

AGGIE TRACK MEN ON TRAINING GRID

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OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Despite the fact that the first conference track meet is 14 weeks in the future, track men at the Oregon Agricultural College have started systematic training and workouts are taking place every afternoon. At a meeting of all candidates for the Beaver track team, held Monday afternoon, instructions were given by Captain Johnnie Gibbons as to the method of training to be followed.

Three times a week candidates for the team are to appear for practice, according to the speedy Beaver captain. Sprinters and jumpers will work in the college armory, distance men will continue the cross-country runs that have been the rule all winter, and weight men will practice on the campus as often and as regularly as the weather permits. There is a possibility that a banked track will be constructed in the armory, in order that the quarter-milers and middle-distance men can work indoors. Such a track would be seven laps to the mile.

Training Rules Strict.

Coach Stewart falls to see much class to the new men, and is gloomy over the prospect of filling the places of Williams, Miller, McKenzie and Doyle, of last year's team. Captain Baker is more optimistic. "I'm not making any promises," he said today, "but for a fact I think we have got a better chance to beat Oregon in track this year than we have had before for a long while. Hayward has lost some mighty valuable men, and I doubt if his team can be as strong this year as it was last season. On the other hand, although we will suffer from the loss of a number of point winners, am hopeful that some of the new men will be strong enough after a couple of months' training so that we will be as strong or stronger than we were in 1913. There seems to be a lot of interest. We will make use of the armory and will be busy from this time until the last meet of the season. Training rules will be stricter this year than ever before. Any man who breaks training this year will have no chance to make the squad. If hard practice and conscientious training will do the work, we ought at least to figure in the running."

Squad Leaders in Charge.

Dr. Stewart, being busy with basketball, all track candidates have been put under the supervision of squad leaders. These men are as follows: Baker, 60, 100 and 220-yard sprints; Anderson, 440; Foster, hammer and javelin; Smart, shot and discus; Johnson, 100 and 220-yard hurdles; Reynolds, 880; Blackden, mile; Shaddock, high jump; Laird, two-mile; Smith, pole vault; Larsen, broad jump. Some of these men were on the team last season's squad, while others are new men whose reputations indicate that they are better fitted for the position of squad leaders than the old men in their respective events. Foster is from the University of Oregon, and will be a valuable weight man, despite the fact that he is not eligible for conference meets. Moses is the Corvallis High School lad who was a sensation in the hurdle races last year, and who should bolster up the team.

Of the old men who are not leaders of squads but who are again candidates for the team are Laffey, in the two-mile, Woodworth and Lawrence, in the high jump; Smith, in the shot, and Chrisman and Evenden, in the weights.

A large number of freshmen have signed their intention of joining the cinder path squad. Some of these have records which would indicate that they will be of value. Among them are as well as Coach Stewart and Captain Baker, however, are hesitant about placing much reliance in the newcomers until they display their ability.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY WINNER

McMinnville College Basketball Team

Downed, 28 to 26.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Pacific University played its first game of the Williamette Valley League with McMinnville College Friday night and won 28 to 26. The game was fast and clean from start to finish. The lineup was: McMinnville, Pacific.

Brenning, Bishop, F., Ramussen, Irish, Black, Robinson, Robinson, Tipton, C., Robinson, Abraham, Bean, Culver, Burton, Griley, of the Portland Y. M. C. A. was referee.

A preliminary game was played between the second teams of McMinnville and Pacific University, Pacific winning 24 to 6.

PACIFIC COLLEGE VICTORIOUS

Chemawa Basketball Team Defeated,

24 to 22, in Fast Game.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Pacific College basketball team last night defeated the team from the Chemawa Indian School 24 to 22. The game was sensationally fast. The lineup follows:

Pacific College—Gulley, center; Hawthorn and Colcord, guard; Replogle and Hinchaw, forward.

Chemawa—McDonald, R. Service, center; Talbot, McDonald and Jim, guard; Downer, R. and W. Service, forward.

Referee—Griley of Portland Y. M. C. A.

Union Defeats La Grande Team.

