

LOCAL TOURNEY. A FREE-FOR-ALL

La Grande and Cove Favored But Anything Could Happen This Year

Which teams will represent Union and Wallawa counties at the district basketball tournament at Union Mar. 3, 4 and 5?

Although that question is being asked frequently, it is exceedingly difficult to answer. Really, an answer at this stage of the season is impossible.

La Grande is conceded a ticket to Union by most of the fans—but few are sure.

Cove also is conceded a ticket to Union by a number of fans—but quite a few aren't sure!

At present, it appears that those two teams are probably outstanding in Union and Wallawa counties outside of the special sub-district of Union itself, which does not have to compete to enter the championship play-off.

There isn't a team in the other seven that La Grande cannot defeat but, at the same time, there is only one team in the other seven which couldn't beat La Grande if the cards were dealt right.

This is shown by the fact that Wallawa, listed as one of the weaker teams, trounced La Grande a short time ago. Joseph missed it by two points!

Elgin is below the general strength of the other seven teams, but after that, it's largely a question of breaks.

Powder Coming Fast North Powder undoubtedly will make a strong bid. Although twice beaten by La Grande, the Powderites have been coming along rapidly since then, and expect to give any team a real run for its money.

Imbler, Wallawa, Enterprise and Joseph all have a good chance to play at Union.

In fact, so closely are the seven leading teams grouped now in strength that it wouldn't be exactly a major surprise to see any three of the list come out on top in the La Grande tourney.

Nevers, Famous Star, Will Quit Gridiron Game

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26 (AP)—Ernie Nevers, former Stanford university fullback, and described by Coach Glenn Warner of that university as "the greatest player ever coached or saw," was definitely out of the playing end of football today, having announced his intention to quit the game while "still in one piece."

Nevers, who since 1925, has been a professional star, played his final game at Kezar stadium here Sunday, and carried out of it a broken wrist, incurred in the last play of the game.

Nevers' plans for the future are indefinite, he told interviewers. He has ambitions to become a coach and has had several offers, but declined to go into details.

He will, however, confer with University of Nevada officials in the near future. He would prefer, he said, to become an assistant coach at Stanford.

Both in amateur and professional football, Nevers bowed out in spectacular fashion. As a captain of his first team in 1925, he led Stanford to its first victory over California in many years. Sunday, he scored all his team's points as the individual star of the game.

During his five years of professional football, he has played approximately 100 games. He thinks the greatest players he lined up with or against are "Red" Grange, Hickaluk, Nagurski, Slater and Keating. One of his proudest moments, he said, was his tremendous strides in the last three years, and he believes it will continue to do so.

OWLS TAKE LEAD IN DISTRICT RACE

(Continued From Page One) eight times and the score was knotted eight times—at 3, 5, 7, 9, 22, 26, 40 and 42.

The Owls scored first but at the end of the quarter were one point in the rear. In the second period Helix managed to maintain its one-point margin but could not add to it.

In the third quarter, a La Grande rally sent the score to 25 to 28 and then 37 to 30, but in the last period, a determined Helix drive evened up the count at 42 all just five seconds before the game ended. And then a foul was called on a Helix player and the Owls made the free throw. A second after the ball left the referee's hand on the tip-off, the game came to an end.

Gemmill Scores 15 Gemmill, Helix forward, was high scorer with 15 points. Close behind him was Moore, of La Grande, with 14 and King, Helix center, with 13. Karstens, Gemmill and King did most of the Helix scoring while nearly all members of the Owls' lineup figured in the attack.

On the defense, the Owls seemed a bit slow in the first half except for Daniels, who turned his whale of a game until over-earnestness sent him to the bleachers with four personals.

In the second half an unusual incident occurred when a double foul was called on Gemmill and Crawford. It was the fourth for each, and each made the free throw, then leaving the game.

"GORILLA" JONES WINS RING TITLE

Memphis Negro Victorious in Elimination Tourney in Milwaukee.

By Charles W. Dunkley (Associated Press Sports Writer) MILWAUKEE, Jan. 26 (AP)—William "Gorilla" Jones, long armed 26-year-old negro of Memphis, Tenn., was recognized today by the national boxing association as a middleweight champion of the world.

Jones won the title last night by defeating Odonne Piazza, sturdy youth of Milan, Italy, on a technical knockout in the sixth round of a 10-round battle, fought before a disappointing crowd of 3500.

