FIGHT FOR UMPIRE POSITIONS OPENS

President Baum Favors Retaining Three Good Indicator Men of 1911.

DAVIS HAS SMALL CHANCE

"Slats" Fell Down Hard When He Began to Boast What He Would Do to Van Buren—Ables to Return to Portland Early.

With the coming of the New Year also comes the busy season for baseball managers and league presidents, for it is up to the former to send out their contracts to the players for the coming season, and the league executives must select their staffs of umpires for the coming season.

In the Pacific Coast League, Al T. Baum, the newly-selected president, is besieged with applications for positions as umpire. He has announced that he favors the retaining of George Hildebrand, Eugene McGreevy and Ed Finney for next season, but whether he will be successful in getting these three men is a question. Hildebrand is said to have been offered a berth in the American League, and McGreevy announced last Fall that he would officiate in the American Association in 1912. Finney may sign with Baum, and the fans would like to see Hildebrand and McGreevy work here again, for the two latter are good officials.

In addition to the three "umps" named, Pearl Casey, Phil Knell, William Devereaux, Jack McCarthy, George Van Haltren, Jakey Baumgarten, Charley Irwin, "Slats" Davis are some of the others who have applied to President Baum for berths on his staff, for the Pacific Coast League will have a staff of six officials during the coming season, as this organization recently adopted the double umpire system.

Several of these officials have also applied to Fielder Jones, president of the Northwestern League, and so far the only definite selection in that organization is Jimmy Toman, who signed with Acting President Dugdale last Fall. President Jones has heard favorably of Toman and will retain him.

Nick Williams, manager of the Portland Northwestern team, is plugging for a berth for Charley Irwin, the former San Francisco manager and third baseman, who has been officiating as umpire in the South for the past three years. Irwin is rated as a good umpire and if he does not land in the Pacific Coast League it is probable that Jones, who formerly played with him in Brooklyn, will sign him for the Northwest organization.

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When it became known that "Slats" Davis had applied for a job as umpire the anvils commenced "pounding for fair." Davis displayed ability of no common variety as an umpire, but he made a mistake of boasting too much, and his action of carrying out a boast made in a downtown cafe the night before a game of his intention to fine Van Buren, cost him lots of prestige.

Someone told Davis during the season of 1905 that Van Buren, then playing with Portland, had never been fined in a ball game, and Davis immediately asserted that Van would be unable to boast of that record after the morrow. He carried out the threat and the story spread on him, and he lost his job in the Pacific Coast League. He now wants to come back here, but it is safe to assert that he will not get a place.

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Jack O'Brien has received a letter from Harry Ables, the big Oakland southpaw, in which the latter says that he probably will return to Portland to pass the remainder of the off-season instead of returning to his home in Texas.

Ables writes from San Francisco that he has signed up with the Oaks for 1912, which means that the big fellow has received a substantial rise. He also expresses satisfaction at his treatment at the hands of the Oakland magnates. He says he likes Portland so well that he wants to return here for the rest of the Winter, and concludes: "Don't be surprised to see me in Portland before the end of this week."

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With two of the Portland 1911 champions in demand as managers for Northwestern League clubs, and Fielder Jones at the head of that organization, Portland promises to be quite a factor in the Class B league circles. It begins to look as though Jack Barry would handle the Seattle club for D. E. Dugdale, and Walter McCredie announces that he will allow Barry to go to Seattle if Jack so elects.

McCredie figures that Barry will make a most successful manager, for he knows baseball from all its angles, and the Beaver boss asserts that Barry would have been worth all he paid him last season if he had done nothing but sit on the bench. Barry has a manner that takes with young players and his coaching of them is what helped the Portland club considerably.

The other Beaver who is being sought as manager is Tommy Sheehan, who is wanted by the Victoria club, which team has lost all claim to "Ducky" Holmes. Sheehan is another old head who uses his brains in baseball, and for that reason should make a successful leader of a club.

Sheehan will also be freed from any claim by the Portland club in the event he can land a managerial berth, for McCredie thinks that Sheehan will also make good as manager. Sheehan is now in San Francisco and is considering the Victoria offer.

