

.. Sporting Section ..

ATHLETICS A SUCCESS IN L. H. S.

La Grande Football Team
Won Eastern Oregon
Championship.

TRACKMEN PLACE
SECOND IN MEET

Basketball Team Lost the
Championship in Post-
Season Game; Remark-
able Showing.

Despite the fact that La Grande high school won but one Eastern Oregon championship this year, the school year proved far more successful than the average. In football L. H. S. proved champions of Eastern Oregon and in basketball, lost the championship only in a post-season game with Joseph high school. On the track La Grande placed a very successful season, winning two dual meets, losing one dual meet, winning the Union county track and field meet and placing second in the Eastern Oregon track and field meet. Many stars developed in the Blue and White ranks during the track season. Earl "Tiger" Larson heading the list. Larson, a versatile athlete, was high point man in every track and field meet that La Grande participated in during the entire season.

A resume of the football season in the fall of 1922 follows: La Grande 58, Imbler 9; La Grande 21, Astoria 10; La Grande 29, Elsie 12; La Grande 7, Pendleton 25; La Grande 12, Baker 6; La Grande 52, Union 6; La Grande 72, Walla 6; La Grande 45, Enterprise 8. A total of 350 points to their opponents 43 points.

A resume of the basketball season in the winter of 1922-23 follows: La Grande 29, 23, Union 12, 17; La Grande 24, 13, Elsie 18, 19; La Grande 28, 29, Walla 17, 13; La Grande 27, 31, Joseph 26, 23; La Grande 33, Enterprise 21; La Grande 55, 28, Haines 9, 12; La Grande 11, 11, Pendleton 27, 13; La Grande 16, 35, Baker 17, 29. In a post season game for the championship of the district including Union, Walla, Baker, Grant, Milheur and Harney counties, La Grande lost to Joseph at Enterprise by the score of 29 to 32. La Grande scored 437 points to their opponents 204.

A resume of the track season this spring follows: La Grande 192, Union 20; La Grande 167, Baker 15; La Grande 33 1-2, Pendleton 88 1-2; Union County Meet, La Grande 95, Union 46, Walla 9, Imbler 2; Eastern Oregon Meet, Pendleton 54 1-2; La Grande 40 1-2, Milton Freewater 14, Union 12, Baker 11, Vale 5, Enterprise and Mandy creek 4 each.

Taking all into consideration L. H. S. won 15 out of 24 football and basketball contests and were winners in 2 out of 5 track meets.

Billiards, snooker and pocket billiards, which held sway during the winter season, are now giving way to baseball, fishing, and other summer sports. Moose shots are being made now with a fishing rod, draw shots with the reel, break shots with a 12 gauge shotgun, and follow shots by the pinch hitter.

About the wickedest sport imaginable is a mumble-peg contest in which blind boys are participating.

A Dreaded Disease, Called By Many As Golphosis, Described

History: Golphosis originated among the shepherds of Scotland about 600 years ago. Since the very origin the disease has always appeared in acute form. No mild cases have been reported by reliable specialists, although some cases of milder form of mental disorder have apparently been taken for it. For several centuries, however, it seems to have been confined largely to the nobility and wealthy classes.

Etiology: The cause of golphosis seems to have some connection with an excess of leisure time. Although the disease is unquestionably brought on in most cases by accidental causes, it has not been proven that the poor heredity predisposes to golphosis. It generally attacks persons between the ages of eight and eighty, although some cases have been reported above and below these ages. As regards proportion of sexes affected, the male predominates in the ratio of 5 to 1. The only races so far uncontaminated are the Esquimaux and the Dobschevsky.

Pathology: The disease is characterized by the sudden onslaught, from the beginning and so far as medicalizes the patient that no help in fighting it can be expected from that source. The fact that it breaks out immediately after exposure to a great deal of leisure time, but a great deal of leisure time is not always followed by golphosis. Irritability, and enormous increase in appetite later little faults of memory appear, the patient misuses words and appears to become indifferent to the higher sentiments.

