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East and West Clash Today In Charity Contest

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Turned back twice in previous meetings, east challenged west for football honors today with one of the greatest collections of stars ever assembled under one standard.

The annual east-west charity game, played here as a benefit for the Shriner's crippled children's hospital, brings out such celebrities as Bruce Caldwell, Yale fullback, and Herb Jostling, Minnesota's punting fullback, who was virtually a unanimous choice for all-American honors this year. At least ten of the 21-man eastern squad have received mention on first, second or third all-American teams this season.

The western group did so plentifully supplied with great individual honors, presented a strong, united front while its supporters counted on breaks of the game to bring home a third successive victory.

Strict enforcement of all laws affecting the importation of nut trees into Oregon, and step toward the enactment of additional laws for the protection of the nut growing industry of the state, were urged upon the state board of horticulture in resolutions passed by the Western Nut Growers' association in its closing session at Salem last week.

The Marion county community federation in session at Salem last Wednesday voted on record in favor of a county agent and agreed to sponsor a movement to place the question before the voters again at the November, 1928, election.

When surgeons recently made an incision for an emergency operation for appendicitis on Mrs. E. K. Jones, prominent Marshfield woman, they found a needle had been imbedded in the flesh for years.

There will be no teachers' institute in Coos county in the school year 1927-28, Mrs. C. E. Mulkey, school superintendent, announced. Cancellation of the institute was due to infantile paralysis ban.

SOUTH AND WEST GRID TEAMS PLAY

Soaked Field at Los Angeles Makes Battleground Soggy and Slippery

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP)—A thoroughly soaked coliseum gridiron awaited football teams of the south and west for their battle here today. Thin, falling intermittent drizzle yesterday turned the usually turf playing field into a soggy and slippery battleground while an overcast sky and strong winds gave indication of more precipitation.

Apparently, however, the only harm done will be to the box office receipts.

Southland fans, nearly always favored by rainy skies have yet to start a rush for slickers and raincoats to witness a football game. Prediction of a slim crowd for today's game were numerous.

That the sensational play expected from "Red Bull" Spears, Vanderbilt's flashy quarterback and Oak Pendleton, Whittier college's triple threat and "Ten Second" back will be much hampered was undoubted. Both are flashy runners, not very heavy and both depend on speed rather than plain brute force to score the yardage.

The westerners possibly will be more affected than the visitors although the triumvirate of Pacific coast coaches, Howard Jones, Knott Bingham and Bill Spaulding did not seem to think so. The "Pop" Warner system, employing reverse and fake reverses was chosen by the west and with a flock of tricky fleet backs who like to dodge and twist but probably will be unable to do so with much success, many critics thought the "home boys" would lose.

The probable lineup:

West	Position
Robbins, Ore. State	1-RT
Seveying, U. S. C.	1-RT
Shaw, Washington	1-RT
Bohner, Washington	1-RT
Heller, U. S. C.	1-RT
Hodgson, Oregon	1-RT
Meyer, U. S. C.	1-RT
Pendleton, Whittier	1-RT
Lorenzetti, U. S. C.	1-RT
Coak, Washington	1-RT
Tessera, Washington	1-RT
South	
Green, Vanderbilt	1-RT
Richard, Alabama	1-RT
Hammill, Tennessee	1-RT
Shupe, Vanderbilt	1-RT
Hosobin, Alabama	1-RT
Hood, Georgia Tech	1-RT
Crosley, Georgia Tech	1-RT
Spears, Vanderbilt	1-RT
Brown, Alabama	1-RT
Kates, Georgia	1-RT
Dobson, Tennessee	1-RT

Jap Cage Star



Meet Aji Tashiro. He is an American born Japanese from Seattle, Wash., with the University of Cincinnati basketball team this year, whose speed and clever handling of the ball is sure to get him in many games.

Playing Together for Eight Years



Here are Charlie Andrews, left, and Louis Behr, captain, both of whom are forwards on the Wisconsin basketball team, who are playing their eighth and final year together. They played four years in high school at Rockford, Ill., and have played together for four years at Wisconsin. Both are crack point-makers.

Trade Winds Blow Swift Changes In Baseball Ranks; Others Loom

NEW YORK (AP)—The sale of some of baseball's chief luminaries in "tepid" conversations at the major league managers' meeting here has had about the same effect on current big league players as the sound of the ax has on a barnyard full of turkeys.

It whispered hotel lobby discussions between rival managers and owners can uproot such fixtures as George Sisler, Ken Williams and Helme Manush, what chance is there for the lesser lights? That was the question—or one of them. Another was: Who's next?

The greatest upheaval appeared to have hit the American league with few jobs positively safe except those of the New York Yankees regulars.

