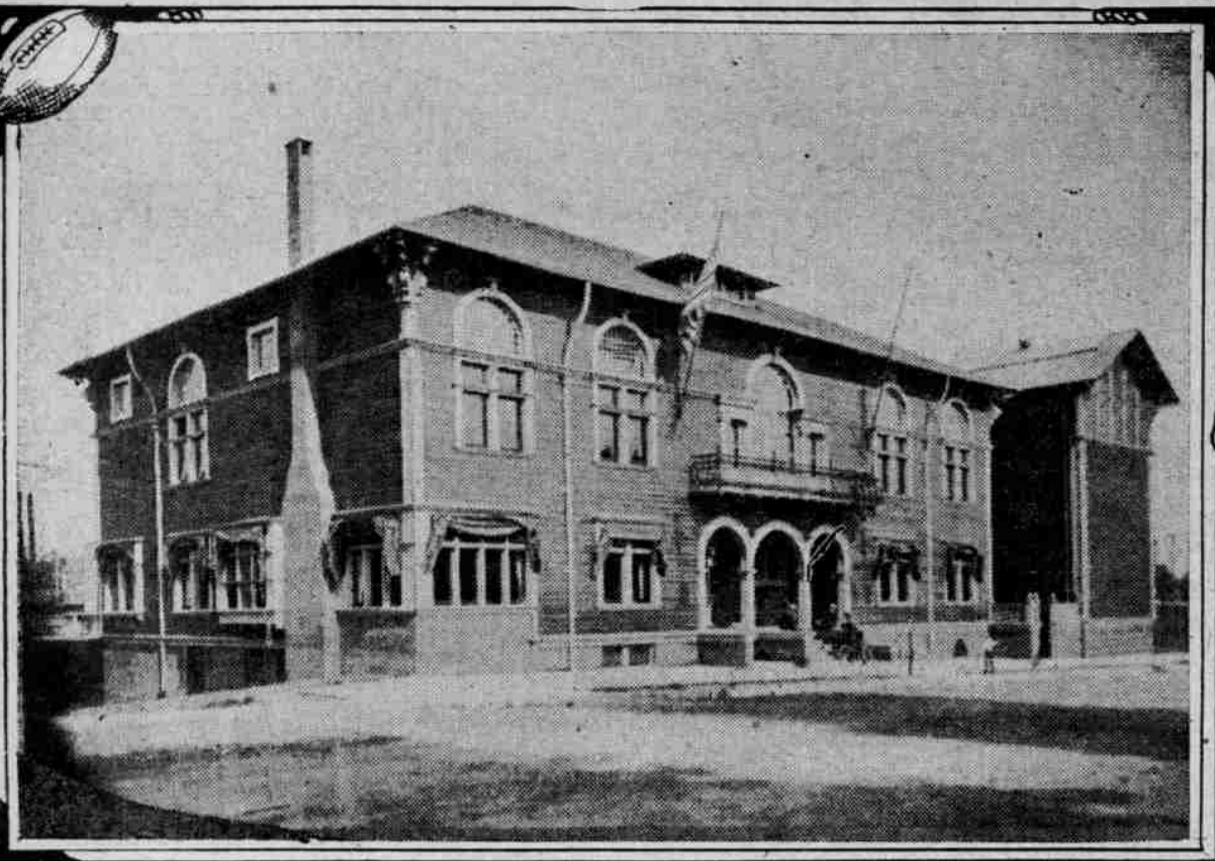
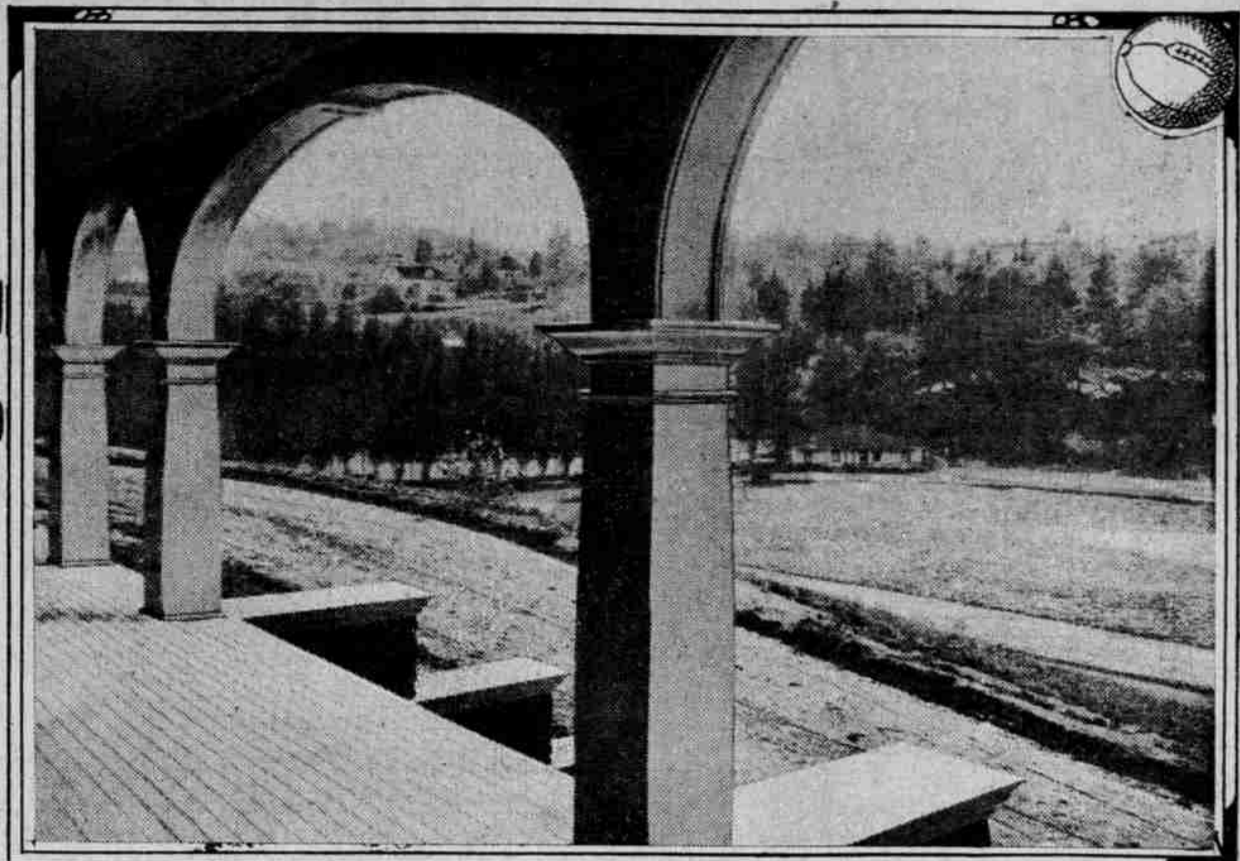


MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB AMONG LEADING ORGANIZATIONS OF ITS KIND IN WEST



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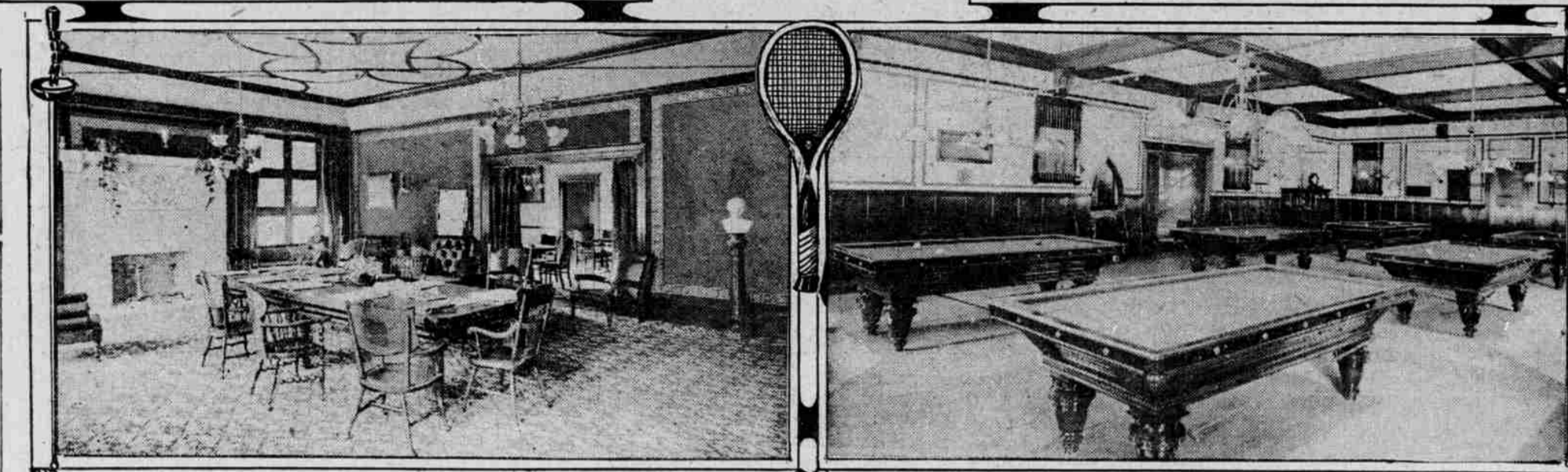
A GLIMPSE OF THE FIELD