It was the championship bout of an elimination tournament conducted under the auspices of the N. B. A. to determine a successor to Mickey Walker. He gave up the throne a year ago because he could no longer make the weight limit of 160 pounds.

The Memphis negro, backed with five years of campaigning, outlasted, out-boxed, and out-fought the 22-year-old Italian aspirant. After a slow start, he battered Piazza to pulp and had him on the verge of collapse when the bout was ended by the referee. Jones won every round, with the exception of the first.

With the start of the sixth round, Jones tore into the Italian, forcing him to the ropes, under a merciless barrage of punches to the head. Piazza, succeeding in escaping, staggered across the ring, finally falling on his back in a neutral corner. He gamely got up, only to run into another vicious assault with Jones shooting punches to his jaw.

Piazza sought refuge on the ropes again, but Jones tore after him. The negro cracked him on the chin and Piazza, his arms dropping at his side, could offer no defense. As he was about to sag into collapse, the referee waved Jones to his corner, declaring him the winner.

Gate Only \$5500 The battle was a disappointment in gate receipts and attendance. It attracted less than \$5500 into the box office, compared to the last time Mickey Walker defended his title, when his battle with Ace Hooking in Los Angeles in 1929, drew \$180,000. Walker was a spectator at the ring-side.

Jones is the seventeenth holder of the title. Since the class was recognized way back in 1867, the division has produced 18 champions, among them the greatest fighters of all time—Jack Walker, Stanley Ketchel, Tommy Ryan, Billy Papke, Mike O'Dowd, Bob Fitzsimmons, and Jack Dempsey.

Jones scaled 152½ pounds and Jones 153½.

Baseball Purely Hobby For Man Who Owned Cubs CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP)—Baseball lost not only one of its greatest leaders but one of its greatest spenders in the death of William Wrigley Jr., at Phoenix, Ariz., today.

Taking up the national pastime as a hobby, Wrigley spent millions to give Chicago a pennant winning team and always insisted he never realized one cent from his interests in the club, one of the best money earners in all baseball history.

"I bought the Cubs not only because I love baseball but because I was joshed about a large city like Chicago having such poor ball clubs," he once said in telling of his interest in the game. "When I was on the road selling soap years ago, the other salesmen used to kid me about Chicago's ball clubs and I resolved to buy the Cubs."

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with market news for Chicago Wheat, Portland Wheat, and Chicago Corn. Columns include Open, High, Low, Close for various months.

Golden Bobcats Average Sixty Points a Game

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Montana State's celebrated "Golden Bobcats," now alumni, on a recent exhibition tour won 12 games and bettered the scoring record they made while winning Rocky Mountain conference championships.

They scored 754 points to their opponents' 355. This gave them an average of 62 5-6 points a game as compared with 29 7-12 for their foes.

Against all types of competition in four years of college play, the Golden Bobcats averaged 51 points a game to 32 for their opponents.

The alumni team, made up of the Ward brothers, Frank and Orland, "Cat" Thompson, Max Worthington, "Breck" Breeden and Valery Glynn, met college and independent teams of Montana, Utah and Idaho on the trip. Their victims included this season's victors and the Brigham Young university quintet.

Thompson averaged 18.8 points a game, Frank Ward, 16.5, and Orland Ward, 13.

On the trip Thompson said: "We had no nervous strain to fight against. We made fewer false motions and steps than we used to make in college. The boys were more deliberate and we handled the ball better."

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—Cattle 25, calves 10; better grades weak. Steers 600-900 lbs. good \$5.25 to \$5.75; medium \$4.25 to \$5.25, common \$3.00 to \$4.25; 900-1100 lbs. good \$5.35 to \$5.75; medium \$4.25 to \$5.25, common \$3.00 to \$4.25; 1100-1300 lbs. good \$5.00 to \$5.50, medium \$3.50 to \$5.00, Heifers 550-850 lbs. good \$5.25 to \$5.75, medium \$4.00 to \$5.00, common \$4.00 to \$5.00, calves 250-500 lbs. good and choice \$6.00 to \$7.50, common and medium \$4.00 to \$4.00, low cutter and culler \$1.00 to \$3.00, Bulls, yearlings excluded, good and choice (beef) \$3.25 to \$3.75, cutter common and medium \$2.00 to \$3.25, Vealers (milk fed) good and choice \$7.50 to \$8.50, medium \$6.00 to \$7.50, calf and common \$4.00 to \$5.00, Calves 250-500 lbs. good and choice \$6.00 to \$7.50, common and medium \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Hogs 500, including 102 direct; slow 10c lower. Light lights 140-160 lbs. good and choice \$4.25 to \$5.00; lightweights 160-180 lbs. good and choice \$4.25 to \$5.00, 180-200 lbs. good and choice \$4.25 to \$5.00, medium weight 200-220 lbs. good and choice \$4.00 to \$5.00, 220-250 lbs. good and choice \$3.85 to \$4.85; heavyweights 250-290 lbs. good and choice \$3.75 to \$4.50, 290-350 lbs. good and choice \$3.50 to \$4.25, Packing sows 275-500 lbs. medium and good \$3.25 to \$4.00, Feeders stockers 70-130 lbs. good and choice \$3.50 to \$4.25.

