### GOSSIP OF THE CLUBS

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE P. A. A. C. TONIGHT.

New Officials of the Multnomah Club -Local and General Athletic News.

Tonight the Portland Amateur Athletic Club will hold its first annual meeting. and the event is naturally of such importance as to overshadow all other events in the club. The organization is the youngest in the North Pacific Association, out so rapid has been its growth that it but so rapid has been its growth that it is already considered among the atrongest. During the coming season in outdoor sports it promises to be very prominent, and has in it material that ought to make it formidable in every branch of amateur athleties. Under the magagement of the onigoing board it has been placed on a firm financial basis, and in other respects it is few developing into a model partition. it is first developing into a model institu-tion of its kind. The books show that since the middle of last year it has re-ceived and distursed about \$600; and it is now out of debt and has well-equipped social rooms and a good symnasium. To-night the dish will meet, and, after hear-ing the reports of its officers, select nine trustees to control its affairs for the year. trustees to control its affairs for the year. These trustees, in turn, elect the officers of the club and appoint all committees. The liy-haws of the club are modeled after those of the Olympic Club, of San Francisco. Three tickets have been placed in the field, one by a regularly appointed nominating committee and the others by club members. The official ticket presents the names of the following gentlemen: Sol Friedenthal, F. C. Godley, Jesse Hannum, W. T. Herlow, Dr. L. A. Kent, E. J. Ladd, W. Lemon, E. E. McMichael, Ralph Prager, H. D. Ramsdell, J. D. Butherford, T. J. Sanda, George C. Sears, L. J. Sholl, W. A. Storey, G. W. Taylor and R. G. Whiting. Taylor and R. G. Whiting.

As was anticipated, Mr. H. E. Judge was, on Saturday evening, elected presi-gent of the Mulinomah club. Mr. W. A. Holt, an athletic young business man who has ever taken as much interest in who has ever taken as much interest in club affairs as in athletics, was made vice-president. Mr. George L. Bickel, whose services in the capacity of secretary during the past two years were untiring, will still continue an honored officer of the club, but in the position of treasurer, and ex-Treasurer J. H. Murphy, who has an established record as a wise man in club affairs, was elected secretary. All of these gentlemen have been so long identified with Multnomah club interests that they need no introduction, and it that they need no introduction, and it is sufficient to say that they are all emi-nently fitted for the confidence reposed in them by their fellow clubmen. Mr. Judge certainly the right man in the right is certainly the right man in the right place. After serving with credit to him-self and to his club on river, track and fleid, he became a student of club man-agement by securing an appointment on one of the minor committees. So carnestly did he take hold, that his promotion was rapid, and last year he acted as chair-man of the athletic committee, the most important in the club. He is a thorough student of amateur athletics, and closely achieves to a standard of parity that the adheres to a standard of perity that the leading amateur spirits of the country are seeking to uphold. He has shown himself fearless when occasion demanded in self frariess when occasion demanded in upholding these principles, and, for his staunchness to the cause, has been com-mended by the leading writers on amateur sports of the day. Mr. Judge now holds the highest office in the gift of his cloth, and in the Pacific Northwest Association, of which his cloth is a leading member. He is considered today the leading expoof amateur sport in the Pacific

Mr. F. H. V. Andrews will succeed Mr. Judge as chairman of the athletic com-mittee. He has had considerable experience, and, as he is in sympathy with the methods of the present administration, he will make a good chairman. Mr. L. J. Goldsmith has been retained at the bead of the house committee, in appreciation of his good services in the past. He knows how to entertain. Mr. E. E. Mallory, captain of the Mulmomah team now at war tain of the Millinonian team now at war with the Arlingtons, will look after bowling interests, and Mr. A. E. King has been retained as the billiard "expert." Mr. J. W. Allen is chairman of the handball committee, and Mr. E. R. Adams of the rockal committee. The appointment of Dr. A. E. Mackay as official handleapper a very satisfactors. In Mackay as official handleapper. is very satisfactory. Dr. Mackay was one of the best presidents the club ever had, and he is a real enthusiast in amateur He is scarcely partial to football, but knows all about the cinder path, etc. Chairmen for the grounds and swimming tank committees have not yet been appointed.

