WILLIAMS LINES UP 'PENNANT' PLAYERS

Colt Manager Surrounds Self With ex-Members of San Francisco Club.

OSCAR JONES IS SOUGHT

Pitcher for Time Under Ban of National Association Is Free Agent Since Reinstatement—Mensor Sees Winning Aggregation.

BY JAMES H. CASSELL.

Surrounding himself with a quartet of teammates from the San Francisco club of a few years ago, Nick Williams, Colt manager, hopes to present Portland fandom with a Northwestern League pennant next season. Nick has "Pat" Eastley, twirling holdover from last season; "Kid" Mohler, who has just signed a Colt contract, and Harry Suter, the southpaw who is expected to swing into line ere long, and yesterday he opened negotiations with Oscar Jones, former Brooklyn and San Francisco slabster.

Jones is now a free agent, having been reinstated at the meeting of the National Association last Fall, and is once more on the baseball market. Although a veteran of more than a decade Williams has received such flattering reports of Jones that the Colt leader is anxious to add him to the already large staff of twirlers.

Oscar is now at Lemoore, Cal., where he owns an automobile and a ranch. He has been in active training for several months, removing the surplus fat which encumbered his anatomy for several years, and is ready to break into league baseball once more.

The Lemoore rancher and autoist jumped the Seals for Santa Cruz of the California Outlaw League in 1909. He later went to Fresno and then journeyed to Lemoore when the independent organization went the usual route. Jones proved a winner for the semi-pro club of that town, pitching ball on Sundays and running a billiard room during the week. But he always hankered for the "regular" game, and after a long campaign finally persuaded Cal Ewing to have him reinstated.

Jones, Williams, Eastley, Mohler and Suter played ball together on the San Francisco club, the four first named the same season. Williams has the utmost respect for the pitching ability of Jones, and is confident that if he can be persuaded to affix his signature to a Colt contract, pennant-winning prospects will be greatly enhanced.

"Jones' chief asset is wonderful control of the ball," says Nick. "Then, with this, he has a splendid baseball head. This control, together with his knowledge of the game, would enable him to win over pitchers who have twice his 'stuff,' even if he has gone back a good deal. Then, he's a glutton for work, and is good for three games a week. He's just the kind of a man I want.

"Oscar and I are old friends and he'll give me a pretty good line on his ability. He surely thinks he has several years left in him or he wouldn't have been so keen for reinstatement. All he needs to do is to give the signal and he'll have every chance to make good."

Jones has been sought by Northwestern League clubs for several years, but the ban of organized ball rendered him an outcast.

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"If Nick gets a good catcher for next season the Colts will finish one-two," predicts Eddie Mensor, the Pittsburg outfielder who was sold from the Colts to the Pirates last Summer.

"With Oscar Jones added to Kid Mohler, and a catcher in addition, it looks like a pennant-winning aggregation," continued Eddie in an optimistic vein.

"What an infield that will make, with Mohler working at second, with Coltrin at his right, Williams at his left and Bancroft or some good youngster at third! Mohler will make them all look good, and the stunts they'll pull off in that infield will make these other clubs remember every game against the Colts.

"In addition to his value on account of his experience, Mohler will hit around .275 up here, and that'll aid in winning many a game.

"But the Colts must have another catcher, and a good one," opines Eddie. "The pitching staff is good enough—with a good catcher. A poor catcher means that the pitchers must be at least 25 per cent stronger to make the same showing as with a first-class receiver."

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Mohler will be given no responsibility with the Colts next season other than playing his position," says Williams. "He has been under a strain for many years as captain of the Seals, and I'm going to give him a chance to devote his entire time to playing. You'll see that he plays better ball than for several seasons."

Williams received another telegram from Mohler yesterday, the latter sending word from Oxnard, Cal., that he is glad to get a chance to play with the Colts.

Nick expects to carry Guignl, the lad expected to play second, for several weeks. The San Franciscan looks like a contender for third base if his hitting is up to standard.

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The contract of J. D. Peters, the Beaver infielder, was received at baseball headquarters yesterday. Peters is the first baseman, third baseman and outfielder who failed to report last season on account of illness.

Those who have played with the Californian, including Eddie Mensor, say that Peters is one of the fastest men in the game. He can run 100 yards in around 10 seconds, is at home at almost any angle of the diamond, and is a hard right-handed batter. Mensor says Peters is sure to stick with the Beavers if he is given a good chance.