Sheep and lambs 50, ewes 50 cents higher; lambs steady. Lambs 90 pounds down good and choice \$4.50 to \$5.00, medium \$3.50 to \$4.50, all weights common \$2.50 to \$3.50, Yearling wethers 90-110 lbs. medium to choice \$2.75 to \$3.50, Ewes 120 lbs. medium to choice \$2.00 to \$2.50, 130-150 lbs. medium to choice \$1.50 to \$2.00, All weights, cull to common \$1.00 to \$1.50.

POTATO MARKET CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—Only slight changes either way in potato quotations were noted in principal cities of the country today, according to today's marketgram released by the U. S. C. extension service co-operating with the U. S. D. A. bureau of agricultural economics. Trading was weak at Chicago and San Francisco, steady at Los Angeles, and dull in all shipping markets reported on. Carload shipments to date from 19 surplus states are 20 per cent under the same date a year ago.

Potatoes: (All quotations per hundredweight, sacked, unless otherwise noted). Terminal.—The principal terminal carlot markets for U. S. No. 1 Netteed Gem potatoes were reported weak with prices irregular today. Chicago market weak; quotations slightly higher, Idaho's \$1.50 to \$1.55.

Growing Demand For Low Grades In Butter Mart

PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—Continued lack of price change in the butter market on the Portland produce exchange, reflects the steadiness of the butter trade generally. The late session of the exchange here was without change of any sort, while on the open market, stocks cleaned up, as they have been doing recently from day to day.

Make of butter in the local territory is showing little change for recent days. Demand appears sufficient to keep the output cleaned up and a shortage is reported in isolated instances.

There appears a growing demand for undergrades in the local trade. Although there is no surplus in sight of top scores, it is the lower grade stock that finds the best sale. Price "sharp shooters" are utilizing this stock to cut values. The fact that the average person does not read the label aids in moving out this class of goods.

There is no change of interest in the egg market situation for the day. Prices are stationary and there is sufficient supply, or more for all needs.

Despite the talk of Californians operating in the northwest field, they are taking all chicken supplies offered at current low values here. Movement is increasing somewhat. Prices are unchanged.

While there has been a slight easing in the market for hogs recently, country killed meats in general have held remarkably well in view of the livestock situation.

There is quite a good demand for dressed turkeys and receipts are not so liberal. Fractionally better prices are reported in spots as a result of the decreased stock.

Latest trade in spot delivery onions is still confined to the \$3.50 mark with sacks and time furnished by buyers. Offerings are reported as light with demand fully taken care of. Much of the sales of the last two weeks are still to be shipped, therefore buyers are not caring much whether they make new commitments or not.

Talk of a big movement of potatoes from primary points is not borne out by a record of total shipments. Most of the shipments consist of "rollers" with few f. o. b. sales confirmed at any primary point.

The action of the big schools of smelt in the Columbia river remains much of a mystery. The schools appear to be aiming for the Lewis river which they have not visited for several seasons. Sales mostly 4½ to 5c lb.

Notes of wholesale trading: Hothouse wharfbush shows further price reduction. Tangerines are lower again. Lack of regular offerings is keeping the Roseburg broccoli off the local trade.

California cauliflower is a trifle slow at \$1.10 to \$1.15 crate. Mexican grades are finding a good movement 14 to 18c lb. Oranges, lemons and grapefruit are unchanged. Walla Walla spinach movement is good with better quality.

