

WINTER SPORTS INDOORS AND OUT

SALEM FARES WELL IN SPORTING EVENTS

Football, Baseball, Track Work and Other Lines of Activity Brought Prominence to This City.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY MEN WON HIGHEST HONORS

High School Teams, Salem Senators, Y. M. C. A., O. S. P. and Other Institutions Help to Please Fans.

Salem fared well in the sports of the year which is drawing to a close. The Willamette University football, baseball and track teams, the high school baseball, track and football teams, the Salem Senators baseball team, the penitentiary baseball team and the Y. M. C. A. basketball team and runners were among the contenders which kept the Capital City in the limelight. The greatest credit belongs to Willamette University football team, intercollegiate champion of the state of Oregon, and Dr. G. J. Sweetland, the coach, who rounded out the splendid team which, among other performances, humbled the University of Oregon.

It may be said in this connection that one reason that the Willamette University team was a winner was the fact that its membership was not selected because the player belonged to this or that frat. It was made up of men chosen because of their ability to play the game. This course might be followed advantageously by certain teams not located in Marion county.

Senators Big Summer Card

The Salem Senators furnished weekly baseball games of minor league brand. It is a little early to talk of next season, but if Manager Baker can furnish as good an aggregation this season as last, the fans here will be more than satisfied.

The high school baseball team was easily the champion of the state of Oregon. This was due, in a large measure, to the splendid work of Keene, the star pitcher. Keene also took a prominent part in winning the Willamette valley championship for the high school football team.

Athletic Training Helps

The athletic training acquired at Willamette University, the high school and the Y. M. C. A. is one of Salem's big assets. Recognizing the fact that the physical condition of the student has much to do with his success, these three institutions have steadily extended their work and are great factors in the betterment of the young people here.

In the grade schools of Salem there has been a healthy development also. Youngsters ambitious to be on the high teams some day, take a lively interest in contests and there is much promising material.

The Twilight league furnished good exercise for four local amateur teams and a lot of fans during the summer evenings and had a successful baseball season.

Like Clean Sports

Salem people take much interest in clean athletics. Fake traveling wrestlers are unwelcome and give this city a wide berth. No legitimate sporting line is overlooked and every encouragement is given contestants. About the only disappointment of the year was the failure of Willamette to secure admission in the Northwest conference. That the university will be admitted next year is considered certain, however.

Jabs and Jolts

According to the official averages the Cardinals are second in fielding, showing that there is at least one thing they can do better than somebody else.

In spite of the prevailing prices of meat, it is estimated that the 500 pounds of beef exhibited in Madison Square Garden yesterday eve could not be sold for 30 cents.

You may believe it, but there are several ball players who have not been mentioned in a possible trade for Joe Tinker.

The boy stood on the heaving deck, And all the world seemed blue; His breakfast was a total wreck, For he was heaving, too.

The fact that Messrs. Willard and Morris escaped intact after what they perpetrated in New York shows that inhabitants of Manhattan are blessed with the milk of human kindness.

UP BOYS AND AT THEM WILL BE CRY OF LAND

English Invasion Is Due and American Athletes Will Be on Hand to Give Them Warm Reception.

ATTACK BY LAND, FOOT, WATER AND HORSEBACK

English to Go After Polo Title in Earliest This Time and Shamrock IV Is to Have Big Spread.

BY HAL SHERIDAN.

(Written for the United Press.) New York, Dec. 20.—Up boys, and at 'em, will be the cry for next year, as we are facing one of the most determined English invasions in sporting history. In fact Uncle Sam is to be attacked from three different quarters by the Britishers and if he comes through without having his coat tails at least somewhat frayed, it will be time to stick another national holiday on the calendar. We are to be attacked by land and water, foot and horseback. The challenge recently sent over by the Hurlingham Poloists for another tussle for the international cup made it certain that our esteemed Uncle during the coming summer months to be one of the busiest little defenders that ever defended. In addition to the polo cup which must be nursed over another assault, there is the Dwight F. Davis tennis trophy and the America's cup to keep under lock and key.

