

## GETS TWO PLAYERS

McCredie Lands Breen, and Graney Will Return.

## MAN FOR KEYSTONE SACK

Breen Helped Akron Win Pennant, and Will Be Worthy Successor to Pearl Casey—John Barnes Center of Fanning Bee.

Walter McCredie was yesterday formally notified that he would receive the services of Pitcher John Gladstone Graney for another season, and also that the second baseman promised to Portland would be Young Breen, who played last season with the Akron club of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League. The acquisition of Breen causes Manager McCredie to become highly elated, for he has been worrying considerably of late because of there being some doubt of his eventually securing a man to fill Pearl Casey's shoes in the Pacific Coast League. Breen's record last season shows that he played in 117 games, all of which he officiated at second base. He batted for an average of .249 and fielded for the neat percentage of .952, having played in 20 more games than his nearest rival. Several players who participated in but few games have better percentage marks than Breen, but he was the sensation of that organization last season. It was due to his showing that Cleveland drafted him, but as he could hardly hope to assume the place of the "peewee" Lajoie, President Somers probably took the youngster to make good his promise to the McCredies. In the compiled records Breen was second in the league in number of stolen bases, having 38 to credit. He also scored 53 runs and is credited with 17 sacrifice hits. The Akron club won the championship with a wide margin, and it was due to the work of Breen and Pitcher Brackenridge that this feat was accomplished. The return of Graney will prove welcome news for the fans, with whom the gritty little southpaw had become a prime favorite during the time he was with McCredie last season. Graney is now with Mike Fisher's All-Americans in the Orient, but is expected back home in a few weeks. He will probably remain in California until reporting time. The acquisition of these two players strengthens McCredie's Coast pitching staff and rounds out his infield to a nicety. The Pacific Coast infield will now be comprised of Eddie Kennedy at first base, Breen at second, Olson at short and Ote Johnson at third, which combination looks good to the fans.

John S. Barnes, the veteran baseball promoter, returned to Portland yesterday morning and announced that he intends to locate here, for the time being, at least. When asked if he was interested in baseball conditions at the present time, he said that he thought the game was "just about coming into its own."

"By the way," added the ex-Portland manager, "I didn't win the first pennant for Portland, for I had Spokane in 1901 and Glenvalin beat me out in the last couple of games. But the next year I came to Portland and made such a runaway race of it that the league almost broke up."

Barnes then commenced fanning with President Lucas, and during their conversation "Little" Willie Maine, who formerly pitched for Portland, was mentioned. Maine was a tall, lanky twirler whose home was in Maine, and Barnes tells the following story on him which President Lucas says has never been printed.

"A number of years ago I was manager of the St. Paul Club, and during the spring training trip we played a game with Tom Lortie's team at Louisville. Willie Maine was one of my pitchers, but I was shy a catcher and borrowed the late Mike Kelly, probably the greatest baseball player the country ever knew. Maine was a most sensitive fellow and Kelly would delight in kidding him. On several occasions he got Mike so raised that he hardly knew where he was, and one day the other players told Maine to call Kelly down good and hard and he would quit it, and he mugged in which Maine's intention was a sore."

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## AMATEUR CHAMPION OF MIDDLE WEST



JOHNNY HALEY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ATHLETIC CLUB WRESTLER.

## GANS AND ERNE MATCHED

## Will Fight Six Rounds at Philadelphia on February 1.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Joe Gans, the dethroned lightweight champion, has started training once more, and Eastern fans will be given a chance to see the once-shining star of the 133-pound class in action. Gans today signed articles for a six-round fight with Young Ernie at Philadelphia, the contest being set for February 1.

Gans and promoters of the affair had a lengthy argument over the purse, the promoters offering Gans \$2000, but Joe held out for \$2500, win, loss or draw, and finally won. Scarcely had this argument ceased than the colored boy began to exchange words with Ernie. The argument was over the weight. Gans sought 132 pounds, but Ernie insisted on catch weights. The argument was finally settled by the men agreeing to make the weight 132 at 3 o'clock.

