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SPORT NEWS

U.P. BUILDING TENNIS COURT

Members of the La Grande Union Pacific Athletic club started work today on a new tennis court, which they expect to have ready for use sometime next week.

Billy Evans Says:

Manager Lee Fohl of the Boston Red Sox is an optimist. In baseball an optimist manager is one who after finishing in last place, still smiles and can see better things ahead.

"Sure! It's going to be a better team than last year," remarked Fohl when I queried him as to the outlook.

"No doubt there are some unkind folks who will discount that statement by saying the club couldn't be any worse.

"I am going to get better pitching. I believe I am conservative when I say it is going to be at least 25 per cent better than last season. That should help a lot.

"I am banking on my 'Big Three,' Kinnick, Kuffing and Wingfield, to keep the club out of last place.

"Elmke has always been one of the best pitchers in the American League. There isn't an opposing batter in the organization who relishes hitting against Howard.

PITCHING LOOKS BETTER "Kuffing, I would say is the most improved young pitcher in the circuit. He has all the stuff in the world and needs only experience. He improved 100 per cent last season.

"Wingfield, if he can continue the fine work of last fall, must be considered a most valuable asset. Then there is Paul Zarhizer, who started slowly last year, because he was late reporting and not in the best shape. If he comes through for me I will have four dependable.

"Of course, I am looking forward to improvement in all other departments, but of the pitching I am positive it is certainly going to be better than last season.

As I watched the Red Sox work out down south I could see the logic in Fohl's line of reasoning relative to his pitching. It should be much better and the team should prove more formidable because of it.

However, as Fohl frankly admits, for the club to start to get anywhere the infield must be welded together.

At present, Phil Todd at first base is perhaps the only certainty in the Red Sox inner combination.

Fred Haney, who did some mighty good work for Cobb at Detroit, and Chester Fowler, with Minneapolis last year, and who has been up before with Cincinnati, will fight it out for third base.

Shortstop Problem. Regardless of who wins the berth, the Sox will be better fortified at that position than in years. Haney will be hard to beat. In that case Fowler may be used at short.

Emmett McCann, who starred at Portland in the Coast league last season and who was dug up and tried out by Connie Mack some years ago, is the probable choice for second.

Shortstop, the most important position on a ball club, is the least settled of the Red Sox problems. It would be taking a long guess at this time to name who would play the spot at the opening of the season. Shortstop is Lee Fohl's biggest puzzle.

The outfield will be much the same as last year. Flagstad is the only outfielder sure of a berth. He will play center.

Back of the bat Alex Gaston, once with the Giants, should improve the catching. The youngster Stokes is about ready.

The Boston Red Sox must be built up and it's a large job. Both President Quinn and Manager Fohl realize it. It is certain to be an improved team over last year. To finish sixth would be quite an achievement.

Chamber of Commerce Secretaries in School

EUGENE, Mar. 22. (AP)—Secretaries of chambers of commerce from all sections of Oregon are here today for the opening session of the annual chamber secretaries short course, held at the University of Oregon.

Round table discussions of the work of the chambers of commerce, lectures and talks are on the program for the week. Election of officers of the state association of chamber secretaries will be held Friday.

Picture Puzzles King LONDON—Futurist art puzzles King George. Looking at one painting at an exhibition he asked, "Is it a dog or a fish?" Women forgive more easily than men. They get more chances to practice.

Cubs' Pair of Midgets



Two of the smallest players in the National League are "Hack" Wilson and "Sparky" Adams of the Chicago Cubs. Wilson on the left, is an outfielder, while Adams cavorts around second base. Both are veterans and will play regularly this season, according to Manager Joe McCarthy.

AUTO RECORDS ARE ECLIPSED

CULVER CITY, Cal., Mar. 22. (AP)—Shattered fragments of speed records that were but recently established by today in the wake of Bennett Hill's non-stop drive to victory in the 250-mile auto race here yesterday. It was a fitting farewell to 122-cubic inch displacement cars as today there begins a new era in board track racing, the inauguration of the 9 1/2 cubic inch jobs, and the records that were set yesterday probably will remain unimproved for a time.

100-Mile Mark Broken. A 100-mile mark of 131.54 made by Earl Cooper here last November was eclipsed by Lewis' average of 132.71.

Earl Devore's Miami, Fla., record of 131.008 for 150 miles set February 22, was outclassed by Hill's speed of 131.54.

Hill's speed of 131.64 at the 200 mile mark supplanted the record of 121.408 made by Devore on the Miami bowl.

The 250 mile distance Hill covered in one hour, 54 minutes and 14.8 seconds, an average speed of 131.295 bettering by nearly two miles per hour Peter DePalma's record of 129.531 established in the Miami event.

The Paolo Italian winner of the national driving crown, too, drove a non-stop race, but he finished about 30 seconds behind Hill. Harry Hirth was third and Eddie Hearne, after an absence of more than a year from the boards, drove Tommy Milton's car to fourth place today.

The remaining seven drivers who finished the race finished in the order named: Frank Elliott, Ralph Hurlburt, Dave Evans, Norman Batten, Cliff Woodburn, Leon Durray and Peter Kreis.

Hill won nearly half of the \$35,000 purse receiving \$10,000 as the winner's prize and \$6000 additional in lap prizes.

Hearts of 40,000 fans went pit-pat when the car of Bob McDonough, youthful protégé of Milton, and before the race looked upon as one of the leading contenders, skidded around three or four times. Skillfully handling his car, he pivoted it out of the way of the rest of the field.

