

# SPORT NEWS

## IRD CURTAINS READY TO LIFT

Everything Set for Shannon and Bairie Ten Round Go Tonight; Big Crowd is Expected to Attend.

With but a few hours yet before Shannon-Bairie go tonight, Bakers still maintain that he will win or get a draw. Here is what they base their conclusions upon: Bairie has fought 75 fights, mostly six, and those, all but one, lost when he first started in fighting game. The other one lost during the past year on a sison. Bairie's youth, pluck, cleverness and punch are expected to be factors against Eddie, who is held up by local fans as being the greatest boy that ever came to La Grange to fight. The case looks, this to the writer, Bairie, retaining youth, against Shannon, an aging general. Whether youth will over Shannon's ring experience hard to decide. Bairie fought Frankie Darron, who can't need describing, three draws. Darron beat the statistics out of Spug Myers, Boise fighter, recently. Bairie also fought Mike Kind, known over the country in Salt Lake City recently, getting a draw, and knocked out Johnny Olson in Butte, Montana, a few days ago. One thing of real importance in Bairie's record is the fact that 25 of his victories have to be via the K. O. route. And he has a punch-yes sir.

**Bus Is Confident.** Bairie, steadily training at the Y, is better than ever before. He worked with Lubbes yesterday and Baker boy couldn't touch him. He made things hotter than a 4<sup>th</sup> next during the eight rounds. At night he went another six rounds with Lubbes and looked even better than the night before. L. E. Es, representing D. L. Trilbe, manager of the Hotel Logan, of Logan, Ia., Bairie's manager, believes that he has the best chance in the world to K. O. Eddie and Bairie is as sure of it himself. "The only thing that will hurt Bairie in the least is the fact that he has to make 135, which means taking three rounds from a man in perfect condition," said Jones, then adding, "but I don't worry so much."

**Shannon Here.** Eddie Shannon, looking like he could tear down the Sphinx, arrived in La Grande Thursday and is expected to beat Bus. His condition is practically at the edge of perfection and he says that he expects to give Bairie, who really is a La Grander now inasmuch as he has decided to stay here for some time, anything that he has—and that is a big lot.

With everything ready for the card fight, reports come in that the seat has exceeded all past records. A record-breaking crowd is expected to assemble in the Arcade tonight to take in the "best fight ever had in Oregon," as Manager Ed Ford expresses it. Battling Lubes, who is in much better shape now when he fought here a week ago, will meet Dannie O'Dey, of Boise, in the six round semi-final, and Ed Ford vs. Turner and Bush Coleman will make up the two round preliminaries. The referee has not been announced.

**Baseball Bugs to Meet After Shannon-Bairie Go**

Immediately following the boxing fight to be held in the Arcade tonight, baseball fans and players will meet in the Home Plate for the purpose of definitely laying plans for coming season and electing officers. Several propositions are open to the fans, among them being a league similar to last year's Baker-La Grande independent ball league and other proposals. With prospects bright for a much stronger team than last year, Pirates are looking forward to a season that will long be remembered in sporting circles.

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## SPORT BRIEFS

**BEEES VS. CUBS SOON**  
PESNO, Cal., Mar. 16.—The Salt Lake Bees, who are doing their spring training here this year, have outlined a tentative schedule, playing practice games as follows:  
March 18, Magnavox, Oakland Tribune League.  
March 24, Chicago Cubs.  
March 25, Chicago Cubs.  
March 31, San Francisco Olympic Club.  
April 1, Olympic Club.

**SIKI WALLEPS WIFE**  
(By Associated Press)  
HOBOKEN, N. J., Mar. 16.—Battling Siki is said to have blacked the eye of his wife recently while she attempted to take him from a Parisian house where he was training under the effects of "liquor."

**FIRPO FIGHTS MAY 13**  
NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—Tex Rickard Thursday night announced that Luis Firpo would make his next appearance here on the same card with Jess Willard and Floyd Johnson at the Yankee stadium, May 13. Rickard did not intimate who Firpo's opponent would be, but it was said he might select Jack Renalt, Canadian heavy, or Tom Gibbons, St. Paul light-heavyweight.

**ATHENA ELIMINATED**  
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 16.—In the first elimination game of the 1923 state high school basketball tournament Thursday evening, Salem won from Athena by a score of 50 to 29.