## Ashland Wins Again.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Cook's Spokane basketball team for the second time went down to defeat before the Ashland five here this evening by a score of 33 to 19. The visiting team took a new lease of life and played good ball, but were held apart throughout the contest by the local team.

## FANDOM AT RANDOM

MANAGER MCCREDIE yesterday added John Barnes's name to a contract for the season of 1909, and the "chink border" is tickled immensely. The immediate cause of the hilarity is the fact that Barnes gets a "raise," which is always welcome, especially to baseball players.

Danny Shea, who was drafted from Tacoma by the Mobile Southern League club, will not play in that league for the salary offered him. He received his contract from the Mobile manager several days ago, but returned it unsigned. Gill says he would rather play in the Pacific Northwest.

Russ Hall is getting busy with the signing up of the Tacoma players who have so far held out. Yesterday he announced that he had come to terms with Johnny Bender, who once played with Portland as Jack Burdette, and who was with Butte and Spokane last season.

Hugh McCredie is a daily visitor at the baseball park. He goes out each day to look over the plant, and incidentally is doing some figuring. Hugh has spent several weeks at the league's camp, but he is not expected to play in the league until he has been able to improve the present stands and bleachers without having to rebuild them.

Big Eddie Herr, who formerly heaved the sphere for Oakland in the Coast League, is slated to manage the Bay City, Mich., club next season. He was a manager at the Southern and Cotton States Leagues for a while and had considerable success.

Charles Morton, ex-President of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League, is missing, and with him seems to have gone some of the best of the league's money. A number of detectives are endeavoring to find trace of him in the vicinity of Cleveland, where he was last seen.

Mike Cantillon, manager of the Minneapolis team, and brother of Joe Cantillon, of the Washington Americans, has secured first baseman Glen from the Pittsburg club for the team this season. Glen succeeded Joe Nealon, but was hardly big league timber.

Now that Tacoma has secured a manager, the bugs of "Tigertown" want to know who is to captain the brave bunch of huskies who are expected at least to beat out Mike Lynch and Dugdale. Among the captaincy possibilities are Bill Hurley, Cartwright and Collins.

Since Russ Hall has been welcomed with open arms it might be appropriate to name Hurley as captain. Between the two of them they ought to be able to make enough trouble for President Lucas, umpires, which seems to be a specialty at which each is a star. Umpire baiting is about the only attribute at which each can claim recognition.

## HALEY LOOKS GOOD

## Chicago Wrestler Shows Up Well in Tryouts.

## PREPARES TO MEET FRANK

Works Out Before Large Crowd at Multnomah Club Gymnasium.

Rivals to Meet at Equal Weights in Tonight's Bout.

The gymnasium of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club was comfortably filled with enthusiastic wrestling fans yesterday who were on hand to witness the workout of little Johnny Haley, the 125-pound champion wrestler of Chicago, and the Middle West, who is to meet Edgar Frank in an interclub championship bout at the Multnomah Club tonight.

The interest in this match has been greatly increased, because it will be the first match for some time in which Edgar Frank has been pitted against an opponent of his own weight. In Haley the Multnomah champion will likely find a foe man worthy of his best efforts, for the Chicago lad looks the part of an ideal wrestler. He possesses a splendid physique for a man of his size, and this respect is on equal terms with Frank, who is rated as the best 125-pound wrestler on the Pacific Coast. The Multnomah champion, except at rare intervals, has been pitted against wrestlers from eight to 20 pounds heavier, but nevertheless he has always made a most creditable showing. In Haley he expects to meet a man who will tax his best efforts, for the young Chicagoan has met and defeated all the best wrestlers in his division in the Middle West. Haley is a member of the Illinois Athletic Club and is said to be the idol of the wrestling fans of that progressive institution.

When the young fellow stripped down to mat to wrestle several of the promising youngsters of the Multnomah Club in his bustling style, his speed impressed those who watched with the idea that Edgar Frank will have to work tonight if he scores over the visitor. Haley is a modest young chap and is not boastful in the least, for he says he never underestimates an opponent and expects to meet with hard game tonight.

