

FREE TO COMPETE AT TWO PLACES

Status of College Athletes Is Fixed by Amateur Athletic Union.

HOME AND THEIR COLLEGE

President Sullivan Recommends Athletic Pacific Northwest Meet at Seattle Fair—New Records of 1907 Are Recognized.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—After a long discussion at its annual meeting today the Amateur Athletic Union finally decided on the status that college athletes are to hold in amateur athletics in the future.

SPORTS AT SEATTLE FAIR. James E. Sullivan was unanimously re-elected president and John J. Dixon secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Sullivan, in his annual address, favored dealing with college athletes in a liberal spirit. Athletic championships at exhibitions were commended by the president, and he particularly recommended the proposed Pacific Northwest division, advanced by J. S. Goldsmith, in relation to sports at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle in 1909.

New Records for the Year.

The annual report of the record committee, authorizing records for the past year, as follows, was approved: 600-yard run—M. W. Sheppard; time, 2:01.45. Four-mile run—George Y. Bonham, Irish-American A. C. time, 21:00. 100-yard hurdle, 8 flights, first hurdle 20 yards from start—J. S. Hill; time 0:12 1-5. 100-yard hurdle, 8 flights, first hurdle 15 yards from start—J. Hill; time 0:12 1-5. 100-yard hurdle, 10 flights—S. C. Northridge, Iowa A. C.; time, 0:12 1-5. 80-yard hurdle, 8 flights, 3 feet 6 inches—S. C. Northridge; time, 0:08 1-5. Pole vault for height, 12 feet 5 1/2 inches—W. B. Dray, Yale. Pole vault, for distance, 28 feet—M. J. Sheridan, New York A. C. Throwing 16-pound hammer, 173 feet 7 inches—M. J. McVraith, New York A. C. Throwing 12-pound hammer, 190 feet 9 inches—L. F. Talbot. Throwing 56-pound weight, 38 feet 8 inches—J. J. Flanagan, Iowa A. C. Shot-putting by Ralph Ross, California—134 pounds, 67 feet 7 inches; 12-pound, 55 feet 11 1/2 inches; 14-pound, 51 feet 6 1/2 inches; 12-pound, 43 feet 9 1/2 inches; 21-pound, 38 feet 3 1/2 inches; 25-pound, 34 feet 5 1/2 inches; 16-pound, 40 feet 7 1/2 inches. C. M. Daniels, New York A. C., was awarded swimming records for 100 yards, 200 yards, 1 mile, including 31 intermediate distances. His one-mile record being 23:40.3-5 with 27 turns.

EXPLAINS DEFEAT AT SPOKANE

Club Member Says Multnomah Did Not Know Signals.

"We simply lost," is the only comment that Captain Frank Lonergan, of the Multnomah Club football team, has to make on the game with the Spokane Athletic Club last Saturday. Lonergan does not care to discuss the game, and had little to say at the club last night. Another member of the team made the following brief comment on the game: "We lost," he said, "because the team didn't know the signals, and because the back field didn't know where to go with the ball. Time after time the backs threw the ball when it came to catching punts, there wasn't a man on the squad who was able to take the ball. I remember that three times, when the backs attempted and punts, they were tripped by our own players. It was simply awful." The team will turn out to practice now every evening, beginning tonight, and an effort will be made to round the men into shape for the game with Oregon Thanksgiving day.

PICKS SEATTLE SOCCER TEAM

Executive Committee Names Men for Hard Thanksgiving Contest.

The executive committee of the Portland Association Football Club last night chose the picked team the club will send to Seattle to meet a picked association football team from that city on Thanksgiving. The meeting was when at the four-Guthrie's and it took two hours to sift thoroughly the merits of the numerous players who are appearing this Fall in the Portland City League. The final selection follows: Goal—Dymont. Backs—Ryan and Jago. Halves—Dr. Short, Dickson (Capt.) and Mills. Right wing—Kilpack and Dean. Left wing—Harry Matthew and Andrew Matthew. Center—Leigh. Reserves—Hughes and Hanson. The Portlanders will wear white shirts and dark pants. Seattle will wear orange and black. The game will be played on Dugdale's league baseball grounds, a contingent of rooters will accompany the eleven, which will leave in the night, before Thanksgiving, returning early the morning after the game.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT IS ON

Cline, of Philadelphia, Outpoints II. B. Lean, of St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 18.—In the 18th game of the three-cushion billiard championship tournament, Harry P. Cline, of Philadelphia, defeated Horace B. Lean, of St. Louis, 69 to 57. Cline's high run was 4, his average 500 and safeties 17. Lean's high run was 5, average 370, safeties 13. In tonight's game T. A. Huston, of St. Louis, defeated Alfred de Oro, of New York, 50 to 48. Huston's high run was 6, average 600, safeties 11, de Oro's high run 7, average 640, safeties 10.