By George W. McMillan.
 In February, 1894, through the efforts of a few individuals who were interested in clean sport the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club was organized. It had for its first president A. B. McAlpin, who has at several elections since been chosen its president and is at the present time one of its active members. There are a great many men who were active members in the early history of the Multnomah Club, the most notable amongst them were L. J. Goldsmith, W. M. Lipman, Dr. A. E. McKay and a score of others who are still actively engaged in athletics.

The club has prospered from the time of its organization; it has not always been strong financially, but its membership was composed and always has been composed of representative young men of the city. H. E. Judge, W. H. Chapin, George L. Bickel, A. M. Ellsworth, James H. Murphy, Edward Cookingham and Colonel Charles E. McDonnell are men who have given much of their time to furthering the interests of the Multnomah Club, and they are to this day solicitous as to its welfare. These were the men who laid the foundation for the present club.

The Multnomah Club was organized with about 14 members, and today has over 100.

The history of the Multnomah Club is unique in itself, as it is the only club of its kind in existence in this or in any other country, for the reason that it is maintained absolutely from the dues received from its members and money derived from the athletic entertainments. It employs a large number of instructors to teach the junior classes. In Robert Krohn, the gymnastic instructor, the club has perhaps one of the ablest in that line of business in America. The exercises of his classes and the drills given by different members of his classes have always received favorable comments at public entertainments. The club has also



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employed the most competent boxing, wrestling and swimming instructors, and the heads of these different departments are kept on class nights looking after the youngsters. Any young man or woman with good moral character can become a member of the Multnomah Club and join all the classes.

The club is nonsectarian and it is against the rules for members to hold political or religious discussions in the clubhouse. It is also strictly against the rules for any member to have or cause to be brought on the club premises liquors of any kind. It is also strictly against the rules to gamble, so that young boys who make up the membership on junior days are as well taken care of as if they were at home.

E. W. Woodard, present superintendent, is not only one of the most popular, but one of the most competent who has ever acted in that capacity.

When the club purchased its present grounds and erected a clubhouse many predicted its failure. It was an enormous undertaking, but the success of the club is now assured beyond a doubt. In seven years time it has reduced its indebtedness from \$88,000 to \$22,000. The past year

has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the club; over \$10,000 has been paid on the original indebtedness, besides over \$4000 has been expended in improvements. From present indications the club should be out of debt entirely in three years. Then it would own a fraction over five acres of land in the heart of the city.

As soon as the club is free from its present indebtedness it should immediately and probably will erect a brick clubhouse for the use of senior members only, and the present clubhouse would then be devoted to the exclusive use of the junior members and the ladies' annex. The ladies' annex is under a board selected from the women themselves and their department has done much to stimulate the social features of the club. Their last annual athletic exhibition and drill exercises was one of the best of the kind ever seen on the coast.

The club is governed by a board of directors of eleven men in being elected annually to serve for a term of two years from amongst the members of the club. The officers are, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The funds of the club are under the exclusive control of the treasurer, who expends annually about \$50,000. A. O. Jones, the present treasurer, has served for six years, previous to that C. H. Buckenmeyer served in the same capacity for eight years. These men deserve great credit for the time they devoted to this position.