The wrestlers will meet under the regular amateur rules, except there will be no time limit to each fall, the men being compelled to wrestle until one or the other places his opponent's shoulders to the mat. This is fair to both contestants, for it often happens that a good amateur wrestler suffers an adverse decision because his opponent has mistaken the upper hold most of the time during a limited bout.

The management announces that the bout will be started promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

M'Minnville Plays Here Tonight.

The Portland Y. M. C. A. basketball team is scheduled to meet the M'Minnville College five at the Association gym tonight. This game is expected to be one of the hardest-fought contests the Portland quint has had this season and is being anticipated by a large demand for tickets. The collegians come to Portland with a reputation for speed, accuracy and aggressiveness that causes the Association players to realize that they will have to extend themselves in order to score a victory. The game will be started at 8:30 o'clock.

Schaeffer for Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 21.—The executive committee of the Associated Students has elected James G. Schaeffer head football coach for the season of 1909.

A recent hurricane in Nicaragua drove the water from the river, against the houses in the town of Prinzapolca with such force that most were destroyed.

## PRICE IS TOO HIGH

Mayor Vetoes Plan to Buy New Park in Sellwood.

## WANTS TRACT CONDEMNED

Intimates That Questionable Methods Were Employed in Negotiating the Deal—Value Is Boosted \$27,500.

Mayor Lane yesterday afternoon vetoed the ordinance passed by the City Council, at its last meeting, authorizing the purchase of a tract of ground in Sellwood for park purposes, for \$25,000. In so doing, the Executive declares that price to be paid is extravagant and that "there is also attached to the transaction some question concerning the methods which have been employed in negotiating the sale," and recommends the condemnation of the land, with some more lying near it.

Councilman Willis, upon whose recommendation the Park Board largely depended in the purchase, said last night that he will vote to sustain the Mayor's veto, so that condemnation proceedings may be commenced against the ground secured for the park as quickly as possible in the courts.

Willis Will Support Veto. "It makes absolutely no difference to me how the land is secured, just so it is secured," said Councilman Willis. "I will sustain the veto and help to make possible condemnation proceedings, so that we may get this park site as quickly as possible. I am of the opinion, however, that the city will not make much financially by a sale as fast as the property is worth all it was offered for."

The facts in connection with the case, as disclosed by official investigation, show that the property authorized to be purchased was formerly owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and was sold to W. H. Moorehouse for the sum of \$25,000. Mr. Moorehouse, therefore, advanced the value over the price paid by him in the sum of \$27,500. At the time the Park Board recommended buying it, Mr. Moorehouse declared to the members that he could sell the property for considerably more by putting it up into lots, but that he would be doing the city a favor by selling it at \$25,000 an acre, and he was glad to show his patriotism by so doing.

Superintendent Mische suggested that the price was a trifle high, but Mr. Moorehouse said he would not think of such a thing as reducing the price; that he was then sacrificing his land, and that the Board could purchase it or not, he did not care.

Mayor Lane's veto message follows: The Mayor's Message. To the Honorable City Council, Gentlemen: I return herewith ordinance No. 18738 not approved.

This is an ordinance which authorizes the Mayor and Auditor to purchase a tract of land near Sellwood containing 12.41 acres for park purposes, at a price not to exceed \$4000 per acre.

In respect to this transaction I have to say that while it is a matter of public interest, it is not a matter of public concern. The price to be paid, \$4000 an acre, is seemingly a high price, but it is not. There is also attached to the transaction some question concerning the methods which have been employed in negotiating the sale, which, while it may not be founded upon facts, yet taken in connection with the price paid, would justify a suspicion upon the purchase.

If it is desired to secure a park at this location, the slope of the hillside to be purchased is a matter of public concern, and also the site of the reservoir, which is included in it, and that the entire tract is a matter of public concern. I return the ordinance for your further consideration. HARRY LANE, Mayor.

## Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

"Ben Hur" at the Helig Theater. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, with a matinee tomorrow at 2 o'clock, at the Helig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, will be presented the grand spectacle, "Ben Hur," the story of the life of Jesus Christ, as told by General Lew Wallace's mighty biblical play.

"The Flower of the Ranch." The popular play has been struck at the Helig Theater by H. H. Fraser's rattling musical play, "The Flower of the Ranch," which is Joseph Howard's latest effort. It is a satire, in fact, on the "Time and Girl" and this is enough to place the stamp of quality on this week's offering.

"A Royal Family" at the Bangalong. The story of "A Royal Family," which the Baker Stock Company is presenting at the Bangalong, is a most interesting and comical comedy of original characters and witty sayings on the satirical side. It is a satire, in fact, on the "Time and Girl" and this is enough to place the stamp of quality on this week's offering.

"In a Woman's Power." The story of "In a Woman's Power," which the Baker Stock Company is presenting at the Bangalong, is a most interesting and comical comedy of original characters and witty sayings on the satirical side. It is a satire, in fact, on the "Time and Girl" and this is enough to place the stamp of quality on this week's offering.

"The Dude Detective" at the Orpheum. Without fear of contradiction we assert that Mr. Byron, of Byron and Langdon, as the "Dude Detective," at the Orpheum, is the funniest comedian that has been seen in vaudeville this season. It is simply a matter of time before he will be the stage until the close of his act. More than a laugh a minute for 15 minutes.

"Fun at the Grand." There is plenty of fun at the Grand this week and vaudeville is kept alive by the "Baker Stock" show, which is a most interesting and comical comedy of original characters and witty sayings on the satirical side. It is a satire, in fact, on the "Time and Girl" and this is enough to place the stamp of quality on this week's offering.

"Different from Them All." The majority of the public think that all vaudeville shows are alike. That is not true of Thaler's Grand and Ray Circus, appearing at Pantages Theater this week. This exhibition is entirely different from any other dog and pony act touring America. It is an act that you see but once in a lifetime.

"A Naval's Love" Next Week. The Baker Stock Company will offer next week at the Helig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for Conan & Harris excellent comedy, "Brewster's Millions," for four nights, beginning next Sunday, January 24. Special matinees will be given Wednesday.

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week at the Bangalong. Sedley Brown's interesting play, "A Naval's Love," which will open Sunday with a matinee. It is a story along the order of "Hunchback," and the leading character is a full-blooded Indian who is highly educated and becomes a leader in Wall Street.

"The Lieutenant and the Cowboy." The first appearance here of "The Lieutenant and the Cowboy" will be at the Baker stock next week, starting Sunday matinee. It is a clean-cut Western military drama and cowboy play without the usual clapping or acting found in a play of that character.

"Shorty" Coming to Orpheum. The sketch which Dick Croftons and his company are presenting is best described as "a brief incident of the race-track" and is a comedy sketch, with a dash of pathos, and in the part of "Shorty" Mr. Croftons has contributed a sparkling character to vaudeville.

Baker Hierarchy. All patrons of vaudeville know that the Baker troupe of cyclists are the best in the business. This famous troupe comes to the Grand theater at the head of a bill of superior vaudeville, sharpshooters, contortionists, musicians and singers will also be well represented.

Need Hetch Hetchy Water. BAY CITIES APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR SUPPLY. Only Chance of Securing What They Need Without Buying Out Spring Valley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—At the hearing of the Hetch Hetchy and Lake Eleanor reservoir system in Yosemite National Park, before the House committee on public lands today, the evidence showed that there is not sufficient water supply available for San Francisco and surrounding cities except that of the Sierras.

Varied Orney, Mayor of Oakland, said that it would be absolutely impossible for the Spring Valley Water Company, which now supplies San Francisco, to increase its supply to 100,000,000 gallons, as stated by the company, without going to the watersheds of the Sierras.

At Mercy of Company. Mr. Orney said the principal source of supply for Oakland is Alameda Creek and that the Spring Valley Company has rights on this creek that would leave Oakland without an adequate water supply if used. In addition, he declared, 16,000,000 gallons of water can be obtained from Alameda Creek. If the water company were to take more than this amount from the creek, he said, it would be engaged in the business of selling water, which would be a violation of the law.

