

BOATS WILL RACE

Motor Craft Will Strive for Speed Prizes Today.

CHANCE FOR ALL TO SEE

Chief Trophy is Scripps Cup, for Which Undefeated Happy Heinie Will Contest With Red Arrow Near 25-Mile Speed.

Fifteen speed craft will participate this afternoon in the New Year's motorboat races, to be given by the Willamette Motorboat Club. Arrangements for the meet are completed to the minutest detail, and it is expected the event will be the most successful in the history of motorboating in Portland.

The racing committee in charge of the whole programme consists of G. Fleming, George Kinnear, Dr. W. V. Spencer, D. N. Mecklein and S. M. Myers. S. M. Myers will act as starter.

Both the start and finish of the race will be at a point opposite Yamhill street, and the course will extend down the river to the Steel bridge, the east pier of the Steel bridge being used as the turning point of the course. Ample opportunity will be afforded spectators to view the races from any of the three bridges or from the intervening banks and wharves. The events will start at 2:30 P. M.

Arrangements have been made to have the river properly patrolled by harbor officers, so that there will be no possible chance of accident or collision. All boats but those participating in the races will be required to keep off the river.

In the big race of the afternoon, Milton Smith's Happy Heinie, heretofore undefeated, will defend her title as the fastest 25-foot boat on the Coast against the new boat, the Red Arrow, belonging to Joe Michael, of Wilsonville. The latter boat is already the champion of the upper Willamette River. Both craft are capable of making 25 miles an hour. The trophy for this race is the Scripps cup, donated by Clarence Hayes.

With good weather, a record crowd is expected to witness the races from the bridges and the wharves and docks along the course. It is likely also that the course will be lined with small boats and launches. The event is unusual in that motorboat races have never before been held in the middle of winter in this part of the country.

The entries for the races are as follows:

- Class A (25-foot speed boats)—Happy Heinie, Milton Smith; Red Arrow, Joe Michael.
- Class B—Coxey, R. F. Fox; Neptune, E. Von der Werth; Green Dragon, Curtis Bros.; Augusta, A. Berger.
- Class C—Minada, Ray Jensen; Alta, Siegfried Bros.; Billikin, Dr. Jack Yates; Van, P. Van Datta; Faye, J. Ryan; Rochester, M. F. Sanford.
- Class F (cruisers)—Mountain Maid, R. King; Lollipop, R. King; Kittle II, J. Mathoit.

ATMOSPHERE IS NOW CLEAR

Aberdeen Glad to Know McCredie Is Through With Northwesters.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Well, I am glad that Judge McCredie has finally declared what his intention really is, said Manager C. H. Rowland, of the Aberdeen team, after discussing today McCredie's statement that he was through for all time with the Northwesters League.

"Since last Fall the Northwesters magnates have been groping in the dark so far as Portland is concerned. Nobody knew what McCredie was going to do and no move could be made until he declared himself. His refusal to affiliate with the Northwesters at least clears up the matter and leaves the league free to go ahead with any other plan it may have in prospect. I believe that another town may be secured and that in the long run the Northwesters will not suffer by the defection of Portland. I do not believe that McCredie's offer to permit the operation of a Northwesters team in Portland in conflict with his own club will be taken seriously. From what I know of other cities in the state Bellingham today looks the best to me."

UMPIRES IN WAY OF SIGNALS

Clark Griffith Would Keep Officials Out of Diamond.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Manager Clark Griffith, of the National League rules committee, says there is one rule relating to umpires which ought to be changed.

"I don't like to be called a kicker," said Griffith yesterday, "but it does make me mad to have an umpire around in the way when you've got a good play on and have him step into it and knock the whole business out."

"Very often the signals go wrong because an umpire was in the way and the players could not see. I want them to stand on the outfield side of the base line and give their decisions there, the other umpire remaining behind the catcher at all times. I think with this rule in force we could have a whole lot less wrangling than we have now, and that the people would really get a little better ball playing for their money."

WOLGAST REFUSES NEW OFFER

Battling Nelson Willing to Accept \$25,000 Offered by Hester.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Sid Hester, whose efforts to secure a return money for "Battling" Nelson and Ad Wolgast have created some stir in sporting circles, conferred today with Tom Jones, Wolgast's manager. It is understood that Hester raised his offer to Wolgast to \$25,000, but that Jones refused. Nelson has declared himself willing to accept Hester's proposal and the promoter is confident he can secure a permit for the match some place on the bay.

Jones said that he had received an offer from Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, who proposes that Wolgast meet Jimmy Bell, Rudolph Tanzi and an Australian lightweight named Thorn at Sydney. Wolgast meets George Morsie in Los Angeles, January 7, and Jones said the Australian offer might be accepted if they could not come to terms before that time.

