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SPORT NEWS

Association to Discuss Way to Determine Title

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—The Oregon Athletic Association is discussing the question of a state championship high school football team. The board of directors of the Oregon High School Athletic Association is to be held in conjunction with the Oregon State Teachers' association gathering.

The plan, the committee term of which has been given out in part, is to be held in the association for determination. One of those plans has been prepared by R. E. Jackson, athletic director of the West Union high school, who organized a football team, which was champion of the state high school football league this season. The plan, which is unknown, but which provides for a settlement of the question of the state championship, will be introduced by E. D. Towler, of La Grande.

Eight Seasons Planned

Under the plan to be introduced by Jackson, the state will be divided into eight districts, which by the way, do not conform with the official division of the state. In one section there will be 45 teams and in the other 42 teams, making a total of 87 teams, which will be considered in the determination of the state championship.

Jackson's scheme is to have the quarter-finals of the state championship series played the Sunday before Thanksgiving day, the semi-finals on Thanksgiving day or the following day, and the finals on the first or second Saturdays in December. Under this plan the football season will be extended but one full week beyond the Saturday following Thanksgiving day.

Directors Announced

Jackson, is serving out his plan, announced that he was going to call a meeting of the directors of the Oregon Athletic Association, which will be held Thursday at the Lincoln high school.

The directors of the association will be: Jackson, La Grande; E. D. Towler, Portland; J. H. Dwan, Astoria; and J. H. Dwan, Astoria.

Will They Agree?

MOBILE.—All the rest of the world probably will disagree with E. H. Hendley, of the coast guard, who was kidnapped by the rum runner J. J. Beck from Puerto, Mexico, whether by and another kidnapping under the rum crew like the schooner. He fears his capture may be proved. They were to have been married a few days ago.

Ties 'Em Twice

When the Rev. J. A. Sutton of Pacific City, marries a couple, they say married. He's a justice of the peace as well as a minister, and ties his couples with a double knot that's said to last to loosen as the average. At least, that's what his congregation says.



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Eddie Collins Is Now With Athletics

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27. (AP)—Eddie Collins, former manager of the Chicago White Sox, has returned to the Philadelphia Athletics as second baseman.

Announcement that Collins had signed a contract to play with the Athletics was made by Cotnam, Athletics manager, who Thursday celebrated his 44th birthday. No details as to salary or other conditions were given out.

Collins comes back to Philadelphia club after a lapse of 12 years having been sold to the Chicago club in December, 1914 for \$140,000 when Mark broke up his famous \$100,000 infield.

Volley Ball Games End at Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 27. (AP)—All of the original Enterprise valley ball schedule has been played off, but a few challenges, mostly by unattached players remain. They, however, count nothing in the inter-class rivalry.

In the regular schedule the Junior girls and from boys got first place, senior girls and senior boys, second place and from girls and junior boys, third place.

McEwan Planning Lengthy Practice

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27. (AP)—Captain John J. McEwan, head coach of football at the University of Oregon, is starting preparations for a lengthy spring practice session to open late in February and to continue until late in June.

The problem facing the varsity in the line coaching position, created when Harry Edinger's contract was not renewed, is being worked over by the university athletic officials now. It is rumored that negotiations are under way to bring another west coast man to take over the coaching duties.

PERRY PERSONALS

PERRY, Special—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson made a trip to La Grande Tuesday. Robinson has been in poor health and remained a doctor there.

Mrs. Clarence Stephenson has Christmas shopping in La Grande Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank German recently moved from here to Mt. Glen.

Virgil Lee, of Portland, arrived at Perry last Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robertson.

Mrs. James Murray visited her sister, Mrs. Naomi Robertson, on the coast of the week.

Glenn Smith arrived home here from San Antonio, Texas, Monday. He has been in the United States army, stationed there, for more than a year. He has been discharged and plans to remain home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Larwin were La Grande visitors last week.

