MAT GAME COMES INTO FAVOR AGAIN

Oldtime Sport Experiences a Revival Here and All Over Country.

BIG BOUT NEXT THURSDAY

Great Interest Centers in Handicap Match of O'Connell and Berg, in Which Latter Must Get Four Falls.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

The old-time sport of wrestling is experiencing a revival all over the country, and this revival is particularly noticeable here in Portland, where the hungry fans patronize the sport liberally. Until the recent rejuvenation of the game here, over 15 years had elapsed since a wrestling match was patronized sufficiently to pay. The present interest in the game is due principally to the fact that Portland has been so long without boxing matches that sportsmen hungered for something to relieve the monotony.

During the days when the boxing game flourished here wrestlers tried to break into the game, but were unable to draw enough patrons to meet the expenses of the matches, and after a few such failures they gave it up. Only last April the famous pill-mixer of Seattle visited Portland and wrestled one McLaglen, an alleged grappler, and while the match was advertised liberally, the attendance hardly defrayed the expense of staging the show.

While dwelling on the wrestling game it might be well to call attention to Ed O'Connell's match which is scheduled for Thursday night, with John Berg, better known as Young Hackenschmidt. Berg is classed with the premier light heavyweight wrestlers of America and is the man who brought out Jess Westegaard. The latter has improved wonderfully since he was defeated by Dr. Roller last year. According to Berg, Westegaard stands a better chance with Roller or Gotch than any of the other heavyweights of the day. He is 26 years of age and weighs, when in wrestling form, 290 pounds. Westegaard's most noted victory was his conquest of "Yankee" Rogers, of Buffalo, N. Y. Frank Gotch witnessed this match and pronounced it the hardest-fought wrestling bout he had ever seen. Rogers has a fine record and is rated as one of the really good men in the heavyweight division.

Gotch, the American champion, hails from Humboldt, Iowa, and is without doubt the best man in the game today. His most notable feat was his victory over George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, who quit after two hours and three minutes of hard wrestling. Hackenschmidt laid his defeat to his physical condition, for he said he was 30 pounds overweight. However, he has not shown any desire to meet Gotch since that time. A partial list of the heavies now before the public and their weights follows: Joe Rogers, of New York, 280 pounds; Parelli and Leo Pardello, Italians, weight 190 pounds; John Rooney, of Chicago, 210 pounds; George Turner, of Iowa, 300 pounds; Ollie Donaldson, 240 pounds, all of whom are good men and have made creditable records.

Among the light heavies, of whom Berg, now in Portland, is entitled to recognition, are Gus Schoenlein, Fred Beel, Charles Olson, Martin "Farmer" Burns, Walter Evans, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Oscar Wasem, the "German Cyclone," and Charles Franklin, of Seattle. In this division Berg and Beel are probably the best men, although Olson and Franklin are coming to the front rapidly.

Berg continues his training daily and is approaching the required weight limit, 185 pounds, quite handily. He expects to make the weight easily and entertains no fears as to his ability to accomplish the task he set for himself—that of throwing Eddie O'Connell four times in one hour.

CARD WINS SIX-DAY RACE

Covers Nearly 60 Miles in Roller-Skating Race at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The six-day roller skating race which was in progress last week at the new rink ended last night. Card, of Portland, finished first. The winner covered 59 16-18 miles in the six nights, an average of nearly ten miles a night. Faster time was made here than in the Portland race. The following skaters were entered: Card, Holt, Little, Myers and Scanlon, all of Portland, and Coopland, of The Dalles.

SKATING RECORDS ARE BROKEN

First Time in Three Events Made at St. Paul Rinks.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 14.—In a series of matched races here today, betwen Norval Baptie and John Nilsson, three professional indoor world's skating records for an indoor track were broken. In the half-mile event Baptie lowered his own world's record of 1:18 1-5, making the distance in 1:17 1-5. Nilsson established a new world's record for the mile, making the distance in 2:29 2-5 and also lowered the two-mile record, going against time and covering the distance in 5:45 [illegible]

FANDOM AT RANDOM

PRESIDENT LUCAS, of the Northwestern League, left last night for Salt Lake City, where he will meet and confer with John J. Grim and some Salt Lake fans interested in the promotion of the new Inter-Mountain League.

