NORTHWESTERN TAKES BACK STEP

Belief Expressed That League Will Fail With Four-Club Outfit.

POLITICS HURT ABERDEEN

Baseball "Tactics" Worst Type of "Cut-Throat" Games Played to Down Opponents—Will Higher-Ups Spring Coup?

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

The schedule for the Northwestern League season of 1910 was published throughout the Northwest yesterday and with that much of the early season detail completed, that organization will go ahead with its plans on a four-club basis.

The chances of Aberdeen winning out on the remaining suit against the league are so minute, at least according to the officers of the circuit, that hardly any hope can be held out to the game sportsmen of the Grays Harbor metropolis.

Aberdeen appears to be the victim of baseball politics, and politics in this branch of sport is the worst "cut-throat" type of all political or business affiliations. The powers behind the throne in the Northwest League, or to be exact, D. E. Dugdale, Joe Cohn and Bob Brown, for Eddie Quinn, Schreeder's successor at Tacoma, did not cut much ice in the manipulation, have some tentative agreement on which they are working.

Step Backward Taken.

Whether they have an all-coast league in view, or are planning a new coup for 1911, cannot be foretold at the present writing. Suffice to say that the Northwestern League has taken a step backward and not forward in reducing its circuit.

Dugdale's retention of the Yesler street "cigar box" park may also have some significance, though Dug merely states that a "street railway franchise dispute" over the rights to use Rainier Boulevard, where his new park was to have been located, caused him to return to the old grounds for "one more year." "Dug" may be sincere in his statement, but the Seattle fans would prefer a baseball park some time, and promises don't build ball parks.

Walter McCredie declares that it is his opinion that the four-club circuit will not be as successful as would a six-club circuit.

"The fans like to see variety," said Walter yesterday, "and a six-club league is a more ideal circuit than a four-club affair. The Pacific Coast League always made more money with a six-club circuit than it ever did with four."

President Lucas maintains an attitude of silence on the expansion idea. He says he is the "hired man" of the Northwestern League and devotes his entire time and attention to the duties of his position as president-secretary-treasurer of that organization. Lucas does not hesitate to express his confidence in a most successful season for the Northwestern League, for he believes the split week schedule will help increase the interest in the games. With two invading clubs at Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver each week these clubs are home, is expected to increase the attendance at the mid-week games.

Charley Graham, the foxy manager of the Sacramento team in the Pacific Coast League, has enrolled two ex-Portland favorites on his team this season. "Babe" Danzig, here during 1908, is noted for his batting ability, while the latest addition to Graham's "Senatorial" outfit is "Deacon" E. E. Van Buren, the veteran outfielder, one of the most reliable on the coast. Van Buren played with Portland during the seasons of 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905. Van came to Portland from the Peoria club of the Western League. The following three years Van was with Portland in the Pacific Coast League.

SACRAMENTO LANDS CLEVER EX-PORTLAND PLAYERS.

"Deacon" E. E. Van Buren.

"Babe" Danzig.

MESMIC AND POWELL PUZZLE

Fighters at Los Angeles to Enter Ring at Even Money.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Local bettors are unable to figure either George Memsic or Lew Powell as being entitled to the post of honor as favorite for their ten-round battle, scheduled for Tuesday night, and undoubtedly they will go in the ring at even money, take your choice. Several wagers have been made at these odds, but the big bettors on both sides are holding off for better odds and asking 10 to 8 with Powell as favorite. None of this kind of money has shown up yet, however, and only piking bets have been made thus far as evens.

Both boys wound up their training period this afternoon with big shows at their training camps and each appears to be in splendid condition. Powell was down to the required weight after his workout today, while Memsic is two pounds over. This indicates that the Bohemian will have a slight advantage over Powell when they enter the ring. McCarey has promised the winner his best efforts in getting a match with Nelson for the championship on Decoration day.

CYCLISTS TO RACE IN JULY

Brussels Gets Championship Contests This Year; Turin Next.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—Championship contests have been arranged by the International Cyclists' Union now in annual session here, for July 17, 21 and 24 in Brussels.

The 1911 championships will be held in Turin.

The congress rejected the proposition of the American delegates that cyclists be authorized to appeal to the International Union in cases where the National bodies refuse licenses.

