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SPORT NEWS

BALL LEAGUE TO BE FORMED NEXT SUNDAY

Meeting of La Grande, Walla Walla, Baker and Pendleton Representatives Set.

If present plans are carried through to the satisfaction of the parties concerned a four-team baseball league to be formed of the cities of Walla Walla, Pendleton, Baker and La Grande will be organized at Pendleton next Sunday at a meeting of representatives of the four cities.

This arrangement would seem on paper to form a better organization than the 1924 Blue Mountain league for the four cities mentioned would be closer matched in regard to size, potential financial strength and possible gate receipts.

Less Expensive Traveling. Then again the big jumps to Milton-Freswater and Dayton would be avoided, thus cutting down traveling expenses for teams on the edge of the circuit. Of course Baker and Walla Walla would have a little further to go than would La Grande and Pen-

dleton but not enough to work a hardship. The binding together of four traditional rivals such as La Grande, Baker, Pendleton and Walla Walla should be a good boost to the box office income in each city and would be of a good deal more interest to the fans than a game with some far away city such as Dayton.

Harris French who was at the helm of the Pirate's craft last season until his resignation toward the end of the year will officially represent La Grande at Pendleton next Sunday.

YOKEL, EDWARDS MATCH ENDS IN TWO-HOUR DRAW

PORTLAND (AP)—Mike Yokel wrestled Billy Edwards to a two-hour draw here last night.

QUATRIN WINS DERBY

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Quatrain Tuesday won the Louisiana derby, carrying an added purse of \$17,500 at one and one-eighth miles. The time was 1:54. Bennett Vow was second, Brave Bob Hurd and Stirrup (up fourth). Quatrain was the favorite.

MISHKIND BEATS BURKE

DENVER, Colo. (AP)—Abe Mishkind, Salt Lake lightweight, knocked out "Kid" Burke of Omaha, Neb., in the first round of a scheduled three-round bout here Tuesday night. Jack Shirley, Denver heavyweight, fought four rounds to a draw with Charlie Long, Omaha negro.

COLORED BOY TO FIGHT HERE

The promoters of the Sunny Jim-Tom McCarty ten round set to which is to be staged here March 26 promise local fight fans an unusual exhibition when the two boys meet.

Sunny Jim hails from Portland and other coast points and McCarty registers from San Francisco but has also fought up and down the coast.

The colored boy has fought recently in Portland and in a long career in the ring has never been knocked out, according to his backers. McCarty has appeared at Baker and is known to some of the fans locally.

14 Rounds Prelims.

The bout is being put on by the La Grande Athletic club and will be held in the gymnasium of the Odd Fellows' building.

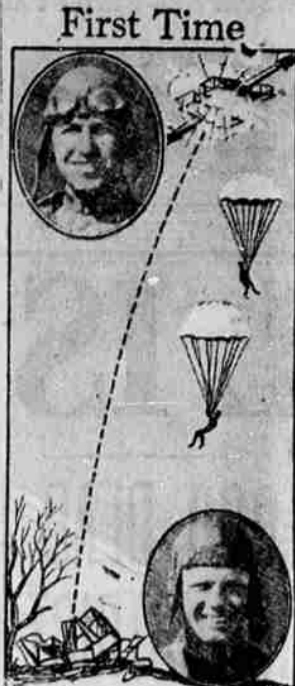
The card will include 14 rounds of preliminaries preceding the main event. Coleman vs. Dougherty will be the curtain raiser in a four round argument. Sarp and Carl Becker will fight four rounds and the semi final will feature "Bip" Ford and Kelley Barrett of Baker who will weigh in at 150 pounds each. Ford is being groomed by the L. A. C. and is said to be in top form. Incidentally the main fighters are light heavyweights and will fight at 150 pounds.

NAVY HEAVYWEIGHT IS TOO MUCH FOR FUENTE

VENICE, Calif. (AP)—Eddie Huffman, heavyweight champion of the navy, Tuesday took the measure of Tony Fuente, Mexican ring general, who gained apocryphal notoriety when he won from Fred Fulton, the plasterer, in 25 seconds in the ring at Culver City last November.