Ex-Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, explained the situation with reference to the City Water Company. He said John H. Galloway, a civil engineer of San Francisco, and resident of the city a long time, testified principally regarding the need for the Hetch Hetchy supply and the methods by which the water would be distributed in San Francisco and the neighboring cities.

Water Laws Need Revision. Representative Mundell, chairman of the committee, testified that the water laws of California were badly in need of revision.

City Attorney Long, of San Francisco, expressed an opinion that it would be impossible for the city to obtain the Spring Valley Water Company's property through condemnation proceedings.

The hearing was closed with E. J. McCutcheon, representing the Spring Valley Water Company, who reiterated his belief that the city could get an adequate supply of water through the purchase of the water company.

The City of San Francisco has asked the Government to grant it the right to use the water of Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite Park for a municipal supply and thus avoid the necessity of buying out the Spring Valley Water Company at its own price. Opposition to the Hetch Hetchy grant comes not only from the Spring Valley Company, but from others, who say that construction of reservoirs and pipelines would destroy the beauty of one of the great National pleasure resorts.

Two Thousand Ducks Frozen. MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—It is reported by hunters that during the recent cold snap about 2500 canvasback ducks were caught in the ice at Bearley's Slough, west of here, and frozen to death.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—Maximum temperature, 45.5 degrees; minimum, 40.3 degrees. River reading at 10 A. M. 15 feet. Change in last 24 hours, 2.1 foot rise. Total rainfall, 0.2 P. M. to 5 P. M., 1.14 inches. Total rainfall since January 20, 2.28 inches; normal, 2.77 inches; deficiency, 2.22 inches. To date, January 20, 1909, possible, 9 hours 13 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.23.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The storm noted yesterday afternoon is now passing over Washington. The usually low barometer reading of 29.00 inches reduced to sea level was reported from Spokane at 5 P. M. Moderately heavy rains have fallen in Western Oregon and Washington since January 19, and maximum wind velocities have occurred:

The following river stages were reported at 5 P. M.:

Gauge Rise Feet. River.

Eugene ..... 15.9 1.0  
Harrisburg ..... 15.9 1.0  
Jefferson ..... 15.9 1.0  
Salem ..... 15.9 1.0  
Tualatin ..... 15.9 1.0  
Astoria ..... 15.9 1.0  
Portland ..... 15.9 1.0  
Vancouver ..... 15.9 1.0  
The Dalles ..... 15.9 1.0  
The river at Portland will remain nearly stationary.

FORECASTS. Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; southerly winds. Oregon—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds east portion, diminishing winds and clearing to north and coast, where they will continue high.

Washington—Rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

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Nebraska—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

KANSAS—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

OKLAHOMA—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

TEXAS—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

LOUISIANA—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

MISSISSIPPI—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

ALABAMA—Occasional rain, colder east portion; brisk southerly winds north and west, with southerly winds along coast.

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MAIN & A 1020 Matinees 15c-50c. Nights 15c-75c.

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Evenings, \$1.00 to 5.00; matinee, \$1 to 2.00.

THE STAR Phone Main 4496 & 4497. Matinees Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. For the entire week of January 17, '09.

"IN A WOMAN'S POWER" Matinee at 2:00, every evening at 8:15. Night prices 15c, 25c, 50c; matinee, 10c and 25c. Seats may be reserved by either phone.

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Portland, 85 miles south; Walla Walla, 40 miles south; Bismarck, 100 miles south; and Roseburg, 55 miles south.

The indications are for occasional rains in this district Friday with lower temperatures east of the Cascade Mountains, but clearing and warmer weather.

Observations taken at 5 P. M., Pacific time, January 21:

STATIONS.

Baker City..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Bismarck..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Boise..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Cheyenne..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Klamath Falls..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Klamath Lake..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Portland..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
Reno..... 10.0 0.0 14.0 Cloudy  
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