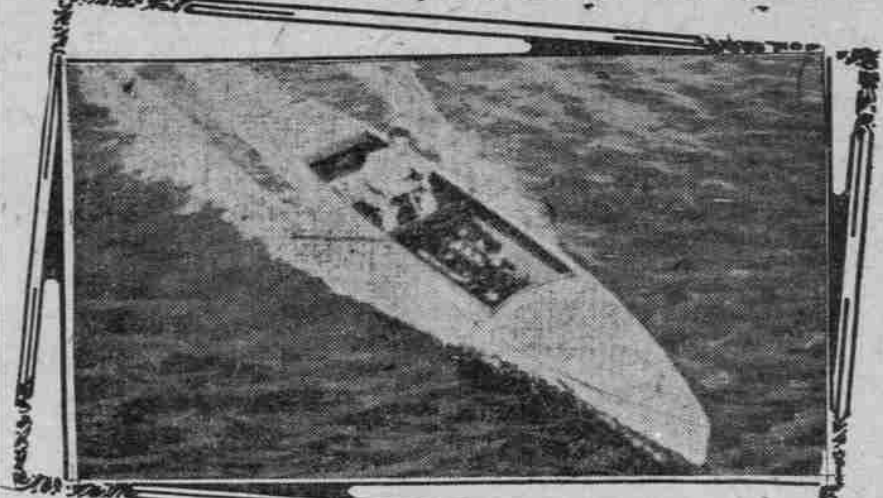
Nebraska's Sailors Favorites.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A busy squad of bluejackets was today assigned to the work of preparing the field at American League Park for the championship football game which is to be played tomorrow, for the championship of the North Atlantic fleet. Betting is lively, the odds favoring the team from the Nebraska against the eleven of the Missouri.

TWO ENTRIES FOR THE MOTORBOAT RACES THIS AFTERNOON.



"VAN," OWNED BY P. VAN DATTA



"HAPPY HEINIE," OWNED BY MILTON SMITH TO DEFEND HER TITLE AS THE FASTEST BOAT OF THE COAST.

SOCCER HAS FIELD

Association Games Scheduled on Two Grounds Today.

FORM GROWING POPULAR

Discussion of Merits as Ideal Sport for Schools and Masses Brings It Forward Rapidly—Good Crowds Are Expected.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE FOOTBALL BEGAN

to be played in Portland, the association variety, incorrectly and colloquially known as soccer, will have the field to itself on New Year's day. The association game will be two, one on the Vaughn-street baseball grounds, in the morning, at 10:30 o'clock, between the Crickets and the Oceanics; the other, on Multnomah field, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, between Multnomah, champions of Oregon last year, and the Nationals, a new team that hopes to be champions this year.

Though association football has been "in our midst" these many years, its players have been few and its followers almost as few. It has been pursued purely for pleasure and in a quiet and unobtrusive way. Had the existence of the game depended on patronage and had it not been a game played purely for the sport itself, it would have died a natural death long ago.

Soccer players never had a field until late in 1907, when an enterprising committee secured the baseball grounds for winter use. Prior to that time, a common somewhere had been the scene of games.

PLAYERS ON INCREASE.

A year later Multnomah took up the game as an experiment and conceived the idea of a league for it. Since then only two good fields in town have both been at the disposal of the association men through most of their season, and in consequence their numbers have increased steadily. The game was still played solely for pleasure, however, and little effort was made to push it to the front.

Developments in connection with other kinds of football this year have pushed soccer to the front unbidden. The game now is widely discussed in Portland, not as a substitute for intercollegiate, which is left to English Rugby, should any substitute be found necessary, but as the ideal game for the schools and for such of the masses as desire an outdoor game. There is still general ignorance of the game, of the rules, of its system of team play and of the source of the peculiar delight all its exponents take in playing it.

The object of the holiday games on Multnomah field is to familiarize as many Americans as possible with these features.

CLOSE GAME EXPECTED.

The game today between the Nationals and the M. A. C. men should be close and of reasonably good quality. Some of the players will weigh around 200 pounds; others in one or two cases range down to 120. It will be possible to see the comparative merits of the light and heavy men when the play brings them together. It has always been the Portland habit to go to Multnomah field for football New Year's day and this afternoon is expected to be no exception, particularly since much curiosity can be gratified regarding a kind of football now getting in general vogue in the United States as well as a spectacular game be witnessed.

BUZUKOS TO MEET VENABLE

Catch-as-Catch-Can Match at Merrill's Hall Monday Night.