A very full report of the annual meeting of the James Bay Athletic Associa-tion, of Victoria, appears in a Victoria pa-per of recent date, and the showing made there goes to prove that athletics are very much alive in British Columbia. The Victorians are very anxious to secure the N. P. R. A. regatta on their waters dur-ing the coming summer, and are making strenuous efforts in that direction. They were not as fully represented in last sum mer's regutta as they wished to be, because they were without proper racing craft, but they glory in the fact that Messrs. Watson and Macauley "upheld the honor of the association by winning the canceling event." President H. D. Helm-kan, in his annual report, makes the fol-lewing statement, which is of general interest to oursmen in the Pacina North-

"With reference to the protest in re the 'Crane, McGregor & Boggs' cup, entered with the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, we have to report that owing to the inexcusable delay and length of time taken to consider the protest we made on behalf of Mr. Scott as against Mr. Johnson, of Vancouver, the real gist of the matter was not given its proper confideration. The ground of our protest cas that the N. P. R. A. had found Mr. chason not to be an amateur, and, as the club of which he was a member be longs to that association and the C. A. A. O. (as our association does to both), it was necessary in the interests of ama-teur sport to know whether the C. A. A. O. would recognize the finding of the N. P. R. A., as the regatta was governed by the rules of the C. A. A. O. We endeav-ared by amicable means, in accordance with our construction of the decision, to obtain Mr. Johnson's coesent to have the sup rowed for again, but he declined to ac cept our request; and we wish to aid that we derived no assistance from the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club in the matter, We still claim, and rightly, that Mr. Scott s entitled to the possession of the cup which unfortunately is beyond our power

The Seattle Athletic Club Indoor game: have been postponed from February 15 to Washington's birthday, because of the inability of the club to secure the Armory for the former date. In a letter to the local clubs ermouncing this fact, Secretary Curtis expresses regret that he was un-able to give Portland athletes notice of the games at an earlier date. He said that it had been contemplated at first to open the entry lists to members of the A. C. only, otherwise notice would have been sent out six weeks in advance.
 Mr. Curtis also speaks of an outdoor meeting, to be given early in May, a week before or after the Multinomali-spring handicap names. It will be open to all members of the P. N. W., and will be quite the largest aftair the circ has ever given. The S. A. C. men who take part will form a team to attend the Portland games, and some sharp competition may be looked for.

Mesers. John Latta and Will Lipman, of the Multnomah club, have been matched for a "sinish" handball contest on Thurse with a copious supply of Bull Run water, which is satisfactory to everybody, and ticipated, particularly as neither of the

contestants is an expert at the game, and is men have been invited to "oysters and ale" with the loser. There is an element of comedy in the affair that invited guests alone are to be permitted to enjoy.
Mr. Latta announces that his colors will
be red and black, and his "warery" will
be "Jaw! Jaw! Jaw "-w-n." He has ssued an invitation to each of the invited quests to be present and dine with his apponent. Mr. Lipman has issued simiar invitations, but says Mr. Latta is t furnish the supper. His colors are to be orange and green, but he has not yet de-cided upon a "warcry." Both men are in active training, and, after several hours' practice each day, indulge in alcohol baths and are carefully rubbed down.

Eight runners turned out for the Mult-nomah's weekly cross-country log yester-day morning. Despite the cold and high day morning. Despite the cold and high wind, they had a pleasant time of at. Although the hour was early, there were a goodly number of people at the clubbouse to see the runners off. President Judge was there, but he could not join them because of a business engagement. Enveloped in awenters, the party started on a bright ray for Deschant Reights. on a brisk trot for Portland Heights, then across hill and dale to Mount Zion and back to town on the Canyon road. The distance overed was seven miles, and the time consumed one hour and 10 min utes. Many amusing incidents occurred on the trip. Those who participated in the run were: Messrs. Bickel, Luders, Gilliand, Fuller, A. M. Scott, Arnold and Leonard.

