

SHAKEUP COMING IN AMATEUR GOLF

President R. C. Watson Would Change Important Rule.

ANENT PROFESSIONALISM.

President of United States Golf Association Would Make It Impossible For Amateurs to Teach or Write About the Game or Lend Their Names For Advertising Purposes.

That amateur golfers who lay out, remodel or give advice for the improvement of golf links for money, write articles telling how to play the game, accept board or expense money for playing in hotel tournaments or who accept for advertising purposes, free of charge, certain makes of clubs or golf balls are all treading on the bor-



Photo by American Press Association. ROBERT C. WATSON.

der lines between professionalism and the standard of simple pure amateurism desired by the United States Golf Association is the warning contained in a letter now being sent to secretaries of clubs in the membership of the association by Robert C. Watson, the president. The letter is as follows:

"Owing to the fact that certain situations now exist, it is necessary to change section 7 of the bylaws of this association, which defines the status of an amateur golf player.

"It is to be regretted that certain players, members of clubs belonging to the United States Golf Association, have been and are utilizing their golfing ability in various phases for cash remuneration, directly or indirectly, which is in violation of the said bylaws. This association has heretofore, does now and always will attempt to keep the game clean, but unfortunately semi-professionalism—and in fact practically out and out professionalism—is creeping into our ranks and must be stopped before it becomes a serious menace.

"First.—Amateur golf players are and have been asking and receiving cash remuneration for laying out golf courses, criticizing same and making changes in their present physical construction.

"Second.—Amateur golf players are and have been accepting cash remuneration for writing articles in newspapers, explaining in detail how to play certain shots.

"Third.—Amateur golf players are and have been accepting free board and traveling expenses from hotels, etc., to play in tournaments and exhibition matches in order to add to the interest in the events for advertising purposes.

"Fourth.—Amateur golf players are and have been accepting and using exclusively for advertising purposes free of charge certain makes of golf balls and golf clubs and other golf articles.

"Summing it up, prominence in the game of golf is now being used by amateurs for the purpose of cash remuneration, directly or otherwise, to themselves."

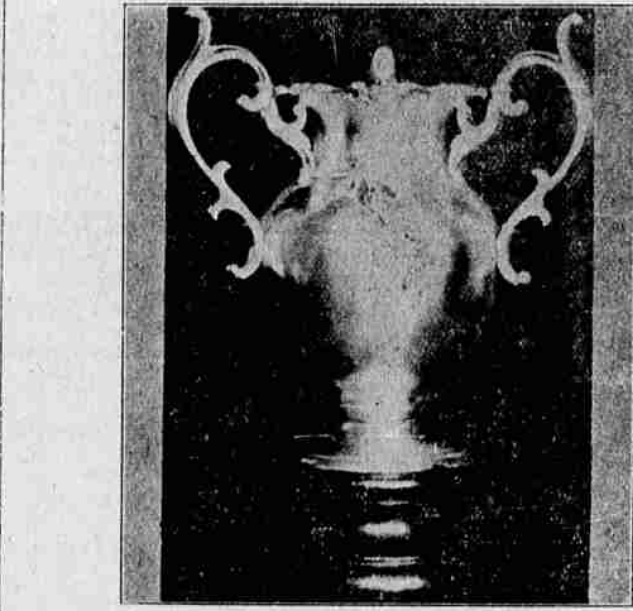
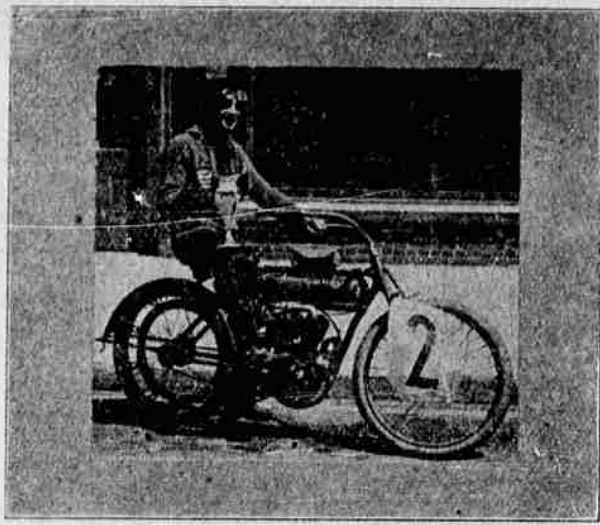
PUGILISTIC NOTES.

Freddie Welsh, the English champion, who won another victory by out-pointing Joe Mandot in a ten round contest at New Orleans, arrived in New York, accompanied by his manager, Harry Pollock. Welsh is rather blue over the bad beating Champion Willie Ritchie received from Charley White of Chicago in their contest at Milwaukee. He claims Ritchie's setback may lead the London fight promoters to cancel his twenty round fight with him, scheduled to be fought in London in July.

Johnny Howard, the promising middleweight of Bayonne, N. J., will not be able to fight again for several weeks, as he broke two small bones in his right hand in the second round of his battle with Harry Baker at the Broadway Sporting club of Brooklyn.

In a letter received by Danny Morgan, Dan McKetrick, who is in Paris, says that the big fight there on June 27 between Jack Johnson and Frank Moran is being freely discussed. Danny further states that Willie Lewis is now the manager of Tom Kennedy, the American heavyweight.

FAMILIAR FACE, MACHINE AND CUP FIGURING IN MOTOR-CYCLE RACE.



Tracy Hollister on the machine with which he won the race last year, and the cup which he took with the race's first money.

BIG TOURNEY IS DISCUSSED

PROBABLE THAT EASTERN OREGON WILL PARTICIPATE.