SKI CLUB TO CLIMB MT. HOOD

Portland Organization Will Start on Annual Trip January 2.

The Portland Ski Club will start on its annual trip up Mount Hood January 2. This year the route has been somewhat altered.

"We shall make a start at 6:30 A. M. on Saturday," said E. D. Jorgensen, "going by the Mount Hood Railway as far as Bull Run, where teams will meet us. After a halt has been called for lunch at Aschoff's the journey will be continued to Rhododendron, where we shall put up for the night.

"Next morning we will start our 10-mile trip on skis up to headquarters at Government Camp, and hope to be back in Portland about 10:30 P. M. the following Wednesday."

Last year the route was via Boring, where teams met the party, but the 28-mile trip took rather too long, besides the journey was such a strain on the horses that the trip has been rearranged to enable the members to reach their final destination more easily.

The Portland Ski Clubmen are the pioneers of the ascent on the south side of the mountain, and have just received a large shipment of skis from Christiania for this trip.

Those who will make the trip include E. D. Jorgensen, E. D. Jeffe, O. K. Jeffery, Roscoe Fawcett, G. R. Knight, H. H. Haskell, Fred Rasch, John Cahalin, Sam Holbrook, E. J. Clark, J. J. Cronin, J. M. Ambrose, Tom N. Monks, Dr. R. F. Wendling, Walter Daly and George Loders.

FIVE-MILE INDOOR MARK SET

Kramer Goes Distance in 25:12 4-5 at A. A. U. Championships.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—One new record was made in a series of well-contested events that wound up the two-night Amateur Athletic Union indoor National championship meet in Madison Square Garden. A few records were equaled, among them those for the 150-yard run and the 600-yard run in the senior events.

The record sent flying was in the five-mile run, W. J. Kramer, of the Long Island A. C., setting the mark at 25 minutes, 12 4-5 seconds, after a grand race, in which, in the first two miles, first one, then another of the five leaders set the pace.

At the two-mile mark, however, Kramer took the lead and thereafter nobody could reach him. He won by about 100 yards. The old A. A. U. championship record was 25 minutes, 19 2-5 seconds, made in 1908 by T. J. Collins, who finished second in tonight's race.

150-yard run (senior), final heat—Won by A. T. Meyer, Irish-American A. C.; J. M. Rosenberger, Irish-American A. C., second; J. J. Archer, Irish-American A. C., third; time, 0:15 4-5.

One-mile run (junior)—Won by G. P. Kimball, Boston A. A.; E. R. Moran, N. Y. A. C., second; J. F. McCabe, Dominican Lyceum, third; time, 4:29 3-5.

Throwing 56-pound weight for height (junior)—T. Gabela, Harvard A. A., won, 14 feet 6 inches; J. Cahill, Irish-American A. C., second, 14 feet 3 inches; F. N. Paine, unattached, third, 14 feet.

Standing high jump (senior)—Won by P. Adams, N. Y. A. C., 5 feet 1½ inches; P. W. Adams, N. Y. A. C., second, 5 feet ¼ inch; L. Goehrig, Mohawk A. C., third, 4 feet 11¾ inches.

Three-mile walk (senior)—Won by F. M. Kaiser, N. Y. A. C.; E. Penz, Mohawk A. C., second; S. Schwartz, Pastime A. C., third; time, 22:55 3-5.

75-yard dash (junior), final heat—Won by C. D. Clark, Xavier A. A.; H. H. Eiland, Xavier A. A., second; I. Glutch, Pastime A. C., third; time, 0:08.

70-yard hurdles (junior), final heat—Won by J. B. Zardeck, Pennsylvania University; I. J. Lovell, I. A. A. C., second; W. P. Potter (unattached), third; time, 0:09 4-5.

Hop, step and jump (junior)—Won by A. Almleaf, Swedish-American A. C., 44 feet 3½ inches; L. L. Rooney, Dominican Lyceum, second, 43 feet 6½ inches; G. E. Brickley, Harvard A. A., third, 43 feet 2 inches.

