

MEDFORD HI, IN SPLENDID FORM, 'SMEARS' ASHLAND

The Medford high school basketball team continued its march towards the championship of southern Oregon last night by overwhelmingly defeating their ancient rivals, the Ashland high school, 32 to 13, in a game that was never in doubt. A record breaking crowd saw the contest.

The miraculous victory of Ashland over the U. of O. Fresh team a week ago, put a slight element of doubt into the affair, but it only took a minute of play to demonstrate the helplessness of the visitors, who this year have the least effective team in years. Today a large majority of the Medford fans are wondering how the Fresh managed to lose. It is the outstanding mystery of the year.

Throughout the entire game, Ashland threw but three field goals, their other seven points being garnered by leaving fouls.

For Medford, Knips was the chief pointmaker, throwing five field goals and three fouls for a total of 13 points. Allen threw three field goals, and three fouls. Chastain caught three field goals, and Williams and Reichstein threw one field goal each.

Chapman was the chief pointmaker for Ashland. He threw two field baskets and two fouls. Hobson threw the other basket for the visitors.

The teamwork of the locals was the best of any game this season, and after the nervousness of the first few minutes had passed, they settled down and showed consistent good work, at times staging dazzling passing and co-ordination. Knips particularly played a star game thruout, while Allen at all times was a tower of strength.

The score at the end of the first half was 14 to 7 in favor of Medford. In the second half the locals opened up and swamped their rivals by a series of lightning plays. In this period, Allen, Chastain and Knips gave a great exhibition of fast thinking and playing, and in the last minute Coach Callahan ran in his second team, while Ashland resorted to long shooting in a desperate effort to bring up their score.

The Medford roving and singing was directed by Mike Jacobs, a likely looking aspirant for all-state yell leader.

The line-up for the main event was:
Ashland: Medford.
Butterfield, f. (3) Knips, f. (13)
Caldwell, f. (1) Chastain, f. (6)
Chapman, c. (6) Allen, c. (9)
Hobson, g. (1) Williams, g. (2)
Woods, g. Reichstein, g. (2)
Ramsay, f.

White, of U. of O., was referee. In the first half, Reichstein and Williams, guards, had three personal fouls upon them before the first quarter ended.

In the preliminary game the Medford Legion team defeated the Ashland Elks 24 to 13.

The Medford teams, boys and girls, will play Ashland at Ashland tonight.

The Roseburg high school, leading contenders, with Medford for the southern Oregon basketball title, was defeated by the Eugene high school of Eugene at Eugene last night, 32 to 26. Roseburg plays University High of Eugene tonight. These games have no bearing upon the local conference games. Roseburg scheduled these games to put the team in first class shape for the deciding game of the year with this city on their own floor, Friday, March 7th.

FIVE FRENCHMEN CONVICTED OF GRAFT DEVASTATED REGION

LILLE, France, Feb. 23.—Five persons today were convicted of fraud in the collection of indemnities for war damages and sentenced to fines or imprisonment. August DeLoffre, a merchant, was ordered to repay the government 52,000 francs over payment. Two other men and two women were each sentenced to three months imprisonment, fined 500 francs and ordered to return all payments received and their rights to damages were cancelled.

The "devastated regions scandal" was recently aired in the French parliament and also considered by the cabinet. Masses of documents were said to have been seized which showed that the devastation claims with payments had been padded by billions of francs.

POP GATES WILL FIRE OPENING GUN C. OF C. BANQUET

As the date of the two hundredth form of the Medford Chamber of Commerce happens to come so close to the end of the fiscal year, this forum and the annual banquet of the chamber will be combined. Instead of this forum being held at noon it will take place at the Hotel Medford next Wednesday at seven o'clock in the evening.

Those who attended the one hundredth forum will remember a talk made by John Douglas of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He will again be present on this occasion to dispense the real John Douglas humor for which he has an enviable reputation.

Arthur S. Dudley of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has an inspiring message as to the future of Oregon. Those of Medford who have not heard him will be given an opportunity to see this man in action. The state chamber under his leadership has an ambitious program the realization of which will be the pride of his address.

The opening gun for the "Home Building Campaign," which is the next project of the Medford Chamber of Commerce, will be shot by C. E. (Pop) Gates. The shortage of homes in Medford is very acute and a serious condition faces the residents of our community and an attempt will be made toward its solution.

The officers of the chamber are hopeful that at least three hundred, the capacity of the big dining room, will attend this dinner. Tickets at \$1.25 each may be secured at headquarters and in order that every opportunity be given to the hotel management to provide only the best amount of food, the members are requested to secure tickets before Wednesday noon.

