

CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE DECIDED TONIGHT'S GAME

TODAY'S GAMES
2:30—Salem vs. McMinnville
3:30—Eugene vs. Franklin
8:00—Finals between winners of two afternoon games.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Salem, 22; Astoria, 12.
McMinnville, 27; Arago, 16.
Eugene, 39; Hood River, 6.
Franklin, 18; Pendleton, 13.

It may or may not have been due to the fact that it was Friday the 13th, but inability on the part of the Pendleton team to get over the 12 mark resulted in its being eliminated from the state tournament last night, the final count being 13 to 13. The half ended 9 to 5 in favor of Pendleton, and the third quarter ended 13 to 8 in favor of the same team. It was not until five minutes before the final gun sounded that the Portland team took the lead in scoring. The eastern Oregon team proved to be a dark horse, surprising every fan in the crowd with its scrappy play. Sager and Dale, Pendleton forward and center, were stars of the tie. For Franklin Seaton starred, although not to the extent that he did the night before against Medford. Last night he made just one of his long, uncanny shots at the basket, getting all his other field goals from close range. Epps showed up well for the Portlanders, getting nearly as many baskets as Seaton.

Features of Game

The phenomenal foul shooting of the Pendleton aggregation, particularly during the first half, was a feature of the game. Neither team made a field goal until just four minutes before the end of the half. Dale of Pendleton finally getting one, followed three minutes later by another by Sager of the same team. Seaton succeeded in making a short shot a few seconds before the gun sounded. The half ended 9 to 5 in favor of Pendleton.

In the third quarter Pendleton increased its lead until the count stood 13 to 8 at the end of that period. At the 13 point, however, the cowboys seemed to be stuck. Franklin made 16 points in the final quarter, the Pendleton score during the same time being a nice round goose egg.

Pendleton Favorite
There is no denying that the crowd wanted Pendleton to win. So far as popular opinion is concerned, the Franklin team is suffering the fate of all successful groups, and fans are pulling for whatever under dog may happen to be the Portland team's opponent. Last night everybody in the gymnasium, with the exception of the small knot of Franklin supporters in one corner, was rooting for Pendleton.

The other three games played yesterday were not so close. Astoria put up a fine fight against Salem, but after the first five minutes of play nobody had any trouble in picking the winner. For the locals the basket shooting of Ellis, forward, was a large factor in the win, although John Drager, center, made a number of good ones.

Are Out Classed

In the Eugene-Hood River clash the apple growers had a good defense, but little offense. The team made exactly two field goals during the entire playing time, one of these being a long difficult shot that no ordinary high school player had any license to get. A short shot and two successful free throws accounted for the other four points chalked up in the Hood River column. The 39 points chalked up in favor of Eugene represent little more than the number that might be made against any ordinary team by the brilliant offense Eugene showed itself to have.

McMinnville had little difficulty in defeating the game but inexperienced Arago team. Miller and Green, the two McMinnville forwards, scored fast enough to leave the coast team safely behind from the time the tie started. The crowd was in favor of Arago as being the underdog.

Those who were positive yesterday that Franklin was going to win the tournament were not quite so sure today. Seaton, who played such a sensational game Thursday night for the Portlanders, did not do quite so well against Pendleton last night. It is believed by some that the wear and tear of so many hard games, coming in quick succession, may tell on the Franklin star. Furthermore, it is a foregone conclusion that from now on any team Franklin meets will be pointed against him and watch him closely, not letting him shoot even from spots where it would be safe to let many college players take a shot at the basket.

Salem In At Finish?

The dope, which grows more and more uncertain as the tournament progresses, is that Salem will defeat McMinnville and Franklin will win over Eugene this afternoon, and play each other tonight with the state championship at stake. However, even this afternoon's games are uncertain quantities. McMinnville has a reputation for being very dependable as a loser. "You never can tell about that crowd," said Willis Hamilton, Salem mentor, yesterday. "Greatest bunch to stage rallies I ever saw. Sometimes they'll take a streak and throw in half a dozen baskets in two or three minutes." Ranked in the season the local team defeated McMinnville 25 to 8 on its home floor and 21 to 13 at McMinnville.

