SAN MATEO BIDS FOR COLTS' CAMP

Santa Rosa, Cal., Also Invites Northwestern Team for Training Season.

WILLIAMS AFTER MOHLER

"Kid" Just Given Release by San Francisco Wanted for 1913 Infield if Price Is Not Too High. Maxmeyer Dropped by Cohn.

San Mateo, Cal., located about 20 miles south of San Francisco, has joined San Jose and Santa Rosa in bidding for a training season peak at the Portland Colts. Manager Williams, of the Northwestern League club, received a telegram from San Mateo yesterday offering a diamond and first-class hotel accommodations for the Colts, but no definite proposition was made.

Any town in Central California, within cheap carfare of San Francisco and possessing a good diamond and fair hotel accommodations, is acceptable to Williams, providing that the financial inducements are satisfactory. It's up to Nick to try to make the training season maneuvers pay all expenses and this is possible only with a guarantee from the training camp town.

Last year the Colts' hotel bills were paid at Sacramento and, with fair receipts from games played on the way to Portland, the trip almost paid for itself.

"San Jose, San Mateo or Santa Rosa would be satisfactory to me if we can get a guarantee of some kind," says Williams. "I have received telegrams from people of the first two towns and Jim Nealon is negotiating with Santa Rosa fans, but as yet only general promises are made, with nothing definite enough to work on."

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Nick Williams is after "Kid" Mohler, San Francisco second sacker, just given his unconditional release, to hold down that position on the Colt infield for 1913. Mohler told Nick a year ago that he would like to come north to play with him, and, acting on this, the Portland boss wrote him several days ago, offering him a contract.

"The only thing I'm afraid of is that Mohler will ask too much money," figures the Colt leader. "He is surely good for two or three more years of baseball and would be a winner up here. I should hear from him in a day or two and hope to receive the request: 'Send me a contract.'"

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Fielder Jones, president of the Northwestern League, aspires to become the Christy Mathewson of the Northwest—in the checker league. Fielder has demonstrated his ability to manipulate the bits of wood at the rooms of the Portland Checker and Chess Club, in the Mohawk building, his latest victim being "Pete" Grant.

Grant considered himself a fair exponent of the game until he met Jones. Now he questions his skill. Fielder took him down the line for four straight matches Thursday and lost the fifth on a careless move while nipping the end of a fresh cigar.

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Richard Maxmeyer, the Portland lad who has been buffeted about numerous diamonds in the last two years, is again a free agent. Joe Cohn, who signed Max last Fall under the impression that the ex-Corvallis boy might develop into a winner, lopped Max off the list the other day, along with eight or ten other youngsters.

Joe spends the Winter months signing up every player in sight. If the other magnates appear chagrined, Joe holds his youngsters; otherwise he dumps them on the market just when they are packing up for a trip to the training camp.

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The Spokane Indians will open Spring training at Boise, Idaho, this season. Cohn expects to take from 30 to 40 men for tryouts, sending the pitchers a week ahead of the other men.

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Western Canada may have an eight-club baseball circuit next season. A preliminary meeting was held at Moose Jaw the other day and the following teams were tentatively entered in the league: Calgary, Edmonton, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Regina and Moose Jaw.

HARVARD TO PLAY 7 GAMES

Yale, Brown, Princeton, Cornell and Williams Elevens to Be Met.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan 31.—The Harvard football schedule for 1913 has been completed by the Harvard football committee, it was learned today. While not officially announced, it was said that the crimson schedule differs in several details from last year's. Dartmouth, an ancient rival, has been dropped, and Amherst has withdrawn. Vanderbilt is also missing. Cornell returns to the Harvard schedule, filling the date formerly occupied by Brown, the latter team having been moved up to the date previously held by Dartmouth. Norwich University fills Amherst's place. The tentative schedule follows:

September 26—University of Maine at Cambridge.
October 4—Bates at Cambridge.
October 11—Williams at Cambridge.
October 18—Holy Cross at Cambridge.
October 25—Norwich University at Cambridge.
November 1—Cornell at Cambridge.
November 8—Princeton at Princeton.
November 15—Brown at Cambridge.
November 22—Yale at Cambridge.