It is hardly probable that either of the Portland boating clubs will place crews in 4raining before the spring meeting of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Jaramen, which is to take place some time in March. At that time the date and place of the annual regatta will be settled upon. Hitherto the regatta has taken place in August, but there is a growing sentiment in favor of holding it at least a month earler, as it is asserted that it is too great a strain upon the oarsmen to remain in training so long. However, it must not be supposed that Portland oarsmen are altogether idle. Gymnasium work was commenced some time ago, and it will be kept up until it is possible to get out in March. At that time the date and be kept up until it is possible to get out on the river.

The Zig-Zag cyclers held a meeting this week, and elected a successor to Captain W. W. Kern and President Wetzell. Ed Lampshire was the popular nominee for captain, and was unanimously elected, as well as F. C. Austin to the presidency of the club, for the unexpired term. A com-mittee on the revision of the constitution and by-laws was appointed, consisting of A. Slocum, E. J. Lampshire, L. H. Wells, M. A. Flinn and F. C. Austin. After the business of the meeting had been disposed of, an informal social session followed, in which all heartily took part.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Seattle, through its secretary, T. S. Lippy, has made application for membersaip in the Pacific Northwest Association of the A. A. U. The organization is said to be a strong one in athletics, and has some men who will make an excellent showing in every department of sport. As the membership committee of the P. N. W. does not meet until March, the application cannot be acted upon until

The billiard tournament which has been at the Multnomah club for several weeks was concluded has week. W. Ailen won the trophy, with an average of 2.37. Mr. Charles Gilliland took second place, with an average of 2.39, and Mr. F. H. V. Andrews finished third, with an average of 2.31.

It is reported that Mr. W. R. Birdsall an old-time California sprinter, is in training for the Multnomah spring handicap games, and will make it lively for

#### DOGFIGHTERS ARRESTED. and Whites Surprised While Enjoying the Brutal Sport.

Through the well-directed efforts of Humane Officer Burke, of the police de-partment, and Deputy Sheriff Al Cody, a number of persons, Japanese and whites, engaged in the brutal pastime of dogfighting, have been arrested. A week ago a brutal fight took place on the East Side, and those living in that neighborhood loudly protested against a repetition of such disgraceful proceedings. Chief Minto during the week learned that another dogfight had been arranged to take place vestering for a pure of the take place yesterday for a purse of \$250 a side, and quietly took steps to prevent the scene, and arrest those concerned. The fight was to take place somewhere in the vicinity of the Catholic cemetery,

and the place selected possibly beyond the city limits, Deputy 8 Al Cody also took a hand for the purpose of making the necessary arrests as a county official, if the fight actually took place outside the city boundaries. As reviously arranged, the fight came off at Il o'clock, in the vicinity of Seventeenth and Front sireets, the first location re-lected having been abandoned in order to mislead the officers. Somehow Human Officer Burke and Deputy Sheriff Cody got a "straight tip," and reached the ground while the crowd was still there, but the fight was practically over. The buildog owned by the Japs had the best of the fight, the other dog being badly chewed up and one leg about gone. The fight was eclared a draw, and now A. Sano, Irashi Gliew, two Japanese, and Benjamin West, owners of the two dogs, hope for a similar decision when they appear before Justhe Geisler today, charged with engaging in the brutal sport of doglighting. There were quite a number of specialors

present, including, B B, Acker, Geo, Misher and Harry Quinton, all of whom will probably be called as expert witnesses before the court. The two Japs are conned in the county jail, failing to furnish

Chief Minto and the county authorities are determined to put a stop to all such brutal proceedings, and hereafter those engaged in doglighting may expect to pay dearly for their fun, as they will hardly have an opportunity of enjoying such amusement without the officers getting on to the scheme.