England has high hopes of taking the polo cup back where the crack four, headed by Foxhall Keene, found it many years ago. Sir Thomas Lipton is building a challenger which he says will "startle the world." And as for tennis, those Englishmen are thinking of drafting Didding and a few other Australian players to send after the Davis cup which was won by Maurice McLaughlin and his associates last summer.

Looks Like Plot

It's a deep laid plot. It isn't clabby to be hammering away at so many points at once. At least plans may be laid along that line for an alibi should there be a slip anywhere. The English learned much during the year of 1913 as to American methods in sports and they may be expected to profit by what they saw. As for Polo, the Meadowbrook Four may have to get up and dust some of them who repel the attack. The English were picked to win this year, and might have turned the trick, had not Harry Whitney's aggregation fairly tore up all the turf at Meadowbrook in carrying the fight to the cracks from the other side. The Britishers were not accustomed to having the game taken so blameworthy, but when they found it had to be done, they did a fair little job of ripping up considerable sod themselves.

Whitney has announced his retirement from the game, so that the American four will have a new leader next year. It might fall to the veteran Foxhall to go to the front again, but Whitney said he believed some of the younger men should be given a chance and if the ideas of the retiring leader are followed, Keene is more or less let out.

In Dead Harnest Now

The English are going at this polo business in dead earnest this trip. The ponies and candidates for the team are to be sent to Spain for their training. The weather isn't to be given a chance to interfere and under the skies of the south J. Bull's men will keep in mind the charging Monte Waterbury and work up a counter attack.

There are likely to be several changes in the English team, just as the American line-up is to be switched.

So long as Maurice McLaughlin is able to shoot 'em over the net, there will not be any need of great concern as to tennis. Norris Williams proved to be almost as good as the California comet and with other stars rapidly rising the chances appear good for a successful defense of the Davis trophy. Harold Hackett, the third member of the American team which lifted the cup stands a good chance of being supplanted in next year's tournaments. The English quickly discovered that Hackett was the weak member of the American team and fired as many of the shots as they could in his direction. But for the wonderful work of McLaughlin the cup would probably have remained on the other side, and the Americans would have been gloriously drubbed in the double.

Designs May Widely Differ

There is as much jockeying in the reports coming from the erectors of the two boats which will meet in the international race for the America's cup, as there will be in the race proper. Early reports indicate that the defender and

challenger will differ widely in design. Sir Thomas Lipton is going to make his stab at the cup a real zipper, and the English builders are giving the impression that they have something "in the hole" to spring when the time comes. Naturally figures as to the measurements of the hulls will be kept secret until too late for the other fellow to make a switch.

The Shamrock IV is expected to have an unusually large sail spread. Reports have it that her keel recently cast weighs 80 tons. The Shamrock III had 90 tons in her keel, and was a 90-footer. The Shamrock IV is to be only about 75 feet on the water line, so that with the great weight in the keel, she may be expected to have several acres of sail in comparison with her size. Sir Tom is evidently after driving power. The defender, being built by the Herreshoffs will have a keel weighing only about 52 tons, it is understood. This leads to the belief that Herreshoff is going to produce a new 70-footer. A new creation will be a centre-board giving the defender eight feet additional draught on windward work.

GEORGE E. PHAIR'S IDEA OF WHITE HOPE

A White Hope is a large section of human flesh surrounded entirely by hot air.

It is called White because that is the color of its liver, and it is called a Hope because it hopes to obtain a living without working for it.

Technically, the White Hope is a fighter, but it generally has about as much fighting spirit as a senile clam. The only time a White Hope shows any ferocity is when it attacks a free lunch counter. On such occasions it resembles the Bismarck herring in its den, it smites the pickled pigs' foot hip and thigh and ravishes the Boston baked beans on its very threshold.