Amateur Athletics.

Mayor Rushlight was a ringside spectator at the Columbus Club smoker Tuesday evening and seemed to enjoy the bouts. W. H. Fitzgerald, member of the police commission and candidate for Sheriff at the last election, was also at the ringside.

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The University of Oregon law department basketball team will leave here February 8 for The Dalles, where it will meet The Dalles Athletic Club quintet. Manager Dwyer, of the law team, has secured the services of Rossman at forward and will help the team greatly. He is an accurate basket shooter.

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"That was the best game I have seen in many days," said Coach Borleske, of the Lincoln High School quintet, after witnessing the Washington and Columbia game yesterday. "I believe my team could beat either one of the teams, judging from their showing yesterday. Coaches Dake, of the Jefferson basketball team, and Lee, of the Portland Academy, also were present and remarked that it was the best game played this season.

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The basketball game between the Jefferson High School and Y. M. C. A. dormitory quintets, who were to have played last night on the Y. M. C. A. floor, was called off. Other teams had engaged the floor. The Columbia University second team will play a practice game with the Jefferson team this afternoon on the latter's floor.

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The Lincoln High School basketball team will leave for Salem Monday, where it will play the Salem High School quintet. The team will return the same day.

O. A. C. READY FOR MULTNOMAH

Only Light Practice Indulged In Previous to Big Game.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The Oregon Agricultural College basketball squad returned yesterday from its northern trip and had a light practice to limber up for Saturday's game with the Multnomah Club.

Although the Beavers failed to raise their standing in the conference percentage column by the recent trip, Captain Burdick reports his team to be in better shape than when it left Corvallis. Cooper's injured knee is now strong enough to enable him to handle his regular position during an entire game. King's thumb is also reported as practically healed, and he will enter Saturday's game in better playing condition than he has been in this season.

Insofar as can be learned, Captain Burdick, Cooper, Darling, May, King, Jordan and Dewey will appear in Saturday's game against the Multnomah quintet, which numbers three former O. A. C. stars—Keck, Pugh and McFarland—in its lineup.

WASHINGTON HIGH WINS

COLUMBIA BASKETBALL TEAM LOSES, 36 TO 29.

University Quintet Starts Action Early but Fails to Hold 1912 Champs at Critical Times.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	P. C.
Washington	2	0	1000
Lincoln	2	0	1000
Columbia	1	1	.500
Jefferson	1	1	.500
Portland Academy	0	2	.000
Hill Academy	0	2	.000

Washington High defeated the Columbia University at basketball yesterday afternoon 36 to 29, on the Washington floor, in the most exciting and roughest game of the inter-scholastic league season. The largest crowd of the year, numbering over 300, witnessed the game and the enthusiasm shown by the spectators was a feature.

Columbia led only twice during the game, making the first basket, and nosing the East Side team 27 to 26 during the early part of the second half. With about one minute to play and the score 28 to 27 with Washington on the long end, the High School team, by a sudden spurt, annexed three field baskets in rapid succession, giving the 1912 champions a safe margin to assure victory.

The rough tactics of the Columbia boys enabled the Washington team to convert 14 called fouls into 8 points. Referee Grilley called seven fouls on the Washington five, but Coach Callicrate's men were able to score only 1 point by the free-throw route.

The playing of Fearnley, Foster and Knouff was superb. Fearnley's passing could not be beaten and his foul throwing was good. Foster at center played up to his past performances in basket shooting. He scored eight field baskets and his intercepting Columbia throws were of high order. The Larson boys and Phelan starred for Columbia.

Coach Callicrate has turned out a fast quintet and promises to give the Lincoln High School five and other quintets of the interscholastic league a real tussle.