440 yards hurdle race (senior), won by L. B. Dorland, unattached; D. Valentine, Irish-American, second; I. J. Lovell, Irish-American, third; time, 59 seconds.

Running high jump (junior), won by W. Oler, Jr., New York A. C., 6 feet ¼ inch; F. Kornblein, St. George A. C., second, 5 feet 11¼ inches; A. W. Moffatt, Harvard A. A., third, 5 feet 1½ inches.

600-yard run (senior), won by A. R. Kiviat, I. A. A. C.; O. W. DeGrouchy, N. Y. A. C., second; P. Hirschen, I. A. A. C., third. Time, 1:14.

Sixty-yard dash (senior), won by A. T. Meyer, I. A. A. C.; C. B. Clark, Xavier A. C., second; F. P. O'Hare, Boston A. A., third. Time, 6 3-5 seconds.

Three standing jumps (senior), won by P. W. Adams, New York A. C., 33 feet 1 inch; L. L. Goehrig, Mohawk A. C., second, 33 feet; Flat Adams, N. Y. A. C., third; 32 feet 9 inches.

Putting 24-pound shot (senior), won by P. McDonald, I. A. A. C., 38 feet 1 inch; H. F. Klipatrick, N. Y. A. C., second, 32 feet ¼ inch; H. C. Klages, N. Y. A. C., 30 feet 6½ inches.

Five-mile run (senior), won by W. J. Kramer, Long Island A. C.; T. J. Collins, I. A. A. A. C., second; Louis Tewanima, Carlisle Indian School, third. Time 25 minutes 12 4-5 seconds. (New A. A. U. championship record; old record 25 minutes 19 2-5 seconds, made by T. J. Collins in 1908.)

Pole vault for height (senior), won by G. B. Dukes, New York A. C., 11 feet 4 inches; W. Hapeany, Montreal A. A. C., second, 11 feet; J. D. Bredemus (unattached), third, 10 feet 6 inches.

GOTCH HAS EASY MATCH

ALEC MUNRO, BRITON, PUTS UP POOR EXHIBITION.

Champion Says He Is Now at Best but Knows He Can't Remain So and Would Retire.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Frank Gotch, world's wrestling champion, defeated Alec Munroe, the English champion in straight falls here tonight. The first fall came in 12 minutes, and the second in eight minutes five seconds, each with a half-Nelson and crotch hold.

It was the easiest match Gotch has had for several years. The Englishman displayed but scant knowledge of the game, and Gotch, it seemed to the spectators, merely played with him. The champion took his first fall by getting a half-Nelson while he was raising Munroe high in the air. Then Gotch brought the Englishman down to the mat, and affixing the crotch hold, easily gained the first fall. The second fall was even easier, the champion still adhering to the successful hold of the first fall.

Of his retirement, Gotch said, after the match:

"There was a certain brook of poetic tradition that rambled on forever, but human flesh doesn't wear as well as water. I feel that I am probably better now than ever before in my career and I want to quit while I am at my best. I don't want to continue wrestling, grow stale and let some foreigner beat me."

Gotch said he thought Mahmout the Turk, the greatest of foreign wrestlers. Pederson, the Dane, he said looked the next best.

Williams Likes Present Rules.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Dr. H. L. Williams, football coach of the University of Minnesota, departed for New York today to attend a meeting of the committee on football rules, of which organization he is a member. Dr. Williams declared he would oppose any attempt that may be made to abolish the forward pass. He says he is satisfied with the present rules and favors allowing them to remain intact.

CHURCH MAKES PEWS FREE

Largest Presbyterian Organization Sets Example to Others.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Central Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, which has the largest membership of any church of the denomination in the United States, has decided to abolish pew-renting, and will recommend that all its churches in the country follow its example. The work of the Central Church costs about $50,000 a year, most of which has heretofore been raised through the sale of sittings.

FOOTBALL TICKETS

For the New Year's game between Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and the Seattle All-Stars are on sale at the Columbian Optical Company, 146 Sixth street. This will be the best game of the season. Get your tickets early.

