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LOVERS OF SPORT TURN TO FOOTBALL

With the commencement of the football season the eyes of the lovers of sport are centered on the colleges of the northwest, where the grid-iron heroes are in training for the great autumn sport.

The new rules, if they succeed in eliminating the danger of the game, will be welcomed, especially by the parents and friends of the young men who will insist upon playing the game for all it is worth, in spite of danger. At the three state universities in the northwest conference, Oregon, Idaho and Washington, and at Washington State College, Oregon Agricultural College and Whitman College the players are already afield and each institution has championship hopes.

The University of Washington, last year's champions, has lost some of its best men. Captain "Polly" Grimm sustained a wrenched shoulder in the first practice, which may keep him out of the game, and Melville Muckleston, one of the fastest players in the west, has decided not to play this year, devoting his time to the study of law exclusively.

These reports from the champions of last year are encouraging to the other teams. Both Oregon and O. A. C. are reported as stronger than a year ago, while Washington State has much of her old material and will fight hard to beat the champions when they meet in Spokane. This should be a great year for college football in the northwest.

TENDERFOOT ADOPTS NEW WAY TO GET CLEAN FRUIT

Officers, clerks and truckmen in the warehouse of the Wenatchee Valley Fruit Growers' Association, says the Wenatchee Republic, were somewhat concerned the other day by the report that a miscreant had entered the building, evidently during the early morning hours, and maliciously rendered a quantity of apples worthless by cutting out little pieces of them.

One of the inspectors, in the pursuit of his regular duties, had discovered a load of fruit, every box of which contained apples that had been marred with a knife. The incident occasioned consternation and indignation and assumed the aspects of a mystery.

Word was sent to the owner of the

fruit, and he repaired to the warehouse. He is a recent arrival in the Wenatchee valley. To the surprise of those connected with the association he manifested no alarm at the condition of his apples. He explained that as the grading rules barred shipment of wormstung fruit he had merely cut out the stings.

DIED

AUSTIN L. PHELPS.

Austin L. Phelps, a resident of Hood River for twenty years, died at his home in the valley Sunday, aged 65 years. Mr. Phelps was born in Chesterfield, Macomb county, Michigan, October 30, 1845. On February 6, 1872, he was married to Sarah J. Nealigh, at Belleville, Kansas. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Phelps, six of whom, in addition to his wife, survive him, and are R. A. Phelps, of Forest Grove, E. A. Phelps, of Wapinitia, Ore., Mrs. C. W. Ruffner, of Portland, Mrs. H. B. Johnston, J. E. Phelps and Roy Phelps, of Hood River. Two sisters also survive him, Mrs. Hattie Smith, of Seattle, and Mrs. Annie Cole, of Hood River.

Mr. Phelps, with his family, moved from Kansas to Vancouver, Wash., in 1889, and afterward came to Hood River in the fall of that year, where they have since resided.

The funeral was held at Bartness chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. J. L. Hershner, and the burial, which took place at Idlewild cemetery, was conducted by the Masons and Canby Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Phelps saw long and honorable service during the Civil war, having been mustered into the army in 1862, when he became a private in the 14th Regiment, Michigan Volunteers. From that time he saw service continuously until July, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. His regiment first went to Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., where it participated in a battle at that place, and was among the troops that laid siege to Corinth, Miss. It participated in the engagement at Farmington, Miss., joined in the famous race of Bragg and Buell for Louisville, Ky., and took part in many notable battles before joining Sherman's army in Georgia, where it made the historic march to the sea. Later, at the close of the war, it marched from Savannah to Washington, where it participated in the grand review.

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