J. A. Moore and family were recent La Grande visitors.

Arch Stephenson is ill. He has the chickenpox.

Miss Doris Sue, who underwent an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital recently, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kall were Hot Lake visitors Sunday afternoon.

The George Birkel family, who moved to La Grande early in the fall, have returned to Perry. Birkel works for the railroad nearby.

Bill (Curry) was a recent La Grande visitor.

Hilger Larson and family were recent visitors to La Grande.

J. A. Moffitt was a La Grande visitor one day last week.

Carl Robertson made a trip to town Saturday to consult a doctor. J. H. Dwan and daughter were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Mrs. George Robertson and son, Merck, made a trip to La Grande Tuesday.

Ferry is rejoicing with La Grande over the location of the Eastern Oregon normal school there.

Week to Be Cold Weatherman Says

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27. (AP)—The weather outlook for the week of Dec. 28 for the far western states was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

The outlook is for temperatures near or below normal and considerable cloudiness with rain and snow in Washington and Oregon. Local snows in Idaho and probably rain in Northern California.

"Stop and shop" is the word before Christmas. Afterward it becomes just "shop."

Drums Her Way Through School



Allen Wright, who is just one inch under five feet tall, drummed her way through Superior (Neb.) high school and now is doing the same thing at Hastings College. She is following in the footsteps of her father, who was a drummer boy in the Civil War and taught her to play the instrument when she was a toby.

More Than a Handful



This youngster, Wesley Vance, nephew of the great Sam, claims to have the largest hands of any ball player. In trying to prove his contention, he is here shown holding six balls in the right hand, seven in the left.

Captain of Port of Missing Men Is a Woman—"Mother" on All Seas

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The captain of the Port of Missing Men is a woman—a woman without a single man, but who now and then an event was who call her "mother."

She is Mrs. Jane Lord Rogers, house mother at the St. Mark's Church Institute, New York City. She has heard more versions of "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" than any other person still in active service.

Missing Men Her Job

And in the last five years, 2000 wanderers have passed up "Here" when she has called their name.

That's her job—finding missing men. But it is not the limit of her interests as thousands of sailors have attested whom she has helped through illness, poverty, joblessness and frustration.

A tall, spare woman of New England, with eyes like wild turkeys, the house mother at the establishment now housing 11 story quarters at the tip of Manhattan Island, began her work of being a friend to wanderers when she was 14 years old. She distributed religious tracts in the deep-water winter streets between 11 and 12th.

"When I saw men drinking and gambling," she said, "water, fever, or consumption made me think that the arrival of a wanderer, especially a missionary, might be embarrassing. So I always heralded my visits with an obvious cough, and it was amazing to see their sheepish faces as the men stooped up the stairs and hid their faces."

Sailors' Love for Pilgrims

"There have changed now," she added. "Now I don't suppose that anyone feels even a missionary can be checked."

"This work teaches tolerance, though. When I was 12 years old I found a man just what his duty was. Now it isn't so easy. One can learn something new and then from the boy themselves, and the talk of some of my radical and agnostic friends would make your hair curl."

"But there is one fundamental that never has changed, and that is that the wanderer is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago. These wanderers come to find."

Love, indeed, is what makes Capt. Port of Missing Men a "mother" on all seas. Somebody—a mother, father, sister, brother, or sweetest—has lost track of a wanderer.

And Mrs. Rogers, with respect from all over the world, gets to know and drag him in.

"Next of kin" to many of her services, but more largely for her friendship, many sailors have named her "best of kin," and one such "son," who is in a hospital, was a colored boy.

Mrs. Rogers, the widow of a seaman who joined her in her work among sailors, has been with the local church institute since it took over its present headquarters 11 years ago. Before then the institute was a floating barge.

Trained to meet any emergency, the house mother has conducted 100 odd cases of her multitudinous wanderers. Recently a wanderer handed her \$13 with a request that a notice be posted for one Per Sjöberg.