15-MILE RACE WILL BE RUN

Seven Professionals Scheduled for Contest in New York Tonight.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Professional foot racing will be revived at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, when seven crack long-distance men will toe the mark in a 15-mile struggle.

The starters will be: Hans Holmer, Quebec; Fred Meadows, Guelph, Ont.; Paul Acoosa, Crenfels, Saskatchewan; Jim Crowley, Ireland; Gustav L. Jungstrum, Sweden; Percy Sallen, Toronto, and Charles Muller, New York.

Pilgrim Brotherhood Wins.

The Pilgrim Brotherhood team defeated the Hawthorne Athletic Club team at basketball Friday night, the score being 14 to 9. The line-up follows:

Hawthorne Athletics.		Pilgrim Brotherhood.
Noren	F	W. Thompson
Hamin	F	Earl
Goodall	C	Windsor
Richards	G	Whitehair
Ghormiley	G	H. Young

Goodall was the star player for the Hawthorne team, while Whitehair did the best work for the victors.

BOXING CARD IS OPEN

ROSE CITY CLUB LOOKING FOR LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTERS.

"Cyclone" Thompson Is Holding Off for California Offer—Morrie Bloom May Be Called.

Nothing definite has yet been arranged for the boxing card the Rose City Athletic Club proposes to stage the latter part of this month, but the club is in correspondence with several high-class lightweights and hopes to sign them up for an exhibition here about the time scheduled.

"Cyclone" Johnny Thompson has not yet replied definitely to the offer made him several days ago, but he has written that he would like to show in Portland. The Rose City Club is under the impression that Thompson is waiting for a better offer from a California club.

Unless a favorable reply is received from him today or tomorrow, the club may close with Morrie Bloom, who is now in Denver, or some other lightweight, to meet either Frankie Edwards or Lou Powell, for both these lads have expressed a willingness to appear here in the near future.

Then Jimmy Carroll is at Aberdeen and can be brought to Portland on short notice, and Bobby Johnson wants to show before the Portland fans. Johnson is the California bantam who has gone the short route with Monte Attell and Danny Webster on several occasions, and insists he has not yet been defeated. It is possible that Carroll and Johnson will be booked in the event Thompson holds out longer than is satisfactory to the managers of the Portland boxing club.

JEFF QUITS SHOW BUSINESS

Champion Leaves for West Tomorrow to Prepare for Fight.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Saturday was an eventful day for the Jeff-Gotch combination. H. H. Frazee, owner of the show, and Sam Berger gave a banquet tonight to Jeff and Gotch to commemorate the close of the transcontinental tour.

Jeffries will leave Monday for San Francisco and will soon be in training for his fight with Johnson.

Jeffries dined on moose steaks last night, when he was the guest of W. T. Bailey, an admirer of the undefeated Californian, but Jeffries had to make a promise before the steaks were served that he would defeat Johnson in the forthcoming battle.

Mr. Bailey is a wealthy lumberman and a hunter of big game.

TRI-CITY LEAGUE TO HAVE 6 TEAMS

Portland, Vancouver, Portsmouth, Salem, Hillsboro to Vie for Season Trophy.

TWO NINES HERE TO PLAY

Gold Seals One of the Local Contestants, Other Not Yet Named. Springfield, Albany, Eugene Applications Lose Out.

The directors of the Tri-City Baseball League have been busy the last few days negotiating with applicants for admission to the league for the coming season. It has practically been decided to include the Gold Seals and one other club in Portland, the Vancouver, Portsmouth, Salem and Hillsboro nines.

The league directors will hold a meeting tomorow night in the office of Secretary Harry K. Smith, to admit formally the teams whose memberships have been accepted and to name a schedule committee.

The league directors last night would give no information as to what Portland team will be admitted in addition to the Gold Seals. A decision may be reached at the Tuesday night meeting. It has been decided, however, that only two Portland teams will be in the league.

Gate Receipts Bar.

Application was made by Springfield, Eugene and Albany for admission to the Tri-City, but these teams have been dropped from the list because suitable terms regarding division of gate receipts could not be arranged. There is talk now among the Upper Valley towns of organizing an Upper Valley League, including Albany, Eugene, Springfield and Cottage Grove.