Showing an outstanding ability to absorb hard punches as well as give them, the sailor was awarded a decision at the end of a fast and hard-fought 19-round fight.

Fuente, after piling up a slight lead in the earlier rounds, virtually lost the fight in the last round when he ran squarely into one of Huffman's left hooks that put him on a weak defensive for the remainder of the bout.



When two fast fighting planes collided in the air near Kelly Field, Tex., Lieutenant C. D. McAllister and Cadet Charles A. Lindberg, pilots of the two machines, were saved from death by their parachutes. This was the first time in history such an escape was effected.

BASEBALL

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE CAMPS ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Browns' workout Wednesday at Tarpon Springs, Fla., centered around the pitchers, with special attention to Milton Gaston, right hander, who throws a fork ball and who is trying out a curve. He works under the eye of Joe Bush, ex-Yankee twirler.

DETROIT (AP)—Manager Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers in training at Augusta, Ga., is crowding his men every moment possible in preparation for the game Thursday with the Toronto club of the International league. Cobb is not entirely sure that his men are ready for the Canadian aggression, especially his pitchers.

PITTSBURG (AP)—The Pirate regulars, in their training camp at Paso Robles, Cal., Tuesday celebrated St. Patrick's day by defeating the Hooligans, 6 to 3. Lee Meadows took the twirling assignment for the first time and lasted eight innings, Louis Koupal succeeding him.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Back in camp Wednesday at Tampa, the Senators were still examining their bats for some explanation to that total of two hits they amassed off the three Boston Braves' pitchers at St. Petersburg Tuesday.

CHICAGO (AP)—The roster of the White Sox at Shreveport, La., is lighter today by five names as a result of Manager Eddie Collins' axe wielding. Lopped off were Frank Wojacek, infielder, returned to Quebec; Jess Cortazzo, infielder, sold to Cumberland; Ray Dearing and Alex Hamilton, given to Shreveport on option; and Rickman, pitcher, released outright and sent back to Chicago. Clarke "Pinkie" Pittinger, making a strenuous effort to deliver the goods in Rabbit Maravalle's shoes, made three errors in the game with his former team mates, letting in a brace of runs.

27 YEARS AGO

Daily Morning Observer, March 18, 1898.—The office of the Edison Electric company will be refitted and will be occupied jointly by Mr. Meize and the officers of the Oregon Sugar company.

Carl Roe, editor of the Wallawa Chieftain, called upon the Observer this evening.

County Surveyor Arthur Curtis returned yesterday from Cricket Flat country where he had been to run a dividing line between the Mills and Reiser farms.

The ladies who are to assist in the preparations for the calico ball are requested to meet in the parlors of the commercial club today at 2 o'clock.

Mr. West, the chief engineer for the Oregon Sugar company, arrived yesterday morning from Baker City and will remain in the city for several days determining to locate the site for the sugar factory.

The ladies of the Jolly Whist club were entertained yesterday afternoon by Mesdames Pattison and White at the former's home.

In the not far distant future La Grande will have a new and up-to-date depot. The plans are now drawn and there is no longer any doubt that the sound of hammer and saw will be heard in the building of a new depot for the city of La Grande.

Today and tomorrow are opening days in the J. M. Berry's millinery department.

J. H. Minnaugh, of the Grande Rende Lumber company, honored the Observer office yesterday by calling. Mr. Minnaugh says that the Perry mill begins operations next Wednesday with a force of about one hundred men, as the company has orders ahead for 50 carloads of lumber.

Trouble comes seldom to those with plenty of work to do.

TENNIS CLUB FIXING COURT

The La Grande Tennis club is busy at the present time repairing its courts near the hospital in preparation for the coming tennis season. Lines are being retaped, new nets are to be put up and other important improvements attended to.

According to Charles Bigner the club dues are now payable. Persons who desire to have club privileges at the courts this season may find Mr. Bigner at Joe's grocery, corner of Washington and Cedar.

