

SPORT DOPE

CHURCH LEAGUE PLAN VICTORY IS SURPRISE

NEW BASKET BALL ORGANIZATION SUGGESTED

With the First Baptist church represented by four organized basket ball teams and several other churches in the city planning to be in the game within the next few weeks, a scheme is suggested to form an Oregon City Church Basket Ball league which would have a regular schedule and play for the championship of the city.

The teams of the Baptist church have been at work for some time and are showing up well under the coaching of Dr. Milliken. No games have been arranged yet as those in charge are waiting for other city fives to form.

"I have had experience with church teams in the east," said a prominent member of the Baptist team Tuesday, "and I believe that we could build up a league in this city that would play games as fast as any group of quintets in the county."

GAMES SCHEDULED

Parkplace, Ore., Dec. 16.—(Special)—A double headed basket ball game will be played December 26 when the boys' and girls' teams of Canby and Parkplace schools will meet here. The games have been well advertised in both towns and a large number of boosters of each team will probably be present.

WARDEN MAKES RAID

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—The most fruitful raid that has been made by Game Warden W. L. Finley against offenders of the algerette law occurred yesterday, when Lillian Herlein, an actress at a local vaudeville theatre, was compelled to surrender a bandeau adorned with 12 dozen of the forbidden feathers. The longest was 18 inches and the shortest was longer than any other that has ever been taken by the game warden in Portland. The outfit is valued at \$412. The woman is frantic with grief and has threatened proceedings to recover the ornaments. The confiscation was made by Mr. Finley after one of the game wardens, who had witnessed the performance, had seen the woman wearing them on the stage.

FIGHTERS REMATCHED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—After hours of haggling and wrangling over money matters, Willie Ritchie and Harlem Tommy Murphy are rematched today to meet in a 20 round contest on the night of January 23. As was expected, promoter James W. Coffroth and Jim Buckley, Murphy's manager, were forced to concede several points, while the champion stuck to his demand for a flat \$15,000 guarantee and won out.

SPORTING BREVITIES

America will be represented by a soccer football eleven at the 1916 Olympic games at Berlin.

Cleveland golfers now have an indoor course to practice on.

Buffalo will hold the annual American Bowling congress championships next March. Philadelphia will stage the eighth annual National tournament in Atlantic City next Easter.

It looks certain that the United States will have along with before holding the Olympic games, the president of the International Olympic committee, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, says that for the games of 1920 Amsterdam, Antwerp and Budapest are all making preparations. Holland, Belgium and Austria-Hungary are all in the field already.

Oxford University of England will send a team of athletes to the annual relay games of the University of Pennsylvania to be held next April in Philadelphia. It will be the first time an international character has been given these games which attract the star athletes of this country.

Toronto will give 14 \$400 purses for its light harness ice racing meet which opens on Christmas day.

Of the 1793 kinds of advice that are of no use, that to Christmas buyers is probably most useless.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ROAD ENGINEERS

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MUCH TO CONTEND WITH.

Must Learn to Make the Best of Local Conditions—Poor Material and Inexperienced Workers Hamper Progress. Good Roads Built For Service.

One of the principal reasons for the poor conditions of the roads in many of our states is the lack of competent engineers to handle the work and the attendant lack of an educated public opinion which will demand first class work in all cases.

The employment of county engineers has been relatively so much neglected as the creating of state highway departments. It is the exceptional county where an engineer is regularly employed from one year's end to the other. In the larger counties, particularly those having large towns or cities, the annual expenditures for road improvement are seldom less than \$50,000, frequently two or three times that amount.

The usual rule in such counties is to have a county engineer who prepares plans and supervises all work, though



HEAVY TRAFFIC WEARS DOWN SOUTHERN ROADS.

actual legal control of the work is still vested in the county commissioners. For instance, in the great majority of counties in Texas the regular annual income is less than \$50,000, and the whole matter of road improvement in each county rests with the county judge and four commissioners, who constitute the county commissioners' court. If a bond issue for road improvement is authorized by the voters of a county or a district an engineer is employed to plan and supervise the construction of the roads. Payment for such engineering service is made either as a percentage fee based on the cost of the work or by a stipulated salary.

The general improvement of the country is pushing the road question to the front. Counties in large numbers are issuing bonds for good roads every month. It is very important that the taxpayers get a dollar's worth of road for each dollar expended. Roads must be built so well that they will give service and at the same time not be prohibitive in cost. In many sections the engineer is at once confronted with the fact that he must build a road of material that quality will be quickly rejected under the standard specifications. It therefore becomes necessary to so adapt his materials and so regulate the character of workmanship and the consequent cost of the road that its serviceableness will be commensurate with its cost.

