

# FIRST GAME IS AT HAND

CONTEST TO BE STAGED TOMORROW EVENING.

Joseph High Coming With Determination to Win From La Grande.

Tomorrow night the basketball season opens when Joseph high school sends her quintet of tossers to combat the La Grande high for the first round in the ladder to championship.

During the holiday period, practice here has been erratic and spasmodic but nevertheless latent talent hanging over from last year has been whipped into such form that the locals will at least be able to give the Resorters a fine run for their money. The Joseph five is much stronger than last year. New blood and new ginger have entered into the team and they are coming here fervently confident that they will win. In view of the condition of the home team their contentions may be correct.

The game will be played at the high school gymnasium commencing at 8 o'clock sharp.

# FRAWLEY BILL, HEART OF GOTHAM BOXING, IN DANGER

TWO GREATEST MIDDLEWEIGHTS IN THE WORLD.



**Records of Hits and Runs.**  
In the National and American leagues between April 14 and Oct. 7, 2,508 games were played, 1,250 in the National league and 1,258 in the American. National league clubs scored 4,802 runs, 10,021 hits and made 2,146 errors. American league clubs, 4,596 runs, 10,020 hits and 2,148 errors, giving the senior association the advantage of one hit and two less errors. In the National league the New York Giants made the most runs, Brooklyn the most hits, while Philadelphia and Cincinnati tied with the greatest number of errors. The Philadelphia Athletics led the American league with 748 runs, 1,381 hits, while making the lowest number of errors; Detroit was second in runs and hits, with the New York Yankees second lowest in errors.

Here are the two men whom every promoter of boxing in the country would like to match. They are the best and cleverest middleweights in the world. Kid McCoy has said that Jimmy Clabby is better than Tommy Ryan, and showed him some tricks that he himself never dreamed

of when he was in the ring. That is high praise, because it has been believed that McCoy knew every trick of the game.

Mike Gibbons is much like Jimmy Driscoll, the wonderful Yeatherweight sent here by England a few years ago. He may not be as clever as Driscoll—it is doubtful if there

ever was such a clever fighter, except Young Griffo—but his style is similar. A fight between Clabby and Gibbons would be as interesting a middleweight fight as was ever seen in the United States. But though both men insist they are anxious to meet, promoters have found it difficult to bring them together.

By HAL SHERIDAN.  
(Written for the United Press.)  
New York, Dec. 29.—If the reformers of the fighting game in this state have their way during the coming session of the legislature there will be no more boxing. Despite the efforts of the boxing commission to keep the sport clean the reformers

declare the Frawley law hasn't abolished betting and brutality. They maintain that the sport as it is played now is still prizefighting, pure and simple.

It can be said that the reformers are not entirely without support and sympathy. When the last attempt was made to repeal the Frawley law it almost met with success. Lawmakers from upstate sustained the repeal vigorously as the sentiment toward the sport in their districts was anything but favorable.

During that time the reformers spread stories of frame-up fights, betting, and gave instances of brutality. The same tactics it is believed, will be restored to this time with the Smith Coffey bout which was fought early this month used as an instance.

It is alleged that during the fight ringside spectators violated the betting law and several witnesses can be produced who saw transactions made and odds offered of 11 to 10 on Smith.

It is quite possible that Governor-elect Whitman will do something to save the exit of the pugilist. But his attitude is unknown beyond that fact that he has stated that he is not opposed to the game, properly conducted.

It is being broadly hinted that despite the ruling of the National league that no club should report for Spring training before March 1, several managers have ordered the appearance of their teams at least one week ahead of that date for practice.

**Indoor Athletes to Hold Big Meet.**  
New York, Dec. 29.—With a large entry list the junior national track and field championships to be contested in the 13th Regiment armory, Brooklyn tonight, promises to be the most successful in recent years.

This interesting indoor event was

won last year by the New York A. C. with 25 points with the Irish-Americans second with 16 points. No less than 17 different clubs and colleges figured in the final score.

## SALARIES IN ST. LOUIS.

Mound City Ball Players Are Well Paid For Work.

Dick Collins, a writer on the St. Louis Republic, says that St. Louis pays more for its ball players and receives less in return for its money than any city in the big league class. Fleider A. Jones, manager of the St. Louis Reds, assured Collins that Willie Doak's contract with the Cardinals for 1915 calls for \$5,400.

Mr. Jones also vouched for the fact that Bill James, the leading pitcher of the National league, will draw \$4,500 with the Boston Nationals next year.

Jones also states that Ty Cobb assured him that "Stuffy" McInnis was working for less than \$3,000 in Philadelphia. How and why are Boston and Philadelphia managers successful in persuading good players to work for less money than the same grade of talent would command in the west?

There is some excuse for McInnis shading in favor of Connie Mack, an inveterate pennant winner and world's series wizard, but Stallings is just breaking into the limelight in that respect.

What's the secret of his hold on the ball players? How does he get by with it? "Sky" Britton had an odd experience along these lines when he traded Larry McLean for Doc Crandall. Doc objected to the transfer. Britton assured him that St. Louis would take over his contract with the Giants. Even that assurance didn't satisfy Crandall.

"McGraw will get rid of you sooner or later," said Britton. "You're marked for slaughter. Why hang around till they gullotine you?"

Upon investigating Britton learned that Crandall was earning \$3,000 per annum with the Giants. The Cards pay that kind of money to their second string men. The prospect of figuring in the world's series is the magnet that enables McGraw and Mack to round up their players so easily and cheaply.

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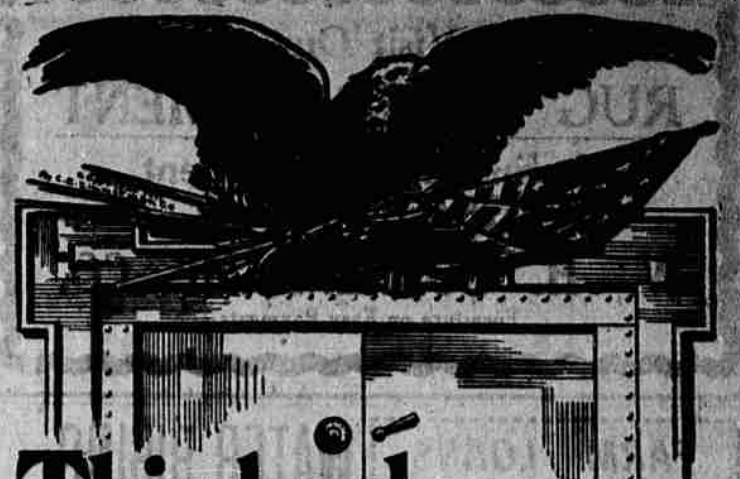
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