There is little doubt in anybody's mind that Eugene will give Franklin a hard game, quit possibly defeating the Portlanders. At any rate Salem will probably have to extend himself to the utmost, and will not be in the best of condition for the mix with Salem—if it is Salem—tonight.

LIBERTY NEWS

Liberty, Or., March 11.—Next Friday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a program given under the auspices of the parent-teacher association at Liberty hall. The admission is 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. "Hot-dog" sandwiches and coffee will be sold, also home-made candies. The proceeds are for the benefit of the parent-teacher association, or in other words, for the good of the school and community for that is what the association stands for. Come and spend a pleasant evening and help a worthy cause.

Miss Esther Neumeier wishes to express her appreciation and heartfelt thanks to all who helped her in any way during her "shut in" days following her severe accident last winter. By her girl friends carrying her lessons, books, and forth, the kindness of her teachers in the Salem high school, the many kind acts and words of encouragement of many of her Liberty friends and the girls still helping her to get to school and back, carrying her books, etc., she has been able to keep up with her school work. She takes this means of letting all know that words cannot express her appreciation.

Mr. Gibson, father of Ralph and Carl Gibson of this community, is seriously ill at his home at Salem Heights. Mr. Gibson numbers his friends by all who know him, and they are many, as he is an old resident of this district, moving to his present home only a few years ago. All are anxiously awaiting good news from the sick room.

Miss Frances Wolfe, who has been ill with a severe cold, is recovering.

Little Wilbur Harold, a tiny visitor from Starkland, has decided to make his home permanently with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Judd. He has a good start in this world, as he is an eight-pounder.

Martin Sees has returned from Seattle, where he has been visiting for some time.

Mrs. McBride of Pendleton is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Roy J. Coffey. Mrs. Coffey has been ill for two weeks, but is now recovering.

MT. ANGEL NEWS

Mt. Angel, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—Joseph Bernat, president of the Mt. Angel Community club, has announced a meeting for Sunday, March 22, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. At this meeting the club will also discuss the advantages and disadvantages of issuing a descriptive bulletin or pamphlet advertising the town and the surrounding country.

Matthias Grones, aged 81, who died early in the week in the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Bruchert of Portland, was buried in Calvary cemetery on Tuesday. For the greater part of his life he made his home in Mt. Angel. He was a blacksmith by trade. Surviving him are three daughters and one son.

Jordan Sauvain is suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Miss Angnes Van Hatten is visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hirtch, at their home in Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hauth have moved into their new home which they purchased recently from Ben Von Tersch.

In games played in the Mt. Angel college gymnasium on Wednesday, the M. A. C. second team defeated the Gervais high school team by a score of 39 to 5. The M. A. C. juniors won from the Gervais second team in a 22 to 4 game. Although defeated by a score of 32 to 28 in a game played in Portland the Mt. Angel college team plans to stage a comeback in the second game of the Mt. Angel-Columbia university series which will be played on the Mt. Angel floor on Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30. In the three game series played off last year between Columbia and Mt. Angel the local boys won two out of three and capped the non-conference championship.

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D. L. Carvin of Harbor, water from Carey creek for irrigation of 5 acres in Curry county, at a cost of \$100.

James I. Neit of Ashland, water from Grizzly creek, Hoxie creek, Willow creek, unnamed creek and spring for irrigation of 185 acres in Jackson county.

Lucy McIntyre of Elgin, water from Phillips creek for irrigation of 20 acres in Union county, at a cost of \$50.

The Silver Peak Mines company of Portland has filed with the state engineering department an application for authority to appropriate water from Middle creek for mining and one concentration in Douglas county at a cost of approximately \$100,000, and for the construction of a reservoir for storage of water from Middle creek and tributaries, also at a cost of about \$100,000, the stored water to be used for mining, milling and ore concentration.

Other applications have been filed as follows:

Joe Shinn of Joseph, water from Wallawa river for the irrigation of 32 acres in Wallawa county.

E. L. Hoyt and Herbert Rexroad of DeLaker, water from an unnamed stream for summer home sites and auto park in Lincoln county, at an estimated cost of \$500.