O'DAY WILL ACT AS UMPIRE

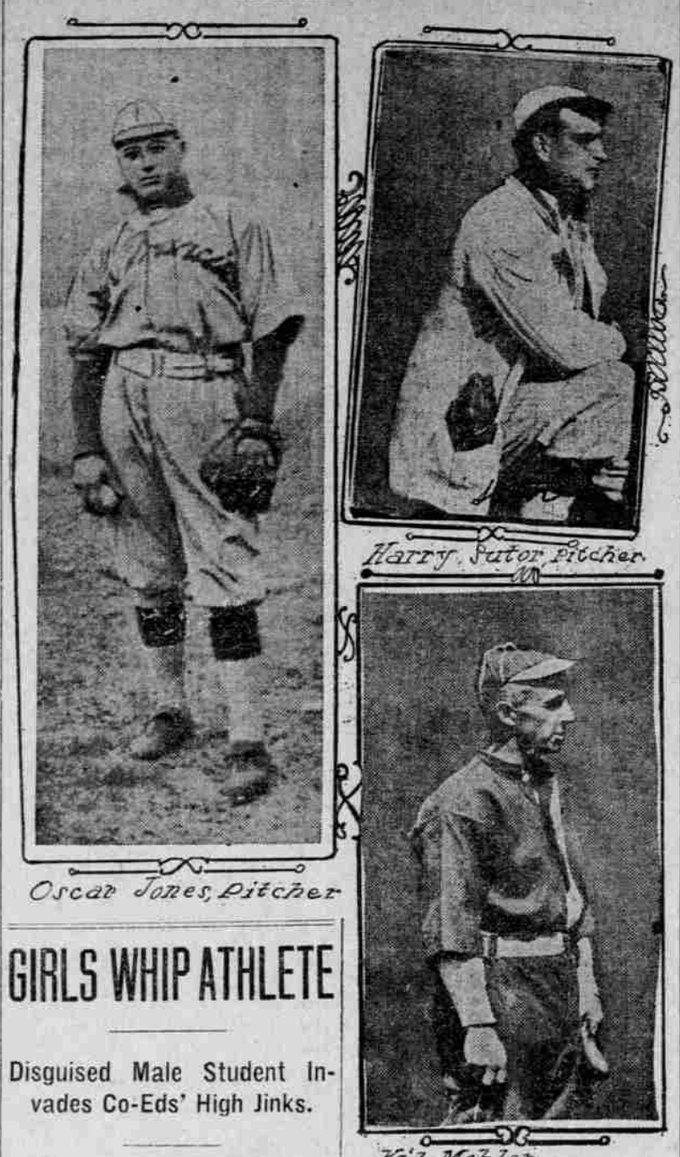
Friends Say He Will Act This Year in American League.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Hank O'Day, last season manager of the Cincinnati National League team, will sign a contract in a few days to be an umpire in the American League, according to information given out by his friends here today. They also declare that O'Day claims $1000 bonus for his services last year, which he declares he was promised by President Garry Herrmann, of the Cincinnati team, which finished in the first division.

Dartmouth May Play Carlisle.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3—Reports that the Dartmouth football authorities are considering a game with Carlisle Indians in New York next Fall, are current in sporting circles. The fact that Dartmouth has been dropped from the Harvard schedule leaves room for another big game. Boston is also mentioned and perhaps more favorably because of the larger body of Dartmouth alumni in that city.

THREE EX-SAN FRANCISCO PLAYERS EXPECTED TO WEAR COLT SUITS NEXT SEASON.



Oscar Jones, Pitcher — Harry Suter, Pitcher — Kid Mohler, 2nd Baseman

GIRLS WHIP ATHLETE

Disguised Male Student Invades Co-Eds' High Jinks.

EXIT ROUGH AND SUDDEN

Wig Falls Off at Fancy Dress Affair and Youth Who Tries to Find Out Secrets Is Pitched From Hall and From School.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—But for the accidental loss of a wig, Ralph MacAulay, star athlete at the San Rafael High School, today would be the sole masculine possessor of the guarded secrets of what occurred at the high jinks given by the junior girls to their sisters of the senior class last Saturday night.