All-Star Rugby Coast Team. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Cal., Nov. 18.—All-star Rugby football team chosen from the teams of California, Stanford and Nevada by William Unmack, the Australian

Rugby expert, who refereed the big game last year, contains seven from California, seven from Stanford and one from the University of Nevada. Its members have all showed marked ability, and no doubt, with practice together, would make an aggregation hard to beat. The team picked is as follows: Fullback, Butler (California); three-quarters, Holman (Stanford), Vandervoort (Stanford) and Johns (California); forwards, Barmick (California), Ganong (Stanford); half, Fenton (Stanford); wing forward, Tuller (California); forwards, Forester (Stanford), Barmick (California), Pemberton (Stanford), Bell (California), Freeman (Nevada), Miller (California), Budelman (California); back substitutes, Caldwell (Stanford), Dwiglins (California), Mitchell (Stanford); forward substitutes, Patbanks (California), Crawford (Stanford), Rhyme (Stanford), Twitchell (California).

THE DAY'S HORSE RACES

At Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Results of races: Five and a half furlongs—Wahoo won, Harvest second, Import third; time, 1:07. Dr. Coleman second, Mania S. third; time, 1:07 3-5. Six and a half furlongs—Blanche C. won, Remember second, Vinton third; time, 1:20 3-5. Five and 20 yards—Storms won, Jim Joe second, Leath third; time, 1:42 4-5. Cattle Mills and sixteenth—Prince of Castles won, Wimple second, Little Joke third; time, 1:47 1-5. Native Son second, Sugar Maid won, Native Son second, Cloudlight third; time, 1:09 1-5.

At Benning.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Results of races: Six and a half furlongs—Sanguine won, Goes Past second, Rappahannock third; time, 1:32. Six furlongs—Flying Virginian won, Yama Christy second, My Grace third; time, 1:41. Six furlongs—The Squire won, The Shaughraun second, Nimpore third; time, 1:17. Seven furlongs—Ardril won, Saltram second, Countermand third; time, 1:30. Mile and 50 yards—Monocor won, Graziano second, Otriv third; time, 1:33 3-5. Mile and a furlong—Light Royal won, Ocean Spray second, Banker third; time, 2:00.

Match for Cooper-Keith Cup.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Cal., Nov. 18.—The British Columbia Rugby Union has invited the winner of the intercollegiate game north to meet the cracks on the Canadian side, and it is now practically assured that Stanford will make the trip during the mid-winter vacation.

Added Interest has been given the match by the donation of a handsome cup by J. Cooper-Keith, of Vancouver.

Six-Day Walking Match Begins.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 18.—A six-day walking match between Dan Leonard and Henry Schmehl, both of Chicago, started tonight at 8:20 o'clock at Music Hall. Both men appeared to be in the best of condition, and walked briskly for a while. Schmehl is in the lead, due to O'Leary's leaving the track a number of times for short intervals. The men are walking about five miles an hour.

Crawford Is Stanford Captain.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, Cal., Nov. 18.—D. P. Crawford, of Cupertino, Cal., was elected captain of next year's football team tonight. Crawford played tackle on the '06 varsity and played on this year's varsity in the scrub team. His election was unanimous.

Mike Lynch Drafted by St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 18.—President Lennon, of the St. Paul Baseball Club, has drafted Mike Lynch, manager of the Tacoma club, and will offer him the position of manager of the St. Paul club and left field on the team.

REDUCTION IS PETITIONED

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The railroads, Attorney Fenton quoted a decision of the New York Court of Appeals to bear up his contention that a railroad assessment should not exceed the cost of reproducing its lines. The railroad attorneys averred that the 1907 assessment would impose the highest per mileage tax of any spot in the United States.

Most interesting of the testimony was that of Mr. Blaisdell, auditor of the O. R. & N., as to what the O. R. & N. has done with its \$25,000,000 surplus. The railroad's purpose is to escape \$10,000,000 in assessments on this money. He said that up to March 1 of this year, \$12,182,699.72 of this money had been spent on the projected line of the Oregon & Washington to Puget Sound, 80 per cent of which was for purchase of terminals in Seattle and Tacoma. Blaisdell said the O. R. & N. paid out the money and carried the amount against the Union Pacific. Sigler asked if this meant that the Union Pacific owes the money to the O. R. & N., and Blaisdell reluctantly admitted that to be the final analysis of the transaction.

Union Pacific Clearing-House.

Later Attorney Fenton explained that the Union Pacific acted as a sort of clearing-house between the O. R. & N. and the several railroads on which its money was spent. He intimated that the payments might have some connection with the mortgage on the O. R. & N., and said that the O. R. & N. might receive for its money either bonds or stock of the new lines or both. He declared that the proposed taxes on surplus, tracks, and lands of his company would make it impossible for his companies to continue business and pay taxes.

According to Blaisdell's testimony, O. R. & N. money has been spent on various railroads as follows, up to March 1, 1907:

Table with 2 columns: Railroad Name, Amount. Oregon, Washington & Idaho Railway Company (to Lewistown) \$1,800,488.00; Oregon & Washington Railway Company (to Puget Sound) 12,182,699.72; Deschutes Railway Company (up Deschutes River) 7,562.05; Umatilla Central Railway (to Pilot Rock) 67,428.11; Columbia River & Oregon Central (to Condon) 715,128.57; Snake River Valley Railway (up Snake River to Grange City) 1,867,342.08; Clearwater Valley Railway (east of Lewiston) 181,627.03; Columbia Valley Railway (Ilwaco extension) 72,394.22; Total \$17,945,315.57.