NEW CENTRAL PT. 'GYM' IS BURNED

The newly completed Central Point gymnasium was burned to the ground in a blaze of unknown origin, between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

This building had been completed scarcely a month and a half and was a great addition to the community, but the fire, once started, burned so quickly that neither the efforts of the fire department nor of the townspeople were of any use in saving the building. The loss was estimated at about \$5,000 which is almost entirely covered by insurance.

A basketball game between Central Point and Talent had been scheduled for that evening and had to be postponed until a place is arranged for the game.

The burning of the gymnasium is a great loss to the town. Whether it will be rebuilt immediately or not, has not yet been announced.

BISHOP SUMNER AT ST. MARK'S SUNDAY

Bishop Walter Sumner of Portland will hold confirmation services at St. Mark's tomorrow night. Bishop Sumner planned to visit Medford several weeks ago, but his trip had to be postponed.

MOTHER AND 2 CHILDREN MEET DEATH IN FIRE

MARTINEZ, Cal., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Ida Joseph died here today from burns which she suffered when fire destroyed the Joseph home on Twitchell island in the Sacramento river delta district last night and took the lives of Dorothy, 19 months, and Sara, six weeks old, children of Mrs. Joseph.

Hankins for Health

Sports OREGON STAR OUT OF GAME TONIGHT

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 23.—The University of Oregon will enter the basketball game against the University of Idaho tonight without Shafer, the stellar guard.

Shafer underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday. This cuts down the Webfoot chances at a conference title considerably. It is certain now that Chapman will play in tonight's game despite a bad knee which has bothered him throughout the season and was thought for a time would keep him out for the entire season.

GIVE ROJAS CHANCE TO MEET DEMPSEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Quentin Romero Rojas, Chilean heavyweight boxer, may be brought to this country by Tex Rickard as a possible opponent for Jack Dempsey. The promoter has cabled the Chilean an offer of three bouts with the guarantee that if he wins all of them he will get a bout with the world's champion.

Rickard plans to match Romero against boxers of the type of Fred Fulton, Jack Renault, Bartley Madden and George Godfrey, to determine his fitness for a match with Dempsey. It is the promoter's intention to arrange three trial bouts for this year and develop the South American for a championship match in 1925.

OREGON AGGIES ALSO VANQUISH VANDALS

VORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 23.—Playing flawless basketball the Oregon Aggies advanced their standing in the conference by defeating the Idaho Vandals yesterday 20 to 16. At the end of the first half the Aggies had the long end of a 13 to 3 score.

Six minutes before the end of the game the Vandals tried to rally, but the lead was too great. The game was fast and rough, with frequent fouls called on both teams.

Oregon Beats Whitman.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 23.—The Oregon university basketball quintet last night defeated Whitman college 41 to 15 in a loosely played game. The Oregon machine was slowed somewhat by the absence of Shafer, stellar guard, who is ill. Latham was high score man with 24 points to his credit.

All Ready for Big Race.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Practice for the opening national championship classic of the 1924 speedway season, to be held tomorrow at the Beverly Bowl, was practically finished yesterday. Jerry Wonderlich and Clifford Durant made lap after lap at 120 miles per hour, at times but three or four feet apart.

Low Cody, film actor, has been appointed referee of the race, it was announced by A. M. Young, manager of the Los Angeles speedway association.

Zbyszko to Win or Quit.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, veteran Pole and former world's heavyweight wrestling champion, who is matched with Ed "Strangler" Lewis, holder of the world's heavyweight title, next Tuesday will quit the wrestling game if he loses, according to statements of his friends.

Firpo Fight Lodge Tonight.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Louis Angel Firpo South American champion and "Farmer" Lodge, American heavyweight, declared themselves in good condition today for their fifteen round fight tonight. The Argentine said he had reduced the weight and he felt the heat and humidity of Buenos Aires summer less than ever before.

Lodge, likewise said he had profited by the postponement of the fight from a week ago because of a rain storm.

New World's Bowling Record.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 23.—Adam Cruikshank, Chicago bowler, in a three game competition match last night hung up a new bowling record of 763, thirty-nine pins higher than the world record held by Carl Baumgardner, Chicago.

SPORT BRIEFS

OAKLAND—Harry Gieb, middleweight champion, won a decision over Jack Reeves of San Francisco in four rounds.

MONTREAL—Jack Johnson, negro, former world's heavyweight champion, was awarded the judges' decision over Homer Smith, Kalamazoo, Mich., in ten rounds.

PHILADELPHIA—Lew Tendler, Philadelphia lightweight, injured his hip while training and called off his match with Ted Marchant, scheduled for Monday.