SUGAR AND FLOUR PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—Sugar—Cane, granulated \$4.40 100 lbs. best \$4.30. Domestic flour—Selling price delivered: patent 49s \$5.60; do 98s \$5.40, bakers' bluestem \$5.20; soft white flour \$5.10 to \$5.30; whole wheat \$4.80 to \$5.00; graham \$4.50 to \$4.80; rye \$5.70 to \$5.90.

Firm Undertone In Stock Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP)—The stock market maintained a fairly firm undertone today, with buying of Woolworth pulling the list up somewhat in the late dealings. The list closed with a few gains of 1 to 2 points, but most changes were fractional. The closing tone was steady and trading extremely dull, the turnover approximating 800,000 shares.

Traders marked time pending an announcement after the close of U. S. Steel's dividend, and in expectation of developments at the railway wage conference.

OMAHA SHEEP OMAHA, Jan. 26 (AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Sheep 20,000; lambs wad to 25c lower; sheep and feeders steady; fed woolled lambs \$5.75 to \$6.00; fleshy lambs \$5.25.

YOUTH KIDNAPED AND TORTURED BY 5 BEER RUNNERS (Continued From Page One) score he knew nothing of the speaker's and their sources of beer. He was taken down and told he would have one more chance to tell. Then he made his break.

BABY DAUGHTER KIDNAPED MEXICO CITY, Jan. 26 (AP)—The eleven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aguilar was kidnaped here today by two men in a motor car who snatched the infant from its cradle a few feet from the mother, an American, who was sitting nearby, reading.

Engaged in the book Mrs. Aguilar, wife of a high official of the General Electric company here, did not notice that her baby had been stolen until a storekeeper across the street called her attention to it. The police began an immediate investigation.

Illinois Creates Ice-Basketball From Two Sports URBANA, Ill. (AP)—Something new under the athletic sun has been hatched here in the form of ice-basketball.

Equipment for this new hybrid of sports combines the armorial aspects of football with the leg-freedom of the basketball costume and, of course, the steel runners necessary for effective traction on ice.

The rules are a combination of basketball and hockey, with enough latitude in their enforcement so that the football protective equipment seems not at all superfluous.

The new University of Illinois skating rink, built from football profits for non-varsity use, is the scene of the game's origin.

Teams organized by Manager Beckley Miller have staged several exhibitions that have proved so thrilling and unique that they are anticipating invitations to put on their show before metropolitan audiences at the Chicago stadium and New York's Madison Square Garden.

The baskets are placed 120 feet apart, with flags marking the sidelines, about 75 feet apart. The largest standard basketball courts are 94 feet by 50.

J. C. Penney Co., Inc. DEPARTMENT STORE. Sweaters of pure worsted at \$1.49. Solid Colors and Borders, Breast Pocket, Slipover Styles. 1307-1309 Adams Ave. La Grande, Ore.

BOARD VOTES AGAINST ART, MUSIC HEADS (Continued From Page One) move and the motion was carried. Justifying his attitude, Mr. Perkins, who expressed himself as being in favor of continuing the two positions if the school board could possibly retain them, stated that the directors will not have enough from taxes, even with the cuts, and that he voted for abolishing them, not for the sake of conservation, but because the school board will not have sufficient money to pay for them.

Y. T. Longfellow, superintendent, was asked to express an opinion on the result of abolishing music and art supervisors, and stated it is his belief that in a system of this size, if these subjects are to be taught with uniformity and organization, there must be one individual in charge of the details. It will largely put an end to instruction in those fields since not all teachers are trained along those lines.

Opinions were expressed by several taxpayers of the community. W. T. Grider was in favor of the program of economy. Dr. A. L. Richardson stated that he was in favor of a program of economy, but believed that many children required the study of art and music. T. J. Scroggin complimented the board on the cut and expressed himself as being in favor of eliminating the supervisor positions if it could be done without being a detriment to the schools.

J. H. Peare stated that the only consideration in retaining or eliminating the supervisors is whether the board feels that the district can afford to retain them. Less Taxes Paid Mr. Perkins pointed out that 23 per cent less taxes have been paid on this year's assessment, yet practically the same amount was assessed. On Jan. 1 last year \$62,500 had been collected, while at the same time this year \$50,000 in taxes have been collected, leaving a delinquency which will effect the school district funds.

Mr. Eberhard believes that unless an amount is put in the budget each year to take up the slack of delinquency taxes there will be a deficit. The deficit is greater this year, he added, but he believes that the saving could be made elsewhere than in abolishing the special supervisors.

