

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

MILLER-GESEK MATCH IS SOLE TOPIC OF LA GRANDE LOVERS OF SPORT

Contest for Welterweight Championship of the World at the Arcade Next Thursday Night to be the Biggest Sporting Event Ever Staged in Eastern Oregon.

Walter Miller, world's welter and middleweight champion wrestler, is here for his match with Chris Gesek at the Arcade next Thursday night. Miller has a remarkable record as a wrestler, having lost only three matches during his professional career and having lost only one fall since winning the world's championship from Joe Turner of Washington, D. C., December 30, 1915.

Miller has engaged in over one thousand professional matches, wrestling the best men in the world, either defeating his man or getting a draw in every match, with the exception of two contests with Fred Beel, who was much heavier, and one match with Mike Yokel, with whom he has wrestled three times. On May 27, 1912, Miller and Yokel wrestled in the Salt-air pavilion at Salt Lake City, Yokel's home town, attracting a crowd of over 10,000 people. Miller won.

Walter Miller was born in Poland and escaped with his mother from the cruel country of the czar when a young lad and located in Duluth; later he moved to St. Paul and, joining the Y. M. C. A., became an amateur wrestler. His ability was recognized when he appeared against Fred Beel, who was meeting all comers at a local theatre in his home town and managed to stay twelve minutes before being thrown.

His first big professional match was

with Otto Sutter of Cleveland, at that time one of the best welterweights in the country, which went to a draw after two hours of hard wrestling attracting the attention of wrestling fans all over the Middle West.

At that time Miller was known as Young Miller, and for three or four years he met the best talent in the welter and middleweight classes, wrestling usually at St. Paul, sometimes at Duluth and Montreal, winning continually, eventually meeting and defeating Fred Bartl of Rochester, N. Y., who claimed the middleweight championship of the United States. Among other good men he defeated were Max Wiley, Stanley Karp, Ed Sellman, Geo. Bothner, former world's champion lightweight; Joe Carr, Kid Selby, Jimmy Potts, Dick Shepherd, Eugene Tremblay, Canadian champion, winning the welterweight title from Max Luttrell of Cincinnati. Wrestling and defeating Henry Gehring of Cleveland, Ed. Adamson and Al Hatch, the Prize of Western Canada; Mike Yokel of Salt Lake City, and winning over Eddie O'Connell of Portland in straight falls on two occasions, once in Portland and again in Spokane. The first contest with O'Connell at Portland, March 1, 1916, many local fans picked O'Connell as the winner, but Miller took the first fall after 1 hour and 8 minutes of fast wrestling, and the second in 34 minutes and 38 seconds.

Miller beat Henry Iselinger, holder of the European middleweight title and the Lonsdale belt, in straight falls, taking the first fall in 1 hour and 40 minutes and the second in quick time.

The match between Miller and Gesek on Thursday night should be the best contest we have had, as the wel-



WALTER MILLER

Walter Miller, Welterweight and Middleweight Champion

terweight title of the world is at stake and Miller will defend his crown against the most worthy contender for the honor on the Coast today.

Miller is a quiet, gentlemanly little fellow who makes hosts of friends wherever he goes. He is prominent in Knights of Columbus circles. He is an example of what may be attained by athletically inclined young men who traverse the straight path as applied to clean athletics.

The Arcade doors will open at 7 on Thursday night, as usual, and wrestling tickets will entitle the holder to the entire evening's entertainment, beginning at 7:15 with pictures and music. The preliminaries will start at 8:30.

In bringing Miller and Gesek together, the very best wrestling talent in the United States is being provided for the entertainment of local sport lovers. The program will be a clean athletic exhibition, and ladies are especially invited.

Tickets are on sale at Hughes cigar

RED CROSS DANCE TONIGHT

BENEFIT AFFAIR WILL BE GIVEN AT REX HALL

Dancing Begins at 9:00 O'clock—Public Invited—Jittery Dances—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grady Will Give Exhibition.

Russian dances, as reflected in the famous Zorinaxa and the Magyar, will be some of the features Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grady will include in their dancing numbers in conjunction with the Red Cross jittery dance benefit at Rex Hall tonight. Dancing begins at 9 o'clock and the public is welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Grady have already rehearsed the dances with the local orchestra and those who got in on the rehearsals are greatly excited over the prospects of a well-pleased audience tonight.