Secretary Smith has written to Walter McCredie for a class D rating in the National Association of Baseball Leagues, and it is felt certain that the request will be granted. As Portland is not to have a team in the Northwest League this season, the Tri-City will have the use of the Vaughn-street park. Hence the big question of suitable grounds is out of the way.

The officers of the Tri-City League this season are: President, M. J. Helser; vice-president, Fred Valentine; secretary, Harry K. Smith; treasurer, C. A. Partlow; manager of publicity, F. W. Gardner.

M. J. Helser, the president, has been active in promoting the Tri-City since its organization, four years ago. In 1906 he managed the Hop Gold Amateurs; in 1907 he had the North Pacific team; the following year he managed the Vancouver players, and last year he had the Albina Red Socks. He has played baseball since he was old enough to go to school.

Secretary Knows Game.

Harry K. Smith has been secretary of the Tri-City League since it was organized. He was also manager of the Brainard Cubs, and during the last indoor baseball season he acted as president of the city league. He is said to have as good a knowledge of the game as any player on the Coast. He gained a reputation as a player in Omaha and other cities of the Middle West.

In seeking admission to the league, Hillsboro demanded continuous baseball and it is considered likely that this arrangement will be granted. The team will have a bunch of stars hard to beat. Among them will be Asher Houston, Benny Briggs, Jack Tauscher and Gordon Brown.

The Vancouver team will be managed and captained by Causey, who played first base on the Honeyman Hardware Co. indoor team last season. The stellar attraction of the Vancouver team will be Pender, the southpaw twirler, who did stellar work last season.

The Portsmouth team will play its games in the park at McKenna Junction.

Salem Fans Many.

Salem is counted one of the best ball towns on the list, and the fans there are exceedingly anxious to place a team in the league. The games there, it is thought, will be well supported, as the park is located only four blocks from the center of the city.

Woodburn applied for admission, but since its diamond has been made into town lots, it has been decided not to maintain a team. An application from a local negro team was not accepted.

The season will open April 3 and will close Labor day, September 5. As the Pacific Coast season does not commence at the Vaughn-street park until April 19 it is planned to have a series of exhibition games among Tri-City teams during the two weeks' intermission.

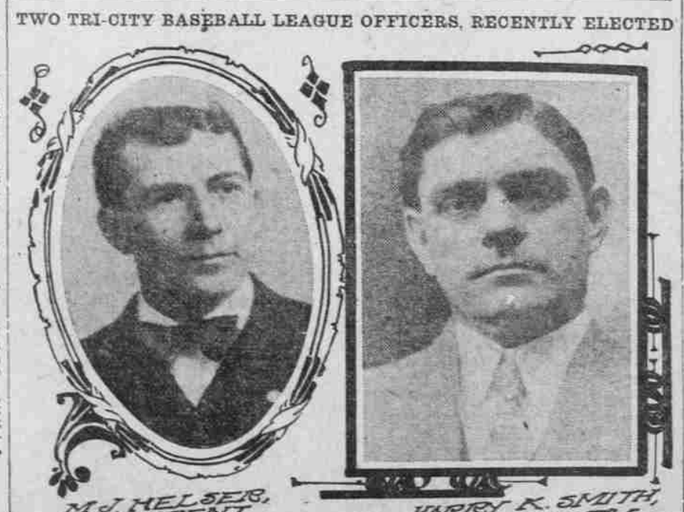
Garrigus, of the Rose City Athletic Club, will manage the Gold Seals. It is probable that Brower, the Gresham catcher last year, will act in the same capacity for the Gold Seals this season.

A trophy cup worth between $150 and $200 will be awarded by the league to the winning team. Ed Rankin and Charles Moore have been secured as umpires for some of the games.

With M. R. Whitehead as one of the prime movers, the Tri-City League was organized in 1906. Fred Gardner, managing the Schillers, was also active in starting the ball rolling. Next year it is thought the league will be changed to a state league.

The Tri-City League last season consisted of four teams: St. John, the Triple Ts, Vancouver and Forest Grove. Vancouver won the championship and St. John was second.

TWO TRI-CITY BASEBALL LEAGUE OFFICERS, RECENTLY ELECTED



M. J. HELSER, PRESIDENT — HARRY K. SMITH, SECRETARY

DAVIS' STARS PROVE VICTORS

Honeyman Indoor Baseball Nine Defeated by 10 to 8.