He also would have been attending his classes today and all this week. Instead MacAulay is under suspension until next Monday and he knows that the co-eds of his school are as clever with their fists as the most militant of London suffragettes. It all happened over MacAulay's boast to his friends that he would attend the girls' high jinks and bring to them the secrets of what occurred in the gaurded banquet room.

The banquet was in the school assembly room. It was a fancy dress affair. MacAulay planned to attend in the garb of a girl basketball player. He secured a costume that fitted him to perfection. A blonde pompadour completed the makeup and a mask hid his features.

So into the jinks room stepped MacAulay. He gazed about with a suppressed air of satisfaction—he had gained entrance to the great and guarded sanctum. The rest would have been easy, but things came unexpectedly for MacAulay. Scarcely had he begun to size up the situation when two dancing co-eds, in fancy attire, bumped into him seemingly by accident, and off flew the wig. An instant later the star athlete of the High School was surrounded by an angry crowd of girls. Clenched fists found their way to his face in quick succession and the athlete was unceremoniously roughhoused and thrown from the place.

This morning MacAulay went to school as usual, but the faculty was waiting for him. He was told that his presence in school was not wanted for the next few days, and with his books in hand he started for home.

RULES HELD TOO STRINGENT

Swedish Athletes Stirred by Dismissal of Thorpe.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.—The case of James Thorpe, the American Indian collegian who was crowned by King Gustave here last Summer as the world's greatest athlete and who has been disqualified as an amateur by his confession to professionalism, continues to cause considerable stir in Swedish athletic circles.

Many prominent athletes here declare that the rules of amateurship are too severe ever to be adhered to strictly and they suggest that new and less stringent rules be instituted. It is declared that many exceptions are made to present rules giving reimbursement to true amateurs in the form of pay for the salaries lost during training. This practice of making exceptions, particularly in the case of athletes who are poor, has made it difficult to tell where to draw the line.

SPORTING SPARKS

WARD M'DOWELL, Colt second-sacker, who was drafted by Cleveland last Fall, writes from Nebraska recommending a right-handed pitcher to Nick Williams.

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Walter Nagle, of the Los Angeles team, says he is going to quit pitching for a job on the infield ere long. He has a bad arm and does not expect to last much longer on the mound.

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"Big Jake" Gettman, a Baltimore outfielder, is trying to get a job on the Coast. He wants to come westward for his health.

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Anthony Neylon, a Portland boy, is a jockey at Juarez, Mexico. Neylon was under contract to Dick Benson for five years, but has been turned over to J. Sweeney, who will take him to Kentucky.

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The United States and Sweden are scheduled to clash in the first international ice yacht regatta next Winter. The Kalamazoo club has challenged the Swedes.

Tom Tennant says that "Rip" Hagerman will make a swell pitcher in the Coast League. Tom says that the new Beaver hurler has more speed than Miller, the Seal of last season.

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Fred Brown, former Sacramento pitcher, wants to try a "come back" with the Seals.

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Connie Mack's $100,000 infield, consisting of Baker, Collins, Barry and McInnis, has been signed up for 1913.

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Otto Berg, the Astoria middleweight, meets Willie Meelian in a ten-round bout at Oakland tonight. Berg is in good shape and is expected to win over his slam-bang opponent. The winner is to meet the winner of the Petroskey-LaGrande mill of Wednesday night.

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The Eastern Washington Association for the protection and propagation of fish and game is expected to have a membership of 12,000 within a year.

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Frank Dorsey, a former owner of the Spokane Indians and a rabid fan, is out to put Spokane back on the baseball map as one of the best cities in the Northwest. He is organizing a boosters' club and a banquet will be held within a week.

BAUM PRAISES HIS UMPIRES

Only Veterans Who Know Game to Handle Indicator.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—"All of the managers in the Coast League are bragging about their players," said Al Baum, who is here for two days, "so I guess I had better speak about my umpires.

"None of the players will be able to tread on the toes of my new men, Bush and Held. Judging from the accounts I have received of them in the past they should be able to take care of any player who becomes cranky. Held seems to be the strongest one. He is a big fellow, six feet tall, and in addition to that he has red hair. Now a read-headed fellow is a good one to avoid, and ballplayers know that.

"The umpire staff will be composed only of veteran umpires, men who know the game from A to Z."

