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**TROJANS WIN IN
 SOUTH DIVISION**

Defeat U. C. L. A. in Final
 Game—Washington Sure
 of at Least a Tie.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP)—The University of Southern California won the honor of defending the basketball prestige of the southern division of the Pacific Coast conference against the onslaught of the winner of the northern division.

The Southern California Trojans won their division title Saturday night by landing their home town rival from the University of California at Los Angeles a defeat by a score of 22 to 18. The Trojans now meet the winner of the northern division, probably the University of Washington, in a three game series for the coast championship.

California Second
 The University of California quiet finished in second place in the southern division race, one game behind the Trojans, and ended its season Saturday night by riding to an easy 41 to 25 victory over a demoralized team, representing the traditional rival, Stanford university. The victory for the Bears over the Cardinals marked the seventeenth consecutive time that a blue and gold five has defeated a Cardinal basketball team, with the string of victories stretching over six years.

The final southern division standings:
 W. L. Per.
 Southern California 7 2 .717
 California 2 6 .250
 U. C. L. A. 3 6 .333
 Stanford 2 7 .222

HUSKIES SURE OF TIE.
 PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—The northern division championship of the Pacific coast basketball conference may be decided this weekend when the leading University of Washington team and University of Oregon quiet meet at Seattle for a two-game series. The Huskies need but one victory to clinch the title, while Oregon must take both games to tie Washington for the crown.

Washington will enter the crucial series with Oregon a favorite because of its one-sided victories over Idaho, 42 to 12 and 35 to 12, while Oregon was forced to the limit in winning its last three games by small margins. Oregon defeated its bitter rival, Oregon State, at Corvallis Saturday night by a single point in a last-minute rally which netted six points to overcome the Sisters' five-point lead. The final score was 24 to 23.

Oregon should spring the upset.

**CAREY TO STICK
 TO MIAMI BOUTS**

Madison Square Garden
 Millionaires Have Not
 Lost Confidence.

By Alan Gould
 (Associated Press Sports Editor)
 MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP)—Whether or not the Madison Square Garden millionaires experience a summer operation in the region of the hot office in connection with the Sherkley-Scott fight show this Thursday night, they have not lost confidence in the future of the southern Florida center of sports activity and pleasure hunting.

Before departing tonight for New York, where he will next Friday for South American on a business trip, William F. (Big Bill) Carey, the garden's chief executive, made it clear he intended to stick to his five year plan of promoting annual heavyweight shows in Miami, win or lose.

"A Necessary Evil"
 Carey feels that due to circumstances which in part at least beyond the garden's control, the Earl Scott-Jack Sherkley match was made an essential part of the heavyweight program, in spite of a lack of popular enthusiasm for it. As he looks at it, the garden is "taking it on the chin" in the interests of putting through a match as a "necessary evil" designed to help settle the heavyweight championship no later than the summer of 1930.

This would pave the way, next winter in Miami, for a pair of outstanding title contenders to be matched. Meanwhile, the garden directorate will consider itself fortunate to break even on this week's show or even to pocket a small loss. With the event only four days off, the actual cash on hand today was not in excess of \$10,000. As much more was expended in the payment of cash, in the form of definite orders and reservations.

At the candidates, all ten of them, swung into the final stretch of bidding for work today, there was no substantial change in the prevailing opinion that Sherkley will win easily from Scott, and probably knock the Englishman out in short order. Some idea has developed that Sherkley is acting a "trick" style due to the absence of much work in the last two or three workouts. Even if true, the experts consider he will need to be very very alert in order to change their unanimous opinion of Scott's chances, or rather the lack of any.

The approach of Delcotte finds a sharp swing in favor of Victorio Campese in beat Johnny Hicken in what the boys expect to be a shambling semi-final to the main event. The Argentine giant has attracted more attention in training than any of the fighters. Good natured, sweet and with a terrific right hand upper cut as his main weapon, Campese holds substantial advantages over the Clevelander.

**PLANETS INDICATE
 SURPRISE FOR MAX**
 BERLIN (AP)—German astrologer are not very optimistic about Max Schmeling's chance of winning the world heavyweight title.

It seems the planets Saturn and Uranus have been getting together and exercising a malignant influence on the boxer's immediate future.

Everything is explained in "The Zodiac" an astrological journal, which reverently predicts that if Schmeling fights early in 1930 he will have to put up the battle of his life to avoid a "sudden surprise" in the ring.

**Washington Is
 Given Tribute At
 Special Service**

By W. V. Connor
 (Observer Correspondent)
 UNION (Special)—A special Washington service was held at the Methodist church at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning.

Officers of the Methodist Epworth League held an initiatory ceremony Sunday evening for the new members which the league has recently taken. Following the service, a communion service, ice cream and cake. About forty-five members and visitors were present.

Mrs. E. P. Connor was taken to the La Grande hospital last week and Saturday morning she underwent a major operation. From latest reports she was recovering nicely from the operation.

Will Titus was laid up a few days last week with the flu. He is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Monette who have been making their home in Union for several months left Monday morning for Portland. They will probably locate there.

Superintendent Roy Conklin and Prin. E. P. Connor of the Union High school took the I-HI basketball boys to La Grande Saturday evening to witness the game between the Eastern Oregon Normal and Monmouth Normal teams.

Ralph Connor re-entered the normal school at La Grande Monday after an absence of nearly two weeks on account of illness.

A cast from the senior class of the Union High school staged a four-act comedy-drama entitled "Windy Willows" at the school gym Friday evening. The cast included George Gilliam, Bill Doherty, Andy Davis, Carl Strittner, Gladys Anderson, Inez Wilson, Audrey VonStein and James Miller. Comedy predominated throughout most of the play and it was voted by the audience as an excellent play without a dull part in it.

