

THINKER COMMENTS ONLY 1912 CHANGES

If Chance Is Back in Game Cubs Will Be Big Factors, Says Shortstop.

PLAYER IS OFF FOR SOUTH

If Chicago Loses Three Big Stars and O'Toole Lives Up to Expectations - Infielder - Monologist Likes Pirates.

After scouring in Portland for nearly two weeks, Joe Thinker, Chicago's famous shortstop, departed for San Francisco last night to complete his vaudeville engagement at the Bay City, and before leaving he spent a busy day bidding his many friends good-bye and preparing for the departure of his wife and her mother for the East.

Before departure Thinker was asked what he thought of the coming National League race. While he thought it too early to venture any definite predictions, he expressed his opinion as follows: "At this stage of the season it is somewhat out of order to predict any pennants for any of the favorites, but for I look for the race to be won by one of our four-cornered fight between Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Most of the fans will expect to predict the pennant for Chicago, and quite naturally I think the Cubs will have a look-in, but their success depends on many things.

In the first place, the condition of Frank Chance will have the greatest bearing on the club's chances. If Frank is able to play first base, we will be right in the running all the time, for he is the biggest portion of our team. If he cannot play, well, I don't make any predictions. Other handicaps we are likely to be under will depend upon the condition of Johnny Evers and the reported intention of Mordecai Brown to remain in California. I expect to see Brown in San Francisco and I do not place much credence in the reports of his intention to play independent ball. If Brown reports, our pitching staff will be O. K. - if not, it's a gamble.

In case Chance, Brown and Evers, I look for Pittsburgh to prove the winner, providing this O'Toole lives up to expectations. Pittsburgh stands a very good chance to be in the running all the way. The Philadelphia club, figures out the number of runs the Athletics made off Mathewson and compares that with the number New York made behind him and you will see why he lost. There are not many Philadelphia teams in either league and Mathewson will not be beaten so often during the coming race. New York can always be figured as a contender at least for the next few years at any rate.

Philadelphia in the National showed a lot of class last season, but the trouble between Dooin and President Fogel may handicap that team next season. With Dooin on the job and working for the interests of the club, it is every likelihood that Philadelphia will be in the running from the start. St. Louis is an unknown quantity and sometimes is looked upon as a possibility. Brogan may surprise again next season, but I do not see where he has improved the club any at the present time. Hank O'Day has a coach's position, but whether he will do as a manager remains to be seen. Brooklyn and Boston will hardly do any better than last year, though Boston may surprise with Mike Donlin in the line-up.

The old grandstand and bleachers at the Vashon-street park, have been wrecked and yesterday afternoon Walter McCredie, visited the grounds for the purpose of measuring off the proposed filling to be installed. The McCredies figure that the new system they are planning will make it possible to increase seating capacity every afternoon next season, for they claim that only two games would have been postponed last season had it not been for the lack of proper drainage at the field.

Clark Griffith, the new manager of the Washington American League team, has started a wedding-out process on the "National" club. The first of the oldtimers to be "wedded" was the veteran Elberfeld and "Wild" Conroy, both of whom are slated for the minor leagues, and Griffith figures to secure young players in their place at the end of next season. This system was started on the Portland team by Walter McCredie several seasons ago and has been remarkably successful.

The Washington club has secured Elynn, the former St. Paul first baseman, who struggled along a couple of seasons with Pittsburgh, and this worthy will hold down the initial sack for Clark Griffith. "German" Schaefer, the former Detroit infielder, who has been with Washington since 1910, is slated to play the outfield during the coming season.

WARD SILENT AS TO MANAGER Boston Nationals Will Probably Give Frank Tenney His Release.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—President John M. Ward, of the Boston Nationals, has decided to take his time in selecting his team manager for next year. It is believed that Fred Tenney, who already has signed a contract, will receive his release and a year's salary, \$100. At present it looks as if John Kling, Bill Sweeney or Mike Donlin would be Ward's selection, unless he can induce Edward Hanlon to take the job. Ward expects to make Boston his home and will practice law there in addition to conducting the affairs of the club. He plans within a year either to build a new ball park or make terms with the Boston Americans, by which the new American League Park can be used by both clubs.

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GROUP OF LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION SPARTAN BASKETBALL TEAM WHO WILL AGAIN PLAY IN THE ORGANIZATION.