#### WORK ON THE RESERVOIRS Tunneling at No. 3 Has Pailed to Dirclose the Cause of the Trouble.

The waterwheels and pumps for th lower station between the high-service and the low-service reservoirs in the City Park have arrived, and have been haules at to the power-house. The whole weight is \$5,000 pounds. The dynamos for supplying electric lights around the reservoirs ave not yet arrived. A few people vis ited the park yesterday, and looked over the reservoirs to see what is going on. No. 4 is filled with water, which is so clear that the bottom can be seen, and there are no new developments in regard to the walls or dam. At No. 3, the work of tun-nelling, to try to find out what caused the trouble there, is still going on.

Two tunnels have been run into the ank on the west side, and a cross-tunnel is being driven to connect them. In dig-ging this tunnel a pecket of water was found, but no movement in the bank has een discovered, and the real cause of the cracking of the wall is as much of a mystery as ever. There has been no further movement or cracking of the ling of the reservoir, but a thorough in stigation of the trouble will be made fore any repairs are undertaken. There no hurry about the matter, and time before any repairs are undertaken. There is no hurry about the matter, and time will be taken to arrive at an understanding of the trouble, and to ascertain whether there is any movement of the ground. When the repairs are made, it is est axide their personal objections to a intended that they shall be permanent. The repairs to No. 2 reservoir are well along toward completion, and in a few Judge Warren Truitt, of Alaska, when the mouth of the Columbia is now all in tepair and reacy for a resumption of work, except the steamer Cascades, which is used for towing the barries of rock down the river. Some rather extended that they shall be permanent.

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### GAFF AND HIS VICTIM

THE ABDUCTOR OF JUDGE SMITH'S DAUGHTER IN THE TOILS.

The Guilty Pair Overhauled Near Cottage Grove-The Doctor's Pockets Well Lined.

Dr. John V. Gaff, the Albina physician and alleged seducer of Maggie Smith, the II-year-old daughter of Municipal Judge Smith, who cloped with his victim has Wednesday, has been captured, and he and the young girl will arrive in Portland this morning on the California over-iand in custody of an officer. Last even-ing the following telegram was received from Cottage Grove, Lane county, by The Oregonian, giving particulars of the cap-ture of the runaway couple: "City Marshal Walker received a tele-

gram last night from Chief of Police Dilley, of Salem, for the arrest of Dr. Gaff and a lady, but the message was sent too late, for Gaff and his companion sent too late, for Gair and his companion arrived here at 2.30 P. M. and immediately hired a livery team to convey them to Siudaw valley. Chief Dilley was advised by wire as to their direction. He and Police Judge B. M. Smith, of Portland, arrived on the overland last night. Taking Constable Wallace they left here at 2.20 A. M. in pursue, and they arrived at 2:30 A. M. in pursuit, and they arrived at S. G. Lockwood's farm at 6:30 A. M., where the runaway pair had stopped over night. The officers walked in, taking Dr. Gaff by surprise, and arrested him before be could make any resistance. Chief Dilley and Judge Smith arrived here at noon with the prisoner and the abducted girl. Dr. Gaff had in his possession some 28000, \$1000 in gold, \$700 in greentacks and the rest in checks. They left at 4 P. M. on a freight for Eugene, where they will take the overland tonight and reach Portland in the morning. Dr. Gaff and Miss Smith were passing as brother and sister. They said they had relatives near Lo-

The circumstances attending the dis-appearance of Mies Smith from her home on last Wednesday and the sudden flight of Dr. Gaff were fully given in yester-day's issue of The Oregonian. The first intimation that Judge Smith and his wife had of their daughter's flight from home was on the arrival of a messenger boy with a note in Maggie's handwriting, telling the story of her shame and that she had gone away with the man she loved. Dr. Gaff left Albina with the girl after arranging with another physician to take charge of his business for a few

the Coos Bay country, and take a steam-er to San Francisco. The Nemesis of reiributive justice prevented the fulfili-ment of such a plan, and the despicable

that is his due.
Dr. Gaff is a married man, and his escapade with the daughter of Judge Smith is not his first experience in such busi-ness. Several years ago Gaff took a for-mer wife to Denver, from there he sent her to relatives and eloped with his serv-

