TINKER SILENT ON REACHING CHICAGO

Secret Mission Includes Visit to Kansas City, St. Louis and Nearby Towns.

PLAYING LIST IS STRONG

Dodge and Niehoff Among Latest Men Mentioned as Likely to Wear Federal Uniforms This Year. Joe Confers With Boss.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Joe Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals, returned to the home burg today, after a couple of days of scouting for big league timber. The ex-Cub star came back with a bundle of choice facts about the new league, but when pressed for a little dope tonight said that there was nothing he could give out for publication.

On this secret mission Tinker touched at Kansas City and St. Louis. A few nearby towns were also included in his route, but just what his purposes were in visiting this or that place cannot be learned. He was after major league players to be sure, but their identity must remain a secret until Joe chooses to speak a few words.

It is said that he managed to land a couple of additional men for his team and is now assured of a classy aggregation, even though he has to fill the remaining vacancies with young players.

Dodge May Be Secured.

His pitching staff is settled for the present with Cole, Brennan and Packard lined up. Killifer assures some good catching and Kading will occupy first, while Tinker will himself handle drives in his own approved style at short.

There is a big possibility of Tinker landing either Dodge or Niehoff, the former only recently released by the Reds to Louisville, while the latter was drafted from the Colonels last Fall by the Cincinnati club.

Both are third basemen, Niehoff being so good that 15 of 16 majors put in a draft for him. Dodge broke into the majors about the middle of last season and made such a good showing that there was more or less surprise when his release was announced.

Niehoff has already been in communication with Tinker and is liable to show at the local offices next week. He is warm, as the old expression goes, and enough coin may induce him to sign. Of course, Tinker would not like to take any of Herrmann's men if he could help it. Oh, no. Dodge, a bit peeved as most players are when turned loose by the majors, also might be easy for tempting bait.

Secret Conference Held.

As soon as he returned, Tinker communicated with his boss, Charles Weeghman, and the league chief, Charles A. Gilmore, was also called into conference. What transpired is not known, but it is presumed that the main business consisted in hearing Tinker's report on his gumshoeing expedition. After the session Gilmore hurried away to catch an eastbound train.

One of the things for which the league president is making a jump to the eastern end of the circuit is the question of managers for three of the cities. Toronto, Buffalo and Pittsburg are still without pilots, and immediate action is imperative. It was reported that Jimmy Sheckard had been selected for the Smoketown job, but the yarn was not authentic. This doesn't mean, however, that Sheck will not get the post eventually.

HIGH GUN SCORES ARE MADE

Dennis Holohan Leads Contestants With 95 Per Cent.

Exceptionally high averages were registered at the regular Sunday shoot of the Portland Gun Club at the Kenton traps yesterday. Seven contestants made more than 90 per cent, with Dennis Holohan leading the 30 or more contestants. He averaged 95 per cent. Two were tied with 93, one made 92, while three more shot 91 per cent each.

The annual meeting of the Portland Gun Club will be held tomorrow night in Bowie & Caldwell's. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock and the election of officers will be the first thing on the programme.

Following is the list of contestants and their scores: Dennis Holohan, 95 per cent; Bryden, 93; J. Reid, 93; J. Huntley, 92; S. Huntley, 91; Seavey, 91; Van Atta, 91; Pete Holohan, 89; Morris, 86; Spencer, 86; Matthes, 83; Bateman, 82; Lewis, 81; Seguin, 80; Bilyeu, 76; Addleman, 76; Tyler, 74; Hare, 68; Murphy, 67; Marriott, 61; Brent, 58; Card, 52.

BROWN AND FLETCHER CONFER

Federal League Man Passes Day With Giants' Shortstop.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Mordecai Brown, now manager of the St. Louis Federal League Club, passed today here, and most of the time was in conversation with Fletcher, shortstop of the New York Giants. Both deny that there is a dicker on, but the conference was regarded as significant.

In the afternoon an indoor game was played, Fletcher leading one team and Ed Konetchy, recently traded to Pittsburg, headed the other squad, while Brown umpired. Walsh, F. Brown, Lefty High, of Detroit; Wally Smith, of Washington, and Bobby Byrne were among the National and American League players.