Some expensive improvements are under consideration for the next year in the way of an erection of a new grandstand to extend the entire length of the field on the west side, facing the clubhouse. This will give the grandstand a seating capacity for 3,000 people and is an improvement that has long been needed.

The club is desirous at all times to have the parents visit their children while in class exercise and learn for themselves some of the good that the club is trying to do for the city of Portland.

OREGON'S RANK IN ATHLETICS

THE state of Oregon is keeping pace with the older states of the East and Middle West in the advancement and development of athletics. The history of Oregon athletics, however, is one of humble beginnings, and in many ways the growth and development of the different branches of sport has been very slow. Conditions have been improving during the past five or six years and there are now a number of strong athletic clubs and college athletic associations in the state.

Prior to the year 1890, there was little organization in the athletics of the state. About that time, the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club was organized, and a football team was put in the field. The Bishop Scott Academy and Pacific University were soon in the field with teams and a number of interesting games were played. Multnomah's lineup included a number of men who had played on the best college teams of the East. Annual games with Seattle and Tacoma were quite popular in the early days, and later on, after the Portland Athletic Club was organized, some great battles were witnessed on Multnomah field. The Portland Athletic Club disbanded in 1897, and with the exception of the year 1899, when the Y. M. C. A. put out a team, Multnomah has been the only club that has been represented by a team every year. For a number of years the wearers of the winged "M" were the undisputed champions of the Northwest and they often defeated the crack teams of the Reliance Athletic Club, of Oakland, Cal.

In track athletics, the club also proved her superiority. The great teams of 1896 and 1897, developed by the veteran trainer "Jack" King, contained a number of record-breaking athletes that would have done credit to the best teams of the East. Talent, Kerrigan, Morgan, Fuller, Coyne, Flanagan, Watkins and

Trankman were the point winners of these great teams. The club organized another champion team in 1906 and sent it to Spokane where Dan Kelly made himself famous as a record-breaker. Multnomah has always supported a baseball nine, as well as all forms of indoor athletics.

College football in Oregon began in 1894. On February 22 of that year, the University of Oregon defeated Albany by a score of 46 to 0, on the varsity campus at Eugene. In the Fall of the same year, Oregon, O. A. C., Willamette, Pacific and Portland University formed a league. The championship was won by Portland University. The University of Oregon played through the season without scoring a point, the final game with Pacific being the only one that Oregon did not lose. This game was a scoreless affair. It was played on the Stewart racetrack near Eugene, and it is said that the mud was so deep that the players could not distinguish each other.