### THE POLITICAL POT. Legislative Gossip Heard in Portland Yesterday.

one Hundred, the previous night, ap-eared in a self-satisfied humor, while litical breezes are now blowing. those who had denied themselves the easure they craved for fear of public opinion, gave evidence of regretting their hasty act of declination, and the loss of en opportunity of enjoying a royal good

owed to let time hang idly on their hands. The third-house contingent was unusually industrious, and the hardest workers were those who, for personal reasons, wanted no charter revision for Portland this year. One member of the city council had some members of the legislature in tow most of the afternoon. The sena-torial contest seemed to be overshadowed in the effort to perpetuate extravagance and fat salaries in municipal matters. From the general opinion expressed yes-terday it is evident that the same memers who are clamorous in their oppos tion to the re-election of Senator Dolph are also banded to prevent any attempt for municipal reform for the benefit Portland taxpayers. The lines in this direction are being sharply drawn, but the unexpected turn of the alleged protest meeting, held Saturday night, has badly disconcerted those who were re sponsible for calling such meeting. On Saturday it was generally believed that it would prove impossible to pass any of a Portland charter bill through the

house, but yesterday a more hopeful view was taken, and a new city charter is re-garded as among the legislative possi-

So far as the senatorial question is ncerned, the visiting legislators genrally believe that there will be an elecion before the close of the session. Several of them are confident that a choice will be made this week, and the indica-tions are that Mr. Dolph will finally be re-elected. There are a few who insist that Mr. Dolph can never be chosen, and that he has shown his greatest possible strength. It is only fair to say that such ssions come from those whose wish s father to their thoughts, and are anxious to prevent any election unless the andidate be one of their own selection. Several of those who are still holding out against the caucus nominee are now showing some concern over the possible esult of carrying the deadlock through They are beginning to ealize that the failure to elect a repub-ican senator at this time may prove a serious matter two years hence, with more than an even chance to give to the populists both seats in the United States senate. Two weeks ago such talk was senante. Two weeks and such that some of the balters, who are strong party men, the bolters, who are strong party men, the beginning to understand that there is actually such danger possible, and to which is used for towing the barries of Canal Street Canal Street

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county, and Representative Keyt, of Polk county, to vote for Mr. Dolph. There is not a word of truth in the report, and Representative Lyle has asked Jonathan Bourne several-times to correct the statement in his paper, but so far he has falled to do so. Mr. Lyle states that he and Judge Truitt are personal friends of many years' standing ,and when the lat-ter left Alaska for a home visit he knew nothing of a senatorial contest being on. During the times they have met, Judge Truitt has never in the remotest way referred to Mr. Dolph, the senatorial contest or his vote in the senate. Representative Lyle makes this statement, in

tative Lyle makes this statement, in justice to his friend, Judge Truitt, in The Oregonian, his request for the same to be made in the paper first giving publicity to the false charge being unnoticed.

The general opinion was expressed by members in the city yesterday that the Stelwer bill, regulating the fishing business, will become a law, as first presented. Some difference of compion exists as memoers in the city yesterday that the Steiwer bill, regulating the fishing business, will become and prostrated with grief the mother of his erring daughter. Chief Minto was also active in the effort to gain some cluss of the runaways, and succeeded so well that the capture of the doctor was only a matter of a few days. He learned that after leaving Portland Gaff was seen in Woodburn, where he spent all his time in a drug store. It was evident that he was simply waiting to see the Portland papers, and assertain if the news of his helinous offense had become public, and what steps were being taken to capture the elopement, and gaining courage by this silence Gaff must have ventured back to where he had secreted his victim and started to make his way to Fforence or the Coos Bay country, and take a steamer to San Francisco. The Nemesis of

