

# RAINS ROUND OUT THE TRACK

SPEED 'EM UP BOOSTERS DELIGHTED WITH OUTLOOK.

Construction of Bleachers Ordered at Midweek Session.

Rains this week have gone a long way toward perfecting the Speed 'Em Up course upon which will be held a racing meet July fourth and later the big grand prix. The track was developed as far as could be without rain and then came the rain—today the course is rapidly getting into splendid shape.

As a meeting of the Motor club this week it was decided to order lumber at once for the bleachers which will be so far completed by the Natal day that they will accommodate 1500 people. Advertising for the big grand prix is going on in full swing and everything is looking rosy for both stunts. The immediate blessing however was the heavy rain storm which settled the track in fine shape. Experts who have looked over the nature of the soil say that in a short time it will be the fastest oval anywhere in the country because of the peculiar subsoil under the alkali surface.

Mrs. N. W. Webb of Union has purchased a model 75, Overland, from Agent Evans. Mr. Evans expects a 75 roadster to arrive Tuesday.

R. J. Green of La Grande and Mrs. Jennie Corpe of Cove, are among the recent Overland purchasers.

Eddie Ford, well known ball player, bid in the concessions for Speed 'Em Up days this week and paid for the right the sum of \$150.00 outright.

La Grande goes to Elgin tomorrow to do battle with that frisky team which had but a momentary slump last Sunday. Cove and Imbler didn't play last Sunday but it is likely that Cove will go to Imbler tomorrow and thus not disarrange the schedule any, leaving a postponed game to be played at Cove later.

If this war business really amounts to anything several motorcycle fans from La Grande may be going on duty on the firing line hauling rapid fire guns and running errands for staff officers on their well-known brands of distance destroyers.

A fine buck deer was recently seen two miles north of town in the various fields of Indian valley and was viewed with considerable interest by various farmers, says the Elgin Recorder. The deer was first seen on the Ole Johnson farm and that time was being chased by loose horses. From there it scampered to various other fields and leisurely made its way back to the mountains of Gordon creek.

All who saw the fleet-footed animal say it was one of the finest specimens they had ever viewed.

Enterprise—three games.

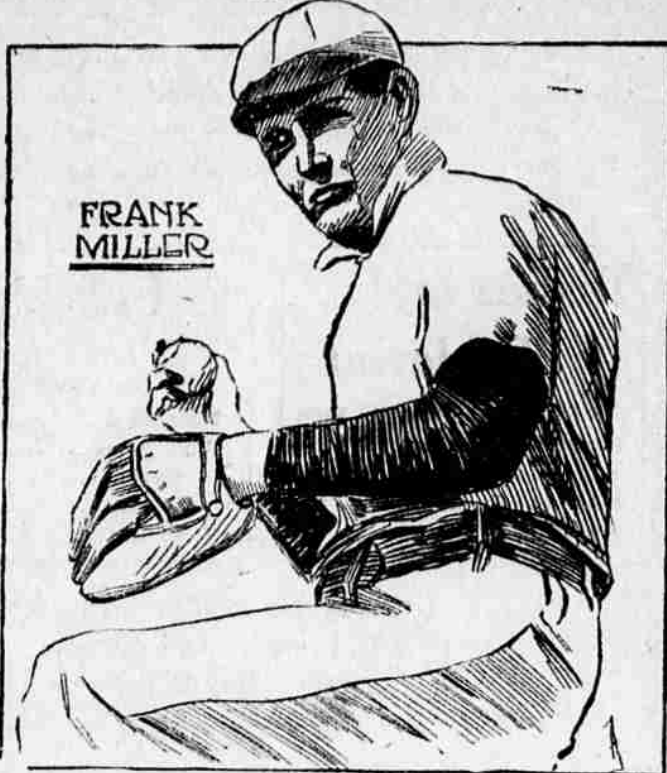
Wallowa—two games.

The game played on the Wallowa diamond Sunday was one of the best games of the season. Enterprise got nine hits while Wallowa only got four. Garrick, of La Grande, struck out seven and Shelton 12.

Hotimes and Hayes fielders for Wallowa did some fine fielding in critical moments in the game. Enterprise had new players but at that they were not stars.

Mr. Schroeder, Wallowa's catcher.

# STAR PITCHER OF PIRATES IS PLAYING OF MISFORTUNE



His given name is Frank, but among the other members of the Pittsburg National league ball club he's known as Misfortune Miller. This quiet, unassuming chap has met with more physical misfortunes than 99 out of 100 boys who are following the diamond calling. Paralysis, a dislocated arm, an injured leg and a near-broken hand are instances of his hard luck all in the space of three years.

