Tank Champion Wins Christmas 100-Yard Race in Willamette River.

TIME BEATS WORLD MARK

Youth Goes Distance in 55 1-5 Sec onds, With Vickers, of Eugene, Second-Great Throng Sees Six Take Plunge in Water.

Johnny McMurray, 100-yard tank champion of the Northwest, added another title to his 1912 record when he won the fourth annual Christmas swim in the Willamette River yesterday morning. The 20-year-old Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club entry negotiated the 190-yard course in 55 1-5 seconds, the fastest time ever registered by an amateur.

amateur.

Current and unofficial course prevent application for a position in the amateur record book for McMurray's performance, but he tore through the water at a sensational clip, finishing eased up 10 fest ahead of Don Vickers, of Eugene, his closest opponent. The world's record for open water, no current, is 57 seconds, held by Healy, the Australian expert.

Only six swimmers started in the icy race, with the finish as follows: Johnny McMurray, first; Don Vickers, second; Norman Ross, third; Collister Wheeler, fourth, and Chester Wheeler and Jack Fulton, tied for lifth place. The three leaders receive handsome silver trophy cups from the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, under whose auspices the swim was staged.

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The cold waters of the Willamette, the temperature being 42 degrees, had no deterring effect on McMurray's crawl stroke, and he assumed the lead at the start. At one time he was fully 15 feet in front of Vickers and Ross, who were fighting it out for second place, but he eased up at the last.

The several thousand people who gathered on the Hawthorne-avenue bridge and nearby points of vantage to witness the novel race overlooked the winner until the race was nearly over. Instead of keeping to the center of the roped-in inclosure, McMurray hugged the extreme outside, far in advance of the field, giving the spectators the impression that the race was between Vickers and Norman Ross. The race impression that the race was between Vickers and Norman Ross. The race for second place was spirited, with the Eugene lad just beating Ross to the boom marking the end of the course. Collister Wheeler was fourth, with his brother, Chester, and Jack Fulton zeveral feet behind, struggling valiantly to escape the ignominy of finishing last. The boys touched the boom at the same instant.

Julius Knispel, the long-haired Socialist, was a prominent figure in the aquatic activity, although not a contestant in the race. He decorated one of the piers of the Hawthorne-avenue bridge for several minutes, and then, with a "Here I go," that could be heard for blocks, jumped into the river.

Course More Than 100 Yards.

Course More Than 100 Yards. Arthur Cavill, Multnomah Club swim ming instructor, who is the father of the Christmas swim, declares that the course measured more than 100 yards. He measured the distance between the float at the Hawthorne-avenue bridge and the beem opposite Kellogg's boat-house, and says that the swimmers went several feet more than the regulation 100 yards.

The Christmas swim was inaugurated in 1909, with Phil Patterson winning a quarter-mile race. Lewis Thomas won in 1910 and 1911, establishing a

record of 1:02% in 1910.
The officials of the meet were: Frank E. Watkins, starter; Arthur Cavill, superintendent; Henry Hanno, John Heusner and Elwood Wiles, judges; Edgar Frank, T. Morris Dunne and A. B. McAlpin, timers; Bert Farrell and Charles Strube, clerks of course.

Motion pictures of the Christmas day of the Pan American Company, hand-ling the machine.

A momentary flutter was caused among the large crowd witnessing the event, when two boys in a cance upset event, when two boys in a canoe upset into the water. The unfortunates were Steve Vranson. 751 East Couch street, and William Rus, 350 Jefferson street. Boats at once put out to their rescue and Curran Baker, of 424% Jefferson street, succeeded in dragging Rus into his boat. Vranson swam to a scow, carrying his spectacles in his mouth, and clambered to safety.

DALLAS TO HAVE TEAM AGAIN

Many of Last Year's Champions Will Play This Season.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)— Company G, Oregon National Guard, is to be represented again this year by to be represented again this year by a basketball team. Last year this military organization supported the champion basketball team of the Northwest, the team that defeated Multnomah in two games, the Amicus Club team, of Partisnd, the Silverton team and the Portland; the Silverton team and the University of Washington team. The lineup this year will be about

the same as last year, though Alva Morton will be found at guard instead of L. G. Shaw. Morton is an old star and for a number of years past has been playing with Portland teams, the last Portland team he was associated with being the Y. M. C. A. Spartans.

Morton was a member of the famous Oregon team that traveled through and conquered the Past Conv. Name and the last Sunday Bell.