**"STRANGLER" STILL CHAMP**  
TULSA, Okla., Mar. 16.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis retained his heavyweight wrestling championship of the world when he threw Cliff Binekeley of Ohio in two straight falls here Wednesday night.

**HERMAN VS. FIRPO?**  
OMAHA, Neb., Mar. 16.—Jack Lewis, manager of Jim Herman, Omaha heavyweight, Thursday offered to wager \$1000 with Luis Firpo's manager, that Herman will beat the Argentine fighter if they meet at the Polo Grounds, New York, June 2, according to the Omaha Evening Bee, which says Lewis announced that the match had virtually been assured. A \$25,000 purse has been offered Firpo to meet Herman.

**EXHIBITION BASEBALL**  
ORLANDO, Fla., R. H. E. Cleveland Americans ..... 19 11 1 Cincinnati Nationals ..... 2 8 4 Batteries, Morton, Smith, Uble and Myatt, L. Sevelly, Laque, Keck and Wingo, Hildgrave.

**CLEARWATER, Fla.** R. H. E. Brooklyn Nationals ..... 12 13 2 Boston Nationals ..... 7 11 8 Batteries, Deantur, Dickerman, Olinger and Isberry, Taylor, Watson, Benton and Gowdy, O'Neil.

**TO CONTROL BOXING**  
NEW YORK, Mar. 16.—A \$1,500,000 corporation has been formed to conduct boxing bouts at the Polo Grounds, home of the New York Giants, and to be controlled largely by directors of the ball club, it was announced Thursday by Tom O'Rourke, boxing promoter. He will be matchmaker of the new organization. Papers of incorporation were ready Wednesday night to be filed at Albany.

**SAW CUTS OFF FINGERS**  
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 16.—Edward Thornton tested a buzz saw today by touching it. Result: Three fingers off his right hand.

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Club House, Monday, April 2, 8 P. M.  
N. W. FREES, Secretary.

## TROJANS, BEARS CLASH MARCH 17

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15.—Members of the University of Southern California track and field team are slowly rounding into condition, and when they meet the University of California athletes here March 17, the squad will be in tip-top shape, according to Dean B. Cromwell, coach of the Trojans. Charles W. Faddock, world's champion sprinter, has been in excellent condition for more than two months and on Feb. 17 won the open 100-yard dash in the Southern Pacific Amateur Athletic union relay carnival in 24.5 seconds. He is expected to be a big point winner against the Bears.

The Trojans hardly hope to defeat the California track and field aggregation as they have not enough men to win second and third places as well as first, said Cromwell.

The Trojans will not meet the University of Nebraska, according to Gwynn Wilson, graduate manager, who says the Cornhuskers asked for a date on April 7 at Los Angeles. The Trojans were forced to decline the offer because of a meet with Stanford university at Palo Alto on April 3. Wilson said it would be too strenuous on the men to have two meets so close together.

U. S. C. has not decided whether to enter the Pacific coast championship or the U. S. A. A. A. championships, said Wilson, who declared the Trojans are waiting to see if

the Pacific coast conference changes the date of its meet, in which event the Trojans will enter both meets.

### Baker Scouts to Play Here Saturday Evening

The boy scouts of La Grande and the boy scouts of Baker will open a two-game series for the juvenile basketball championship of Union and Baker here Saturday evening in the Y gymnasium at 8 o'clock. Charles Reynolds will referee and a small admission fee will be charged. Baker scouts have a strong lineup with Moody, Gwynn and Paxon, all members of the high school team, in their personnel. La Grande will be represented by Fitzgerald and McCockle, forwards; Dutton, center; Kelley and Robinson, guards; with Glass and Meadley as substitutes. The local team has been defeated only twice, then by the high school seconds whom they won from once. Two wins from the strong Imbler scouts are listed in their string of victories. Fans expect a fast game when the two teams meet.

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**BOXING MATCH**

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**EDDIE SHANNON**  
of Portland  
Lightweight Champion of Pacific Coast  
—vs—  
**BUS BAIRIE**  
TEN-ROUND MAIN EVENT  
**Dannie O'Dey**  
of Boise  
—vs—  
**Battling Lubbes**  
of Baker  
Six-Round Semi-Final  
**COLEMAN vs. BUSH**  
4—rounds—4  
**GLENN FORD vs. TURNER**  
4—rounds—4  
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