Amateur Athletics.

After a weigh-in of the members of the McLoughlin Club basketball players the team's average was found to be 140 pounds, instead of 155 pounds, as formerly announced. Manager Dwyer took nine players with him to be weighed in, with Captain Toomey being one of the lightest, while Sharpe is the heavyweight of the quintet.

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The elimination soccer game between the Rose City grammar school eleven and the Woodmere team resulted in a 1-to-1 draw, and was played on a heavy field. Little individual playing was possible and teamwork was out of the question. This is the first time that the Rose City team has been scored on this year. Weatheral kicked the lone goal for the Rose City squad.

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The Oregonia Club has reorganized its basketball team. Milton Gevurtz is coaching the new team, with Herns, Bichel, Harry Gevurtz, Milton Wurtzweiler and Allan Meier as a nucleus around which to build a team.

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The Christian Brothers Business College second quintet is trying to get games with teams averaging 120 pounds to the man, either in or out of town. For games call East 5796 or C 2206, or write W. R. Lippey at the college.

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At a meeting of the athletic committee of the Oregon law school plans were made to formulate a baseball team, with John D. Dwyer to act in the capacity of manager. All of last year's baseball suits have been called in and new ones probably will be purchased. Plans for a student body dance are on tap, but the exact date has not been settled.

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One of the biggest basketball games of the year will be staged in the Christian Brothers Business College gymnasium next Sunday, when the college quintet meets the Albany Knights of Columbus. The local team averages about 155 pounds to the man, and is one of the fastest squads in the city. At present it is tied for first honors in the Portland Basketball League.

MAGNATES MEET FEBRUARY 7

Willamette Valley League to Complete Organization at Salem.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A meeting will be held in Salem, February 7, to organize a Willamette Valley Baseball League for the coming season. This was the decision reached at a meeting held here last night to consider preliminary plans for the formation of the organization.

It was decided last night that the teams will be formed of strictly local players, and that games will be played on Sundays only. The cities which, according to present plans, will be represented in the proposed league, are Salem, Albany, Eugene, Corvallis, Woodburn and Springfield.

Rearrest Will Be Sought.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Should Harry K. Thaw be admitted to bail and attempt to leave New Hampshire Attorney-General Carmody will try to effect his arrest. The Attorney-General will have the support of the Governor in any step he may decide to take, it was announced tonight.

Ex-Minister Merrill Dies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—George W. Merrill, United States Minister to Hawaii during President Cleveland's first Administration, died here Saturday, aged 77.

GRANT MAY BECOME CHAMPION RUNNER

"Dad" Moulton Thinks Portland Youth Is in Line for World Honors.

COACH MAKES STATEMENT

Veteran, Leaving Stanford After 12 Years, Praises Work of Other Athletes From This City, Including Paul Wilson.

Dick Grant, Portland interscholastic star, now a student at Stanford University, is destined to become the world's champion sprinter, in the opinion of "Dad" Moulton, for 12 years famous as track coach at the California University.

Inasmuch as Dan Kelly, a Portland boy who matriculated at Oregon, holds the world's amateur record now at 9 4-5 seconds, Moultons prediction is sure to cause a flurry in Northwestern athletic circles.

Two world's champions from the same city would seem to be crowding credulity up a back alley, but, here is what the famous Stanford coach had to say:

"In leaving Stanford University I leave behind the strongest track team the university has had to start with since I joined it 12 years ago, and there is every reason why it should develop a winning squad.

McKee Is Speedy.

"In the sprints there are McKee, Grant, Campbell, Brown and Needham. I have seen McKee do the hundred in 9 4-5 more than once and with more than one watch. Now, the first season a sprinter does this remarkable performance he is not apt to be consistent any may fall off to 10 1-5 or 10 2-5; but after the first season one can depend upon such a man to do 10 flat in consistent fashion.

"In Dick Grant the university has the the best material for a world's champion that it ever has had in my time. I am quite proud to say I had a hand in persuading him to enter Stanford.

"In Needham will be found the making of a very fast man, and Brown is an athlete who comes to his speed slowly, but is due for good work this season.