It is also gossiped that a San Franchicular to boxing here, as in such a case New York State would have a decided lead in the game. However, there is little use to speculate what will happen until the affairs are really happening.

Oregon team that traveled through and conquered the East four years ago. "Pebo" Shaw, the six-and-a-half-foot center, is still playing that position; Ballantyne and Gates are forwards, Boydston and Morton guards.

The local team opened the season in the Armory in this city last Saturday night, defeating the Amicus Club, of Portland, 38 to 14. The schedule this year will be a heavy one, Multnomah Club, Silverton, Willametts, Chemawa, Idaho, Washington, Washington State, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, and Eugene being on the list. The universities will be played here and these teams will be played under inter-collegiate rules if necessary.

PARIS HAS CHRISTMAS SWIM

Eleven Men and One Woman Go in Seine in 160-Meter Race.

SCENES AT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SWIM IN THE WILLAMETTE RIVER YESTERDAY MORNING, SHOWING WINNER AND ENTRIES IN CHILLY RACE.





Top Picture (Left to Right), John McMurray, Arthur Cavill, Don Vickers, Frank Watkins (in Back), Jack Fulton, Collister Wheeler (in Back), Chester Wheeler and Norman Ross-Middle Picture, the Race, McMurray Lending and Vickers Second; Champion McMurray Climbing Out After the Swim. At Right, the Winner, McMurray, in Another Pose.

California's Legislature May Hit Boxing and Sunday Ball.

6-ROUND LIMIT PROPOSED Basketball Squad Will Be Top-Notch

Southern Solon Said to Have Bill to Regulate Game, While Another Proposes Abolishment of All Fights in State.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal, Dec. 25.-

the number of rounds and perhaps there will be formed a boxing commission that will have charge of the game. That would be a severe blow to boxing here, as in such a case New York State would have a decided lead latter and the severe blow to be a severe blow to be a

It is also gossiped that a San Francisco State Senator from one of the San Francisco districts will introduce a bill to prohibit Sunday baseball in the state. I don't believe there is any

the state. I don't believe there is any crying need for such a bill and it will likely be killed in committee, even if such a measure is introduced. All the same, it will give the local baseball powers plenty of trouble and Cal Ewing and his associates are worried enough as things stand, what with the squabble between Ewing and Ed Wal-

According to the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, the same professional clubs will have permits as last year. In addition there are 12 class B or four-round clubs. These four-round promoters have organized an association for their own good and hope in the future to regulate the money paid to some of the star boxers, so that there will be a profit in handling such shows. During 1912 such has been the rivalry that the best of these four-round fighters have drawn down as much as \$800 for a match. When that sort of money is paid there is little profit for the chap who promotes the contests. PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Christmas swimming race across the Seine for the "Christmas cup," was contested today in the presence of thousands of holiday makers. The weather was exceptionally mild and 12 competitors, including the woman, Mme. Rene Mortier, lined up for the start at Alexander III bridge.

The event was won easily by Gerard Melsmer, who covered the 160 meters (about 172 yards) in 1 minute 54 seconds. Mme. Mortier, who was suffering from a recent sprain, made a plucky struggle. She finished last, but the crowds rewarded her courage to rousing cheers.

So that there will be a puring 1912 such dling such shows. During 1912 such down a

prised the world by stopping Jim Flynn, are scheduled to mix, Here in San Frascisco Gunboat Smith, a local man, who had to go to New York to make a reputation, is matched with Frank Moran, who hails from Pittsburg, but has been in these parts for many months. Coffroth is planning to match the two winners for a bout on Washington's birthday in San Francisco. Palzer has already agreed and Coffroth believes that the match is as good as made. is as good as made.

WASHINGTON TEAM PROMISING

Aggregation, Is Bellef.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Se attle, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Basketball has begun and Washington is due to have a top notch team. Four of last year's best men are back in fighting University Glee Club Has New trim: Sutton, Wand, Byler and Savage Sutton played a good game last year and as soon as his ankles get over their soreness caused by the football season he will place on the team easily. Sutton and Byler were two of the best guards that Washington ever had Both of them are husky and fearless as well as fast and sure in their pass-

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 25.—
(Special.)—Reform legislation with regard to boxing as well as baseball is promised when the Legislature opens up next month at Sacramento. Good report has it that a southern solon will introduce a bill to limit boxling matches in the state to six rounds. Doubtless, also, there will be bills to stop the game altogether.