Fishing Calls To Many During the Summer Days

The call of the great outdoors, like the city man the hardest during the spring season and in early summer. Then it is that he goes out into the backyard, if he has one, and digs merrily for fish worms, and if he hasn't a backyard, buys some half size up the fishing outfit, and ties himself to the banks of some stream where he may angle for fishy treasures to his heart's delight.

Eastern Oregon is exceptionally well supplied with fishing facilities. Practically every stream that winds its way through Union, Baker and Walla counties gives forth each year its share of fish to the persistent sportsman.

At present fishing is a regular week-end sport in La Grande and fishermen are showing considerable ability in snaring large ones. On the opening day of the season C. N. Palmer caught a 27-inch rainbow and about ten days ago, L. M. Host snared a rainbow equal in length to the first catch. And they both were beautiful. Many others are catching large ones—but the usual number of whoppers still get away!

BASEBALL IN 1922 SUCCESS

La Grande Team Proved
Themselves One of the
Strongest Nines in Eastern
Oregon; Won 12, Lost
But 3.

Last summer, for the first time in a decade, La Grande had a winning baseball team, not only successful in an athletic way, but one that also proved self-supporting and maintained high ideals of the national pastime throughout the season.

The Intermountain league, consisting of Union, La Grande, Cove, Baker, Haines and Elgin, was formed in the spring and on April 20th the opening games were played. La Grande defeated Cove at La Grande 19 to 9 and on the next Sunday took Union into camp 8 to 1. Haines was beaten by La Grande in the third contest but in the fourth Cove decisively defeated the Pirates, as the La Grande team was called, 16 to 10. La Grande then broke even with Baker in two games and then started a string of victories that carried them without a defeat until July 30, when Baker defeated them here in the decisive game of the season. Had La Grande won the Pirates would have been proclaimed champions. Of a total of 15 games played La Grande won 12.

Baseball is again in vogue this season. The Intermountain league has again been formed, this time with but four teams, however. Baker opened their season against the Pirates, defeating them but La Grande came back the next week and won from Union while Cove was winning from Baker. La Grande again defeated Union last Sunday and is now tied with Baker and Cove for first place. From present indications the La Grande team this year should have a successful season as in 1922.

CLEAN SPORTS.
More and more attention is being given to the real vital object in amateur sports. Competition has even been active, for without that item, sports would die out, but it is equally true that the higher moral ideal in sports is just as important. And mental, physical and moral betterment, especially the latter, are the real aims.

SORE POINTS IN SCHOLASTIC SPORTS EXIST

Central Boards of Control
Held Meritorious; Much
Mooted Referee Question
Discussed.

A resolution, that was introduced by C. W. Boettcher of Albany, at a meeting of principals and coaches of the high schools in one section of the Willamette valley a few weeks past, reads as follows:

"Whereas, The state of Oregon is so vast in its extent of territory that different sections have causes of isolation, lack of railroad facilities, large population, etc., have very distinct athletic situations. Therefore, in order to harmonize all of these conditions and advance the cause of athletics the state over, be it resolved that it is the sense of the school officials present to divide the state into several districts each with an organization of its own but all harmonizing under a general state constitution and a state board of control."

The above resolution, in the opinion of the writer, if put into effect, would prove one of the greatest harmonizers in high school athletics that would be possible. The state of Oregon is large and the territory is so vast that it is a clear distinction of athletic boundaries are more or less sure. In basketball this has all been attended to, as it has also been in track and field athletics. Football needs such a division, and it is a crying need.

Not only is such a division advisable for football but the above mentioned boards of control, under central supervision, are also badly needed. Many times, especially in Eastern Oregon, championships, once won, are either contested and disclaimed unofficially by some other team who feel that they have a claim to the honors, and these claims are many times just. An ideal arrangement in this section would be a division, similar to the one now in existence in basketball, making two Eastern Oregon sections, the winners of each section to play for the Eastern Oregon title.