The following is the lineup:

Washington—		Columbia—
Grebe, Jewell	F	Carroll
Fearnley	F	C. Larson
Foster	C	Muirhead
Martin	G	Phelan
Knouff, Gorman	G	J. Larson

Summary—Fearnley, 3 baskets, 8 fouls; Foster, 8; Knouff, 1; Jewell, 2. Carroll, 5 baskets, 1 foul; C. Larson, 5; Phelan, 2, and J. Larson, 2. Time of halves, 20 minutes. Referee, Grilley.

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The Christian Brothers Business College second basketball team defeated the Beaverton quintet 29 to 23 last night on the Christian Brothers floor. Winshell and Williams, forwards on the Christian Brothers team, starred for their team. Barnes, of the Beaverton squad, made most of the points on his side.

The Columbus Club basketball team failed to make an appearance on the Christian Brothers floor last night to play its scheduled City Basketball League game with the Christian Brothers team.

ROOT WANTS TO MANAGE "BUD"

Donald Refuses $25,000 for Contract With Anderson.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Jack Root created quite a sensation in local sporting circles today by offering Dick Donald, manager of "Bud" Anderson, $25,000 in cold cash for his contract on the lightweight contender. Donald added to the excitement by refusing the offer.

In these perilous times, when the bouting game is hanging by a thread, with a sharp legislative knife directed at that thread, such an offer seems all out of proportion, and the fans were slow to believe it was anything more than a press agent yarn.

Root was in deadly earnest, however. He saw Anderson dispose of Sammy Trott a week ago and got a hankering for his contract then and there. He had been talking it over with Donald ever since, making offers and raising them, until this morning, when he met Donald, he raised the ante to $25,000. Donald was staggered a bit and wobbled mentally for a few seconds, but finally turned it down.

ORIENTAL ATHLETES IN GAMES

Japanese, Chinese and Filipinos to Compete at Manila.

MANILA, Jan. 31.—Athletes from Japan, China and other Oriental nations gathered here for the Far Eastern Olympics, were welcomed today by Governor-General William Cameron Forbes. There were 36 Chinese and 15 Japanese athletes entered, as well as representatives of Siam and many sections of the Philippine Islands. The games begin tomorrow and continue for a week.

The programme includes interscholastic games for the islands only and the annual far Eastern championships open to any athlete resident in the Orient. It is hoped that the contests will bring out material for the next world Olympiad in Berlin. Although the Oriental territory has a population of nearly 600,000,000, its athletic organization has never been developed along Western lines and it has never produced an athlete who won a place in a world Olympiad.

THORPE TO WEAR GIANT'S UNIFORM

Indian Athlete Accepts New York National Contract and Will Sign Today.

SALARY SAID TO BE $7500

McGraw Makes Deal With Carlisle Player Over Telephone—James Sullivan Receives Trophies for Return to Sweden.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—James Thorpe, called by the King of Sweden "the greatest living athlete," recently declared a professional, accepted a contract today to play baseball with the New York National League Club. He will report to Manager McGraw February 16 and will go to Marlin to train with the rest of the team.

The announcement that Thorpe had signed was made at the offices of the club late today.

John B. Foster, secretary of the club, issued this statement this afternoon:

"I received a telegram this afternoon from Thorpe saying that he accepted the contract we offered him. He is, therefore, our player. A telegram said that Thorpe would come to New York with the contract at once and would sign it formally tomorrow afternoon."

Salary Said to Be $7500.

Mr. Foster declined to say what salary had been offered the Indian. It is understood, however, that Thorpe will be paid approximately $7500 a year.

"Thorpe will be here tomorrow at 2 o'clock, when he will sign a contract at the club's office to play with the Giants," said Manager John J. McGraw today. He added that he first thought of engaging Thorpe yesterday, when the publicity giving the Indian's disbarment from the Amateur Athletic Union and the statement that several Western managers were trying to sign him put the idea into the manager's head.