Walter D. Bratz and Will Rischel, two Salt Lake City sporting writers, who successfully conducted the Utah State League last year, have given President Lucas the assurance of their support in advancing the interests of the new league.

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An Oakland scribe christens Umpire Jack McCarthy "Pleasant Jack," which is all very well before the season opens. Kid Mohler and a few more of the Pacific Coast League crabs will christen Jack something else before many games are played, and he will have to stand for it or get the ax, as is usually the case when an umpire fails to give the S. F. bunch the best of it.

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Alex Cheyne, the Portland umpire who impressed the fans with his ability last Fall, is to be one of the members of President Lucas' staff in the new Inter-Mountain League. Cheyne is a good man and the new league will afford him an opportunity of showing what he can do, which has been his ambition for some time.

"THE NUGGETS," GRANTS PASS BASKETBALL TEAM.

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (TOP ROW): JAMES MARTIN, GUARD; E. WERTZ, MANAGER; AUSTIN DYKES, GUARD; R. WOODS, FORWARD; (LOWER ROW): B. STEPHENSON, CENTER; CHARLES MOORE, GUARD; H. WALLACE, CENTER; GEORGE BACHER, FORWARD.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—"The Nuggets" is an organization of young men having for its purpose the promotion of basketball in Rogue River Valley. This team has established a good record for the season by having won over 50 per cent of the games in which the members were engaged.

Laws for Hunter; Never for Bird

William L. Finley Gives a Few Facts in Ornithology for the Benefit of All Concerned.

BY WILLIAM L. FINLEY.

IN the columns of The Oregonian yesterday are two communications concerning wild ducks. Parts of these articles are erroneous and should not go unanswered just now when an effort is being made to shorten the season for killing these birds rather than lengthen it. J. H. Wescott, of Gaston, who is a duck hunter, states his reasons why the season should be lengthened. Mr. Wescott means well enough, but he has studied ducks from the hunter's standpoint alone. He is not familiar with the breeding of wild ducks in our state. Herein lies the trouble.

In the first place Mr. Wescott, like some of the other hunters I know, desires to shoot ducks in the Spring, because he says that is the best shooting. He says this consists mainly of canvas-back ducks, and these do not breed in our state. This is a poor statement to make in reply to a man who has seen hundreds of canvas-backs in Oregon during the breeding season, who has seen the mother canvas-back with her young, and not only knows they nest in this state, but can exhibit photographs of young wild canvas-backs taken in Oregon before the birds could fly. Wood ducks, mallards, redheads, pintails and other ducks breed extensively in Oregon. Spring shooting interferes with their mating and breeding. It should not be permitted. These are facts in ornithology, not hunters' theories.

Another error Mr. Wescott makes is that he would lead us to believe that ducks are not decreasing in number. He says, "I think that all hunters agree with me that ducks have been more plentiful last year than they were for years." The fact is duck numbers do fluctuate. A favorable year will produce more than an unfavorable one. Notwithstanding this, the number of ducks in our state has decreased rapidly and steadily, and today there are not 50 per cent of the birds we had 20 years ago.

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The reasons why certain hunters think ducks are as plentiful today as formerly are very simple. Every one of these men own, rent, or have shooting privileges on certain duck lakes and ponds. They have money to buy tons and tons of wheat and hire a special man to keep off poachers. Six days in the week they feed the ducks, and on the seventh they slaughter. Ducks are not different from people in that they must have food. Wherever food is plentiful and they do not have to work for it, the knowledge soon spreads and ducks collect from all through the country into these few places. Every week the duck-shooter gets his limit. He says to himself, "I bag as many ducks now as last year and the year before, therefore ducks are not decreasing." The man who thinks this hasn't enough logic in his head to reason beyond the end of his nose.

A few years ago a person could go out along the sloughs, rivers and ponds and stand some show of killing a few ducks. Today we might hunt a week and not get a single shot. Go out through the country and ask the residents, not the men who have well-fed preserves, and you will find whether ducks are decreasing or not. Duck-shooting for the average man throughout the Western part of Oregon is a thing of the past. It is in the hands of the men who have reserves and who entice the ducks to them by feeding without limit. This is said not with the idea of raising the question of halting ducks, but to contradict a false statement voiced by a certain set of hunters who still want to kill more of our vanishing birds.