The largest clam of record weighed 327 pounds, the shells weighing 507 pounds and the meat 20.

YANKEES EXPECT MANAGER TO PLAY

New York Fans Like Idea of Seeing Wolverton at Third Base.

COAST SCOFFS AT THOUGHT

Ex-Oak Leader Thought Here to Be Too Slow—Killilay Sold to Denver by Boston—Lister Goes to Utica, New York.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

New York fans are talking of Harry Wolverton as third basemen for the Hilltoppers next year. And, strange though it may seem, the Easterners have gobbled at the suggestion with all the aptitude of the Good Samaritan extending condolences to a casual acquaintance attempting a Gertrude Hoffman around a lamppost on a chilly morn in bleak December.

Out here on the Coast a good many of those afflicted with baseballitis will scoff at the new Wolverton wrinkle, for the ex-Oak's underpinnings have been wobbly for several seasons back. But at that the new Yankee boss might add strength to the New York infield, for he is a grizzly bear with the bludgeon and can field the torrid zone in big league style.

Wolverton went through the long Pacific Coast League season last season and clouted for an average of .295 in 153 games. In addition he fielded .935 and laid down 17 sacrifice hits. His spindles, though, would mar his work in the major field, for Harry stole only seven bases in the 153 battles.

Still, New York has a vacancy in the infield through the switching of Roy Hartzell to the outfield, and the big fellow might fill in better than some of his youngsters, although such a course would necessitate the switching of Nickey Dolan from third to short. Hal Chase will hold down the initial base job, Gardiner is sure at second and Dolan carried himself so well in his 18 games at third last Fall that he must be figured as a regular again.

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That the New York scribes will welcome Wolverton with open arms on the torrid corner is indicated by the following from the Evening Mail:

"The Yank manager's legs have been in bad shape, but not bad enough to prevent him from ranking as the best third basemen in the Eastern League the year he was with Newark, or as one of the top-notchers in the Pacific Coast League the two seasons he led the Oakland team."

With this infield, a new backstop to assist Ed Sweeney, Cree, Wolter and Hartzel in the suburbs and Ross Ford, Caldwell, Warhop, Fisher and Quinn on the pitching roster, Wolverton has an array of talent that should land the Yanks somewhere up near the top, third place, for instance.

"I doubt very much if Wolverton will consider going in at third," Walter McCredie gave as his view of the New York situation yesterday. "Wolverton is not speedy enough for the major show and while his batting might offset this defect, he will probably not jeopardize his stand-in with the fans by trying to compete against Harry Lord, Baker, Moriarity and that Bunch."

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Hugh Fullerton, the Chicago baseball expert, apparently does not take kindly to Wolverton's selection as manager to the Farrellites, for he clicks this pessimistic prattle off the trusty type mill:

"The selection of Wolverton to lead the New York Americans may or may not be a success. Wolverton is a fine, rather quiet fellow, a Kenyon College man and has had long experience. He was not aggressive as a player at Chicago, nor was he a leader when with the Highlanders. He was successful on the Coast and here's wishing him luck."

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In order to set at rest the public mind regarding next year's choices for the Coast, Northwestern and major leagues, the following list is given:

Pacific Coast.

Names—	City.
Walter McCredie	Portland
Nap Hogan	Vernon
Frank Dillon	Los Angeles
Danny Long	San Francisco
Patsy O'Rourke	Sacramento
Bayard Sharpe	Oakland

Northwestern.

Names—	City.
Nick Williams	Portland
Bob Brown	Vancouver
Mike Lynch	Tacoma
Harry Oeddek	Spokane
Jack Barry	Seattle
Tommy Sheehan	Victoria

National.

Names—	City.
O'Day	Cincinnati
Bresnahan	St. Louis
Chance	Chicago
Clarke	Pittsburg
McGraw	New York
Dooin	Philadelphia
Dahlen	Brooklyn
Tenney	Boston

American.

