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Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club Will Sponsor a Campaign to Eradicate Vermin

In order to make game plentiful in Eastern Oregon, protection must be given that which now exists in the reason that the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of La Grande is preparing to launch a campaign to exterminate all animals coming under the general classification of vermin. This includes magpies, skunks, crows, hawks, weasels and the like.

The club is preparing for a three-course drive. One day will be spent poisoning, one day shooting, and the last will be taken up with the boy scouts in the interest of conservation of birds.

The club intends to spend \$200 with boys less than 15 years of age, part for prizes and part in payment for delivery of eggs of crows, magpies and other "vermin" birds. The work is not restricted to La Grande district but will take in the entire county. Union's sportsmen's club will cooperate with local sportsmen.

"There will be a special meeting in the near future to prepare for the drive," declared Oscar Poarch, president of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club, today. "We have sent an invitation to Charles Chumpr, of Spokane, to be with us. He is one of the best authorities on vermin destruction and is now game commissioner of Spokane county."

Pests Destructive
 Mr. Poarch also submitted some interesting statistics taken from American Field showing how much damage a skunk, weasel, squirrel and their brothers can do. It is figured that 100 pairs of prairie dogs have the following number—141 rats, 12 red squirrels, 13 skunks, 13 crows, 16 owls, 2 black snakes, 23 hawks and a cat. Weasels, magpies and other pests are not mentioned. It is shown that during the year, before the prairie dogs had a chance to increase, 150 birds were destroyed by the hawks, cats and a snake. The other pests, prairie dogs, magpies, etc., would destroy enough nests that 225 pairs of prairie dogs, even laying a second clutch after the first had been destroyed, would still be unable to increase.

GENERAL TODD PROMOTED
 SAN FRANCISCO — Brigadier General Henry D. Todd succeeded Major General Charles T. Menoher as commander of the ninth corps area of the United States army. General Menoher retired from active service last week.

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Billy Evans Says:

Cleveland finished sixth in the American League last season. This year Cleveland will be represented by practically the same lineup. It is hardly possible that any of the veterans will be displaced.

What about the prospects of the Indians?

On the above information, form players would figure the Indians might be sixth but hardly any better.

In the camp of the Indians there is no such a pessimistic feeling. The team as a whole believes it is a better last club than the aggregation of 1925 and intends to prove it.

When I asked Manager Speaker his opinion he replied:

"It is now, and will continue throughout the season to be, a much better conditioned team than that of 1925."

BETTER TEAM SPIRIT
 "There is a much better spirit on the ball club. That should help considerably."

"The team will get greatly improved pitching. On that feature of play I have my strongest hopes for progress in the pennant race."
 "Regardless of where Cleveland finishes this year, it is going to be a much better ball club and is going to play far more interesting baseball. That much I can promise the fans."

Expecting a ball club that finished sixth last season and is almost certain to start with the same lineup makes it necessary to get some new angle.
 Working along those lines, the physical condition of the Cleveland club as compared to that of last year impressed me most.

I doubt if the entire squad of veterans and rookies is carrying more than 25 pounds of excess weight. Pitcher Joe Shaute alone had that much last year.

The Cleveland club is going to be in good shape for a flying start and Manager Speaker is banking on getting it, if his patching delivers.

PITCHING PROBLEM.
 Pitching is Speaker's problem, like that of most every other manager. If Joe Shaute and George Uhlen come through, then the Indians are 25 per cent more efficient. If they fail, the club goes down with them.

Joe Shaute, who reported weighing about 230 last spring, is around 150. George Uhlen, who was better than 200 last year, is around 180. In ranking my teams I wouldn't pick Cleveland to win the pennant, but I might add there are far less formidable clubs in the American league.
 Efficient pitching by Uhlen and Shaute would make the club a first-division possibility, and that kind of baseball interests fans.

WIFE WALKED BACK?
 SAN FRANCISCO — Because her husband ejected her from the family auto on the highway near here, Mrs. Clyde Lett has obtained a warrant for his arrest on a battery charge. Lett admitted "assaulting" his wife to night, but added that she was driving from the back seat.

Yep, It's Him!



In case you don't recognize the ball player with the dimmer, we'll let you in on the secret. It's your old friend, Tyrus Cobb, manager of the Detroit Tigers. The photo was snapped at the Augusta (Ga.) training camp of the Detroit team just after Cobb had arrived from Baltimore where he underwent an operation for the removal of a growth from his left eye.

DILLON WHIPS NIG YEAGER

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24. (AP)—Harry Dillon, St. Paul heavyweight, won a technical knockout over Nig Yeager, of Portland, in the main event here last night. The referee stopped the fight in the eighth round after Dillon had punished Yeager throughout the preceding rounds.
 Len Malady, of Laramie, Wyo., won a technical knockout over George Solis, Salt Lake lightweight, in the ninth round of the semi-windup.

Rosebuds Down New York Hockey Team 3-2

NEW YORK, Mar. 24. (AP)—Portland Rosebuds and New York Americans are on an equal footing in their three game inter-sectional hockey series for an advertised purse of \$26,000. Outclassing the

locals in the second game here last night played under the western hockey rules, the Portlanders pulled in to an early lead after a battling goal by George Hay in the first minute of the opening period, and finally sent the Americans down to a 2-2 defeat. The opening game won by the Americans was under the eastern rules. The final clash tonight will be under western and eastern rules, western 20 minutes; eastern the remainder of the time.