Much progress has already been made toward adapting local material to road construction, but much more remains to be done. There is opportunity for every engineering college to render valuable service to its state by a study of these problems. There

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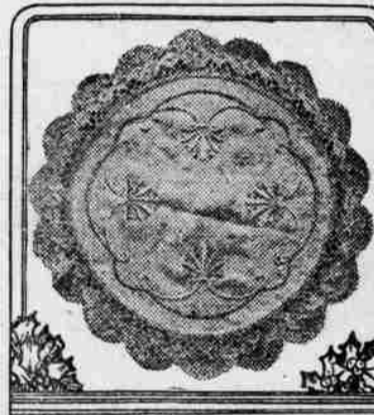
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Daily Christmas Hint

The Bride Will Think This Centerpiece Lovely

The bride who has just gone to housekeeping and is collecting a supply of table linen to add to her trousseau stock will appreciate the centerpiece shown in the cut.

The material used is a grayish tan crush of a soft pliable quality. The conventional design, which is not unlike part of a poinsettia flower, is



CENTERPIECE WITH CLONY EDGE.

carried out in the present instance with shaded embroidery silks in deft blues, but to get the holiday spirit into the gift Christmas shades of red might be used with fine effect.

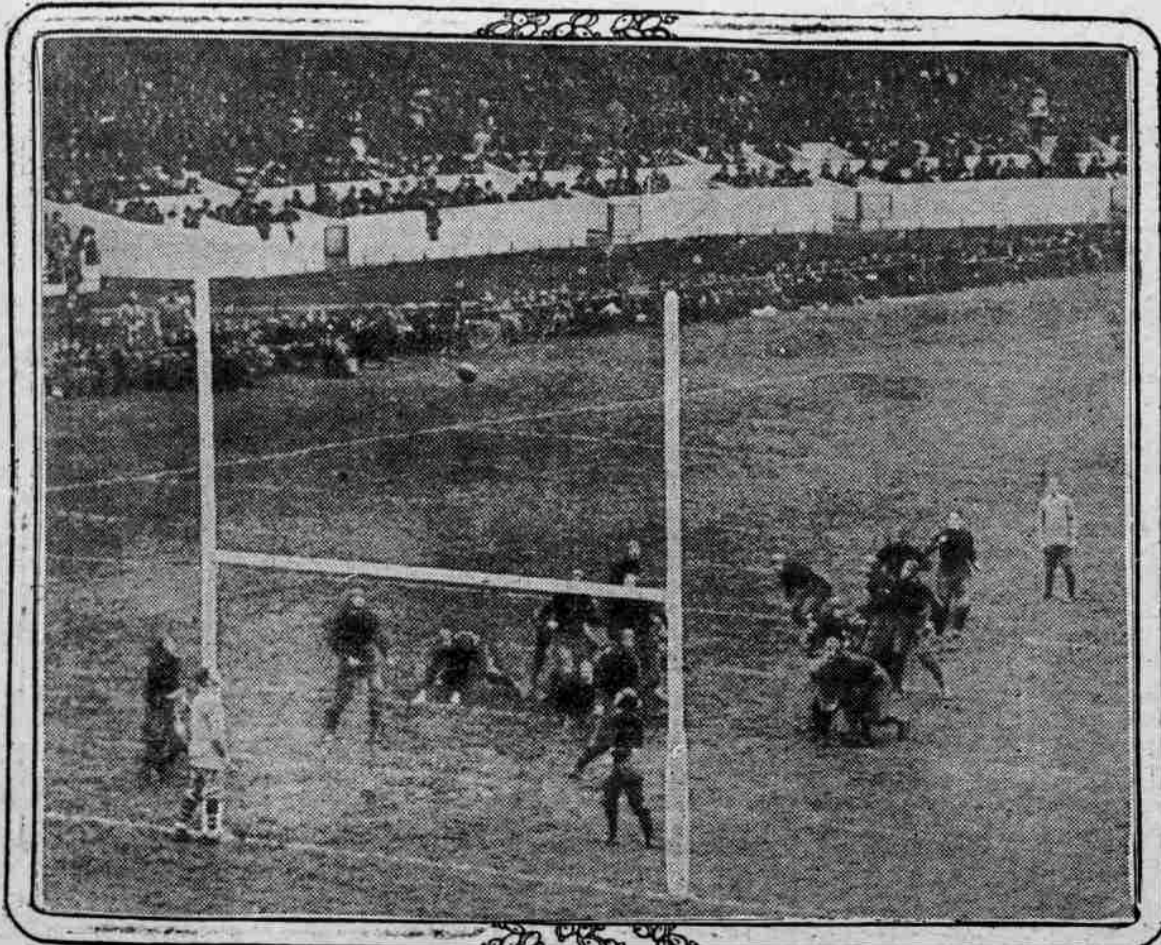
The lace edging of the centerpiece is of clony colored to match the linen.

Sarcastic.

"The screeching of that soprano makes me weary." "I thought you best high heels." Boston Transcript

Enterprise classified ads pay.