Names—	City.
Wallace	St. Louis
Callahan	Chicago
Jennings	Detroit
Davis	Cleveland
Wolverton	New York
Mack	Philadelphia
Griffith	Washington
Stahl	Boston

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Howard Morrow, the middle-weight whom Tommy Ryan touted so strongly while here with the Multnomah Club, has not "arrived" as a boxer yet, for Eddie McGoorty put everything but the sockdolager on him before the National Sporting Club in New York a few nights back. Ryan has taught the youngster his famous crouch and in return has been ceded a 25 per cent interest in his ring emoluments.

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Frank Gotch is not to cross the ponds to European clover patches after all, says a letter received from Manager Klank yesterday. The champion wrestler, who met Alex Munroe, the English grappler, last night at Kansas City, will leave immediately after the holidays with his young wife for a Winter pleasure trip to Florida, Cuba and Panama. The death of Gotch's father likely had something to do with the cancellation of his world's wrestling tour.

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Jack Killilay, crack right-hander of the 1910 Spokane club, has been turned over to the Denver club of the Western League by the Boston Americans. Killilay made a good showing for a youngster with the Bean Eaters last year and will be sadly disappointed by his tobogganing.

Another morsel of interest to local fans will be the sale of Pete Lister, first baseman of the 1906 Portland champions, by Chattanooga, of the Southern League, to the Utica, New York State, club.

Mount Angel College Boys Defeated.

The Christian Brothers' second basketball team defeated the Mount Angel College 190-pound team in the Christian Brothers' gymnasium by the score of 23 to 23. McGrath, Williams and Winchell, of the Christian Brothers', were the stars of the winners, with E. Meyer and H. Beck as the point-getters for Mount Angel. The lineup:

C. B.	Position.	Mt. Angel.
Williams	F	Meyer, E.
Winchell	F	Beck
Beakey	C	Sohler
McEntee	G	Hohman
McGrath	G	Van Hoomissen, E.
McDevitt	G	

SPOKANE GETS "HUNKY" SHAW

Joe Cohn Trades Sheeley to Danny Long for New Player.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Joseph Cohn, president of the Spokane Northwestern League club, who is here on a scouting trip, today traded Third Baseman Ned Sheeley to Manager Danny Long, of the San Francisco club, for Infielder Royal "Hunky" Shaw.

Shaw has been with the Seals since 1909, when he was turned over to the San Francisco club by the Chicago Americans. He played indifferent ball during the past season, owing to trouble with the local management, and finally in September was suspended indefinitely. He has been eager to get away from the San Francisco club, and said tonight that he welcomed the change.

Cohn announced tonight that he was figuring on a big deal with the local management which might result in him securing one of the best-known infielders in the Coast League. It is believed that Cohn is after Tommy Tennant, the Seals' first baseman.

PORTLAND SCORES ARE GOOD

Revolver Team Shoots Against Two Crack Organizations.

The Miles Standish revolver team and the Shell Mound aggregation were the two that met the Portland band of sharpshooters in the indoor revolver meet which the United States Revolver Association is holding. The scores, 1124 against the first and 1116 against the second, are not quite what was expected, but the Portland experts are confident that their records will be above the scores of the two other teams when the returns are in. Both of these teams have never touched the 1100 mark as yet.

The scores were: Against Miles Standish, Armstrong, 233; Hubbard, 229; Sanders, 225; Hansen, 221; Hildman, 216. Against Shell Mound, Armstrong, 234; Sanders, 226; Hubbard, 222; Hansen, 218; Abrahams, 216.

LEST WE FORGET

What Former Portland Players Are Now Doing.

No. 54—Carl Druhot.

"COLLIE" Druhot, a young Portland player, attracted the attention of W. Fred Ely when the latter took charge of the Portland team in 1904, and was given a trial that season. He pitched fairly good ball, but seemed to have a "jinx" attached to him, for he could not win for his home town.