The White Hope, however, is not entirely to blame. It is a child of circumstance. It begins life as a human being in some sequestered hamlet far from the maddening crowd's ignoble strife. It waxes strong in the back and weak in the mind, utterly ignorant of the terrible fate in store for it.

Then comes the Manager, like the villain in the movies. He inveigles the feeble-minded creature from his happy home, forces it to sign the fatal papers, and from that time on its doom is sealed. It is a White Hope.

The White Hope is then taken to a newspaper office, where it is Bertillonized, photographed in fifty-seven postures and introduced to the world with the accompaniment of a brass band. It then climbs into a prize ring and, for a stipulated share of the gate receipts, demonstrates that Phineas T. Barnum knew whereof he spoke.

Jack Johnson is responsible for the White Hope, but there is no legal method of getting back at him.

The State Fair

One of the annual events in Salem is the State Fair, which meets generally late in September, and which runs for an entire week, excepting Sunday. For more than 50 years this has been looked forward to by all the people of the state, as a great occasion for getting together, and in this respect the Oregon state fair is different from any others. In the early days, when this section was cut off from the world, the state fair was a sort of family reunion, where all the old settlers who had braved the trials and dangers of "the plains" met to talk over old times and renew and cement friendships. In those days accommodations were not of the best or most abundant, and so those who gathered here brought their tents and camping fixtures, and all lived in the tented city at the fair grounds. It was a pretty custom and one that is still followed. Indeed, it is the one distinguishing feature that marks the Oregon state fair as different from any in the world.

Whole families come annually and they have their own little "lot" on the camp grounds which they occupy each year. Here they visit, recall old times, have their old-fashioned dances, and live again for a too brief week, the days of 50 or 60 years ago.

It is indeed an event, and the Oregon state fair ranks second to none in the beauty and variety of its agricultural display.

The track is said to be the finest in the United States and some records have been made here. In this connection it is necessary to state that the secretary of the board that has charge of the fair is Frank B. Meredith, whom every one in the state knows, and who is the finest exhibit always in all classes from "A to Z." His energetic and practical work in the last year or two has done much to add to the attractions of the fair, and his handling of the intricate business of the big show has given it new life as well as new features.

Ed Konotchy absolutely and positively refuses to play with the Cards again. This shows that ball players are only human.

Leaches Cross complains that his pursuit of Joe Rivers is a failure, but there is a suspicion that Leaches is pursuing on low speed.

The Sistine Madonna.



SISTINE MADONNA WITH FRAME RAPHAEL

REPRESENTING the Virgin, not as a mother, but as the all powerful queen of the heavens, descending from clouds which are themselves composed of thousands of cherubs, Raphael's Madonna di San Sisto, more commonly known as the Sistine Madonna, ranks by universal consent, as the greatest painting in the world.

In the Virgin's arms there is the Christ Child, whose thoughtful eyes make it appear that he is fully conscious of his destiny as Saviour of the world. On either side St. Sixtus II, and St. Catherine kneel in adoration of the queen of the heavens and the Christ Child. St. Catherine is looking down at the two cherubs, which form the base of the picture and which are familiar in popular reproductions. Sixtus II was bishop of Rome from 257 to 258 A. D. and was martyred under Valerian.

Raphael Sanzio or Santi was born in 1483, and this picture, his masterpiece, was completed two years before his death in 1520. Thus the artist was thirty-five years old when the greatest picture of all times was completed. It was his last Madonna, although he painted others prior to this time. The Madonna was the favorite theme of painters in the renaissance era in Italy, starting with Fra Angelico, Fra Bartolommeo and others of the first painters in this period and reaching its height with the completion of the Sistine Madonna by Raphael.

This Madonna was painted as an altar piece for the church of San Sisto at Piacenza. In 1794 it was purchased by the elector Augustus III, from the Benedictine monastery and is now the property of the Royal gallery at Dresden.