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## EXPLAINS NEED OF GOOD BODY

English Expert Instructs Oregon Teachers in Child Development. Oregon Agricultural College, June 24.—"Man is born the most helpless of animals, but dependence in babyhood is associated with the essentially human characteristics of capacity for progress and of susceptibility and influences of education." This is the explanation of the special needs of education experienced by all members of the human family, as brought out by Miss Alice Ravenhill, formerly lecturer of Kings College, London, in her series of lectures on the physical development of childhood, which are being delivered at the Summer School of the Oregon Agricultural College. The lecturer is a noted international authority on hygiene, child life, eugenics and the forces that shape the development of the child.

Miss Ravenhill has been more significantly honored in the appointment to

commissions in various scientific associations by the British government than any other woman. She was specially commissioned by the Royal government as investigator in various European countries. She is the only woman ever to have been made a fellow of the Royal Sanitary Institute and she was appointed University Extension lecturer for the Universities of London and Cambridge. She was also made a member of the committee in Eugenics Education Society, in the Child Study Society, and other research working bodies. She is also the author of a number of books on hygiene, child life, and related subjects, and has written many articles for scientific journals.

In her work at the Summer School Miss Ravenhill is giving two courses of lectures—the physical requirements of human life and the physical development in childhood. These lectures include the history of the human race dealing with the physical growth and mental development of mankind, the influences upon human nature of heredity, surroundings, occupations and social life, and the development of the instinct and habits of each individual. She explains fully the factors that influence activities of the child and seeks to relate the child's training in home and school to the natural forces operating through the child. That the Oregon teachers appreciate this course is shown by the fact that before the lectures were started, Monday, June 19, more than one-hundred teachers had enrolled for the special courses.

## CLAY COURT PLAY ON

Amateur National Honors Will Be Decided at Cleveland. Cleveland, June 24.—Crack amateur tennis players from all parts of the country are here today for the seventh annual clay court championship tournament of the United States, which is being held under auspices of the Lakewood Tennis Club.

Events of the tourney include men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, mixed doubles and men's single consolation.

R. Norris Williams II was scheduled to defend his title to the singles and the clay court challenge bowl.

Seats have been reserved for 3600 and there will be 2800 general admission tickets. The tourney will last seven days.

The winners of the tournament in men's doubles will challenge George Church and Dean Mathey for the title and possession of the clay court challenge vase.

All matches in men's singles and doubles will be two out of three advantage sets, except in the semi-final, final and challenge rounds, which will be three out of five advantage sets. Rules of the national lawn tennis association will govern all play.

Harry Seymour of the Pittsburgh Athletic association will be referee. The clay court challenge bowl has been won by W. T. Hayes, R. N. Williams II, (twice); John Strachan, and Clarence Griffin.

The clay court challenge vase for men's doubles has been won by W. T. Hayes and F. G. Anderson; J. H. Winston and H. G. Whitehead; Harold H. Hackett and Walter M. Hall; John Strachan and Clarence Griffin; Nat Browne and Claude Wayne; Geo. Church and Dean Mathey.

## MISTLETOE HURTS TREES

NORTHWEST ESPECIALLY IS DAMAGED BY "PEST"

Government Finds That Romantic Plant Has Serious Effects

Did you ever stop to think that when you used mistletoe for your Christmas decorations, that you had in your hand a peculiar "pest"? That's the truth. The government has found it so. Albeit right about La Grande and in this vicinity, there is comparatively little mistletoe. In regions where that plant grows prolifically, the standing timber is seriously harmed thereby.

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## WHERE FOUR AMERICAN COLUMNS ENTERED MEXICO; HOW TROOPS ARE LINED UP FOR POSSIBLE WAR!

The accompanying map shows the disposition of American troops along the Mexican border and in Chihuahua, the naval vessels in Mexican waters, and the points from which the four American punitive expeditions entered Mexico—Columbus, Glenn Springs, San Ygnacio and San Benito. All these expeditions except that of Gen. Pershing, in Chihuahua, have been withdrawn.

# JAMES A. PATTEN WINS AN "N" AND NOW IS FAMOUS IN ATHLETICS

James A. Patten of Evanston, Ill., king of the wheat pit, has joined the ranks of athletes. He has been awarded an "N" recognition button for meritorious service in athletics at Northwestern university and on chilly days may wear a sweater on the front of which flares a huge "N."

Patten didn't put the shot, jump hurdles or sprint the century in 10 seconds. He has not even appeared in a track suit in the gym. As far as is known he has not set any records in the tank. But he has been of service to the athletic department of the university even if he has not carried the pigskin over the line for a touchdown.

The wheat king gave Northwestern the largest gym in the world. He has repeatedly made donations to the Evanston institution. So when 100 buttons were distributed to athletes of the university, past and present, James A. Patten stepped to the platform just like every other honor man and took his button.

It will entitle him to a free admission to any sporting events held at Northwestern university.



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