Fred N. Fox, who has been in a hospital for the past few days returned home early this week. He underwent a sinus operation and had his tonsils removed while he was in the hospital.

A basketball game between the Union and Wallawa town teams on the Union gym floor Saturday evening resulted in a victory for the local boys, 22 to 18.

The I-HI basketball boys will play a game against the Imbler High school in Imbler Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Missie Baird, local librarian, has been confined to her home for several days owing to illness. Mrs. Nora Bates has been temporarily in charge of the library.

As soon as the weather permits work will begin on three tourist camp grounds in Union, the Smith grounds at the north end of Main street where material is already being delivered, the new grounds which will be located across the street from the Union hotel, and at the Goodford grounds, in South Union.

It is reported that Thomas Braucher, who has been at the Hot Lake sanatorium for several weeks, is improving slowly.

Major Byron, of Portland, was in Union Thursday evening and inspected the headquarters company located here. He was accompanied by Captain Ely and Sergeant Ramsey of La Grande. The inspection was preceded by a dinner at Shanks. The Major expressed himself as well pleased with the work of the Union company.

**Eastern Oregon
 Hoop Winner To
 Play Salem Five**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—The complete schedule of play for the opening round of the high school basketball play-off starts in Salem Saturday 10 o'clock. The schedule for the opening round follows:

Walla Walla 7:30 p. m. Astoria No. 1 vs. District No. 2, 7:30 p. m. District No. 2 vs. District No. 3, 8:00 p. m. District No. 2 vs. District No. 2, 8:30 p. m. District No. 2 vs. District No. 2, 9:00 p. m. District No. 2 vs. District No. 2.

Memphis high school was suspended until May 22 and all basketball games played declared forfeited to opponents as a result of a protest over the eligibility of E. Mahon, one of her players.

The second suspension of the board of control has ruled out this year.

District No. 1 is the local district, and the team that wins the tournament at Union will play Salem high in its first game in the state tournament.

The sounds of a number of animals were broadcast as part of a radio program the other night. That is, apart from the regular musical program.

The ladies may wear their dresses, teaching the ground but very few will wear them long.

**PURDIE LIKELY TO WIN
 ALL CONFERENCE GAMES**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Purdie is likely to win the Western conference basketball championship without being defeated, an almost assured outcome.

Purdie's schedule of 18 games did not include Wisconsin and Indiana, two of the most powerful state contenders.

Madison, who in the running, has been defeated once in a close game.

The Purdue team plays the Washington at 10:30 a. m. on a week end at the Astoria.

On the other games two were with Minnesota, one with Chicago, one with North-western and one with Ohio State, all in the latter part of the week.

The case of Primo Carnera simply goes to show that it doesn't take a college education for the home-burn boys to make good these days. For a lad who had trouble collecting spaghetti money a few years ago, Primo has done very well in a strange land. He drew over \$10,000 for himself and his crop of managers in his first four appearances in the ring.

At the rate Carnera is present-

ing, the highest paid fighter in any professional sport, although he has not yet won a real competitive fight and has actual fighting ability as yet much a mystery as when he was a boy.

By comparison, Babe Ruth's demand for \$12,000 seems somewhat modest, for the Babe at least must stand the heat over a stretch of six months, playing daily.

Carnera is making considerably more out of his title bout with Jack Dempsey, who probably could step into the ring even now in a full dress suit and punch the good luck ball of Babe.

Outside of Gene Tunney, who retired after collecting \$1,500,000 in three championship fights, Jack Dempsey probably is better off today financially than any other professional fighter in the world.

With fighters, as it is with so many professional athletes, money departs as easily as it comes. Babe Ruth until a few years ago didn't save a dime. When he was getting a salary of \$52,500 a year the Yankees kept half of it until the end of the season so the Babe could have something to keep him in moral and entertainment money during the winter.

Tunney told me once it took him at least \$50,000 a year "just to live." The "big shot" always has a crowd of hangers-on expect them to spend in a big way. And they usually do. Tunney was one of the few who refused to be "trimmed" after he won the

championship. And even Gene had to engage a few lawyers to help him out.

Tunney Gibbons retired from the ring on financial easy street, by and by. And Gene, the thriftest of all foreign fighters to collect his money in these parts. The Argentine was smart enough to manage his own affairs and to have two hundred deposit all his money in a South American bank for safety from attachment. At that time he had to put up \$50,000 to get Gibbons to the ring, instead of in jail.

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**CAGE MEET TO
 DRAW SCHOOL
 STATE CHAMP**

CHICAGO (AP)—In a thousand hamlets scamping youngsters in basketball togs are hoping that they will be their state's selection for the national basketball tournament, a yearly event at the University of Chicago.

The year it will be held April 1-2.

In many of the 11 years that the event has been staged, hamlets and small towns have won the championship.

Last year it was Athens, Texas, which dethroned Classen high of Okla-homa City, Okla., in the final.

Teams from Illinois, Kansas and Kentucky have won the classic twice.

The next meet was in 1929, Win-stone, Ind., winning.

The trophy was not held in 1921 and in 1927 Lexington, Ky., won.

The succeeding winners were: 1922, Kansas City, Kan.; 1924, Windsor, Colo.; 1925, Wichita, Kan.; 1926, Pittsburg, Mass.; 1927, Cicero, Ill.; 1928, Ashland, Ky.; and 1929, Athens, Texas.

**ONCE
 UPON
 A TIME.**

Wallace Berry served as chambermaid to a herd of 26 circus elephants to keep the proverbial wolf from his door. Today he is one of Hollywood's most famous movie stars.