In addition to giving the exceptionally difficult dances listed above, these artists will dance what is known as the "Nigger Blues." In response to popular demand they will also demonstrate many of the newer steps which have become localized in all communities until they are oftentimes unrecognizable. This particularly refers to the one-step and fox trot. Their true demonstration will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Grady. Coupled with these feature numbers will be the usual evening's dancing.

All arrangements for the big affair have been completed. Mrs. Ray Murphy and her committee have been busy all day decorating the floor and balcony at Rex Hall. The music will be furnished by a galaxy of six celebrities in local music circles and so far as the details are concerned nothing has been left undone.

That the dancing feature to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Grady will draw a large crowd of people who do not necessarily dance but appreciate classical interpretation, is expected and arrangements to handle a big crowd in the balcony have been made.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady will dance at 10:30, the late hour being selected because of counter attractions earlier in the evening.

Fresh from the best dancing circles of the coast, as these young people are, and in close touch with the very latest turns and whims of the eastern dancing circles, they will be able to give La Grande as fine a representation of fancy dances and modern ballroom dancing as the city has ever seen. While in La Grande Mr. and Mrs. Grady are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grady.

The admission to the balcony will be 25 cents and each dance will cost five cents.

The patronesses are: Mesdames E. P. Mossman, M. K. Hall, M. B. Donohue, A. T. Hill, F. L. Meyers, T. J. Scroggin, W. H. Bohnekaup, E. Polack, Della Greene H. C. Grady, George Gilbert, T. W. King, E. Rosenbaum, L. A. McAllister, P. E. Oxner, G. E. Standfield and Miss Margaret Anson.

store. Will be on sale at Arcade after 7 p. m., Thursday.

Baker to Play Here.

BAKER, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A volleyball tussle has just been arranged between the business men of La Grande and Baker to be played at the former place on New Year's day. The local team will be drawn from the following squad: T. M. Baird, S. E. Brush, Dr. S. L. Peterson, J. P. Lottridge, A. A. Smith, W. A. Halliday, A. B. Stearns, H. G. Hyde.

Chris Gesek in Town.

Chris Gesek, of Tacoma, the famous wrestler who will wrestle Walter Miller for the championship tomorrow, is now registered at the Foley Hotel.

AMERICAN SPIRIT ON FRENCH FRONT

Yankee Push Shown by Signboards Bearing Legends of Various Nature.

"ABODE OF LOVE" ON HUN HUT

"Keep Off the Grass," Is American Engineer's Warning to Avoid Unexploded German Shell—France's Tribute to Fallen Allies.

Paris.—Among all the legends that appear on signboards at and near the front three plainly show the American spirit newly at work, writes George T. Byo.

The first of these I came across was at a railroad siding that formerly had been part of the depot yards of a bustling little town, C—, now thoroughly obliterated. American engineers were operating and maintaining this division of the military railway, and at the siding a beam-to-hummock has been propped up—the only structure to mark the former site of C—.

This hummock, supplied by British contractors, had a capacity of four customers, two standing and two seated on boxes. The agency of demolition of the prostrate town was cheerfully answered by a bold sign nailed to the side of the hummock:

Monmouth—Local creamery to make cheese.

Drain—S. P. Co. building new steel water tank.

Josephine County's new court house completed and dedicated.

NURSES MAKE HOMES FIT FOR BABIES



THE NURSE SHOWS MOTHER HOW TO BATHE BABY.

Welcome Prepared For Little Ones of the Poor—Mothers Instructed in Their Care by Infant Welfare Nurses.

Thousands of children are born each year in our big cities who have literally no place to lay their heads. No preparation is made for their coming. Little or no clothing is ready for them. This is not because their mothers do not want to prepare a fitting welcome, but because they cannot afford to.

It is hard to believe that any mother is so poor that she cannot prepare one kind of a welcome for her child, to hard that nothing but a trip to one of the desolate homes of a big city can convince us that it can be true.

That a trip may have its encouraging side, to offset the discouraging, is well to make it with a public health nurse employed by the city or by one of the relief agencies. The nurse carries with her a feeling of security. We know that if anything can be done to alleviate suffering, and to brighten the face of poverty she will do it. She has learned to be resourceful. Her hospital training has taught her that she must act quickly.

Flag in hand, the nurse climbs up four flights of dirty stairs. This is not a prenatal case in which the nurse has been preparing the mother for the coming of her baby. If it

The Good Old Customs.

