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LA GRANDE TO ENTER LEAGUE

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 26.—In a few days debaters from 67 Oregon high schools will be hard at it. Many teams have been working for weeks on this year's subject, which is:

"Resolved that Oregon should adopt a health insurance law embodying the essential features of the Standard Bill of the American Association for Labor Legislation."

The league officers intend that the debates within the districts shall be ended in time to permit final dual debate among winners on February 2. Elimination of schools is very rapid under the district plan of organization.

The top two teams will debate for the University of Oregon cup, which carries the league championship, at Villard hall next May. Crook county high school, of Prineville, holds the cup at present. The schedule in the local district follows:

Coos Bay District—F. A. Tiedgen, Marshfield, director.
January 26—Triangular arrangement (negative travels): Coquille vs. Bandon; Marshfield vs. Coquille; Myrtle Point vs. North Bend; North Bend vs. Marshfield; Bandon vs. Myrtle Point.

Decision on points. If tie results, it will be settled by debates later between schools tied.

Eastern Oregon District—C. A. Montandon, Enterprise, director.

January 5.—Dual, Wallowa vs. Lostine. January 12.—Winner Wallowa-Lostine debates vs. winner Enterprise-Lostine. January 12.—Triangular, Elgin-La Grande-Union. January 26.—Winner of Union county vs. winner Wallowa county.

Lower Columbia—W. I. Wight, Clatskanie, director.

January 12.—Single debate unless otherwise stated: Astoria vs. Seaside, dual; Corbett vs. Seaside; Clatskanie vs. Corbett. January 19.—Clatskanie vs. Seaside; winner of Astoria and Seaside vs. winner of Corbett and Seaside. Winner of Astoria and Seaside vs. winner of Clatskanie and Corbett. January 26.—Winner of Clatskanie and Seaside vs. winner of Astoria-Seaside and Corbett and Seaside. February 2.—Winner Astoria-Seaside and Corbett-Seaside vs. winner of January 26.

Northern Willamette.—H. M. James, Silverton, director.

January 12.—Dual arrangement (negative travels): Jefferson vs. Salem; Mill City vs. Jefferson; Stayton vs. Mill City; Turner vs. Stayton; Woodburn vs. Turner; Silverton vs. Woodburn; Hubbard vs. Silverton; Canby vs. Hubbard; Molalla vs. Canby; Oregon City vs. Molalla; Milwaukie vs. Oregon City; Estacada vs. Milwaukie; Hillsboro vs. Estacada; Forest Grove vs. Hillsboro; Tillamook vs. Forest Grove; Gaston vs. Tillamook; Amity vs. Gaston; Sheridan vs. Amity; McMinnville vs. Sheridan; Salem vs. McMinnville.

Southern Oregon—George A. Briscoe, Ashland, director.

Date not announced.—Triangle (affirmative travels): Grants Pass vs. Medford; Medford vs. Ashland; Ashland vs. Grants Pass. Central Point vs. Phoenix; Phoenix vs. Talent; Talent vs. Central Point. Winners of triangles will debate for district championship on later date.

Southern Willamette.—F. A. Scofield, Eugene, director.

December 22.—Dual and triangular (negative travels): Corvallis vs. Philomath; Eugene vs. Springfield; Seio vs. Albany; Lebanon vs. Seio; Albany vs. Lebanon. January 12.—Winner Corvallis and Philomath vs. winner Albany, Seio and Lebanon. February 2.—Winner Eugene and Springfield.

Umatilla District.—A. T. Park, Pendleton, director.

Not later than December 22.—Triangular and dual (affirmative travels): Fossil vs. Condon; Hermiston vs. Stanfield; Stanfield vs. Pendleton; Pendleton vs. Hermiston; Athena vs. Milton; Milton vs. Freewater; Freewater vs. Athena. Finals not later than January 31.

Upper Columbia.—H. C. Baughman, Prineville, director.