"I stuck a gun in his ribs a week ago and took his ribs," explained the woman. "But I don't play the game. See that he gets his back still hurt."

And Mrs. Rogers said.

Railroad Problem Up To Commission

PORTLAND, Dec. 27. (AP)—The Central Oregon railroad problem will be again before the interstate commerce commission at the close of the new year, and it will then be the commission's turn to act. According to a special dispatch from St. Paul, officials of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have disclosed that the Northern lines and the Southern Pacific company have been asked to file individual reports with the I. C. C. by January 2.

Beats Husband For Sheriff

GREENSBORO, Kan. (AP)—The next sheriff of Kiowa County will be a woman. Her husband, Mrs. Frank Chase, the mother of four children, won the office which her husband has held for the last four years. Although the law disqualifies the present sheriff from holding the office more than four years consecutively, he may accept as the deputy.

A prohibition agent shot a man sitting on a log.

Bus Interests Will Fight New Law in Courts

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 27. (AP)—John F. Logan, of Portland, attorney for motor bus interests, said here that bus operators in a few days will file a suit to enjoin the public service commission and the state highway commission from enforcing the bonding truck law, known as House bill No. 411. This measure was passed by the 1925 legislature, the referendum was rejected and it was approved by the people at the election of Nov. 1926. The bus people believe that the law imposed by the act is not sound. "Should the coming legislature be persuaded to modify this feature of the act it was said the litigation might be withdrawn." The bus men say that they are satisfied with the law as far as regulatory features are concerned.

Farm Pointers

The winter firebrands of Illinois in Oregon all infected parts are out and turned to destroy the source of the infection, says the experiment station. Tests and work are being conducted with various kinds of fruit, grapes of various kinds, and other crops. The fungus is kept open and started out, since a mass of rotters grows about the tree after opportunity for infection.

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The best way to kill out hops, as reported by the Oregon experiment station, is along the line of a rowing out as early as the roots are possible with a spring plow. The field is then put into a cultivated crop such as corn, or potatoes, and kept clean with harrow and hoe. Keep below ground the hop vines soon die out.

Although it is the practice with politicians to feel sure that they will be elected, the Oregon experiment station observes that this is not the practice recommended and followed by experiment stations that conduct soil-testing contests. These results indicate that it is best to use the more standard raising throughout the year, with no change in water.

To prevent spread of pecky disease, the Oregon experiment station reports, it is used in the drinking water in salarated solution made by putting into a quart bottle a little more of the crystals than the water will dissolve. Amount of the solution is added to make the drinking water a rich wine color.

Slugs is a good feed in Oregon, the experiment station reports. They are the best crop, where it does well.

CORVALLIS MAN ARRESTED

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27. (AP)—Seward Sims, who gave Corvallis as his home address, was taken yesterday Sunday at Collins Grove, and is being held for Corvallis authorities on a charge of stealing an automobile. Three cars were stolen in Corvallis on Christmas day, and all three were recovered.

Seek Title



Here is Captain R. H. Hogan of the University of Iowa basketball team, who feels his five has a good chance to win the Big Ten title and receive some of the prestige loans lost on the grounds last fall.

Tremor Is Felt In Turlock, Cal.; Dishes Rattled

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 27. (AP)—An earthquake shock was felt in Turlock, 85 miles from here at 1:12 o'clock this morning, according to dispatch to the Fresno Republican. The shock was felt by telephone operators and others, but apparently did no damage.

Local reports indicated that the shock was felt in Fresno about the same time.

Earth tremors also were felt in other San Joaquin valley towns about the same time as the Turlock shock.

At Turlock dishes were rattled and many persons awakened. Reports from Stanford, Porterville and Coalinga said that the earthquake was felt in those places but that the shocks were not known to have done any damage.

NO BOYS IN SWEDISH OPERA

STOCKHOLM, (AP)—Only young Terpsichore with long hair will get front row positions at the Royal Opera of Stockholm this season, Mrs. Linn Stenroos, the new ballet mistress, has ruled.