"Campbell should show as well as last season. Some judge from his Portola work that he was 'in.' I account for it on the ground that he was devoting too much of his time to all-round work, apparently perfecting himself for a coaching position."

Grant's Father Athlete.

Dick Grant is the son of Peter Grant, of 368 East Ninth street North, a well-known follower of athletics and at one time a prominent athlete himself.

Dick was a member of the Washington High School track and field team which invaded California two years ago under the direction of Coach Veatch. The team was one of the best balanced in the country, having exceptionally strong men in every event. Paul Wilson, the champion miler of the state, was a member of that team. At present he is again a teammate of Grant's. Grant won every race in Oregon that year. He is a joint holder of the state century mark of 10 1-5 seconds with Baker and Goreszky.

Vere Windnagle, who captured the half-mile in one minute 56 seconds at the 1912 Eugene State Interscholastic meeting, was among those who represented the Portland school at Berkeley. Crickmore, Robert, Krohn, Nelson and "Moose" Johnson are several others who helped the locals capture second place at the meeting. Krohn, too, is now at Stanford.

"Dad" Moulton has high regard both for Paul Wilson in the mile run and Krohn in the pole vault.

Vaulting Championship Possible.

Moulton figures that in the pole vault there is another possibility of annexing a world's championship, as four of the best vaulters on the Coast, including Krohn, are enrolled at Stanford.

"Dad" spoke encouragingly about all three Portland boys and this is what he had to say about Wilson:

"In the mile there is Paul Wilson, another Portland product, and with the proper handling he will be hard to beat. He is a natural miler, which his record of 4 minutes and 26 seconds might indicate, and if he is not returned the winner I will be mighty sadly disappointed.

"In the two-mile event I fear that Stanford will have to be content with second honors unless an unknown distance runner is developed."

WELL-KNOWN ATHLETIC TRAINER AND HIS PORTLAND PROTEGE, WHOM HE SAYS IS FUTURE WORLD'S CHAMPION IN THE 100-YARD DASH.

LEFT, DICK GRANT; RIGHT, "DAD" MOULTON.

SPORT-NEWS POT POURRI

ADVENTURERS and soldiers of fortune generally follow revolutionary armies, hence the personnel of the guardians of the new Federal League ramparts presents quite an anomoly.

Nary a trace of a baseball man is found in the bunch; nary a trace of the usual hangers-on. Instead, the new Federal magnates consist of hard-headed business men.

"Prexy" Gilmore.

President Gilmore, the field agent in the fight against "organized" baseball, is president of a manufacturing concern and of considerable prominence in Chicago coal circles.

One of his aides is a beanery owner in Chicago, another a fish herder, still another an oyster tamer, while the remainder of the list is made up of a Canadian member of Parliament, a brewer, a hotel man, four lawyers, three real estate operators, a banker, a broker, an ice man and a merchant.

With four lawyers on his staff, little wonder Gilmore is wading into the unsigned ranks of the two major leagues. Gilmore evidently has been advised carefully, for he is steering shy of players already signed, and grabbing those held only by the reserve clause.

Our knowledge of law is limited, not to say a trifle hazy, but, for all that, we agree with Gilmore's legal staff that the reserve clause would have a tough row to hoe if brought into court.

Suppose a ballplayer signs a contract at $2500 for three years, said carrying an indefinite reserve on his services. At the end of thre years he turns down the next contract, as the salary is not acceptable. Yet, doesn't this mean that he would be forced to accept for life the salary that his owner wanted to pay, regardless of what might be offered him elsewhere?

It surely does.

Without question the reserve clause is necessary to baseball, but, even with its 25 per cent kick-in for reservation privileges, it is unlikely that the procedure would stand the acid test if brought before the bar of justice.

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The Federal League was drifting along unheralded and unsung until C. W. Murphy, of Chicago, arose and began to assail it. This was sufficient to bring about a revival and set the Feds right with the people.

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Battling Levinskey, the sensational New York light-heavy, fights oftener in a week than Willie Ritchie does in a year. Still, Dan Morgan, his manager, resents the insinuation that he is overworking his meal ticket. "Doesn't he save his mornings and his Sundays to himself?" indignantly asks Dumb Dan.