Baker Girls' Team Is Winner Over La Grande

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The girls' basketball team of the Sacred Heart academy of La Grande met defeat at the hands of the girls' basketball team of St. Francis academy 20 to 24.
 After the game the visitors gathered at the bishop's residence where they joined the academy girls and were served a hearty meal by the ladies of the St. Francis Altar society. An impromptu program was enjoyed after the dinner by all the girls. Miss Campbell, of La Grande, was referee.
The Lineup.
 La Grande—Mary Hywater, cap-

tain, forward; Julia Klein, forward; Etha Oswald, jumping center; Alice Muntral, guard; Florin Nelson, guard.
 Baker—Annada Reynolds, captain, forward; Bertha Binder, forward; Agnes Frank, side center; Evelyn Stewart, jumping center; Frances Murphy, guard; Audrey Mitchell, guard.

Jury Holds Man Killed Wife and Shot Self

KALISPELL, MONTE, Mar. 24. (AP)—A verdict that Claude Edwards killed his wife, Mary, by blows on the head with a rasp then shot himself while temporarily insane, was returned by a coroner's jury last night, following into the death yesterday of the Smith Creek rancher and his wife.
 The couple were found dead in bed early Tuesday morning by their eight-year-old daughter who went to call them.
 The rasp was found in an adjoining room and a gun was lying on the bed at Edwards' side. None of the five children were in the house. Two children were Mrs. Edwards by a former marriage.

Search for Ross, Gone Since 1865, Is Resumed
 SHELBY, N. C. Mar. 24. (AP)—The search for Charles Ross, whose disappearance in Pennsylvania as a child in 1865 caused a nation-wide quest, has been resumed here.
 J. P. Gaffney, who noted something suspicious in the arrival at Gaffney, S. C., 50 years ago of a man, woman and child announced today that he had not in touch with an elderly man who claims to have been the child and who believes he is Charles Ross.
 The man, according to Gaffney, is in communication with Walter L. Ross, a brother of Charles, and is trying to prove his identity.

GIVE SKINS TO KING
 SANTA CLARA, Cal.—Two angora goat skins destined to be a present to King George of England from the Prince of Wales are selected by the prince on his Canadian ranch and have since undergone a dyeing and tanning process here. They will be shipped to England next week.
 If a man's face is his fortune, some of us are in debt.

OIL CITY FREED OF MENACE WHEN ICE MOVE OUT

OIL CITY, Pa., Mar. 24. (AP)—Freed from further flood menace by the moving out last night of the 1 1/2 miles of ice forces that had threatened this city and other upper Allegheny river towns since January, residents today debated whether science or nature was to be credited their deliverance.
 Those who had advocated the use of thermite and dynamite in dissolving the ice jam halted the ice movement as a vindication of their claims, while others declared the movement due to recent rainfall and said the ice would have moved even had the thermite and dynamite not been used.
 The ice movement started at the Bradford and other gorges south of here which had been the scene of the thermite and dynamite operations. The Kinzua gorge north of here, had not started to move out early today.
 Representatives of the United States army engineer corps, who a few hours before the ice movement started, had claimed such efforts as "toy demonstrations," denied that science had any part in moving the dams.

HELEN TAKES CANNES CUP

CANNES, France, Mar. 24. (AP)—John Ridley, of England, who won her way to the singles final of the Cannes club tennis tournament, defaulted today and the tournament cup was added to the growing collection of the American champion, Miss Helen Wills.
 The final had been deferred by rain for two successive days, delaying Miss Ridley's return to England. Miss Wills is starting on her Italian tour tomorrow, planning to visit Milan, Florence and Rome. She will return to Paris April 10 to begin practice in preparation for the international matches and the French championship scheduled for May and June.
 Suzanne Lenglen, when returned from Italy yesterday, says her next tournament appearance will be at Wimbledon, England in June.

PENDLETON BUCKS TO MEET WHITMAN BALL TEAM FRIDAY

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—The Pendleton Buckaroos start the season off in a heavy manner. Following a workout Sunday morning and a few more during the week, they will meet the Whitman Military nine at Walla Walla, Friday afternoon.

A week from Saturday will find the Whitman team over here for a return game. Whitman, although it has lost a few of last year's regulars, still has an imposing layout.

With the Blue Mountain league season starting April 15, it gives the Bucks about a month to get into shape.
 With a number of old heads on deck and a lot of promising material in the city the locals ought to have one of the best strictly home teams in the section. The loss of Dunlap will be felt to a great extent, but it is the hope of the club to bolster the pitching staff with returns from Spokane.
 Walla Walla will have practically the same team as last year while a number of new faces may be seen in the Baker and La Grande line-ups.

HE ATE THE HEN FRUIT
 CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—B. Tracy Ansell, a Harvard senior of Washington D. C., bit that he could eat 48 soft-boiled eggs in 45 minutes. By a margin of four minutes he won \$10 from Allen Austin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Woodbury Howard and Brendan Leahy, both of Lowell, Mass.
 The loose nut for the eggs obtained at wholesale rates for \$2.40.



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