UNION, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Union High School basketball team won a third straight victory last night by defeating the M. I. A. Athletic team of La Grande. The locals swept the visitors off their feet at the beginning of the game, securing a lead of 16 points, which they were never in danger of losing. The game was fast from start to finish and reasonably free from rough playing. The La Grande players were supposed to be the fastest team in Eastern Oregon, but proved inferior to the Union champions. The next game will be played with the Milton High School, which will settle the championship for Eastern Oregon.

Dryad Gives Centralia "Rub."

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Centralia High School basketball team defeated Dryad last night in a game in which weight overcome

good playing. The final score was 28 to 18. The count at the end of the first half stood 13 to 11 in favor of Dryad, but the greater weight of the locals in the last period had telling effect on their lighter opponents. Grimes, the big Centralia center, failed to play his usual game last night, although he was 80 pounds heavier than the opposing center.

AUTO RACE TO BE 403 MILES

Distances Fixed for Grand Prize and Vanderbilt Cup Events.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—The distance of the grand prize automobile race to be run over the ocean course at Santa Monica, a suburb, February 23, will be 403.24 miles, or 48 laps of the track. This announcement was made here today by Leon T. Shettler, chairman of the Western Automobile Association's racing committee under the auspices of which the grand prize and Vanderbilt cup races will be held this year.

The distance for the Vanderbilt cup race will be 35 laps of the course, or 294 miles. This race will be run February 21.

BOXING BRIEFS

WHEN Ralph Gruman returns to San Francisco he will be handled by Moose Tausig, the man who formerly handled Eddie Camp.

Gruman seems to be due for a long stage, for he is wanted by almost all of the four-round promoters who were able to secure permits for the coming season. His matches remain to be selected, but among the first to be met will be Tommy Ryan, Charles Gibbons and T. Sherman. Gruman will leave for California the first of the week so as to be prepared for the first bouts.

While watching the Multnomah Club smoker on Friday evening we were handed a note as follows: "Don't get Meagher, the St. James Club of Vancouver, mixed up with the Vancouver, B. C., contingent. I came from the original Vancouver, established in 1824, and not from that spurious upstart 'imitation' way up in the Canadian wilderness."

In order to avoid a conflict with the amateur rules, Nelson, the man who knocked out Parlow at the Multnomah smoker, wishes it known that he is not a member of the Newboys Athletic Club, but is an unattached, in spite of the claims of "Coffroth" Cohen, the busy little manager.

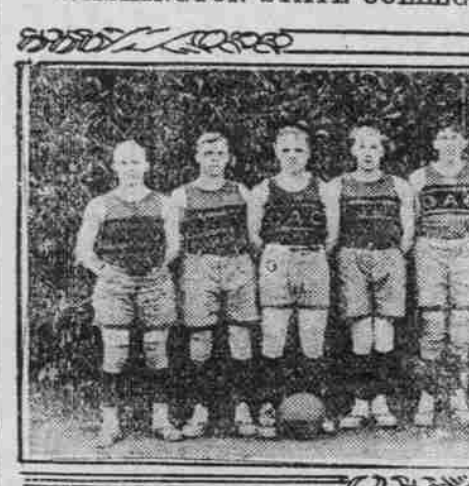
Two of the featured bouts of the smoker were not staged, through no fault of the Multnomah Club, despite the usual crowd of knockers. In the Hewitt-Hill match, Hill took the mumps so badly that he could not see out over his cheeks. Calhoun and McNell could not get together on weight. Calhoun being over, and even had Calhoun come down, McNell had an arm which almost prevented him from appearing.

One of the most remarkable discoveries of the evening, as usual, was that there were twice as many fighters outside of the ring as there were inside, and to hear them talk much better comes outside than inside. It is a shame that the men who arrange programmes never are able to get hold of them when they do their slating.