her to relatives and eloped with his servant girl, whom he married after securing a divorce from his first wife. He had his present wife go on a visit to her family in Linn county several days before he consummated his plan of eloping with Maggie Smith, and now the woman, who took the place of an abandoned wife is in her turn deserted by the secondrel whose motive in He seems to be the wrecking of others, howes that the representative of the second dis-trict was still willing to be considered in the contest, and would request no mem-ber not to vote for him. Representative Ellis, of the first district, also says he wants Mr. Delph re-elected, but he has no control of his Eastern Oregon friends who are opposing the senator. This, the member, thought, rather, hard on Mr. cember thought, rather hard on Mr Ellis' political managers, the Patterson trio, who have been particularly active in the effort to compass the defeat of Mr. The usual number of legislators passed
Sunday in Portland, resting from their another survey of his correspondence with week's labor, and, as usual, they made the Perkins headquarters for the day. Those who had accepted the hospitality of Chairman Corbett, of the Committee of

Another effort is to be made today to secure some action on the joint resolu-tion asking for an investigation of the methods pursued in securing votes at the selection of school books, made last De-cember. The resolution was adopted by the house after its object was fully n dersicod, but when it got to the senate and was referred, that was the last acard of it. Senator Huston tried to get it before the senate for action, and would have succeeded, but for the fact that Senator Cogswell was recognized, and his metion to lay the resolution on the table decided as carried. There is a good dear of interest in Portland over this school-book investigation, and it is evident that a very determined effort is being made by some one to prevent the scandal of the recent selection reaching the public car in an official way. Some curtosity is also expressed why members of the leg islature should be so interested in preventing any investigation being made, when they admit that the matter is one of extreme importance.

#### KEEPING CHANNELS CLEAR General Resumption of River and Harbor Work by Engineers.

Majoh Post, of the United States engineers, has been down the river to make an inspection of the dam back of Martin's island, and finds that it has been damaged slightly by the wash of the current st one end. The damage is not serious, but will be repaired before any more damage is done. He also had some soundings made near Hunter's point, where the pilots claim that there is a shallow place. He proposes to keep an eye on shoal places, and have them attended to as soon as possible. The government dredge W. S. Ladd is still at work at Postoffice bar. There is 2014 feet of water there, although the river is very

Major Post says that in a river which brings down such an immense amount of silt, it is no use to t link of making permanent improvement by dredging. There will always be something to do one place will always be something to do one place or another. Banks wash down at one place one year, and at another place the next. Changes occur in the current from time to time without any apparent reason, and silt deposits in different places. There is always some change going on where such retires forces as the waters of the mighty Columbia are at play. of the mighty Columbia are at play The plant used in the work of the jetty

is now visiting at his home in Folk county, is somewhat annoyed over the unfounded report given out through an irresponsible paper that the object of his trip to Oregon at this time was to influence Representative Lyle, of Crook ready for service, work on the jetty will be resumed. Mr. Hegart, superintendent of the work, is in the city, and says it was a good thing that work was suspend-

would surely have been wrecked in the heavy gales of December and January.
Mr. George W. Freeman, of Major
Post's office, has returned from Corvallis, and reports that the work of driving piles for the protection of the river back there has been commenced by the rnagboat Corveills. The work will be continued until the appropriation is expended.

### DIED IN CONVULSIONS. Mrs. E. Ellsworth's Taking-Off Leads

to a Coroner's Investigation.

Mrs. Edith E. Ellsworth, the wife of Marker E. Ellisworth, the wife of Walter E. Ellisworth, died very suddenly early yesterday morning in the apartments occurred by herself and husband at 541 Sixth street. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning Dr. Herbert W. Cardwell eclived a hasty summons to attend the woman and street the beautiful of the woman and street the second of the se

quieting her, and also that Dr. Panton

can jointly act in inforcing the provisions made for the preceite of saimon. Very little if any opt, sition is so far shown toward the despicable will speedily receive the punishment is his due.

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There is one is ember of the legislature and his wife came to Portland about five months ago. For some time he was employed as an advertising soulcitor on the daily papers, and has been legitor on the daily papers, and has been ator Alley with draw the name of Binger Hermann as a, candidate for senator to

### BUSINESS PTEMS. If Baby Is Cutting Teeth,

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