Referee Question.
As the writer has before mentioned through the columns of the Observer, another ever present question that should be given attention is that of officials, referees, umpires, judges and other officials at athletic contests in this district are too often looked upon by the visiting team. Why not organize an association of officials and draft a ruling whereby no game would be considered official unless a neutral referee officiated?

Interscholastic athletics in Eastern Oregon are to say the least, in a premature stage. Many conditions exist that should be smoothed out. The matter should be given attention.

TRAPSHOOTING VERY POPULAR

Country Club Traps Have
Been A Strong Drawing
Card During the Season;
Many Proficient Shooters
Here.

Trapshooting has been one of the premier pastimes of the La Grande sporting element since the early 90's, when it was first introduced into this city. Since that time, when a small band of sportsmen first linked themselves together in the firm determination to inaugurate and keep alive the art of trapshooting, the sport has steadily grown.

At the present day, especially during the late winter and early this spring, nearly every Sunday was spent at the Country Club traps banging the clay pigeons. As many as 32 trapshooters have been on the traps participating in a shoot at one time. The traps at the Country Club have lately been improved and afford every convenience for the sportsman's comfort, whether the weather be bleak or otherwise.

Held Field Trials.
An Eastern Oregon Field Trial, to test out La Grande hunters and their dogs, will be held this year and it is expected that the event will become an annual affair. La Grande sportsmen, consisting of 12 in all, are ranked with the best and, as far as the hunting dogs go, some of the finest bred and the best trained animals in the state are owned by local men. Not only do the sportsmen plan to make the field trial a yearly Eastern Oregon event, but in times to come, with more development, they look to making it a national event.

1922 Banner Year.
The banner year in the annals of the sportsmen was 1922. At that time, with such men as Conkey Murphy, Hatt and Andrews, shooting around 30, La Grande staged a state tournament, making \$1000 that was given as prizes to the winning contestants. The La Grande team, composed of the above men, won first place in the tournament that year and repeated in later years at other tournaments. La Grande trapshooters hang up records that year that were truly indicative of their ability.

Not only are traps becoming more

150,000 People May See Classic Automobile Race

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 26.—The greatest crowd that ever witnessed a sporting event will attend the annual international 500-mile automobile race here May 30, in the opinion of officials of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where the event will be held.

Last year's crowd, announced as 135,000, will be topped by 150,000 this month-end, if the advance sale indicates anything, it is said. The sales to date were declared to be many thousands ahead of the mark at this time last year.

There are three new elements which tend to make the coming event the most interesting in years. They are: More foreign entries than since 1914; the initial trials of racing motors of not more than 122 cubic inches piston displacement—only about two-thirds as large as the smallest motor in pleasure cars in the United States—and the introduction of rotary valve engines in the racing game.

SPORT SEASON SUCCESS AT "Y"

The La Grande Y. M. C. A.
Proves a Training School
for Younger Generation
in Athletics.

An important item in the sport world that is continually overlooked by many is the preparatory branch, the beginning of all major sports, men and the training of others who never take up either professionally or in an amateur way athletics but merely derive from participation physical betterment.

In La Grande the Y. M. C. A. plays an important part in fostering clean sport, especially among the younger generation, giving them physically, mentally and morally for their later work in life.

Many Sports.
The classes at the Y are many and varied. Basketball is featured in basketball season, baseball in the winter, swimming in the summer, and so on down the line.

Training the younger boys and girls is one of the most important phases of Y. M. C. A. classwork. During the past two years four classes of boys graduated according to their age, were constantly active. They were divided into four grades, the prep, grade school boys, Junior Scouts and Senior Scouts. Boys basketball tournaments, swimming meets, and gymnastic contests were held in all classes. Numerous records of the local Y. M. C. A. were broken in an indoor track meet held in January this year. The class of Senior Scouts had a basketball team that worked its way to the top. In a play off for the championship of Union and Baker counties they broke even with the Baker boys, the third game never being played.