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LEAGUE FIVES WORK

Basketball Schedule to Begin About January 15.

THREE TEAMS WILL PLAY

Multnomah Club, Y. M. C. A. and North Pacific Dental College Organizations Join—Columbus Club Is Out.

The City Basketball League, composed of teams from Multnomah Club, the Y. M. C. A. and the North Pacific Dental College, will begin its schedule about the middle of January, though no dates have been fixed. The Columbus Club team has decided not to join the league. The members of the team feel that they can have better opportunity by playing independently. So many outside games are already scheduled that it is feared the City League schedule would interfere.

Multnomah Club will have two teams in the organization, one to be called the Seniors and the other the Intermediates. Bert Allen is the captain of the Senior team. The teams will be chosen from the following: Allen, Kropp, Pugh, Morris, Norris, Hummel, Krohn, Bent, Welch, O'Hanlon and Faber.

The team has a long out-of-town schedule. The first game will be tonight with Pacific University, at Forest Grove. Manager Mackie is trying to arrange a game with either the Seattle Y. M. C. A. or the Seattle Club's basketball team for Christmas day.

Practice games were played last week with Jefferson High and the Jewish League. Both were victories for the club team, the first by a score of 16 to 11 and the second 23 to 10.

On Y. M. C. A. Spartans' team the only last season's man that will be missing is Wetzel who is playing with the University of California. Hartman is the captain of the team as yet, holding the position from last year. Those who are trying out for the team are McKee, Martin, Hartman, Sheets, Sweeney, Walters, Pfister, Divilbiss and C.

The team from the North Pacific Dental College has been playing practice games with the high school teams. Trice is the captain.

60 EXPECTED TO SWIM

CHRISTMAS DAY CONTEST IS AROUSING INTEREST.

Multnomah Club Will Provide Boat to Accommodate Swimmers. Course to Be Patrolled.

Entries for the third annual Christmas day swim in the Willamette River are being received in large numbers by the Multnomah Club officials, under whose auspices the event will take place. Instructor Cavill estimates that there will be more than 60 entries, and says that the big majority of these will actually start in the swim. The Multnomah Club has arranged to provide a river steamer to accommodate the swimmers, and guests of the organization who may desire to watch the swimmers. This steamer will be used both at the starting point and the finish for the contest. The craft will be kept under steam, and as soon as the contestants have leaped into the water the steamer will proceed to the finish point and await the arrival of the swimmers.

By arranging for such a craft it is planned to have all of the comforts of the swimmers looked after much more expeditiously than in the past, when they have been accommodated on barges after the dip. The steamer will also act as an excursion boat, for a nominal charge is to be made for those desiring to see the swim from the decks of the vessel, and in this way the club hopes to defray a portion of the expenses of the event.

In addition to the Stephen T. Britten cup for the winner, which has been competed for each year since the event was inaugurated, as it must be won twice to become the permanent property of any contestant, the Multnomah Club is giving three gold medals for the first three swimmers. Besides these prizes the following have contributed trophies or prizes for the event: W. W. Robinson, W. F. Swope,

SEATTLE ATHLETES ARE MIGHTY HEFTY

Multnomah Club Eleven Will Have Hard Row to Hoe in Holiday Clashes.

STARS LOOM IN LINEUP

Many ex-University of Washington Players Will Oppose Portland Men in Christmas and New Year's Games.

When Tom McDonald brings his Seattle Athletic Club football eleven to Portland on New Year's day for the Christmas and New Year's games, the club's Portland fans will likely be treated to a glimpse of the heaviest team on record, for the Northern squad will average more than 150 pounds, according to the present outlook.

"Polly" Grimm, McDonald, Dodo Brinker, Tegtmeler, Warren Grimm, Muckelstone, Borleske and Bakins are but a few of the "beef trust" representatives who will first oppose Multnomah on Christmas at Seattle.

McDonald's lineup as now arranged is as follows: Ends, Schildmiller and Warren Grimm; tackles, "Polly" Grimm and Max Bakins; guard, Tom McDonald; center, Tegtmeler; quarter, Brinker; halves, Muckelstone and Borleske; fullback, Dowd.