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"Bombardier Wells explains the secret of his success," reads one of the ads in Bombardier Wells' new book, "Modern Boxing and How to Learn It." This chapter ought to be the shortest in the book. "He describes how he acquired his marvelous quickness and skill," is another quotation borrowed from the advertising matter. Some of our white hopes should study that part, for none of them are quick or skillful enough to equal Wells' record for taking the count in the first round.

"Thirty full-page photographs, clearly illustrating the Bombardier's methods of attack and defense," is another boost for the book. Judging from Wells' recent fights this ad. should be changed so as to read: "Thirty attitudes for attack, but not one for defense."

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Mike Gibbons continues to be a puzzle, or a puzzler, depending entirely on which way you choose to regard him. Is he really able to perform up to his best as a welter-weight, or is he just bunking the public and afraid to go out after the bigger game in the middle-weight class? It looks as though the latter is likely to be the case. It's about time that Michael wake up to the opportunities that await him if he will set sail for the middle-weight crown. There is no field for profit in meeting the bona fide welters of the present day, as none of them is able to draw a corporal's guard into any arena. Packey McFarland is not so foolish after all, when the fact is considered that he would not find a single drawing card to fight in the welter-weight class, whereas there are plenty in the light-weight brigade.

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It begins to look as if the international agreements between the New York boxing commission and the governing body of France are a joke. According to proclamations at the time the agreements were drawn up, a man barred by one body would be automatically barred thereby from engaging in bouts in the territory of the other body. And Jack Johnson only recently pulled off what is thought to be a "frame up" in Paris. Johnson has long been barred by the New York authorities.

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Johnny Kilbane is about due to follow in the trail of Johnny Dundee in deserting the featherweight class for the lightweights. He cannot make the featherweight limit any more than Jess Willard can make the middle-weight limit. If Kilbane graduates to the class above there should be a merry scramble for the mantle of the king, and our old friend Abe Attell would have to be reckoned in the running once more.

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There is one man who certainly is not sad over the action of Tinker. He is John J. McGraw. The passing of Tinker gives McGraw added likelihood of piloting his Giants into a fourth straight pennant, a better chance to do a thing that no manager in modern baseball ever has been able to accomplish. Tinker's going once more makes the Giants look like the best bet for the gonfalon, with the Phillies, Cubs and Pirates providing the competition.

JAY GOULD TO BATTLE

COURT TENNIS AMATEUR CHAMPION TO MEET ENGLISHMAN.

Match to Be Played in Philadelphia Will Be First Title Meeting Outside England Within Century.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—In the long list of international contests scheduled for the present year none stands out more than the court tennis contests between Jay Gould, of the United States, and G. F. Covey, of England.

This match, which will be played in Philadelphia late in March, brings together the American amateur champion and the world's professional titleholder.

Interest in the contest is rapidly increasing, both in this country and England, because of the remarkable playing ability of both Gould and Covey and the fact that it is the first time that a cup match has ever been arranged between an amateur and professional and the first time that the championship match has been played outside of England.

Covey, who is professional to the Honorable Neville Stephen Lytton, the British amateur champion, is 33 years old, the best age, according to experts, for the game. He learned court tennis at Princes Club, when "Punch" Fairs was head professional there, and in 1912 defeated Fairs at Princes Club by seven sets to three—54 games to 42, 341 strokes to 316.

The American amateur, who is about five years younger than Covey, is regarded as the leading exponent of court tennis in this country. According to the English method of handicapping, the average professional is considered 15 better than the leading amateur. In the case of Gould he was rated at half 15 in 1908 when he won the English amateur championship from Mr. Miles.

No championship match has been played out of England for nearly 100 years, though there have been several international matches.

SEMI-PROS ARE SIGNED

SCOUT RICHARDSON PLACES SEVERAL PORTLAND PLAYERS.

Chest Hughes, Fred McKeen, Claude Dixon and Others to Go to Walla Walla Tri-State League Club.

Quite a number of Portland semi-pros will have a chance to shine in organized baseball the coming season. Jimmy Richardson, scout for the Portland Coast and Northwestern clubs, has added various Western Tri-State clubs to his string, and he has been busy getting contracts from some of the local players.