Major Basketball.
Not only was special stress given to the training of the younger boys but the men and young men also came in for their share of sports. The La Grande Amateur Athletic association conducted a basketball tournament this winter, of which all games were played at the Y. M. C. A. Seven teams entered the tourney the Clerks finally losing out in the finals to the M. I. A. team. The Clerks also played the Purple Giants, a fast Echo team.

Volley Ball.
Volley ball, among the business men, is gaining more and more popularity. The Business Men's Volley Ball class played the Baker business men two games this year, one at Baker and the second at home. Each team won on its home floor. The team is also planning to arrange for a 5X game series with Baker next year, three games to be played in La Grande and three in Baker.

Class Broken Up.
Although the high school girls class started off with a rush under the direction of Miss Fredericke Schilke, taking gymnasium work and playing basketball, later the class broke up on account of Miss Schilke's ill health, which necessitated her giving up the work. The business women also had a very active volleyball class which continued until March.

Baseball Now On.
The Sen or Scouts have concentrated this spring on baseball with successful results. They have defeated the Greenwood team, the Observer team, the Western Union team, and a team picked from the best of the three. Several other games are on their schedule, one with Prairie City and a series of games with Imbler. Two other troops of Scouts have baseball teams and have played in several contests with more or less success.

And more popular each season, but many of the former artists who dropped out for a while are coming back and regaining their former proficiency with the gun. An even greater membership would be had this year but for the high price of shells, which is now making the pastime a more expensive one than in the past, so the trapshooters say.

It is quite likely that inter-city journeys will be held in Eastern Oregon in the near future and, needless to say, La Grande will be represented with a strong team when they are scheduled.

Amateur baseball teams have been cluttering up the vacant lots in La Grande all spring. From the appearance of some of the youngsters, it looks like La Grande is going to develop some real future Babe Ruths and Ty Cobbs.

L. H. S. Faculty Members



La Grande high school faculty members. Upper center, G. W. Campbell, A. B., science, Willamette University; upper left hand, Etta Virginia Haynes, B. S., domestic art, Montana State College; upper right hand, Esther J. Rohrer, B. S., Latin, English, University of Missouri; lower center, C. C. Snow, manual training, Normal Industrial College of North Dakota; lower left hand, Berlyle Lindgren, B. A., history, University of Nebraska; lower right hand, Gertrude B. Thomas, commercial, Michigan State Normal College.



La Grande high school faculty. Upper center, A. C. Lindgren, B. S., mathematics and history, University of Nebraska; upper left hand, Ray L. Davidson, B. A., study hall and library, University of Oregon; upper right hand, Fredericke Schilke, music, University of Oregon; lower left hand, Jean Hanna, B. S., history and science, Kansas Agricultural College; lower right hand, Ruth Nash, B. A., Eng., University of Oregon.

ATTEND UNIVERSITY.

(By Associated Press)

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May 25.—Vice President Coolidge, Secretary of War Weeks and United States Senator George Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania, have been invited by members of the Corps of Study Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Gettysburg, to join them in celebrating here on July 3, the last day of the conflict between the armies of the North and South.

There are less than a score of civil time of day is set out twice a day in the Park Observatory, located on the post and their watch is the task of not far from the Latin quarter. B's sponsoring an elaborate observance of the powers of the city are so great, and this anniversary "is larger than they, the vibrations from street traffic so

noticeable that the requisite accuracy is becoming impossible and the director of the institution says he must move his instruments to the peace and quiet of the country. The exact determination of the hour is regarded as one of the most difficult measurements problems in astronomy. For navigators and explorers the time is calculated to the hundredth part of a second.

DELEGATE INSTRUMENTS.
(By Associated Press)
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