Raphael, the artist, died of a fever at Rome when but thirty-seven years old. He was the son of an artist and studied at one time under Perugino. In 1504 Raphael went to live in Florence, where most of his Madonnas were painted. His fame rapidly spread until he was called to Rome to decorate the Vatican. Toward the end of his life, about the time the Sistine Madonna was completed, the artist developed his own style and did his greatest work. Aside from his ability to paint, Raphael was a talented architect.

CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS.

Many American children of foreign parentage know something of Christmas customs in at least one European country, having been told by their elders, but for the most part our boys and girls know little of the day except in their own land.

In Spain it is the custom to let out of prison many of the short time prisoners on Christmas eve, also to permit a few of the soldiers to go home on furlough. Only blood relations eat in the house on Christmas eve or Christmas day. It is a general belief that ere midnight on Christmas eve the Virgin comes, bearing a blessing. There is a midnight mass in the churches, and other masses follow.

A few years ago in England it was the custom after the Christmas dinner to pull bonbon crackers and to wear the grotesque caps and masks that came with them. In other ways the celebration is very much as with us.

Good cheer is the rule in Ireland, and holly and ivy are seen on every hand. A midnight mass is celebrated, and masses follow through the night and morning, all of which are largely attended. The religious element predominates. Rich and poor alike have goose for their Christmas dinner. The day following Christmas is devoted to athletics, fun and frolic.

The celebration of Christmas is not general in Japan, yet the Nipponese have a Santa Claus of their own. He is the god Hotel, and he is supposed to give good things to the children not on one day alone, but the year around.

Christmas Fortune Telling. Bachelors and spinsters in Bohemia desirous of seeing the features of their future matrimonial mate cut a hole in the ice of a river or pond at midnight of Christmas eve and peer into the black water beneath. It is the belief that the face of the one the experimenter is to marry will then become visible as in a mirror. A combination of faith and imagination is necessary to make the spell work successfully.

An instrument in the Weather Bureau at Washington, D. C., records every lightning flash within 100 miles.

Latest reports show that more than 50,000 men are employed as coal miners in the Pacific northwest.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM.

No place in all the world has a greater interest in the Christmas season than Bethlehem. The normal population of the town where Christ was born in less than 5,000, but during Christmas week it becomes a great cosmopolitan center of 50,000 or 60,000 souls, all eager to pay homage to the place hallowed by the Saviour's birth.

In Bethlehem people are brought face to face with the wonderful scenes which are but feebly known to the rest of the world. Here they may see the place where the three wise men of the east halted after their long journey here they worship the shrine inclosing the manger in which Christ was born. They walk along the same road followed by the Virgin Mary in her journey to the ancient city. They see buildings and ruins which the eyes of the infant Christ rested upon. The tiny city, crescent shaped and beautiful to look upon, teems with the realities which the rest of the world celebrates.

IN FRENCH CHURCHES.

Christmas Mass Always Well Attended—Services Are Unique.

In Paris Christmas day is kept as a religious festival, and many who never dream of going to church on any other day in the year make it a point of attending mass on le Jour de Noel, and the blaze of the tapers falls on crowded congregations, men, women and children, kneeling, sitting and standing in the wide area of the Madeleine and Notre Dame.

Midnight mass is held on Christmas eve. A waxen image of the infant Saviour lies upon a little bunch of real straw in a cave built of miniature stones. The Virgin mother kneels over the child, and to quote a verse from one of the quaintest old carols: St. Joseph, too, is near to guard the child. To watch him and protect his mother.

Often the three wise men are added, bearing offerings in their hands.

The population of the United States contains 3,300,000 more males than females.

The suffragists found President Wilson to be a man with a backbone and "nerve."

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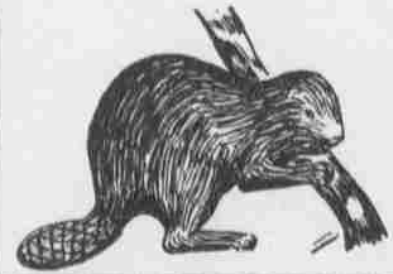
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