Not even heavy hitting is enough to save a man from the dump down river. It was evident as Ken Williams, outfielder, was sold by the St. Louis Browns to the Boston Red Sox despite the fact he hit 323 last season in comparison with his average of 324 for his previous 10 years in the majors, and incidentally collected 17 home runs.

George Sisler, the Brown's first baseman and former manager, slugged 327 last season, but this was below the high standard of 346 which he had averaged in his 11 previous years in the big time and he had to go. Washington got him for about \$25,000, a quarter of the sum at which he was rated a few years back.

The sale of Sisler and Williams was a part of the announced plan of Phil Ball, owner of the St. Louis Browns, to completely reorganize his team next year.

Two more of the Browns' stars—Elam Van Halbeek, veteran pitcher, and Harry Rice, outfielder,

AREA OF WHEAT SEEDED IS LESS

Oregon's Fall Weather Is Blamed—Different Condition over the U. S.

While winter wheat seeding this fall apparently increased 19.7 per cent over the United States as a whole, the Oregon area seeded this fall shows a decrease of 5.9 per cent. This Oregon decrease is doubtless mainly due to unfavorable fall seeding conditions, says F. L. Kent, statistician, U. S. department of agriculture.

The area of wheat seeded in Oregon during the fall of 1927 is estimated at 844,000 acres which is 5.9 per cent less than the 893,000 acres now estimated to have been seeded last year. Condition of the crop is estimated at 95.9 per cent of normal, compared with 87.9 per cent a year ago, and the 10 year December 1 average of 90.0 per cent.

Considering the decrease in acreage seeded this fall, the very low winter damage last season (about 1.9 per cent loss) and the unusually favorable growing conditions prevailing during the past season, it is hardly to be expected that the Oregon 1928 winter wheat crop will equal the 23,400,000 bushels crop of 1927. The 1927 yield of 26 bushels per acre was the highest in recent years, the average for the past ten years being 25.5 bushels per acre.

The present very favorable soil moisture situation, indicates the probability of a better than usual growing season for the 1928 crop. It also seems probable that more than the usual acreage of spring wheat will be seeded as a result of the decrease in the present fall seeding, and the favorable soil moisture situation. It is therefore impossible to intelligently estimate at this time the probable "all wheat" crop of the state for 1928, but some decrease in comparison with the 1927 crop is reasonably certain.

For the United States an area of 47,897,000 acres of winter wheat is estimated as the fall seeding for the present season. This shows an increase of 10.2 per cent larger than the revised estimate of 43,465,000 acres sown in the fall of 1926. The sowings in the fall of 1925 were 23,709,000 acres. Winter damage during the past 10 years has caused an average abandonment of 19.5 per cent of the acreage sown to winter wheat. The abandonment has ranged from 1.9 per cent to 21.6 per cent in different years during that period.

Condition of United States winter wheat as of December 1, 1927 was 95.9 per cent compared with 87.9 per cent on December 1, 1926, and 82.4 per cent on Dec. 1, 1925. The ten year average on Dec. 1 is 84.0 per cent.

High McQuillan, former Giant pitcher, went away down river from the Braves to the Newark International league club.

The Pittsburgh Pirates cut down their roster by two when they sold Emil Yde, southpaw pitching sensation of a few years ago, and Roy Spencer, catcher, to the Indianapolis American Association club.

May Not Play Against Penn



Unless Ned Green, star California tackle, pays a delinquent \$19 student activity fee, he will not be allowed to play in the coming Penn-California game on December 31. Green's letter, earned this season, has been held up. The student association, which is handling Green's case, hopes to arrange it so that he will get to play.

The John DeWitt and O. J. Gear partnership bear went on a roundup last Saturday near Solo and attacked the horses belonging to these men, with the result that one of Mr. Gear's horses was so badly injured from the animals' attack it had to be killed.

A peppermint oil factory has been started in Salem quality and is now running steadily at a capacity of 25 pounds per hour, it is announced. The plant is owned by L. O. Herrold, and is soon to be increased to 225 pounds per hour capacity.

Between \$150,000 and \$175,000 will be distributed by the Hood River Apple Growers' association the latter part of this week. This is the first "melon" to be cut by the co-operative association this year.

Extensive improvements are to be made soon at the Necanicum river trout hatchery, damaged by floodwaters on Thanksgiving day, according to G. C. Webb, superintendent of the hatchery.

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The first move made to strengthen the Cleveland Indians by Billy Evans, new general manager, was to get Grover Hartley, veteran catcher, from the Red Sox to coach his pitchers. Evans thinks Hartley, wise in the ways of pitchers, should be a big help in this department.

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