Elmer Davis' all-star indoor baseball team triumphed over the Honeyman Hardware Company nine by a score of 10 to 8 last night in the Multnomah club gymnasium.

Henderson and McKenzie were the opposing twirlers and both did effective work, McKenzie striking out 13 and Henderson 10. Continual ragging of the umpires marred the contest.

Buzz Beagle was the star slugger, getting 15 clean bingles. Briggs and Herschler both secured 3-baggers.

The feature of the game was a double play by Herschler and Causey, retiring E. Davis and McKenzie. This was McKenzie's fourth victory over the Honeyman team.

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9—T
All Stars	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0—10
Hits	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	4	1—15
Honeyman	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0—8
Hits	2	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	0—9

Summary—Two-base hits—Beagle 2, Davis and Briggs. Three-base hits—Briggs and Herschler. Struck out—by McKenzie 13, by Henderson 10. Base on balls—off Henderson 3, off McKenzie 2. Double play—Herschler to Causey. Time—1:30.

League to Pass on Contracts.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The board of directors of the National League will hold a special meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria tomorrow to pass on the contract of William J. Murray with the Philadelphia club. Murray has a two-year's contract with the Philadelphia club as manager at a salary of $7500 each season, but the new owners, it is alleged, will not allow him to carry it out.

SOCCER REFEREES QUIT

SPECTATORS' INTERFERENCE KILLING GAME IN PORTLAND.

Portland Association Football Cannot Be Kept Clean Unless Some Drastic Action Is Takne.

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN.

Those interested in keeping the game of soccer, or association football, in this city clean, free from wrangles, and respectable, complain that in several cases lately the noisy portion of crowds has insulted the referee by calling out, after decisions have been given:

"What are you paid to referee this game? For what sum have you sold the game? What's your price today?"

At least two referees who have served in that capacity, now state that they will never serve again, because of the abuse to which they have been subjected, and the bad behavior of the crowds.

No soccer referee in this city is ever paid for his work, which is entirely gratuitous. In speaking of this subject last night, an Englishman who has refereed for years in big games in England, said: "To ask what money influences a referee in making his decision, is abuse and should not be tolerated. Such conduct starts fights. Offenders making such offensive remarks should be given back their admission money and asked to retire, by the police.

"Or, a leaf should be taken from English soccer as it is played there. Suppose two teams play, the Rose and Lily. When any person in the crowd insults a referee by hinting bribery, etc., on an occasion where a decision is made against the Rose club, the referee has power to add one goal to the score of the Lily club. In this manner no club partisan dare insult a referee, or his club will suffer.

"The football players themselves ask the crowd not to interfere, as they know perfectly well what action the referee may take. The rose-and-lily plan should be tried in Portland, to protect honest referees and keep the game clean."

KETCHEL GO ARRANGED

CHAMPION AGREES TO WEIGHT KLAUS HAD EXACTED.

Deal to Close Today, Fight to Take Place March 10 or 11—Managers to Meet.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—All doubt concerning the great battle between Champion Stanley Ketchel and Frank Klaus, of East Pittsburg, has been dispelled. Ketchel has agreed to the weight exactions made by Klaus and the match will be closed tomorrow. The articles stipulate that Ketchel must weigh 160 pounds at 6 o'clock.

Each fighter, as well as the National Athletic Club, will post a forfeit of $500 with M. J. Connelly, this forfeit to bind each party to the match to fulfill every condition made.

The exact date of the fight has not yet been decided on, but the fighters must agree on either March 10 or March 11. Representatives of the National will meet with Frank Klaus and his manager, George Engel, tomorrow, when Klaus will attach his signature to the articles. A copy of the articles has been sent to Ketchel, and they will be signed promptly and returned to Pittsburg.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

DAVE DUGDALE has signed a pitcher named Albert Josselovitz. Aberdeen had a pitcher with the last half of Dug's new phenom's handle, and if the Seattleite is half as good as half his name was last season he ought to draw his salary regularly.

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In view of the fact that Walter McCredie has signed a chap named Kratzaborg to a Portland contract it would be inappropriate to sympathize with the Seattle fans in their efforts to pronounce Josselovitx.

