

Hardly had the echo of the hammer died away in the driving of the last spike which completed the construction of the new motordrome at Los Angeles, when Nick Nikrent in a Buick-40 stock car startled the world with a new 1-mile record. Nick had been impatiently waiting the completion of the "pie-pan", and almost the moment it is finished, he goes on the board course for a try out and reels off the one mile in 44 2-5 seconds, thereby redeeming his promise made during his recent visit to San Francisco to smash all world's records to smithereens with a Buick-40.

### ELEVEN INNINGS AT GRANTS PASS

Medford Wins in Eleventh by Out-gaming and Outplaying Grants Pass—Jacksonville Puts It All Over Central Point.

In a game that was fought from start to finish, but a game of clean ball at that, Medford won the opening game for the season from Grants Pass in the 11th inning. The game was in doubt from the fifth inning, when with the score 4 to 2 in favor of Medford, Grants Pass made 3. Osborne whiffed, Faubion was safe by Hill's error, Bowers hit and Faubian scored. He advanced to second on Williams' hit, but was caught at third on the Heider's choice, which allowed Smith his first base. Williams hit, stole second and scored on C. Faubion's two-bagger, as did Smith, who had reached third. Coleman then tightened up and struck Thrasher out. This was the most disastrous inning for Medford. They tied the score in their next and it remained that way until in the eighth, when an error of Hill, a walk and a hit by Thrasher filled the bases. Ferguson and Riggs fanned, but Osborne picked out four bad ones, forcing Smith in. H. Faubion flew to Henselman, who by the way played a swell third, and the agony was over, but it sure looked bad.

It was 6-5 now in favor of the Pass. Henselman was thrown out at first. Isaacs took one in the lumbar region, stole second, and came through on Beebe's double to center. For two and a half heart-breaking innings it was the same, but Coleman pitched grand ball and wouldn't allow a run for the Pass. In the eleventh Henselman walked, stole second and advanced to third on Isaacs' hit; the only one he made, the ball hitting him most of the time. Beebe walked, Antie sacrificed and Henselman scored. Then Blackington sent a difficult fly to left which was muffed by C. Faubion and Isaacs trotted home.

Burgess flew to center. Grants Pass failed to do anything in their half and the shivering spectators started post haste for their fire-rides.

For the first game of the season it was a good one. It was fought all the way through and kept the spectators' interest keyed up to the highest notch all of the time.

The score by innings:  
Medford—  
Runs .....02200100102— 8  
Hits .....02011200111— 9  
Grants Pass—  
Runs .....00023001000— 6  
Hits .....00124001101—10  
Base on balls—By Osborne 5, by Coleman 3. Struck out—By Osborne 5, by Coleman 13. Hit by pitched balls—Henselman 3, Strain 2, Blackington 2. Double plays—Grants Pass 3.

Jacksonville Wins.  
Jacksonville took the Central Pointers into camp Sunday by a score of 15 to 5, as the Pointers held

### GUN EXPLOSION KILLS 8 SEAMEN

Breach Plug Blows Out on Cruiser Charleston While at Target Practice and Eight Men Die—Investigation to Follow.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Eight men were killed by an explosion on the prototypical cruiser Charleston at Olongapo yesterday, according to a dispatch received today at the navy department.

The vessel was at target practice when the accident occurred. A breach plug blew out, killing the greater number of the gun crew.

### LOOKS LIKE HARMON OF OHIO IN 1912

Friends of Ohio's Executive Proclaim His Candidacy Following Conference of Democratic Leaders.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 28.—Friends of Governor Harmon of Ohio today are loudly proclaiming that he will receive the democratic nomination for the presidency at the next national convention following a conference between leaders of the party who have practically agreed that Harmon is the man to make the run.

Included among those who attended the conference just concluded were National Chairman Norman E. Mack, Charles E. Murphy of Tammany Hall; Roger Sullivan, Philip Donahue, Gene Woods of Albany.

It was given out that Bryan has expressed willingness to assist Harmon to secure the nomination and that Harmon's old enemy is Ohio. Tom Johnson of Cleveland has sent word that he would back Harmon if Harmon secures the nomination.

Medford to 8 to 10 last Sunday, the fans are beginning to wonder what the old town has up its sleeve. The Jacksonville and Medford teams meet here on April 3 and there should be some baseball.

### 250 PERISH IN AUSTRIAN FIRE

Village Inn Burns and Escape Is Cut Off by Jam Trying to Get Out Through Narrow Doors—Building of Wood.

MATESAKA, Austria, March 28.—Two hundred and fifty people were killed in a fire which destroyed the village inn at Oakecrite, while a dance was in progress there, according to advices received here today. The building was built of wood and the fire spread with great rapidity. A panic occurred and the dancers jammed the doorways cutting off escape.

**Mystery Cleared.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The mysterious drowning of John Dempsey, a wealthy retired business man, in a lake at Golden Gate park yesterday, which many thought was an attempt, was explained today when Dr. Craig at St. Mary's hospital found a note from Dempsey written inside of a white shirt bosom.

The note read: "May the good Lord bless the best of brothers. Forgive me for my weakness for giving away. Forgive me."  
It was addressed to Dempsey's brother.  
For some weeks Dempsey had been suffering with insomnia.

**Menelik May Be Dead.**  
ROME, March 28.—The death of King Menelik is reported today in dispatches from Abyssinia. The dispatches state that the Ethiopian king succumbed to illness yesterday.

The death of Menelik has been reported falsely so many times that the statement in today's dispatches occasion no surprise and little interest. The news of Menelik's death has not been confirmed.  
If the report be true, death has removed a great obstacle to Italian ambitions in Africa.

### FLEAS MUST FLEE FLEETLY ABROAD

California State Board of Health Orders Man With 679 Trained Fleas to Get Out of the Country With His Pulex Irritans.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—Professor Wilhelm Fricke, a flea trainer who owns 679 trained German fleas, is responsible for an investigation which has been ordered by the state board of health today.

Members of the board fear that some of them may get away and cross with the California variety. The result would be dreadful to contemplate, according to members of the board. The German "floh," as the insect is called in Germany, is about twice the size of the native members of the order of aphanoptera and four times as thirsty for human blood.

Should there be a miscegenation of the two tribes, the board asserts that the result would be a species of fleas which would be about twice as ferocious as the vicious German variety and doubly as cunning as the California pulex.

Fricke said today that there is little danger of his fleas escaping. He keeps them tied by a bit of silver wire, except when they are "acting."

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#### One of Bonita's Ideas.

Bonita, the famous beauty and star of the merry musical comedy, "Wine, Woman and Song," last week in San Francisco, Cal., wrote a subscription paper for a poor broken down actor, who was stranded in that city, and far away from the Gay White Way. The next day Bonita asked to look at it—wishing to know how much the members of the "Wine, Woman and Song company" gave the poor fellow. Running over the names carefully, she handed it back to the broken down actor who asked with some surprise: "Why, Miss Bonita, are you not going to give me something?" "My, good man," returned Miss Bonita, "did I not give you the hint?" Bonita and her company of fifty, mostly girls, will be the offering at the opera house on Friday evening, April 1st.



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