McMinnville After Championship.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—McMinnville High School defeated Clatskanie High School, 37 to 10, Thursday night at Clatskanie, administering the first defeat on their home floor in two years. From there the team went to Astoria, winning Saturday by a score of 27 to 18. Astoria, up to this time, held the Lower Columbia River championship. St. Johns High School team was defeated Monday, 32 to 12. McMinnville is a contestant for the state championship.

Ex-Tiger to Be Coach.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Feb. 3.—"Doggie" Trenchard, football captain in Princeton in 1893-94 and once an "All-American" end, signed today a three years' contract as resident coach of athletics at the University of North Carolina. He will have general direction of all branches of athletics at the university.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS.

"Germany" Schaefer.

Herman W. Schaefer, of the Washington Climbers, known as the clown of the baseball world on account of his funny stunts on the coaching lines, was born in Chicago, February 4, 1882. Schaefer has worked in the major leagues over ten years and while he has slowed up a bit as a player, he is still able to hold down a job in the big show through his original coaching methods. He started his professional career in 1900 in Kansas City and in 1901 was with the St. Paul team, but before the close of the season was sold to the Chicago Cubs. In 1904 "Germany" was released to the Milwaukee club, but returned to fast company the next season as a member of the Detroit Tigers. He played with the Tigers in 1905-8 and was one of the star second basemen of the American League. In 1909 he was traded to the Washington club where he has since played. Besides his duties as chief coacher, last season, he held down the utility role in both the infield and outfield.

RACE MEET HOPES DIM FOR PORTLAND

Enthusiasm Is Lacking, Due to Bad Weather and Consequent Losses in 1912.

DATES ARE NOT ASKED FOR

G. A. Westgate, Receiver for Country Club, Says, However, That Arrangements Could Be Made Without Loss of Time.

Unless Portland race enthusiasts awake to the situation within the next few days, this city, which has been the scene of many harness race contests of Grand Circuit calibre, will be dropped from the North Pacific Fair Association circuit for 1913.

The annual meeting of the Northwest organization, at which dates for the coming campaign of harness performers are allotted, is scheduled for Thursday and Friday at Salem, yet no action has been taken to secure for Portland and the Country Club track a place on the programme.

When inclement weather forced the abandonment of last Fall's speed programme two days before the scheduled close, grave fears were expressed that Portland might not witness a 1913 meet. Bad weather and the lukewarm attitude of the public towards sensational racing on good days, resulted in a financial loss to the promoters.

Receiver Helps Out.

G. A. Westgate, one of the most prominent enthusiasts of Portland, and receiver for the Country Club property, gave his consent for the staging of a meet last season, and dug down into his pockets to assist in paying debts incurred for the programme. This year he is not inclined to go to the front in an effort to place Portland on the race circuit map, but is willing to permit the use of the track for a meeting if horsemen and business men evince a desire to hold a series of races here.

"I know of no move to secure a race meeting for Portland next season," says Mr. Westgate. "However, this does not mean that Portland is to be overlooked by the horsemen, for it only takes a day or two to get together, and pledge financial support sufficient to insure a programme.

Representation Is Desirable.

"I do not plan to go to Salem for the annual meeting," continued Mr. Westgate, "but may change my mind. As for the dates, those arranged at the meeting will not necessarily be definite, although if Portland is not represented and the best dates are awarded to other places, this city might experience difficulty in trying to arrange a meet later on."

"The proposition is largely up to Mr. Westgate," says John McClintock, editor of the Pacific Horse and Sportsman's Review. "He is in charge of the only track available in or about Portland, and has been the most prominent figure in recent race meets in Portland. If he washes his hands of the matter prospects are not bright for the holding of a North Pacific Fair Circuit programme here.

"If Portland does not get a place on the schedule the only chance left is for a minor meeting."

Thursday Time for Setting Dates.

John W. Pace, secretary of the association, is due in Portland in a day or two on his way to Salem. He may arouse sufficient enthusiasm to insure Portland representation at the Northwest gathering.

Thursday, the first day of the Salem meeting, will be devoted to general fair business, while the second will witness the allotment of 1913 racing dates and a discussion of plans for the season. The three-heat every-heat-a-race system, will be up for discussion, with a chance for the adoption of this scheme of racing for the Northwest.

