

BASKET BALL AT OREGON PUZZLES

"Skeet" Bigbee, Who Played Baseball in Marshfield in 1913, On Team

Practice games, two of which have been played by the University of Oregon basketball team, both ending in large sided scores favoring the University quintet, have served to demonstrate to the pre-season fans that the University five from Eugene are still factors to be reckoned with this year in deciding the basketball championship of the North West.

Previous to the Christmas vacation prospects were gloomy. The squad faced a heavy schedule minus four of its mainstays during the last season.

Ex-Captain Carl Fenton, Oregon's greatest all-round athlete who stands more than six feet two inches and weighing 200 pounds is gone. He was a member of the famous Dallas team that toured the United States in 1908, playing in all 64 games and losing only two. For them he played center, the position he later held on the Oregon quintet. Also Robert Bradshaw, ex-football captain, was missing from guard and with him his team mate Don Rice, of Portland, Irving Brook was gone from his berth at forward.

Coach Hugo Bezdek is not easily daunted. He called for the first practice. Plenty of material reported but the men were most of the comparatively new comers.

But he lined them up, spending hours a day in a strenuous effort to produce a systematic basket shooting machine. How well he has succeeded is evident from the scores the collegians have made in their two practice games with fast high school aggregations. Eugene High School was smothered by almost a hundred majority and the lads from the Cherry City several days ago were defeated by a score of 42 to 12.

Oregon's basket ball team will be light and speedy this year, changing entirely from the heavy and tall built players of the previous season. "Skeet" Bigbee, who two summers ago played on the Marshfield team and who refused alluring offers of baseball managers, is lined up for a berth at forward. With him, as a running mate will probably be Sharpe, the tricky and clever quarterback who last fall shot a forward pass through the Washington Eleven.

For what they lack in size these two players make up for in their skillful basket range and it is said the men are even better than the pair of forwards that Hugh Bezdek put on the floor last year.

At center, Dudley, tall and well built holds the pivot position and beyond being a good man in guarding his opponent is also able to find the basket, a fact clearly demonstrated in the two practice games played. At a substitute is Brownwell, of Gardiner, another tall youth who has been two years on the Varsity squad.

Tommy Boyles of Pendleton, Oregon's greatest red haired sprinter and orstwhile distance man, has come back into the harness, taking up the basket ball game after a

I. O. O. F. LODGES INSTALL OFFICERS

Over 200 in Attendance at Joint Ceremonies Last Evening—Fine Banquet

With more than 200 members present, Sunset Lodge No. 51, I. O. O. F., Sunset Encampment and Western Star Rebekah Lodge last evening held their joint installation of officers at the Odd Fellows' Hall. Following the ritual ceremonies, a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed. The following are the officers installed:

J. W. Hunt, D. D. G. M., was the installing officer for Sunset Lodge No. 51, inducting the following to the offices named:

- N. G.—Herbert Phillips.
- V. G.—A. Z. Downs.
- Sec.—Israel Lando.
- Treas.—John F. Hall.
- Warden—Oren Allen.
- Conductor—Jas. Sheehan.
- I. G.—F. Grinolds.
- O. G.—Geo. Craig.
- R. S. N. G.—J. W. Hunt.
- L. S. N. G.—J. Q. Jarvis.
- R. S. V. G.—W. A. Hill.
- L. S. V. G.—J. La Chapelle.
- R. S. S.—C. Thorwald.
- L. S. S.—Adam Swartz.
- Chaplain—A. Hagemester.

Sunset Encampment.
A. Hagemester, D. D. G. F., was the installing officer for Sunset Encampment and the following are the new officers:

- C. P.—Wm. Buck.
- H. P.—C. E. Powers.
- Sr. W.—Oren Allen.
- Scribe—Israel Lando.
- Treas.—John F. Hall.
- J. W.—Herb Phillips.
- Guide—J. W. Hunt.
- 1st W.—W. C. Asplund.
- 2nd W.—D. L. Rood.
- 3rd W.—Geo. Blake.
- 4th W.—Oscar Galorson.
- I. S.—Axel Ostind.
- O. S. C. Thorwald.
- 1st G. of T.—B. F. Tilley.
- 2nd G. of T.—Jas. Sheehan.