Argentine Horses to Run 1000-Mile Race

BUENOS AIRES. (AP)—A horse race of 1,000 miles has been organized here to determine the vexed question of whether the native Argentine horse, or criollo, has a superior in stamina. The pampas bred animal's resistance to fatigue has become proverbial, and many remarkable feats of endurance accomplished by horses of this breed are on record. Nevertheless, in a series of 12-hour races run over the Palermo racetrack last year, the winners usually turned out to be horses possessing one or more crosses of foreign thoroughbred blood. In covering, roughly, 120 miles in 12 hours, these horses undoubtedly displayed extraordinary stamina and, although the admirers of the criollo are the first to admit the fact, they contend that the trial was not severe enough to test the endurance of their favorites.

Dr. Emilio Solanet, a breeder of criollo horses, has issued a challenge to run two animals of that breed against two horses of any other pure blood whatever, over a distance of 1,000 miles, the competitors to carry a weight equal to that of a cavalry soldier with his equipment. His challenge has been taken up by Augustin de Elin, who will run two thoroughbred horses descended from the English racer Honnie Dundee, which was imported by Senor de Elin's grandfather more than 70 years ago. The race will take place in April.

O. A. C. SQUAD TO GO EAST

DES MOINES (AP)—Oregon Aggies are to be represented by a strong two-mile and four-mile relay team in the Drake university relay carnival here April 24-25, according to announcement. O. A. C. cleaned up in the four-mile event at last year's Kansas relays.

Harvard Pilot



Meet Sylvester Kelley, captain of the Harvard varsity crew, which has already been out on the Charles River tuning up for the coming racing season. The Crimson expects to turn out a good eight, having some first-class material available.

PHILLIES GIVEN FIGHTING CHANCE FOR FIRST PLACE

BRADENTOWN, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—Bolstered by three new infielders, by George Burns, the veteran outfielder, and by two promising young pitching prospects, the Philadelphia Nationals have a fighting chance "to get somewhere this season," in the opinion of Arthur Fletcher, who is starting his third season as manager of the perennially and proverbially lowly Phils.

Only Shortstop Heinie Sand of last year's infield, will start as a regular. Walter Kimmick, with the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league last year, will be at second. Nelson Hawick, formerly of Memphis, will hold down first, while Huber, a Texas league product, will make his debut at third. "I believe I have a better team than I had last year," said Fletcher Wednesday. "The infield is much improved. It is much faster than last year's and is surer on defensive plays. I am putting in three new men. Sand alone of last year's infield will start in my regular line-up on opening day."

George Burns, the veteran who came to us from Cincinnati, will surely start as one of my regular outfielders.

"I will switch old Cy Williams from center to right field and place Harper, a ball hawk, who led the league last year, as a fielder in center. Thus I will have Tokan and Schultz for utility use. We have a fighting chance to get somewhere this year."

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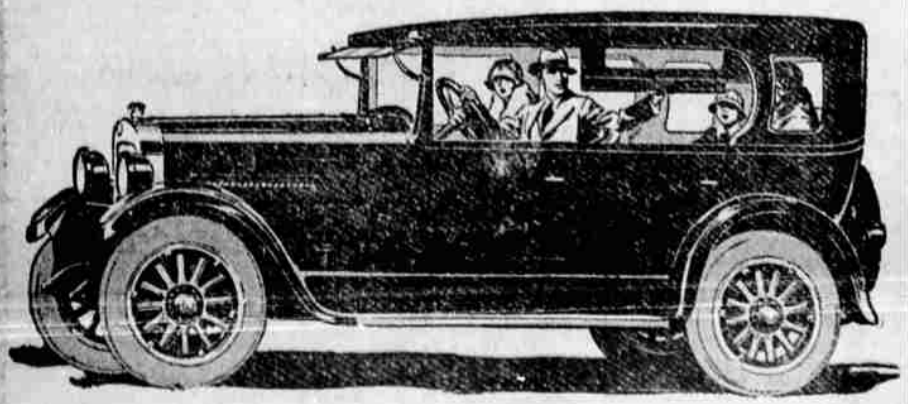
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