

RAIN INTERFERES WITH TEAM'S WORK

All Beavers Have Not Yet Reported at Santa Maria Training Camp.

BALL IS EXPECTED SOON

Although Most of Day Is Wet, Sun Shines for Time in Afternoon and Players Have Better Luck Than Other Clubs.

TRAINING CAMP FOR THE CHAMPIONS

By W. J. PETRAIS. SANTA MARIA, Cal., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Torrents of rain again interfered with the workouts of the Portland Beavers here today.

Elmer Koestner is due Saturday, but Braden has not been heard from, except that he took up his ticket.

Fitchers Fullerton, Steen, Archer, Eason and Russell cut down on pitching to Catcher Kuhn this afternoon, and the new men showed up fine.

Archer is a splendidly built young fellow, and his muscular development is the marvel of Trainer Steen.

Appley Discusses Situation. "The trouble with Ball is that he has been listening to somebody who wants to put one over on McCredie," said Appley.

PROSECUTORS ARE ON GUARD. Baseball Betting Syndicate Declared Against Law.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The scheme of betting syndicates to introduce pool selling into the baseball games of the National and American Leagues this summer will be promptly and thoroughly investigated by Federal and state authorities here, and it is not unlikely that they will find a method of putting a prompt stop to the proposed iniquity.

GENE WEST FACES HARD FIGHT. Portland Boxer to Meet Hamlin at Roseburg—Both Real Mixers.

Gene West, a Portland lightweight boxer, left yesterday for Roseburg, Or., where he will don the padded mitts with pugilist the name of Ed Hamlin.

MONTAVILLA CUBS ORGANIZE. Fast Semi-Professional Nine to Put Strong Team in Field.

Notwithstanding the inroads made on its list of players, the Montavilla Cubs baseball team for 1911 looks even more promising than the same squad a year ago.

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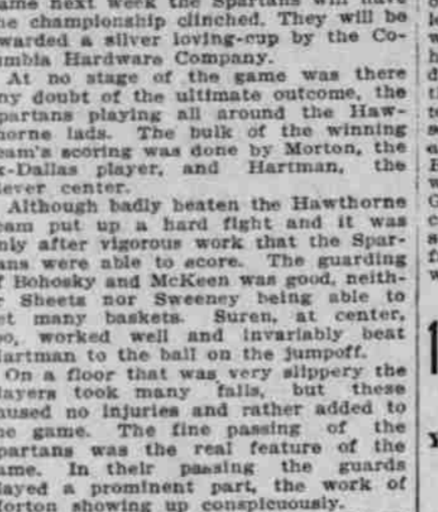
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COST RISE ILLEGAL

City Engineer Errs in Increasing Hall-Street Expense. PROPERTY OWNERS WIN

Judge McGinn Decides Making Cost of Improvements \$30,844 Instead of \$13,625 as Contracted Is Unauthorized Act.

Increasing the cost of the improvement of Hall street, from Fourteenth street to Terrace Heights, from the original contract price of \$13,625 to \$30,844 was an illegal action on the part of the City Engineer, Judge McGinn in making this ruling yesterday morning enjoined the contractors to make the additional excavation and increase the cost of the work by about \$17,000.

Compromise Plan Fails.

When this excessive assessment was levied, the property-owners balked and refused to pay it. They argued that there was no justice in the increase, and said they would have opposed the improvement had they known it would cost so much.

An attempt was made on the part of the city to compromise the case, but without result, property-owners declaring they would fight the case out in the courts.

In deciding the case, Judge McGinn drew a distinction between surface work, like street improvements, and sewer work. In sewer work, he said, the City Engineer would be entitled to authorize extra expense when necessary, but on street work it was different as the work was so much in sight that its cost might be determined in advance.

Act Taken as Fraud. Judge McGinn ruled that while no fraud was intended, the law would construe the action of the City Engineer as fraud, it is expected that the City Council will authorize the City Engineer to appeal the case. The proceedings were brought in the names of 15 property-owners, by Attorney A. E. Clarke.