By all means as long as they will endure, let us cling to the old customs. Up with the holly, the box and the bay, set the plum pudding ablaze. Light the Christmas tree, wreathe green boughs broadcast through the land, fling out wild bells to the wild sky and give encouragement to the carol singers. Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it makes us all kin and more or less kind. It is a truly happy festival, the time when we least understand what home means, the children's feast, when the old grow young again. A happy Christmas, then, to all.

SOMETHING REALLY NEW



The seeker for something new in midday's clothes will surely be satisfied with this odd and unusual frock. The effect of the entire dress is decidedly new and every little touch accentuates its novelty. There is nothing about it that is like any other. The material used is black satin. The single revers and band are of moire in a delicate sand color. The same shade is used in the delicate tracings of the silk embroidery on the skirt.

ABOUT ACCESSORIES

Handout bands make delightful trimmings. And many of the new dressy blouses show horse collars.

Embroidered crepe de chine makes wonderful sports coats.

What do you say to navy and olive drab suits with brass buttons?

A BASKET BABY

where the home would be in a very different condition. It is an emergency case.

The room is dirty, dark and ill-smelling, but the nurse sets to work to put it in order and makes the mother as comfortable as possible.

"This will be a basket baby," she says as she makes her plans for its coming.

The meaning of this remark is not clear until the next visit is made to the same home the following day. Is it really the same home, you wonder. It has been transformed by a thorough cleaning. The floor is clean, the stove shines and there are curtains at the windows.

On the floor beside the bed is an ordinary clothes basket. Closer inspection proves that it has been converted into a bassinette for the baby. It is fitted with mattress and sheets and a pink woolly blanket with rabbits woven in it. A baby's outfit is in readiness. Everything is there, even to the pink sleeping cap.

Once the basket baby arrives the nurse makes herself personally responsible for it. She places it on her calling list. Every day she stops in to show the mother how to bathe, dress and feed it. She sees that the mother does not go back to work too soon. She sees that the other children have proper food and care. Perhaps she helps the father to get a better job; and she may even move the family into healthier quarters.

This is the kind of work that thousands of baby welfare nurses are doing in large cities. In rural districts and small towns they are working, too, for better babies and for a higher health standard in the home. The country needs these nurses now more than it ever needed them, for the life of every individual is important in the winning of the war. An appeal has been made by the Nursing Committee of the Council of National Defense at Washington for more young women to enter hospital training schools and fit themselves for nursing in order that the health standard of the nation may be raised during these times of physical, mental and economic stress.

Daily Observer

Makes Clubbing Arrangement With

The Oregon Farmer

Offers Unusual Opportunity to Its Readers

AMONG our large circle of readers there are a great many who are interested directly or indirectly in fruit growing, dairying and other branches of farming. All of these naturally wish to keep in close touch with agricultural activities throughout the state; and to know about any fight which is being waged for the measures Oregon farmers want and against all sorts of schemes that are detrimental to the people and agricultural interests of this state.

We have, therefore, made a special clubbing arrangement with THE OREGON FARMER whereby any farmer or fruitgrower, who is one of our regular subscribers and who is not now a subscriber to THE OREGON FARMER, will be entitled to receive THE OREGON FARMER in combination with this paper at the same rate as for this paper alone.

This offer applies to all those who renew or extend their subscriptions as well as to all new subscribers. If you are interested directly or indirectly in Oregon agriculture, do not miss this unusual opportunity, but send your order in now.

THE OREGON FARMER is the one farm paper which is devoting itself exclusively to the farming activities and interests of Oregon. It has a big organization gathering the news of importance to farmers, dairymen, fruitgrowers, stockraisers and poultrymen; and it has the backbone to attack wrongful methods and combinations and bad legislation, and support honest leaders and beneficial measures. We are confident that our readers will congratulate us on our being able to make this splendid and attractive clubbing offer.

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TONIGHT

RUSSIAN DANCES, FOLK DANCING, AND TRUE INTERPRETATION OF MODERN STEPS

Will Be the Feature of the Social Event of the Holiday Season

TONIGHT--Rex Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grady, two of the cleverest dancing partners on the Pacific Coast, will interpret Russian and other dance steps.

Public Invited

These attractions are high lights in an evening's dance program to which the public is cordially invited. Each dance costs 5 cents, and admission to the gallery will be 25 cents. Come out and see some clever dancing, and dance yourself, too. And, furthermore, your presence will be a lift to this big

Red Cross Benefit

Dancing begins at 9 o'clock. Feature dancing later in the evening.

"Help the Red Cross and also spend a social evening at Rex Hall tonight."