For the Walla Walla club Scout Richardson has signed Chest Hughes, Knights of Columbus outfielder; Fred McKeen, Timms-Cress first sacker; Claude Dixon, Weonas' first sacker, and Arthur Nelson, Weonas' outfielder.

Charles Lund, a tall blond-thatched twirler of the United States Laundry team, also is lined up for the Bears.

"Walla Walla loses Davis, Martini, Kelly and a couple of others and can use these youngsters," said Richardson last night. "There's no reason why these Portland boys should not make good in the leagues, for the class of ball around here is fully up to the San Francisco standard."

Scout Richardson also has tendered a contract to Johnny Telford, the Washington High pitcher.

Richardson and L. A. Spangle expect to attend the annual meeting of the Western Tri-State League, which will be held at Walla Walla January 20.

New Skating Marks Set.

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 11.—Oscar Mathiesen set two new world's skating records today. He covered 500 meters in 43 7-10 seconds and 1500 meters in 2 minutes and 19½ seconds. The previous records were 44 1-5 seconds and 2:20 3-5, respectively.

White Salmon Defeats Hood River.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The White Salmon High School basketball team played the Hood River High School team in Hood River last night, winning by a score of 22 to 17.

COAST LEAGUE LIST OF UMPIRES FILLED

President Baum Refuses Application of McGreevy for His Old Job.

JONES NEEDS ONE ARBITER

Montana and Idaho Are Wavering Between Union Association and Tri-State Choice—Sterrett to Play With Venice.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Grover Hayes will be the one new umpire in the Pacific Coast League in 1914. Allan T. Baum, president of the AA circuit, supplemented this announcement in San Francisco yesterday with the information that Eugene McGreevy had applied for his old job back, but that he had to be refused.

So, paste these names in your hat and begin thinking up epithets for the coming campaign:

William Guthrie, William Phyle, "Red" Held, Ed Finney, Jack McCarthy and Grover Hayes.

McGreevy was one of the best arbiters in the league a couple of years back, but he jumped out suddenly one afternoon, like the proverbial Arab, not even stopping to fold his tent. Next heard of Gene he had copped a job in the American League, but after a few months' trial his wanderlust again asserted itself and he dropped out of sight again in mid-season of 1913.

Eugene was a capable umpire, and if "Red" Held does not intend to return President Baum could do worse than sign him. Held is wintering in St. Louis, and Baum says he will be back on the Coast despite "Red's" forensic outbursts last Fall, when he bade his friends goodby forever.

Jones Lines Up Arbiters.

Meantime, Felder Jones is busily engaged lining up three good arbiters for the Northwestern League.

Jimmy Toman likely will be returned for 1914, and the same is true of Perle Casey. Harry Ostdiek, of Spokane, has made no statement as to whether he desires reappointment, so it is reasonable to suppose that the third umpire will be a new man.

Frank Newhouse, arbiter for a time in the Coast League in 1912 and 1913, has written President Jones for a job, but evidently Fielder doesn't want him, for Newhouse says in a letter to the writer:

"I am awaiting a call to my work. I may train the Indianapolis club or I may umpire in the American Association. Failing in these I will go back and umpire in the Federal League, where I worked after leaving the Coast last Fall.

"I liked the Coast and would like to get on with Fielder Jones, but I guess he is filled out."

Newhouse is living in Denver.

Idaho and Montana Waver.

Up around Montana and Idaho they are arguing whether to have an eight-club Union Association or a six-club holdover, while at Boise fans are wavering between the Tri-State and a new four-club league.

If they do not get busy soon they will have a couple of no-club circuits.

Del Howard, of San Francisco, says there must be something wrong with the National League 1913 official averages which credit Charles O'Leary with only three swiped bags in more than 100 games at St. Louis.

Either something wrong with the statistics or else with O'Leary. Suffice to remark that his namesake, Dan O'Leary, the marathon walker, could have copped that many bases hiking backward.

Charley Sterrett, ex-Princeton Univeristy prodigy, is to be sold by Venice. Hap Hogan paid the New York Yanks $1500 in cash last Summer for Sterrett, but he admits that he is dickering with both the American Association and the Western League. His objection to Charley is that he will not play Sunday ball.