Washington Track Men Out. UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—With nice weather, Head Coach Maybury will this week commence the Spring training of track athletes in earnest. For the past three weeks he has had his 50 men upon the track.

The election of officers was somewhat surprising. W. J. Knott was re-elected as commodore, T. J. Mendelhall was elected vice-commodore and Lew V. Woodward was reinstated as port captain. James Hallett was elected as the berth of measurer. C. C. Roberts and J. J. McCarthy were elected directors. The secretary and treasurer of the club will be selected from among those elected last night at the first meeting of the board of trustees.

MARKSMEN AKE STILL TIED. Portland and Smith & Wesson Revolver Clubs in First Place.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 28.—No changes in the tie for first place in the indoor leg race of the United States Rifle Association was played last week, according to the official score. Portland, Or., and Smith & Wesson, of Springfield, still lead, but because of this week will probably break the tie.

The Manhattan Club claims the remarkable score and world's record of 140 in its match against Louisville, Ky. The best previous mark was 1123, made by the Portland Club.

LESTER TO FIGHT BURNS. VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 28.—Jack Lester, Tommy Burns' protégé from Clatsop, Wash., is to get a good look at a bit of the world in his struggle to achieve recognition as the "White Man's Hope." He has been matched to fight Bill Lang, the Australian pugilist, who was beaten by Sam Langford in London last week in Australia on Easter Monday, April 17. Lester is to fight Lang at Australia and return by way of England. Tommy Burns returned this morning from Nansaima, and announced that he had accepted the Lang match for Australia with McIntosh. Lester is to get 20 per cent of the gross receipts, win, lose or draw, for his end.

DANNY O'BRIEN SPARS FAST ROUNDS. Danny O'Brien, of Portland, and Charles Rhalle, of Oakland, sparred four fast rounds Monday night before the Knights of the Rose, Oregon's new fraternal order, at their hall on the eighth floor of the Marquam building. O'Brien showed wonderful improvement since he last appeared here. Danny is in the pink of condition and will be matched with the winner of the Morrissy and Anderson go. Nete Solomon refereed the bout. Duke Bennett officiated as announcer.

MARATHON SWIM TO BE SIX-DAY EVENT. Entry blanks for the Marathon swimming race at the Y. M. C. A. will be issued this week, according to present plans. The race will be a six-day handicap swim for the mile, with a probable separate department for the more experienced swimmers. It was intended by Swimming Instructor Smith to hold the swim next week, beginning March 4, but it will probably be postponed for a week.

POST ASSOCIATION PROMOTES FIGHT. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., March 1.—A 15-round heavy weight boxing contest between Ed Ray and Private Courtney, will be held in the post gymnasium Friday evening, March 10, under the auspices of the post athletic association instead of in the auditorium, under the auspices of the Multnomah Athletic Club, as has been stated.

OHIO ALLOWS SUNDAY BASEBALL. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 28.—By the narrow margin of two votes the House today passed the Greaves bill, which legalizes Sunday baseball in Ohio. Representative Guard of Champaign County and clergymen led the opposition.

"PHILLIES" START SOUTH. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Members of the Philadelphia National League baseball team left here this afternoon for Birmingham, Ala., where they will remain a month, training for the coming season.

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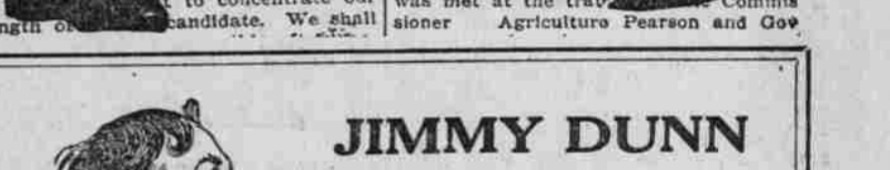
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