BROWN KICKS FIRST GOAL



Supplied by New Process Electro Corporation, New York City to witness the annual conflict between the Army and Navy teams the assemblage included New York's ultra fashionable set, the president of the United States and many men prominent in public and private life and nearly every famous college player. Although each team had its ardent admirers and followers there was an under-current of feeling that the Navy team was going to carry off the laurels and when Brown of the Annapolis team kicked the goal from placement, which resulted in the first scoring of the game between the two services, the eyes of almost every player were glued on the pigskin which is seen sailing between the posts. "A walkover for the Navy" was the general verdict of the stands at this moment.

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is still greater opportunity for every practicing highway engineer to thus aid in the development of his country and thereby put his own future success beyond all serious question.

High Cost of Poor Roads.

The cost of bad roads is strikingly set forth by William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce in President Wilson's cabinet, in this manner:

The inefficiency arising from bad roads makes it cost something like \$300,000,000 a year to cart our cotton crop from the fields to the railway stations. I think few people realize the immense tax put on us all by bad roads and inefficient handling.

I have said that if our farmers once realized the awful tax that bad roads imposed upon them public opinion would sternly demand the making and maintaining of good roads everywhere. It now costs the farmer twelve—yes, twenty or more—times as much per ton mile to move his goods to the railway station as it does to move them on the railway after they leave the station. The farmer, indeed, in bad cases and at certain seasons may have to pay as much as \$1 a ton mile, while the railroads carry the freight when it once gets it at an average of three-quarters of a cent per ton mile.

CORN GROWING IS BOON TO FARMERS

(Western Stock Journal.)

The days of the open range for cattle in Oregon are past. The great unfenced ranges in Eastern and Central Oregon are rapidly being cut up and fenced into smaller tracks. With this change comes the necessity of growing feed for the stock and farmers and stock raisers of Central Oregon are turning to the production of corn and are demonstrating to the world that they can grow it to advantage.

One of the centers of this agricultural industry in Malheur County is Brogan. Quoting from the Sunday Journal of November 16, we reprint a letter from H. C. Skinner of that city:

"An item of great importance, greater perhaps than the fruit shipments, is the amount and quality of corn which has been produced in and near Brogan. It was raised in a corn country and on a farm and I have never seen any better, larger or better matured corn than has been produced in this section.

"Messrs. Lanoir, Addington, Lovelless, Breedlove, Woodard, Wagner, Coleman and Mitchell have produced a large acreage of splendid corn.

"No better corn can be shown in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska or any of the Middle West states. These states have become rich through this greatest of all food production and it is safe to predict that Malheur county will in the end derive wonderful prosperity from corn. It will bring thousands to the country and will promote the cattle fattening industry beyond all precedent. Hogs will be shipped out of this section in trainloads as soon as it becomes generally known what can be done with corn.

"Brogan is particularly well situated for the production of corn and fruit. Nestled close to the hills on slightly elevated benches, with the Willow river canyon gently drawing the air through its narrow channel, keeping a perpetual motion, there are no late nor early frosts. Corn can be planted two weeks ahead of any part of the Middle States and makes a magnificent and unchecked growth, maturing at least two weeks ahead of those states.

"Brogan is also fortunate in having a class of farmers who are progressive and willing to make trial of different plants that they may determine that which will produce the best.

"Thus they have made a hit with corn in spite of the pessimist's knock on hay and feeding sage brush.

"Malheur County has thousands of acres of grazing land with willow grow the cattle and sheep, and now Brogan has demonstrated that they can furnish the product that will finish them for the market, thereby getting the full value of the steer to help build up our own country."

This is a testimonial of what can be and is being done in various other parts of the Northwest. Not only have Malheur county farms, but also farms of other points in Central Oregon and the Willamette Valley as well, demonstrated it is a success. Those who have taken up corn growing have proven it can be made a paying crop. In a few years it should be one of the most valuable products of the versatile soil of Oregon.

With the output of a large corn crop at immediate hand, stockraisers can grow and fatten thousands of hogs and instead of the Northwest importing a large per cent of its pork, there will be sufficient for its consumption

and a surplus for exporting.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the selection of the seed corn. Farmers intending to give this crop a trial should spare no care or money to secure the best seed available as it will pay them in the increased value of their crop. And this seed should be selected as early in the season as possible for, at best, it is not plentiful.

Do not be in a hurry to judge whether corn can be grown to advantage on your land. One season is not a fair trial. There are failures in corn crops as well as other grains and although you may not get a valuable crop the first year that is no reason you never will. Success of any kind is only gained by "sticking to it" and the farmer who keeps this motto plainly in sight will eventually harvest a valuable corn crop here in the Northwest.


BOY TRAMP IS KILLED BY CARS

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any clue as to his identity. It is possible that he was about 25 years of age and had been in the city but a short time. On the same train that mangled the one hobo who was trying to make his way to a warmer climate, were other tramps riding in and on top of the cars from one division end to the other. It is also probable that there were several underneath on the rods that this boy was trying to reach and that the freights were both heavily loaded with tramps traveling through the country to the south.

At this season of the year, there are hundreds of them. The city jail has been filled with them for weeks. At one time, there were 44 men picked up around the yards and lodged in the prison for the night.

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