Ely, however, liked Druhot's work and kept him on the club and used him regularly while he retained the management. When Dugdale came to Portland that year, succeeding Ely, Druhot was one of the first men he released. The young Portlander was not discouraged and went to Bellingham, Wash., where he pitched out the season and helped win the Northwestern pennant for that team that season. Druhot returned to that club the following year and had such a successful year that he was drafted by the Cincinnati National League team for 1906.

Druhot could not get going with Cincinnati, and was released to St. Louis by that club. John J. McCloskey was managing the St. Louis club in 1906 and kept Druhot on the team that season. The young pitcher developed a sore arm toward the latter part of the season, and it being uncertain whether he would "come back" or not, McCloskey released him to Indianapolis. Druhot started off the 1907 season like a whirlwind for the "Hoosiers," but slacked up at the end of the season, and Manager Carr sold him to Wheeling, W. Va., for 1908.

Druhot refused to report to Wheeling, and retired from the game except for the pitching of independent ball in and around Portland. Last season he joined McCloskey at Butte and pitched fine ball for the Miners. He goes to Ogden with McCloskey next season and expects to have a first-class season which may land him another chance in the big leagues.

AMATEUR ATHLETICS

DISPATCHES from Springfield, the home of the United States Revolver Association, crediting Spokane with one of the yet undefeated teams are in error according to the Portland shooters, as Portland defeated Spokane 1098 to 1124 a week ago.

George Armstrong is given credit for his fine record of 471 out of a possible 500 by the shooting magazine, "Arms and the Man." This score is one of the best ever made, but owing to the fact that it was witnessed by only one member of the United States Revolver Association, the score could not go on record. Armstrong will make another effort to break the record in a short time and is going to see that there are a legal number of witnesses present.

Teams in the city basketball league are doing final preparatory work. More teams are now trying to get into the league, but as Physical Director Lee, of the Young Men's Christian Association, is out of the city, nothing definite in the shape of a schedule or the number of teams to play has been announced. The Christian Brothers have decided not to enter the league, as they have sufficient games signed. The first game probably will be January 19.

Hustlers Defeat Academy, 20-6.

The Hustlers basketball team defeated Portland Academy Tuesday evening by 12 to 6. Fearnley, of the Hustlers, played a star game at forward. Teams averaging about 135 pounds desiring games telephone R. Kurtz, Main 1969.

Westergaard Wins Handicap.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Jesse Westergard won his match with Zybasko, the Polish wrestler, tonight. The latter agreed to throw Westergaard twice in an hour, but did not gain a fall.

WOMAN OFFICE CANDIDATE

Seattle Resident, Aged 64, Would Enter City Council.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Kate Sterling, 64, and a native of Maryland, today filed as a candidate for the City Council. She has been a resident of Seattle for five years and of Washington for eight years.

Mrs. Sterling taught school for a quarter of a century and holds a life certificate entitling her to teach in any state in the Union. She is the first woman to file for office in Seattle and expressed the belief today that she would be elected to one of the three-year terms to be filled at the general election on Tuesday, March 5.

FLYNN KNOCKS OUT CAPONI IN THIRD

Bout in Salt Lake City Tame, Neither Man Displaying Any Class.

PUEBLO BOXER IS FAT

Lighter Fellow's Blows Have No Steam—Would-Be-Heavyweight Champion Does Not Have to Exert Himself.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 27.—After two and a half rounds of tame and uninteresting milling tonight, James Flynn, of Pueblo, whipped across two effective punches and Tony Caponi went down for the count of ten.

Caponi was outclassed from the moment he stepped into the ring and was totally unable to hold Flynn at long range. Neither man showed speed and not an effective blow was struck until near the close of the second round, when a left hook to Caponi's jaw staggered the middleweight and sent him to his corner looking worried.

Flynn never was forced to exert himself and did not do so. He was fat and palpably in poor condition, but he outweighed Caponi nearly 20 pounds and the lighter man's blows which had little steam behind them did not serve to check his steady advance.

At the opening of the first round Flynn started a deliberate advance to close quarters, assuming his usual crouch with his chin, once broken, tucked close against his chest. Caponi led frequently with the left and landed more than once, but the blows had no weight behind them.