"Not because boys are unbecomingly young girls," she says, "but because most of the opera audience is the man and single age and no ballet dancer can grudge with the same abandon, even and grace with a wig on her head as with her own natural locks flowing about."

None of the three premier dancers of the royal opera staff, Ellen Krusell, Sig. Gustafsson, or Ely Holmberg have had their hair shorn.

TOBSY-TURVY

SAN FRANCISCO—Pyromaniacs are together. Among the tribes in New Guinea visited by the Shiraz expedition, men had their hair grown; women kept theirs cut short. Children stop smoking when they reach manhood.

HOW ABOUT IT?

ROCKWELL, Mo.—Question arises as to whether grime is warmer than wool clothes. Follow here who can link anybody else in the world had to go to bed with a still after falling through the ice on a lake.

Man Found Dead In Fruit Car At Hillyard, Wash.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27. (AP)—The body of a man apparently murdered and on which was found a letter addressed to W. A. Stilla, of Hillyard, Ore., was found in a fruit car at Hillyard, a suburb.

The body was frozen and part of the clothing had been scattered about the car. The pockets had been searched. Deputy sheriffs reported after an examination. They expressed the opinion that the man had been beaten into unconsciousness and robbed and left to die from exposure.

Another letter, the name reveal of the man, was addressed to the same man at Hillyard, Wash. The letter had been found in the car and had been on videotape here since Dec. 18. It was locked from the outside when it was opened by an employee of the Western Fruit express.

MAN IDENTIFIED

A man believed to be W. A. Stilla, whose body was found in a fruit car at Hillyard and who is believed to have been murdered, is a brother of S. A. Stilla, the latter said here. W. A. Stilla was unmarried and according to his brother had not been heard from for two weeks. He had no home of his own and worked his way from city to city. S. A. Stilla lives at Hillyard near here.

WRESTLERS BILLED

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27. (AP)—Eugene Yarns, head of professional from Idaho, will furnish competition for Tom Alley, Nethersham, in the headliner event of a boxing wrestling card here January 2.

ALFRED EUGENE MATHSON

Alfred Eugene Mathson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mathson, of Perry, was buried yesterday afternoon in the L. D. S. cemetery following funeral services at the Rockefeller mortuary at 1:30 o'clock. Bishop Stoddard officiated. Alfred was born March 14 days of age at the time of his death.

OREGON WHEAT CONDITION GOOD

Although Acreage Has Not Increased, Early Prospects Bright

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Oregon farmers appear to have planted about the same acreage of wheat about this fall as was planted a year ago, and the condition of the crop is considerably higher than the 19-year average says F. L. Kent, statistician, United States department of agriculture.

Revised estimates of the acreage sowed in the fall of 1925, for the 1926 harvest, place the area at 267,000 acres. Assuming that approximately the same acreage has been seeded this fall, a normal abandonment would leave around 250,000 acres for the 1927 harvest. While soil moisture conditions were rather unfavorable at seeding time, the abundant rain and snow fall of late November and early December have developed the best soil moisture conditions for several seasons past. Much of the acreage has made a good growth, and prospects for the next harvest are very encouraging. Two 1/2 condition was estimated at 97 per cent of normal.

The winter wheat area seeded in the state of Washington is estimated at 1,235,000 acres, with a condition of 88 per cent of normal. This acreage is quite an increase over the acreage seeded last fall and the condition figure is 15 per cent over the 19-year average.

U. S. Estimates

For the United States an area of 41,947,000 acres of winter wheat was planted this fall, as estimated by the U. S. crop reporting board. This season's area is 5.9 per cent more than the revised estimate of 39,739,000 acres sown in the fall of 1925. Winter damage during the past ten years has caused an average abandonment of 21.8 per cent of the acreage sown to winter wheat. The abandonment has ranged from 1.8 per cent to 21.8 per cent in different years during that period.

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