January 26.—Triangular (negative travels): Prineville vs. Culver; Madras vs. Prineville; Culver vs. Madras; Wasco vs. Moro; The Dalles vs. Wasco; Moro vs. The Dalles. Final

dual debate, among winners, February 2.
Southeastern Oregon.—G. A. Ruring, Vale, director.
January 19.—Dual: Nyssa vs. Vale; Ontario vs. winner of debate of January 19 or later date.
South Central Oregon.—C. H. Bowman, Klamath Falls, director.
December 8, 1916.—Dual (negative travels): Klamath vs. Lakeview.

Sports---

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—(United Press)—Professional football, bringing with it a cluster of old-time stars, is due East next fall.

Plans are being made here for games, and if the "pros" produce the brand of football they show in the west they probably will be seen in other big cities of the East.

The deserted ball parks, with their bleak bleachers, offer an ideal setting for the reappearance at the ancient pig-skin game of some of the former favorites.

Professional football went like a prairie fire in the Middle West this year. Former all-American stars and college captains played to capacity crowds wherever they went.

In the efforts East are even more stars of yesterday than decorate the wild and woolly. Many of them are pining for the discarded moleskins and cleated shoes. But as yet they have made their appearance only in alumni contests, or, in Boston, as members of the Battery A, or I Corps Cadets, in their annual games.

Salaries of \$100 a week and more were paid in the West to stars who were called back, more perhaps by the lure of the gridiron than by the remuneration.

Jim Thorpe, the Indian all-around star, led a team known as the Canton Bulldogs this fall that was a whale. On it played such brilliant performers as Soucy of Harvard, Ghee of Dartmouth, Costello of Georgetown, Spears of Dartmouth, Calac, former Indian star, and many others who have attained no little fame at the gridiron game.

"Ernie" Soucy, former Harvard captain and crack end, back from Wisconsin where he's been coaching, is enthusiastic over the prospect and incidentally had a lot to say about Jim Thorpe and his playing which he greatly admires.

Hood River Golf Club.

Hood River, Ore., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Headed by C. N. Ravin, a party of local business and professional men have secured an option on a 40 acre tract, part of the Paradise Farm acreage, and the success of the Apple Valley's newest organization, the Hood River Country Club, is assured.

Golf experts, called here by Mr. Ravin to inspect the property, have announced that the place is ideally situated for a nine-hole links. Three of the holes will parallel the Columbia River Highway, and from four of them the player will be able to see both the peaks of Mount Hood and Mount Adams.

It is proposed to construct a two-story clubhouse with full basement. The club home will have a living room 18 by 24 feet. The dimensions of the dining room will be 16 by 16 feet. The kitchen and two rooms for women will be provided on the first floor. The basement will be equipped with lockers and shower baths for the men. The second floor will have four large rooms.

A sixteen foot porch will extend around the entire building. From the north end of the porch one will obtain an excellent view of the Columbia River gorge and Mount Adams, while Mount Hood will be in plain view from the south.

Mr. Ravin says that a number of applications have already been received from prospective Portland members. The resident membership will be limited to 100, each membership including a man and wife.

Farmers' Attention!

Would you like to attend the Grain Growers' convention to be held in Corvallis during Farmers' Week at O. A. C.? Do you know that the fare will be one and a third (\$15.10) for the round-trip? If 30 Union county men will agree to go, we can secure a tourist car direct from La Grande to Corvallis. This will cost for the 30 or more in addition \$25 a day or less than a dollar a day. This car will be on the siding at Corvallis and you will sleep there each night. Meals can be secured very reasonably, and that will be practically your only other expense for the trip. This same car will bring you back to La Grande Saturday or Sunday night for the week ending January 6. If you are not interested in the Grain Growers' convention you might attend any of the following conventions during that week: Seed and Potato Growers' convention, Convention of Organized Farmers, Hog Producers' School, Rural Legislative Conference, Oregon Swine Breeders' convention, A Thrift convention, Oregon State Dairymen's convention, Prune convention, Road Builders' convention and Tractor and Stationary Gas Engine school. These are a few of the interesting things going on at that time. Thirty dollars ought to make the trip. Let me know at once if you are interested as we have but a few days' time to get together on this proposition. Paul H. Spillman, County Agricultural Agent, second floor P. O. building.