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The second article that appeared in your columns yesterday was one by C. B. Stokes. In referring to me and some of the statements I have made, he says: "I have passed as many years in Oregon as he has, and he and I know that the breeding of wild ducks in this state is practically at an end, etc." I agree with Mr. Stokes about cutting down the limit of ducks allowed each hunter, but this and other statements he makes shows he knows little about wild ducks in Oregon. As far as ducks breeding in this state is concerned he has scarcely looked outside of his own yard. If he cares to know the truth I will say that Oregon is a big state, and parts of it contain the greatest breeding grounds on the Pacific Coast for wild ducks. Not only that, it has a larger and more extensive breeding ground for these birds than any state in the Union. It has the two largest Government reserves in the United States, set aside solely for the protection of wild fowl. These, again, are not hunter's theories, but facts in ornithology.

In the southeastern part of this state, especially Klamath, Lake and Harney counties, the altitude is much higher and the climate much colder. The breeding season for ducks is about a month or a month and a half later than in the Willamette Valley. In Western Oregon ducks begin to court, mate and breed from February on. In Eastern Oregon this does not come till March.

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To defend his position in wanting a longer time to shoot ducks in the Spring Mr. Wescott says: "I am a member of the Oregon Fish and Game Association, the members of which are giving their time and money for the preservation of the game in our state." I want to state that I am also a member of this association, but I belong to a small minority. The present policy of game protection is governed by hunters and not true sportsmen. It is governed by men who want the maximum of killing with the minimum of protection. The outward attitude of the Oregon Fish and Game Association may be to protect birds and animals, but the inward spirit is to protect the hunter and let these creatures go.

I do not say these things merely to criticise. I believe the association has a good mission. I should like to see it change and live up to this mission. That others who are not familiar with the circumstances may know, I give my reasons for this criticism. The real object of this association is to give game ample protection, so that wild birds and animals may not decrease and become exterminated. The game laws recently proposed and recommended for passage by this association are very good in some respects, but they show startling inconsistencies.

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Our present law for the protection of deer does not allow these animals to be hunted by dogs. Deer in Oregon have been decreasing rapidly, and it is recognized, not only as being unfair and very destructive, but as unsportsmanlike, to hunt and kill deer in this way. Disregarding these facts, this association listened to the wants of a certain set of local hunters and drafted a law so that in a small section about Portland, "Clackamas, Multnomah, Columbia and Washington counties," hunters could use dogs to slaughter deer. This was not only a pernicious piece of legislation, that the association should have been ashamed to stand for, but it was sectional. It stood for the interests of a few local hunters against the interests of those in other sections and opposed to the ideas of good game protection throughout the state. That I am not accusing unjustly is shown by the fact that when this section was discussed before the joint game committee of the Senate and House, no one dared defend it, and immediately representatives from the counties it was supposed to favor demanded that it be stricken out.

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In the second place the law which this association asked the legislators to enact for the protection of ducks was nothing but a law for their rapid extermination. The seasons were not only lengthened for the benefit of hunters who want to kill more of the duck remnant that is left, but in certain sections where ducks now breed most abundantly, in Klamath and Lake counties, they asked to be allowed to shoot ducks at the very time that they are mating and breeding in the Spring and before they can fly in the Fall. To show that I am not accusing unjustly, the sportsmen themselves of these localities have protested against such long seasons.

Mr. Gebhardt, secretary of the Oregon Fish and Game Association, has done good work in codifying our game laws and preparing this bill. I do not want to give the impression that I am blaming him for these and one or two other inconsistencies, such as leaving plover, snipe and all our other wading birds without protection. He took the suggestions he could get from different hunters and compiled them. The point I wish to make is, that these suggestions came from a class of hunters who have no right to govern legislation. The game interests of the whole state should be represented in the Oregon Fish and Game Association. The class of sportsmen who are interested in real game protection should join this association and by their concerted action, see that game birds and animals do not continue to decrease in number.