"I got Thorpe on the long-distance telephone, in Carlisle, Pa.," said Mr. McGraw, "and he accepted my offer. Later I got a telegram from him confirming his verbal acceptance. He preferred to come to New York, and I offered more money than the others, too."

McGraw would not discuss the salary offer.

Indian to Have Real Trial.

"Thorpe ought to make a good all-around man," McGraw added. "I think he will accompany the team south when the Spring training season opens, and then we'll try him out and see where he can do his best work."

James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, announced tonight that he had received the challenge trophies won by Thorpe in the Olympic games last year and would send them tomorrow to Kristian Hellestrom, secretary of the Swedish Olympic committee. Mr. Sullivan said also that the all-around trophy won by Thorpe at Celtic Park last September had been sent from Carlisle, with the Olympic trophies, and was now in the possession of the Amateur Athletic Union. It will go to Bredemus, formerly of Princeton University, who was second to Thorpe in the Celtic Park games.

Beaumont Claims Thorpe.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Jan. 31.—The Beaumont baseball club of the Texas League has a reserve contract claim on James Thorpe, the Indian athlete, according to Manager Wheeler, of that club. Beaumont's franchise was purchased from Oklahoma City last year, and it is contended Thorpe was among the players reserved by that club. Manager Wheeler has telegraphed Secretary Farrell, of the National Association, to protect the Beaumont club in its claim to Thorpe's services.

Beaumont Claim Denied.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 31.—Abner Davis, president of the Oklahoma City club, of the Texas League, when the franchise was transferred to Beaumont last Spring, could not be reached tonight to verify the claim set up by the Beaumont club to James Thorpe. According to an ex-secretary of the club, however, efforts were made to sign Thorpe in 1911, but without avail, as Thorpe refused to play professional ball. He then was touring the state with an amteur team.

Warner Confirms New York Report.

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 31.—The announcement from New York that James Thorpe, the Olympic champion, had accepted a contract with the New York National League club was confirmed here tonight by Glenn Warner, physical instructor at the Carlisle Indian School. "It is true," said Mr. Warner, "that Thorpe has accepted the offer made by McGraw. He will leave tomorrow for New York, where the contract formally will be signed."

'U' RUNNERS TO CONTEST

TRACK SEASON AT EUGENE TO OPEN FEBRUARY 22.

Portland and Hood River Athletes Strong Competitors Against Veteran Olympic Man.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The track season for 1913 at the University of Oregon will be ushered in by an inter-class, cross-country run February 22. This was the date set for the cross-country meet with the Oregon Agricultural College, which has been conceded to Oregon on account of the shortage of good distance men at Corvallis.

The inter-class contest, which has been substituted, should develop some keen competition. The race will undoubtedly lie between Walter McClure, of the Seniors, and Vere Windnagle, of the freshmen. About a month ago the Washington High School athlete sprung a surprise by defeating the Olympic veteran over the same course which will be traversed in the coming contest.

The seniors, however, are confident that McClure can lead Windnagle to the tape, with something to spare, when the two hook up again. The distance is more to the veteran's liking, for Windnagle shines in the half mile. His work over a longer course while in preparatory school, combined with his pre-season victory over McClure, is nevertheless a guaranty that their next meeting will not lack interest.

McClure undoubtedly loafed when he allowed the Portland lad to set a slow pace and save up a sprint which was good for first place. On the other hand, Windnagle is a youngster who apparently has not yet reached his limit. Both men are conceded a chance in the inter-class championships.

Another man who may upset the hopes of both is Chester Huggins, of Hood River, who will re-enter college at the beginning of the next semester. Huggins has been McClure's running mate in the distances for the last two seasons, and his return after an absence of a semester is hailed with rejoicing by the whole university, and in particular the junior class, which he will represent in the run of February 22. Huggins' sturdiness and powers of endurance will make him a dangerous contender at that time.

Three other good men will be McConnell for the juniors, Pack for the sophomores and Allen for the seniors. The course, which will be covered, is two and one-quarter miles in length.

