

## SALT LAKE STILL IN RACE FOR GRANT

If Sacramento Doesn't Hurry Franchise Yet May Be Transferred to Utah.

### MONEY BOAST NOT REALITY

Coast Magnates Hold "Informal" Secret Session in San Francisco. Judge McCredie's Opinion on Utah Franchise Awaited.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—(Special.)

The Salt Lake-Sacramento situation was gone over thoroughly today at a secret conference, in which President Baum, Henry Berry, Frank Leavitt and Jack Cook participated. No announcement was made at the end of the gathering, except that President Baum declared it was an informal session.

This was done. A telegram was sent to Judge McCredie, Portland owner, asking his opinion and to specify directly what he thinks of Salt Lake City. In justice to all concerned, the Coast magnates feel there should be a settlement of the problem, if not this week, certainly not later than the first of the year. While in the Southern Berry talked over matters again with Darnody, Stephens and F. A. Vandeventer, the Salt Lake City representative, and Berry thoroughly understands the attitude of the Angel owners.

"There isn't much to be said, as nothing was accomplished," was the statement of President Baum. "Salt Lake City still has a decidedly good chance for admission to the league. San Diego has offered nothing in tangible form and is hardly in the running. The San Diego people are 'enthused' this year because of the fair, but under normal conditions that hasn't the population of Sacramento."

The statisticians have figured out that, based on last year's schedule, it would cost the Coast League \$10,000 more a season in traveling expenses to let Salt Lake City join hands. Whether that item would be overbalanced by the drawing powers of the Mormon city is one of the numerous points that must be studied.

The fact that a message had been sent to Judge McCredie for his vote speaks favorably to Salt Lake City. Deep down in his heart Judge McCredie, of the Portland Beavers, last night, "Weather conditions must be taken into consideration," he continued, "before any definite action should be made."

"If Salt Lake City is able to spread 15 weeks of baseball over a period of 30 weeks, then I am heartily in favor of introducing the Utah city into the Pacific Coast League," said Judge McCredie, of the Portland Beavers, last night. "Weather conditions must be taken into consideration," he continued, "before any definite action should be made."

"It is impossible even for Portland to stand its 15 weeks of ball in 30 weeks just on account of the climate conditions here. Every contest in the allotted 15 weeks each season must be spread over a period of 25 weeks, due to the rainy weather in the Spring and Fall."

"San Diego might be good for one year, but I fear that the people are too enthusiastic about the coming Fair to take much time to figure out the consequences of 1916, the campaign following. The best part of the fact that favors Sacramento is that it is on the main line and is not in an out-of-the-way corner of the circuit."

"Should Salt Lake be taken in it would have to stage the matches in Salt Lake City when Portland was away from home. And Portland would have to play away when Salt Lake City was on the road. Any move like this made would be far better than having a second squad in San Francisco, as it is during the last stages of the 1914 season. I never was in favor of it and I am not now."

The telegram received from President Baum came today and was telegraphing south early tomorrow morning. I have been giving it earnest consideration and I have said in my candid opinion of the new move."

### BLANKENSHIP OUT FOR PLACE

Former Coast Leaguer Seeks Management of Club if Utah Wins. Nick Williams recently received a letter from Cliff Blankenship, the former Coast Leaguer, who managed the Murray club in the Union Association last season until the league began to fall to pieces. The communication was dated at Salt Lake City and Cliff stated that he was in line for the management of the Salt Lake club should the Coast League magnates open their arms and receive the Utah city into the Class AA circuit.

"There is no reason why Salt Lake should not hold her own in the Coast League," writes Blankenship. "Backers of the club have offered to guarantee that more money will be made for the league in this city than in Sacramento. Besides they assert that the finances will be such that the difference in mileage and the expense of transporting the teams to Salt Lake will be more than made up."

"One of the Salt Lake papers recently devoted a good half of the front page setting forth a number of reasons in bold type why Salt Lake should have a team in the Coast League."