It wouldn't surprise me in the least to see some sort of legislation to limit to see some sort of legislation to limit the number of rounds and perhapt the number of rounds are turn-

The Dalles Defeats St. James. THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 25.— (Special.)—The Dalles Athletic football club defeated the St. James football club of Vancouver, Wash., for the independent footbal championship of Oregon and Southern Washington this after the United St. James Control of the Indian Contr noon. Score: The Dalles 14, St. James 0



GAME IS DEPICTED

College "Skit."

GRIDIRON HERO IN ROLE

Bob Fariss, Who Sings in Portland Entertainment by College Club, Is One of Few Football Players Who Has "Voice."

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene Or., Dec. 25 .- (Special.) -After the great football victory of the University of Oregon over Oregon Agricultural College at Albany, last November, the Glee-Club lads who appear in concert at the new Lincoln High School auditorium, Portland, next Saturday night, could not let the triumph go by unnoticed. Several of the older heads got together and the skit entitled "Posted," in which Robert Fariss, of Eugene, is the hero who kicked the goal, is the result. Of course it was really the trusty boot of Carl Fenton that did the deed, but he cannot sing, while Fariss has a tenor 'voice that rings out high and clear above the rest. great football victory of the University

while Fariss has a tenor voice that rings out high and clear above the rest.

Bob Fariss played guard on the University of Oregon team last year. In the games with Washington and Oregon Agricultural College he got his stride and held his position with great credit. He is a senior in the university, but has only played three years on the team.

Immediately after the football season Fariss was in demand to strengthen the first tenor section of the club. He is the second that has had the ability to play football and take part in the Glee Club tour during the same year. Elmer Story, of Pendleton, who also played guard on the team, accomplished the same feat in 1993. Bob Kellogg, of Baker, the 200-pound center of the university team, who graduated last June, was a member of the Glee Club in his freshman year, but he did not play football that season.

The football skit of the Glee Club programme pictures a student in the agonies of being posted and held away from the football skit of the Glee Club programme pictures a student in the agonies of being posted and held away from the football game. In a way it is a satire upon the University of Oregon facuity, who made such vicious investing for low grades.

FAST CHICAGOANS BEATEN BY BOISE

Successful Use of Forward Pass by Idaho Boys Routs Wendell-Phillips.

CHAMPIONS DEFEATED, 6-0

Single Touchdown Comes as Result of Brilliant Play in Third Period. Altitude Is Real Disadvantage to Easterners.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-In a hard fast game of championship football at Cody Field here today, Wendell-Phillips High School of Chicago was defeated by the Boise High ol eleven by a score of 6 to 0. The forward pass, worked but a few times, was the Chicagoans undoing. At the end of the first half it was a scoreless game. Three minutes after the third quarter had opened, Boise sethe third quarter had opened, Boise secured the ball in the center of the field. Captain Johnston made a long forward pass to Alexander, right end, who sprinted for 20 yards for a touch down and Boise had put the game away. Boise failed to kick the goal.

With two inches of snow covering the frozen ground, Bolse was conceded to be at a disadvantage while Wendell-Phillips was expected to be at its best. The altitude coupled with the fierce fight made by the Bolse eleven, brought the first defeat to the Eastern invaders of the West. Chicago was repulsed by the logal eleven's stonewall line and could not gain either by the forward pass or end runs. The visitors found but one place through which to make gains and that was in and around the tackles. Ground Snow Covered.

tackles.

In the first quarter and within ten minutes of play Wendell-Phillips had carried the ball to Boise's ten-yard line. On a lucky fumble by Chicago Boise recovered the ball. It was punted safely out of distance. That was the only time Chicago was close enough to the Boise goal to strike.

Seven Chicagoans Hurt. Seven Chicagoans were injured and

Brown Q. Cummings ohnsten (Capt) R. H. Pettybridge farley L. H. Crist Gerlough F. B. Koehler Officials—John Regan, referee; Hummell,

BOISE RESULT IS SURPRISE

Washington High Students to Greet Eastern Invaders Today.

The much discussed Wendell-Phillips
High School football team will arrive
in the city at 12:45 this noon and will
hold a practice session on Multnomah
Field tomorrow so as to get the kinks
unraveled for Saturday's game here.
The Washington High School will be at
the station in a body to meet the Chicago champions. The school band will
be there and the whole crowd will form
an escort to the Oregon Hotel.
Wendell-Phillips record in the city of

Foster will play quarterback and Bovette, the other man for the job, is trying for one of the ends. He may play left end part of the game. Walker has been put in the place which Mc-Lynn vacated and Johnson will plays

the other guard.