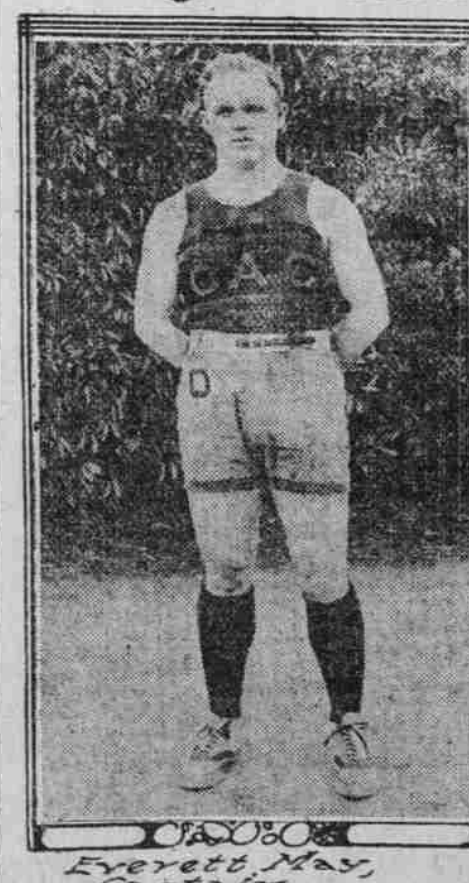
Veteran Coach Signed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Frank Chance has been looking for a veteran coach to handle the New York American League club's pitchers this year and the acquisition of Thomas P. Daly, at one time a leading National League catcher, was announced recently. Daly was signed by President Farrell today. On Chance's recommendation, and he will go to Houston, Tex., to assume his duties on March 1. Daly became famous as a catcher around the world with the Chicago Brooklyn club, playing behind the bat and second base. He joined the Washington team several years later, and finally came back to Brooklyn to play under Ned Hanlon. He has been a scout for several clubs in recent years. Chance will turn the development of the new pitchers over to the veteran.

OREGON AGGIE BASKETBALL SQUAD, WHICH DOWNED THE WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE AGGREGATION THURSDAY.



Left to Right: Dewey, King, Max, Billie, Mox, Coach Stewart, Christian, Carlson, Johns, Blakeley.



Everett, Max, Captain.

who will remain with the New York team all season, acting as scout if the occasion requires in midsummer.

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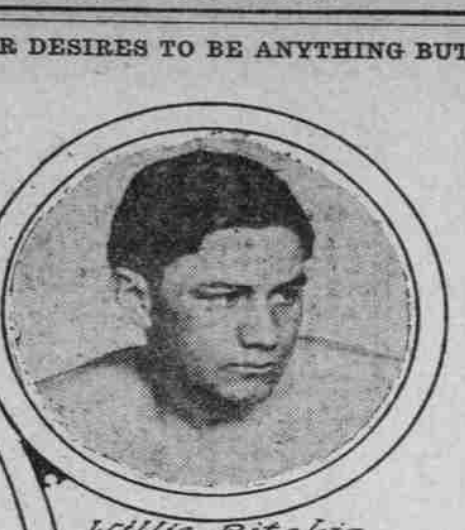
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MAT MEN AT WORK

Aggie Squad of 30 Trying for Conference Team Places.

FIRST MEET IS MARCH 7

Coach Thinks Team From Agricultural College Will Be as Strong as Last Year's—Contest With University Possible.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The recent change in the method of determining the wrestling championship of the conference, and the entrance of the Universities of Idaho and Oregon into the ranks of the supporters of the mat game, has stimulated interest among the Oregon Agricultural College wrestlers to a great degree. A squad of 30 men in working order regularly under the direction of James Arbuthnot, wrestling coach.

Of the members of last year's championship team, Coach Arbuthnot has only four in the squad, but the rest are new recruits, and who is captain this year: Percy, 115 pounds; Muck, 125 pounds; "Jerry" Pollard, 135 pounds; and Laythe, heavyweight. Laythe, the 145-pounder who was captain last season, and McBride, light heavyweight, are among those missing, and a strenuous scrap for the vacant berths is predicted.

Candidates Are Busy.

Harrah, Andrews, Sutton and Alworth head the list of the hucksters who are trying out for McBride's position: Mosby, Millikin, Albert, Strive, Hopewell and Blair are working hard in the 145-pound division.

