fur is expected to fly. Ariel is picked to win, but the University Barge crew is being touted as a wonder this year. The Stewards Cup contest has brought together a noted gathering. Several local crews, the Union Club of Boston, Harvard sophomores and the Pennsylvania third crew, are all entered. The dopsters are doing little predicting on this event and the result is awaited patiently. In the single sculls race for the Farragut cup, Jack Kelly of,

The Child's Birthday

Many parents, relatives and friends have satisfactorily solved the problem of what to give the children on their birthdays by starting them with a savings account and adding to it from year to year.

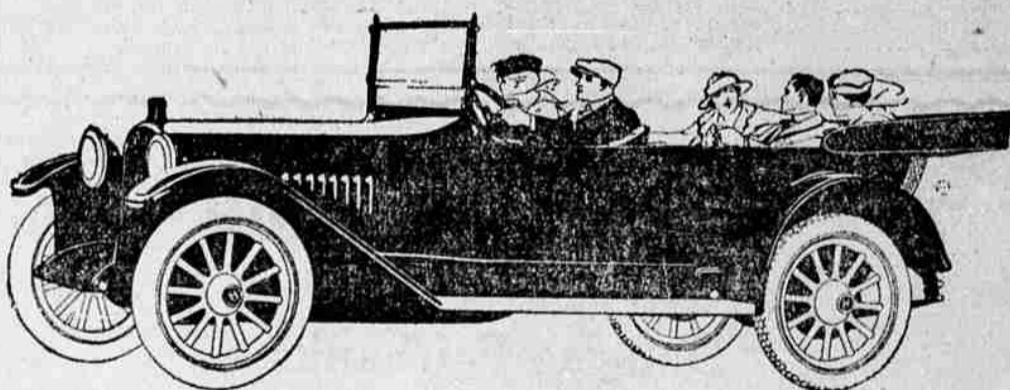
In the meantime the child is also encouraged to save and thus early in life is educated to the habit of thrift.

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