The crowd promises to be the largest which ever turned out for any high school game in Portland. Manager Fenstermacher bases this prediction on

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

Raiph De Palma.

Raiph G. De Palma, the sensational auto racer, was born in a small village in Southern Italy, December 26, 1883. When the tuture auto driver was seven years old, his father decided to be an importer instead of an exporter of olive oils, and moved with his family to America. Raiph was placed in school, but after he had made the primary grades he decided he had shoothed enough learning, and thereupon quit his books and took up the hieyele racing game. He was a successful blke rider, but the "two wheeler" was too slow for the automobile. De Palma made his debut as an auto driver in 1988 at Briardiffe. N. Y. He was a mechanicism for Al Campbell, but in practice the machine was wrecked, and the pilot injured. Raiph agreed to take the wheel after the car was repaired, and showed his ability in his first start. Last May De Palma established new records from one to 20 miles at the Los Angeles motordrome and in October he wen the Vanderbill Cup event at Milwaukee.

Champs Beat St. Louis Soccer Team. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The West Hudsons of Harrison, N. J., soccer football champions of America, defeated the Installs of the St. Louis Soccer League today by 4 to 1

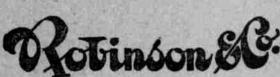
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HATTERS

HOLLADAY CLUB VICTOR

M'LAUGHLIN TEAM LOSES AN-NUAL MATCH, 14 TO 0.

Elevens Evenly Matched With Winning Combination Excelling in Forward Pass Play.

close enough
team yesterday afternoon defeated the McLaughlin Club eleven for the fifth successive year, 14 to 9, on Multnomah injured and Both teams throughout the game was featureless, the only redeeming the successive year.

Officials—Carlson, referee; O'Rourke, um pire; Kyne, head linesman.

SPORTING SPARKS

66 'M not an actor, and I refuse to be a fool," was Roger Breanaban's turndown of a theatrical man's pear in vaudeville in a skit entitled "Petticoat Rule." "That stuff's all right for Rube Manguard and Charley Faust, but they've got to come beter than \$1000 per week to get me in wrong with myself." recent offer of \$1000 per week to ap-

Portland Rugby football fans will not see the University of California or the Stanford team in action this Fall, as the two California varsities will not make their annual trip to Vancouver. B. C. Owing to the tie score the Britishers did not extend an invitation.

Next year the Oregon Agricultural College will have to live up to schol-astic requirements of the other confer-ence colleges. This was decided at the recent meeting in Seattle, the Corval-lis representatives favoring the move.

the the machine was wrecked, and the pilot injured. Raipin agreed to take the wheel after the car was repaired, and showed his ability in his first start. Last May De Palma established new records from one to 20 miles at the Los Angeles motordrome and in October he won the Vanderbilt Cup event at Milwaukee.

The ticket sales which have been made to date. They already cover half the grant stand and are more than double the sales which preceded the Oak Park-Washington game two years ago.

The Paddock, the former Northwest-

Del Paddock, the former Northwest orn League pitcher, who later converted himself into an infielder, has been re-leased by the New York Americans to the Rechester team of the International League. He was tried out by the White Sox last Spring and proved a good hitter, but a poor fielder. Del finished with the Yanks last Fall.

Larry Schlaffey, hero of Portland's first unassisted triple play, again will manage the Jersey City team in the International League. Hugh Duffey and several others have been mentioned for the job. Jersey City is one of the poorest cities in the circuit, owing to its proximity to New York.

M'INTOSH QUITS FIGHT GAME

Australian Promoter Sells Interests

Both teams in the game was featureless, the only redeeming part being the passes which deeli-Phillips in the second touchdown, Duffy receiving the ball back of the McLaughlin line.

Blatchford Humphrey and Duffy executed resulted prominent boxing promoters. McInton Clark ing the ball back of the McLaughlin line.

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Thyoli Theatrical circuit. Baker purline.

Neither team was able to make much
yardage and the first touchdown by
the Holladay team occurred when Duff
picked up O'Hanlon's fumble on the
25-yard line and made a dash for the
goal. This was in the third quarter
and after that the play steadled down
to a point where both teams were able
to make the 10 yards occasionally.

It was not the defensive work of the
teams which held the others on downs
but rather the aggressiveness of the
team which was supposed to be on the
defense. Time and time again the men
taking the ball were carried back of
the serimmage line for as much as 10
yards.

Tivoli Theatrical circuit. Baker purhaked the stadium where all big fights
are staged for \$150,000.

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best English and American boxers to
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