The two Grimms, Bakins and Brinker are all ex-Washington University stars of renown. Borleske is the sensational player of Washington tomorrow, has been Schildmiller's half from Dartmouth. He coached at the Oregon Agricultural College last fall.

"I made my flight and everything is settled. I have nothing further to say," declared C. N. McArthur, local football man, when asked for a statement on the adoption of the graduate coach system at Oregon University, yesterday. "Smith is one of the greatest coaches I have ever seen and if they can get him to take charge I am sure the system will be a tremendous success."

Fred Sparger, fullback on the University of Chicago, joined Stager, of Chicago, as captain of the 1912 squad, winning over Tom Griffith, guard. Sparger is a junior in the school of engineering and was chosen fullback on the second team by many critics.

Johnny Bender, coach of football at St. Louis University, and the man whom Washington State College alumni would bring back to defeat Dobie, suggests these changes in the football rule: 1—Permit the offense to use five men in the backfield.

2—Permit the tackles or guards to run with the ball from four yards back of the line, instead of five, as now is the rule.

3—Secondary line of defense, the fullback and two halfbacks, stay ten yards back until the ball is stopped. When the ball is stopped, the fullback and secondary line to play five yards back. If inside of the five-yard line, allow them to play five yards back.

4—Above everything, lessen the distance to be gained say seven yards between the twenty and inside that territory nothing more than five yards.

Dr. H. L. Williams, of the University of Minnesota, joined Stager, of Chicago, as the other night in arguing for a retention of the present rules. Williams was re-elected coach for three years at the local college, and was chosen captain of the Gophers for 1912.

TIED TEAMS WILL PLAY

NORTH BANK AND O-W. R. & N. SOCCER GAME TODAY.

Rival Elevens in Oregon League to Put Strongest Men in Contest at Columbus Field.

For today's match in the Oregon Soccer League, the North Bank and the O-W. R. & N. are putting out their strongest teams. Both teams are evenly matched, and the result of the game is important. The game will be played at Columbus Field. The lineup will be:

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FINAL TEST TODAY

Lincoln and The Dalles to Play for Championship.

VISITORS ARE OUTWEIGHED Eastern Oregon Champions Expect to Win Contest by Fast Play.

Fallback Huntington Declared Great Panther.

The intercollegiate football championship of Oregon will be settled today at Multnomah Field when Lincoln High School eleven, champions of Western Oregon, and The Dalles High School team, champions of Eastern Oregon, will meet. This will be the last game of the season in intercollegiate football circles.

Members of neither team are overconfident and supporters of both think that today's game will be about the hardest that either will have had this season. The Dalles is much lighter than the Portland team, yet it is confident that the speed, which has been its strong point all season will more than overcome the handicap of weight under which it will be working.

The up-Columbia team will arrive this morning and will be accompanied by a large body of rooters. The interest in the outcome is intense and large representations from all the schools of the city will turn out to see the match.

J. E. Lake, formerly coach of the Phoenix Indian School football team, has been watching the team closely. He says: "I have not seen the Lincoln team in action this season, but unless they have too great an advantage in weight they will have a hard time winning from the Eastern Oregon boys. Coach Murray has built up a wonderful team and the work of the aggregation in the games played at the Hood River Boosters' Club and Pendleton High School stamps them as real contenders for the state championship."

Huntington Good Kicker. "Experts figure that among scholastic the home team has an advantage of at least one touchdown. The Eastern Oregon boys have played all season on a dry, hard field and depended upon speed and team work and the weapons of the Fallback Huntington to win their games."

- The teams will line up as follows: Lincoln: Merrill (132), LER, Collins (136), Tuerck (125), LTR, McDonald (142), Rifeahugh (121), LGR, Henderson (165), Tyson (170), C, Egbert (150), Condit (150), R TL, McLeod (151), Young (145), R EL, Alton (145), Peterson (125), C, Harriman (132), Grace (138), L R, Sexton (134), Murray (150), R C, Chandler, Coach Olsen (150), F, Huntington (135). Time of game—2:30 P. M. Weather prediction, 72.

Officials—Roosevelt, referee; Robert Forbes, umpire; Robert Smith, field judge; Fred Shaw, head linesman.

KETCHELL'S BROTHER ASPIRES

Kin of Late Stanley Is Eager to Win Fame in Ring.

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