### FISH AND GAME MEN TO MEET

License Increase to Maintain Hatcheries to Be Discussed Today. The regular meeting of the Fish and Game Commission will be held today at the offices of the commission this afternoon in the Pittcock block. The important business to be transacted is with the men connected with the different branches of the commercial fishing industry of the Northwest.

The commission has proposed that the regular commercial license be raised to increase the funds sufficiently to maintain the hatcheries unaided by the taxpayers. The members of the board, by this method the burden of the expense will be placed where it belongs.

Whether deputy game wardens should be put under civil service examinations also will be discussed thoroughly.

### MULTNOMAH TRIO CHOSEN

Interclub Boxing and Wrestling Events With Spokane Due Jan. 8. Vincent Monper, Frank Huelet and Ralph Underwood probably will represent the Multnomah Club in the interclub meet to be held January 8 in Spokane, with the Spokane Amateur Ath-

letic Club, according to an announcement made yesterday by Frank Harman, chairman of the Winged M boxing and wrestling committee.

A communication from the Spokane club was received yesterday by Harman asking that boxers in the 135, 125 and 115-pound classes be sent, and the above are the men Harman has chosen in these classes. A wrestler also will be sent up whose weight will be decided on later.

### Majors' Schedules Under Way Today

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.—Barney Dreyfus, manager of the schedule committee of the National Commission, announced today that the committee would meet tomorrow afternoon at French Lick Springs, Ind., to formulate the schedule for the National and American Leagues for the season of 1915.

### Braves to Get Park Like Yale Bowl.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—One-story cement stands capable of seating approximately 45,000 spectators will be built at the Boston National League Club's new baseball park something after the manner of the Yale bowl. It is expected that construction will be finished about July 4.

### SCHMIDT WOULD JUMP

SEAL CATCHER HAS GRIEVANCE AGAINST ORGANIZED BALL.

Raw Deal Given by Club Owners for 7 Years and Major League Chance Denied Three Years, He Says. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—(Special.)

Walter Schmidt is one star Coast Leaguer who frankly admits he has no love for organized baseball, and will hurdle over to the Federal League the minute he can get a better deal. The crack seal catcher has a grievance that he has nursed for three years, and he sets forth an argument why he should cast his lot with the independent league. In the first place, Wait says that he has been deprived for three years of a chance to earn a fair major league salary. Then he registers a protest against Ewing Field and vows that he left San Francisco this Fall determined that he would never return, even if he was forced to quit baseball.

Schmidt says he has not yet deserted the organized forces. He has been paid a visit to him recently and promised to place him with a major league club. If that can be accomplished with satisfactory terms, Wait says he will consider the proposition.

In a letter received yesterday Schmidt says: "If there was ever a ballplayer who got a raw deal from the club owners, I was the one, and you can rest assured I am going to do something about it. I have no love for the Federal League, no person on earth can say I didn't have a good reason for leaving organized baseball. I have been playing seven years and on about 10 different clubs and every one of them beat me some way or another. During my stay on the Coast I gave the San Francisco club mighty good service, only to be beat out of three or four years' salary in the majors."

"When chance has a ballplayer with the club owners, I am mighty glad there is a Federal League. I wish there were three of them."

### Sidelights and Satire

By Roscoe Fawcett.

MIKE DONLIN, the eminent thespian, is dashing into print ever and anon in New York City. Mike is a free agent and doubtless would be willing to grab off any sort of a job with a healthy stipend attached. But Mike indignantly denies that he will manage San Francisco. "Too far from New York," he explains. Mike forgets to mention the detail that San Francisco does not want him. Mike will not manage San Francisco for the same reason that we will not lead the German army into Paris in A. D. 2000.

Alonso Stagg, thinks the Chicago newspapers deal in bunk, but we wonder what he calls the stuff the coaches hand out during the season.