Mount Angel to Play Silverton.

MOUNT ANGEL COLLEGE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Due to circumstances which turned up at the eleventh hour, the game between the Amicus Athletic Club, of Portland, and the Mount Angel College basketball quint, scheduled for Wednesday night, did not materialize. The managements are busy trying to settle upon a date satisfactory to both parties. On Saturday night the collegians measure strength with the Silverton Athletic Club on the latter's floor. Silverton's club is represented by one of the best teams in the state.

SPORTSMEN SHOW FIGHT

SENATE BILL NO. 53 CAUSE OF INDIGNATION.

Provision for Confiscation or Death of Canines Found Hunting Game Rouses Ire of Dog Fanciers.

A bitter fight is to be waged by Portland sportsmen against a bill introduced in the State Senate by Senator Hoskins, making it unlawful to hunt game birds with dogs and prescribing confiscation and even the death penalty for all canines found thus engaged. The bill, No. 53, was referred to the committee on game January 16 and will come up for public discussion before a joint committee of the Senate and House Monday night at 8 o'clock.

"This bill is unsportsmanlike and vicious, to say the least," declared W. E. Carlon, a local sportsman, last night. "Every true sportsman will lend his efforts to defeat any bill calling for the killing of a hunting dog.

"We have a closed season and a bag limit for the protection of game birds if the season is too long it should be shortened. If the bag limit is too great it should be reduced. If game birds should not be killed there should be a closed season at all times. We therefore have to assume that the author of this bill does not like dogs and objects to others owning any.

"I venture to say that more wounded birds will be left to die in the field without the aid of a dog in retrieving them than will be killed by the aid of a dog in hunting them. That feature which calls for the killing of the dog is most obnoxious of all. Think how badly the average sportsman would feel should his dog be killed while innocently pursuing his natural instincts.

"Furthermore, unreasonable laws are the cause of many violations and a burden is placed on the officers in trying to enforce them."

Sporting Sparks

ED KIPPERT, Northwestern League ballplayer, featured in Police Court circles in Vancouver the other day as a real hero, an up-to-date life saver, whose gallantry and daring were up to the standards of any paper-backed story of fiction. Ed heard an argument in the hallway below and rushed to the rescue just in time to prevent one combatant, White, from making a three-base clout on the top of a Mr. Smith's pate.

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In an exhibition game at Spokane a few nights ago, Slosson defeated the Japanese billiard crack, Yamada, 500 to 259. Slosson's average was not quite 17, while the Japanese averaged only 10 19-24. The Oriental must have had a decidedly off day, for there are several "to hum" that can do that well.

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Willie Hoppe, king of the four-round lightweights in San Francisco, fought for $20 purses a year ago. Last week he won a four-round decision over Frankie Smith and received $58 per minute. His share of the pot for 12 minutes' work was $800.

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Leo Strait, ex-Portland Colt, is back in Pennsylvania, and seems indifferent to joining Seattle again. Manager Raymond has written him that he is at liberty to engineer any deal he desires.

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Chris Von der Ahe, the eccentric Dutchman who owned the St. Louis Browns when they won four pennants and two world's championships, is near death in St. Louis, forgotten by all the men he helped to make rich. Chris will be remembered always as one of the most famous characters in baseball. He was forever making blunders, perhaps his most famous being a bet that the diamond on his new park was the largest in the world. Chris used to sit on the bench with field glasses. He would focus them on an outfielder and whisper orders to him.

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Doc Moskiman, ex-Seal outlaw, is negotiating with Louisville to trade him either to Montreal in the International League, or to Happy Hogan, of the Coast circuit.

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The love of luxury and ease, especially automobiling, is laid by Walter F. Carter, '95, Yale's most famous pitcher, as the reason for the fact that Old Eli is now on the defensive in practically all branches of sport. "When I was an undergraduate," said he, "not an undergraduate had his own equipage, although such men as Cornelius Vanderbilt, Moses Taylor, Harry Whitney and Phil McMillan were at Yale."