Peter Buzukos, the Greek grappler of Portland, is scheduled to meet Virgil Venable, of Seattle, in a catch-as-catch-can contest for the best two out of three falls at Merrill's Hall next Monday night.

Venable is known here as the crack amateur wrestler of the Seattle Athletic Club, who appeared here in matches with Edgar E. Frank frequently several years ago. He recently joined the professional ranks and since then has

enjoyed considerable success on the mat. He is now rated as a first-class wrestler and his meeting with Buzukos, who is a strong, rugged grappler, should prove a most interesting contest.

SEATTLE BOY RACES TODAY

Canadians and Washington Representative Compete at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Seventeen runners from all over the province and one from Seattle will compete New Year's morning for 11 prizes in the annual Gold Seal road race, 11 miles, to be held here. The first prize is \$100. Mayor Douglas will start the race. In the afternoon the Berkeley Rugby players clash in the last game with the Vancouver team.

PORTLAND FRANCHISE WANTED

North Yakima Would Enter Northwestern League.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—J. V. Payne, manager of the Yakima baseball team, believes that the financial aid necessary to secure the Portland franchise.

The sentiment here is in favor of joining the Northwestern League is very strong. A definite movement looking to securing the franchise will be begun at once.

DEAF MUTES WIN FROM PORTLAND.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—In the game of basketball this afternoon between the deaf mutes of the state school and the team from the Christian Brotherhood Academy, in Portland, the Vancouver boys won by a score of 25 to 18.

LATE FOOTBALL GAME ARRANGED.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Manager Sparks, of the Newport football team, received a message today from Independence accepting the challenge for a game on January 2. This game closes the season in Oregon.

GIANTS SECURE AL SHAW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Al Shaw, outfielder with the St. Louis Nationals, was released today under the waiver rule of the National League, to the New York Giants.

DEATH TAKES 3 FIANCES

One Killed on Railroad, Another Dies of Fever, Third in Fire.

UTICA, N. Y.—White pitching boy to his cows from a loft Herman Spence, 35 years old, of Guilford, Cheshire, died of fever.

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nango County, tipped over a lantern, starting a fire in which he was burned to death. Spencer was one of the richest farmers of the county and was to have been married to Miss Pearl Dorman.

Miss Dorman has been peculiarly unfortunate in her matrimonial ventures. Five years ago she was engaged to be married to Myron Wheeler, a school teacher. Shortly before the day set for the wedding Wheeler met a tragic death on the railroad.

BROTHERS MAD 20 YEARS

Quarrel Over Presidential Election; Shake and Make Up Later.

MUSKOGON, Mich., Dec. 31.—A disagreement of 20 years' standing between John Schwacho, of Muskegon, and Gustav Schwacho, of Sullivan, was adjusted by Justice Gosterhagen.

John asserted that his brother had mesmerized him into voting for Cleveland. From that time on, following their separation, the brothers did not speak, although they passed each other often on the streets of the city.

CHINESE POISON BULLETS

Sudden Death of Chicago Oriental in Tong War Mystifies Police.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—"Were poisoned bullets used by the Chinese in their tong war?" This is the question asked since the sudden death of Sing Moy, member of the Hep Sing tong, who succumbed after being slightly wounded in the leg. The two men cordially greeted each other and agreed never to quarrel again.

Following the hearing of Ling Yuen, accused as the murderer of Moy, opinions were freely expressed that bullets, poisoned with some liquid causing gangrene, possibly were used.

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HAYWARD IS FOR RUGBY

OREGON TRAINER ENTHUSIASTIC OVER GAME.

Varsity's Physical Director Announces at Banquet He Will Recommend Adoption.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31.—That the University of Oregon will adopt Rugby football as it is played on this side of the international boundary was announced last night at a football banquet by "Bill" Hayward, coach of the university athletes. Hayward came to Vancouver for the purpose of witnessing the games between the University of California team and Vancouver. He said he was pleased with it and would recommend the adoption of the game.

Coach Schaeffer, of the Californians, created a sensation by declaring that his team had been robbed of the second game by Referee J. S. Tait.

"I am not going back to California and make a sequel there," said Schaeffer. "I am going to tell you to your faces that I think we got the worst of it."

Malloy formed her acquaintance last Summer and then became a regular customer at the barber shop.

He liked the shaving, but liked the fair welder of the razor better, and last week Miss Faltz disposed of her shop and left town. Word was received today that at Mussillon, O., on Wednesday last, she and Malloy were married at St. Joseph's Church by Father Doherty.

Malloy was drafted by the Athletics at the close of the season.

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