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Walter McCredie gazed longingly for a rift in the snow laden clouds yesterday, and muttered: "Well, we'll be off for the training camp in a few days now, and I hope we get out of the snow belt." Walt is not dippy about the fleecy.

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"Hard luck" Claflin is the title now being attached to the former Tacoma pitcher. From what we saw of him down here last Summer it is either "solid bone" or "weariness" that ailed the former Tacoma twirler. Claflin possessed about as much ambition as a ten-penny nail last season.

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W. W. Naughton, fistic authority and several other things in the opinion of the San Francisco fight fans, heralds Jack Johnson as possessing a better record than James J. Jeffries. Just the same the K. O. sign appears oftener after Jeffries' name than it does in the record of the colored man.

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Joe Levy, the Chicago fistic manager who is handling Morrie Bloom, whom he is grooming to take the championship away from Abe Attell, is now in Denver with his entry. Levy wants to get a match for Bloom before either the Rose City or the Oregon Athletic clubs of Portland.

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Jack Gleason trotted around the circuit looking for Jeff and Tex Rickard, and after "seeing" both hiked back to that dear old "Frisco" and reported contentedly that he knew no more about the scene of the big fight than when he started out.

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Al Kaufman wants a fling at Sam Langford and may be successful in landing the date with the Boston black. Langford is somewhat under a cloud because of his defeat by Jim Flynn, and is bellowing about desiring another match with Flynn.

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Here's one hot off the bat from Seattle, where they are now trying to steal Joe Tinker from Portland:

Tinker, the great Chicago player, was driven out of Denver by knocking fans and writers. The first day he played there he developed a little case of stage fright, and the next day he was hammered unmercifully. The result was that Tebeau was compelled to let him go. He went to Seattle, where, under different circumstances, he made good with a rush. Chicago grabbed him, and now he is one of the greatest players in the country.

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The above appeared in the Seattle Times yesterday. They'll be claiming Larry McLean, Mike Mitchell, Bill Sweeney, Bobby Groom and a few others yet. However, there are no Seattle recruits in the big leagues. They are too fast for the company.

Every body of water has swimming

LATONIA RACETRACK IS SOLD

Paris Mutuel System of Betting May Be Installed.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.—Sale of the Latonia racetrack property by the owners of a controlling interest was officially announced today. Captain C. A. Tilles, of St. Louis, well known in turf circles, becomes the new owner by the purchase of the interests heretofore held by George B. Cox, of Cincinnati; Representative Ehinck, Harvey Ayres, and others, of Covington.

It is understood that Captain Tilles has secured 90 per cent of the stock and that he proposes extensive improvements. The Court of Appeals having finally settled the litigation over bookmaking, it is announced that the Latonia authorities at the coming Spring meeting will acquiesce in the Paris mutuel system used on other Kentucky tracks. Captain Tilles formerly was at the head of what was known as the Cella-Adler-Tilles racing syndicate. The purchase price was not made public.

King Recovers Rapidly.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 13.—The condition of King Gustav was so satisfactory today that no bulletin was issued.

Nyssa Wants Telephone Line.

ONTARIO, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A meeting of citizens has been held at Nyssa this week to discuss the organization of an independent telephone company for that town. Two plans were suggested, either a separate organization for Nyssa, the citizens there to be the stockholders, and toll lines with free exchange to Ontario, or the consolidation of a Nyssa company with the present independent company in Ontario, the one organization to serve the two towns. No decision was reached.

FORMER BASEBALL LEAGUE PRESIDENT, DYING, WELL KNOWN TO FANS.

Eugene F. Bert, in Critical Condition at San Francisco.

Eugene F. Bert, ex-president of the Pacific Coast Baseball League, who is reported as dying at San Francisco, is well known in baseball circles throughout the country. In recent years he has had several financial reverses, and it is believed his troubles preyed on his mind. Mr. Bert was president of the Pacific Coast League from 1903, the first year it was organized, until the Fall of 1905, when he resigned. Previous to his resignation he attempted suicide by shooting, but recovered and traveled in the East until he regained his health. In the last two years, however, his health has again been failing, and when seen in San Francisco a few weeks ago by an old Portland friend, he looked but a shadow of his former self.

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