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Charles W. Murphy, much-panned owner of the Chicago Cubs, is writing a series of articles for a Chicago newspaper. He says that the present-day managers are given too much credit for winning teams, and argues that if you look over the list of great managers you will find that each had at least one "air-tight" pitcher on his staff. Anson had Clarkson, Comiskey had Foutz and Caruthers, Fielder Jones had Walsh, McGraw had Mathewson, Clarke had Adams, Collins had Dineen, Stahl had Wood, Jennings had Donovan, Selee had Nichols, Hanlon had McMahon and Chance had Mordecai Brown.

League Chiefs to Meet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—President Lynch, of the National League, today sent to the club presidents notice that the reconvened session of the league's annual meeting would be held in this city February 11. The annual schedule meeting of the league will be held here on the same date. An hour before the time for the league's session the board of directors will meet.

RULES ARE CHANGED

"Freeze" Is Eliminated From Amateur Billiards.

CLUBS ADOPT NEW STYLE

National Association Fails to Make Regulation Penalizing "Safety" Players, but Adopts Resolution Condemning It.

The "freeze" has been eliminated from amateur billiards. Technically there are no such thing as "frozen" balls in amateur contests hereafter, for the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players, at a meeting at New York on January 30, ruled that the referee shall separate the "frozen" balls by a thin card.

This departure, which means so much to that section of billiardists styled "nursers," will be introduced into the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club immediately, according to W. C. Duniway, chairman of the Winged "M" billiard committee, who received word yesterday regarding the change.

Under the style of play now in vogue, a player "banks" when the balls are frozen, attempts a "masse," striking the ball not "frozen" first, or calls for a re-spotting of the three balls.

The new style permits of the re-spotting and the "bank," but also allows the one ball to strike the "frozen" ball first, or a "masse," or the moving of the cue ball to eliminate the "freeze," which makes direct "masses" easy, as well as the "force follow."

The ruling of the organization will be adopted in every club in the country, while the majority of public rooms are expected to follow suit.

The convention failed to make a rule penalizing "safety" players, but adopted a resolution condemning it.

Mr. Duniway takes the stand that the fault nearly always lies with the players when balls are "frozen" on a good table, and that the man whose turn it is to shoot following a "freeze" should be aided by the rules.

"This new rule was shoved through by the 'nurse' players," says Mr. Duniway, "and means that many of the amateurs who are now indifferent performers will develop into champions."

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The date of the class A National balkline tourney has not been set as yet, but the committee is at work at the scene and time of the cue tilts will be announced soon. Mr. Duniway, Northwest amateur champion, will enter the meet if the dates are convenient.

The Multnomah Club basketball five will leave today for Corvallis, where it meets the Oregon Agricultural College five tonight. A return game will be played the last of the month.

There is considerable talk of a tour to California, but no definite plans have been made. Manager Mackie has written to Sacramento, Berkeley, Stockton and other places for dates and if a schedule can be arranged guaranteeing expenses, the trip is assured.

Edgar Frank has decided definitely upon the Portland weights for the Vancouver interclub boxing and wrestling programme of February 21, naming 115-pound boxing and middleweight wrestling. Vancouver named 135-pound wrestling and 140-pound boxing, but the latter may be changed to 138 pounds.

As Franske, the 135-pound Multnomah wrestler, is not a regular member of the workout squads, either Montague or Clibborn may be sent against Smith, the Vancouver boy. Walter Williams, Coast champion, will represent the club in the 115-pound boxing class, either Knowlton or Hurl in the 138 or 130-pound boxing, against Frank Barrieau, and McCarthy or Bradt against Hatch, the 1912 welterweight champion of the Northwest.

OREGON FIVE BEATS SOLDIERS

Company D Team, of Corvallis, Is Defeated, 33 to 21.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon basketball team defeated Company D, of the Oregon National Guard of Corvallis, in the University gymnasium tonight, 33 to 21.