All of which recalls Umpire Billy Evans' story on Sterrett.

When Frank Chance took the New York club he tried Charley out behind the bat at first, in the outfield later and finally relegated him to the bench. His only responsibility there was an occasional pinch-hitting assignment.

One game Chance called on Sterrett to hit for the pitcher, and he became much peeved when Umpire Evans called a strike on him.

"That last one was a foot outside," he muttered.

"Run along, little boy; you are no longer at Princeton," said Evans.

"I realize it. If I were I would have selected an umpire that suited me, and it's a cinch it wouldn't have been you."

"Don't worry about me," replied Evans. "If you don't make a hit soon, you won't have to put up with my work much longer."

Two weeks later Sterrett was sold to Venice.

When he returned from Los Angeles Del Howard told San Francisco writers that he came near landing Pitcher Charley Chech and Outfielder Maggert for Henley and McArdle.

Recalling the Lober-Krueger deal we are willing to believe almost anything. Come again.

MOUNT SCOTT SOCCER MEN WIN

Columbia University Is Defeated, 1 to 0, in Fast Game.

In one of the fastest and best-played soccer games seen in Portland for some time the Columbia University eleven was defeated by the Mount Scott squad, 1 to 0, on the university campus yesterday afternoon. A large crowd was on hand and the lone score came as a result of a well executed shot by Bragg in the first half.

For the winners Duncan was the big factor in not allowing the collegians to score, while Wright and J. Robson all helped to bring about a victory. For the humbled eleven Kellogg, Bileodeau, Nixon and G. Murphy played sensational ball.

The lineups follow:

Mt. Scott (1)		Columbia (0)
Hickling	G	Leonard
Duncan	RB	Quinn
R. Robson	LB	Bileodeau
Kellogg	RHB	G. Murphy
Bryce	CHB	Bernhoffer
Fairley	LHB	Peabody
Wright	ORF	Fox
Young	IRF	Nixon
Stewart	CF	E. Murphy
W. Gray	ILF	J. Murphy
Bragg	OLF	Cannon

Pauley, referee.

MAJORS END SEASON EARLY

Postponed Games Must Be Played Prior to October 4.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—John Heydler, secretary of the National League, returned today after attending the joint meeting of the National and American League schedule committee in French Lick Springs and the annual meeting of the National Commission in Cincinnati.

Secretary Heydler announced that a different method of winding up the major league season earlier than usual had been decided for 1914. Heretofore the league season closed on the first Saturday in October in the East and the following Sunday in the West. This year, however, the Western clubs will close their season on Sunday, October 4, while the Eastern teams will finish on Wednesday, October 7.

The Western teams, however, may use these last three days to play off postponed games, with the provision that the games are postponed from the last series in the West, but all possible postponed games must be played prior to October 4.

McQuillan Defeats Ross.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Claude McQuillan, the ex-Whitworth football star, again showed his superiority over Billy Ross, of Centralia, in their bout before the Morton Athletic Club last night. The referee stopped the fight in the sixth round, after McQuillan had Ross all but out. The local man received a fracture of his jaw in the bout, but it is not believed that it will result seriously.

Umatilla Sportsmen Elect.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Umatilla County Fish and Game Association Friday night, Wesley N. Matlock was elected president. It was decided to use the influence of the local association towards obtaining more deputy wardens for Umatilla County and to try to break up persistent poaching.

HORSEMEN WILL MEET

CHANGES TO BE CONSIDERED IN GRAND CIRCUIT EVENTS.

Stewards Also to Discuss New Rules at Session in Grand Rapids—Horses With Records Get New Trials.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 11.—Before leaving for Grand Rapids, Mich., where they will attend the annual meeting of the Grand Circuit stewards next Tuesday, President Devereaux and Secretary Kline announced that no new members are likely to be taken into the circuit this year. Unless there is an eleventh-hour development neither Providence, R. I., nor Readville, Mass., will be represented at the meeting and Peoria, Ill., has withdrawn its application.

Much uncertainty exists regarding the eastern end of the circuit. Only two meetings are certainties, Syracuse, N. Y., the week of August 31, and Hartford, Conn., the week of September 6. There are arbitrary dates and from these points the stewards will work in an effort to mold the other members in a satisfactory circuit.