UNION HATCHERY PLANTING TROUT IN STREAMS NOW

UNION, Ore., Mar. 22. (Special)—The work of spawning and liberating the large trout at the state fish hatchery here is now in full swing.

A few hundred of the fish have already been liberated in Catherine creek and the Grande Ronde and more will be put out during the next few days. Superintendent Henney of the hatchery gives his opinion that there will be some excellent sport along these streams this season. The work of distributing these fish is rather slow, owing to their size, only a few can be placed in a can for hauling. Most of the fish placed in Catherine were liberated near the forks.

Seeking Relatives of Two Dead at Roseburg

ROSEBURG, Mar. 22. (AP)—Bodies of two men who died suddenly Saturday and Sunday are being held in the local morgue while efforts are being made to locate relatives.

E. S. J. McAllister, for many years an attorney of Portland, died Saturday evening following a stroke of paralysis. He was a native of Delaware, born in 1869, and moved to Oregon in 1904 and took up the practice of law in Portland. He retired about twelve years ago and moved to Myrtle Creek where he resided until the time of his death. No relatives have as yet been located and the body is being held until arrangements for its disposition can be made.

A man thought to be Albert E. Ward, of Seattle, was found dead Sunday evening in a rooming house. He had been dead for several hours when the body was discovered. He was last seen on Saturday night and when no sound was heard from his room Sunday an investigation was made. He apparently had suffered from a stroke of apoplexy and had fallen from his bed. The body was clothed in women's underwear and there were women's kid gloves on his hands. Coroner Ritter who investigated the case found death to be due from natural causes.

OREGON PINE USED COWLES—A mass of Oregon pine, 100 feet high, is to be given speed to the yacht Britannia, which King George is to race this season.

Successful men are too busy to think up any secrets of success.

GOLFERS PLAY BAKER'S TEAM

Ten La Grande golfers furnished the opposition for the Baker club at Baker yesterday when the course was formally opened for the 1926 season. When the local golfers left, the scores had not been tabulated.

G. L. Jackson was low man for La Grande, totaling in 78 over 18 holes. He was laced by a Baker man, however.

Those who made the trip were: Mr. Jackson, Charles Reynolds, S. D. Crowe, Dr. Ray Murphy, A. W. Nelson, Charles Blinger, H. E. Dixon, F. L. Meyers, Warren K. Gilbert and Mr. Warnock.

All reported a very pleasant day of sport. The first flight began at 9:30 a. m., and the last hole was made at 5:30 p. m.

CHARGE GANG WITH MURDERS

NEW YORK, Mar. 22. (AP)—A safe deposit box which it is believed holds part of the \$500,000 loot of numerous crimes in four cities alleged to have been committed by a gang led by Richard Reese Whittemore, escaped convict, was sought today.

Folks also were working on evidence tending to link the gang to seven murders committed in a little more than a year in Baltimore, Buffalo, New York City and New Jersey.

As the result of evidence found on one of the seven men under arrest, state officials were undecided today whether they would permit the extradition of Whittemore to Baltimore for trial for slaying a Maryland penitentiary guard during his escape last year or attempt to convict him and others of the killing of two guards in a \$25,000 holdup in Buffalo last October.

Eugene A. Edgett, assistant district attorney of Baltimore, will confer with district attorney Bantec regarding the extradition proceeding.

Among the murders laid at the gang's door are those of two former members of the gang—Simon L. Gilden, whose body was found in Trinity church yard in December, and "Chicago Tommy" Langella, found dead in New Jersey.

The seventh supposed victim is former Police Captain Henry Helwig, who disappeared after a band recently held up two jewelers on Fifth Avenue and escaped with \$150,000 of unset diamonds.

Helwig then employed as a private detective, fired on the robbers, who are believed to have killed him to prevent recognition by him.

Population of Nation Is Placed at 115,940,000

NEW YORK, Mar. 22. (AP)—An estimated gain of 1,629,000 in population in the United States last year was announced Sunday by the national bureau of economic research. The indicated gain for 1925 was almost identical with that for 1924.

The estimated population of continental United States was placed at 115,940,000 on Jan. 1, 1926, or a gain of more than ten millions since the last federal census in 1920.

In Augusta, Ga., Ty Cobb, baseball player, caught a robber who must have thought he was out.

Chorine Flo



Flo Ziegfeld, champion chorin and picker, forms chorin himself for the Palm Beach Country club's coconut ball.

COVE DEBATE TEAM LOSES

COVE, (Special)—The Cove high school has entered the Eastern Oregon debating contest. The subject is "Should Oregon Establish the Old Age Pension Law." The first debate took place at Cove last week. Misses Merolda Henry and May Masters, of Imbler spoke for the affirmative and Miss Laura Richards and Gordon Mills for the negative. Imbler won. Another debate was held at Imbler with Willard Peck and Miss Ruth Heyford debating for Cove. The Imbler team won.

Union county Pomona grange will hold their quarterly meeting at Cove Mt. Fanny grange Saturday, March 27.

Miss Edith Anderson, of the Cove high school, will go to Pendleton to enter the Eastern Oregon typing contest Saturday. She will be accompanied by the commercial teacher, Dorothy Bean.

The Cove commercial club held their annual meeting last Monday evening. Professor E. E. Coad was

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Foe of Cancer "Cancer bacillus? Sure I've discovered it. And it's extremely large, shaped like the letter B, with nodules at the ends," reports Dr. Josef Schumacher, of Berlin, pictured above. As a result of his work, new treatment methods are forecast.