Towler Re-elected E. D. Towler was elected as principal of the high school for another year on a salary of \$2380; R. A. Williams will head Greenwood school for the coming year at a salary named at \$1615; Mrs. E. A. McEachron, Central, \$1615; Herbert Evans, Riveria, \$1530; Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Willow, \$1317.50.

Mr. Scott presented a request to the board for a night school and the clerk was instructed to investigate other night school systems, especially that in Pendleton, and report back to the board at a future meeting.

Bosch Conviction Reversed by Court SALEM, Jan. 26 (AP)—The conviction of H. H. Bosch, sentenced to one year in the county jail and fined \$1,000 on a charge of making a false financial statement for the purpose of securing additional credit from the Tillamook National bank, was reversed by the Oregon supreme court today and the case remanded. The case, appeal from the circuit court in Tillamook county, was reversed in the opinion written by Justice J. U. Campbell.

Bosch on May 6, 1929 was indebted to the bank for \$6000. He made a financial statement of his property, in which it was alleged he included real estate near Brooks in Marion county, owned by his wife. The indictment charged a violation of the Oregon law relating to false statements of property.

In his opinion Justice Campbell held that prejudicial error had been permitted to enter into the case, and that the judgment must be reversed. DUKE SUB WINS BERTH DURHAM, N. C. (AP)—Playing stellar basketball in pre-season games, Pete Carter, a substitute forward on the Duke basketball team for the past two seasons, has been assigned a regular berth on the varsity by Coach Eddie Cameron.

Merritt Bates of Dallas is the new singles handball titlist of the Texas Y. M. C. A.

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Huskies Climb Into Deadlock For 3rd Place

Coast Conference Standings (Northern Division) Washington State 4 1 300 Oregon State 4 2 667 Oregon 3 4 429 Washington 3 4 429 Idaho 2 5 286

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—University of Washington's basketball team took an early lead over Oregon last night and were never headed, defeating the Webfoots 44 to 32. Harold Lee's early field goal marked the start of the Huskies and his teammates soon ran up an 8 to 1 lead. The northerners led 21 to 11 at the half.

Oregon came to life in the second half and staged a rally, but the Huskies were not to be denied. Cap Roberts, Oregon center, played brightly for the Webfoots, but could not carry the entire burden. He was high man for both teams with 14 points. Lee of Washington had ten.

Captain Cairney and John Fuller, Washington's most aggressive ball-hawks, were forced out of the game on personal fouls in the second half. The Washington victory throws the Huskies and Oregon into a deadlock for third place, with Washington State topping the list and Oregon State in second place.

The teams meet here again tonight. Otto Reiselt At Head of Standings CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP)—The crazy quiz of standings in the world's three cushioned billiard tournament showed another new patch today as Otto Reiselt, of Philadelphia, commanded the field.

He rose to the top yesterday partly through his own efforts and mostly through the brilliant victory of Jay Roseman, the young Californian, over the hitherto unbeaten Augie Keschaber, of Chicago.

Wrestling

By the Associated Press NEW YORK.—Jim London, 201, Greece, won from Sam Stein, 200, Newark, 31-28 (Stein counted out after falling out of ring); Jim McMullen, 215, Chicago, threw Renato Gardini, 200, Italy, 16-13; Jack Pineski, 270, Poland, threw Jack Washburn, 280, California, 4-3. New Haven, Conn.—Dick Shikat, 218, Philadelphia, defeated Sander Szabo, 206, Hungary, by decision, 30-00; George Kotsionaras, 202, Los Angeles, threw George Hagen, 210, New York, 23-20.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Henri Deglane, 224, Montreal, threw Dan Koloff, 223, Bulgaria, 26-20; Ed Don George, 210, Buffalo, threw Bull Martin, 225, New York, 17-39.

Lomski Put Away In Ninth Round SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26 (AP)—Leo Lomski, Aberdeen, Wash., was knocked out last night in the ninth round of a scheduled ten round bout here by Hans Birkie, Oakland, Calif.-weighed 135 pounds, the boxer who once was a serious contender for the middleweight and light heavyweight championships, was hammered to the floor three times by his heavier opponent. Birkie weighed 198 and Lomski 185.

Lighthouse 50 Years Old WASHINGTON (AP)—The present Cape Henry lighthouse, which replaced the first lighthouse built by the federal government, is 50 years old. The original lighthouse at Cape Henry was constructed in 1791.