The game, though rough at times, was slow and uninteresting.

The militiamen started the scoring when Swan threw a long basket from the middle of the floor, but after the first few minutes of play Oregon took the lead and held it. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 8.

Oregon played a better game the second half, but was careless in guarding at times. Swan was the high point winner for Company D, throwing three field goals and five out of six fouls, closely seconded by Colbert with four baskets. G. Cate also played a good defensive game at center, keeping Fenton from throwing a single field goal.

Bradshaw and Walker were the Oregon stars, each throwing four baskets. The latter made all four shots from near the center of the floor. Fenton threw five out of nine fouls.

FAYETTEVILLE CLAIMS INDIAN

North Carolina Club Insists Johnson's Ruling as to Thorpe Final.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 31.—G. H. Napier, owner of the Fayetteville baseball club before the dissolution of the Eastern Carolina League, declared in an interview here today that Thorpe would play with Fayetteville this season. He said that Ban Johnson's decision that Thorpe was the property of the Fayetteville club settled the matter.

Mr. Napier is confident that the Eastern Carolina League will be revived.

Indoor Track Games Scheduled.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The National indoor field and track championships of the Amateur Athletic Union will be decided in Madison-Square Garden on Thursday evening, March 6, according to announcement today. Entry blanks are being mailed to nearly all of the well-known amateur athletes, including many who won laurels for America, in the Olympic games. John Paul Jones, Abel Kiviat, Hannes Kolehmainen, William Kramer, Harry Smith, Louis Scott and other star athletes are expected to appear in the longer runs.

Winifred Bent to Play Tennis.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Miss Winifred Bent, former tennis champion of the Jefferson High School girls and junior champion of the Irvington Tennis Club, is mentioned as one of the women who will represent Hearst Hall in the inter-club tennis tournament, which will start here in a few weeks.

Oregon Nine to Meet Gonzaga.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—The Gonzaga University baseball team will meet the University of Oregon nine in Spokane this Spring for the first time in the history of the two institutions. Graduate Manager Geary, of the Oregon team, has agreed with Graduate Manager Meagher, of Gonzaga, for the contest to be here during the Spring trip of the Eugene aggregation through the Inland Empire.

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Chehalis Manager Explains.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—In regard to the Delaney-Hanlon bout Tuesday night in Centralia before the M Club, W. M. Ford, manager for Delaney, made the following statement: "Frank Delaney was wrestled through the ropes Tuesday night at the M Club smoker in the 8th round, his head hitting the floor, knocking him out. Delaney weighed 128 pounds, while his opponent, Hanlon, weighed 160. It was the best fight ever seen in Centralia up to the time of the accident."

Crack Cueists Overlook Portland.

Koji Yamada, the sensational Japanese billiardist, and George Slosson, one of the crack cueists of the United States, will not appear in Portland in an exhibition next Tuesday night. H. L. Hewson, a relative of Slosson, received word from Seattle last night that the duo will proceed direct from Seattle to San Francisco for a one-week engagement. The billiardists may appear in Portland at a later date.

Ketchel to Fight at San Francisco.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Steve Ketchel, a Chicago lightweight pugilist, has received an offer to meet the winner of the Washington's birthday battle in San Francisco between Joe Mandot and Tommy Murphy. Ketchel accepted and the date of the bout will be fixed later.

Answer to Query.

Henry Jones, Oregon City: Monte Attell was never featherweight champion, as he was a bantam when in his prime. Abe Attell, his brother, was featherweight title-holder.

St. James 21, Multnomah 39.

By a score of 39 to 21 the Multnomah Club basketball quintet defeated the crack St. James Athletic Club team, of Vancouver, last night in the winged "M" gymnasium.

A. DRANGES IS DIVORCED

Decree Is Sequel to Humiliation of Wife Some Time Ago.