John D. Adams of Cherryville, water from Badger creek for irrigation of 2 acres and development of 25 theoretical horsepower for lighting plant in Clackamas county, at an estimated cost of \$500.

George Eckles of McKay, water from McKay creek for irrigation of 25 acres in Umatilla county, at an estimated cost of \$150.

Alder Slope Ditch company of Enterprise, water from Wallawa river for supplemental irrigation of lands in Wallawa county.

Ashiah Aitchfield and Ed E. Rodgers of Enterprise, water from Wallawa river for irrigation of 26.5 acres in Wallawa county, at a cost of \$100.

Katherine J. Fisk of New Meadows, water from Spring creek for irrigation of 6 acres in Wallawa county, at a cost of \$75.

M. C. Merrill of Monument, water from Guntown creek for irrigation of 21 acres in Grant county.

Fred H. and Mary E. Hendrick of Boring, water from an unnamed spring for domestic purposes including garden irrigation in Clackamas county.

H. Pohls of Salem, water from North and South Forks of Edgar Slough for irrigation of 41 acres in Lincoln county.

M. M. Melvin of Gardiner, water from an unnamed stream for do-

SEEK TO REDUCE RAILWAY FARES TO NORTHWEST

Washington, March 14.—An interstate commerce commission hearing will be held April 27 in Seattle to consider applications of northwestern railroads to reduce through passenger rates from Chicago, St. Louis and other midwestern terminals to the Pacific coast.

The railroads desire to let the rates for the distances remain unaffected in making the reduction on through passenger traffic.

Under the program, which the commission is asked to approve the roads having Pacific coast terminals would be placed more nearly on an equality of rates, regardless of the distances involved.

Thus the Union Pacific, whose route to northern Pacific coast points via the Chicago & North western, the Oregon-Washington and other connections is considerably longer than the routes of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern would be enabled to make rates to meet those of the northern roads to competitive points such as Spokane, Umatilla, Pendleton, Seattle and Tacoma.

The northern roads likewise would have permission to meet the Union Pacific's competition at points further south to which the Union Pacific lines are shorter.

The commission must consider whether disregard of the long and short haul law is warranted by the public interest.

Neither the Union Pacific system nor the northern lines propose to alter any passenger schedules affecting non-competitive points.

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PAINTING CONTRACTOR PAINTS WRONG HOUSE

Berkeley, Cal., March 14.—C. M. Gates, painting contractor, put nine men to work on an apartment house here yesterday and at the close of the day surveyed the job with great satisfaction.

Then the owner of an apartment building across the street stepped over and had a few words with him, after which the air about him became sultry and he wiped great beads of sweat from his brow. He had painted the wrong house.

MARSHFIELD HOTEL KEEPER MURDERED

Marshfield, Or., March 14.—Ray Howron, about 36 years old, well known Lakeside business man and proprietor of the Lakeside hotel, was shot through the heart early today and died en route to North Bend aboard a Southern Pacific train. First reports stated that Howron killed himself, but according to a hurried examination by Dr. Phil Keiser, coroner, no powder signs were found on his clothing. Howron had evidently been cleaning the lobby of his hotel when the tragedy occurred. Howron was the son of a pioneer family of the Lakeside country. He is survived by his widow and several stepchildren.

OLD SILVER SELLS FOR IMMENSE SUMS

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MARCH BLIZZARD HITS MID-WEST

Chicago, March 14.—A typical March blizzard, laden with rain, changing to snow and borne on a 60-mile wind, was moving into the mid-west today with warnings of a sharp drop in temperature.

Already it has the west, particularly the Rocky mountain region in its grip and was sweeping two ways, through the north and from the southwest onto Chicago.

Snow blanketed large portions of Colorado, while in Iowa heavy snow and high winds were accompanied by a rapidly falling temperature. In Sioux City snow plows were needed to clear street and railway tieups.

Nebraska was swept by a gale. The snow was seen as a benefit for spring crops through the territory effected, as the soil was said to be badly in need of moisture.

NEWSPAPER WORKERS HOLD FINAL SESSION

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