Subscriber—An incomplete pass is when Don Walker and Martin Pratt meet in the Multnomah Club corridor.

The Federals are now carrying the fight to organized ball and are leading a campaign against the 30 strikes. Johnson the published \$20,000, however, the outlaws set a new record for four games, averaging about 30 strikes and 20 balls, or \$4 for every windup. Four buns is little enough for the strike, but it's a little high for the balls, and the Federals ought to insist upon Johnson pitching only strikes, or else deduct \$4 every time he misses the home plate.

Usually we leave the "Business Opportunities" for the classified page, but there is a good one here for an osteopath or two at Spokane. John Berg and Rudolph Barber "rassled" there Tuesday night, and while we haven't heard the result, doubtless a neck was sprained or a shoulder dislocated. The Spokanean-Review says "The Spokanean-Review says 'rassled' has a remarkable record." Doubtless he has. Few grapplers have been able to pull the fakes Berg has negotiated and remain out of jail. They nearly got him last year ago for slugging a rancher at Pasco, but he begged off after returning the spoils.

If Walt McCredie's Chinese outfielder makes good and beats somebody out of a job it will be another argument against a new tariff.

The Saturday Evening Post is making much ado about Irvin Cobb's interview with Lord Kitchener. We have perused that document carefully and for some reason cannot find much to get excited about. Kitchener showed some perspicacity by asking about the Germans' supply of gasoline, but he was not so inquired about Melbourne Imman nor did he spring that joke about "Washington, first in war, first in peace and last in the American League."

Washington joke there's something the matter in Denmark.

The American League is doing well, although laboring under a distinct disadvantage. Whenever the magnates want to equalize their circuit they have to weaken the leaders by swapping stars. All the National League has to do is to put George Stallings in a new city each year.

Glumping it from one angle the Federals pulled a bonhead in nabbing Walter Johnson. They'll never be able to coax Ty Cobb and that bunch over to bat against the Weiser wonder.

Alex M. Winston, the Spokane golfer, is in favor of a 10-round boxing bill in the State of Washington. Winston is a member of the Legislature and will vote to do away with the present hand-and-egg stuff that is being proposed by the smaller members. His idea is to place such restrictions around the sport as to guarantee the public against roughneck boxing and fakery.

Despite the setback polo received when the war set Europe aflame, more Americans than ever have taken up the sport. According to a prominent manufacturer more polo equipment was sold in 1914 than ever before in this country.

## LEAGUE DECIDES TO SWELL PAY CHECKS

Northwestern Directors Want \$500 More Monthly on Limit for Players.

### BETTER GAME ASSURED

Standards of Umpires Are to Be Raised and Salaries Increased. Canadian Cities to Stay In Regardless of War.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)

Despite the fact that "trench all along the line" has been the motto of the big league baseball meetings, and later the slogan of the minor league session at Omaha, the Northwestern League board of directors took action at its annual meeting here today that will give the six cities in this organization on better players, better umpires and better baseball during the 1915 season. After an all-day session, the meeting adjourned at 8 o'clock to-night until February 3 of next year.

Probably the most important action taken tonight was that which in all probability will give the league a \$500 higher salary limit. The limit was fixed by the National Commission and minor league meetings was \$2000 a month for Class B leagues. The board tonight directed that a request be made to the National Commission for a \$2500 limit. As was said by the Seattle president, D. E. Dugdale, on his return from the East, it is altogether probable that the request will be granted.

Umpires' Pay Increased. Another important decision rendered tonight will raise the standard of umpires next season. Despite the fact that the Eastern leagues have cut down the umpire expenses, the Northwestern League magnates decided to raise salaries for arbitrators in 1915. This will assure better umpiring.

It also was decided today that a player will be forced to sign an affidavit with each contract, which will hold him to the salary agreed upon. This rule will be strictly enforced, it was said.