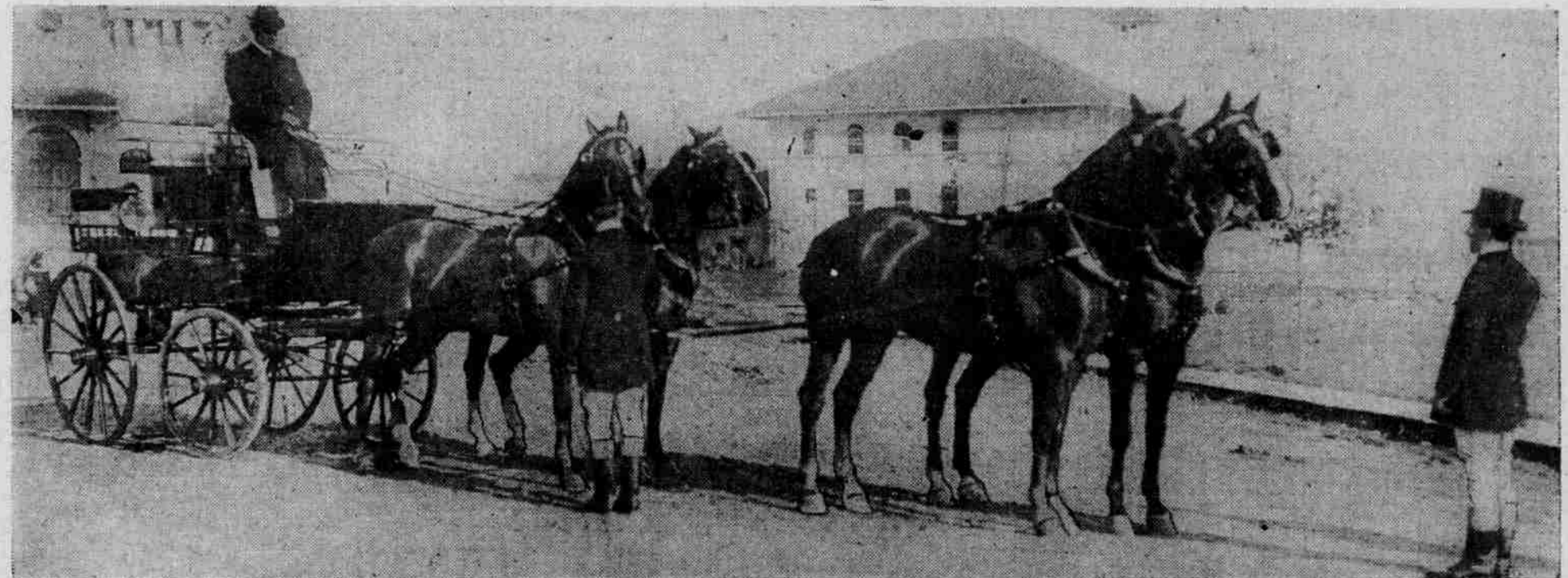
In 1895, the Oregon team secured the services of Percy Benson, the well-known Berkeley quarterback, and won the state championship. Oregon won again in 1896, but in 1897 the Oregon Agricultural College won the state honors. Oregon won in 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, but in 1902 Oregon, Albany and Corvallis were tied for the championship of the state. Oregon won in 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906, but lost the Northwest championship to O. A. C. in 1907.

Beginning with the year 1896, Oregon has played an annual game with Multnomah. Two of these games (1899 and 1900) were ties, but Multnomah always won until 1906, when Oregon turned the tables and won a magnificent game by the score of 8 to 4. In 1907 Oregon again defeated Multnomah by the score of 10 to 5.

In track athletics, a number of great performers have been developed here in the Beaver state. Dan Kelly, the champion sprinter; Smithson, the speedy hurdler; Gilbert, formerly of Pacific University, but now of Yale;

McKinney, holder of the Pacific Coast record for the shot-put; and "Rube" Williams, the great quarter-mile of O. A. C., are all products of the Oregon colleges.

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Receipts of the Portland postoffice during 1907 showed a gain of approximately 16.5 per cent over 1906, and for the first time in the history of the city exceeded \$600,000 during a calendar year. The receipts for the year, with those of December estimated, were \$630,147.23, as compared with \$540,805.47 for 1906, an increase of \$89,341.76, or 16.5 per cent. Every month showed a gain over the same month of the previous year, the largest increase being for September, when the excess was \$12,142.71.

The increase for the year is even larger than that of 1906 over 1905, when the gain was 14.3 per cent. In 1905, the year of the Exposition, there was an increase of 24.6 per cent over 1904.

Although bank holidays prevailed throughout the entire month of November, 1907, the local postoffice sold \$6798.89 worth of stamps in excess of the previous November. During December there was also a gain, but the exact figures are not obtainable and are estimated in the following table, which shows a monthly comparison for the two years:

	1907.	1906.	Increase.
January	\$51,716.42	\$44,795.00	\$6,921.42
February	\$52,222.12	\$45,527.12	\$6,695.00
March	\$47,773.96	\$42,210.78	\$5,563.18
April	\$47,198.32	\$41,182.32	\$6,016.00
May	\$2,727.70	\$2,620.85	\$106.85
June	\$48,632.43	\$41,831.42	\$6,801.01
July	\$1,355.48	\$1,490.55	\$135.07
August	\$48,862.47	\$42,082.71	\$6,779.76
September	\$42,412.71	\$30,142.71	\$12,270.00
October	\$6,270.87	\$7,084.38	\$813.51
November	\$2,013.06	\$5,814.37	\$3,801.31
December	\$68,028.11	\$5,730.24	\$62,297.87
Total	\$630,147.23	\$540,805.47	\$89,341.76

*December, 1907, estimated.

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