Rebekah Lodge.
Mrs. Thomas Coke was the installing officer for Western Star Rebekah Lodge No. 27, inducting the following officers to their stations:

- N. G.—Elizabeth Scaife.
- V. G.—Carrie Ross.
- Sec.—Jennie Bennett.
- Treas.—Nellie Owen.
- Warden—May Coke.
- Conductor—Eva Dresser.
- Chaplain—Rilla Ross.
- R. S. N. G.—Ethel Powers.
- L. S. N. G.—Lois Lawhorn.
- R. S. V. G.—Elizabeth Brown.
- L. S. V. G.—Charm Kinney.
- I. G.—Florence Craig.
- O. G.—Jennie Rourke.

Two years rest, taken on the advice of "Bill" Hayward, the University's veteran trainer and coach. With him will be Lyle Bigbee, brother to "Skeet" and Morris Bigbee, both of whom played baseball here two years ago in the local league.

With this line up Coach Bezdek says but little, keeping the while a sly glint in his weather eye, as much as to say "Just wait and see" and knowing what holes he has pulled out of before, the fans are confident and back him to the limit.

DAIRYMEN GATHER AT COUNTY SEAT

Cow Testing Associations Make Plans for the Coming Year—Elected Officers

The reorganization of the Coquille and Lower Coquille Cow Testing Associations yesterday in Coquille marked the first anniversary of such organizations in this county and was marked by an enthusiasm demonstrating that in one year the work accomplished has been phenomenal.

On the invitation of the Coquille Valley Association the dairymen of the similar organization on the lower river gathered in the county seat and held their business sessions, after which 40 of them gathered around the banquet board in the Woodmen's Hall, finishing in bare time to catch the 2 o'clock boat for their homes.

Formed last year during different months, a fact that has made the annual reports of Coos county come at irregular times, the farmers yesterday declared that hereafter February 1 of every year will mark the close of the season in every association.

For such action they gave three reasons, the first being that all records should start at the same time, so that an equal comparison between the herd records all over the county can be made and so that the farmers can bring their cows to freshen during the early spring months, thus making the one year record carry through the lactation period; second, so that a cow's record will be known in the fall, a fact which will enable the farmer to send her to the butcher without feeding all winter if her production falls below a profit yielding point; and third, so that in the contest work soon to be launched by Professor Graves, of O. A. C., all herds will be given an equal chance.

Officers Elected.
James T. Jenkins was elected president of the Lower Coquille and Dandon Association, J. F. Van Leuven, vice president and John E. Belloni, secretary-treasurer.

In the Coquille Valley Association Price S. Robinson was elected president, W. G. Mehl, vice president and J. D. Carl, secretary-treasurer.

A similar reorganization was affected Saturday among the herdmen of the Myrtle Point Association, at which time T. M. Hermann was re-elected president, F. L. Lundy vice president and B. Bartlett, secretary-treasurer.

Local Association to Meet.
Some time during February and after the Dairymen's Week at the Oregon Agricultural College, a reorganization of the Coos Bay and the Coos River Associations will be effected, this matter to be decided definitely within the next two weeks. The meetings would be held in Marshfield, said Mr. Smith today.

As evidence that the associations have accomplished efficient work since their inception is shown the fact that 69 owners of herds gathered yesterday in Coquille and when the plans were drawn up for the new year not one of them refused to join again and in addition to this many new herdsmen put their names on the books.

C. D. Jarman, of the lower Coquille, entered the association last year with a herd of 25 cows. So successful has he been and so confident is he of the work being accomplished that he has purchased 30 more head of cows, making his herd of 55 the largest in the county entered under the associations.

J. L. Smith presided at the banquet as toastmaster of the jolly crowd. Brief experiences were related by Testers George R. Johnson of the Lower Coquille, and Howard B. Warner of the Coquille Valley, and Robert J. Dryden of the Myrtle Point Association.

That the men might be in the best of humor cigars for the occasion were donated by E. S. Knowlton of Coquille. Music and vocal selections were rendered during the banquet by Miss Ruth Whitford and Miss Myrtle Lund.

Charles Skeels, of the Coquille Valley Creamery, spoke on the subject of better co-operation between the dairymen and the creamerymen, declaring the latter can do much to encourage the cow testing work.

Form Two More Associations.
Plans are now being formulated for the organization of two more associations within the county, one at Ten Mile and the other to take in the district through Gravelford, McKinley, Lee, Dora and Fairview.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS.
Prof. John B. Powell, of the Missouri University school of Journalism, says that 87 per cent of the business failures are due to lack of advertising. Take the hint.