Rose Dranges, whose husband, Alexander Dranges, forced Eugene Brownrigg, manager of the Portland Sand Company, to write at the point of a pistol a long confession detailing his alleged improper relations with Mrs. Dranges, was allowed a decree of divorce by Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday. The principal ground of her suit was the cruelty and humiliation she suffered by reason of her husband forcing from Brownrigg the confession, which both she and Brownrigg contend was faked and did not contain a word of truth.

The divorce was to have been contested, but, although Dranges' attorney appeared yesterday, there was no opposition to granting the decree. Property rights had evidently been settled out of court and there are no children.

Several months ago Dranges was employed as engineer by Brownrigg, who asserts that by false statements Dranges lured him to his home one night and there forced him to write the confession, threatening to blow out his brains if he refused.

Brownrigg managed to slip in the statement that it was written under duress and after securing his release went at once to District Attorney Cameron's office, where he swore to a complaint charging Dranges with assault with a deadly weapon. He had the warrant held up, saying he understood Dranges was about to leave town and that he would prefer this to prosecuting him. There never has been prosecution.

Dranges was lost to the public view for a time, but last week he turned up in Municipal Court on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Bedrock Mill Purchased.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A deal has been closed whereby the Bedrock mill and property at Dorena comes into possession of W. S. and W. C. Shearer, who will begin operations February 2. Some new equipment will be added and a general overhauling of the mill is now in progress. It has been idle a number of years.

SHORE LANDS RETURNED

SODA COMPANY MAKES RELINQUISHMENT TO STATE.

Southern Oregon Lake Shores Will Be Returned to Federal Government by State of Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—C. N. Sain, superintendent and promoter of the American Soda & Potash Company of New York, which is exploiting the Summer and Albert lakes in Southern Oregon, was in the city today conferring with the State Land Board.

The company is leasing the lands of the State of Oregon and is evaporating the water to obtain the valuable salts which the lakes contain. The company has already started work on the preliminaries, but has experienced considerable difficulty on account of the weather. This delay has postponed the gathering of the salts beyond the four months' time prescribed by the land board in its lease, and it is in connection with this matter that Mr. Sain is at the Capitol.

To compensate for this delay, the company is making an agreement with the Board, whereby it will relinquish its claim on the shore lands, which were the bone of contention between the Governor and Attorney-General last Summer.

These shore lands will be turned back by the state to the Federal Government and the state school land fund will be enriched by about $63,000. This removes the cause of dispute between Governor West and Attorney-General Crawford. The Attorney-General claimed that the state had acted unwisely in making these selections, as the land was not valuable enough for lieu land selections.

The developing company is constructing long dikes, cutting off various shallow parts of the lakes, and will leave the water in these ponds to evaporate naturally. The salts will then be collected from the dry lake bed. The company is under contract to produce 100,000 tons of these salts annually. The Pacific Coast market, including shipments to the Far East, consumes about 150,000 tons annually. The soda obtained is used largely in paper pulp and glass manufacture.

MORE POWER GIVEN BOARD

Members of City Health Board May Arrest Ordinance Violators.

Doctors George B. Story, Alan Welch Smith and R. J. Chipman, members of the City Health Board, are now vested with power to make arrests of persons violating the sanitary regulations of the City of Portland.

The appointments were made yesterday morning by Mayor Rushlight at the suggestion of Dr. Story before the regular meeting of the Health Board. The doctor had experienced trouble with a garbage man, and had found himself powerless to enforce his commands to the refuse dealer. The appointments were confirmed by the executive board at its session in the afternoon.

The diminishing death rate for children since 1909, when it was 100, to 1912, when it was 38, was ascribed by Dr. Wheeler, City Health Officer, in his report, to be due to improvement in the milk supply.

Dr. Wheeler has instructed the men of his department to arrest all violators of the pure milk ordinance.

Catcher Henry Back in Game.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—John Henry, the Washington American League's star catcher, who was laid up for a time by an operation on his knee, has recovered and today signed his contract for the coming season.

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