W. H. Knight, secretary of the American Trotting Association, and W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, will attend the meeting and deliver addresses. John McClintock, W. C. Brown, of Vancouver, B. C.; Horace S. Ensign, secretary of the Utah State Fair; Robert H. Johnson, secretary of the Walla Walla Fair; Frank E. Alley, owner of the Bonaday Stock Farm; J. C. Leggett, owner of Francis J., and C. A. Harrison, of the Woodland Stock Farm, will address the gathering.

WHITE SOX TO BE IN OAKLAND

Ewing's Plans Jolted by Decision of Tip O'Neil, of Chicagoans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Cal Ewing slipped another cog in his plans when Tip O'Neil, representing Charles Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, announced that the Sox would do most of their conditioning in Oakland while in the neighborhood of the Exposition City. Ewing planned on having the Sox at Recreation Park during their entire sojourn here, but O'Neil put the crimpers to that idea when he definitely arranged with the Oakland management to have the Sox go through their training stunts across the bay.

The only time local fans will get a glimpse of the Sox will be at the games scheduled for this side of the bay. O'Neil is afraid of the brightness of the lights in some parts of San Francisco.

O'Neil left today for Los Angeles, where he will conclude arrangements for White Sox games in the South. It is planned for the Sox to play all the Coast League clubs, and this alone will keep them busy.

LORD IS NOT TO BE TRADED

Callahan Says That Reported Deal With Chance Untrue.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Manager Callahan, of the Chicago American League baseball team, denied today a report that he has arranged a trade with New York, whereby Harry Lord would go to New York in exchange for Hartzel, Caldwell and Martin. Callahan said that Manager Chance, of the New Yorks, had asked him to put a price on Shortstop Berger.

UNION GETS UMPIRE FRARY

Northwestern and American Associations After Him.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 3.—President Mulroney, of the Union Association, announced today that he had signed Umpires Ralph Frary and "Rasty" Wright for the season of 1913. Both men worked in this league last year.

The Northwestern League and the American Association were after Frary, it was reported.

Klamath Athlete Better.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Leon Boller, guard on the Klamath County High School team, which has been touring the Rogue River Valley, was taken from the train at Weed, Friday afternoon, suffering from a sudden attack of appendicitis. The entire team and the Grants Pass team, which was accompanying the local team for a game here, remained over night at Weed. Boller's condition was much improved Saturday, and he was able to return home that afternoon.

PORTSMOUTH TEAM WINS CUP

Kerns School Soccer Club Loses Championship Game.

The Portsmouth school won the silver loving cup and the grammar school soccer championship when it defeated the Kerns' eleven, 4 to 1, yesterday, on the Jefferson grounds.

This game was the second in an effort to decide the championship. Both teams played a 1-to-1 tie last Wednesday.

After playing a great game in the first period, the Kerns team went to pieces during the second half and allowed its opponents to score three easy goals, one of which was made by one of its own men, Heerdt, who kicked the ball through his own goal in an effort to clear the posts.

During the first half each team scored a goal. The passing of the ball by the Portsmouth team was a feature. Wickham scored two goals for the victors, a penalty kick netted another goal and a kick by Heerdt netted the fourth goal. Manary scored the only goal made by the Kerns team. The following is the line-up of yesterday's game:

Portsmouth.		Kerns.
Morehouse	Goal	Hunter
McCullan	L B	Clark
Wright	R B	Heerdt
Holcomb	L H B	Frangen
Bigelow	C H B	Dally
Otterson	R H B	Lembke
Cristmas	O L	O'Malley
Larson	I L	Levenson
Morton	C F	Manary
Laumie	L R	Rintoul
Wickham	O R	Tierney

HOWLEY GOES TO PHILLIES

Manager Dooin Purchases Release of Portland Catcher.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—Manager Dooin, of the Philadelphia National League, purchased today the release of Dan Howley, a catcher of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League.

While Manager McCredie has received no word from the Philadelphia Club closing the deal, it is evident that the trade whereby Pitcher Stanley and Catcher Loan come to Portland in exchange for Dan Howley has been consummated.

Manager Dooin, of the Phillies, made the offer to McCredie some time ago, and then, after the Portland manager had acquiesced, the Easterners balked, announcing that there was a hitch in the proceedings.

McCredie has not worried over the matter, feeling that he had a tried catcher in Howley and was not particularly anxious to take a chance with the new talent. No later than yesterday he expressed himself as satisfied with the retention of Dan, as he tried to make the deal to aid his catcher in his climb to the majors as well as to bolster up the Beaver staff.