Answers Poem By Capt. Macgenn

The Times is in receipt of the following communication and poem, which are self explanatory:
Gold Beach, Or., Jan. 6, 1915.
Editor of the Coos Bay Times:
I notice in your issue of January 1st, 1915, a poem by T. J. Macgenn entitled "When Oregon Goes Dry." I enclose a poem with the same title, taking a somewhat different view:
C. A. POTTER.

WHEN OREGON GOES DRY.
We're glad you're going to 'Frisco boys,
Th' land of th' sett'ng sun,
Where crime and vice are unrestrained
And you have what you call fun.
But, is it fun to waste your life
And let the years go by,
And go off down to 'Frisco town
When Oregon goes dry?

We know you're in a huff, dear boys,
But—look before you leap—
There's many a fellow drowned near shore,
Where the waters were not deep;
But they had failed to learn to swim
When a'd was standing by—
They went to 'Frisco in a jiff'
When Oregon went dry.

But, listen just a moment, boys,
Before your final leave;
Th' sports of every grade and class
Good people can't deceive.
The thieves and thugs will congregate
In 'Frisco by and by,
There'll be a grand re-union there
When Oregon goes dry.

Red fire will glow with fervent zeal,
High carnival you'll hold,
Pickpockets, thieves and gamblers,
Thugs,
And scarlet women bold—
You'll each contribute your full share
And with each other vie
To make Hades of 'Frisco town
When Oregon goes dry.

Good people'll hide their face for shame
And crime will riot run,
As the riff-raff spewed from Oregon
Turn lose to have their fun;
And righteous indignation then
Will raise, and you will fly
From 'Frisco town to parts unknown
When the Gold'n State goes dry.
—C. A. POTTER.

AMONG THE SICK

R. N. Fenton is able to be up and around after a severe siege of la grippe.

Fred Branstetter, a miner at Beaver Hill, who was injured in an accident some time ago, was sent to Mercy Hospital yesterday by the Marshfield Aerie of Eagles, of which he is a member.

Dorsey Kreitzer, who has been suffering from an attack of la grippe, is still confined to his home with a threatened attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Frank Elsminger is reported to be getting along fine at Mercy Hospital, where she underwent a serious operation on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Gamble, of North Bend is confined to her home today with la grippe.

MAKES BIG TRANSFER TRUCK ON COOS BAY

M. H. Mulloy Constructs Large Two-Ton Wagon for His Transfer Business Here.

M. H. Mulloy, of the Pacific Transfer & Livery Company, has just completed a two-ton transfer truck for the heavy hauling of his transfer business. The building of it in Marshfield meant the keeping of many dollars here at home. When the need for a new truck developed Mr. Mulloy made inquiry in Portland and San Francisco and was told it would have to be built to order and would cost \$1000. Mr. Mulloy thought he could do the work here and save considerable and he proved it. In addition he feels that he has an even better wagon than if he had had it shipped in from the outside.

NEWS OF NORTH BEND

The musical to be given at the Star Theater next Monday evening will be one of the best home talent programs ever given on Coos Bay. Those taking part are Professor Gjerdrum, Professor Wolfram Schmedding, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Miller, Mr. C. S. Kaiser and Mr. Fred Shimman. The ladies arranging his program are to be congratulated on obtaining such proficient talent. The program will be given in detail Saturday.

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SHIP WRECK ON COOS BAY IN 1851

WILLIAM H. PACKWOOD, who is the only surviving member of the state constitution convention of 1857, in speaking of his experience in Oregon 60 or more years ago, told a graphic story of the wreck of the Lincoln, on which C company of the First Dragons were passengers from San Francisco to Port Orford. He said:

"About December 27, 1851, the Lincoln, a three-masted schooner of 300 tons, sailed from San Francisco for Port Orford, Oregon, and Puget Sound. There were on board Lieutenant H. W. Stanton of C Company, First United States Dragoons; Dr. Sorrell, U. S. A., and 35 soldiers of Company C of whom I was one. The captain of the Lincoln was Captain Nagle. The Lincoln was an old vessel and had come around Cape Horn, and was in poor condition for going to sea. We were hardly outside the Golden Gate when a southwest storm struck us and drove the vessel north of Port Orford. Soon after the storm broke the vessel began to leak. Twelve of the soldiers were ordered to man the pumps, but the water continued to gain on us.