Secrets of New York Office.

In addition to this, Blaisdell said his company probably had spent \$1,000,000 on purchase of land by the New York office. These acres were not shown on the O. R. & N. books here because "sometimes they do not want us to know too much about these things." In answer to a question put by a member of the Board whether the surplus was held in Portland and was subject to assessment on March 1, Blaisdell replied: "Oh, no; we spend it before we get it, generally." Mr. Morrow testified that Glette's estimate of \$30,500—cost of reproducing the O. R. & N. lines in Washington—included only \$1200 or \$1300 a mile for right-of-way. This he considered too low a figure and said \$2500 would be a fair estimate. Even then, the total value per mile would be only half the \$44,000 valuation imposed by the Multnomah Assessor. Morrow also pointed out that the right of way of the Southern Pacific in this county is very

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narrow. He also complained against assessment of the company's granted lands. By means of blue-print tables, compiled in his office, he showed that 3200 odd acres in Multnomah are assessed \$27.61 an acre this year, against \$10.95 in 1906; \$8.15 in 1905 and \$3.88 in 1904. The tables showed a similar increase in all counties throughout Western Oregon. On these lands the company paid a total tax last year of \$122,653 and in 1905 of \$109,833. The total assessed valuation last year was \$9,471,338. In 1905 it was \$6,100,469. The purpose of the company was to represent itself subjected to excessive assessment.

Price of Land Depressed.

Mr. Fenton said the Board should take into account the promised suit of the United States against the railroad, to compel sale of the lands at \$2.50 an acre. While he did not think the railroad could be forced to sell at that price after having paid \$1,000,000 taxes on them, still the suit had a depressing influence on the value of the land. The heavy increase in the assessment in Multnomah he called remarkable and excessive. He regarded Sigler as a good assessor but believed him like most other persons—"more or less influenced by the general clamor that taxes on railroads be brought up to as high a figure as possible."

Mr. Fenton presented an opinion of the New York Court of Appeals limiting railroad assessments to the cost of reproducing their physical properties, and argued that under this rule the assessment of the O. R. & N. should not be more than \$23,000 or \$33,000 a mile. As evidence of the growing tendency to gouge the railroad, he cited that the total assessed valuation of the Southern Pacific in Oregon, right of way and rolling stock, was put up in 1906 to \$10,636,756, from \$6,172,575 in 1905, and \$3,664,338 in 1904. The average valuation per mile in those years was \$15,932, \$7749 and \$4589. The taxes paid were \$45,196.22, \$38,885.94, \$106,061. The total average tax per mile were \$285 in 1906; \$143 in 1905 and \$157 in 1904. This year the taxes under the Sigler assessment would be unreasonable.

Mr. Spencer argued that as the railroad properties in which the O. R. & N. money has been expended are paying taxes elsewhere the money should not pay taxes in Portland. The O. R. & N., he said, should have equal justice with holders of mortgages, none of which is taxed. None of the Portland banks holding such accounts, he remarked, is taxed for them.

Says Carshops Assessment Too High

The assessment of \$818,000 on the 24 1/2 acres at the Albina carshops belonging to the company was declared by Mr. Morrow to be much more than the land is actually worth. He admitted, however, that the waterfront land is valuable, and that the company's land extends along the river for more than a mile, or about 6000 feet. The assessment placed upon the land is \$4000 an acre. The O. R. & N., he said, thought the land could be used for nothing except for a railway, as the accommodations are had for teamsters and the ferry accommodations are not good. The property was assessed at \$500,000 last year.

Complaint was also made that 107 acres of land in South Portland belonging to the company was assessed this year at \$10,000, or about \$2800 an acre, while last year the assessment was \$157,000. According to Mr. Morrow the land is not worth more than \$1500 an acre. He said the company "only realized \$2000 a year" from the land, a part of it being leased to the Banfield-Voysey Company for the purpose of storing slawwood. The petition of the railway company

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for a reduction of the assessment upon the property occupied by the Portsmouth oil tanks was withdrawn. MRS. GLASS IN SANITARIUM. Woman Charged With Shooting Her Husband Removed From Jail. Motor Accident Fatal. NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Fred Stecker, wife of ex-Supreme Court Justice Stecker, died tonight of injuries received in an automobile accident. On account of her weakened condition resulting from continued confinement, it was found necessary yesterday to remove Mrs. Augusta Glass, charged with killing her husband, A. Glass, about a week ago, from the County Jail to the Crystal Springs Sanitarium at Mount Tabor. This action was taken upon the request of her physicians. District Attorney Manning formally presented the petition, and it had the sanction of Judge Cleland, of the Circuit Court. ASTORIA, Nov. 18.—Arrived—Ship Henry Villard from Newcastle, Australia. The physicians saw evidences of a complete nervous breakdown, which they feared would take place if the woman was not given better attention than is to be had at the jail. She was taken to Mount Tabor in an automobile, accompanied by the jail matron, Mrs. Cameron.

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