The people of Oregon are awakening to the fact that the resources of this state should be preserved. They know that if we leave salmon legislation to the gillnetters and trapmen, we will have no salmon. They know if the lumbermen can get the laws they recommend, we will soon have no forests. And it is just as true that if the hunters can get some of these laws they have proposed, the game resources of this state will be squandered in a very few years.

Jenning's Lodge, Or., Feb. 11.

Trouble-maker Arrested.

W. H. Freeman, 35 years old, said to be a civil engineer, was arrested in Fritz's Theater last night and locked up in the City Jail, charged with being drunk and disorderly. Some of the audience called in Patrolman Small who found Freeman threatening people sitting near him with an open pocket-knife, which he hurriedly dropped on the floor at the appearance of the policeman. People sitting next to him claimed that Freeman had attempted to disrobe in the theater and when they had remonstrated with him Freeman drew a knife and wanted to clear out the place. He had been drinking heavily.

MULTNOMAH HAS BIG GAME

WILL PLAY LOS ANGELES FIVE NEXT SATURDAY.

Team That Has Lost Only Two Out of 70 Contests Expects to Lower Club Colors.

The gymnasium of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club will be the scene of a basketball game next Friday night that promises to be a hard-fought contest. On that night the clever basket-tossers of the Multnomah Club are scheduled to meet the hardest quintet they have engaged with this season. This bunch is the Los Angeles basketball team, the best exponents of the indoor game in Southern California. This team was assembled by Manager C. E. Hahn, who will be remembered as the pilot of the famous Chicago team that visited the Coast several years ago.

The Los Angeles team is backed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. How well they have advertised their home city is shown by the splendid record they have made since they left home last November. The team has played over 70 games and thus far has been defeated but twice, once at Salt Lake City and the second time at Pullman, Wash., where they went down before the Washington State College team. This latter defeat does not mar their record to any great extent, for the reason that the Pullman team has since been defeated by both Whitman College and the University of Idaho, both of which teams succumbed to the Angel City aggregation.

"We have made good every place we have appeared so far," said Manager Hahn yesterday, in referring to the tour of his players. "Of course there is always a chance of the players going stale once in a while, and at these periods we are likely to lose; but one thing is assured, our boys can always make things hum when the occasion demands. We confidently expect to break Multnomah's long string of victories Friday night, and I believe we will do so by a large score. I realize that Multnomah has a well-balanced team, but that does not make any difference; the better the opposing team the stronger our boys play."

When the winged "M" team goes on the floor next Friday night, Bert Allen, recently elected a director of the club, will be at his old position of guard. Charles Barton, Vivian Dent, Harry Fisher and Ed Morris will also be on hand with their ussal accuracy and spirit, while Dan Bellinger will be available in the event that any other of the regulars are incapacitated.

Chops Thumb Making Kindling.

Inexperience in wielding a hatchet may cost J. B. Lippold, 594 Pettygrove street, the loss of his left thumb. Mr. Lippold went out into his woodshed last night to chop kindling wood and, making a misstroke, almost severed his thumb from his hand. The injured man was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital and the surgeons sewed the wound up.

HOW COLDS ARE CONTRACTED

ALWAYS RESULT OF UNDUE EXPOSURE.

Rapid Cooling of the Surface of the Body Brings About the Common Ailments of Mankind.

An acute catarrh, that is a cold, is always the result of undue exposure to low temperatures. The rapid cooling of the surface, when not balanced by proper reaction, produces congestion and inflammation of the nasal and bronchial membranes. Obviously such an ailment is not communicable, in the ordinary sense from one individual to another. As the slightest "cold" predisposes the individual to attacks of the most severe and dangerous catarrhal affections, the necessity for quick cure need not be enforced. These facts emphasize the necessity of extra precautionary measures against the ordinary cold. Everyone cannot change his climate at will but may make the most of what he has at home, viz., take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. It not only cures a cold quickly but counteracts any tendency of the cold to result in pneumonia. This fact has been fully proven during the epidemics of colds and grip of the past few years. No case of either of these diseases having resulted in pneumonia when this remedy was used has ever been reported to the manufacturers, and thousands of bottles of it are sold every day, which shows conclusively that it is not only the best and quickest cure for colds, but a certain preventive of that dangerous disease, pneumonia.

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