Whether dates will be granted to New York, is still doubtful. Columbus, O., and Lexington, Ky., each will have two successive weeks of racing.

It is regarded as likely now that the first meeting will open at Detroit on Saturday, July 4, and run ten days. Either Kalamazoo or Grand Rapids would follow and then Cleveland.

This year's meetings of the stewards is regarded as the most important in years. Several changes in the rules are to be considered, among them the adoption of a time allowance rule that will give horses that earned records in years previous to 1913 and did not improve their records last year an opportunity to race in lower classes and a rule that will put on record only the winner of a race.

President Devereaux's suggestion to put a $15,000 limit on the net earning capacity of a Grand Circuit pacer or trotter may be considered.

Coffroth Slips Joke Over On Tom Jones

Promoter Causes Uneasiness to Fight Fan on Trial in Los Angeles.

THE trial of Jones and McCarey in Los Angeles brought up a little incident that happened in San Francisco on a recent visit of Jones, who managed Jess Willard.

Jones breezed into the office of James Coffroth, swinging his cane and apparently indifferent to a trouble in the world.

"When does your trial come off down south?" asked Coffroth.

Tom named the date.

"Looks pretty bad, doesn't it?" continued "Sunny Jim."

Jones said something to the effect that he would make a good sized bet that he would be acquitted.

Coffroth rose and drew Jones aside. "Tom," he said, in a voice that was little more than a whisper, "I think you will be acquitted, so don't worry over what I am going to tell you. But in case anything should happen—mind you, I say if it should—ask them to send you to San Quentin instead of Folsom. The food is better there. And, besides, if you are close by, a fellow can run over once in a while and have a chat. I am not saying that you will be convicted, far be it, but I am simply giving you a friendly tip."

Jones cast a reproachful look at Coffroth and then walked away, evidently deeply absorbed in Jim's logic.

BOXING BRIEFS

TODAY'S mail brings a challenge from a boy in California who is willing to tackle anything from a brindle pup to a Bengal tabby, or from Johnny Coulon to Jack Johnson. His defi follows:

"Sporting Editor The Oregonian: I hereby challenge Bud Anderson or the Mysterious Billy Smith for a 20-round contest for a purse of $1000, and if I can't put either of them to sleep in ten rounds I will give them $500. My weight is 145 pounds. The contest will have to take place at Gate City, Wash., and Johnnie Erskin to be referee. Respectfully,

"SAMIE DUNN,

"282 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, Cal."

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Sailor Petrosky is uneasy over one phase of the coming battle with Jimmy Clabby. There will be no music. When he began boxing at Goat Island the sailors always had the brass band at the training camp. In all his bouts the sailor always hit and dodged and stepped to the music of the big brass band. His manager ought to anchor a phonograph in the ring. Isn't Tom Jones in Los Angeles?

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Lines to Colonel G. B. Smith.

This Gunboat Smith may be no Fitz
Or Corbett in his prime—
No classic wonder with his mitts,
Beyond the sweep of time;
But lined with these other hopes
Across the hills and hollers,
The sucker looks, believe me, friend,
Life forty million dollars.

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The belief that Johnny Kilbane had outgrown his weight and would in the future have to go lightweight is upset by Ed Bang, of Cleveland. With Bang a spade is a spade and he declares that Johnny is still, and looks fit to be, a featherweight for some time to come.

McCormic Defeats Summers.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 11.—Tom McCormic, of Australia, defeated Johnny Summers, the English pugilist, in a 20-round contest today for the British welterweight championship. McCormic won on points.

DIVISION IS DECIDER

Washington State Quintet Declared to Have Advantage.

SECOND PLACE IS LIKELY

Dr. E. J. Stewart, Athletic Director of Oregon Agricultural College, Says New Plan Thus Is Mistake of Serious Nature.

When the Northwestern College heads divided the conference basketball teams into two sections, East and West, they made a serious mistake, vouchsafed Dr. E. J. Stewart, athletic director at the Oregon Agricultural College, who was a Portland visitor yesterday.