Stanley is a left-hander, farmed out to Atlanta last season. He won 23 games and lost seven. Loan is a young catcher likely to make his way to the Colts.

VANCOUVER BOWLERS ACTIVE

Canadians Determined to Make Big Tourney Successful.

A. L. Hager, president of the Vancouver Bowling Tournament Association, which is to stage a big bowling meet in the British Columbia city in April, is due in Portland in a day or two to work among the alleymen in the interests of the big Northwest tenpin affair.

The Vancouver people are conducting a strenuous campaign in the interests of their independent tourney, dividing the officers of the organization into teams and sending them out to drum up entries for the meet. Hager has been assigned to Seattle, Portland, Spokane and Tacoma, in addition to other territory in the United States. All towns between Winnipeg and Vancouver are to be canvassed.

The Canadians have set 100 five-man teams as their goal and of this number nearly half are expected to come from the United States side. Spokane has pledged three teams, with one or two more possible, while three and possibly four are expected to be Portland's quota.

The Vancouver tourney will be staged on two high-class alleys of six drives each, with every entrant to bowl on the 12 chutes during the meet.

Jewish Boys Win.

The Jewish Boys' Athletic Club basketball five scored its 11th straight victory of the season last night, shutting out the United States National Bank quintet on the Portland Academy floor, 22-0. Tomorrow night the Jewish Boys' first team will meet the Y. M. C. A. Zebras on the J. B. A. C. floor, and the second five will tackle the Brooklyn Club seconds.

Amateur Athletics.

Eddie McAllen, the star fullback on the 1912 Hill Military Academy football team, will catch on the Wells-Fargo baseball team this season. McAllen is now employed in the freight depot of the Wells-Fargo Company.

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Two basketball games between the United States National and the Ladd and Tilton banks, the First National Bank and Hibernian, will mark the opening of the Bankers' Basketball League tonight on the Portland Academy floor. The first game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

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H. Titley, manager of the South Portland soccer football team, is seeking the services of several fast junior players and would like to hear from aspiring players. Address all communications to H. Titley, 166 North Twenty-third street or phone Main 4220.

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Coach Fenstermacher and the Washington basketball team will leave Friday morning for Eugene to play the University of Oregon freshmen. The regular five will go in addition to a sub forward and guard. Manager Adams, of the team, will also accompany the quintet.

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The Portland Academy basketball team will be compelled to play the remaining games of the interscholastic schedule without the services of Hill, their star center, who is at present confined to his bed with a badly inflamed leg. It will be at least several weeks before he will be around, according to his physician. Kingsle and Brix, two star players, were sick early in the season.

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The Portland Academy soccer football team may be without the services of Cobb, center forward, this afternoon, when it meets the Columbia University champion team on the Jefferson grounds. Cobb received some bad bruises in the game between the Washington and Academy teams last week and may be unable to take part today.

Joseph Willett, tourist conductor of St. Albans, Vt., who is now on his 120th transcontinental trip from Boston to California, has been traveling constantly for 46 years. He estimates that he has covered in this time $3,270,000 miles.

WOLVERTON IS ON HUNT

SACRAMENTO MANAGER AFTER THREE PLAYERS.

Unsuccessful Attempt Is Made to Get Men From White Sox—Evers After Overall.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Harry Wolverton, manager of the Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast League, who was here today, attempted to purchase three recruits from the Chicago American League baseball club, and Martin Berghammer, a shortstop, from the local National League team. He said he needed an infielder, an outfielder and a pitcher.

The manager of the American League club told Wolverton he would do no "weeding out" until he had seen all of his recruits in action next Spring.

While here Wolverton booked four games for the training season. The first division of the White Sox will play in Sacramento March 12 and 13, and the second team March 18 and 19.

From Los Angeles came word today that Manager Johnny Evers of the Chicago National League team is trying to induce "Big Jeff" Overall to return here the coming season. Overall failed to report for duty in 1912 but recently signified his intention of getting back in the game. He said, however, he did not wish to play with Chicago, although he still is the property of that club.

REVOLVER EXPERTS SHOOT

High Averages Made by Portland Club in Two Contests.