"The cargo of the vessel was stored in the hold, and consisted of barrels and boxes. On these barrels and boxes planks were laid. The planked walk extended from the officers' cabins at the stern of the vessel, to the fore-castle, where the sailors' bunks were. We slept on these planks, or rather we lay awake on them, when not at work at the pumps. There was about four feet of space between our beds and the deck of the vessel. The only way of getting down or out was through the main hatch. The water came in from the side seams of the vessel, and we could hear the wash and swish of its running among the barrels and cargo. It never came up to our planks, on which we lay, the work on the pumps holding the water to about a certain height, with but slight gain.

On January 1, 1852, the water was beginning to gain on the pumps. The steward told us the water was over the floor of the officers' cabin. On the second the storm calmed somewhat and Captain Nagle took the sun, about noon, and he and the Lieutenant determined to head for the coast, and falling to make it, they decided to jettison the cargo

to lengthen the vessel. There was but one whaleboat left. We had two when we started. One was smashed to pieces when a big wave rolled over the vessel. If the dumping of the cargo and the pumps failed to keep her afloat, and it became necessary to use the whaleboat, there would have been trouble, as the whaleboat could carry but a small portion of those aboard. There was an ugly feeling among the men, and a fight would have resulted for possession of the boat.

"On the first of January Captain Nagle changed his course, the wind calmed down and we hoisted more sail. About 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning of January 5, there was a heavy fog. I had gone below with my pumping shift, and Pat McCulloch and his shift had relieved us at the pumps.

"Then the vessel struck and came to a dead stop. Instantly you could feel the lift of the vessel, as though she was trying to raise up. It was simply a bar she was crossing. She righted and soon had headway. We thought we were past all danger, but it was only few minutes until she struck again—this time to stay. We were afraid we had run on a reef of rocks. The water increased rapidly. I called Pat McCulloch to the hatch, which was kept fastened down and covered with a tarpaulin, and asked him if we were on a reef of rocks.

"I told him he could find our way by sounding over the side of the vessel with a whaleboat oar, and that all below were anxious to know, as the vessel was settling broadside to the ocean, and the breakers were running over the vessel, and at times it seemed as though she was going to turn over. We had been driven ashore on a new moon tide, and with the heavy sea running after the storm, were high and dry.

"It was very dark, but McCulloch took an oar and succeeded in sounding until he was certain we were on sand. He came to the hatchway and told us. It was a great relief to know that we were on sand and not on the rocks.

"It is curious to note the result of fear on different individuals. We expected at any minute we might be drowned in the vessel or fighting in the waves to save our lives. Some were praying, some were cursing

the government for sending sea in such a vessel. I had who had a plank to sleep to mine. He was a very thrifty Irishman named Du He had saved nearly \$1000 coin and carried it in his after the storm began to say to me: 'I would give money to be on land.' I raising his bid, with no till he put up the whole of his savings to be on land.

"We waited patiently half an hour after McCulloch port, and then broke through planking into the saloon and went on deck.

"Daylight was beginning to We could see we were on sand beach, with a backwash low sand hills. We had the ocean beach, almost everywhere Empire City now between two or three miles the mouth of Coos Bay. time the sun was up we Indians rounding across the Soon there were nearly assembled."—Oregon Journal.

PACIFIC COAST BAR

Yaquina Bay bar—Dec. 7, 11 feet. L. L. W. Report. Carner, Ga. Schr. Ollie S. Ore.

Grays Harbor—Dec. 7, 11 feet. M. L. L. W. Report. horn, Hoquiam, Wash.

Rogue River bar—Dec. 7, 8-1-2 feet. M. L. L. W. Report. ell, Gold Beach, Ore. shifting from southward ward.

San Pedro Bay bar, Cal.—1915. 30 feet. M. L. L. W. port by Johnson, San Pedro.

Coquille River bar—Dec. 8-1-2 feet. M. L. L. W. Kfomenberg, Bandon, Ore. wall to south. Shoal extending end of north jetty.

San Diego, Cal., bar—Jan. 3-1-2 feet. M. L. L. W. by A. A. Morris, San Diego.

PAPER MAIL

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay) BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The which communication with ed States is now cut off understood from the fact that York paper less than a eagerly sought by American carefully passed around large circle of readers. of some of the Rotterdam boats to southern routes haduced the mail facilities.

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