The members of last year's mat squad who remain are expected to retain their positions with difficulty. Alworth, 235 pounds, the 115-pound youngster who was a member of the 1911 and 1912 teams, will give Percy a stiff scrap for the featherweight position.

The team will be chosen in about a month, when the interclass tussles are staged.

The first big meet is scheduled for March 7, when the Multnomah Club wrestlers will contest in the local gymnasium.

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It was argued that while he might not stow Gibbons away at the same time he had the advantage of height and reach, and was slapping his opponent with a heavy hand. It wouldn't have been so bad had Battling Levinsky turned out to be a fighter, because the latter is 10 pounds lighter score such a victory, would have been a real one. As it is, Gibbons is a heavy man, and he has a right to be. It all goes to prove, in addition, that McAllister is not equipped with any punch of his own. San Francisco ring critics pointed this out in the case of his first professional matches in San Francisco and now will come general agreement of the fact. For the good of the game, it would have been the best thing in the world for McAllister to have at least stayed the limit. As it goes, a clinch is a clinch, and the weight from the possibilities.

The chances are that the McAllisters will be in a hurry to come back home. Before Bob was persuaded by his friends that he would make a fortune in the ring, McAllister was a stenographer in a real estate office, and doing fairly well. Now that he has his fling at the game and found himself self-wasting, he will be contented to get back to the real estate business.

Gunboat Smith took his departure from the city the week for Chicago, where he opened a new office, and a man who will keep the American champion busy for at least six weeks and longer. If he is as good as he is, work back to the Pacific Coast before he finishes will play Seattle and Portland.

Since Jack Johnson has signed to box Frank Moran in June, there isn't much of a chance for the Gunner to have a crack at the colored champion for some time. The general feeling is that John Smith would have an excellent opportunity of beating him.

Another Northwestern future star was seen the other night when Joe Azevedo, of Sacramento, weighed in for the first time. He is a 10-round bout before the Oakland Wheelmen Club. Vaise came to "Saw" to waste the management of Joe O'Connor, who made a name for himself when he handled Stanley Ketchel. In the first 10-round bout in Oakland Azevedo did some good work and really should have had the decision, which was called a draw.

So far as the return match was concerned, however, there isn't any question but that Azevedo had the upper hand from start to finish. He outboxed Vaise in every one of the rounds, and it was about as easy a verdict as the red-headed ring arbitrator ever handed out. The Oakland club, which formerly mixed in a lot of six-round bouts, has changed its scheme. Now it puts on one 10-round mill and the balance of the card is made up of four-round slug-fests. The crowd seemed to like that sort of work, for the attendance at the sessions has been increasing.

The same professional promoters at last year will have the handling of the boxing game in San Francisco during 1914. A committee, headed by his place on the police committee, tried to work a permit for Milton Weitzer, a close friend of his, but the majority wouldn't sign for a match, but as they found nothing to their liking, returned to the South.

Parents offered Cross a 26-round match in February against Frankie Burns, of Oakland, but Cross wanted so much of a guarantee that the idea of the match had to be given up. All that Cross wanted was a straight guarantee of \$5000 for his own services. Frankie Burns is a quite well known name in the ring, and was never given to working for nothing, and Parents declared he couldn't figure where the club was going to get off on such a scheme. Cross is now talking of accepting an offer to box Charley White in Milwaukee in one of the 10-round, no-decision sets, and as it doesn't look as if he could get a date in Los Angeles that is probably just what he will do.

The verdict of "not guilty" that was rendered in the case of Jess Willard in Los Angeles was a boon for the boxing game in this state. Willard was simply charged with engaging in a prizefight, the intention being to test the boxing law. Had he been found guilty, it would have been an easy stroke to have stopped practically all the matches in the future. As it is, it rather serves to do the game a good turn.

There is still a chance that the petition to have the boxing game placed on the ballot will go through, as the Secretary of State has ruled that the petitioners may have until the first of February in which to file the additional names required.

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