NEW HALF A NICKEL COIN IS NOW PROPOSED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Congressman Isaac Bacharach of New Jersey has discovered a way by which the high cost of living may be materially reduced. He has introduced a bill providing for the coinage of 2 1/2-cent pieces, upon which he hopes to get action during the winter. Mr. Bacharach calls attention to the fact that at present there

Congress of Mothers Sends Out Greeting

Parents, Teachers and Schools Are Great Factors in Development of Men and Women of Tomorrow.

Mrs. McMath, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers associations, has sent out to the officers and members of the Parent-Teacher associations the following bulletin:

"We are desirous of extending to each and every member of our organization a New Year's greeting. It is, indeed, a very happy thought to bear in mind the fact that in every county of this state the parents and teachers are joining hands for the good that may be done for Oregon's children.

"These children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, consequently upon the development of the child rests the future standard of the citizens of the state.

"The strongest contributing factors in this development are the parents, teachers and schools. Let us ever be united, for has it not been said, 'United we stand?' The term of office for your present State Board will expire next October, just eight months and you must come to your next convention which will be held at Eugene prepared to select a new group of women to carry on your work. In order that you may have a better knowledge of the work over the state, we are preparing a copy of the Resolutions passed by your delegates last October in convention at The Dalles, which will be forwarded you later. It will be wise to discuss them at one of your meetings.

"At this convention your president recommended that the state be organized by counties as is done most successfully in other states and by the W. C. T. U. The convention rules to adopt this plan. Briefly it is as follows: The Parent-Teacher associations of each school district in a county unite and form a County Council, from which they send delegates, who, from among their number elect a council president. This council president will be a member (representing her own county) on the State Executive Board. The County Councils may meet as often as they see fit but we suggest five meetings a year, one in each section of the country and one general conference to be held in conjunction with the County Teachers' Institute. The county superintendent will assist you we feel sure. These Councils are not to pay dues to the State Organization as the individual circles already do that. Since our convention Multnomah county has organized and elected Mrs. L. A. Harlow, of Troutdale, president; Clackamas county organized and elected Mrs. John Waldron, of Oak Grove, president. The southern part of the state had a number of strong County Councils already doing very effective work.

"At the present time California holds the record for having the largest membership in Parent-Teacher work in the United States. Now Oregon is a leader in so many ways, can't we by March at least equal our neighbor on the South? Can't you appoint a good live membership committee and help us in this campaign?

"We also ask you to write us each month a report of the work you are doing, that we may pass it on to help others who are constantly writing to us for suggestions. Let us stand more united than ever parents and teachers in the cause of our children and schools this coming year. In July of this new year we will have with us the National Educational association bringing fully 15,000 teachers to Oregon. We sincerely hope that they will be able to take away with them the impression that Parent-Teacher associations are a help to the schools and at that time we are going to make an effort to show that we are a real help. This can only be done by you in your own circle, giving your assistance.

"With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I remain,

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Mrs. George W. McMath."
President Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke is vice president for Union county.

is no coin between the cent and nickel, and, as a consequence, merchants are in the habit of charging five cents for an article which would sell for 2 1/2 cents were coins in circulation. This is particularly true in the West where it is quite unusual to find articles for sale at prices between one and five cents. Mr. Bacharach is one of the leading Republican members of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, and will call his bill to that committee's attention at the first opportunity.

BIG GOLD STRIKE IS REPORTED

Geiser Brothers Deposit \$20,000 Worth of Metal from Connor Creek Mine.

Baker, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special)—A new ledge of quartz containing rich assays of gold has been uncovered at the Connor Creek mine, 16 miles below Huntington, and two retorts containing together approximately \$20,000 worth of the metal, and representing a seven-day output from the new stamp mill, were brought to Baker and deposited in the First National bank by Albert and Frank Geiser, who are in charge of the mines.

Albert Geiser, who is managing the quartz mine, states that the new ledge includes two parallel veins, the extent of which is not yet known, but which are believed to contain a wealth of gold. Development work has only been started, says Mr. Geiser, and it is possible that the new find may be greater or smaller than was expected.

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