BERKELEY GIRL IS MURDER VICTIM IN BOOTLEG WARFARE

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—A double murder mystery involving the theories of bootleg ring revenge or domestic trouble centered around the activity of detectives seeking clues to the slaying of John Duffy, found in a roadside snowdrift at Argos, Ill., early this morning and a woman, partly identified as Mrs. Duffy, found last night in an apartment Duffy shared with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Horton.

A search is being made for Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Horton, thought to have left ten days ago on an automobile trip to Detroit and since returned, although papers and letters in the department indicate the dead woman may be Mrs. Horton.

Police learned from letters that the woman formerly lived in Louisville, Ky., where she was known as Miss Exley and Miss Virginia James and at some time had lived in Berkeley, Cal. A letter from her mother, written her on February 13 indicated that she had left home suddenly and been married to a stranger of whom the mother apparently had no knowledge.

According to the Chicago Herald and Examiner, Duffy's real name is John Daugherty, wanted for four murders in Philadelphia. The newspaper says he was an accomplice of Horton until they quarreled because of jealousy.

ROSEBURG REFUSES TO DIG OIL WELL

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 23.—Roseburg businessmen today rejected the proposition of the Roseburg Oil and Gas company, an incorporation formed largely of Portland men, that the residents of this city take over and complete a test well being drilled east of Roseburg. The company now has a drill in operation and has 5000 acres of land under lease, and because of the benefits which would be received by Roseburg, wanted the residents of the city to finance the drilling.

The businessmen after an investigation by a special committee found that funds to complete the well could not be secured at this time, and that "any undertaking insufficiently financed must result only in failure."

WILLIAM PHILLIPS IS ACCEPTABLE TO KING

BRUSSELS, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The selection of William Phillips, under secretary of state, as American ambassador to Belgium, in succession to Henry P. Fletcher, who is taking the ambassadorial post at Rose, will be acceptable to Belgium. King Albert has indicated that the naming of Mr. Phillips would meet with Belgium's favor.

Report on McCray Secret.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—The federal grand jury which spent almost an entire week investigating the affairs of Warren T. McCray, governor of Indiana, made its report to United States District Judge A. B. Anderson today. The report was not made public.

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The main pumping station on the new pipe line has just been installed here. Eight hundred miles of piping connect the Teapot Dome field with the oil lines running to the refineries. According to David T. Hawkins, who supervised construction of the line, it is the longest ever laid in one stretch. The pipe line passed unwaveringly through farms, across streams, under highways and across a number of towns. It is laid in a trench, three feet deep. Telegraph and telephone systems are part of the equipment of the line.

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INSURGENTS VOTE TO OPEN INCOME TAX TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The house voted today to open federal tax returns to inspection by any special congressional committee and by the house ways and means committee and the senate finance committee. The action was taken with the adoption of an amendment to the pending revenue bill. Republican insurgents and democrats joined in approval of the move which was carried 158 to 100.

An amendment also was adopted opening the returns to the proper officers of any state, regardless of whether that state imposes an income tax, as the law now requires. The amendment to open the returns to all the states was offered by Representative Barkley, democrat, Kentucky, and adopted 120 to 119, on the teller's vote.

Representative Moore, democrat, Virginia, offered the amendment to open the returns to congressional committees. It was adopted after modifications suggested by Representative Boyce, democrat, Delaware.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF
KILLED IN WAREHOUSE FIRE

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 23.—Jules Pujol, assistant fire chief, was suffocated when trapped in the warehouse of the Marks-Isaacs company, Canal street department store which was destroyed by fire today.

Five other firemen, two of whom may die, were hurt by falling walls. Preliminary estimates placed the loss at \$50,000.

W. O. W. MINSTREL SHOW GIVES BIG BOOST TO CAUSE

The minstrel show staged in the Medford Armory Wednesday night by the W. O. W. Medford camp 90 was well attended and a nest egg was started for their new building fund. Some of the local critics pronounced it the best home talent production that has been staged here for some time and rank it among the best road shows of that type that have played here. Much credit is due Director Clyde Hurst and all who took active part in putting the show over to big success under many handicaps.

Plans are under way to put the show on in other nearby towns. It is the hope of the camp to enlarge the nest egg already started for the new building fund in this manner. Architect Frank Clark is putting the finishing touches on the plans which call for a building 50x100 feet with a maple floor suitable for dancing. Banquet and reception rooms will have been provided for. The hall will be built on North Grape street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, which is in the fraternal section of the city, as the K. P.'s, I. O. O. F.'s and Masons are located in that vicinity.

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