Next year's schedule was shortened two weeks. The season will open April 20 and close September 12, giving the fans five months of baseball. The schedule will be drafted at the next meeting called for February 3. Discussing the changes and action taken at the Wednesday session, President-elect Blewett said tonight:

"Although several important things were accomplished, the most important was the action taken on the salary limit and the umpire question."

### Better Game Assured.

"The first will mean that this league will be paying higher salaries than any other league in the country in comparison to its rating. We have taken this action because we know that the fans are entitled to class AA ball and that this will come as close to giving them that kind of a game as is possible. However, it was decided that all rules regarding the salary limit will be strictly enforced. At the end of every month, each manager of the six teams will submit to me a sworn statement of their salary list. In this way the rules regarding it will be enforced."

"The action taken in regard to the umpires will insure better and more efficient umpiring for the coming season. Last year there was a little trouble over poor arbitrating, but we have remedied this matter in a way that is bound to work—by paying higher salaries, thereby getting better men."

### Canadian Cities Stay.

President Blewett said that he looked for a good season next year and is sure the fans will see just as good ball despite the action of the National Commission in lowering the salary limits.

Every member of the board of directors were present today. Kingham, the Victoria owner, Kingham was called home on business, but said before he left that Victoria would be back next Spring with a good club.

No trades or sales were announced tonight. Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., will remain in the league next year, as the strong clubs will be placed in these cities despite the war, which had a bad effect on baseball in Canada last season.

### CLUB'S CARD IS PROMISING

Eight Bouts Are to Be Staged at Western Club Tomorrow. The card of eight boxing bouts to be held tomorrow night at the Western Club, Fourth and Yamhill streets, has been completed and it is likely that this is likely to be one of the best shows of the season. The bouts will start at 8:30. The card follows:

90 pounds—Sammy Gordon, Western, versus Abe Castler, unattached.

145 pounds—Harry Groat, Beaver, versus Eddie Boatright, Multnomah.

155 pounds—Sammy Gordon, Western, versus Jack Wagner, Armory.

125 pounds—Jimmy Moscov, Western, versus Tom Evers, Multnomah.

125 pounds—Arthur Hansen, Mohawk, versus Raleigh Jones, Western.

115 pounds—Ollie Hill, unattached, versus Billie Moncott, Multnomah.

115 pounds—Lloyd Carpenter, Mohawk, versus Dave Koester, Multnomah.

125 pounds—L. H. Meagher, Washington, versus Elmer Taylor, Western.

Officials—Jack Heiser, referee; George L. Parker, timekeeper. Judges will be decided at the ringside.

### AMATEUR HOCKEY TO START

Multnomah to Meet Rowing Club in Hippodrome Tonight. Portland's first amateur hockey game will be played in the Ice Hippodrome tonight when the Ice hockey team of the Multnomah Club meets the representatives of the Portland Rowing Club in the opening contest of the Portland Amateur Hockey League. Both teams have been working out faithfully in anticipation of a cracking good match.

Multnomah Club held the final practice in the Hippodrome Monday night. Manager Kearns reports that his players are in the best of condition. The Portland Rowing Club has been strengthened considerably by the addition of new material.

The match will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock. P. M. The crowd is expected to be large. The game will be refereed by Webster as referee and James Rillance as judge of play.

Journal 11, The Oregonian 4.

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### FEW BEST ON COAST

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### OREGON AGGIES TO FRONT

Huntley, Moore and Lutz Honored by Great Yale Graduate, ex-Coach and Football Expert Who Pays Honor Where Honor Is Due.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

There seems to be an impression going round that Walter Camp entirely ignored the Pacific Northwest in making his annual all-American football selections. In fact, the dean has been openly called to task by several writers.

The truth is that Camp gave Northwest football its greatest boost in the history of the sport this past Fall. In a list of the 100 greatest football players in the United States in 1914, the Yale wizard named no fewer than 10 from the Pacific Northwest conference.

