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THURSDAY, APRIL 7, '04

Let Us Encourage Athletics

The season for the various athletic games is now upon us so let us briefly consider the relative evil and the relative good arising from the athletic season. Perhaps we are not in a position to give an unbiased view as we are strongly of the opinion that the benefits have the field. However, we will consider it from both views. The principal arguments against the athletic sports are largely confined to three main ideas. First, those opposing the games owing to certain gambling tendencies involved, together with some Sabbath breaking. Second, the physical injury resulting from excessiveness, such as over training, and the roughness sometimes met with in such games as foot ball. A third reason sometimes given for opposing athletics in the abstract is, that they detract from and overshadow the more serious work of the student or other worker.

The view of those favoring the maintenance of athletic sports are to some extent contained in the defence made to the views as expressed above. No one will endeavor to defend gambling of any sort as connected with sports and very little of this evil ever appears in the local fields and even this is rarely countenanced. The various games ought not to be condemned for this evil any more than the state or nation is to be condemned for holding elections because people gamble on the election results. The alleged Sabbath breaking is an entirely different question and presents some perplexing features. The pros and cons have been discussed for generations and both have strong arguments in their favor. The strongest argument used in behalf of Sunday games is based upon the fact that as a rule, those

playing games on the Sabbath and those attending are unable to take recreation on week days, and therefore ought not to be denied harmless pleasure on that day. The same argument is used in behalf of the Sunday opening of the Lewis & Clark exposition. But it is certain that people cannot agree on this point, but all agree that when Sunday games are played they should be so conducted and in such places that they will the least offend those who wish to spend their Sundays in a different manner. The physical injury resulting from excessiveness is too trivial to waste words upon, as no field of enterprise or pleasure is free from some individual excessiveness. We also feel that the criticism upon foot ball to a large extent comes from a lack of knowledge of the game. There is more ground for the feeling that athletics often detract from the work of the student, or other person, engaged in sports. This evil has more often been met in school life, but our observation has been that the strong healthy boys, resulting from athletics, have made better students and more practical men than the mere book worm.

An active season of athletics serves also to advertise a country in a favorable way, stirs up a local patriotism, develops manhood in the contestants, and furnishes a wholesome pleasure for all concerned. Let us encourage in every way this season's series of games and let them also be so handled, both at home and away so that we may be subject to kindly and favorable criticism only.

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Blacksmith Shop at Gales Creek

Having opened a blacksmith shop at Gales Creek, I am pleased to announce to the public that I am now ready to do all kinds of blacksmithing in a good workmanlike manner. I desire those needing work in my line to call. My charges will be reasonable and work guaranteed to be first class.

IRVEN DUPRAY,
Gales Creek, Or.

Our Correspondence

Albion.

G. M. Holt and Wm. McDaniel commenced shearing goats April 2.

John Koster has returned home from his cousin's at Buxton, having recovered from his illness.

The postmaster planted quite a lot of early garden last week.

There is still some snow on the mountains but it is fast disappearing.

There is some sickness in the mountains this spring.

Kansas City

We can hope for spring now, as it did not rain on Easter.

Mrs. Queek is enjoying a visit from her sister of Hood River.

Mr. Lewis, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. McGraw are digging potatoes on fine days.

Mr. Kirts, the road supervisor for this neighborhood, had some men doing road work Saturday.

J. H. Shearer, wife and daughter visited at H. W. Baker's Sunday.

Mr. Smith, an old soldier from Ohio, visited at John Lee's and Mr. McGraw's a few days.

Glencoe

The young people of the M. E. church at Hillsboro, gave a splendid entertainment in the W. O. W. hall Tuesday evening, April 5, entitled "Madame Punkin and her Daughters," after which a box supper was held.

"Doc" Daret, who has been very ill, is improving. His son William is now on the sick list.

John Connell of Michigan, and Miss Mary Connell of Portland, are visiting with their aunt, Mrs. Grace Connell.

E. C. Mays, who is traveling in California for his health, writes that he had a pleasant trip down to San Francisco on the boat.

Mr. Guerber's little boy is suffering from appendicitis.

Mrs. P. Perret is slowly recovering from a stroke of paralasis.

Gales Creek.

Mrs. Brown and Miss Sarah Powers, of Hillsboro, attended the funeral of Miss Francis McPherson of Dilly, whose remains were interred in the Gales Creek cemetery.

Miss Sina Hewitt of Dewey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Lilly for the past two weeks, returned to her home on Monday.

Miss Minnie Peachin, who recently arrived from Nebraska, to make her home at Forest Grove, was a passenger on the Varley stage last Saturday. She will teach school in the Grove district.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fletcher accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stevens of Almena, Kansas, were Gales Creek visitors Friday.

Roy Richardson and Walter Sagent being on the sick list for several days, were unable to return to McMinnville to attend school.

Dr. Chas. Hines drove out to his ranch on Monday.

As a result of the republican primary, seven delegates will go to the county convention for E. W. Haines.

Pontiac Swipes

Newcomer:—Does it ever rain or blow out here?

Webfoot:—No, but we get a sea-breeze once in a while and of course that is wet.

"Bzzz-zzz-zzz" spoke a rattle from the sage brush, "What do you take me for," replied the hayseed from the Willamette Valley, "I'm not a saw log."

"Jackson has a new windmill." "Well, he always was progressive. I suppose he is going to take advantage of the presidential campaign." "How's that?" "Oh, he thinks there will be a lot of wind wasted."

Hello pard! any mud holes here? No, begorra, but tha's a blatherin' lot of bumps filled in betwain wi' mud, bedad.

Dilly.

The funeral of Francis McPherson took place Saturday from the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Hanson. She was a lady of sterling qualities and loved and respected by all.

Eva Alexander is quite sick at this writing.

Newt Miller and family are back after a six month's stay at Aberdeen, Washington. Welcome back Newt, Dilly is a pretty good place after all.

Mrs. Fred McLeod and Minnie, left for Portland Monday.

Ethel Beal of the Spur, spent Sunday with friends here.

Bert McLeod and Mrs. Chas. Lashelle spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Fred McLeod.

There was a party given in honor of the Misses Millers, in the Artisen hall Monday evening. It was well attended and all had jolly good time.

Cornelius

The new house of the Wolf Bros. is going up as fast as the weather will permit.

Miss Cora Neff, daughter of Mrs. A. A. Philips, came out from Portland last evening to visit her mother for a few days.