Match at Imbler Played This Afternoon—Interest Manifest.

The tennis tournament at Imbler today which is seeing four La Grande raquet sharps in action, is probably the introductory tournament to one that will embrace all Eastern Oregon. Such a movement has been set in motion and is taking well. In case such a tournament is staged, it is likely that a carefully worked out home tournament to develop the chieftains, will be first gone through.

The match at Imbler today was played this afternoon instead of this morning. Girdler and Frees comprise one team of doubles, Currey and Armstrong another, and each of these will match up with Imbler people in singles.

Mr. Girdler and Mr. Frees had an interesting workout last night, darkness overtaking a frequently duced match that ended one set all.

Lacy, a former Columbia university relay runner, who has been attending Notre Dame, was in La Grande this morning on his way to his home in Portland. A group of Portland students at Notre Dame were with him.

Bert Maxwell, the Brooklyn Fed pitcher, has gone to Youngstown, O., to see the celebrated "Bonesetter" Reese about his arm, which was injured in the last game of the Pittsburgh series. Maxwell was hit on the wrist by a pitched ball. At first he did not think the injury serious, but all the tendons of his right arm have hardened, and his arm has become almost useless. It is thought that the bone may be chipped or broken. Maxwell's arm is in such condition that there is fear that he will not be able to play the rest of the season.

The Harvard varsity tennis team with have the greatest galaxy of individual stars that ever played together when the match season opens this year. The Crimson virtually has a corner on all the good players. R. Norris Williams, who was beaten only by Maurice McLoughlin in the series for the national championship at Newport last summer, is this year eligible for the Harvard varsity combination since he is now a member of the sophomore class at Harvard.

Besides Williams, the three players who stand out noticeably are E. H. Whitney, captain of this year's team; W. M. Washburn and J. J. Armstrong. These three are all included in the second ten best players of the United States.

Every few days comes a rumor that Alex Smith Cochran, will change the

IMBLER GAME IS PROTESTED

OLIVER'S PRESENCE MADE BASIS OF PROTEST.

Matter to Be Taken in Hand by President Lincoln.

North Powder now has two disputed games on her calendar. The first game played, with La Grande, ended up in a dispute and is to be played off at some future date, probably July 4. Last Sunday's game which Imbler won has been protested on the alleged grounds that Oliver, a former La Grande player, wore an Imbler suit. The Imbler management does not deny that Oliver played and the matter is now up to President Lincoln for settlement. The league agreements are said to preclude the possibility of a team playing a man regularly, and then allowing any of its players to join any other team.

La Grande goes to Cove tomorrow, and Imbler goes to North Powder. Elgin visits Union and three good games are in prospect.

name of his cup yacht. It is to be hoped that the rumor is based on facts. The name Vaulite is meaningless, if not altogether frivolous.

This story is about Joseph Engel of Washington. Of course you may not care a rap about Joseph Engel of Washington but you are earnestly requested not to leave off reading here, as this is a baseball tale, and before the end is reached there may be something that will strike your fancy.

This will make Engel's third season with Griffith. He is the only bona fide Washingtonian on the team.

When Joseph joined the team his father, a hopeless baseball fanatic, was the happiest man in Washington. Un-

...do not know what happens is...
Engel's first season in Washington...
"Break me?" repeats the jovial German innkeeper. "Vot I care, break me! My boy Choe help Griffith vin der pennant, I gif my whole place away. Vot I care, break me?"

BOOST SOCCER FOOTBALL.

New England Colleges Favoring the Game—Dartmouth's Good Team.

Soccer football as a college sport received favorable mention at the annual meeting of the New England Association of Colleges for conference on athletics. Several speakers declared it should be developed more than at present. Professor Henry C. Wilder of Williams praised the game as one that would do more to develop a man than any other now played.

In discussing the subject of inducing athletes to matriculate at a particular college W. A. Garcelon of Harvard told of the system of Harvard clubs through the country which offers scholarships for scholastic ability and proficiency in athletics. Representatives of some of the smaller colleges expressed strong opposition to the idea of debaring freshmen from participation in athletics.

Walter Camp of Yale expressed the opinion that the time was coming soon when colleges would make some arrangements to allow a limited portion of the general public to purchase seats for the important intercollegiate contests, a privilege now denied them by inadequate seating facilities. Most of the speakers were in favor of barring coaches from the bench during baseball games.

A WADDELL STORY.

Joe Cantillon Tells Another About Late Pitcher.

Memory of Rube Waddell will live forever in the heart of Joe Cantillon, manager of the Minneapolis Millers. Joe has a fresh bunch of stories on the Rube every time you see him.

"Rube's big heartedness has never been exaggerated," said Joe. "In fact, his generosity has never been fully told. Year before last down at Hickman, Ky., the Rube was with me at Christmas time. A storekeeper called me up Christmas eve and told me the Rube was inviting everybody who passed the store to step in and get fitted for a pair of gloves. The merchant thought the Rube had gone daffy and wanted to know if he should stop him. I told him 'No,' to let the Rube have his fun and if he couldn't pay for it I would. He gave away forty pairs.

"Rube was lonesome, and the Christmas spirit was upon him, and he couldn't do anything else that would have brought him more pleasure."

NOTICE.

The entertainment committee for the State convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association to be held in La Grande June 22, 23 and 24, has requested all persons having rooms to rent at that time to report same to the office of C. A. Small, Phone Red 3341. It should be known that many who come to the convention will arrive Sunday evening, June 24. The merchants, of course, will pay for their rooms the customary prices. So far, about 56 rooms have been reported as available. Many more than this will be needed. A large attendance is expected and already the available rooms at the hotels have been taken.

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