The "big nine," consisting of admittedly stronger teams, such as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Chicago, etc., landed only 15 stars in the 100, so it would seem that Mr. Camp was decidedly gracious to this section of the country.

Most Illustrious Named. Here are the 10 Northwest players he has listed among the 100 most illustrious stars in the gridiron galaxy: Ende—Huntley, Oregon Agricultural College; Tyrer, Washington State. Tackles—Anderson, Washington; Beckett, Oregon; Groening, Idaho. Guard—Moore, Oregon Agricultural College. Center—Clark, Washington State. Quarterback—Hoover, Whitman. Backfield—Lutz, Oregon Agricultural College; Miller, Washington.

Yale Men Are Forgotten. In making his first, second and third team selections from this galaxy of talent, Mr. Camp did not honor the Pacific Northwest, but neither did he choose a single player from his alma mater. Yale, for the primary honors, Miller and Lutz would have looked good on any all-American second team, at least, yet when one stops to consider that there are dozens of big, husky demans back East on a par with this pair, it does not wonder that Mr. Camp did not care to take snap shot on them.

His judgment on the 10 men named on the honor roll goes to prove that the East is beginning to sit up and take notice of this section of the country. Every man named by Camp was an unusual choice or Northwest critics for Pacific Northwest all-star laurels.

Walter Camp's first all-American

### Amateur Athletics

BECAUSE the North Pacific Dental College basketball team canceled its game with the Sellwood Swastikas, Manager Trumble is without a contest tonight. Any quietest wanting a match should call Manager Trumble at Main 4500, House 23, after 8 o'clock this morning.

Two basketball games will be played in the Christian Brothers' Business College gymnasium tonight. The Alumni will play the 165-pound United Brethren and the college first team has a match slated with the Company G aggregation of Vancouver Barracks. The first affair will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The school midgets defeated the United Brethren midgets 15 to 10 yesterday. Houck, of the winners, was the big star.

Coach Hyronimus, of the Westover Juniors, is grooming his aggregation for the match against the South Portland Juniors. Coach Hyronimus feels that the South Portland Juniors are all that stand between the Westovers and the 1914 title of the Portland Junior Amateur Athletic League.

McInnis, Smith, King and Youman make up the backfield of the Westover

### PORTLAND AND SAN DIEGO LIKELY TO BE IN RACE FOR BIG SHOOT.

Whether or not the Portland Gun Club will try for the 1915 Pacific Coast handicap tournament will be decided at a meeting of the board of directors, San Diego is after the banner event of the year and because of the fair it may be that the coming prize will be awarded to the Southern California city.

The local gun club has the honor of being the only one on the Coast that has made such a success out of the Pacific Coast handicap tourney. On two occasions the Portland Gun Club has been asked to house the match, the first time in 1912 and again in 1914. The previous record of attendance in 1912 and last July the highest water-mark was reached.

Plans are being laid to make the final merchandise shoot of the 1914 season, slated for next Sunday, one of the biggest of the year. Secretary Joseph A. Addelman, of the Portland Gun Club, announced last night that the grounds at Jenne Station would be a

mighty busy place next Sunday. Not a turkey which is put up as a prize will weigh under 10 pounds, he says.

Following are the directors who will decide for the local organization: P. R. Knight, J. E. Cullison, R. A. Tyler, Henry W. Metzger and Joseph A. Addelman.

### WASHINGTON TO MEET SALEM

Interscholastic Basketball Squad Plays Tomorrow Night. The first opportunity to see a local Intercollegiate League basketball team in action will be tomorrow night, when Coach Fenstermacher will send his Washington High School quintet against the Salem High aggregation. The contest will start at 8 o'clock in the Washington High School gymnasium.

The local squad will line up with Captain Gorman on guard. The other sentinel position will be played by either Parsons or Blake, with Tourtelotte and the team forwards and Lapham center. The East Siders have been out each night and this is the first real work they have done in a return game is pending at present.

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