When they came to close quarters Flynn worked in several short body punches, but seemed to make no effort to put force into them. A glancing left skinned Flynn's eye as the gong sounded.

The second was even more tame, Flynn seeming to make little effort to land and Caponi fearing to set himself for an effective punch. As the round closed Flynn shot a left hook to the jaw that shook Caponi.

After a clinch at the opening of the third round, Flynn dropped Caponi with a left to the jaw. As he rose a right jolt to the jaw dropped him for the final count.

There was a storm of hisses as Caponi was assisted to his corner.

MORRIS OUTFIGHTS KENNEDY

Ex-Hope Has Better of Eight Rounds in Ten-Round Go—Both Slow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma engineer, outfought Tom Kennedy, the New York heavyweight, in eight rounds of a ten-round bout at the Empire Athletic Club tonight.

In the general opinion of those at the ringside, neither of the white hopes showed any advancement tonight toward their aspirations of some day wrestling the world's championship from Jack Johnson. The heavier Oklahoma man, weighing 228 pounds, as compared with Kennedy's 215, was considered too slow, and Kennedy's praised footwork proved a disappointment.

The New York man showed great gameness in taking punishment. He had so much the worst of it in the latter rounds that many of the spectators shouted to Referee Dan Tome to stop the bout, but he declined to do so.

The only damage Morris showed was a puffing of his lips, while Kennedy was bleeding profusely at the nose and was severely battered.

MOTOR BOATS TO SPEED

OREGON WOLF TO MAKE EFFORT TO LOWER RECORD.

New Year's Day Races to Be Held in Morning — Fast Craft Are Already Entered.

Because of the Seattle-Multnomah football game scheduled for the afternoon, the Portland Motor Boat Club will hold its annual New Years' day race Monday morning. The speed boats will contest in two races, the first of which will start promptly at 11 o'clock.

Each of the two races scheduled—one being for 26 footers, while the other is a free-for-all—will be twice around a course five miles in length, making the distance a race of ten miles. The start and finishing points of the race will be between the Hawthorne and Morrison-street bridges, thus affording the public the best advantage in viewing the events.

A new system of starting will be used in the New Year's day racing, having just been adopted by the Portland Motor Boat Club. Five minutes before the start of each race five pistol shots will be fired, announcing the time limit. Two minutes before the starting time a white flag will be raised, and when this signal is lowered at the starting time the motor boats and their crews will start on the race. The first signal will be given for the 26 footers at 10:55 Monday morning, while the first for the free-for-all race will be fired at 11:25.

A meeting of the crews of all the boats will be held at 9 A. M. at the motor boat clubhouse, when additional entries may be made, the number assigned and the course and starting signals explained to the pilots and crews of the different speed boats. All crews must receive their numbers at this time, for no numbers will be given out at the judges' stand previous to the starting of the races.

Several entries have already been received, among them being the Oregon Wolf, Potato Bug III, Question, Leffert and Spear. C. F. Wise, owner of Wigwam II, of Astoria, declines to enter his craft in these races because of unfair treatment he says he received at Astoria while the Centennial was in progress. The Portland Motor Boat Club officials disclaim any knowledge that Mr. Wise was unfairly treated at Astoria, and, in addition, they assert that he should lay none of the blame on the Portland Club, as the regatta at Astoria was handled entirely by Astoria officials.

Elwood Wiles has donated the use of his palatial launch Sea Wolf for the use of the officials at the races, and all signals will be given from the deck of this boat.

The Oregon Wolf will also make a special effort to break the world's record for ten miles, which is held by the Dixie IV, a speed boat plying on the Mississippi River.

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PREPARATORY WORK LIGHT

Championship Match for Friday to Be Contested by Rivals Who Make Light of Others' Records on Grappling Mat.

John Berg, of Portland, who is to wrestle William Demetral, of Chicago, for the world's light-heavyweight title, reached Portland yesterday afternoon from his Spokane training camp and is doing only light work preparatory to his Friday night encounter at the Armory.