The Portland Revolver Club held its twenty - first and twenty - second matches last night against the Philadelphia and Columbus Club of Ohio, and in both shoots made high averages. In the twenty-first match against the Columbus revolver men the local shooters made a grand total of 1107, which proved to be 8 points less than they made against the Philadelphia team in the twenty-second match. Captain Moore made the highest individual average in the twenty-first match, with 227, and Hubbard and Hansen are tied with 227 in the twenty-second match.

The following are the individual scores made last night.

Portland vs. Columbus.

						Totals.
Capt. J. T. Moore	48	46	45	44	44	227
Hubbard	47	45	41	46	47	226
Hansen	44	44	47	43	45	223
Craddock	47	41	42	46	43	219
Prescott	42	42	40	44	44	212
Grand total						1107

Portland vs. Philadelphia.

Hansen	48	48	44	43	44	227
Hubbard	49	41	44	46	47	227
Prescott	44	46	48	44	43	225
Moore	43	48	44	44	40	219
Evans	44	43	46	44	40	217
Grand total						1115

PULLMAN TEAM WINS GAME

University of Washington Five Defeated, 24 to 22.

PULLMAN, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—In the hardest basketball game seen here this season the University of Washington tonight lost to the Washington State College team, 24 to 22.

For Pullman, Sampson was the high-point winner, making all points on four field goals and three fouls. Lowery threw two goals, Anderson four and Bohler threw a foul. Byler, of the University of Washington, was the highest point winner, scoring 18 on five goals and eight fouls. Savage and Fancher each made one field goal. Washington led at the start. The half closed 11 to 11. In the second half the university players began to weaken, their physical condition apparently being inferior to that of their opponents.

PAPKE MAY FIGHT GIBBONS

Men to Battle Either in Los Angeles or San Francisco.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—A fight between Billy Papke, claimant of the world's middleweight championship, and Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, is in prospect for July 4, either at Los Angeles or San Francisco, it was said here tonight.

Ernest Potts, of Minneapolis, who is said to have a contract with Papke to arrange all ring contests for the "Illinois Thunderbolt," on American soil, received a letter from Papke today signifying his willingness to meet the St. Paul man at 158 pounds on Independence day. Gibbons said tonight that he would be ready to fight Papke on the date mentioned.

Kennel Club Meeting Called.

President Watkins, of the Portland Kennel Club, has called a special meeting of the newly-elected officers of the organization for Friday night at 106 Second street. At this meeting committees will be appointed to decide upon the site for the 14th annual bench show, to be held in April.

LOGGING WORK RESUMED

Lower Columbia River District Again Alive, Snow Disappearing.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Logging operations in the camps in the Lower Columbia River district are gradually being resumed. The Brix Logging Company started up today and those in the Deep River section are also arranging to haul logs within a few days, the greater portion of snow having disappeared.

On the south side of the river the conditions are about the same. Some of the camps are running and others are making active preparations. The Sorenson camp will start up next Monday. In the meantime, owing to the temporary scarcity of logs, following the recent shut-down, there is some talk of prices being raised $1 a thousand feet.

While this may be done in some instances, the best information obtainable indicates that the advance will not be general, as the majority of the loggers realize that such a rise would handicap the mills until the demand for lumber is such as to warrant an increase in the price of that commodity, and would redound to the disadvantage of the loggers themselves so soon as the old camps and several new ones that are being started are in full operation next Spring.

Militia and Guard May Separate.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Complete divorce of the Oregon National Guard and the Oregon Naval Militia will probably be recommended in the report of the special committee named to investigate the Naval Militia. The report will probably not be forthcoming until the latter part of the week. Conflicts between members of the militia and the guard and the failure of the chief officers of the guard properly to handle the administration of the Naval Militia are given as some of the reasons why the divorce of the two organizations will be recommended.

WOODBURN OFFICE SOUGHT

Postmaster Under Two Republicans Would Serve Democrat.

WOODBURN, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—With present indications apparently unfavorable to confirmation of a Republican postmaster for this city, Democratic aspirants for the local office are bestirring themselves. Already there are four hats in the ring, and it is rumored that others are training a wistful eye on the plum.

William Pennebaker, the incumbent, received the appointment under President Roosevelt, although he was considered to lean toward the Democratic faith, and has held the office since that time, but has failed to receive the recommendation of Congressman Hawley for reappointment. It is now rumored that he is making a strong effort to obtain the appointment under the Democratic Administration should the appointment that is now before the Senate fail of confirmation.

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