"This year it virtually gives all the advantage to Washington State College," said Dr. Stewart. "The three strong teams on this side, Washington, Oregon and the Oregon Aggies, must fight it out amongst themselves, and the best team must then go East, across the mountains, and play the best team there, which is Washington State.

"Now, if Washington State were forced to play all the teams on this side you can see it would have pretty tough sledding. But, under the present arrangement it will have comparatively an easy time with Idaho and Whitman, and, therefore, cannot land worse than second."

The conference basketball schedule opens up this week with the invasion of Oregon by the Washington Staters. Johnny Bender's bunch will pass through Portland today, en route to Salem, where the Pullmanites meet the Yellowjackets tonight. Silverton will entertain the visitors Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Thursday, Washington State tackles the Oregon Aggies; switches over to Oregon for Friday, and back to Corvallis for Saturday. These games will not count, however, in the final college rankings.

Dr. Stewart says there is nothing new in the move to stage the Oregon Aggie-Oregon University football game next November 21 in Portland. He believes this city to be the logical place and says he expects Oregon to see it that way and agree before long.

Now that the Aggies are lined up with Washington for Albany, the Oregon game will be played either at Corvallis or Portland.

JUNCTION CITY TEAMS WIN

Boys' and Girls' Quints Each Defeat Creswell at Basketball.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The high school basketball teams of Junction City last night won over the Creswell teams. The boys' team won 12 to 5 and the girls' team won 26 to 21. Following are the lineups:

Creswell girls—Forwards, Buoy and Steel; center, Windon; guards, Conkey and Ranch. Junction City girls—Forwards, Wilde and Craid; center, Nebert; guards, Hansen and Jensen.

Creswell boys—Forwards, Dersham and Miller; center, Groshon; guards, Ravensen and Parsons. Junction boys—Forwards, Hays and Thompson; center, Jensen; guards, Bailey, L. Jensen.

The Creswell teams' work was the feature. The Junction City High School gave a reception for the visiting teams.

Whitman Basketball Aspirants Busy.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The coach of Whitman College has two letter men and a lot of new material to use in building up a basketball team this year. Hazelton and Botts, both letter men, are strongest contenders for the guard positions. They are fast and accurate. Duff, formerly of Pearsons; Thom, who attended Whitman three years ago; Woodyard, of Sunnyside; Hoover, of Waitsburg, and Clancy, of Walla Walla, are also trying hard.

Monmouth 17, Independence 4.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Monmouth High School basketball team defeated the Independence High School second team in the high school gymnasium in this city last night by the score of 17 to 4. The contest was fast and clean, and is the second victory for the local team on the home floor. Monmouth High's lineup follows: Lorence and Daniel, guards; Mulkey, center; Strong and Evans, forwards.

Johnson Wins From Uniontown.

JOHNSON, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The high school basketball team of Johnson defeated Uniontown there by a score of 55 to 22. The game was refereed by Albert Larson, who accompanied the team. It was marked by some excellent plays, especially by Rubie and Myers, forwards of the Johnson team.

North Bend Scores in Title Series.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—North Independents worsted Marshfield Athletics 27 to 19 in basketball, and the North Bend High School defeated the Marshfield High School five by 30 to 18. The high school game was the first in the county championship series.

Washougal Defeats Orient.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Orient High School basketball team met defeat here last night from the Washougal High School by the score of 34 to 5. The visitors were easily outclassed, scoring but one field basket.

Asotin Boys and Girls Both Win.

ASOTIN, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The boys' team and the girls' team of Lewiston High School were defeated here Friday night by basketball teams of the Asotin High School. The Asotin girls won by a score of 17 to 14, and the boys won by 25 to 23.

Kalama 34, Castle Rock 12.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—In a well-played basketball game the local high school quintet downed the Castle Rock High, 34 to 12, on the local floor last night. The team work of the winners was too much for the Castle Rock aggregation.

Pasco Wins From Cornell 33-15.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Pasco High School basketball team won a fast game from the Connell High School here last night. The score was 33 to 15. Professor Breckner, of Connell, acted as referee. The game was well attended by local fans.

McMinnville and Astoria Tussle.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The first basketball game of the season for McMinnville High School was played here last night between that team and Astoria High School. The score was McMinnville 12, Astoria 11.