Berg is in great shape and expects to come through the crisis unscathed. He realizes that with the light-heavy championship virtually cornered between Demetral, Beel and himself, Friday's bout will eliminate one of the contenders.

"Demetral has met and defeated nearly all the top-notchers in the world," said Berg. "But so have I. I have traveled all over Europe, participated in three or four international tournaments and have grappled in nearly every large city in America. Demetral is displaying a silver belt won by his defeat of Jim Parr at London in 1907. Well, I beat Parr twice, once at Hibbing, Minn, and later at Knoxville, Tenn. That was shortly after Demetral won from him in England.

"My record is fully as good as the Chicagoan's," added the husky Swedish champion."

The Portland 175-pounder has never seen Demetral in action, but is counting upon a terrific struggle.

Demetral worked out yesterday with Jack Root at the policemen's gymnasium and hundreds of the Greek colony turned out to watch their champion in his training stunts. The promoters estimate that fully 1000 Greeks will witness Friday's encounter, which will be the first between these two light-heavy kings, who have been making rival boasts all over the country for the past five years.

The preliminary programme has not been definitely settled yet. Tom Grant, a Spokane 165-pounder, will likely oppose Del Baker, professional ballplayer, in one of the semi-windups. Jack Leon, of Seattle, may not appear against Root, but will be on hand to challenge the winner in any event.

PORTLAND NOT TO GET SHINN

John I. Taylor Says Graham Will Get Him if Boston Doesn't.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—John I. Taylor, of the Boston Americans, today telegraphed Charley Graham there was no truth in the report that Jimmy Shinn, third baseman with the Sacramento club last season, was to be traded to Cleveland and released by that club to Portland. Taylor says that if he decides to release Sainn without a thorough tryout, he will give Graham first chance to get him.

Taylor is under agreement to turn three players over to Sacramento, one of them to be an infielder, and Graham believes Shinn will be the man.

OWEN MORAN YELLS DEFIANCE

English Fighter Back With Hope of Meeting Ad Wolgast.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Owen Moran the English fighter, arrived from England on the Olympic tonight, sounding defiance to everybody in the lightweight division of pugilism.

"I have come here to make a match with Ad Wolgast," said Moran, "and I hope to defeat him or any others who regard themselves as champions. To prove that I am capable, I will take on other men in Wolgast's class and deal with them first, giving away weight to some of them, and fighting any man at 133 pounds."

Brief Sporting Notes.

Mike Lynch again will manage the Tacoma team in the Northwestern League. A. E. Rothermel, acting for the new owner, F. M. Knowlton, made the announcement early in the week.

"Bud" Sharpe, newly appointed manager of the Oaks, will not arrive on the Coast until the latter part of January.

Danny O'Brien, Portland boxer, has returned from San Francisco.

Jack Slattery, who caught for the Oaks in 1908 and led the Pacific Coast League, is a free agent.

Johnnie Beall, gobbled up by Boston from Los Angeles a few years ago, has been purchased by the Denver Western League organization.

Albert S. Freedman, manager of the Cruiser Philadelphia football team which played Multnomah and the Vancouver Barracks, is a Portland visitor from Bremerton.

Jack Barry is expected in Portland about the middle of January.

Artie Krueger, Portland outfielder, has concluded his hunting trip near Orient and is located with a brother-in-law at Colfax.

Harry Steinfeldt has returned to Cincinnati after his trip to the Coast. Steiny burst into rhapsody over the California surf bathing. Harry doesn't know where he will be stationed next year.

Jimmy Callahan, new manager of the Chicago White Sox, has offered Wolverton, of New York, Ping Bodie, Rollie Zeider and Doc White in trade for Hal Chase. Bodie and Zeider both went up from San Francisco.

Y. M. C. A. Brownies Are Winners.

The Y. M. C. A. Brownies yesterday defeated the Lincoln High School juniors at basketball, 36 to 16. The Y. M. C. A. lads won by better team work and consistent style of play. The Y. M. C. A. Brownies would like to have a game with any team in the state averaging 135 pounds in weight.

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